

Campus convenes for Constitution

By CAPRI GAHR
Student Reporter

NWOSU annually hosts an event called Constitution Day. This event is hosted by the department of social sciences and the NWOSU Institute for Citizenship Studies assists in the promotion of such events.

Constitution Day is a federal observance that honors the adoption of the United States constitution. NWOSU observes this day by having a speaker that will discuss the facts and their expert opinions on different aspects of the constitution, the history surrounding different interpretations and influential people.

This year, the speaker was Dr. Charles F. Hobson. Hobson is a retired historian and scholar. The Library of America published some of his works in 2010. These works included Marshall's writings throughout his life.

In 1996, Hobson wrote "The Great Chief Justice: John Marshall and the Rule of Law," which discusses John Marshall and his critical role in defining the constitutional limits in legislative action. He also worked as an editor on

This year, Constitution Day will be discussing "The Great Chief Justice: John Marshall and



Photo by Caitlyn Pray

Dr. Aaron Mason, right, discusses Chief Justice John Marshall, with guest speaker Dr. Charles F. Hobson at the Constitution Day event in the Education Building on Tuesday night.

His Legacy on the Law, the Courts, and the Constitution."

John Marshall is most notably known for helping to institute the supreme courts power as having the final say when interpreting the constitution. He was the fourth chief justice of the United States.

His influence helped establish the federal government as having more control than the governments at state level. He was a part of the Federalist Party and pushed to have a high importance on the federal government instead of state level courts.

Hobson mainly discussed Marshall's life, importance as a politician and his role supporting the Federalist Party.

He also took time to talk about affairs with Cherokee Indians. He described their rights as American citizens and affairs between na-

tives and the court system.

When asked about Marshall's flaws, Hobson recounted how Marshall and Thomas Jefferson were at different sides of the federalist discussion. Marshall was a federalist and Jefferson was an antifederalist. He said he wished Marshall had realized the "genius" that Jefferson was and how a compromise on staunch issues would have benefitted the development of the constitution.

Madison Wilson, a history major, said she enjoyed the constitution day speaker. "Tonight it was just interesting because we got to hear more about his personal life and who he was as a person and how he cared for his wife and just little things about his life that you wouldn't normally hear about in your mainstream classes," she said.

When asked about his favorite fact about John Marshall, Hobson described how Marshall took pride and unyielding stress for detail when playing his favorite game: pitching quoits. Alike horseshoes, players toss a ring at a peg. "Sometimes the fourth justice of the united states would get down on his hands and knees to measure the distance," he said. "Reportedly there were no dissents from his decisions of who was closest."

Campus becomes more comfortable

By MONTANA MCCULLOUGH
Student Reporter

Northwestern students with different sexual preferences can now feel comfortable on campus.

The Gay Straight Alliance started as a group on campus to help Northwestern students who are struggling with their sexuality. The group was put together to help those students feel comfortable around others.

Recently, more students have been expressing their different sexual preferences. With these students expressing themselves, some of them have been experiencing difficulties with other students.

People have been dealing

with this problem for many years. Moreover, the LGBTQ+ community began to help those individuals deal with their everyday struggles.

LGBTQ+ is a group that consist of a diversity of sexual and gender identifying people. The group consist of people who identify as gay, bisexual and transgender.

There are several groups within the LGBTQ+ community. Activists starting using the acronym in 1988 when to be more collective to all groups.

LGBTQ+ has been fighting for the rights of its members since the 1990s. There has been controversy within the group itself, but the members are still fighting for the same rights.

People have become more comfortable with the LGBTQ+



The GSA had a interest meeting on Sept. 13

community in recent years. Some people are still uncomfortable with people who have a different sexual preference than them, but more people are understanding of other's decisions.

Northwestern is a university with a diverse group of people. Groups on campus consist of

international students, people of different religious views and individuals with disabilities.

Northwestern tries to make each student feel as comfortable as the student should while the students are on campus. They do not want any student to feel uncomfortable based on their race,

gender or sexual preference.

The group met on Thursday to advocate for the installation of a gay and straight group for students. Students from all walks of life came to the meeting to show their support for this new group.

In this group, there are people who are both gay and straight. The group is set up like this so that both sides can have their voices heard.

People in the group are there to help one another and try to understand why they feel the way they do. They keep an open mind about what each other has to say and give advice on how to deal with their struggles

The Gay Straight Alliance group meets on Thursday nights in the Education Building. The meetings are open to everyone in the Northwestern community.

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Intramural sports relieves some of students stress

By **LOGAN JONES**
Asst. Sports Editor

Every week, from six to ten o'clock, the lights come on over the intramural field just outside Coronado Hall. In addition, every week Northwestern's finest, ranging from athletes to academics and even the average college student, take part in the comradery that is intramural football.

At the moment, Northwestern Oklahoma State offers five intramural sports including flag football, dodgeball, volleyball, men's and women's basketball and co-ed softball. All of which are open to every willing student on campus.

Chris Lauderdale, the Intramural Sports Director here at Northwestern says that the matches and leagues are more than just a game.

"We want to encourage our students to get out more," Lauderdale said. "Intramurals allow students to socialize and interact outside of a classroom setting. It acts as a way for students to release and escape the pressures that can come with college life."

These intramural games are not just games to fill unused time. Each sport is in a set league complete with standings and even a championship.

Intramural sports allow Northwestern students to get more involved in school activities, or as Lauderdale puts it, "the more involved the students are, the closer they become to both the school and the campus."

Intramurals also function as a way for former high school athletes, who no longer play organized ball, to remain a part of their competitive nature. Students are able to enjoy playing sports but with a more carefree and less stressful environment like that of organized ball, Lauderdale said.

Students that are currently participating in the intramural flag football league enjoy every minute of the time spent playing and competing. Senior Math Education major, J.C. Wells said, "I love playing intramural sports! It gives me, along with other students, a chance to continue and compete athletically." He comically added, "The refs ain't perfect, but no one is."

It is not just the average college student who enjoys intramurals either. Current student athletes like to show off their physical abilities in sports that they do not always get to play "Intramurals serve as something that is a good step away from school. It is something that you can go out and compete in," a senior Northwestern baseball player Justin Bundy said. "As an athlete, it allows you to compete in a sport that isn't yours, and as a non-athlete it gives you the opportunity to go play and compete in that sport."

In addition, if a sport that you are interested in is not on the list of offered intramurals that does not mean it is not able to be added to the list. The school is more than willing to add sports that people like to play. "Feel free to offer more sports," Lauderdale said. "We are always open to more options."



Photo by Capri Gahr

The roofing company was brought in by the college to improve the roofs of three buildings.

Campus updates to continue

By **CAPRI GAHR**
Student Reporter

Construction on campus began this summer and will continue throughout the year. Three buildings have new roofs and the tennis courts will be redone while smaller projects have been completed with more on the way.

The three buildings that had their roofs redone were Vincent, the Education Center and Coronado.

Flooding in these buildings prompted maintenance to take action. Water damage to floors and ceilings were a result of the roofs being old.

They brought in a roofing company called State Wide Roofing to take care of these projects. Most of the work was completed during the summer while students were off campus so as to not interfere with student life during the semester.

At the beginning of the semester, the roofing company had sections of the parking lot near Shockley blocked and sectioned off. This was so they could finish working on the last roof to go. They have finished their portion of the project and students will no longer have to be mindful of these sectioned off areas.

Smaller projects by maintenance include improvements to student housing and sidewalks. Maintenance continuously works on at least six different bathrooms in the dorms throughout each semester so they can keep rooms updated and working.

During the summer, maintenance worked in south hall to update those bathrooms. They will continue to update showers



Photo by Capri Gahr

Some of the roofing companies equipment.

and bathrooms as the semester progresses.

Improvements to the sidewalks will be ongoing. Students will see cones around campus marking the parts of the sidewalks being worked on. These will not block off any pathways around campus.

Students can expect to see many of these around Coronado in upcoming weeks and the rest of campus as needed. Work on the sidewalks is suspected to be swift and not hinder any of the passages throughout campus.

This effort is in hopes to improve any tripping hazards that could cause injury. The tennis courts will see construction in upcoming days. They will be repaved and the lighting around the area will be redone.

Construction will first begin on the surface of the courts. After the ground is resurfaced, an electric company will put in new wiring and new light poles. Jim Detjen, the physical plant manager on campus oversees all the maintenance and construction

projects of campus. He believes this project will be done in just a matter of weeks before reopening to the campus community.

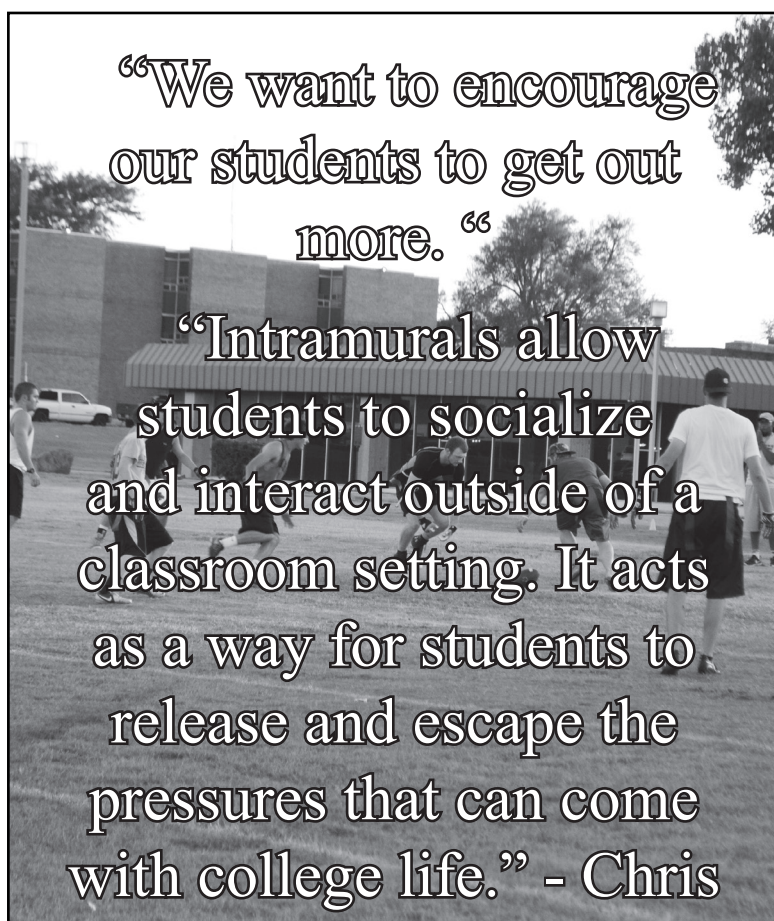


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News

What's up?

New Ag lounge

Students in the Agriculture Department have a new lounge area.

The grand opening of the lounge in Jesse Dunn 113 will be 9 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, Sept. 25.

Department Chair Dean Scarborough said the lounge is equipped with a television so students can watch Ag market news and videos. It also has a conference table and lounge chairs. The room is designed to be a study area for students.

Blood drive next week

President's Leadership Class is hosting a blood drive September 24 and 25 in the Ranger Room of the Student Center.

10 AM to 4 PM every day

Free T-shirts, pizza, snacks, and a chance to win a \$25 gift card to the NWOSU Bookstore.

Wales study abroad worth it

By PATRICIA PIXLER
Student Reporter

An official from Swansea University in Wales recently visited NWOSU to discuss the program that allowed me to study for a semester at Swansea University.

I had lunch with Jennifer Walker, the International Officer for Study Abroad from Swansea University, Wales.

I received one of the five Brad Henry International Scholarships offered by the state of Oklahoma to allow students to study at Swansea for the 2017-2018 school year. There, I met Walker, who travels overseas to recruit students to study at Swansea University. Walker was intrigued by the full-ride scholarship I and fellow Oklahomans received.

"No other scholarship opportunity exists like this for Swansea in America," Walker said.

Oklahoma is unique in offering the scholarship, which pays for tuition, fees, accommodation and a stipend for airfare to the United Kingdom. Each of Oklahoma's regional universities is eligible to nominate a student for this opportunity on a rotating basis. Walker was in the United States to visit the six universities where students can be selected to be 2018-2019 Brad Henry International Scholars. On the agenda was University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma, Southwestern Oklahoma State University, Langston University, East Central University, Cameron



Photo provided by Patricia Pixler

Patricia and international study abroad officer Jennifer Walker.

University, University of Central Oklahoma, as well as lunch in Enid with me. The four-day whirlwind tour of Oklahoma was bookended by Walker attending a study abroad fair at Iowa State University and going to the University of Nebraska.

Besides visiting the Oklahoma-nominated students, Walker had the opportunity to meet with a representative from the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education as well as former governor Brad Henry for whom the scholarship is named. Walker said she was excited for the opportunity to

come to Oklahoma. No one from Swansea University had made the trip in the last nine years. In a happy coincidence, Walker realized it was the 10-year anniversary of the scholarship's establishment, which made the meeting with former governor Brad Henry all the more poignant. "It is lovely, just lovely," Walker said. "I love my job and meeting all the people."

Northwestern will be eligible to send another student to study at Swansea University in the spring of 2020. Applications will open in the spring of 2019 with a selection made before the summer.

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Editorial

From other campuses

Suicide awareness — a reminder to be kind

By NATE GIBBONS
The Collegian, University of Tulsa

Reports show that nearly one million suicides occur globally each year. In other words, someone dies by suicide every 40 seconds. Using data from 2016, The World Health Organization reported that suicide is the second leading cause of death among people 15–29 years old. Despite these dire statistics, activists remind us that suicide is the most preventable type of death.

That's why the WHO, The United Nations, The International Association for Suicide Prevention and multiple other organizations have sponsored national suicide awareness day for almost 20 years.

Last Monday, supporters, whether they be politicians, teachers, bloggers or celebrities, urged people to talk about suicide prevention. Suicide survivors and those who have suffered from suicidal thoughts in the past shared their own stories.

A large priority is better education on suicide statistics and how suicidal thoughts may affect those around them. At a student panel in Tennessee, one student mentioned that her brother had nearly committed sui-

cide in the past.

"I think the more we can educate people the more understanding, the more diverse and inclusive this setting will be," she said. To those suffering, especially troubled teens, the mystification of suicide can be problematic.

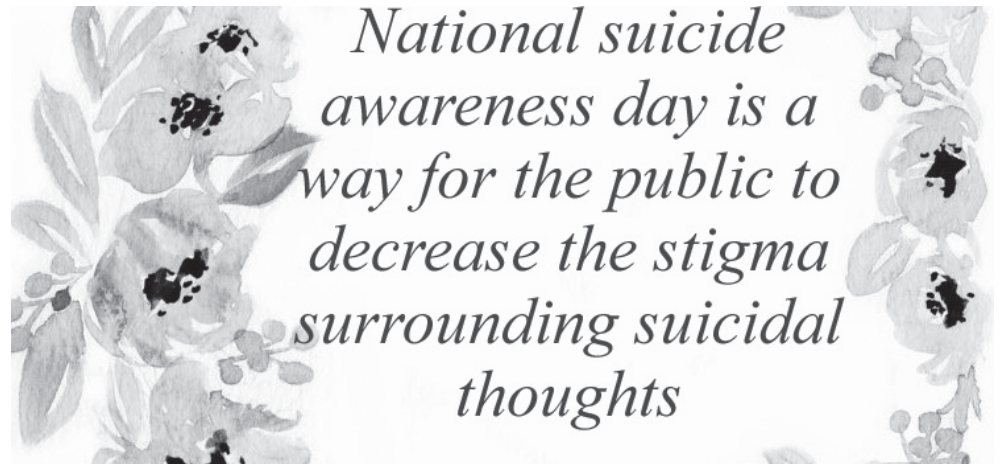
The problem of the perception of suicide is double-ended. We must do away with the stigma of suicidal thoughts while decreasing the romanticizing of death by suicide.

Romanticizing can come in many forms. Books, poems, movies and the like can beautify suicide.

Internet-goers can glorify those who have died by suicide in the past or the act itself. In some extreme cases, forums urge people to take their own life, often with the promise of extra-material happiness.

Professional suicide-prevention organizations target groups like veterans or crisis survivors who are more prone to suicidal thoughts. It's important that they have an idea of what the victim's gone through and how to apply the right treatment.

Amateur support groups, such as online "reasons to live" authors, often post a myriad of ideas to fight depression. Looking through a list of a hundred reasons, it is doubtful two very different victims would



agree on more than 20.

Feelings of depression and despair are personal issues. No one can know for certain what to suggest to those suffering from such feelings. So why do they try? Why all the cheesy inspirational quotes, the vague recommendations?

Because all these people, whether they're part of one of the aforementioned organizations, writing a blog, using a hashtag or doing one of a thousand other things, value the life of a stranger.

They are trying to project this message to as many people as possible, most of whom they will never meet. That in itself is a pow-

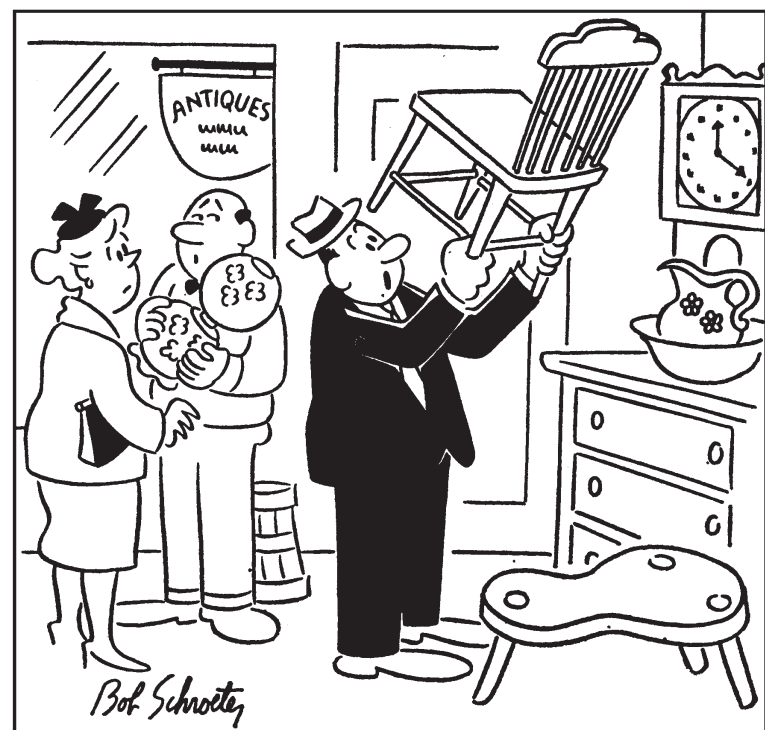
erful thing.

September 10th is universal hang-in-there day. It's look-out-for-someone-you-don't-even-know day. You may have missed suicide awareness day, but September is Suicide Awareness Month. Consider how you're treating those around you. Ask yourself if you're treating others with respect, who might be suffering and how you could help.

If you or someone you know is suffering from suicidal thoughts, call the Suicide Prevention Hotline at 1-800-273-8255 or visit their website at www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org to speak with a professional.

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"This is interesting—I never knew George Washington chewed gum."

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Handle roughly
- 4 Dog bane
- 8 Back talk
- 12 Past
- 13 Peruse
- 14 Clarinet's cousin
- 15 Mansion staff
- 17 Smolder
- 18 Catches some rays
- 19 Playful water critter
- 20 Moral standard
- 22 Own
- 24 Destroy
- 25 Peace
- 29 Inseparable
- 30 Permanent inmate
- 31 "Golly!"
- 32 Snakes
- 34 Chew away (at)
- 35 Gross
- 36 Dentist's suggestion
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- 19 Finished
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- 21 Melody
- 22 Substantial
- 23 War god
- 25 Go under
- 26 Unknowing
- 27 Earl Grey and kin
- 28 Some evergreens
- 30 Poland's Mr.
- Walesa
- 33 Urban bird
- 34 Merriment
- 36 Battle
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Editorial

Are people becoming less courteous?

By CAMERON QUINBY
Editorial Editor

In case you weren't aware, September is National Courtesy Month. This is just one of countless seemingly random and insignificant holidays that infest the calendar these days, but it does bring up an interesting question: are people less courteous now?

To be courteous means to be considerate and respectful. Tipping the delivery driver, saying 'hello' to your neighbor, or asking someone how their day went are all common courtesies. These types of small actions aren't extinct, but I think they've definitely become less prevalent in modern times. Technology and social media have a lot to do with the decline of

social civility, in my opinion.

Now, I don't want to go out and say that technology is the devil and all the world's problems would be solved if only children would put away their tablets and pick up a book. There were unpleasant people long before Facebook and Twitter. The role that social media has played in the decline of courteous behavior is that of isolation. I order a pizza online, I pay for it online, and I'm face to face with another person for maybe a minute before I go back home and look at my phone or laptop some more. People don't interact with strangers as much anymore, as they no longer need to.

Media also instigates fear and distrust. There are new stories of the most unbelievable, heinous acts sprawled across front pages of newspapers or online articles

every day. And it makes people nervous. You don't know your neighbor, but you're not going to go introduce yourself because he might kill you. This might not be such a big deal in small rural areas, but it really isn't a joke anymore either. People don't want to go out of their way to be kind to strangers because there's no telling how he or she will respond.

So courteous behavior has declined with the times, but it's not altogether gone. There are still a number of people who do go out of their way to say hello to passersby or compliment a cute shirt or bag.

In some ways, whether or not people are more or less courteous is a matter of perspective. Some people take other's interest in their lives as nosiness and prefer to avoid niceties with strangers.

EDITOR'S RANT OF THE WEEK

This past week has been very hectic for me. Even as I am writing this, I'm still not really sure what I want to rant about. Today especially, I have been forced to deal with annoying drivers. Not bad drivers, not slow drivers, but annoying ones. You know, the ones who don't use their turn signal, or wait WAY too long at a stop light. The one's that give you the most extreme case of road rage you've ever experienced.

When I start my day I'm usually in a positive mood, but I am tired, so literally ANYTHING can turn my day from sunshine to dark scary clouds.

I'm touchy, really touchy. So touchy that I'll rip my roomates head off every morning for making her smoothie "too loud."

So when I'm trying to go have a nice, educational day at college and the wing-nut in front of me turns without using his/her turn signal, I immediately go from Ashley to a scary 40 year old woman who screams, "HEY WATCH OUT WILL YA, USE YOUR '\$#%&*' TURN SIGNAL!!!"

You all will be surprised how many people don't use their turn signal in this town! It's SO irritating, I'm glad I'm pounding these words onto a keyboard cause it's really helping me get my anger out.

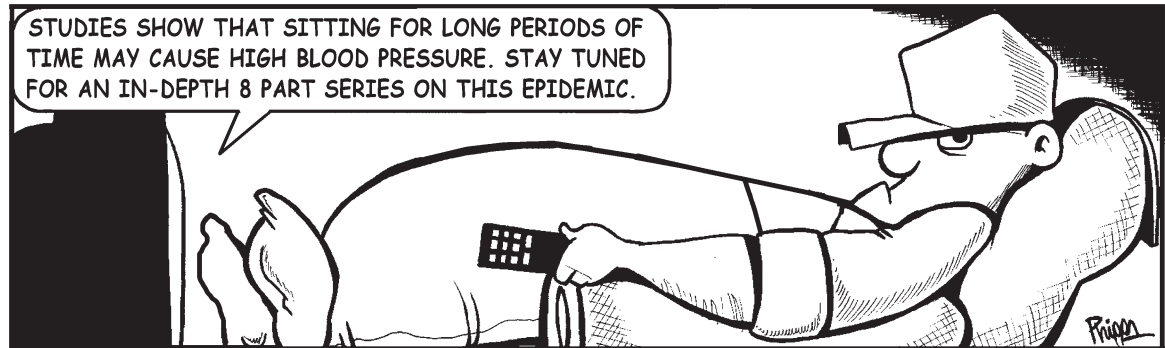
So after I pass the incompetent driver with no turn signal I reach a light. You know that one light on Oklahoma Blvd.? Yeah that light takes a century and half to change. I could probably start a family and a career and DIE before that light turns green. Then, when it FINALLY turns green, people wanna take their sweet ol time to DRIVE. If I had a dollar for everytime I've screamed "Let's go!" I'd probably be rich. Then when I get to school there's always someone being too loud about something that is not worth being loud about. "OMG I JUST GOT A STARBUCKS COFFE AND I AM SAVED BY JESUS HIMSELF NOW THANK YOU LORD!" usually when I hear a girl scream something like this I usually just sit with my eyes closed and take deep breaths.

After all my classes are done, I usually head to work, which is here, at Northwestern News. Although my job as Editor-in-chief can be rewarding and fulfilling, it can be very stressful. In the Newspaper business, deadlines are everything, and I mean EVERYTHING. So when someone does not have something to me on time with no warning, that really tips me over the edge. In a moment like that I feel like that person is out to get me. I feel like they are trying to make my life more stressful than it has to be and, they do.

But I've missed deadlines, and I've forgotten to use my turn signal. Occasionally, I sit too long at the spotlight when it turns green because I wasn't paying attention. Also, believe me I can be loud. So I guess, no one is perfect.

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



Service animals on campus

By CAMERON QUINBY
Editorial Editor

I want to start this piece by stating that what follows is just my opinion, and I have not done any significant research into the pros and cons of said opinion. (With an intro like that you'd think I was writing about something really controversial, but really I just miss my dog.)

College, as we all know by now, can be stressful. Complicated coursework aside, many freshman and transfer students are adjusting to a foreign way of life. We've moved away from home and left our friends and family. Many of us have left something else behind as well: our pets.

Our soft Mr. Whiskers' and our faithful Fido's. Our ever-accepting and always loving furry, scaly, or feathered companions. And it's hard to leave to pets. Sometimes I think it's harder than saying goodbye to human family, because you can call and text them.

So, we're stressed beyond what we thought was humanly possible and we miss our pets. Possible solution? Service animals on campus. I know that a stranger-animal is no replacement for your pet, who is the Best in The World. But I still think emotional support animals on campus is a reasonable, if not good, idea.

Now, as I mentioned, I didn't do an abundance of research on this idea. I don't know the cost or all the liabilities that keeping service

animals on campus would cause. I just know that when I have a hard test coming up, it'd be nice to just hang out with a dog to relieve some stress.

I also don't really know how the whole thing would work. Service animal stations across campus? Check out a dog or cat for an hour or two? Who knows?

I'm sure I'm not alone in missing an animal who had to stay home, and I'd like to hear some other thoughts on the matter. If you think service animals on campus is good idea and have some research that proves it, let me know. If you think having service animals is a bad idea, let me know why. If you have an opinion that has nothing to do with anything written above, send it in!

Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

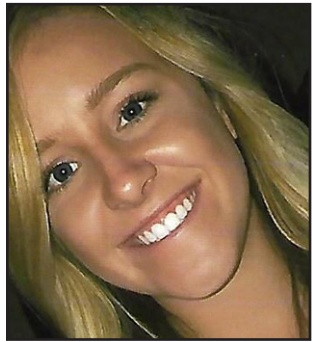


News

Who's Who of Ranger Royalty?

Ranger Queen Candidates

Denise "lil-B" Cronister



Denise is a junior mass communications major and psych minor from Crescent highschool. Her interests include radio, fortnite, God, and "hooping" with friends

Rachel Davis



Rachel is a senior sociology major and Visual Art minor from Kingstone highschool, she enjoys painting, reading, being outdoors and spending time with friends and family

Kayla Eaton



Kayla is a Senior health and fitness management major from Stillwater. She participates as the NWOSU cheer captain.

Kelsey Cloud



Kelsey is a senior health and sports science major from Merrit highschool. Her interests include rodeo, training horses, science, intramurals, reading books, hanging out with friends and family and working out at the Wellness Center.

Taylor Lusk



Taylor is a junior early childhood education major from Follet Texas high-school. Interests: singing, dances, going to races and MMA events, hanging out with friends. "I can also do woodwork, welding, and counseling at VBS, and I am currently in the NWOSU Choir and Choral."

Amanda Metcalf



Amanda is a Senior instrumental music ed major, from Pioneer Pleasant Vale. She enjoys participating as the president of art society, clarinet, drawing, band, and being a member of OMEA."

Brianna McClure



Brianna is a Senior Biology major and Chemistry Minor from Alva. Her interests include painting ,swimming, biology, art, biking, volunteering and camping. "I am a member of the medical sciences club, NWOSU art society, and the International Student Association."

Madison Hofen



Mady is a senior vocal music education major from Alva. "I am president of NWOSU Choirs, drum major of Ranger Band 2016-2017, Worship Director of Hopeton Church, and I love to make friends and make music!"

Autumn Detamore



Autumn is a senior instrumental music ed major from El Reno highschool. She enjoys playing the saxophone in the band, singing in the choir and on smule. "After college I would love to teach young children music, or write marching drills for other schools, or both."

How do I Vote?

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September 24th & 25th

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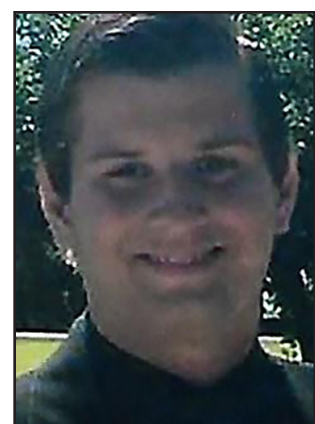
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Mickey Jordan



Mickey is a graduate american studies with an emphases in theater from Iowa. His interests include theater, visual arts, painting, collecting vintage furniture, collecting pyrex, acting, dancing, singing (sometimes all at once). He was voted Northwesterns' theater actor of the year 2016. Lives like it's 1964. Eagle scout, and a member of castle players club. Talents include entertaining, throwing fabulous parties, hospitality, cooking, and scenic design.

Matthew Fuller



Matthew is a sophomore math education major from Morrison, enjoys sports, math, running and watching movies.

Blake Humble



Blake is a senior health and sports major, sports psychology minor from midland high school, his hobbies include playing football.

Adam "Cosmo" Olewinski



Cosmo is a freshman and he enjoys running, playing hacky sack, and wearing mismatched long socks.



Who will be your Freshman Queen?

Find out who the candidates are on page 12



Campus

Two campus sororities are all about sisterhood

By Greg Minor
Student Reporter

Drinking and throwing college parties is how society views sororities. Greek Life isn't something that should be viewed negatively with stereotypes. It should be seen as something to be a part of, something bigger than yourself.

Delta Zeta and Alpha Sigma are the two chapters on campus. It's about a sisterhood that allows one to meet fellow sorority members on campus and around the world, to be there for each other in a time of need or success, and it's a group of women believe in helping others.

Each sorority here on campus has a different philanthropy that they participate in on the national level. Promoting and donating to different charities like Heart for hearing and Girls on the run.

Sadie Bier, Sorority Panhellenic Advisor said "The Delta Zeta chapter do 'Heart for Hearing' and

get to tour their facility." They do implants at this facility for children and people who can't hear whether it's been a portion or their entire life. The patients are able to get their hearing and the members of the sorority get to witness all their efforts to help people in need pay off. "That's near and dear to a lot of their hearts," Bier said.

Greek life allows you to not only help people but and meet new people and network with those who share the same chapter and same sorority letters. "You'll have sisters in the same major, so you'll have a study partners," Bier said. According to a U.S. government study over 70 percent of those who join a sorority/fraternity graduate.

In the beginning of the semester during initiation week Alpha Sigma has a sisterhood event. This is a chance for their sorority get together and do activities to help everyone get to know each other.

Not only are sororities networking with their chapters on campus and helping at several dif-

ferent events but they also help in the community any way they can. This allows members of the sororities to take a break from classes and studying to meet some of the residents in the community.

Opportunities like these could lead toward a recommendation or even a job offer in the future. "I highly support it here," Bier said. "Because we are so small, it helps you network."

Senior Emma Reed, President of Alpha Sigma said, "Being a part of the community service aspect is huge."

"In October we an entire week dedicated to community service activities every single day," Reed said. That week Alpha sigma has helped with creature concerns, clinics and even participate in stamp-out-starvation in Cherokee.

Greek life and a leadership experience "looks really good on a resume," Reed said. According to Cornell's official website, 80 percent of Fortune 500 executives are in Greek life.



Photo by Ashley Watts

Alpha Sigma sisters get their picture taken during recruitment week.

Open Mic showcases talents

The Open Mic Night and Ice Cream Social was held in the student center on Sept. 13. The Student Government Association put on the event so people could come to enjoy live music from the students.



Students perform at Open Mic Night.
Above: Colton and Laura Reed.
Left: Makayla Holler.
Right: Austin Morton

Photos by Ashley Watts

Feature

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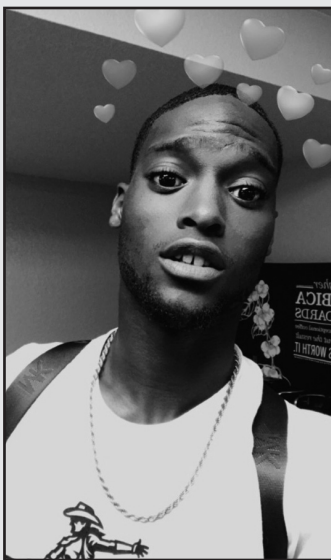
By KEVIN FORD & KOLTON FISHBACK
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Maddie Cates
Elementary Education



Keyarrie Coulter
Nursing



Austin Morton
Mass Communications

“The fun for me in collaboration is, one, working with other people just makes you smarter; that’s proven.”

Lin-Manuel Miranda

“Be true to yourself, help others, make each day your masterpiece,”

-John Wooden

There is only one corner of the universe you can be certain of improving, and that’s your own self.

-Aldous Huxley

Education without values, as useful as it is, seems rather to make man a more clever devil.

-C. S. Lewis

Writer’s roundtable

By MCKAYLA HOLSON
Student Reporter

Do you enjoy writing? Well Writer’s Roundtable is for you. This campus club, organized by Mrs. Allen, gives students a safe place to write, and sometimes even share their stories with others. But don’t worry, you don’t have to share if you don’t want to. President Patricia Pixler, an English and psychology major, says that even the Vice President has never shared a story or poem.

This club isn’t just for English or creative writing majors either, anyone can join. The overall goals of the group are to develop skills, become better writers, become comfortable presenting work and accepting the constructive commentary of peers.

Phillip Hudson, a creative writing major, says his plan for the year is to figure out the different ideas floating around in his head.

Pixler hopes to increase membership, have a bake sale and to have at least one reading. As president, she would also like to see members become comfortable with their writings and presentations.

She said you sometimes forget that writing can be fun, and this group helps you remember that.

If this sounds like a club for you, or one that you might be interested in, head down to Vinson Hall 213 on Tuesday Sept. 25th for their next meeting.

The meeting begins at 5:15 PM. The meetings are held every other Tuesday. They hope to see you there!

Dorm Recipe

French Toast in a Mug

Total Time: 2 minutes

Servings: 1

Ingredients:

1½ to 2 slices bread

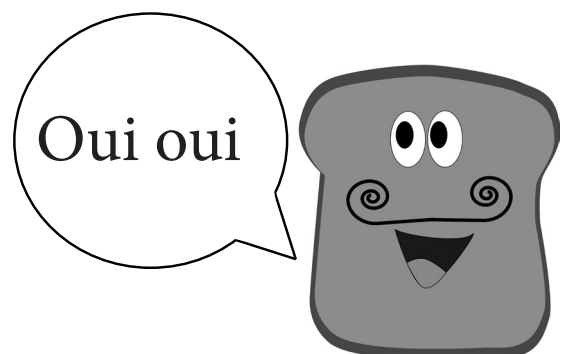
1 egg

3 tablespoons milk

Dash of cinnamon

Directions:

1. Cube slices of bread.
2. Place bread cubes in mug.
3. Combine egg, milk and cinnamon in a separate small bowl.
4. Pour egg mixture into mug.
5. Press bread down so it can fully absorb liquid.
6. Microwave for one minute, and then ten seconds at a time until fully cooked.



Entertainment

Theater



Photo by Michelle Willson

Alica Hall directs Sophomore Peyton Lucas during practice.

'Anti-Social'

By **BALEY GARZA**
Student Reporter

Today social media consumes most people's everyday life. Most of those people do not realize how much social media affects and consumes their lives in both positive and negative ways.

The theatre program has been getting ready since August for the play *Anti Social*. This play focuses on social media and it affects people in their everyday lives. *Antisocial* was written by Don Zolidis. It is broken up into seven mini plays making fun of social media.

The theatre program has five directors directing the play. Two directors have two of the mini plays and the rest have one mini play each. The two of those directors are Northwestern alum Alica Hall and Michelle Penner.

Alica Hall attended Northwestern from 2001 to 2005 and then from 2009 to 2012, and lastly 2013 to 2017. Hall received degrees during her years at Northwestern. Those degrees would be in business, a bachelor's in speech and theatre, and a master's in American studies.

Alica Hall not only attended college here at Northwestern, but is an Alva native. "I have seen a lot of changes in the theatre department," Hall said. Her first show on a Northwestern stage was at 7-years-old in the summer of 1990.

Hall said that this play makes you think how much our lives are surrounded by social media. One of her plays or scenes is about a girl who wants to become a Youtuber. The other is about how no one is on Myspace anymore.

Michelle Penner, one of the five directors is also a Northwestern alum. Penner graduated in December of 2017 with a master's in adult education. She is currently an adjunct for



Photo by Michelle Willson

Weast teaching Maleah Schmitz how to build sets

the theatre department, teaches theatre history, and works for the bookstore on campus.

Penner is only directing one of the mini plays. Her play is called "Trollz." It is about Facebook friends meeting for the first time in the park and then the trolls start to show up. "It is really relatable to people's behavior on social media" said Penner.

"The practices are going very well" Penner said. Practices began in August shortly after school had started. Auditions were held the first week of school. Over 30 students auditioned for the play. Penner said that she and the cast are very excited for the outcome of the play.

Kimberely Weast brought in alumni and former students for this play. Mickey Jordan and Patrick Wilson are some of those alumni.

"In any play you have to find a message. This one is that you have to be connected with the real more than social media" said Hall. Opening night for the play will be at 7:00PM on Sept. 28th, and the last show will be at 2:00PM on Sept. 29th.

William's tennis controversy

Serena's 3 Code violations

By **ASHLEY WATTS**
Student Reporter

Three code violations against Serena Williams has now brought up questions for a big controversial topic in the sport of tennis.

Sexism could be the reason why famous tennis player, Serena Williams, was given a code violation during her final match at the U.S. Open. Chair umpire Carlos Ramos issued a violation after he suspected Patrick Mouratoglou for sending coaching signals during Williams match against Japan's Naomi Osaka on Sept. 8. Williams, however, insists that her and Mouratoglou have never had signals that would count as coaching, and that she would never cheat during a tennis match. Williams then accused the umpire of sexism and called him a "thief" when he took a point away from her. This outburst led to verbal abuse violation which ended in an automatic game loss. After the entire exchange between Williams and Ramos, the fans booed non-stop when the win was handed to Osaka.

Ramos handed Williams three violations that day: the first was a warning regarding signals that could be coaching, the second a point penalty for



Serena Williams was given 3 violations at the US Open

breaking her racket; and the third an automatic loss penalty for verbal abuse. These three violations also led to a \$17,000 fine for Williams.

Williams has come forward since the outburst to say that there is a double standard behind the three violations, and the first-round penalty given to Alize Cornet for changing her shirt on the court during her break. According to Williams, male tennis players have called other umpires several offensive words, but have not received any code violations or fines. But when a woman comes forward to stand up for herself, she gets penalized immediately. Williams has said she will continue to fight for gender equality in the sport. She believes that women should be able to talk to the umpire and change their shirt if needed without getting an outrageous fine. Williams feels that the

next person should be able to express herself and be a strong woman on the court because of what happened that day. It might not have worked out for her, but because of what she did, perhaps it will for the next person that feels like expressing themselves.

Williams has received a remarkable response from the tennis world about sexism. Also, because she is standing up for what she believes in, maybe there will be more gender equality in the future for this sport.



"Focus on how to be social, not on how to do social."
- Jay Baer

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Sports

Volleyball takes 2 out of 3 Lopez on final season

By **LOGAN JONES**
Asst. Sports Editor

The Northwestern volleyball team had quite the schedule this past week as they took on Panhandle State, Southwestern Oklahoma State and East Central University.

The Lady Rangers took on the Aggies of Panhandle State on Tuesday, winning in three straight sets.

This was NWOSU's first match at the Percefull Fieldhouse this season and the black and red did not disappoint, jumping ahead of the Aggies 8-0 before Panhandle State was able to score its first point.

The Rangers cruised through the rest of the set, winning 25-9.

In the second set, Northwestern picked up right where they left off. With 7 kills from junior Jennifer Eubanks, the Rangers took the set 25-12.

Eubanks finished with 11 kills on the night.

NWOSU jumped out yet again in the third set, leading 8-2.

Thanks to some big-time kills from senior Hannah Williams and redshirt freshman Kiauna Clark, the Lady Rangers took the set by the score of 25-14, and the match.

The girls then made the trip down to Weatherford to play the Bulldogs of Southwestern Oklahoma State.

In the first set, the Lady Rangers fell behind 16-8 early on.

The red and black were able to battle back, pulling within two points, but by then it was too little to late as the Bulldogs took the set 25-21.

Northwestern couldn't seem to get anything going in the second set.

Despite posting 10 kills in the



The Lady Rangers return home on Sept. 18 to face Southern Nazarene.

set, the Rangers were unable to keep pace with SWOSU, losing the set 25-14.

The Lady Rangers finally found their first lead of the night in the third set, going up 6-3.

However, the Bulldogs wouldn't stay down for long.

After battling back, the momentum changed in favor of Southwestern, who went on to take the set 25-16, and the match.

The red and black finished out the week back in Alva at Percefull Fieldhouse, where they took on the East Central University Tigers.

Looking for revenge after the loss to SWOSU, the Lady Rangers jumped out to a quick lead in the first set.

After recording 16 kills in the set, Northwestern took the set by score of 25-17.

The second set proved to be one

of the Lady Ranger's best outings, as they posted a .371 hitting percentage.

Seniors Brooklynn Hesson and Hannah Williams each posted four kills each while Williams recorded a team high 15 digs.

Northwestern took the set, 25-14.

The third set was the closest set of the night.

The Tigers matched the Rangers point for point until NWOSU went on a 7-2 run, giving them the separation needed to take the set, 25-19, and the match.

Next up, the Lady Rangers will play Southern Nazarene at Percefull Fieldhouse on Tuesday, Sept. 18 before hitting the road and taking on the Savage Storm of Southeastern Oklahoma State on Sept. 21 and Lubbock Christian University on Sept. 22.

By **MEGAN MAHARRY**
Sports Editor

Karla Lopez is a senior criminal justice major with a Spanish minor. She is finishing out her final college semesters as well as her last season as a Lady Ranger soccer player.

Lopez was born in Mexico City, Mexico before coming to the United States at age seven.

She and her family settled in Anaheim, California, which is about twenty miles from Los Angeles. At first, she said it was hard to adjust to the new, American way of life.

She began learning English in school, which was a challenge at first.

She eventually picked up on it and is now fluent in both English and Spanish.

Lopez began playing soccer when she was seven years old.

She played high school and club all the way until she started her collegiate career at Cypress Community College.

After playing at Cypress for two years she found herself on a plane to Oklahoma to play for Northwestern Oklahoma State University.

"When I first got here my first reaction was my jaw dropped to the floor," Lopez said. "I had never seen so much grass, dirt or cows."

Despite the culture shock, Lopez settled in to her classes and the soccer team.

"I love that I get to spend time with great girls from different places," Lopez said.

Lopez was the leading goal scorer last year for the Lady Rangers and received the honor of Second Team All-Great American



Photo Provided

Karla Lopez graduates in May.

Conference.

In sight of her last season, she said one of her goals for this season is to make it to playoffs.

She also wants to have as many assists as possible, score as many goals as she can, and be nominated to First Team All-Great American Conference.

Lopez said she has enjoyed the criminal justice program at NWOSU. She said the professors are good and they teach well. Upon graduation, she wants to get her Master's in either criminal justice or go to law school.

Eventually, she wants to work in the court system as a translator for bilingual people or as a lawyer for immigrants. She said she wants to return to California to work.

"Every day is such a great memory," Lopez said. "You do different things every day, so they each leave a special place in my heart."

Football makes history with win over Henderson

By **LOGAN JONES**
Asst. Sports Editor

Big plays on both sides of the ball gave the Rangers their first win of the 2018 season over the Henderson State Reddies, 30-24.

This marks the first time that HSU has lost to a team in the state of Oklahoma.

Northwestern jumped out to a quick 14-0 lead after their first two possessions thanks in part to big runs by redshirt-junior running back, Jacob Peyton, and a one-handed catch in the endzone by wide receiver, Kentrez Bell.

Peyton finished the night with 171 yards on 14 carries.

Quarterback, Isaiah Weed finished the game 20-for-35 with 298 yards and two touchdowns, while Bell led the Ranger receivers with 98 yards

On the defensive side of the ball, Jimmie Pace was all over the field with seven tackles, including five solo tackles, and two sacks. The Great American Con-



Photo by Ashley Watts

The Rangers downed the Reddies in a close 30-24 game on Saturday.

ference's leading tackler, Dakota Driskill, had nine tackles and a sack.

Henderson State would answer back with two touchdowns of their own later on in the first quarter.

In the second quarter, both teams seemed to reach a stalemate as neither were able to get into the endzone.

Coming down to the final seconds of the first half, Northwestern

kicker, Zave Goodrich, notched a 29-yard field goal to put the Rangers up 17-14 at halftime.

HSU answered back with a touchdown in the third giving the Reddies a 17-24 lead.

When the fourth quarter came around, NWOSU made their move, scoring a 57-yard touchdown pass from Weed to Miles Mitchusson. After the extra point, the game was tied at 24.

After the defense forced the Reddies to go three-and-out on their next possession, Weed completed four passes to move the ball down the field, including a huge catch at the one yard line by Gavin Garner falling out of bounds.

Jalen Williams punched it in for a touchdown to put the Rangers on top, 30-24.

With time still on the clock, the Ranger defense had to shut down the Henderson State offense.

After a huge interception by Trey Merritt, Northwestern looked to burn out the clock for the win.

However, things didn't quite go as planned.

The Reddies forced a fumble

and recovered the ball a few yards shy of mid-field. Due to their field position, HSU was forced to take a few shots downfield but to no avail.

On the final play of the game, Qua'Shawn Grey picked off an HSU pass, sealing the game and the Rangers victory.

With the win, NWOSU moves to 1-2 on the season.

The Rangers are set to take on the Southeastern Oklahoma State Savage Storm in Durant on Sept. 22.



Sports

Lynn Scott to be inducted into NAIA Hall of Fame

By ERIC SCOTT
Athletic Communications

Nearly two decades after the Northwestern Oklahoma State University football team won the 1999 National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) National Championship, members of the team continue to be recognized for their successes, including Lynn Scott.

On Monday, the NAIA announced Scott will be a part of the 2018 NAIA Hall of Fame class, with the induction ceremony set to take place at the 2019 American Football Coaches Association Convention in San Antonio in January.

"It's a great honor for me and the University and I have a lot of people to thank along the way," Scott said upon word of the accolade. "From all my teammates to coaches like Tim Albin, Garin Higgins, Troy Haub, Dr. Chandler Mead and Fred Slaughter.

"Someone doesn't receive an honor like this without the people around them."

Northwestern president Dr. Janet Cunningham said Scott "illustrates the definition of a student-athlete.

He was legendary on the football field and his academic accomplishments were just as impressive. Northwestern is so proud that he is receiving this well-deserved recognition."

A native of Turpin, Oklahoma, Scott was a three-time NAIA All-American (1998-2000) during his time at Northwestern, helping the Rangers to the National Championship during an undefeated 1999 season and a return appearance to the championship game in 2000.

He also was named the Central States Football League Defensive Player of the Year in his senior season.

A key member of the dominant "Black Cloud" defense during the



Lynn Scott will be inducted into the NAIA Hall of Fame in 2019.

championship era, Scott compiled an outstanding 298 tackles and pulled in eight career interceptions. He also was a key component in the Ranger return game as he recorded a school record 1,337 career punt return yards.

"Lynn Scott was a true Ranger and was a special student-athlete during his time at Northwestern," said Brad Franz, Director of Athletics at Northwestern. "He was a fiery competitor on the field who led the Rangers to a national title as a stellar defensive back and special teams player. He was well thought of by his peers as a student and athlete.

"Not only did he excel on the field but in the classroom as well, as he graduated with honors upon completing his degree at NWO-SU. He is truly one of the greats to come through not only Northwestern, but all of the NAIA."

Additional high praise for Scott was presented to the NAIA via a nomination letter from now Southern Nazarene University Executive Vice President, Dr. Mike Redwine, who is the former head football coach at MidAmerica Nazarene.

In the letter, Redwine was on the sideline for multiple contests as the opposing coach and an NAIA representative, and said

he "witnessed the leadership that Lynn provided for those outstanding teams."

Upon completion of his career at Northwestern, Scott went on to play five seasons for the Dallas Cowboys where he saw time in 66 games as a safety and on special teams before his career was halted by injury. In 2004, Scott started nine games with 33 tackles and his first career interception against the Washington Redskins.

Former Ranger teammate during the 2000 season, Patrick Crayton, also hauled in his first career touchdown catch in the same game.

Former Northwestern teammate and current Ranger head coach Matt Walter said on Scott's selection: «Congratulations to my good friend and teammate Lynn Scott on his induction into the NAIA Hall of Fame. Lynn embodies everything it means to be a college football player: talented, humble and a great teammate who made it a point to make those around him better. I couldn't think of anyone more deserving of this prestigious honor than Lynn.»

Scott also is a member of the Northwestern Sports Hall of Fame, inducted in 2012, while the 1999 National Championship Team was inducted in 2009.



Junior Parker Rehorn tied the school record for lowest round.

Golf kicks off season

By MEGAN MAHARRY
Sports Editor

The Northwestern Oklahoma State University men's golf team opened their season on Monday at the Great American Conference Preview on the Lake Hefner North Course in Oklahoma City. The team shot 291 (+3) and 302 (+14).

The Rangers already improved from last season's first conference preview tournament by five strokes and finished with 17 over par for the day. They sat in eighth place after two rounds.

The Rangers had five in their lineup: Tyler Berryhill, junior Preston Ewing, sophomore Ben Baker, junior Parker Rehorn and junior Colten Person respectively.

Senior Collin Stork and freshman Noah Vasquez competed as individuals.

Junior Parker Rehorn showed out in his debut, as he went 70 (-2) in the first round and 74 (+2) in the second round.

He led his squad with a two-round total of 144, placing him in a tie for 21st place.

Junior transfer Preston Ewing went 74 (+2) and 73 (+1) for his two rounds and closed with a finish in a tie for 31st and with a two-round total of 147.

Sophomore Ben Baker recorded rounds of 74 (+2) and 75 (+3) to finish in 39th place with a total of 149.

Junior Colten Person's total of

153 had him in a tie for 45th place, which was only three strokes ahead of sophomore Tyler Berryhill, who shot rounds of 75 (+3) and 81 (+9) for 53rd place at 156.

Senior Collin Stork shot a 78 (+6) and 77 (+5) to open his senior season.

Freshman Noah Vasquez started off his college career with rounds of 81 (+9) and 78 (+6).

The Rangers came out for the final day of the tournament on Tuesday morning.

Rehorn hit a 4 under-par 68, which helped boost the Rangers into the last round of the GAC Preview. The Rangers placed 7th overall.

Rehorn's numbers also tied him with the school record for the lowest round. He recorded five birdies total. His numbers helped lead to a team score of 290 with a three-round total of 883.

Ewing posted a 72 (E) with a pair of birdies of his own to close the event in a 28th place tie. He birdied the par 3 14th and par 5 18th for the Rangers. Baker went 224 (8) and tied for 39th.

Person posted a 76 (4) in the third round to move up to 44th place overall at 13 for the tournament. Berryhill and Stork finished two strokes behind Person at 231 (15) which tied them for 46th place.

Vasquez shot an 82 to finish 53rd at 25-over 241. The Rangers are back in action Monday and Tuesday, Sept. 17 and Sept. 18, as they compete at the 2018 Ranger Invite in Enid, held at Meadowlake Golf Course.



The Lady Rangers play rival SWOSU at home on Sept. 18 at 6 p.m.

Lady Rangers drop 2-0 to Newman Jets

By MEGAN MAHARRY
Sports Editor

The Lady Ranger soccer team traveled to Newman University in Kansas on Tuesday to face the Jets.

A solid start offensively was not enough to take down the Jets as the Lady Rangers dropped 2-0.

The Lady Rangers and Newman Jets kept the score even until the 39th minute.

Colleen Howland from the Lady Jets netted one, despite

freshman goalie Kiara Fontanilla's attempt at a save.

After refiguring at halftime, the Lady Rangers looked to get a goal and get themselves back in the game.

However, the offense was not up to par on the night.

Senior Calvinis Prentice was the only Lady Ranger who managed a shot on goal.

The second goal for the Lady Jets came late in the second half, the 84th minute.

The Lady Jets took a corner kick and a strong header from op-

posing player Vanessa Ortiz put the Lady Jets up 2-0.

After the tough loss, the Lady Rangers look to bounce back as they roll into conference play starting Sept. 18, against heated rival Southwestern Oklahoma State University.

On Sept. 20, the Lady Rangers take on East Central University before finishing out the week on the road against Southwestern Christian University on Sept. 22.

The showdown between the Lady Rangers and the Lady Bulldogs is set for 6 p.m.

Who will be your next Freshman Queen?

Maya Stewart



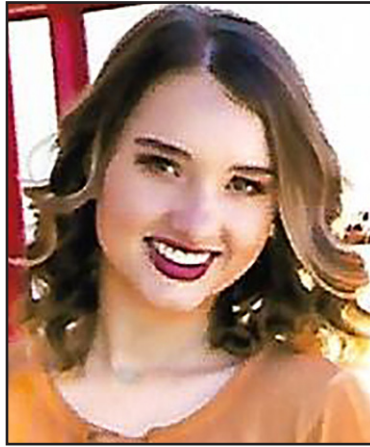
Maya is a english education major. Her hobbies include Netflix, watching FRIENDS, The office, writing, being in a sorority and English.

Bo Pearson



Bo is a nursing major who enjoys napping, studying, spending time with friends and family, reading, going to church, statistic math, and choir.

Harlie-Ann Ogden



Harlie-Ann is a biology major and she enjoys cheerleading.

Jaden Allen



Jaden can plays the piano and she enjoys hanging out with friends.

Jayden Dillon



Jayden is a mass communications major. She enjoys singing, playing guitar, taking pictures, and traveling. She is a member of PLC and concert and chorale choirs.

Crystal Keeler



Crystal is an accounting major-whose hobbies include riding horses, fishing hunting, running, attending church, reading the bible, volunteering and math



Have you voted for Ranger Royalty Yet?