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Northwestern's 2018-19 freshman class continues the tradition of the freshman group picture. A total of 360 freshmen attended Freshman Orientation in Alva.

Welcoming the Rangers

Dear Northwestern Students:

The start of another school year is always an exciting time.

We welcome back returning students and have the opportunity to meet our new freshmen, transfers and graduate students. Let me say that on behalf of everyone at Northwestern we are truly pleased that you have made OUR university, YOUR university.

For our students new to Northwestern this fall, I invite you to take advantage of services that can make your experience successful. The first weeks of the semester can be a challenging time.

If you are having any

- “Enroll in 15 credit hours per semester.”

It takes 120 hours to earn most degrees at Northwestern.

If you want to graduate in four years, you need to take 15 hours in the fall and spring semesters, or additional hours in the summer.

Every extra semester costs you more in living expenses and lost wages.

- “Be active in campus life.”

Your student life experience will be richer if you choose to become involved in clubs and organizations and Greek life, attend athletic and fine arts performances, and generally be involved in the many activities offered on campus and in our campus communities.

- “Go to class.”

You are on your own now, and no one can force you to attend classes, but your odds of earning the grade you want increase significantly with regular class attendance.

- “Don’t let a little problem become a big problem.”

Any challenge you may encounter in the classroom, in the dorms, or with meeting the financial obligations of attending Northwestern, can usually be addressed if you will seek help immediately.

Our goal is to help provide you an opportunity to earn a Northwestern degree.

Ride, Rangers, Ride!

*Janet Cunningham,
Ed.D. President*

“As president and as an alumna, I encourage you to take pride in being a Ranger and wear our Red and Black proudly.”



Photos By Ashley Watts

The Fall 2018 freshman class students participated in freshman orientation on Aug. 18th.

Campus clubs and organizations were able to set up booths to invite freshmen to sign up for their events and meetings

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NWOSU's new faculty



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New faculty members begin the 2018-2019 academic year at Northwestern Oklahoma State University. Pictured left to right in the front row are Heidi Ritchie, instructor of nursing; and Dr. Tracy Beedy, assistant professor of agriculture. Second row left to right, Douglas Davidson, research and instructional services librarian and assistant professor of library science; Garret Lahr, instructor of business; Dr. Joseph Paul, associate professor of business; Dr. Jason Ferrell, assistant professor of psychology; and Michael Seth Cudd, instructor of music and director of bands. Not pictured: Dr. Colleen Golightly, Associate professor of education.

By **MICHELLE WILLSON**
Features/ Entertainment Editor

Dr. Colleen Golightly is the associate professor of education. She received her bachelor's degree at the University of Central Oklahoma and her master's and doctorates at Oklahoma State.

She has a daughter named Afton who lives in Guthrie and teaches fifth grade science and social studies. Her hobbies include oil painting, playing the piano, travel, aviation, spending time with her dog, peanut.

Tell us one thing that students might be surprised to know?

"Probably that I like to paint, I do oil painting. I do not think I have really shared that. ... as far as students and stuff I do not think I ever told."

What is your superpower and

how do you make it work?

"My sense of humor, in all areas. I am just a person that loves living life. I like seeing joy and happiness in things. Being funny and cracking jokes. It is my dad's personality. I guess I would have to say that is my superpower."

How will you make sure to have a successful year?

"Positive attitude, it is very important. I am new here at the Alva campus I taught at the Enid campus so even though Northwestern is not new to me there is newness in the Alva campus.

"So, I think staying on top of things, trying to be extremely organized and attending to tasks very promptly are all qualities that we need to role model for our students so that is a way that builds success for them, by showing them those qualities."



Photo provided

Dr. Colleen Golightly, associate professor of education.

Wesleyan University and a Master of Science degree in nursing education from the University of Colorado.

What's the craziest thing you did in college? "While I was in nursing school I climbed to the base camp of Mount Everest. I have also climbed many mountains in the United States."

Tell us one thing about yourself that people might be surprised to know. "Both of my children are adopted."

How will you make sure to have a successful year as a professor at Northwestern?

"I will definitely work hard, get to know my students and get to know other faculty. I am also not afraid to reach out and ask others for advice or help."



Photo provided

Heidi Ritchie, Instructor of Nursing

By **TREYVON ANDRES**
Student Reporter

Dr. Tracey Beedy is a new professor at NWOSU, teaching agriculture. She is ready to embark on a new journey here at Northwestern Oklahoma State.

Beedy holds a Bachelor of Science degree in agronomy and a Master of Science degree in soil science, both from Texas A&M. More background information about Beedy is that she also has a Master of Science degree in agricultural economics and a doctor of philosophy degree in crop and soil science, both from Michigan State University.

"I am excited about teaching here because the students seem excited about learning, and I am excited about teaching agriculture because it is expanding right now." Beedy said with joy. Coming in to the year, she is ready to show these students that agriculture can be fun and enjoyable.

"I have lived and worked in South America and Africa," said Beedy. Seeing different parts of the world and expanding your knowledge of agriculture, learning different crops and animals will always be useful, it is a way of survival.

Excited to start a new career here, Beedy is looking to connect with the students here and enlighten them of the benefits of agriculture and knowing the world. "I think me being enthusiastic about teaching and showing my students, they will



Photo provided

Dr. Tracey Beedy, professor of agriculture

be more eager to learn the material as well," Beedy said.

When asked what was the craziest thing that she ever did in college was, Beedy said, "Chop down an oak tree, I was at Texas A&M. Students go out and chop down oak trees to make this big bonfire."

"I am excited about teaching here because the students seem excited about learning, and I am excited about teaching agriculture because it is expanding right now."

By **MCKAYLA HOLSON**
Student Reporter

Michael "Seth" Cudd is the new band director here at Northwestern Oklahoma State University.

Cudd received a Bachelor of Music degree in theory and composition from Southwestern Oklahoma State University and a Master of Music degree in composition from the University of Oklahoma. Currently, Cudd is planning on completing his doctor of philosophy degree from Rutgers University in May of 2019.

Before coming to NWOSU, Cudd served as a professor at Southwestern Christian University, and as director of bands at Okemah Public Schools. Cudd also served as assistant band director for several public schools. **What is something about yourself that might shock others?**

"I worked my way through college by working at Walmart."

What's the craziest thing you did in college?

"I wasn't much of a rebel, so I guess the craziest thing I did was, I was a computer lab proctor so I had keys to the computer lab and I opened it up when I wasn't supposed to and we played StarCraft all night."

What is something you know now that you wish you knew



Photo provided

Mr. Cudd, NWOSU band director

when you were just starting college?

"I guess I wish I knew how good it was to be in college. Maybe if I had slowed down a little bit to enjoy it a little bit more. I worked really hard in college, not that that's bad, I just made it really stressful on myself. Kind of looking back at it, I kind of wish I would have slowed down. Once you get out and start working and you have a family, you come to find out that you have less time. Enjoy the moment."

You graduated from Southwestern, Northwestern's rival. Does that effect you working here in any way?

"Honestly, I don't even think about it. It's been so long since I've been at Southwestern. It was so long ago so it doesn't really.

"When we play Southwestern, I'll be rooting for Northwestern."

By **ASHLEY WATTS**
Staff Photographer

Heidi Ritchie, instructor of nursing, is a returning teacher from 2007-2009.

Ritchie is from Nebraska and has lived in Enid for the past 14 years. She took time off from Northwestern Oklahoma State University to spend more time with her two children.

Her previous work experience includes serving as assistant chair and instructor of nursing at Northwestern. Ritchie also was the instructor of nursing at Northern Oklahoma College

During her time at college, Ritchie earned her Bachelor of Science in nursing from Nebraska

News



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Even though the use of medical marijuana is legal in the state, it is still illegal on federally funded university campuses.

Medical Marijuana on campus

By **MONTANA MCCULLOUGH**
Student Reporter

This summer the state of Oklahoma passed State Question 788, which was a bill to pass the use of medical marijuana in the state.

Even though the use of medical marijuana is legal in the state, it is still illegal on federally funded university campuses. Northwestern Oklahoma State University is one of the school campuses that has to follow the federal laws because of all the federal funding it receives.

Northwestern receives millions of dollars from federal funding through grants, federal work-studies and financial aid through students.

If the university was to go against federal laws and the policies set in place by the Regional University System of Oklahoma, then the university would lose all the funding it gets from the federal government.

When asked about how the university stands on the issue of medical marijuana on campus, Mr. Steve Valencia, associate vice president of university relations, said, "The campus does not take a stance. The campus follows laws and federal

laws and regulations and federal laws still states that marijuana is a controlled and banned substance."

Northwestern is a drug free campus. This means that no form of drugs can be found or used on campus or at any Northwestern sanctioned event. Use or possession on any form of drugs or controlled substance can result in disciplinary actions.

Dr. Janet Cunningham, president of Northwestern Oklahoma State University, said, "Regardless of having a license for medical marijuana, its use on campus or at university events is prohibited. Violation of the Regional University System of Oklahoma policy regarding controlled substances, such as marijuana, may result in disciplinary action."

Valencia said there would be a disciplinary action that would have to be taken if a student is found with marijuana on campus rather than through the legal system. The university would rather help students than get them into legal trouble.

"Campus police can give tickets for possession if you're found in the dorm rooms, you can be fined and other disciplinary actions are the preferred route," Valencia said.

There are different policies that

teachers have to follow that keep the university in the line with the RUSO policies. Dr. Mary Riegel, associate professor of mathematics and faculty senate president, said, "Under RUSO policy, an instructor has the authority to issue a warning, to remove the student from the classroom, and/or to file a formal report and pursue further actions."

With this new law coming into play, there has been confusion throughout students. Valencia said the administration is concerned that there is confusion among students out there, especially students who are from states where medical or recreational marijuana use is legal.

The administration is trying to help clear up any confusion students may have by keeping them informed of the drug policies and answering questions students may have.

The rules that apply to students who live on campus also apply to students who live off campus. They cannot have any form of marijuana on campus with them or come to campus for class or for a university event under the influence of a controlled substance.

The university cannot control what students do if they live off campus, but they can control what they do once they step on campus.

News Tariffs

By **LOGAN JONES**
Student Reporter

For many newspaper publications across the country, their future remains uncertain due to the recent tariffs placed on newsprint.

The tariffs, brought on by the Trump administration, are causing big problems in the newspaper industry. With the cost of newsprint increasing by nearly 30 percent, many papers, both large and small are feeling the strain to remain afloat.

Local papers, like the Alva Review Courier, were forced to raise the prices of their advertisements in order to remain as profitable as possible. Alva Review Courier Editor, Marione Martin said that although the ARC is a "pretty healthy newspaper" they have had to increase their amount of print stock in order to stay in the green.

"The tariffs have caused prices to go up about \$70 in the past few months," said Martin.

While some papers are doing what they can to stay on their current publishing schedule, others haven't been as lucky. The Shawnee News-Star has had to condense their publication dates as well as share their publication with another paper. Even larger papers have face major problems. The Tampa Bay Times expected a nearly \$3 million increase in newsprint costs and were eventually forced to release some of its workers. Sam Fisher, the Executive Director of the National Newspaper Association spoke on behalf of some of the larger publications. "The larger the paper, the more newsprint they're consuming. So, it's going to take a heavy toll," said Fisher. On the national front, there are those fighting to end the tariffs. Organizations like the National Newspaper Association are appealing to the International Trade Commission. After all the appeals are made, the ITC will then make their decision. If the commission



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votes in favor of the newspapers, then the tariffs would end and the money that the papers spent on those tariffs will be reimbursed to them. "If the ITC doesn't think that there was harm done to American manufactures, then the tariffs will go away," said Fisher. Even if the ITC does not decide in favor of the publications, there are other plans in motion. The bill known as the Print Act will enter both the Senate and the House of Representatives and, if passed, the Department of Commerce will conduct a study on the impact on newspapers and newsprint producers and will see if there has been any harm to those producers.

Though it may seem like the government wants the tariffs to stick, there are those who want them to be done with.

"As an industry, we have had a wide outpouring of support. In Illinois, all 18 members of the house and both senators wrote letters to oppose the tariffs," said Fisher, "So I remain cautiously optimistic that we will find a way to deal with these tariffs."

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Editorial

Meet the NORTHWESTERN NEWS editors



Ashley Strehl

By **ASHLEY STREHL**
Editor-in-Chief

Our editors are passionate about what they cover and they want the student body and the community to read their stories and provide feedback. My name is Ashley Nicole Strehl, I am Junior, mass communications major, and political science minor. I have been with this newspaper for almost 2 years.

I started out as a photo editor and then I was the Feature and Entertainment editor. Although this job can be stressful at times, it is all worth it when Thursday rolls around and the paper is printed.

Greetings, and if you are reading this I just want to say: thank you.

Each editor works 10 to 15 hours a week working for our paper and ensuring that our paper looks presentable for our readers. By reading our paper, you are supporting the mass communications program, a program that has continued to inform the student body and community of Alva through newsprint for 50+ years.

I love it even more when students approach me and say something like "Hey I love you're story in this week's paper!" It makes me very happy.

I love writing, photography, graphic design, food, sleeping, and well, the list could go on.

Writing has been a passion of mine since the second grade; I was very good a reading, so I loved to write my own stories about princesses and unicorns, you know,

things that a second grade girl would love.

Now, I enjoy writing interview stories, I love making new friends, so getting to know someone and writing about them can be very enjoyable for me.

I hope to write more stories for the paper this year that makes students laugh and smile. I hope you read our paper and enjoy it's materials!

Read Rangers Read!

By **MICHELLE WILLSON**
Feature Editor

My name is Michelle Willson. I am Feature and Entertainment Editor. I am a sophomore studying towards a Mass Communications Major with a Leadership Minor. I was born and raised in Conway Springs Ks. My mom is an at home daycare provider and my dad is a coop manager. I have five siblings and I am lucky enough to be going to school here with two of them. We get along pretty well, and we are mistaken for each other quite often. I enjoy taking pictures and

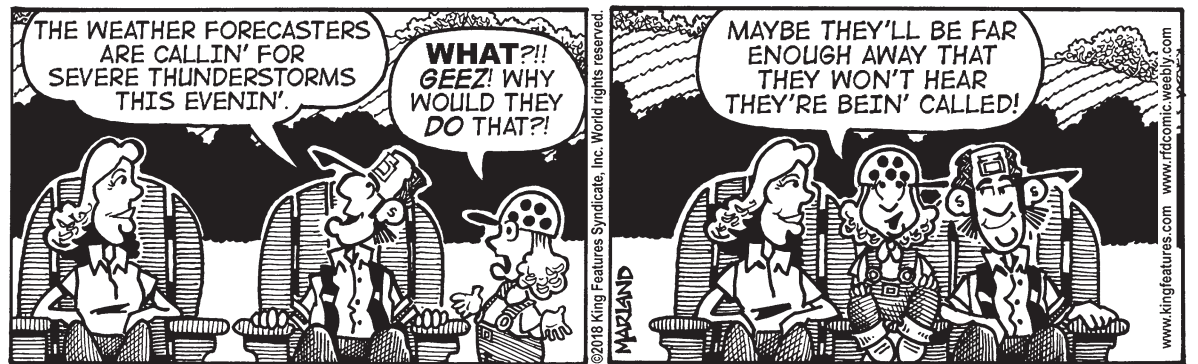
performing in theatre. I am Secretary /Treasurer of Castle Players Theatre club here on the Alva Campus. I like to travel and just this summer I went on the Study Abroad trip to Europe marking my first time ever out of the country.



Michelle Willson

by **Mike Marland**

R.F.D.



Interested in writing?

Share your opinions!

Contact Cameron

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King Crossword

ACROSS

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- 5 Pinch
- 8 Goose egg
- 12 Curved molding
- 13 Expert
- 14 Sandwich cookie
- 15 Sheltered, at sea
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- 21 Be unwell
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- 23 Offspring
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- 31 Bliss
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Editorial

Meet the NW News editors

By **CAMERON QUINBY**
Editorial Editor

My name is Cameron Quinby. I grew up around the Woodward area, and attended school in Fargo. I'm among the few whose favorite class in high school was English; I love to read just about anything, and there was never a shortage of reading assignments in English class! I enjoy writing, especially fiction and, when the topic is interesting, research papers.

I'm a bit of a junk food addict. Big Red and a Snickers bar is an acceptable meal for breakfast, lunch, or dinner in my opinion. So you really shouldn't ask me for diet tips.

Predictably enough, I love dogs. Honestly, who doesn't? I like cats, horses, birds, fish, and any number of other furry, scaly, or feathered critters, but none to me are so dear as man's best friend. I really love dogs. Like, a lot.

So I mentioned I enjoyed writing, which is a big reason why I was interested in the newspaper. I don't have a lot of experience writing for an audience bigger than a Creative



Cameron Quinby

Writing class of maybe six people, so writing for the paper is a little nerve racking.

But I'm hoping this will be a good learning experience. I'm looking forward to sharing some of my own opinions and getting to know other people's thoughts and opinions on a variety of issues.

By **NATALIE LINVILLE**
Online Manager

My name is Natalie Linville, and I'm from a very small town in the panhandle called Beaver, Oklahoma. I will be the new online manager for the NWOSU newspaper. I am in charge of formatting and uploading articles to the website so students can read them.

I hope to make students interested in reading the newspaper. Also, I wish to keep students informed, because without someone uploading the articles to the internet nobody would know what's going on. Amazing and informative articles are just clicks away! I look forward



Natalie Linville

to getting to know the staff of the newspaper and NWOSU.

By **JAYDEN DILLON**
Circulation Manager

Hi! My name is Jayden Dillon and I'm a Freshman from Jet, Oklahoma. I attended high school at Timberlake where

I was active in 4H, FFA, Student Council, Timberlake Youth Ministries, as well as fast and slow pitch softball. Here at Northwestern

I'm currently involved in the President's Leadership Class, the concert and chorale choirs, the BCM, and I am an intern at the Alumni Foundation. My major is Mass Communications and my dream is that one day I will get the privilege of wishing all my Okies a good morning as an anchor on News Channel 5 in OKC.

I am currently serving as the Circulation Manager for Northwestern News.



Jayden Dillon

My job is to pickup, prepare, and deliver the newspapers every Wednesday night so that you can pick up your copy from the news racks located around campus first thing every Thursday morning!

By **CAITLYN PRAY**
Photo Editor

Hey, Rangers!

I hope you're having a fantastic day as you read through the paper with your cup of goodness and are ready and excited for your first, second, third or final year here at Northwestern!

As a sophomore starting my third semester, I can honestly say in my opinion that the experiences here just get better and better.

Probably the first thing you should know about me is that I love to take pictures (Isn't that ironic?).

You'll probably see me around campus or at an event snapping shots of the different Ranger activities, but even in my spare time I love taking pictures of scenery, animals, landscapes, but most of all people!

My love of photography stemmed from my high school days of actively competing in 4-H, which brought on a whole list of other activities

I enjoy as well. Coming from a farm in Caldwell, Kansas, I have spent an absorbent amount of time around animals, fields and the outside and still love working with all of them every chance I can. When I'm not riding my horse, going camping or working on some proj-

By **ASHLEY WATTS**
Photographer

My name is Ashley Watts and I am the photographer for the Northwestern News. I was born on December 21, 1998. My parents are Czrena and Robert Watts and I have one older brother named Lee. My mom is a special ed teacher for the high school and my dad is a cotton farmer. My dad is a third generation farmer and now my brother is making his way to taking over the business. I grew up in a small town, in the Texas panhandle, named Wellington. Growing up in a small town there was not much to do, so I took up golf. I have been playing golf for as long as I can remember. I have continued my golfing career here at Northwestern. This will be my second year playing ranger

By **MEGAN MAHARRY**
Sports Editor

My name is Megan Maharry and I am from Alva, Oklahoma. I am currently a junior Mass Communication major. After I graduate I want to go on to receive my Master's somewhere outside of Oklahoma. I eventually want to work for ESPN as a sideline reporter or broadcaster. I am also a member of the Lady Ranger soccer team. I enjoy hanging out with friends, watching sports, playing guitar and singing, and writing.



Caitlyn Pray

ect, I have plenty of things I love to do on the inside too. I love to cook a lot, I love to write,

I love to read and I love trying to teach myself the violin, which is actually not nearly as hard as it sounds.

I am really excited for the new adventures the new school year has in store and I would love to hear where it takes you!

I'd love to meet you while I take pictures at a sporting event or fine arts rehearsal or just run across you on campus, but no matter where this next season of school might take you or me

, I'm excited for both of us to see what exciting, new, unique experiences it holds. May this be our best semester yet!



Ashley Watts

golf. A fun fact about me is that I have been to Disney World twelve times, and I am going my thirteenth time this December. I have also been out of the country once. The summer after my senior year my mom, grandma, and I went to Scotland for a week and a half. Scotland was beautiful and I would like to go back as soon as I can.



Megan Maharry

Howdy week starts off the new year



Student Government Association planned the events and provided the food.



The Street dance was held Thursday.



Students enjoyed both dunking and being dunked in the dunk tank.



SGA served Hamburgers, Hot dogs, Corn dogs and popcorn throughout the week.



There were several games provided.

- **Monday:**
- Aloha Night
- **Tuesday:**
- Movie Night
- **Wednesday:**
- Dorm Meeting
- **Thursday:**
- Street Dance



Students watch Black Panther in the grass behind Coronado Cafe.



Students brought their own bean bags so they could watch the movie.



Many students enjoyed the games that SGA provided during Howdy week.



Howdy week is a great way to meet other students and reconnect with old friends.

Feature

Northwestern Concert Series 2018-19

Dawson Hollow Sep. 4

Vox Audio Nov. 27

Tulsa Camerata Jan. 29

Riders in the sky April 24



Concert Series is back

Northwest Oklahoma Concert Series is back with its 2018-2019 season. The Concert Series consists of 4 different shows throughout the school year.

Anyone can buy season passes, which will get you admission to all four shows. The cost for adults is \$50 and \$20 for students. You can buy individual show tickets as

well, for \$20 for adults and \$5 for students.

If you would like to purchase tickets contact Kimberly Weast at 580-327-8462 or Allen Bird in the Northwestern Foundation office at 580-327-8593.

The first performance of the season is a band called Dawson Hollow. They will be performing

on September 4th at 7 PM in the Herod Hall Auditorium.

Dawson Hollow is a group of 5 siblings that perform indie folk music. They have a youtube channel and tour around the nation.

If you would like to know more about them there website is www.dawsonhollow.com

“You may have a fresh start any moment you choose, for this thing that we call ‘failure’ is not the falling down, but the staying down.”
—Mary Pickford

“There comes a day when you realize turning the page is the best feeling in the world, because you realize there’s so much more to the book than the page you were stuck on.”
— Zayn Malik

Freshman Orientation



Photos by Ashley Watts

Americanisms



“You better live every day like your last because one day you’re going to be right.”
—Ray Charles

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Entertainment

Fallout or fall flat?

Mission Impossible unimpressive

By RICHMOND ADAMS
Movie Reviewer

In graduate school, our film professor would often mock the notion of repeating plots and scenarios by referencing *Mission Impossible VIII*. Just beyond a decade later, we are now, as it happens, at our sixth repeated tale of Ethan Hunt (Tom Cruise) and his merry band of not-quite, but sure seems like superheroes with presumably seventh and eighth to be packaged and produced in short order.

I had not seen the four episodes of *Save the World*, but two years ago, I decided to take a look at *Save the World V* and, surprisingly enough, left rather pleased. Hence, my curiosity was piqued with the release of *Saved the World VI* to see if despite the yet again reproduced plot could hold itself together. Sigh, it did not, and what Hunt and Company did was, in the midst of trying to find super villain John Lark (sort of Henry Cavill, who appeared to leave his Superman cape on Krypton for this film, and also served as a CIA agent sent to watch our heroes to make sure they didn't save the world too much) to



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recapture three plutonium cores meant to become (wait for it) nuclear bombs to be used by the (wait for it) the Syndicate to cleanse the world by destroying it.

There were car chases, motorcycle races, squealing brakes, multiple shootings toward heroes, villains, and bystanders (but even experts have a bad day and missed their targets a lot), falling in and out of helicopters which spun madly in mountain ranges and through ravines), and even a tragic stabbing of Hunt's once adversary now benefactor Alan Hunley (Alec Baldwin, who might as well have been an older Jack Ryan from *The Hunt for Red October*). These sequences, sadly, were better than the endless dialogue spoken with almost wooden repetition by our Hero and various Villains and Sub-Villains (the head Syndicate guy, Solomon Lane (Sean Harris) has a wicked grin and

is strong as well as smart: how about making *Save the World VII* about him and leave Hunt--err, Cruise at home?) As they prattle endlessly about this or that gadget, thing, or Hunt's love interest, who, *of course* (!!), miraculously happens to be in Kashmir, where the Villain plans to detonate the bombs and contaminate much of the world's water supply. Whew!!

All's well, however, as literally at the last second, nothing happens but a white screen for a not tense number of seconds before Hunt reappears, bruised but alive in a warm hospital under the watchful care of his one true love, Dr. Julia Meade (Michelle Monaghan), who gallantly understands that the fight to produce *Save the World VII* has just begun. When it is released, I will have better things to do.

I give it One-half star



Photo by Warner Bros

By KEVIN FORD
Student Reporter



The big late summer blockbuster movie "The Meg" came out two weeks ago. Starring Jason Statham and a supporting cast featuring Ruby Rose and Winston Chao, The Meg is full of deep-water diving and deep-water shark action.

Opening weekend opened big here in Alva. People of all ages were storming the theaters to watch this mega monster movie. Interesting enough, "The Meg" sets the bar bigger than ever before with a pre-historic shark known as the Megalodon shark. Jaws set the bar back in the seventies with a killer Great White Shark and the genre of big loud beasts was born.

"The Meg" brings back the frightening deep waters which have brought fear to the older generations for a long time, only to put a modern spin on things with the biggest shark ever to swim in the ocean. When a research rig discovers a sea of space hidden under the deepest trench in the ocean, an expedition is booked to study the uncharted sub-marine territory. The objective, to show the world that sea floor contains life and resources.

The crew consists of three people. After they discover the sea floor, their radar picks up a signal of something big approaching them, bigger than their sub-marine. The ice is broken, and a rescue mission is in play to save the lives if the crew, only to bring something pre-historic back up to the surface where the hunting grounds are limitless.

"The movie is full of action, it hits you from all sides". "It felt like the makers ran out of ideas halfway through the movie and kept cramming it with crazy shark moments, I liked it however, it was like a super-Jaws". Zave Goodrich, a senior, student-athlete at Northwestern commented on what he thought about "The Meg" on opening weekend.

The movie is PG-13 and is approved for a wide audience. The movie became a smash hit at the box office as well, despite getting panned by most critics, racking up over 140 million dollars worldwide on opening weekend.

I Highly recommend movie for sci-fi fans and fans of loud, over the top, B-movie like super creatures.

Wishes really do come true



Photo from Laurie Children's Hospital/Reuters

Sofie is 11 years old and a super fan of Drake. She has also been diagnosed with cardiomyopathy and is in need of a new heart. For her 11th birthday she wished for two things: A visit from Drake and a new heart. Just about a week after Drake visited Sophie got the news that she will be receiving her new heart as well.

Top Songs of the week

- 1) *Girls Like you* - Maroon 5
- 2) *Better Now* - Post Malone
- 3) *I like it* - Cardi B
- 4) *Love Lies* - DJ Khalid
- 5) *Back to you* - Selena Gomez

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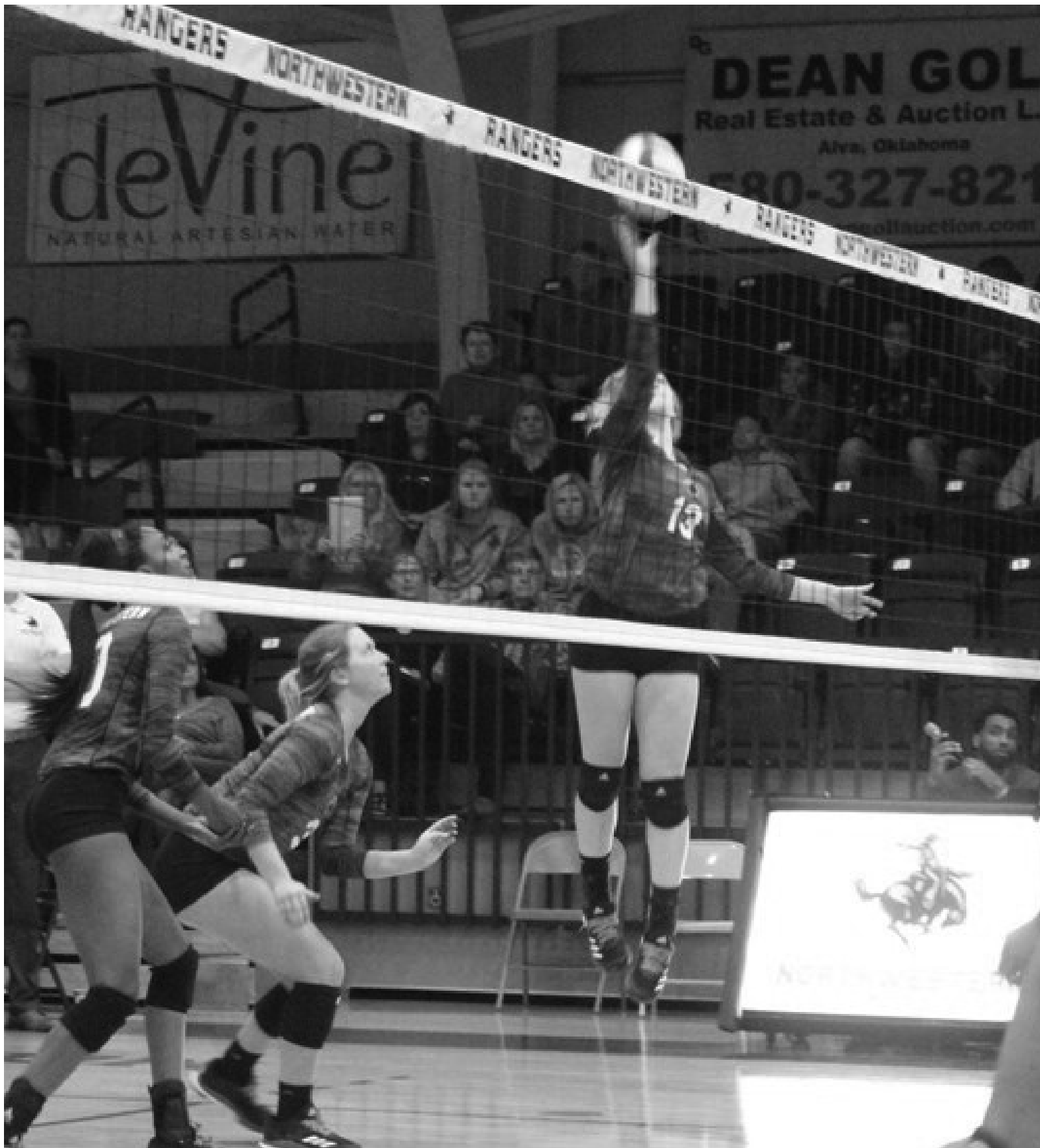


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Senior Brooklynn Hesson, who had 55 kills total in the Oklahoma Panhandle State University Tournament, goes up for the ball.

Volleyball Sweeps Season Opener

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The Lady Rangers volleyball team opened the 2018 season with a bang, sweeping every opponent they played in the Oklahoma Panhandle State University Tournament.

On Friday, in their first match against the University of the Southwest, the Lady Rangers came out swinging, jumping to early leads in all three sets. Led by junior Jennifer Eubanks and freshman Kaydee Honeycutt, Northwestern won all three sets by the

score of 25-14, 25-22 and 25-19 respectively.

Their second match against the University of St. Thomas was a little more of a nail biter.

St. Thomas had gone ahead with a 19-17 lead before the Lady Rangers rallied back, taking the lead and the set with the score of 25-23. The second set was more or less the same as both teams were neck and neck. That was until the Ranger offense opened up, allowing them to take the lead and the set, 25-18. Northwestern went on to win the final set of the day by the score of 25-17.

The Lady Rangers resumed play on Saturday when they took on the University of Science and Arts (Oklahoma).

The red and black lost a close first set at 25-23, but then came back to dominate in the second, 25-16. They continued to overpower the USAO Drovers in the third set, winning with the score of 25-11. Brooklynn Hesson led the way for the Rangers in the fourth set, with three straight kills to give Northwestern the lead and ultimately the match. The final score was 25-15.

NWOSU finished up the tour-

namment by taking on the hosts, Oklahoma Panhandle State.

The Lady Rangers continued to dominate like they had up to that point, sweeping the match in three sets with the scores 25-12, 25-12 and 25-9 respectively. As the Ranger volleyball team opens up its season with a 4-0 record, they look to keep the momentum going.

The Lady Rangers are back in action next weekend for a tournament in Pittsburg, Kansas.

They will open up against Cameron University on August 30, at 11:00 a.m. at the John Lance Arena.



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Head Coach Jill Lancaster

Track Addition

By **LOGAN JONES**
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Northwestern's newest athletic program looks to surprise a lot of people in their inaugural season.

Even though practices have yet to start, head coach Jill Lancaster has high hopes for her new team. "I feel as if we're going to surprise a lot of other schools," Lancaster said.

Lancaster is returning to NWOSU for her second year. Last year, she was the head coach for the Northwestern cross country team. A former track star herself, she showed off her talents while attending the University of Oklahoma.

"It's come full circle for me," Lancaster said. "I started my track career at OU and I feel blessed that this school has given me the opportunity to coach here."

This is not Lancaster's first time around a track and field program. After graduating from Oklahoma with two bachelor's degrees in 1983, she went on to coach programs at the University of Kansas and Kansas State before returning to OU in 1997.

With many accolades to her name, including being certified by the USA Track and Field Coaches Association as a Level I (general) and as a Level II (Endurance and Jumps) coach, Lancaster said she expects to really turn some heads come season.

Lancaster even has high praise for her assistant coach.

"With the addition of assistant coach, Brock Hime, the athletes are bound to receive more quality coaching," Lancaster said.

However, it is not just the addition of a new program that has Lancaster excited. By providing a way for athletes to attend college and still compete while being closer to home opens makes things a lot easier on them Lancaster said.

"We've given athletes in the area the ability to further their athletic career while also providing them with a quality education," Lancaster said. "That's all you can ask for in the end."

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Rangers face Ouachita Baptist University at home on Thursday, August 30.

Rangers Back In Action

By **GREG MINOR JR.**
Student Reporter

Fall camp has come to an end and Ranger football is ready for action.

Freshman defensive lineman David Wright said "All of our coaches got us prepared for the season pushing all of us to be better, from the workouts, the weights and in conditioning."

Ranger football will kick off their season opener against Ouachita Baptist Thursday Aug. 30.

The Rangers fell short to the Tigers by a field goal last season and look to even the score.

The Rangers have key offensive players returning: quarterback Isaiah Weed, running back Jalen Williams and wide receiver Horatio Smith.

"We have a quarterback run game, a power offensive line, but yet we have really explosive

dynamic receivers that we can get the ball too," head coach Matt Walter said. "I think we can do a lot of things, unlike two or three years ago when we would strictly throw the ball."

On the defensive side, linebacker Maurice Wright Jr., and defensive backs Aharon Barnes and Erick Cook will lead the charge.

"With the incoming players buying in to the system and doing their job we'll win," Wright said. "Everyone's not going to make the spectacular play but when we all do our jobs collectively, we will be spectacular."

"There is no doubt we have some of the best defensive guys in the conference," Walter said. "While they are going to be huge for us this season, there will also be some areas where guys will have to fill some positions of guys we lost last season."

The Rangers will look for a winning start against the Tigers on Thursday as they take the field in Alva.

New Soccer Season, New Coach



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The Lady Rangers play Rogers State at home on August 30.

By **MEGAN MAHARRY**
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The Northwestern Oklahoma State University Lady Ranger soccer team is back in action for the upcoming fall 2018 season.

The Lady Rangers nearly nabbed a playoff seat last season, going 5-12-1 overall and finishing 5th in the conference.

The Lady Rangers are preparing for the fall season under new head coach James Ross.

Ross joined the Northwestern staff out of Cloud County Community College.

Ross said he was most impressed with how fit his new players came in. He said pre-season to the first game is a quick turnaround, and fitness is crucial.

Ross said a challenge for the team this year is changing past mentality and moving forward from past years and results.

"My biggest thing is the team's mentality to push each other harder at practice, to make each and every one a better player," Ross said.

Ross said his goal for this season is to be in the top four and make the conference tournament.

"What I always tell the players is team, compete, work hard, minimize mistakes and finish chances," Ross said.

Ross brings his own style of coaching to the table. He said he is very direct on what he wants from the team.

He said the team needs to stick with what they do well rather than worry about the opposing team.

He said what he thinks is different than previous years is he has made it very simple on what it takes to win.

"I don't preach winning and losing," Ross said. "If they compete each and every day, each game, and do the five six things I'm always talking about, they will be fine."

Haleigh Brown is a senior, preparing to play the final season in her collegiate career. She said she is most excited for her senior game.

Brown said her goal this season is to make an impact whenever she is on the field and minimize her mistakes.

"Ross has a winning mentality that I think is going to help the team be successful," Brown said.

The Lady Rangers will kick off their season against Rogers State.

Cross Country Running Again

By **MEGAN MAHARRY**
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The Northwestern Oklahoma State University cross country team is up and running again. The is training to prepare for their upcoming fall season.

Both the men and women's teams made strides last season. The men finished 6th overall in the Great American Conference and the women finished 9th. When competing in the Central Region Cross Country Championship, the men finished 27th overall and the women 32nd overall.

Several of the Lady Ranger and Ranger cross country runners broke records, both school and personal, making for a solid 2017 season.

With the 2018 season narrowing in, head coach Jill Lancaster and assistant coach Brock Hime discussed their goals for this

season and how their runners are going to compete this year.

Lancaster said her team has upgraded from where they were before. Hime added that they were already seeing jumps in training from both the returning athletes and incoming athletes.

Lancaster said the commitment from her team is there.

"That's where our gains are made right now," Lancaster said. "Committing to what we expect of them."

Assistant coach Hime, who is new to the stuff, also ran in college and was an All-American. He said he expected men and women to move up in the conference this year.

Sophomore Ben Ivory said this year has him excited to see the new talent the coaching staff has brought in.

"I feel like compared to last year it's like night and day," Ivory

said. "The energy that everyone brings every day is awesome (even at 6am)."

He also said he believes Coach Hime is a great asset for the team on the distance end of things.

"The run I'm looking forward to the most has to be GAC championships," Ivory said. "That's the race we all are waiting for because we will be at our peak in our training and we all are ready to break some barriers."

The Rangers take on their first run on September 8 at Southwestern Oklahoma State University.



Rangers give support at ranger rally



Photos By Ashley Watts

The ranger rally was held Tuesday night at the Ranger football field. Students gathered to enjoy hot dogs and get a free T-shirt to support all the sports departments and their players.