

A career worth 1,000 points

By **CAITLYN PRAY**
Student Reporter

Many may have suspected from childhood that she would be a star. For Northwestern, her light shone when she began playing basketball in 2017.

Jade Jones, point guard for the Lady Ranger basketball team, grew up with a passion and talent for the game from an early age.

"I've played for a really long time; like since kindergarten," Jones said. "My dad's a high school basketball coach so I've been around it my whole life."

Playing in the position of point guard since she began playing basketball, Jones' love for the game and acquired skills have taken the athlete from the starter girls' games to now competing as a graduate student in college in the Great American Conference.

The tracks of Jones' basketball career since high school especially show Jones as being a hard-to-beat point guard in each team she was a part of. Although the Rangers currently cheer Jones on at their home games as such a VIP, Jones admitted she had not always been a Lady Ranger. In fact, some Rangers may be surprised to learn that the point-winning point guard was previously a

SWOSU Lady Bulldog.

"I went to Southwestern for my first two years of college," Jones said. "I played there, then I decided to transfer here because Coach Diesselhorst was my high school coach at Pond Creek, so whenever she got the job here I transferred here."

Although the transfer of Jones' high school basketball coach to the college level at Northwestern made a large impact on Jones' decision to join the Lady Rangers team, Jones said that the timing and location of Northwestern had other added perks as well.

"I actually ended up having a really bad ankle injury while I was playing at Southwestern," Jones said. "So I came here and stayed a year, which gave me time to recover, and coming here to be closer to my family was a big part of it too." Jones officially became a Lady Ranger in the fall of 2016, though she only practiced as a redshirt and didn't see any game action. By the next season in 2017, however, Jones' basketball career was set ablaze once again as she led the team in multiple categories on her way to an Honorable Mention All-GAC selection.

According to Northwestern Athletics, Jones averaged 13.7 points per game and led the con-

ference with an average of 5.3 assist per game in that season. She also shot just over 30 percent for the season and recorded two double-doubles throughout the year.

Of course, there is much more to the Lady Ranger than just her skill on the basketball court. When she's not aggressively dribbling and blocking for points, some of Jones' teammates say she is fun, outgoing and very chill.

"Basketball has always been a huge part of my life," Jones said. "If I'm not playing basketball though, I like to hang out with my family, friends and enjoy being pretty laid back." Jones continues to shoot and score impressively in the academic arena of Northwestern as well. Jones graduated Northwestern in May of 2018 with a bachelor's degree in health and sports science, and is currently pursuing her

masters in the health and sports science program. "I hope to eventually coach somewhere," Jones said. "I really don't care if it's at the high school or college level, but wherever that takes me." As for this season of Lady Rangers Basketball, Jones continues to make her mark while learning along the way. "I've learned a lot. Playing basketball has really long seasons, but I love it so just the thought of being done forever is definitely hard to think about. As for this season, we've accomplished some things, but we still have a lot yet that we're wanting to do, so I'm just hoping that my team and I can accomplish as much as we can."



Rehearsing a murder - Theater Production III



Madi Wilson, Justin Meyer, Austin Mortin, Rylee Johnson and Duncan Brown practice their group scene. Photo by Megan Maharry

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SGA hosts 'grocery bingo'

By **NICK PERKINS**
Student Reporter

There is a new event the Student Government Association is hosting called Grocery Bingo on Feb. 5 located in the Student Center Ballroom.

The way this event will work is just like regular bingo, except when students win they will get to pick a grocery item such as Wal-Mart gift cards, food items, microwaveable items, cleaning supplies and toiletries. At the end of the event there will be a blackout for a big Wal-Mart gift card.

The idea came from the new SGA advisor who saw the event on another campus and brought it to the SGA officers to see what they thought about the

idea. When asked, the officers thought that it was a great idea and could not believe that they had not thought about hosting an event like this before. This event is a way for students to have fun playing bingo and win some groceries and supplies to help them out.

Some of the other events that the

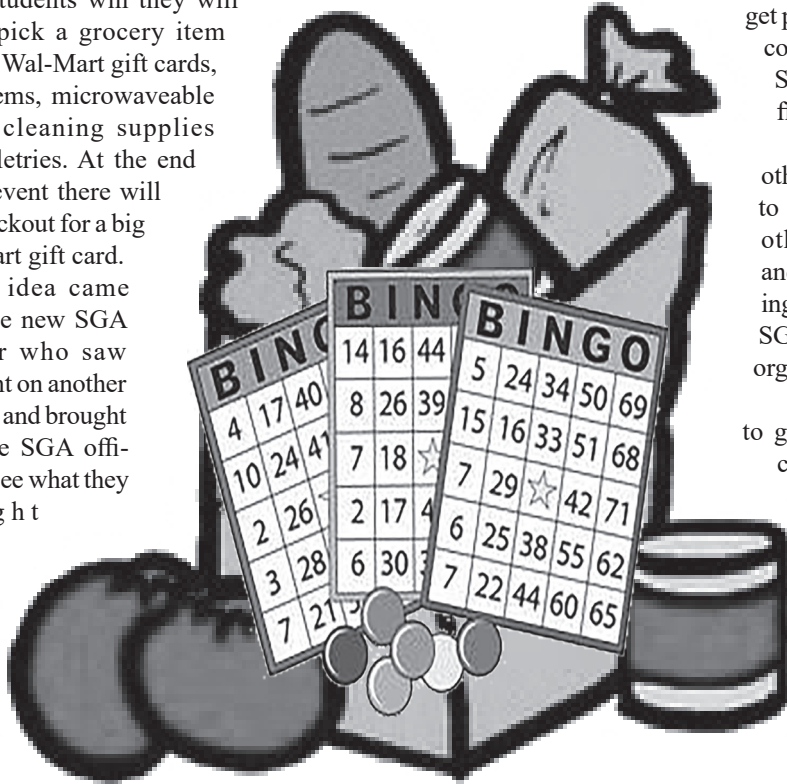
SGA will be hosting this spring semester are the Student VS Faculty basketball game on Feb. 19, Burgers and Baseball on March 12, Hotdogs and Homers, on March 26 and Bahama Breakaway on April 25.

The SGA tries to spread the word about events going on and get students involved. "We try our hardest to use social media as the biggest resource we can to try to get people involved and get them coming out," said Jacey Bales, SGA president. "We also post flyers' everywhere."

Not only do they post their other events, but they also try to help spread the word about other campus organizations and their events that will be going on, since people involved in SGA are also involved in other organizations as well.

SGA events are a good way to get involved in the campus community and meet other students and faculty members.

For more information about the SGA visit the NWOSU website, the SGA's Facebook page, NWOSU SGA, or follow them on twitter.



Students brave the cold

By **BAILEY RANKIN**
Student Reporter

Punxsutawney Phil will make his yearly appearance on Saturday, Feb. 2, 2019 to let the masses know whether to expect six more weeks of winter or not. Thousands upon thousands of spectators gather at Gobbler's Knob in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania anticipating Punxsutawney Phil's prediction.

But how reliable is good old Phil? And what is the history behind this peculiar celebration?

According to www.thoughtco.com, Phil gives his prediction in Groundhogese to a member of the "Inner Circle," a group of Punxsutawney nobles who translate his predictions to English. This started in 1887, gaining even more popularity after the release of "Groundhog Day" in 1993. However, there are also some religious undertones to this fun holiday.

The celebration of Candlemas takes place 40 days after Christmas and celebrates the day the infant Jesus was brought to the Jewish Temple. Feb. 2 also marks the midpoint of the coldest temperatures in the northern hemisphere.

The legend of Punxsutawney Phil has been around for at least 130 years, with past predictions of 103 (79.23%) long winters, 18 (13.85%) early springs and 9 (6.92%) instances of no recordings.

These numbers seem a little one sided. www.livescience.com did some number crunching and comparison and found that data from the Stormfax Almanac's

data shows that Phil's six-week prognostications have been correct about 39 percent of the time. From 1969 on however, Phil's overall accuracy rate drops to about 36 percent when compared to actual weather records.

Regardless of Punxsutawney Phil's prediction, it is always a good idea to pay attention to weather forecasts, especially in the unpredictable state of Oklahoma. Make sure to check weather forecasts a few days in advance and plan for any unsavory weather conditions that may arise.

A warm coat is always advisable on campus. Commuting students need to pay extra attention to weather warnings and forecasts to ensure that no accidents or obstacles get in their way of obtaining their education.

Downloading weather apps on electronic devices and agreeing to flash notifications can give some heads up to students who do not have any other source of information such as a television or cable connection.

A weather app is included on any smart phone, but there other options for one's personal preferences. The Weather Channel, MyRadar NOAA Weather Radar or News 9 Weather are all apps available for free download in the Apple app store.



Northwestern student Cali McGuire bundled in her NWOSU gear.

Photo by Megan Brown



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Northwestern students braving the cold to get to class.



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Sophomore Rafferty Brown making his way to class in the cold.

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What's up? *A tutor ready to help...*

By **LOGAN JONES**
Student Reporter

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1:30 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Ranger room

Jan. 31

Enrollment deadline is Feb. 14 for study abroad opportunity to travel to Italy in May

Grocery Bingo

SGA will play host to an on campus event called Grocery Bingo where students can play bingo and win free groceries and supplies

7 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Student center ballroom

Feb. 5



In Northwestern's Academic Success Center, students will often walk in, sign in on the time sheet, get their work done, sign out and go on with their day. Most of the time, they don't even notice the tutor who is quietly sitting at the front desk. That is, until they need their assistance.

Senior business major, Tonny Loustaunau, reports to the front desk of the ACS every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and patiently sits there from 6 to 9 p.m. He even occasionally comes in on Thursdays depending on appointments.

Hailing from Perryton, Texas, Loustaunau first arrived in Alva back in the fall of 2013 intending to play baseball for the Rangers while he worked toward his degree. However, things changed as he left baseball in 2016 so he could focus more on his studies.

That same year, Loustaunau began his tenure as a tutor. He signed on to work at the ASC because there was a need for a tutor who could help students with general business and accounting courses. However, Loustaunau is more than just a one-trick pony. He also helps students with composition, statistics and Spanish.

Even though most of his workdays consist of sitting at a desk, patiently waiting for someone to ask for help, Loustaunau still enjoys his job because it allows him to meet many different people, he said.

"I have many stories from my time at the Academic Success Center, but because a lot of them are so personal, I can't share them," Loustaunau said. "But, what I can say is that while helping others I get to learn more about them as people, their culture, and much



Photo by Logan Jones

Tonny Loustaunau reports to the front desk of the ACS from 6 to 9 p.m.

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Mon - Wed: 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

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Fri: 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Delta Zeta Formal

Delta Zeta sorority is playing host to a formal dance for all Northwestern students

7 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.

Student center ballroom

Feb. 2



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Athletes predict Super Bowl LIII

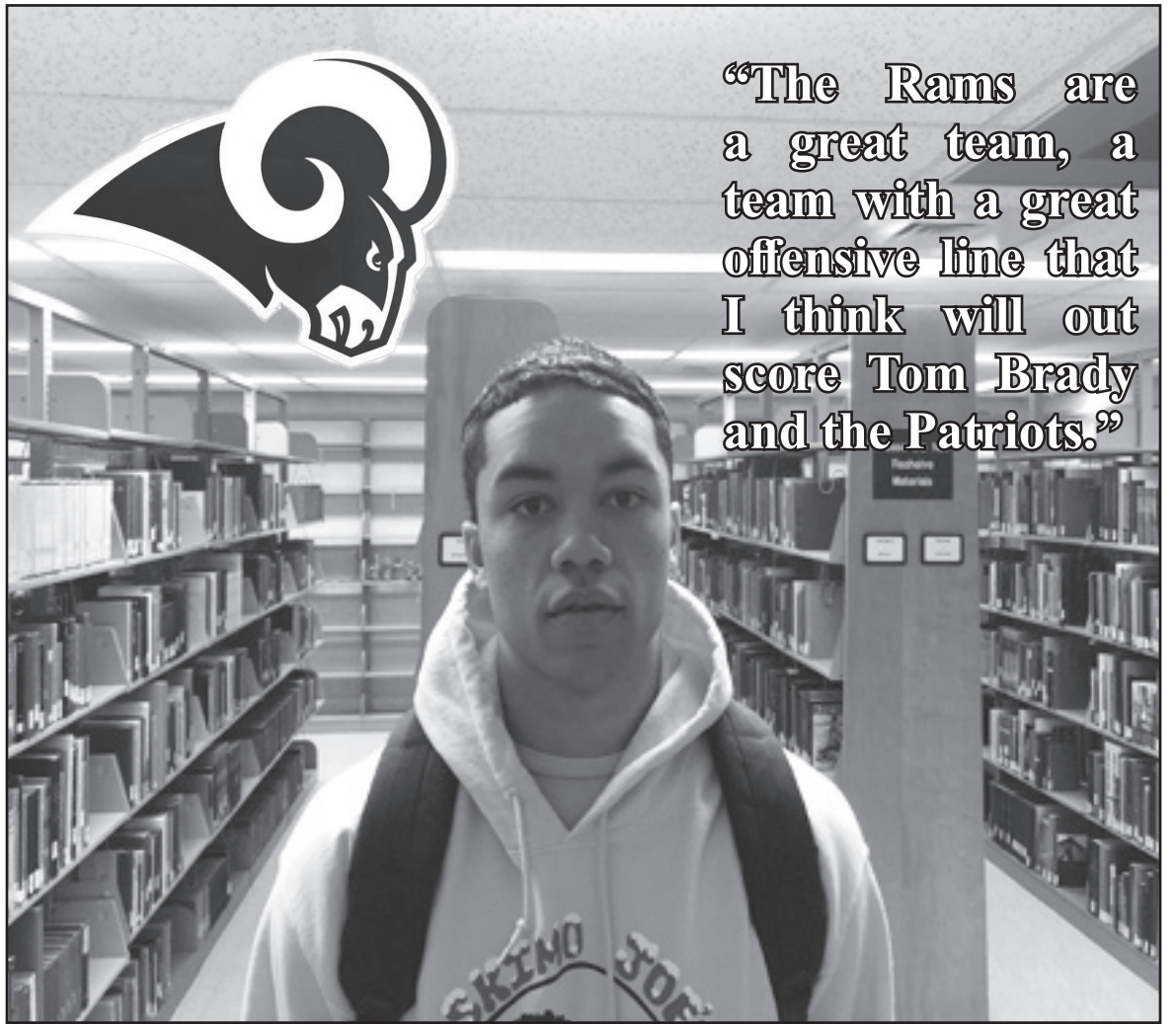
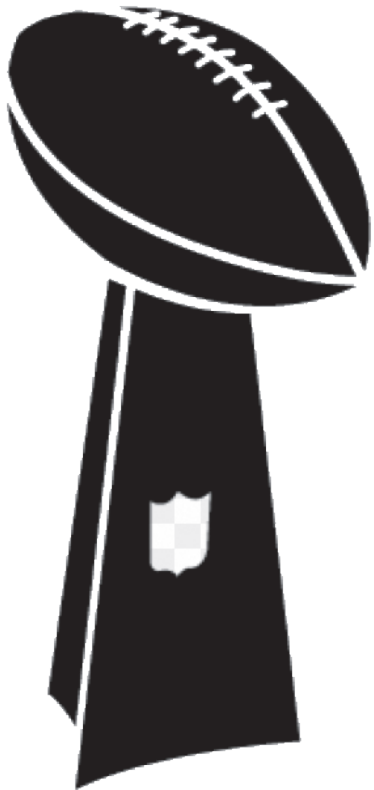
By DAVID THORTON
Student Reporter

On Feb. 4, Super Bowl LIII (53) will host the Los Angeles Rams, who are in their first season being back in Los

Angeles, and the New England Patriots, who seem to be in every Super Bowl every year. This year, the Super Bowl will be played in Atlanta, Georgia.

I asked three student athletes here at Northwestern who they think will win the Super Bowl and why.

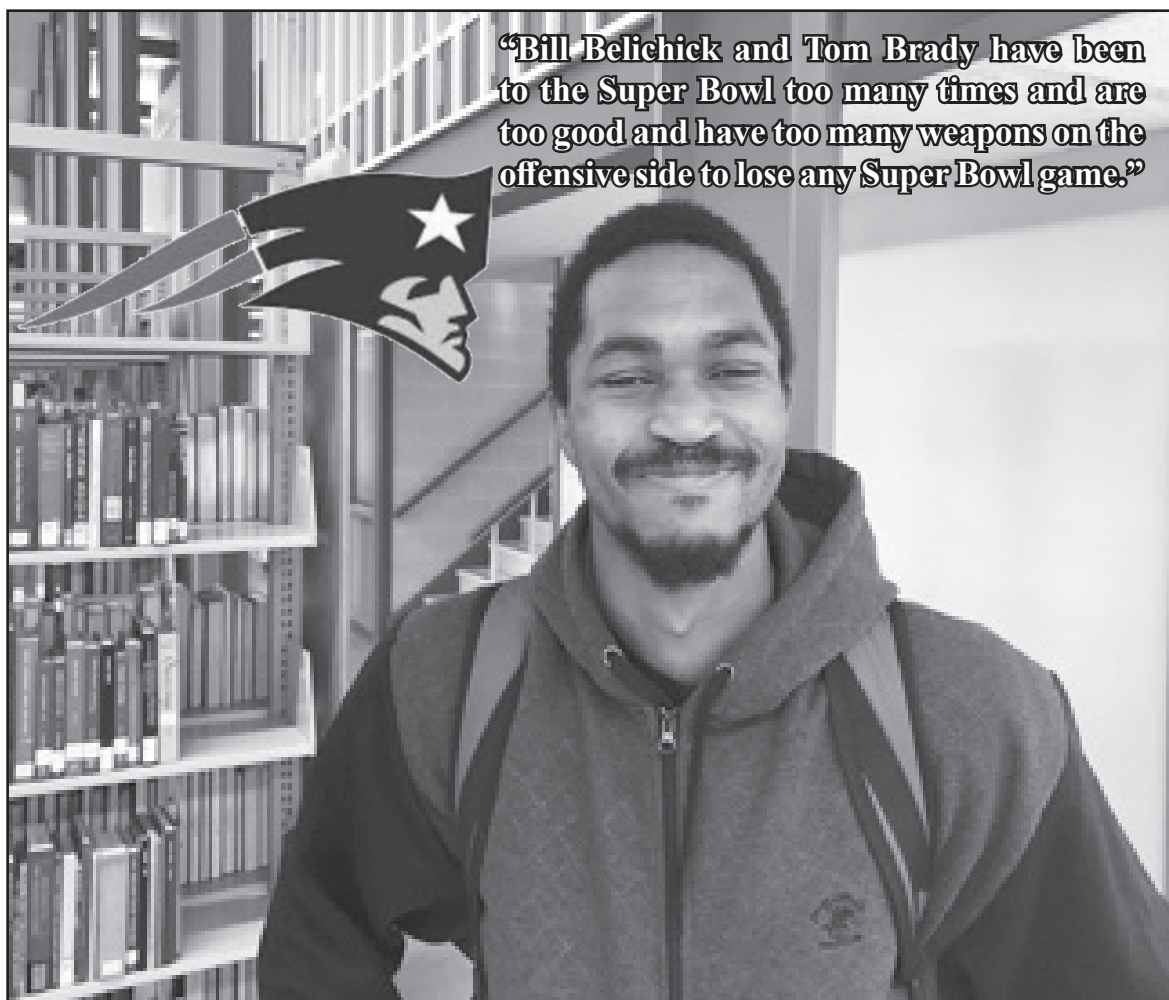
I asked student athletes Easley Swain, Eric Andres and Hayden Graham. Each had their own very separate opinions on who will win and why.



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Photos by David Thorton

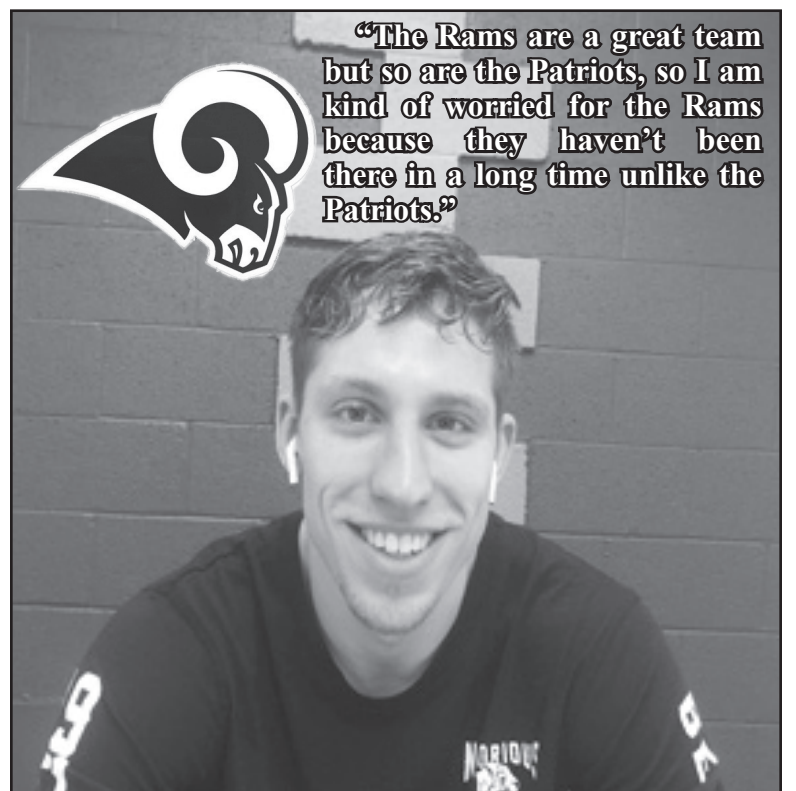
Freshman Easley Swain said he picks the Los Angeles Rams to win The Super Bowl because he likes to pick the teams that are underdogs, and in this match up everyone is going for the Patriots, so he wants to go for the Los Angeles Rams. “Not everyone likes the Rams, so I am going to pick the Rams,” Swain said. “The Rams are a great team, a team with a great offense that I think will out score Tom Brady and the Patriots.”



“Bill Belichick and Tom Brady have been to the Super Bowl too many times and are too good and have too many weapons on the offensive side to lose any Super Bowl game.”

Junior Eric Andres said he is picking the Patriots. “Bill Belichick and Tom Brady have been to the Super Bowl too many times and are too good and have too many weapons on the offensive side to lose any Super Bowl game,” Andres said.

He also mentioned that he is amazed and shocked that the Rams made it this far to end up in the Super Bowl. And it would be a huge shock if they ended up beating the Patriots.



“The Rams are a great team but so are the Patriots, so I am kind of worried for the Rams because they haven’t been there in a long time unlike the Patriots.”

Junior Hayden Graham believes that the Los Angeles Rams can pull off a win on Super Bowl Sunday, but he knows that the New England Patriots have a ton of experience and a great offense.

“The Rams are a great team but so are the Patriots, so I am kind of worried for the Rams because they haven’t been there in a long time unlike the Patriots,” Graham said. “But other than that, I have all my faith in the Rams.”



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Editorial

Student Press Freedom day January 30

Freedom of the press

Does our First Amendment protect student journalist?

By: **DOCKER HAUB**
Student Reporter

In a time of social media and technology, our younger generations are continuously losing the ability to communicate with their peers and talk about issues in their community.

In order for our communities to continue to grow and overcome problems, there has to be people willing to express their opinions and openly talk about how they feel. Student journalists are these people.

The role that student journalists play on their campuses and in their communities has never been more important. Student journalists are the students on the frontlines. Without student journalists, many students on campus would never know about some of the things that happen behind the scenes and what keeps the campus running.

With Student Press Freedom Day coming up on January 30, people need to recognize the importance of giving these students the freedom to allow

their voices to be heard.

Unfortunately, there are many states that put restrictions on student journalists and try to censor their work.

States such as Oklahoma and Texas lack student press laws that protect student journalists. According to the SPLC (Student Press Law Center) website, state and federal courts have decided over 60 cases in the last four decades directly involving censorship of the public college and university student press.

The decisions have been unanimous in their agreement that the First Amendment forbids almost all censorship of student-edited publications by school administrators.

Why does it matter that student journalists are free from censorship?

When student journalists write about a sensitive subject, rather it be about something that is happening on campus or in the community around campus, there might be certain people that don't want the story run because it could be harmful for their reputation.

It is a student journalists job to bring the truth to the forefront no matter how sensitive the subject might be and it is their right to inform their peers of the events that could have a potential effect on their day-to-day lives.

"In a time of economic problems and social issues,

student journalists are filling in the gap," said Diana Mitsuklos, Director of Engagement for SPLC. "They bring a sense of community and awareness to their campuses and unfortunately, there are too many incidents where students are being intimidated by the lack of press freedom laws. No one should be punished for simply producing good journalism."

It isn't fair for these student journalists to be mistreated for their work. With journalism becoming less popular as time goes on and social media advancing, these young journalists are the last of a dying breed.

Instead of discouraging these young adults, they need to be receiving positivity and encouragement. Just like in our government, there has to be some kind of checks and balances system on college campuses.

There has to be someone who asks the questions everyone else is afraid to ask in order to keep the highest ranking members of the school board in check. If no one does this, then the opinion of the majority would never be heard.

Student journalists understand that every student on campus matters. They know that everybody has a voice and their own opinion, and student journalists must be free to let these voices be heard.

EDITOR'S RANT OF THE WEEK

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

So for this week I think I want to talk about my new year's resolution.

I also want to elaborate on what steps I am taking to ensure that this resolution benefits my every-day life.

Now, I know I probably should've talked about this last week, but I decided to talk about trump instead, by the way, the government isn't shut down anymore. Maybe he read my blog? Kidding.. lol

ANYWAY yeah so my resolution is to focus on self care. I'm not talking about just physical self care like showering, exfoliating, facials, etc etc.. I'm talking about seriously putting yourself first in almost every aspect of your life.

After 2 years, I scheduled a dentist appointment, why? Well because I don't want my teeth to rot. Self. Care. I also scheduled an eye doctor's appointment, because for some reason I keep getting blinder and blinder. At this point it's just embarrassing.

Last year I tried to use the excuse that I was too busy to do these things, when in reality I was just too lazy.

So, since I didn't give a crud about my health or well-being, I ended up getting rheumatoid-arthritis. It was not fun, and when it got to the point where I couldn't even get out of bed, there was nothing more I wanted to do than get up and do something for myself. Now that I'm on a treatment plan and heading towards remission I'm finding it easier to take care of myself.

So I guess all I needed was a crippling disease to tell me to take care of myself. But guys, don't be like me, I had to learn the hard way. I truly think if I had eaten more vegetables and worked out a lot more I may not have got it.

There's no way to tell how I got it, and maybe it was inevitable, but I could've paid a little more attention to myself, instead of worrying about everything and everybody else. So, take care of yourself. Pay close attention to your health. That is the MOST IMPORTANT THING. I promise! If you need a mental health break take one. If you think you're getting sick, SEE A DOCTOR.. if you're sad TAKE YOUR TIME and do something to make yourself feel healthy, happy and at peace.

I wish the best for you guys, I don't want anyone to go through what I did. Self Care. Always.



"Dreams aren't enough. You must act. We must act. While some things might be better than they were for Dr. King, there is significant injustice right here, right now."

-ALEX WOLF-ROOT
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"Ultimately, if one makes the choice to put in the time and money college entails, they better be passionate about what they're learning, no matter what major they come out with."

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 The Daily, University of Washington

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Brown - A life well lived and a life well taught

By DENISE CRONISTER
Student Reporter

will never go unnoticed," Heather Vaughan, co-worker at Share Medical Center, said. "He works as much as a part-time employee and it is just out of the goodness of his heart."

Kandice Allen, also a co-worker at Share Medical, was eager to talk about how sweet and kind spirited Brown is. "He is so dependable, and it just brightens my day to see the way he puts a smile on other people's faces, especially patients," Allen said.

"He volunteers with anything and everything," granddaughter Megan Brown said. "He works pretty much a full-time job at the hospital on a volunteer base."

Some of his greatest qualities are devoting himself to others and making time for his children and grandchildren. "When someone needs something, he is there for him or her," Megan Brown said. "Something selfless that Brown likes to do is take people to their doctor appointments that are out of town."

Despite all this being said, when being asked what he hopes to accomplish in his life, Brown answered, "To be as useful in as many ways as I can. That's why I do as much volunteering as I can. When I first retired I did a lot of the coffee shop thing and taught some people, and after a bit of that I got to think-

ing that I would be more useful if I kept that up, so, here I am today."

Something that may come as a shock to most people, especially the ones who have just gotten to know Brown through the past couple of years, is that he used to be a strict and firm professor at Northwestern Oklahoma State University.

"He would get upset about things pretty easily and was very set in his beliefs and ways," said Tamara Brown, his daughter-in-law. "He still is to some extent, but he is just so much more positive and easier to interact with now than what he used to be." Being strict throughout his teaching years paid off. He still, to this day, has his pre-med students thank him for being the way he was and pushing them to where they are today, Tamara Brown said.

Ken Brown's grandchildren have always teased each other about who is their grandpa's favorite. "Any chance they would get they would try their hardest to prove the other wrong," Tamara Brown said. "They would write on his chalkboard and put magnets on the fridge that said, 'I'm the favorite.'"

"Ken Brown loves his children and grandchildren and would do anything for them if they needed it," Megan Brown said. "He would probably be too humble to admit that none of his grandchildren would have been able to go to college without taking out a ton of loans if it wasn't for him." Ken Brown started the college funds for his six grandchildren in 2000. He used the insurance money he received after his wife, Dale, passed away.

In 1999, Brown became a widower. "Although this hurt the family to extreme measurements, Ken did not let his grandchildren see what he was feeling," Tamara Brown said. "He was still a professor when this happened and it was getting close to his retirement and this changed him and his wife's plans for the future they had in mind."

In Brown's younger days, he was a bit on the wild side. Brown, with a smirk on his face, said, "Something my grandchildren may not know is I used to race cars with my friends back in high school. We would race each other in our cars. It was just a very informal, on the county roads type of thing. Miraculously, no one ever got hurt."

Brown did not seem to be one bit nervous or scared to talk about his fears. He knew exactly what his No. 1 fear is. It is getting to the point where his care depends on his children. A way Brown tends to help cope with this is by taking out a long-term care insurance policy.

"I want to make sure my children and grandchildren have a great life," Brown said. "Worrying about me will just slow them down, let me worry about them."

After taking a long pause to think, Brown said he wouldn't want to change anything about his past if he could relive his life over.

"You know, I'm quite happy with how my life turned out to be,"



Ken Brown with his grandchildren Colton Brown and Rafferty Brown at the Salt Plains looking over a pond.

Photo provided by Denise Cronister

"Ken Brown loves his children and grandchildren and would do anything for them if they needed it."



Photo provided by Denise Cronister

Ken Brown and his late wife Dale Brown.



Brown, left, gathered with his family in a group hug at his son's wedding.

Photo provided by Megan Brown



Photo provided by Denise Cronister

Brown receives an award for his volunteer time at Share Medical Center.



1966 - Taught at Transylvania University in Kentucky.



1973 - Began teaching at Northwestern Oklahoma State University.

NORTHWESTERN RANGERS



2005 - Retired

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Feature

Delta Zeta formal

By: DAFNE DORCELUS
Student Reporter

Northwestern's very own, new president of the Delta Zeta, Elizabeth Jackson, talks about some of the things she has planned for this year and the growth within the Delta Zeta since she took the pledge three years ago.

On the second floor end of South Hall the green and pink color triumphs it.

Jackson is a general education major and says being president of Delta Zeta helps her build a "take charge attitude."

Jackson said she hopes to continue the community service work and expand the amount of pledges this year. Jackson said she hopes to change the views that some people have on sororities, based on things they have heard or cliché sororities' movie.

Jackson said she wants people to know that the members of Delta Zeta are really fun to be around and down to earth girls.

Mary Ellis, 2nd year pledge, gives some insights on the formal and what Delta has done for her.

Ellis, a junior general studies major, tells students to bring their dancing shoes along with finest gowns because this year's formal is going to be a starry night.

The formal's purpose is to gather future pledges for Delta



Members of the Delta Zeta sorority

Photo provided

Zeta and give them insights on what to expect when joining the sorority.

This is the 2nd annual formal and Ellis hopes to have a bigger turnout this year and more pledges.

The Delta Zeta formal will be held on the 2nd floor of the student center and dress code is

formal and highly enforced.

Ellis said this sorority has helped her make some really good friends and her be more confident in herself.

She encourages any and every women looking to do positive things and meet wonderful people to join Delta Zeta!



Photo by Kara Hamilton photography

Braden Schnauffer and his sister Victoria Ladd on her wedding day.

The journey is better than the destination

By: SEAN DOHERTY
Student Reporter

College is a change for everyone. A new place, a new routine and a new-found freedom.

It is easy to get caught up in the day to day, hour to hour class schedules. But so much of "higher education" does not come from a desk.

Just ask Braden Schnauffer. The 20-year-old senior biology major calls the town of Felt home. But that's not where he is from.

"It's kind of a culture shock," Schnauffer said. "There's a lot of different things I had no clue were going to happen."

He started out at Panhandle State University in Goodwell for a year playing for the Aggies.

Then he went into the Army, completing basic training in Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, then working as a lab technician in San Antonio, Texas and Lawton, Oklahoma, all while continuing his education through George Washington University.

After a brief stint in Austin, Texas, Schnauffer came to Northwestern Oklahoma State University, where he was originally recruited, to continue his pre-med journey.

Next year he will be in Fort Benning, Georgia, continuing to serve the country.

Schnauffer's journey is not a conventional one, but he continues to learn, not necessarily through the classroom, but through experiences and people.

"The ability to adapt is so important. I grew up a little faster and it helped me understand people a little bit better. I definitely think school is important, but physically experiencing and going through things has been more educational and have had more of a lasting impact."

So much of what students learn in college cannot be found in a \$200 textbook.

Wherever a student comes from, and wherever their educational journey takes them, their degrees are not earned through credit hours in a lecture hall. It is from the memories and people met along the way.

"In every day, there are 1,440 minutes. That means we have 1,440 daily opportunities to make a positive impact."

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Entertainment

Who did it?

Death and Deceit on the Nile

NWOSU Theatre will host a murder mystery production

By: **MEGAN MAHARRY**
Student Reporter

The curtain is nearly ready to open.

The Northwestern Theater Department is preparing for their performance of *Death and Deceit on the Nile*. Written by Samuel French, this play is an interactive murder mystery. It also has lots of comedy intertwined with the script.

The play is set in 1942 on a cruise ship. Professor Kimberly Weast, chair of the department of fine arts and professor of theater arts, who is also directing the play, said the play will be interactive with audience members.

The play will present similar to a dinner theater. There will be coffee and pie during the performance, and audience members will be invited to come onto the stage as if they were on the cruise ship themselves.

There will be parts of the show where the dialogue will talk to the audience. The actors and actresses will speak to audience members as if they are part of the

performance.

The audience will also have the chance to guess who did what throughout the murder mystery.

Professor Weast said it will be lots of fun.

Madi Wilson, a junior history major theater minor from Enid, Oklahoma, plays the role of Esmirelda. Esmirelda's character is the professor's maid, and she is very outspoken.

Wilson said the hardest part about playing her role is the cockney accent she had to learn. She described it as broken English and low-class British speech.

Wilson said cockney accent is not the only accent used in the play.

"Everyone in this play has a really interesting accent," Wilson said. Whether it's the 1942 transatlantic accent, we've got a girl that does an Eastern European accent like a Russian almost, there's an Italian. There's all different kinds of accents in this play so that makes it fun."

Wilson said practices are full of repetition and they practice their scenes constantly until they are polished and clean. She said rehearsals are a lot more intense due to the interactive nature of the play.

"This is something I haven't done ever since I've been at

Northwestern," Wilson said. "But since it is so interactive with the audience, we have to be smooth, we have to be polished, we have to know exactly what we're talking about."

Wilson said she personally prepares by writing practice questions of things audience members might ask. She said she is working hard to stay in character no matter what the circumstance.

"When we ask the audience questions there's a lot of room for error, a lot of room for a curveball because you never know what someone is going to say," Wilson said. "We never know what an audience member is going to ask or say."

Wilson said the best part about being part of the cast is she gets to work some of her best friends. She said it is new and groundbreaking because Northwestern has not done anything like this before. She said the play itself is so fun.

"I am excited to see it all finally come together on the stage," Wilson said.

Death and Deceit on the Nile will open Feb. 21 and run through the 23 in Herod Hall auditorium. Reservations will need to be made for seating. For more information, contact Kimberly Weast.



Photos by Megan Maharry

Rylee Johnson, a freshman, rehearses her lines as her character Princess Tara of Munchovnia.



Madi Wilson, Justin Meyer, Austin Mortin, Rylee Johnson and Duncan Brown at rehearsal.



Professor Weast directs the actors on how to "push" with their words.



Graduate Student Mickey Jordan

Q: What was your biggest challenge to overcome when you first did theatre?

A: The biggest challenge I had to overcome when I first began doing theatre was getting over worrying "what other people would think"

Q: How did you overcome that?

A: The year was 2010, I was working for a museum, and a coworker told me about a theatre that was doing "Jesus Christ Superstar" and was in need of guys to be apostles. She invited me to come to try out

that evening after work.

I had never auditioned before and was absolutely terrified at the thought. And yet that night I found myself driving towards the little theatre... I hadn't told my parents, and I nearly turned around and went home I was so nervous, and then a truck pulled up beside me full of bullies from my hometown, they called me names and threw stuff out their windows at my car.

It was that moment I reached my "jumping off point" or "quota" if you will... I stepped on the gas and said to myself "this is UNFAIR. And I'm not going to live my whole life in fear of morons like that."

I got to the theatre, absolutely terrified and running on the adrenaline of the car ride over. I sang a few bars in front of a group of strangers, and I ended up getting a solo role as the apostle Simon... I've been a part for 88 productions since

Q: From Northwestern, what play would be your favorite?

A: Oh gosh that's a hard one! I've enjoyed all the shows I've been in here! But my ties for favorite would have to be "Rehearsal For Murder" by D.D. Brooke (I acted in), Or "Vanities" by Jack Heifner (I directed as my senior capstone)



Freshman Austin Mortin

Q: What has impacted you to have an interest in theatre?

A: I would definitely say watching charismatic actors like Robin Williams growing up. Seeing people like him entertain people with their acting inspired me to do the same

Q: Would you say Robbin William is your favorite actor?

A: I would say he is my favorite voice actor for sure, but I think that when it comes to regular acting, I would say that Charlie Chaplain is my favorite.

Especially in theatre, you have to be able to express your emotions with more movement than speaking, and no one does that better than he did.

Q: How long have you been performing and what was the first play that you have been a part of?

A: I have been acting since the third grade; my first role was Bill Gates in a skit talking about how he made millions with Microsoft.

Sports

Baseball has high hopes in 2019 season

By DOCKER HAUB
Student Reporter

Coming in at No. 9 in the GAC pre-season poll, the Ranger baseball team is looking to have a breakout year in 2019.

Coming off a 24-25 record with 16 conference wins in 2018, Coach Bowen is looking to his senior class to provide the team with energy and leadership to help the Rangers make a playoff appearance in 2019.

"I'm fortunate to have a great senior class with a bunch of leaders who just want to win," Bowen said. "They always know how to get the guys fired up."

Among some of those seniors, Coach Bowen expects some great playmakers of the past couple years to continue to make plays.

Louis Centron, a gold-glove second baseman for the Rangers next year is expected to continue with his outstanding defensive play as well as providing some solid offense from the middle of the line-up.

From the mound, Coach Bowen expects redshirt senior Matt Goertzen to provide the Rangers with some great starts.

"Matt is just one of those guys you can always count on to perform when you need to get off to a good start in big games," Bowen said.

Offensively, look for Daschal Johnson to be a solid lead-off hitter once again for the Rangers

in 2019 and seniors Johnuelle Ponce and Justin Bundy to provide many RBI's.

Another Ranger who is expected to deliver some big hits for the team is senior Carlos Andujar.

"He's one of the best natural hitters I've ever seen," said Baron Phillips, a redshirt junior for the Rangers. "The power he puts behind the ball when it comes off the bat is just ridiculous."

Coach Bowen is also expecting some freshly added talent from transfer players to mix in well with the talent from last year. Coach Bowen said his staff did a great job recruiting this year and is excited to see how some of the new players will mix into the game plan and provide plays for the Rangers.

One of those new transfer players is Tanner Rutledge, a junior from Kingfisher, Oklahoma.

"I'm very excited for this season," Rutledge said. "We got a great group of guys who truly care about each other and care about winning ball games. The coaching staff and all of my teammates were very welcoming to myself as well as the other new guys I came in with, I think we're gonna do something special this year."

The Rangers kick off their 2019 season with a home opener against Christian Brothers University on Feb. 2 at 1 p.m.

Coach Bowen said he is excited for the home opener and can't wait for all the fans to come out and support the Rangers, and get this season started off right with a big win on Ranger Field.



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The Ranger baseball team kicks off their 2019 campaign at home Feb. 2 against Christian Brothers University.

Men's basketball victory, loss at buzzer

By EMMA SPORLEDER
Student Reporter

The Ranger men basketball team defeated the Harding Bison, but dropped to the Wonder Boys of Arkansas Tech at the buzzer in a pair of home games.

The men hosted two Great American Conference games this past Thursday and Saturday as the three teams sat in a tie one-game out of the final tournament spot.

Thursday, Northwestern earned their way to a conference victory over the Harding Bison, 74-61.

Redshirt sophomore, Jack Peck, earned an NCAA career high of 18 points, but on Saturday put up a fight against the Wonder Boys with a new high of 22 points.

While facing the Bison, Northwestern hit eight three-pointers in the game.

Joining Peck, Andrew Clopton, a freshman from Fresno, Texas rallied 14 points in the contest.

Bryce Cashman collected 12 points.

Eric Andres added eight points and A.J. Jones with seven points.

Cole Jones hit his two threes

for six points, and Bryshon Bryant gave the Rangers six.

Toward the end of the game, Eisley Swain found redshirt junior Hunter Frisby on the left wing for a three-pointer.

After the victory, the Rangers were back in action Saturday for a thriller game.

The Rangers fell to Arkansas Tech's Wonder Boys 74-72 on a buzzer beater.

The Rangers shot lights out in the first half with 16-of-22 shooting for a 72.7 percent in the first 20 minutes.

Six of Northwestern's 16 made field goals in the first were three-point baskets.

Jack Peck let no time waste as he began the game with 13 straight points for the Rangers.

Northwestern led the game going into the locker room with an 11-point lead at halftime, and just when the Rangers had the game in their control Arkansas Tech tied the game with only 7:19 remaining.

Will Adler for the Wonder Boys put up a three to chip away the Northwestern lead.

With only 12-seconds remain-

ing Bryce Cashman put the Rangers up with a free-throw.

However, during the final possession, the Wonder Boys were forced to shoot a contested three-pointer at the buzzer which led Arkansas Tech to their victory.

Northwestern outscored Arkansas Tech in the paint 32-18, but were outrebounded 36-32.

The Rangers move to a 5-13 overall and 3-9 in the Great American Conference this season.

They will look to come back on Thursday at Arkansas-Monticello, followed by Southern Arkansas next Saturday.

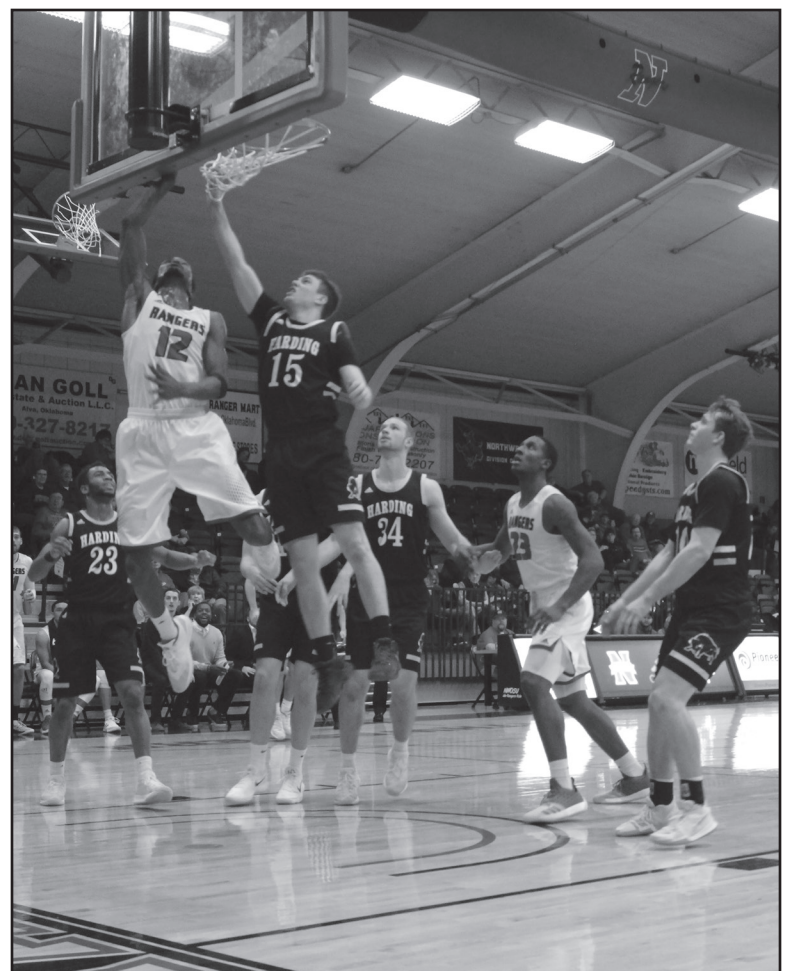


Photo by Mariah Wyatt

Eric Andres lays the ball on the glass for an easy layup.

Sports

Lady Rangers drop two at home

By LOGAN JONES
Assist. Sports Editor

The Lady Ranger basketball team had a rough week as they lost two key Great American Conference matchups against Harding and Arkansas Tech.

The Lady Rangers took on the Harding Bison on Thursday, losing 71-57.

Northwestern got off to a slow start, scoring only nine points in the first quarter.

Despite resurging in the next three quarters, the girls could not claw their way back into the game.

On the offensive side of the ball, the Ranger's shooting percentage was a mere 32 percent.

Even with double-digit performances by sophomore Bailey Brown, with 17 points, and red-shirt junior Kalea King, with 10, defense was the key for Harding as six Bison had five or more rebounds in the game.

The Lady Rangers looked to bounce back on Saturday when they took on Golden Suns of Arkansas Tech.

Unfortunately, the girls fell, 75-



Photo by Shannon Nesseralla

Senior McKenzie Billy puts up a shot from beyond the three point arc.

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Just like their last game, the Lady Rangers struggled to score in the first half, but so did Arkansas Tech.

Heading into halftime, the Golden Suns led by only three

points, 24-21.

When the second half began, Arkansas Tech found their groove, going on a 12-2 run.

Despite their best efforts, the red and black could never catch up to the Golden Suns.



Photo by Shannon Nesseralla

The Lady Rangers next face Arkansas-Monticello on the road.

The Arkansas Tech lead would never fall below 10 points throughout the entire fourth quarter.

Ultimately, the Golden Suns would take the match, 75-54.

Ranger standouts include Brown and Senior Bailey Forell,

as each of them put up 13 points.

The Lady Rangers will look to rebound in their next outing when they will travel to Monticello, Arkansas to take on the Blossoms.

Game time is set for 5:30 p.m. on Jan. 31.

Solberg dives into role as new head soccer coach

By KEVIN FORD
Student Reporter

New head women's soccer coach, Erik Solberg, is getting his team geared up for the upcoming spring season.

Solberg took over the new position after a call from athletic director Brad Franz.

Franz knew about Solberg from his time at East Central University.

Solberg was working as a voluntary assistant at Nichols St. before getting the call from Franz.

Solberg said he was excited to get the opportunity to return to the Great American Conference.

Solberg mentioned Franz is a great guy and strives for every athletic department on campus to be successful.

Solberg was born in Chicago, Illinois and earned his bachelor's at the University of Mississippi. He proceeded to get his Master's in education at East Central University.

He met the woman he would later marry in May 2016.

They were engaged in December 2017 and married in 2018.

His wife runs a public relations firm in Dallas.

They both live together in Alva.

One thing many people may not know about Solberg is he is a descendant of Norwegian blood.

"My great-grandparents settled in Wisconsin and were both fully Norwegian," Solberg said. "My

father is Norwegian, but he is unable to speak it, unlike my grandparents."

Coaching is an extension of teaching. Solberg said he learned this from being a student of his father for many years.

"My dad was my biggest coach growing up," Solberg said.

Erik studied media and sports



Head coach Erik Solberg.

broadcasting, but he would later over to being a teacher and a coach.

"I grew up on a farm, I was taught to work and work hard at a young age," Solberg said.

Solberg was a part of a program turnaround at Alcorn St. He helped take a 5-13 team and turn them into a 13-5 team after one season.

That set the program record for wins in a season at Alcorn St.

"I believe in building trust and having a one-on-one relationship with each of my players," Solberg said.

He said he wants his players to become successful people and the greatest extension of themselves.

He has been with many programs during the rebuilding phase. He was a graduate assistant and recruiting coordinator at ECU.

They reached the conference tournament semifinals in one of his seasons at ECU.

"My door is always open for my players," Solberg said.

It is not easy for players to deal with multiple coaching changes over the course of three years. Solberg understands this.

This does not take away from his goal, which involves competing for a conference championship.

He said he is looking forward to putting in the work to get to where the team needs to be. Excellence is his favorite coaching philosophy.

Train yourself to a certain standard where nobody can ever out-work you," Solberg said. "We are excited and pumped for the new soccer season."

The community supports the soccer program and players are optimistic for the upcoming grind.

Coach Solberg's favorite quote is, "We are what we repeatedly do, excellence, then is not an act, but a consistency, preach effort, team



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Solberg previously coached at East Texas Baptist and East Central.



Photo Provided by @NWOSUCoachErik on Twitter

Solberg and his wife Shelby.

Herod hosts classical Tulsa Camerata



Photos by Caitlyn Pray

The Tulsa Camerata performing their first song during the concert for the night, "Appalachia Waltz."



The Tulsa Camerata playing their musical performance of the song, "Appalachian Spring."



Performers of the Tulsa Camerata playing their second song during the evening's performance.



The gathered Tulsa Camerata performing one of their selected songs of the evening.

