

## OK legislatures discuss issues

By **DOCKER HAUB**  
Student Reporter

Northwestern Oklahoma State University employees and students gathered in the Ranger Room Friday morning for “Eggs and Issues” to enjoy breakfast and good company while being updated on some of the issues that the state government has been working on for several months. State Representative Carl Newton and Senator Casey Murdock made the trip to Woods County to talk about what they have been trying to accomplish in the Capital.

Rep. Newton was the first to come up to the podium and explain some of the new issues that have a potential to affect the NWOSU campus. The first bill he presented had to do with gun control on college campuses. This bill would make it illegal to have any kind of firearm while being present on a college campus, regardless of the fact if an individual has a conceal and carry license or not.

The next bill had to do with cemeteries and the abandonment of lots. “The burial and the status of dead loved ones is a very emotional subject,” Newton said. “And we want to do our best to protect that.” The bill would require 75 years of no contact with a cemetery in order for a lot to be considered abandoned.



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Senator Casey Murdock discussing state issues to the crowd that attended.

Lastly, Newton talked about bill number 2621 which would provide a substantial tax break for educational donors. “Education has been one of our states low-points for too long and we want to reward the people that are willing to help the improvement of our states educational programs,” Dr. Bo Hannaford was one of the NWOSU employees in attendance and he had nothing but great things to say about

Rep. Newton. “Representative Newton is somewhat of a local to the Alva area,” Hannaford said. “He’s from Waynoka and has always done a great job representing our district.”

After Rep. Newton presented his issues, Sen. Murdock came to the podium to discuss what is in store for 2019. Murdock began by talking about the new leadership in the capital and why his job is so important to him. “This year,



The semi-large crowd that attended NWOSU’s Eggs & Issues.

you can feel the hope and excitement and I think it has to do with the new leadership,” Murdock said. “I love Kevin Stitt [Governor] and his vision. I truly think he’s going to turn things around.” Much like Newton, Murdock made a rather specific emphasis on the importance of continuing to improve our state’s educational programs. “It will take time, but our goal is to be a top 10 state in education.” Murdock was very

confident when talking about the work that they are doing and reassured that he will always do his best when fulfilling his duties.

“It’s a great honor for me to be a Senator,” Murdock said. “And for me, it’s all about accountability. What can I do to please the people? And did I go through with the things that I told you that I’m going to do? That’s what’s most important to me personally.”

## NWOSU impacts local economy significantly

By **KEVIN FORD**  
Student Reporter

A study released last week by the State Chamber Research Foundation shows Northwestern Oklahoma State University has a significant impact on local, regional and state economies.

The study showed Northwestern supported approximately \$58.1 million in total economic output for FY2016, including direct expenditures of \$43.8 million in spending by faculty, staff and students.

The study concluded that Oklahoma’s system of higher education plays a large and increasingly important role in

Oklahoma’s ongoing economic development efforts through developing an increasingly skilled and competitive state labor force.

“It is important that Oklahoma views public funding of higher education as an investment in future success, not just a line-item expenditure,” said Dr. Janet Cunningham, university president. “We are a college town and generate most of our input through our college students.”

Dr. Cunningham said. Northwestern has several internships and grant programs which generate working contracts with local businesses as well as counseling members.



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## College impact on Alva economy

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The community is well intact with the university. Along with internships and grant programs, Northwestern has a contract with Bill Johnson Correctional Center in Alva.

"Alumni recognize the opportunities generated by their time at Northwestern and when they come back to teach, coach and educate newer generations at Northwestern, that strengthens both the local economy and the community as a whole," Dr. Cunningham said.

As a result of the study the State of Chambers commissioned, Northwestern's value to the state was recognized. "Oklahoma's public colleges and universities serve as an anchor in their cities, towns and regions as they

contribute to the stability of their communities," said State Chamber Research Foundation Executive Director Dr. Jennifer Lepard. "The study shows what we've known to be true for a while, increased higher education is an underlying source of economic growth, both in the U.S. and internationally."

The biggest indicator of a thriving community is when people who first came to Northwestern as students, return later as employees. Shane Hansen is an instructor of health and sports science at Northwestern. He has been affiliated with Northwestern since 2004. He mentioned how the university has a high tax revenue and how much extra spending comes as a result of athletic events. Hansen lives in Alva with his wife Kaylyn Hansen and their

two kids. "With me buying a house in Alva and my children going to school, that is a way in which I pay taxes and generate revenue for the university," Hansen said. "I have seen a large number of people come to Northwestern as a student, leave and come back as an employee," Hansen said. The town of Alva has an incentive, passed by the city council, the Alva incentive is money from sales tax which goes to the University for scholarships for first time students. Many of Northwestern's scholarships come from the tax revenue generated by short-term and long-term connections with the University. It's an investment from the community into the University.



Photo by Megan Mahary

Many of Northwestern's scholarships come from the tax revenue.

## Will South Hall have major renovations?

By: CAITLYN PRAY  
Student Reporter

An ongoing, strategic project—that's how some might describe South Hall as far as renovations are concerned.

A few years ago Fryer was completely renovated along with certain floors of Coronado. This left some wondering if South Hall might be the next to experience a breaking makeover, but it seems the makeover has been in the works all along.

"There is no major renovation project planned for South Hall to the same scale that there was for Fryer and Coronado," said Dr. David Pecha, vice president for administration of Northwestern. "That size of a project we are not prepared to do from a money standpoint. What we are doing on the dorms and what we have done is made a long-term plan of how we want to constantly be making improvements on the dorm."

Although some residents of South Hall may be disappointed to hear no major renovation project is set just yet, Pecha as well as Caleb Mosburg, dean of student affairs, and Kaylyn Hansen, former director of housing, ensure that that does not mean progress or projects are not being done.

"One of our ongoing projects we were more serious about in our budget meetings for the dorms when I was there was making sure we got some showers remodeled in South Hall every summer," Hansen said.

Pecha explained that the project and selection of showers isn't random or without care and thought.

"What we've done in the last few years is we've identified some showers in South Hall that are just worn out. They're leaking and some of the hardware hasn't always been the best in some of those, so we identified which were the most critical, then moved on down the list,



Photos by Caitlyn Pray

There is no major renovation project planned for South Hall.

so every summer we try to replace four to six shower units and focus on those."

Among the general renovations that residents might expect, mold-resistant flooring and walls and updated fixtures are some of the additional project parts that go into the renovating the showers, Mosburg said. Although this may seem insignificant to some, the little things do add up, especially when they are improvements made all across the dormitory.

"As for ongoing maintenance, we will always find rooms to paint, carpets to clean or furniture to update and any other things that might need some attention. All of these things we've tried to make sure have been replaced over the last few years," Pecha said.

Of those different projects, Mosburg recounts a few of the different places the university has worked to improve, as well as the latest project that was done at South Hall referring to the heating and cooling quality of the suites.

"We've put some money into

some of the public areas: the movie room, the lounge areas, study areas, specifically in South Hall, but also in some of the others," Mosburg said. "Also, the most recent project has been when we had about 40 units that our heating and air maintenance staff were able to go through and replace a lot of parts of, so it made it where there were heating and cooling controls per room instead of just for the suite in South. I think that's another part of what we're trying to get done for the whole building of South Hall in the future."

Of course, rarely are large-scale improvements finished for free. Each individual who plans operations for the dorms knows that there is only a set amount of what can be done with what funds they have and those must be planned strategically.

"We'd love to do it all at once, but we've got to be strategic about how we can do that and what dollars we have to use on renovations," Mosburg said. "We look at things as far as what dollars do we have available to do some renovations



Mold-resistant flooring and walls and fixtures are a few projects planned.

on campus and I can tell you this: President Cunningham has been adamant about making improvements in those dorms and we've kind of put together a pretty good plan as far as how strategically throughout how we're going to do it."

Although the administration has high goals set for what improvements they are planning to start, pursue and complete regarding the dorms, such as finishing the last two of the six showers and bathrooms in Ament Hall, finishing the sidewalk construction near Coronado Hall and continuing to renovate showers and minor construction projects around South, the university makes it a priority to listen to students' concerns and fit them into its consideration when deciding on projects.

"Each spring we do formal budget hearings where each area kind of comes forward and makes their budget requests to the university," Pecha said. "Those are open to the public, students, faculty; we'll have them in the student center laid out with the time blocks and plan.

That's really the time when students can come and listen or ask something, but I also encourage what

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## What's up? *Fitness on campus*

By MEGAN MAHARRY  
Sports Editor



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The aerobics room in the J.R. Holder wellness center.

### 16th annual NWOSU Art Society Art Show

Annual art show open to all Northwestern students, employees, retired employees and alumni.

Show will be open to public from Sunday, March 3, through Friday, March 29, during regular hours of the J.W. Martin Library.

Library closes at 5 p.m. on Fridays, and does not open on Saturday. It reopens at 1 p.m. on Sundays.

Library will be closed for Spring Break March 18-20.

See [www.nwosu.edu/art/nas-art-show](http://www.nwosu.edu/art/nas-art-show) for more details and deadlines to enter and submit artwork.



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Cold weather and icy winds seem to put everyone in a stay in bed mood.

Although it can sometimes be difficult to motivate ourselves to go to the gym, a workout is rewarding.

Exercising and staying healthy have many benefits. According to Healthline, there are several reasons to brave the cold and get a workout done. Healthline said in addition to helping one lose weight and gain muscle, exercise can also increase happiness and boost energy. And while winter is still in the air, the J.R. Holder Wellness Center has many fitness classes to offer inside the facility. Those who have memberships to the wellness center can attend the classes for free: pilates, spin/cycle, body blast, water aerobics and yoga/advanced yoga.

Pilates is Monday through Thursday at 8:30 a.m. This class is designed to help improve strength, flexibility and posture. Spin/cycle is offered Tuesday's and Thursday's at 5:30 p.m. This is a class in which participants can work at their own fitness pace. Body blast is a 45 minute class offered Monday through Thursday at noon. This class incorporates the use of body bars and kettle bells to help improve cardiovascular fitness and strength. Water aerobics, offered Tuesday's and Thursday's at 5:30 p.m., takes fitness into the pool where it can not only increase cardiovascular fitness and strength, but is also easy on joints due to the low impact format. Finally, yoga class takes place on the first

and third Tuesday of the month at 5 p.m.

An article done by Colorado Technical University said there are multiple reasons why college students should make time for exercise. Their studies found college students benefit from exercise in their focus is heightened, better mood and less stress, increased energy and sharpened memory. Dormitory South Hall is providing college students with a way to stay fit this winter. Sara Houchin organized a yoga and Zumba class for the residents of the dorm, and leads the classes. The class is every other Monday evening at 7:30 p.m. The classes rotate between yoga and Zumba each week. South Hall supervisor Veronica Nelson said there has been a decent turnout from the residents. She said she would encourage the girls in South Hall to come participate because there are lots of benefits to yoga, such as it can help improve sleep.

Nelson said Zumba, which is a cross of dancing and a workout, is a no weight workout. "It's a little bit weird to get into at first because you're like 'oh my gosh I'm dancing in front of everyone'," Nelson said. "But it's fun once you actually get into it." According to the American Osteopathic Association, yoga has many benefits both mentally and physically. Physically, the American Osteopathic Association said yoga can: increased flexibility, increased muscle strength and tone, improved respiration, energy and vitality, maintaining a balanced metabolism, weight reduction, cardio and circulatory health, improved athletic performance and protection from injury. Mentally, yoga also offers stress relief. It can also help the mind relax, which in turns sharpens it and increases the ability to concentrate.

Whether it is cardio, yoga or palites, exercise is a positive benefit for both the mind and body.

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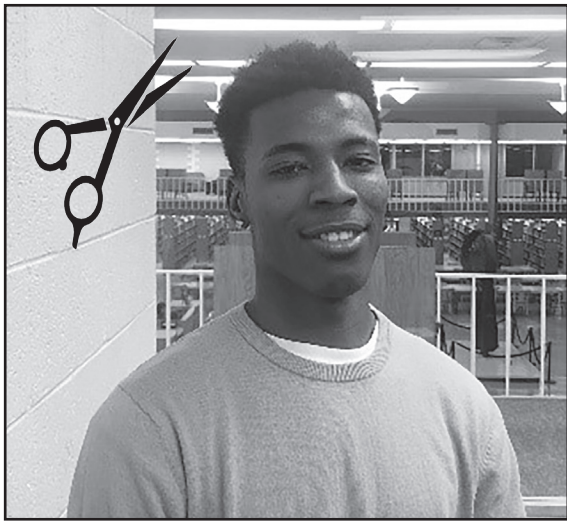
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# Campus

## Athletes hobbies outside of sports

By DAVID THORTON  
Student Reporter



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Keion Bateast is a Sophomore basketball player at NWOSU who is majoring in mathematics. He's been cutting hair for a year now. He said, "It started because I cut my own hair, and when people knew and saw my hair looking good, they asked me to cut theirs." He ended up really enjoying cutting other people's hair, most of the hairs he cuts are friends and teammates. He also mentioned it's a big perk when they pay you for the haircuts. He loves getting the extra money off of something he enjoys.



Sophomore health and sports science major Selena McDonald Murrieta plays basketball and jumps on the track team at NWOSU. Murrieta found painting as her loving hobby one day during finals week when Fryer Hall hosted a painting session. She attended it and found it very fun and stress relieving. Since then she's taken a liking to it and has been painting for a year now. "I genuinely love it, it's a good way to express yourself and relieve stress," Murrieta said.



## Updating the dorms: plans for South Hall

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students and residents of those halls might have ideas about—what things could make dorm life better or if they see some problems that aren't being addressed to say those."

"As we have these budget hearings, these are certainly times they can bring those requests forward and we might make a budget alteration. We try to be very transparent on campus; we try to have those hearings where people can come forward and tell us what their needs are. We can't always satisfy everybody's wants, but at least we can see what we can do, and maybe if we can't do something this year we can try another year or two down the road."

The idea of bringing up issues of leaky faucets and poor lighting may seem intimidating to students when presented in front of university administration. Pecha, however, encourages such comments in true honesty so improvements may be made.

"A lot of times people don't think they can voice their opinion or recommendations or concerns, but we try to be a very open campus—a very open administration—to try to get feedback

from employees and students," Pecha said. "I can't be in every building every day, and I don't see everything, so if someone can give me a heads up on something, I look at that as a positive, not a negative."

Despite the many different duties and responsibilities that the housing office faces on a daily basis, the university urges its students to not lose hope in renovations, fixes and attention towards their living areas.

"It's nothing that we've put South Hall on a back-burner to say South Hall has been the one [dorm] with least attention," Mosburg said. "There have been a lot of things we have done in there; just not as much as on a high-scale or wide-scale as we did with Fryer and Coronado, but we're working on it."

The girls have done a great job of taking care of that facility and cleaning it and we commend them on that. We're making progress and hopefully we will in the near future see some bigger projects taking place.

To say what that's going to be, I can't for sure say, but it will be along with the approach of showers, looking at the AC units, as well and just continuing to make progress."

## Students meet to cook

### New campus cooking club, "Red-Hot Chili Preppers" is prepping for their first meeting

By SHANNON NESSERALLA  
Student Reporter

While being a student living in the dorms, sometimes it can become difficult to eat healthy or to cook a nutritional meal.

Without a stovetop or an oven, many students rely on the cafeteria, ranger mart, microwavable food or going out to eat. Many students often frown upon those options.

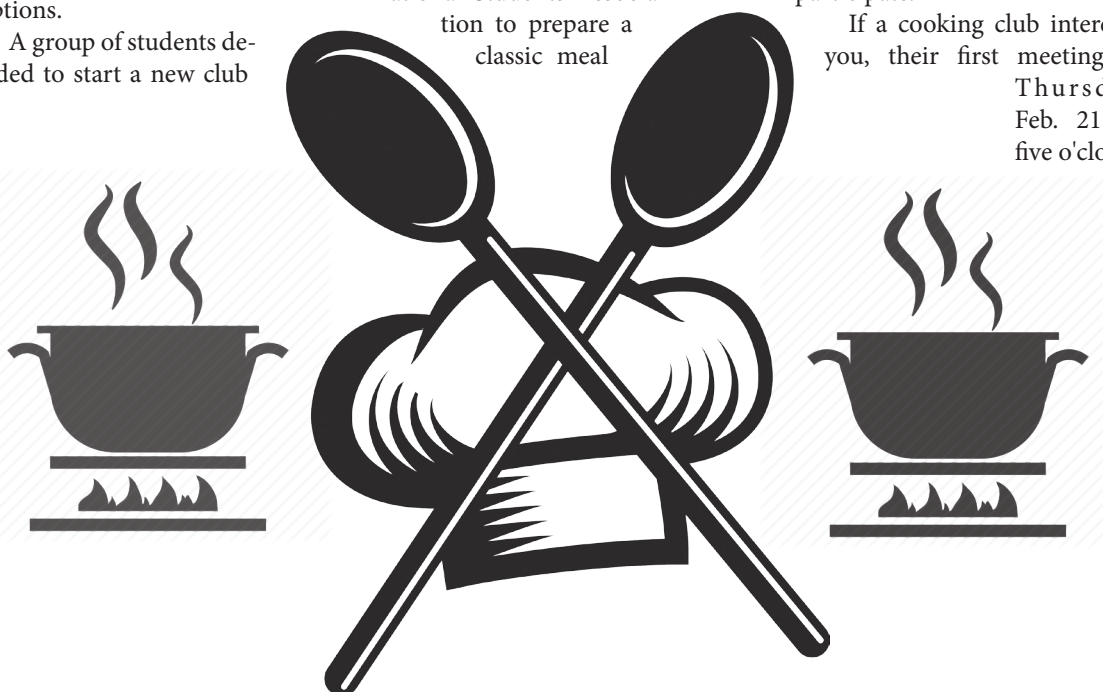
A group of students decided to start a new club

on campus dedicated to cooking. The club plans to call themselves the Red Hot Chili Preppers. The main goal is to help students learn the basics of cooking as well as baking. Being a part of the club will help you gain knowledge on proper prepping and cleaning skills. They will also include no-bake items that can be put together in a dorm room. They also plan to invite members from the International Students Association to prepare a classic meal

from their home country and give students a taste from home.

The club's meetings will take place in the food laboratory in Jesse Dunn. Anyone is invited to join whether you are a student, faculty or community member. There will be two types of memberships: one will pay dues and be more involved and the other where members sign up before the cooking days and pay a set price in order to participate.

If a cooking club interests you, their first meeting is Thursday Feb. 21 at five o'clock.



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# Editorial

## “Confuse don’t abuse”

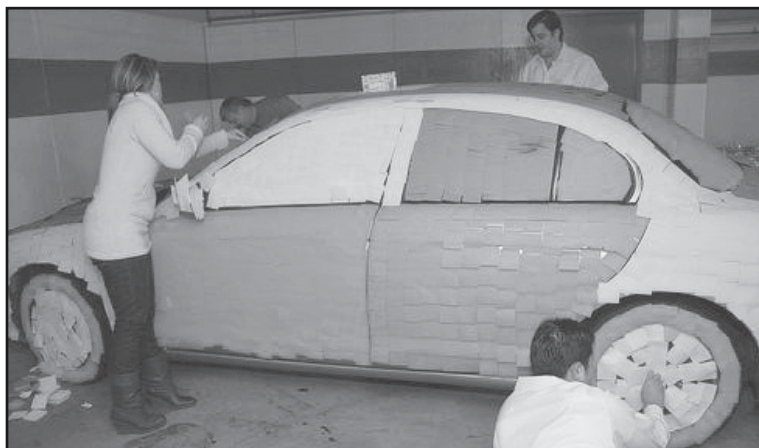
By: MICHELLE WILLSON  
*Feature/Entertainment Editor*

Pranks have been around for a long time. We all laugh at the misfortune of others. Especially when their misfortune is because of something we caused. There is one saying I think all pranksters should go by “Confuse don’t abuse.” I feel that pranks should not hurt, offend or cost the recipient money in any way. Pranks can be a fun way to waste time. It also keeps our friends on their toes, but to what extent?

According to historical accounts, one of the first pranks was by the teenage Roman Emperor Elagabalus. He placed deflatable leather pillows around a low table and seated his most pompous guests on them. During the course of the meal, his slaves let the air out of the cushions, leaving his guests seated on the hard floor.

The first documented prank phone call goes all the way back to 1884. Undertakers were being summoned to houses and told to bring freezers, candles and coffins to houses, as they would normally do when someone died. However, in all the recorded cases the presumed corpses were very much alive. They then joined the undertakers to find the prank telephones.

You can also see pranks all over YouTube. Some videos are praised while others are ridiculed



depending on what happens to the recipients of the pranks. You-tubers can make big bucks from their prank channels but you can lose popularity just as fast as you gained it.

One example of a bad prank is the parents who have been in the news lately for pranking their kids with invisible ink. It does not sound that bad until you see the effects of the parents screams. The kids are in tears and psychologist have come out against the video calling it psychological abuse.

By far, one of the funniest pranks I have ever seen is the rubber duck prank. James Veitch talks about the prank he plays on his roommates on the TBS talk show CONAN. It started out as a couple of rubber ducks that he would meticulously place around the bathroom. Soon the ducks start to grow in numbers until he had a whole army of ducks. His

friend texts him and says that he could only keep one duck. Therefore, Veitch went out and got a giant blow up rubber duck and left it in the bathroom. To this day, it is still the funniest prank I have seen and no one was harmed in the making of it.

One of the leading pop culture pranksters that I think follows the rule well is Jim Halpert, Sells representative from the American series of The Office. He has never caused his coworker Dwight Shrutte harm, but he has put his stapler in Jell-O and moved his desk to the bathroom. Which are both hilarious but not harmful.

People do not have to get hurt to make a video or the situation funny. You can get laughs out of other peoples misfortune without it being harmful to them or their surroundings. So remember, if you do decide to prank people, “Confuse, do not abuse” and everyone will be happy.

### EDITOR’S RANT OF THE WEEK

By ASHLEY STREHL  
*Editor-in-Chief*

Hey guys, so I really liked what I did last week, you know the five tips to maintaining a healthy relationship?

If you didn’t read it I suggest you do, because I dropped some serious wisdom.

I wanted to do something similar to that again, but it was hard for me to think of something. Then I remembered the one thing that I haven’t wrote about ... my job. Incase you haven’t picked this up already, I am the Editor-in-Chief of this newspaper and I have been for the past year.

So, without further or do, here are five tips on how to be a boss in life and a BOSS at your place of work.

**1. Have confidence.**

When I say “have confidence” I really mean it. I mean you gotta believe in yourself man. There is little room for self-doubt. You have to know what you’re capable of and make that known! Step up and show people that you know what you’re doing and you’re here to win.

**2. Be mean.**

A lot of people who work at the paper will tell you that I am nice. I really try my best to be fair. Now, while it is important to be fair, you have to know how to draw a line. If you don’t, people will walk all over you. This goes for life circumstances as well. If you do not put your foot down, people will take advantage of you. Even if people won’t agree with you, you have to stand up for yourself.

**3. Have fun.**

No one wants to be around a boss or a person who can’t have fun from time to time. I certainly could not stand working for the newspaper if I couldn’t have a little fun every so often. Take it easy. Having fun can help get those creative juices flowing, which leads me into my next tip.

**4. Get creative.**

I find myself working hard to be creative all the time. Especially when I have to write this rant every week. So, I do certain things to ensure that I am at my full creative-potential. I always have a snack with me, usually something sweet. I also listen to music that gets me pumped up. It releases the right chemicals so that I can come up with my best ideas.

**5. Relax.**

Over-working can burn you out, and it can have a cruddy outcome on your work. Anytime that I feel that I am becoming overwhelmed, I have no problem with taking a step back and taking a break. You have to rest your brain, it works hard to help you be the awesome boss that you are. You can rest your brain by watching your favorite show, hanging with friends, going for a drive, or listening to some chill music. Take care of yourself and you’ll definitely be a BOSS.

**“Do everything you can to be the best version of yourself and you will see victories that amount to greatness in your life.”**

*Ashley Hawn  
 The Sundial  
 California State University,  
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*Renee Ziel  
 Rocky Mountain Collegian  
 Colorado State University*

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# Performing clarinetist comes to campus

By MICHELLE WILSON  
Feature & Entertainment Editor

A group of students smile and wave as Joel Johnson drives his golf cart. "Hi Chief" they say, as he passes to deliver an injured student on crutches to class on time.

Chief Joel Johnson is well known on campus. He can be seen patrolling on his golf cart, handing out parking tickets or talking to students in the student center.

Johnson is currently serving as chief of police on Northwestern Oklahoma State University's Alva Campus. His job includes administration, management, patrol and investigation duties.

He was hired as assistant chief in August of 2016 and got promoted to chief in November of the same year.

Johnson said the worst part of his job would have to be the paperwork. He explained that the administration part of his job is important, just not his favorite. He would rather be out on campus patrolling and investigating.

One of the memorable cases that happened after Johnson was promoted to chief was a clown prank on campus. Clown pranks were everywhere starting August of 2016, and two showed up on campus on Halloween of that year. The campus clowns would hide in the bushes to jump out and scare female students as they walked by.

Johnson recalls several groups of students, armed with everything from golf clubs and baseball bats, actively sought out the clowns. So, then the campus police had to worry about the well-being of the clowns and the students. They had to get everyone calmed down and back to their respective dorms before anything happened.

"Right before we got everyone settled down, I got a report of someone riding a tiny bicycle across campus with a bow and arrow," Johnson said.

The two individuals behind the prank were apprehended and dealt with before anyone got hurt.

Johnson said most of the students on the Alva campus call him Chief, and for him, it is a term of endearment and a nickname, not just a job title.

"What I admire most about Chief is that he sticks to what he believes in, no matter what others say," said Katie Blair, a student campus security officer. "I admire how honest he is and how much us, as a campus and as students mean to him."

Johnson described his school of thought about his job as "the Ward Cleaver school of campus or community policing." He explained that Ward Cleaver was the father in the TV series "Leave it to Beaver," that aired from 1957 to 1963. In the show, the father was known for being firm and fair, but he was always there. That is what Johnson said he tries to be.

"I feel called to encouragement," Johnson said, "and every day I try to look for an opportunity to



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Chief Joel Johnson has been playing the same Selmar Series 9 B-flat clarinet since he was 12-years-old.

encourage a kid who I think might be struggling with that, and my very favorite part of my job is at the very end of the day when I can look back and see that I have encouraged at least one kid."

Johnson defines courage not as the lack of fear but as the resolve, the will and the capability to do the right thing when someone is afraid to do the right thing. He said when people encourage someone, they instill in them that resolve, will and capability. So, when people discourage someone or when they are discouraged, they are separated from the resolve, will and capability to do the right thing, and they are afraid to do the right thing.

Yosbelli Lora an administrative assistant and campus safety officer

said she really admires how patient Chief is because he is much more patient and understanding than she would be in his situation.

"When I wake up every morning, I cannot wait to come to work because I love my job," Johnson said. "And when I get off at the end of the day, I cannot wait to go hang out with Barb. So, the secret to my success is that I love my job, and I like my wife."

Johnson has been married to his wife, Barbra, for 25 years. The Johnsons have adopted a family of four in Pakistan who they support financially.

They stay connected to each other by texting and calling on Skype.

He had been in law enforcement

for 14 years before he married Barbra Johnson.

Johnson started his career in law enforcement in 1979, after graduating from the Norman Police Academy. In 1981 he transferred from the patrol division to the Youth Bureau then onto the Investigations Division where he served as a detective and specialized in crimes against children.

He was recruited to develop training and technical assistance programs for Children's Rights of America in Florida. He served as CRA's director of the Department of Crimes Against Children in Florida and Georgia and as director of Children's Rights of America's National Youth Crisis Hotline.

Johnson also co-developed

training programs for the organization.

Johnson returned to work on the Luther Oklahoma Police Department in October of 1986 to June 1988 while he continued his work with Children's Rights of America from a branch office in Oklahoma. He then he returned to Florida to resume full-time duties as director of the Department of Crimes Against Children within Children's Rights of America. Johnson played many key roles within the organization.

Johnson has several extracurricular activities and interests including writing poetry and books, playing the clarinet and dabbling in deltiology.

He has two published anthologies that contain over a hundred poems. "Notes to Adams Song...and Other Gems for the Soul" and "Tributes." He is working on a third one titled "Misunderstood: A Poetic Tribute to Kitty Cats, Doggies, and Other Misunderstood Critters."

Johnson is currently writing a full book called 'The Notes of Adam's Song.' The book is structured toward Surviving Parents, which are any parents who have lost a child. It will include some of his poems as well.

The book is in honor of his son Adam who passed away almost 10 years ago. Johnson has continued to write the book throughout the last nine years, so readers can see the way he has coped with the pain over the years.

Johnson can also be heard playing his clarinet at local events. He started playing when he was young. He is still playing on the same Selmer Series 9 horn that his dad bought him when he was 12.

He is also a veteran "busker" (street musician) of four years. He was a street performer who played his clarinet on busy street corners for tips.

"I have played at Carnegie Hall - just not in it yet," Johnson said, "I played about 10 feet from the door with a sign that said, 'working my way inside'."

Junior and drum major Jacob Steckbeck took a busking seminar that Johnson hosted last spring. Steckbeck said Johnson taught students how to entertain a crowd and how to adapt to the environment when playing music on the street.

Johnson is also into deltiology, the study and collecting of postcards. He even used to operate a side business called "Back in Time Postcards." He has gone to auctions, antique malls, flea markets and conventions to buy and sell postcards.

"I admire his dedication to not only his job but the students that he serves," said Duncan Brown, a student and former campus safety officer.

Johnson said the biggest lesson he has learned about everything that happened in his life is that one can plan on things but sometimes stuff just happens

"If you want to make God chuckle," Johnson said. "Tell him your plans,"



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Johnson as a child loved to play outside and dress-up in outfits.



Graphic by Montana McCullough

Johnson traveled all over the eastern part of the country as a street performer, known as a busker, during his free time. The map shows some of the places he performed.



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Johnson came to Alva as the assistant chief of police in August of 2016 and got promoted the same year.



Photo by Michelle Wilson

Johnson has been involved in law enforcement since he graduated college in 1979.

# Feature

## Campus smiles

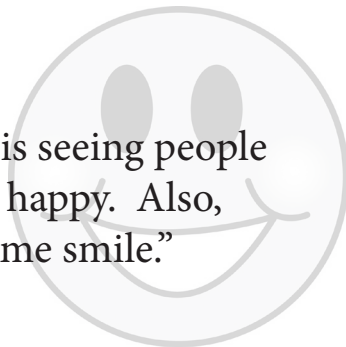


By: **CHUY DOMINGUEZ**  
*Student Reporter*



**Melissa Perez:**

“What makes me smile is seeing people happy which makes me happy. Also, food, good food makes me smile.”



## The busy life of a student and worker

By: **ASHLEY WATTS**  
*Photo Editor*

After changing her major five different times, Mckenna Nixon finally decided to be a general studies major.

Nixon has always thought about being in the financial institution, but she did not realize this is what she wanted to do with her life when she started college.

Right now, Nixon works at Alva State Bank and Trust Company and has been for three years and, after college, she will continue to work there and be a loan secretary. Nixon also has a weekend job at Alva Country Club.

When Nixon is not working, she spends her time playing golf, hanging with friends and family, making blankets and taking care of her Minnie Aussie American Bulldog mix, Cooper. Nixon has had Cooper for about seven months and he takes up most of her free time.

After waking up at 5:30 a.m., letting Cooper out, being to work at 8 a.m., Nixon still makes

time to further her career here at Northwestern. Nixon is set to graduate this May, and plans on staying in Alva after graduation.

Nixon is not afraid to try new things. She loves to cook and try any food that you put in front of her. So far, the weirdest thing she has ever tried is rattlesnake and, according to her, rattlesnake is actually pretty good, once you get over the fact that you are eating a poisonous snake.

Growing up in Freedom, Nixon has always been around Alva and Northwestern, so picking what college to go to was not a second thought for her. Nixon’s parents both went to Northwestern, and she decided to keep the family tradition alive.



**Jessica Reeves:**

“When I catch other people genuinely smiling.”



**Chloe Nutley:**

“Crocs and other people’s kindness. I love seeing others do nice deeds for one another whether it is holding the door for someone or tying someone else’s shoes.”



**Isabella Hardester:**

Books, pandas and aliens



**Josiah Marshall:**

“Music, it has been the one thing to drive me to do anything really. It has pushed me through school, and I have dedicated my life to studying and teaching music.”

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# Entertainment



The Haargreeves: Luther, Diago, Klaus, Number 5, Allison, Ben and their father Sir Reginald.

## Not your average superhero story

By: **MICHELLE WILLSON**  
*Feature/Entertainment Editor*

“The Umbrella Academy” was released on Netflix Feb. 15 of this year. Netflix released one season of 10 captivating episodes that will leave you speechless and wanting more.

The Netflix original series starts because of a rare phomon that occurred October 1989. 45 women around the world spontaneously gave birth. Though they had not been pregnant the day before.

Billionaire industrialist, Sir Reginald Hargreeves, went around and adopted seven of these children because they had special powers. He created The Umbrella Academy to prepare his new children to save the world.

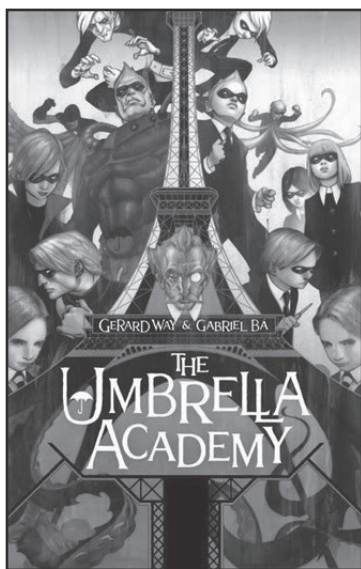
The story follows the dysfunctional family of seven superheroes who are reunited after the death of their father. They are forced to uncover their father’s killer while trying to stop the impending apocalypse.

The story is shown both in real time and through flashbacks of the family’s life growing up. I love that they decided to utilize this form of storytelling because, in showing the story both ways, you get to see the motivation behind the characters actions.

The Hargreeves children: Luther, Diego, Allison, Klaus, Number 5, Ben and Vanya. As they uncover the Mysteries and try to change the course of time. The group has clashing personalities and, like siblings, they do not always get along.

The siblings struggle to figure out whose plan to follow, but they know they have to combine their powers and fight this battle together.

The series had me on the edge of my seat. Not knowing what was coming next. So much that the episodes are 60 minutes long and my friends and I, still ended up watching eight of the 10 episodes in one sitting. There is already talk of a second season, but no release date has been set.



“The Umbrella Academy” comic by Gerard Way and Gabriel Bá.

The series is based on a comic series by Gerard Way, former lead singer of “My Chymical Romance,” and was illustrated by Gabriel Bá.

I give this series a five out of five stars because it exceeded any and all expectations I had. It is not your average superhero story.

## Production is this weekend

Do not forget to reserve your tickets to “Death and Deceit on the Nile” by calling Professor Kimberly Weasts office at (580) - 327-8462. There is only a limited amount of seating available. It is an audience interactive murder mystery dessert theatre. Set on a boat going down the Nile in 1942. The production is Feb. 21-22 at 7:00 P.M. and Feb. 23 at 2:00 P.M. in the Herod Hall Auditorium.



Duncan Brown, Austin Morton and Rylee Johnson playing cards before rehearsal on Friday.



Justin Myer and Madi Wilson taking a break between runs at rehearsal.

### New on Netflix

#### Available February 22

- Chef’s Table: Volume 6
- Firebrand GO! Vive a tu manera
- Paddleton
- Paris Is Us (Paris est à nous)
- Rebellion: Season 2
- Suburra: Season 2
- The Big Family Cooking Showdown: Season 2
- The Photographer of Mauthausen
- Workin’ Moms

#### Available February 25

- Dolphin Tale 2

#### Available February 26

- Our Idiot Brother

#### Available February 27

- Unsolved: Tupac & Biggie



# Sports

## Brown breaks school record

By **LOGAN JONES**  
Assist. Sports Editor

As the 2018-19 basketball season nears its end, Northwestern looked to finish strong as they took on Southwestern Oklahoma and Southeastern Oklahoma last week.

The Lady Rangers went up against the SWOSU Lady Bulldogs in Weatherford this past Thursday, losing by the score of 83-58.

Northwestern was first on the board with a fast break layup from Bailey Brown.

However, midway through the first quarter, Southwestern jumped to a 15-point lead, stopping any momentum the Lady Rangers had.

In the second quarter, the red and black cut the lead to five thanks to a big three-pointer from Bailey Forell.

The Bulldogs answered back accordingly by going on a 12-0 run, cushioning their lead at 45-34 heading into halftime.

In the second half, despite repeated efforts by the Lady Rangers, the girls just could not get anything going as Southwestern answered back whenever Northwestern cut into the lead.

At the final buzzer, the Lady Bulldogs came away with the win, 83-58.

Ranger standouts include red-shirt junior, Kalea King who finished with a team-high 16 points, and Forell who scored eight points



Photo by Kevin Ford.

**Bailey Brown, 30, snatches one of her record setting 26 rebounds.**

with three assists.

The girls returned to Alva with a vengeance when they took on the Savage Storm of Southeastern Oklahoma State, winning the 90-44 blowout.

From the first tip-off, the Lady Rangers jumped out to a quick lead and never looked back.

After a quick first half, the red and black had a 20-point advantage at 43-23.

The second half was where the Lady Rangers started to rack up

the points.

At the end of the third quarter, the lead grew to 41 points and again to 46 points after the fourth.

Northwestern won the contest easily with a final score of 90-44.

School history was also made in the game, as sophomore Bailey Brown came down with 26 rebounds.

The previous record dates back to December of 1989 when Alice Byrd recorded 22 against Oklahoma Science and Art.

Brown also went on to score 17 points.

Other standouts include Kalea King, who continued her scoring dominance by collecting 27 points with three assists, and Kenzi Lamer who finished with 12 points and two assists.

With four games left in the regular season, the Lady Rangers improve to 10-15 overall and 7-11 in conference play, and currently

have a one-game lead over Oklahoma Baptist for the final spot in the GAC Tournament.

NWOSU closes their home schedule next week when the Lady Rangers host Ouachita Baptist at 5:30 p.m. inside Percefull Fieldhouse on Thursday.

The game against Henderson State will follow on Saturday.

Tipoff is set for 1 p.m.



Photo by Kevin Ford.

**Kalea king lines up a free throw to go along with her 27 points.**

## Men down the Bulldogs in double-overtime fashion

By **MEGAN MAHARRY**  
Sports Editor

The Ranger men took down heated rivals Southwestern Oklahoma State University in double-overtime.

With a final score of 98-96, the Rangers came away with the nail-biting win.

The entire game was a back and forth battle. The Bulldogs had a one point lead in the second over-

time when freshman Cole Jones hit the game winning three.

Jack Peck was a force for the Rangers, collecting 26 points.

Returning home to face Southeastern Oklahoma State, the Rangers fell 79-72.

Four Rangers ended the night with double figures: Peck with 15, A.J. Jones with 14, David Thornton with 11 and Bryshon Bryant with 10.

The men look to bounce back as they face Ouachita Baptist Feb. 21 on the home court.

## Women's rodeo take title at Kansas State

By **TED HARBIN**  
TwisTedRodeo.com

Alyssa Gabrielson and Kayla Copenhaver have been putting in a lot of extra work preparing for the spring half of the Central Plains Region season, along with their teammates.

Gabrielson and Copenhaver were the driving forces behind the Northwestern Oklahoma State University rodeo team winning the women's title at the Kansas State University. Both left Manhattan, Kansas, with titles: Copenhaver won barrel racing, while Gabrielson parlayed solid runs in barrel racing and breakaway roping to claim the all-around title.

"What makes me most proud is us winning as a team," said Gabrielson, a senior from Perham, Minnesota. "As a team, we did really good, and it looks good on the school. It feels good after a rough fall."

Now they're hoping to capitalize on the six-event spring semes-

ter to return as one of the top two teams in the region so they can advance a full team to the College National Finals Rodeo.

"Everybody's been working hard, and I think it showed," Gabrielson said. Copenhaver and Gabrielson both posted 13.03-second runs to share second place in the opening round. Copenhaver then won the championship round with a 12.67-second run, and her two-run cumulative time was seven-hundredths of a second faster than the No. 2 cowgirl.

Gabrielson was third in the final round and the aggregate.

"I've been legging up my horse really good, and I knew she would like that pen because she likes little pens," said Copenhaver, a sophomore from St. James, Missouri. "I also tried not to stress about it, too, because that's been a sticking point with me."

The relaxed approach worked. She moves into the No. 3 spot in the regional barrel racing standings. That's important as she looks to wrap the final five events of the

campaign and finish among the magical top 3 – while only the top two teams in the circuit advance to the college finals, the top three individuals in each event qualify automatically.

"I wasn't expecting to win it," said Copenhaver, who was joined in the short round by Ashlyn Moeder of Oakley, Kansas, and Trinity St. Andrews of Newkirk, Oklahoma – Moeder finished fifth and St. Andrews sixth. "I was planning to make the short go because she likes that size of arena, and I was planning to do good. Winning it just topped it off."

Gabrielson was one of two Rangers who made the final round in breakaway roping, joining Taylor Munsell of Arnett, Oklahoma. Munsell won the first round, finished third in the short round and finished fifth overall. Gabrielson placed fourth in both the short round and average to secure more points for herself and the team.

Northwestern's women won the team title with 395 points, 180 more than the runners-up.



Photo by Kevin Ford.

**Andrew Clopton completes his spin cycle for an easy bucket off the glass.**

# Sports

## Kalea King hits 1,000 points in stellar career

By EMMA SPORLEDER  
Student Reporter

Kalea King, a redshirt junior from Pflugerville, Texas, put her name in Northwestern Oklahoma State University's record books when she became the 12<sup>th</sup> player in the program's history to score 1,000 points.

King developed her love for basketball while watching her dad referee multiple basketball games.

King said she always enjoyed watching basketball, and loved being in that type of atmosphere.

King began her basketball career in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade, and was even on an AAU basketball team that was sponsored by the NFL running back Adrian Peterson.

Throughout her AAU basketball career, King's team traveled to 20 different states and three different countries. Her team even went on to win the world games in Austria.

King was very successful while playing varsity basketball at Pflugerville High School where she played for three years and during that time only lost three games in her high school career, all three losses being in the play-offs.

After graduating from Pflugerville High School, King chose to play for the Lady Rangers because of head coach at the time Eric Bozeman's coaching style.

She said that his style was very similar to what she had been around her whole life.

This helped King realize that Northwestern was the university that she wanted to be a part of.

King faced adversity in 2015 when what started out as shin

splints in her left leg turned into a stress fracture.

October 2015, doctors had to place a rod and screws into King's left tibia, and then a month later she developed MRSA staff in her right knee and had to be rushed to surgery and monitored for four days.

During Christmas break of 2015, the MRSA came back again which brought another surgery and four-day monitoring for King.

Because of these surgeries, this caused King to use her medical redshirt for her sophomore year.

King left NWOSU during the summer of 2017 after she found out she had early signs of stress fractures in her other leg.

These fractures would cause her to have to undergo another surgery, so King decided to take some time off to let her body heal.

Despite all the hardship and injuries, King knew that there was unfinished business that needed to be handled, so she returned to the Lady Rangers basketball team for the 2018-2019 season after a lot of thinking and decision-making.

King was confident that with the help of head coach Tasha Dieselhorst and her teammates that she would be able to develop back into the player that she was before the injuries.

King's time here at Northwestern has been nothing short of spectacular.



Photo provided by Kalea King.

Redshirt junior Kalea King recently reached the 1,000 point club.



Photo provided by Kalea King.

King and her teammates will look for a win over Ouachita Feb.21.

King was the Great American Conference Freshman of the Year, Second Team All-American, Female Athlete of the Year and she reached the 1,000-point club.

King currently averages 15 points per game, five rebounds per game and is a 70 percent free throw shooter.

Upon graduation from NWOSU, she plans to receive her bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice.

She hopes to become a realtor or work in Human Resources.

When King has time off the court and out of the classroom, she enjoys spending time with her boyfriend, who is in the Navy, playing with her dogs and shopping with her mom and sister.

In conclusion to the 2018-2019 basketball season, King plans to spend her last year of collegiate basketball as a Lady Ranger.

King and her teammates face Ouachita Baptist Feb. 21 at home.

The Lady Rangers wrap up their home game contest on Feb. 23 against Henderson State at 1 p.m.



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By LOGAN JONES  
Assist. Sports Editor

The Northwestern softball team opened up the 2019 season at the Edmond Regional Festival this past weekend.

Unfortunately, they did not get off to the start they wanted, losing four.

The Lady Rangers opened up the 2019 campaign against Colorado Christian University.

In a game that saw a combined 22 runs on 31 hits, the girls lost in heartbreaking fashion, 13-9 after going into extra-innings.

Northwestern got out to an early lead after scoring in the bottom of the first on an RBI fielder's choice by freshman Morgan La Neve.

The CCU Cougars tied the game in the top of the third, but the red and black regained the lead by scoring 3 in the bottom of the inning after some timely hitting and some costly CCU errors.

Despite being behind for most of the game, the Cougars never lost their composure and ultimately took the lead in the top of the sixth by putting up a four spot, making the score 7-6.

Northwestern would come back to tie the game on an RBI single from Abby Detar in the bottom of the seventh, forcing the game into extra-innings.

With two runners starting on base, CCU jumped on the opportunity scoring 6 runs in the top of the inning.

The Lady Rangers tried to answer back in the bottom half by plating 2 runs of their own, but they came up short, ultimately losing 13-9.

The girls looked to bounce back on Saturday, when they played two against UC-Colorado Springs and Oklahoma Christian.

The Lady Rangers lost both games, 6-3 and 8-2 respectfully, despite their great play.

In the first game against UC-Colorado, Northwestern just could not get over the hump. They fell behind early, as the UCCS Mountain Lions scored 2 runs in

the bottom of the first inning.

That is where the score remained until the fifth, when the Mountain Lions scored 2 more, giving them a 4-0 lead.

The Lady Rangers retaliated with 3 runs of their own in the top of the sixth, but that did not stop the rolling Mountain Lions as they plated 2 more in the bottom of the inning.

The game ended in a 6-3 Ranger loss.

In game two, the red and black took on the Oklahoma Christian Eagles.

The runs were much harder to come by in this outing, as the Lady Rangers only scored 2 on 7 hits.

The OCU Eagles came out of the gate swinging, scoring 1 run in the first, 2 in the third and 2 in the fifth.

Northwestern's only 2 runs came in the top of the sixth, but by then the damage had already been done. After 7, the Lady Rangers fell, 8-2.

On the final day of the Edmond Regional Festival, Northwestern faced off against the Central Oklahoma Broncos.

The final day of competition was short lived as UCO routed the Lady Rangers, 15-3.

The Broncos started the scoring early, as 10 came around to score in the first inning alone.

The red and black tried to mount a comeback in the top of the third but were held to only one run as UCO plated 2 more in the bottom of the inning.

Again, the Lady Rangers attempted to cut into the lead as they put up 2 in the top of the fourth, but once again, the Broncos answered back by scoring 3 of their own.

The game ended after five innings with UCO leading Northwestern by a score of 15-3.

The Lady Rangers home opener against Cameron University, which was set for Tuesday, has been postponed to an undetermined date.

The next game on the schedule for the red and black will be against Oklahoma Baptist in Shawnee on Feb. 22.

# *Snow storm slams students*



*Photos by Ashley Watts*

The Ranger covered in snow, campus closed after 3 p.m. on Tuesday and re-opened on Thursday.



Taylor Alexander, Tiffany Willson and Dakota Retherford walking from class to class in the snow. Class was canceled on Wednesday



A Northwestern student trying to make her way in the snow.