

## Spring break is straight ahead

By CAITLYN PRAY  
Student Reporter

The week that everyone has been so long-awaiting for is finally here: it's spring break!

For some, the semester may be wearing on and feeling like it will never end; for others, this half-way-point in the semester may come as a sort of shock that we are already here at this point already, but alas, whatever perception you may feel, the fact is the same: spring break is here!

Of course, everyone loves a good break from the regular grind. Whether you're a student, professor, faculty or staff member, it's good to get away from the work and dedication that Rangers must be committed to all the rest of the time of the semester.

"I think for this point of the year, it's always a good time just to step back, re-energize and re-focus to finish out the year," Dr. Bo Hannaford, vice president for academic affairs, said. "We always talk with faculty, staff and even administration after we get back from spring break, and it just seems like the semester is almost over, and it happens very quickly."

It won't be too long and you guys will be preparing for finals, taking finals and graduating, so I

think the timing is good just to get away, to re-charge the batteries and just kind of get ready for the last big push."

Dr. Richmond Adams, assistant professor of English, shares Hannaford's sentiment.

"As far as professors, as far as students, as far as administrators—we all realize we're on the downhill slide at that point [after spring break]," Adams said. "It's a matter then of finishing up in good order, fulfilling all of our obligations, but also looking forward to our time in the summer."

For students also, spring break is a very relaxing time to unwind and take a breath before the final charge towards the end of the semester, as Caitlin Johnson, freshman nursing major, stated. "I think spring break is important for students because it gives them a time to not necessarily have to worry about school; it's a time to take a break right after midterms before the second half of the semester starts, and it just gives them time to not have to stress," Johnson said. "It also gives those who don't live in Oklahoma the chance to go home for a week."

Especially with the cold and icy weather that Northwestern has experienced within the past month, Hannaford said he thinks it is good and hopes that Rangers will have the chance to take safe journeys to warm, farther places

they may have not been able to visit before.

So, with the consensus made that spring break is important for a variety of reasons, the question then arises: how are you going to spend your spring break to unwind and relax? The answers from those interviewed were just as various as their responses.

"We typically try to go see some family," Hannaford said. "I have some family in Amarillo, and then I have a cousin of mine that is married to one of the top MMA fighters, and their training compound and where they live is in New Mexico, so we might actually go all the way to New Mexico and stay with them. They've just had a new baby so we'll hopefully get to see the new baby. I always try to spend time with family and friends as much as we can during those breaks."

Adams' plans for the break also involve travelling and family, though in a far different direction. Adams and his wife spend gaps of time apart due to her teaching as a professor across the state, so Adams says the week of uninterrupted time together for the two of them is something he and she look forward to.

"We're going to two small towns in east Texas that have some historical sites we're wanting to visit and want to see," Adams said.

"We're both interested in history, so it will be fun to see that, but most of the time we're just together, and that's all that matters. Also, I'll have one Sunday where I will not have my obligations in Okeene, where I'm a Bible vocational pastor at a church, and I'll have a chance to worship in the pew with my wife which will be a nice and just a really enjoyable experience."

During his week of break from his teaching schedule, Adams says he is also looking forward to reading articles not related to any class, travelling with his wife and possi-

ment she gets out of her last class.

"Right now, my plans for spring break is the first Friday—literally the last day of class—I'm going to go to an OU gymnastics competition," Johnson said. "I'm taking my little sister as a surprise because she's a little gymnast, and then I'm going to see a Thunder game over spring break, and that's really all I have planned as of right now."

No matter your plans, destination or wherever the next week takes you, spring break will hopefully live up to its purpose



bly getting to sleep in a little. For Johnson, her plans don't leave a break for her to catch her breath and begin with action the mo-

in being a fun-filled, relaxing break before the semester wraps up.

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## Symphony Band & Jazz Ensemble performs 'Into the Storm'



Photos by University Relations

Northwestern Oklahoma State University's Fine Arts Department Jazz & Symphony band presented the instrumental concert "Into the Storm," Sunday, March 10, at 2 p.m. in Herod Hall Auditorium on the Alva campus. The tunes shared by the Jazz Ensemble included "Heatseeker" by Larry Barton and "Birdland" by Josef Zawinul. See THE PASSION on pg. 2.

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# News

## The passion of the NWOSU band

By **MEGAN MAHARRY**  
*Sports Editor*

Michael Seth Cudd is in his first year of directing the bands at Northwestern.

Previously, he taught middle and high school band for several years before going to graduate school.

He then worked on his PhD in New Jersey where he taught elementary music and beginning band at the school he was receiving his PhD from.

Cudd moved back to Oklahoma to teach in Bethany before coming to NWOSU. When Cudd got to NWOSU, he said he felt he had really good students. When he arrived during the summer, he said the students were already here to help him get ready for marching band season. "They were already ready," Cudd said. "They wanted it just as much as I did."

Cudd said some of the great things about the year have been the band's high moments. He said he felt his students did well during marching season.

He said the concert was great. He added that his students are playing very well right now and have worked hard.

"I just feel like we continue to



Photo by Caitlyn Pray

The percussion ensemble also performed a piece Cudd had written himself titled "Paradigm Shift."

move forward," Cudd said. "And I feel like where we are right now is the climax for the whole year."

Cudd and his students practice four times a week to get the pieces just right. He said he picks music he believes will challenge his students.

He also said he wants the music to be fun to play and listen to.

"Overall, our concert is just really energetic," Cudd said. "The students have had a lot of fun working on the music as well. But it's also not easy, it's really difficult

music."

Cudd said he and his wife really enjoy being in Alva and the community, especially since they both grew up in small towns. He said it was nice to get away from the city life.

The Northwestern Ranger Band performed their "Into the Storm" concert on March 10 in the Herod Hall auditorium.

Both the jazz and symphony band performed a wide variety of selections. The jazz band played Blue's music as well as some rock pieces.

The percussion ensemble also performed a piece Cudd had written himself titled "Paradigm Shift." The symphony band played several different songs as well, both slow and more up-beat. Cudd said marching band mostly plays pop music. He said the style is different than other bands. Since the marching band plays and marches at football and basketball games, the music for concert band is a much more refined style of music.

He said concert band plays music by well-known musicians and must carefully play each piece.

Jazz band, as Cudd calls "Big Band," has a smaller amount of instruments complete with a rhythm section of piano, bass, guitars and drums.

Cudd said some of his students from band will be playing in the upcoming musical Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat.

The last band concert of the year is set for April 30.



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Music major Katherine Blair plays the marimba during the band concert.



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#### Pi-Day Celebration

The Math Club and the Red Hot Chili Preppers will play host to a Pi Day celebration in the Student Center Ranger Room.

Free slices of pie will be served during the event, and a Pi Day-themed team Jeopardy game will be played.

6 p.m.



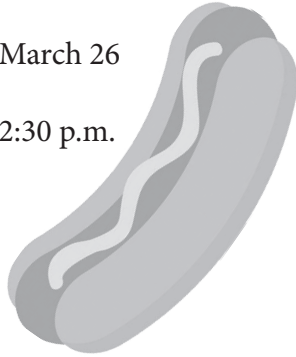
### Enrollment for the Fall 2019 semester begins March 26

### Hotdogs & Homers

SGA will be serving hotdogs at the home softball game at the Alva Rec Center - Ranger Softball Field.

March 26

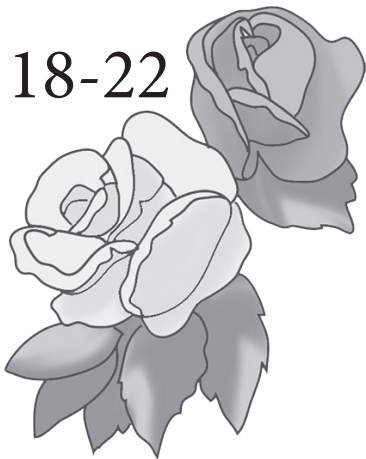
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## 'I'm here to help you find a book'

By **ASHLEY WATTS**  
Student Reporter

You walk into the bookstore 10 minutes before your class starts in need of a textbook.

You begin to panic when you cannot find what you are looking for when Derek Blow approaches you and asks if you need any help. You tell Blow what you need, and she finds exactly what you are looking for in no time flat.

Blow has helped many people find what they need in the time she has worked at the bookstore. Blow started working at the bookstore during the Fall of 2018 and has worked there part time ever since. "I really like the manager and helping students find what they are looking for," Blow said. Even though Blow works at the bookstore during the day, she has two other jobs. Blow is also the head resident at Fryer Hall.

Growing up in Monrovia, California, Blow did not quite know what to expect when she moved to Oklahoma. "I had never heard of Alva or Northwestern until the former softball coach recruited me," Blow said. Blow had also not seen the campus or Alva before move-in day, but when she got to Alva at three in the morning she loved the way the city looked, she said.

Blow played softball at Northwestern for four years, and now that her eligibility has run out she coaches. When Blow is not working or coaching she likes to cook. Blow is set to graduate in December with a bachelor's in math and a minor in business, and she might stay at Northwestern to get her master's degree.



Derek Blow

Photo by Ashley Watts

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# Campus

## Students share their spring break plans

By SHANNON NESSERALLA  
Student Reporter



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Senior English major, Bailey Cook (left), plans to travel down to Abilene, Texas to visit her sister and her family. While in Texas, they plan on visiting a zoo and having quality time together as a family. After her visit, she plans to come back to Oklahoma and stay with her fiancé until the end of break.



Photo provided by Madi Wilson

Junior history major, Madi Wilson (left), plans on road tripping to Taos, New Mexico with two of her friends. They plan on exploring the beauty that Taos has to offer. They are going to stay in a air bnb, eat a lot of really good food, explore some fun shops and go hiking in the beautiful area.

## Pi Day pre'pie'ration for event on March 14 Regional Science Fair held in Student Center

By BAILEY RANKIN  
Student Reporter

3.14159265359... to some the numbers of the equation Pi may seem to go on forever.

To members of the Red Hot Chili Peppers, the number of pies created seemed to go on forever.

On March 12, seven members from the Red Hot Chili Peppers, a newly formed culinary club on Northwestern's campus, met to create 30 pies such as the traditional cherry, apple, blueberry and pecan from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m...

They did not stop there though, the club even experimented with flavors like Butterfinger, Oreo, peanut butter, Nutella and lemonade pies.

The Red Hot Chili Peppers partnered with Northwestern's Math Club in celebration of National Pi Day, which is celebrated on March 14 (3/14) around the world.

When asked why the culinary club volunteered to make the pies, Red Hot Chili Pepper president, Chloe Nutley, had this to say "We chose to do pie day because several of our members are also members of



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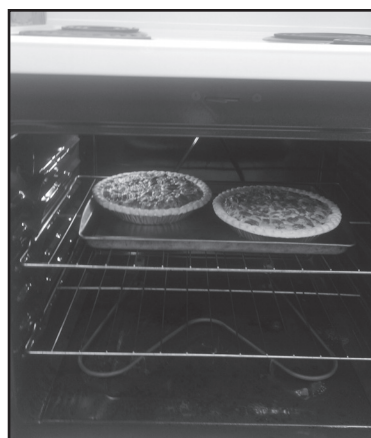
Members Nick Wygle, Chloe Nutley, Isabella Hardester and their adviser, Dr. Mary Riegal, of The Red Hot Chili Peppers club makes pies at the Wesley House.

the Math Club and it was a good opportunity for the culinary club to get on our feet."

On March 14, both the Math Club and the Red Hot Chili Peppers will hold a Pi Day celebration in the Student Center Ballroom together, where free slices of pie will be available.

The event is open to all students who will also be able to participate in a Pi-themed game of Jeopardy!

The National Pi-Day event will take place from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday evening.



Pies in the oven to be served at the Pi Day event on March 14 at 6 p.m.

See more pie photos on page 8

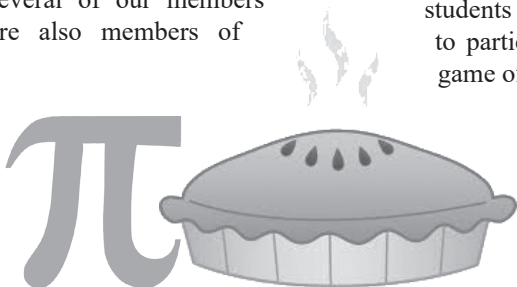


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NWOSU science majors and professors had the chance to judge the exhibits





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# Editorial

## Money Management

By: **KEVIN FORD**  
*Student Reporter*

Finding yourself scraping together change or throwing away money you just got paid? College students are broke. It is a common fact recognized by graduates, teachers and students alike.

Why are college students always broke? A lot of high school students prepare themselves for college, apply for scholarships, visit campus with their parents and save up money from working.

Many students jump ahead in the game and work part time jobs in high school.

But what good is it to have a job if you spend all your money every time you get paid? I want to make a list of advice. A list that gives simple money management tips for kids in college.

There is no reason people should be starving in their dorm rooms. If you have a job that is good. However, you will not always be in the mood for work, your time is precious. Students who work all the time find it hard to keep up with schoolwork and other social functions on campus.

Your work schedule should not have to determine the outcome of your academic performance and physical well-being. Classes and textbooks are general expenses

all students have to pay. Some textbooks are ridiculously high so for your own savings you can use library or internet resources for your course material.

Like textbooks, there are many factors that affect the finances of most college students. What are the biggest factors, which keep draining money from student's pockets? Research shows that the average college student in America spends on average 600 dollars during spring break. The study added up airplane tickets purchased by people aged (19-24) so the numbers are skewed. Trips to Florida and Padre are not cheap.

Most college students spend a lot of money on food. College kids find themselves eating out instead of buying household groceries and learning how to cook. Not all students have access to a kitchen if they live on campus, but once you get a house off campus; there is no excuse for being lazy and eating fast food all the time.

I suggest getting together with some of your friends at one of their houses, getting some items at the store together and collaborating on a meal. An advantage of this is that you learn how to make food. Also, home cooked food is usually healthier than fast food options.

One of the biggest

factors in my mind is alcohol. It is a common misconception that college students must party and get drunk in college. This is fine; it is fun and takes your mind off of school, unfortunately many college students become dependent on alcohol.

Drinking once or twice a week is not too bad, but having a consistent routine where you find yourself spending up to 25 dollars a week on alcohol is not a good money plan.

You have options besides alcohol on a Saturday night; alcohol is always relevant because of the peer pressure and popularity associated with the substance. Alcohol can turn into something worse than just an expense.

I advise college students at Northwestern to set up personal budgets. "Saving for an unforeseen expense is the smartest preparation lesson for a young adult."

This means you do not spend money simply because you have it, it means you are managing your economic situation so you can provide money where it is needed in time. For example, car trouble hits you, and you must pay a 150 dollar fee to repair.

If you saved for this, then you did yourself a huge favor.

### EDITOR'S RANT OF THE WEEK

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

"#RIPVine." I've been mourning the death of the app Vine for years now.

That app was amazing, so many short, witty, funny, unexplainable, crazy and meaningful 6-second videos filled that app, and filled my heart as well.

The app is still being talked about today, years since its shut down. So, I don't quite understand why it was taken down if it was this popular. I also petition to bring it back.

My friend Bailey and I are always quoting vines, we say a random saying from each video and then we laugh. We usually get weird looks, but it's fun for just us.

So, in honor of Vine, here are some of my favorite vines that still make me laugh and cure my depression.

1. "Stop! I could have dropped my croissant!"



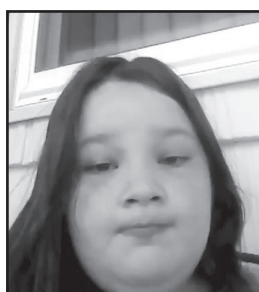
2. "It is Wednesday my dudes, AAAAAAAAAAHHH!"



3. "Look it-it's freakin bats, I love halloween."



3. "I hate boys, even though they're like nice and all, but I hate boys still."



**"A troll's power is only in creating change, but when their words don't cause any ripples, their power becomes obsolete."**

*The Independent Florida Alligator,  
University of Florida*

**"It's truly a disappointment to hear about the poverty college students face and their limitations. In the end, no one understands how hard it is to be poor."**

*Raveena Chaudhari  
The Red and Black  
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# John Allen: Friend-raiser, Horseman and Renaissance Man

By: PATRICIA PIXLER  
Student Reporter



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Allen's publicity photo for foundation office

It started with a baby grand piano.

Six years ago, John Allen was making the move from Olathe, Kansas, to back near the family ranch in Hartner, just north of Alva. One of the items he was clearing out of a house he had purchased to remodel was a piano. He put out an ad in the Newsgram to find it a new home.

Allen "Skeeter" Bird answered the ad. Bird is the CEO of the Northwestern Foundation & Alumni Association on the Northwestern Oklahoma State University Alva campus. Growing up in Hartner, Allen was well-acquainted with Alva and Northwestern.

"Northwestern was always a part of my childhood," Allen said. "My parents would take my sister and I down to games and events. Northwestern Homecoming was a never-miss event."

As a teen, Allen had toured Northwestern and he had expected to attend college there. He had family who had attended the university, like many others do. Yet life had taken him elsewhere.

Meeting Bird brought Allen back into the familiarity of Northwestern. The two men bonded over their love of horses and their ideas about how impactful education is and could be. Allen said there was instant respect between him and Bird.

Then a position with the Northwestern Foundation & Alumni Association opened. Allen had spent his career in communication and public relations. Director of alumni relations was a

perfect fit for him. Though he was interested in the opportunity, he didn't want to jeopardize his friendship with Bird.

"Skeeter told me he couldn't hire anyone he couldn't fire," John Allen explained. "I said 'Good, I can't work for anyone I can't fire.'"

Bird looked at him funny for a bit, but they understood each other, Allen said. Neither man could work with someone they couldn't disagree with or share their opinions with. The friendship is there at the end of the day, but so is a working relationship.

"We're brutally honest with each other," Bird said. "It's nice to have."

Allen started his job as the director of alumni relations in December 2013. His first event was in Oklahoma City — a Thunder game, in particular. Then he spent that December break talking and connecting with alumni.

"Communication is an art," Allen said. "You can't go into a conversation with an inflexible opinion. You have to go in wanting to listen and expecting to learn something."

Allen said he's been blessed to have enjoyed every job he's

held — from copyeditor to public relations and crisis management for a worldwide construction and engineering firm — but there's something special about Northwestern.

"It's all part of the journey," Allen said. "I can be an introvert. I could go out and ride a horse, be without people, and I would be fine."

But the community of Northwestern sets itself apart.

Allen frequently travels out-of-state to connect with alumni, some who know all about the current happenings of Alva and Northwestern, and some who have become lost along the way. The reconnection of alumni and their stories gives Allen an enjoyment to the job he's not had elsewhere, he said.

"John's completely passionate about Northwestern and its students," Bird said. "Usually people are surprised he didn't graduate from here."

When life took Allen elsewhere, he ended up at Pittsburg State University in Pittsburg, Kansas. It was there that he met his future wife, Dawn.

"He always sat in the same seat in class," Dawn Allen said with a laugh. "It was like a ritual to him."

Friends of Dawn Allen convinced her to get up early and get to class before John Allen did. They put her in his seat, of course, Dawn Allen said. But John Allen didn't say a word. He sat next to her.

"Zext thing we knew, we were dating," Dawn Allen said with a smile.

They've been married 39 years as of last August.

Dawn Allen is an assistant professor of English and composition coordinator for the English, foreign language, and humanities department at Northwestern.

"I was doing adjunct on the side as we had moved down here," Dawn Allen explained. "We wanted to be closer to the boys. Plus, the farm was harder to manage from Kansas City."

The Allens have two sons, Patrick and Barrett, who live with their wives in central Oklahoma.

Hartner was a good middle location between them and Dawn Allen's parents in Kansas City.

Not long after John Allen was hired for the foundation job, Dawn Allen accepted an English faculty position at the university.

"We agreed to keep things separate," Dawn Allen said. "It's a 'you do your thing, I do mine.'"

Dawn Allen describes her husband as her opposite. She's a city girl, but he's a country boy. She's the introvert, she said, while he loves talking with people.

"But we share the same values," she added. "Working hard, treating people well. Living up to expectations."

Yet while she's curled up inside the house with the dogs, John Allen is outside with the horses.

"I don't see myself as a cowboy," he said with a laugh. "I'm more of an amateur horseman."

On the weekdays, Allen is in suits and button-down shirts, talking with students, staff, faculty and, particularly, alumni of Northwestern. But on the weekends, he's in jeans running after his horses.

He and Bird train and start colts. They teach the colts to lead and work with their feet. They take long yearlings, which are nearly two-year-old horses, and start them on saddles and rides. They ride them until they're stable enough to sell.

If the horses are athletic and show they're good for cutting, then the horses are worked longer and trained for competition. Cutting is a type of competition where horses show their athleticism and ability to handle cattle, usually in a two-and-a-half minute run.

In addition to his horsemanship, Allen has multiple other talents.

"My mother always called him a bit of a Renaissance man," Dawn Allen said. "He's a masterful cook. I have paintings of his that are gorgeous. He's a fantastic writer and editor. Beautiful voice."

As a child, John Allen and his sister performed as vocalists at many venues in Kansas and Oklahoma. Allen said he and his sister had fun, and worked hard, but it was never the most important thing in their lives. That was family, church and school.

"It was a nice time, though," Allen said. "It taught me to be more of a people person. It taught me to communicate better."

Early on, Allen said, he learned that communication and friendships are important. While a large part of his job is connecting to alumni and getting donations for the university, he doesn't consider himself a fundraiser.

"I'm a friend-raiser," Allen said. "To be a successful fundraiser, you have to be a connector."

Nonetheless, Allen said he still considers his job as more than fundraising and making connections. To him, his job is about learning the journey of alumni, and it's a validation of what Northwestern did in people's lives.



Photo provided by Dawn Allen

Allen with daughter-in-law Audrey, married to son Patrick

Leslie Nation, communications and marketing manager at the foundation office, also points to Allen's passion for Northwestern and her admiration for him.

"John has been both a joy to work with, and a good mentor to me since I've begun working at the foundation," she said.

Nation and Allen work together on projects such as the alumni magazine "RoundUP" as well as the foundation's "Annual Report." They collaborate on stories, interviews and design the publications inside and out.

"He has great consideration and compassion for both his colleagues and the people he meets outside of Northwestern," Nation added.

Every time Allen meets with alumni he becomes excited about their journey and what Northwestern has sparked for them.

"Lessons can live forever," Allen said. "Effective teachers make an impact in and out of the classroom. That influences the world."

Allen points to one rich opportunity Northwestern has for learning: students from other countries.

One such student, Biraj Aryal from Kathmandu, Nepal, graduated from Northwestern in December 2017.

Aryal had taken Composition II with Dawn Allen, and John Allen enjoys teasing and joking with Aryal about how mean his wife really is outside of the classroom. Aryal always laughs and insists



Photos provided by Dawn Allen

Allen with a mare and a foal born in the spring of 2018.

she's too nice to be mean. By now, it is an inside joke between the two men whenever Aryal returns to Alva.

But the relationship is more than teasing. Aryal talked about how helpful Allen had been with advice after his graduation from Northwestern.

"I can't say 'thank you' enough for how grateful I am for getting to know him," Aryal said. "He has made a huge impact on my life."

Aryal discussed how the help and confidence Allen instilled in him helped him get a job in

Wichita, then one in Tulsa. "John is super nice and being around him makes everything so [much] better," Aryal added. "How did I get so lucky?"

Allen explained that getting to know students like Aryal is part of what he enjoys so much about his job. He said he loved talking with students because everyone has the opportunity to change students' lives — colleagues in the foundation office, the faculty, the staff and the community. "We're a community," Allen said. "That's what makes Northwestern special."

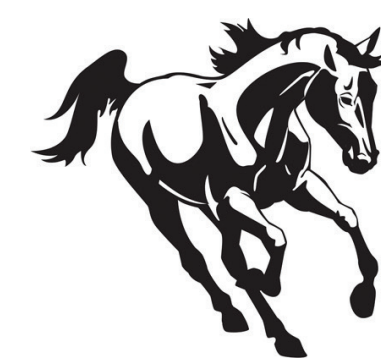


Photo Provided by Dawn Allen

Allen with sons Patrick (right) and Barrett (left) and father-in-law Dallas Davis (center).

“Remember: horses are predictably unpredictable.”  
-John Allen

“You're always going to learn something about horses.”  
-John Allen

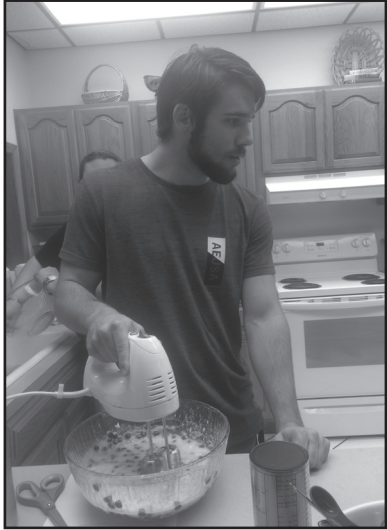
“The best rides are early, in the snow, and no wind. There's nothing else like that.”  
-John Allen



# Feature

## Up to our eyes in pies

Culinary Club makes 30 pies for Pi Day Celebration.



Club Vice President, Chris Chauncey, mixes the ingredients for chocolate pecan pie.



Club member, Isabella Hardester, stirring the peanut butter pie filling.



President, Chloe Nutley, pre-bakes the pie crust for peanut butter pie.



Club Historian, Nick Wygle, and club sponsor Dr. Mary Riegle make the lemonade pie filling.

The Wesley House allowed the Culinary Club to use their kitchen to bake pies for the Pi Day event. March 14 from 6-9 p.m. there will be free pie and games in the ball room above the student center for anyone who would like to join.

## A man of many projects

By MCKAYLA HOLSON  
Assistant Editor

If you walk through the computer science labs, chances are you will see Sam Meek sitting in front of a computer working on one of his projects.

Meek is working on creating a game for a competition and he has several personal projects.

Meek said his greatest weakness is personal motivation and commitment to his own personal goals. He said it can be a severe problem sometimes; he has several projects that he has started but never finished.

Meek is a sophomore computer science major from Waynoka. When he graduates, he said he would like to start his own game design studio.

He enjoys M&M Sonic Blasts and he is a huge advocate of ordering Pizza Hut pizza online.

Meek is generally a “quiet dude,” but becomes almost



Sam Meek

passionate when describing how the “Hut Rewards” system works. Every dollar you spend gives you two reward points. When you acquire enough points, you can get a free pizza.

When he is not promoting the rewards program, Meek is usually gaming. He tends to game on the PC.

Meek even built his first PC when he was a sophomore in high school. His current system is a more recent build.

Some of Meek’s favorite

PC games are Portal 2, Starcraft 2 and Earth Defense Force 4.1. He recently got into playing League of Legends. Meek also plays Dungeons & Dragons. He has been a part of several campaigns and said it can become a pretty funny game.

Meek said his favorite D&D memory is when he barely escaped a dangerous dungeon as it exploded. The blast left his character three points away from dying permanently.

## Students’ favorite PIE

By PHILLIP HUDSON  
Student Reporter

March 14 is Pi Day, the third month and the 14th day of the year, and on this day people celebrate by eating pie. The question is, what pie should be eaten?



Favorite pies would be a natural answer; nobody wants to eat a pie they dislike as a celebration for the day. A few students like Chad Woods, senior psychology major, and freshman Ashley Gray, elementary education major, recommend coconut cream pie. The pudding-like pie is only one option though, and if you dislike it, do not celebrate with it unless used in a pie fight.



Brittini Taylor, junior biology major, says that cheesecake is her favorite pie. Cheesecake is another popular pie, though people do debate if it is one. It has a crust like a pie and is baked. Sydney Endsley, freshman speech/theater major, also believes cheesecake is a pie and said it is her favorite too. Cheesecake can be topped with blueberries, chocolate or eaten plain.



Katherine Blair, junior instrumental music education major, likes apple pie. Endsley also enjoys apple pie. This pie, unlike previously mentioned pies, has a top crust which can appear in different shapes and designs, adding a bonus to its recommendation as you could personalize the design like cheesecake can be.



Taylor recommends pumpkin pie too. Traditionally, pumpkin is a Thanksgiving pie-similar to eggnog on Christmas-but Pi Day welcomes all pies. Whipped cream is the topping seen most, but pecans can be used as a topping.



Although Pi Day is celebrated on March 14, the exact time for celebration is 1:59 a.m. so that the exact number 3.14159 can be reached. This year’s Pi Day being on a Saturday means students can stay up, if they usually do not, and start celebrating shortly after midnight. Happy Pi Day!!!

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# Entertainment



## 'The Dirt' is coming soon

By **NICK PERKINS**  
*Student Reporter*

Netflix is releasing a movie that has been in the works for over a decade because it is so gritty, raw and truthful that no other movie studio wanted to make it the way it was written.

"The Dirt" is about Mötley Crüe, the world's most notorious band, it is a biopic that is coming out March 22. It is based on the raunchy, tell all memoir, which was written by all four band members in 2001, also called "The Dirt."

This movie shows a raw, truthful look into the lives of the four outcasts that made up the band, and their excess of sex, drugs and alcohol consumption, as they experienced their rise, fall and rise again in the '80s and '90s.

In this movie, Colson Baker,

better known as rapper Machine Gun Kelly, plays the role of Tommy Lee, the drummer of the band; Douglas Booth plays the bassist, Nikki Sixx; Iwan Rheon plays the guitarist, Mick Mars; and Daniel Webber plays the singer, Vince Neil.

Just from the trailer, it shows unique shots of live performances like Lee's drum set going out over the crowd and rotating.

It shows some of the wild stuff that they did: like a member of the band diving out into the crowd, Sixx slamming his bass into someone during a show, the band lighting a hotel room on fire and also throwing a television out of a hotel window onto a car, crushing the roof.

The trailer also shows that with all of the fun that the band had partying, which comes with being famous and being a rock star, there are also downsides to all of it.

It shows Neil getting into a car wreck where he was charged with DUI and vehicular manslaughter; it shows Sixx overdosing on heroin and being brought back to life in the back of an ambulance; it shows Lee's marriage to actress Heather Locklear falling apart and it shows Mars's struggle with his bone disease, Ankylosing Spondylitis.

This movie has been in the making for more than 14 years and has been passed around to a couple of different movie studios. According to an interview that Sixx gave to the build Series, it was very important to the band that the movie not get sanitized any, which was what the movie studios wanted to do.

Then, Netflix purchased the rights to the movie and gave them the OK to make the same exact movie that the book was.

This was important for the band because it shows their

individual stories and how they came together with a gang like mentality and got famous and then all ended up at these very low points in their lives, before they came back together and straightened their lifestyles out.

Sixx described it as more of a cautionary tale because it is so truthful and transparent.

If stuff was left out of the stories, it wouldn't be truthful and would be like a lot of other biopics that come out and show versions of the truth and have some stuff toned down, for better ratings and theatrical purposes.

The band has always been very truthful and transparent about their lifestyles and what they have been going through.

"I think everything was really spot on, which is frightening," Lee said in an interview with Rolling Stone Magazine. "I still can't believe it came out that well."

## What's New on Netflix

### March 15

A Separation  
Arrested Development: Season 5 B  
Burn Out (FR)  
Dry Martina (AR)  
Girl (BE)  
If I Hadn't Met You  
Kung Fu Hustle  
Las Muñecas de la Mafia: Season 2  
Love, Death & Robots  
Paskal (MY)  
Queer Eye: Season 3  
Robozuna: Season 2  
The Lives of Others  
Turn Up Charlie  
YooHoo to the Rescue

### March 16

Green Door

### March 19

Amy Schumer: Growing

### March 21

Antoine Griezmann: The Making of a Legend

### March 22

Carlo & Malik  
Charlie's Colorforms City  
Delhi Crime  
Historia de un crimen: Colombia  
Mirage (ES)  
Most Beautiful Thing  
ReMastered: The Miami Showband Massacre  
Selling Sunset

The Dirt

### March 26

Nate Bargatze: The Tennessee Kid

### March 28

Ainori Love Wagon: Asian Journey: Season 2

### March 29

15 August (IN)  
Bayoneta (MX)  
Osmosis  
Santa Clarita Diet: Season 3  
The Highwaymen  
The Legend of Cocaine Island  
Traitors  
Tucker and Dale vs. Evil

## Movies premiering this month

### March 22:

Us  
Hotel Mumbai  
Mard Ko Dard Nahin Hota  
Ramen Shop  
Sunset

### March 29:

Dumbo  
The Beach Bum  
Unplanned



# Sports

## Lady Rangers heartbreak in GAC Tournament

By EMMA SPORLEDER  
Student Reporter

The Lady Ranger's 2018-2019 basketball season came to a heart-breaking end Thursday night in Bartlesville at the Great American Conference Championship Tournament when Northwestern Oklahoma State University's Lady Rangers fell to conference rival Southwestern Oklahoma State University's Lady Bulldogs 78-73.

NWOSU entered the tournament at the No. 8 seed and faced the undefeated in conference play SWOSU, who were the No. 1 seed.

Northwestern kept a tight game from the opening tip off as the two teams traded baskets throughout the first quarter.

Southwestern had an early advantage, but Jade Jones and Bailey Brown put in shots around the rim for the first tie of the game.

Northwestern went into the second quarter with a 30-25 lead over the Lady Bulldogs and the third quarter was a defensive battlefield as both teams turned the ball over multiple times.

Unfortunately, the Lady Rangers were not able to pull the lead in the end.



The Lady Rangers dropped a close match to SWOSU.



The Lady Rangers made history with their first GAC Tournament bid.

The Lady Rangers were eliminated from the tournament by the Lady Bulldogs by a five-point loss.

The final score was 78-73, Southwestern.

Kalea King led the Lady Rangers with 19 points, Jade Jones had 14 points, Jakeria Otey gave 12 points and Bailey Brown finished with 10 points.

The Lady Rangers finished their season with a 12-18 record and made history after qualifying for their first ever Great American



The Lady Rangers finish out their 2018-19 campaign with a 12-18 record.

## Women's golf competes in MSU Texas Invitational

By ERIC SCOTT  
Athletic Communications

Northwestern Oklahoma State University opened its Spring championship season this week at the Midwestern State University Texas Invitational at the Wichita Falls Country Club in Wichita Falls, Texas.

The two round, two-day event got started Monday morning with the Ranger women completing the first round with a team score of 360, and culminated Tuesday afternoon with a 11-stroke improvement by the Rangers to finish with a 349.

Northwestern's team score was four strokes ahead of Truman State (Mo.).

Senior golfer Rylie Eller posted the top score for the Rangers at the completion of both rounds with scores of 83 and 84 to finish in the top half of the field.

Nikkole Donk was next in line for Northwestern with a two-round total of 177 as she improved her score five strokes in the second round to finish with an 86.

Ashley Watts and Brittani Casement finished the event back-to-back on the leaderboard with scores of 186 (90-96) and 188 (96-92), respectively.

Freshman Cassidy Pettigrew had the biggest improvement of the field between the first and second rounds as she finished with a two-round total of 201.

Up next for Northwestern women's golf is the Rockhurst Invitational at the Crestview Country Club in Wichita, Kansas.

The contest is set for March 25-26.



The women next tee off on March 25-26.

## Men's golf set to play in Washburn Invitational on March 18

By ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Due to course conditions and forecasted rain, the Northwestern Oklahoma State University men's golf opener at the Washburn Invitational has been pushed back a week.

The event, hosted by Washburn and held at the Topeka Country

Club, is now scheduled for two rounds on Monday, March 18, and conclude with an 18-hole round the following day.

The tournament will kick off the 2019 Championship season for the Ranger men after competing in four events during the fall semester.

Northwestern earned a tournament victory at the 2018 Ranger Invite in September.





# Sports

## Softball drops tough series at home

By **LOGAN JONES**  
Assist. Sports Editor

The Northwestern softball team took on the University of Arkansas-Monticello Cotton Blossoms last weekend, losing all four games of the series.

The series opened with a double-header on Friday. In game one, the Lady Rangers found themselves in an early hole after a leadoff homerun by the Cotton Blossoms.

In the second and third innings, despite threatening with runners in scoring position, the Lady Rangers could not bring any of them in.

UAM again found the scoreboard in the fourth and fifth innings, scoring two and then four respectively.

In the bottom of the sixth, freshman Morgan LaNeve recorded her first collegiate home run, giving Northwestern their first runs of the day. In the top of the seventh, the Cotton Blossoms tacked on one more run, giving them an 8-1 lead.

The Lady Rangers rallied for three runs in the bottom of the inning however, it was not enough as the game ended with a final score of 8-4.

In game two, the Ranger offense went silent as they only managed to record two hits against the UAM pitching.

The Cotton Blossoms got on the board first due to some costly



Photo by Megan Maharry.

The Lady Rangers will next face Henderson State on the road in Arkansas.

Northwestern errors.

Monticello would add to their lead with three in the third and one in the sixth which seemed to be the final nail in the coffin for the Lady Rangers.

After the seventh, the final score was 5-0.

On Saturday, the series continued with two more games.

In game one, Monticello picked up where they left off from Friday,

scoring early and often.

The Cotton Blossoms recorded two runs in the top of the first and one in the third.

The Lady Rangers threatened in the bottom of the first by putting

two runners in scoring position but were unable to bring them across the plate.

As the game went on, the Cotton Blossoms would continue to add to their lead, scoring twice in the fourth and three more times in the fifth.

After going down quietly in the sixth, the run rule came in to effect, ending the game an inning early with a score of 8-0.

In the final game of the series, the Lady Rangers desperately tried to keep from being swept at home.

In the bottom of the first, the red and black tallied three runs, marking the first time Northwestern led in the series.

They extended their lead in the third by tacking on another run.

The Monticello bats seemed to wake up as they tied the game at four a piece in the fourth before taking the lead with three runs in the fifth and extending their lead with four more in the sixth.

The Lady Rangers tried to mount a comeback in the bottom of the seventh, scoring two runs on a bases loaded single by Caden Cunningham.

However, the damage had already been done, and the red and black ultimately lost, 11-6.

The Lady Rangers move to 2-14 overall and 2-10 in conference play.

They will return to the diamond when they travel to Arkadelphia, Arkansas to take on the Henderson State Reddies on March 15 and 16.

## Baseball drops beginning series to UAM

By **ERIC SCOTT**  
Athletic Communications

It was a tough day for Northwestern Oklahoma State University baseball Sunday afternoon as the Rangers dropped a pair of games at Arkansas-Monticello in Great American Conference play.

UAM got the best of the Rangers in the opener of Sunday's doubleheader, 10-4. In the night cap, the Boll Weevils scored four runs in their final two innings for the 6-2 outcome. Northwestern (11-9, 2-8) and UAM (9-8, 7-4) will close the three-game set Monday at noon in Monticello.

Senior outfielder Justin Bundy had the highlight of game one at the plate with a two-run home run in the ninth inning. Carlos Andujar snapped a homerless streak with a solo shot that tied the game in the second contest. Bundy and Andujar were the lone Rangers with multiple runs batted in on the afternoon.

Of Northwestern's five hits in game two, four were for extra bases. To go along with Andujar's

home run, Bryce Donovan, Johnnuelle Ponce and Jake Darrow each doubled. Donovan has hit safely in five straight games.

### Game 1

Starting out the first game, it looked like the Rangers would be locked in at the plate as they put a run across the plate to take an early 1-0 lead. With two outs, Andujar and Luis Mendoza drew back-to-back walks to set up a Ponce single to left to plate the run.

Unfortunately, the Boll Weevils scored six unanswered runs before the Rangers were able to get a run in the top of the fifth.

Tanner Rutledge drew a base on balls to start the inning and Brock Randels picked up a small ball single. Following two straight outs with both men holding in place, Andujar singled to right center to bring Rutledge home to make it 6-2.

UAM put two runs on the board in both the sixth and eighth innings to extend their lead to 10-2. In the top of the ninth and down to the last Ranger out, Bundy sent his sixth home run of the season out to right to cut the difference to 10-4.

Andujar reached bases for the third time in the game with a

walk to follow Bundy, but would be stranded as the third out in the ninth was recorded.

Dillon Van Oosbree (2-2) took the loss after pitching 5.1 innings in the start, while striking out six batters.

Baron Phillips struck out two in 1.2 scoreless innings and Dax Jallo pitched the eighth inning for the Rangers.

### Game 2

In the second contest, the Boll Weevils held on to a 2-0 lead before the Rangers were able to come by and tie the game with runs in the top of the fourth inning.

Andujar started the inning with a solo shot to right, his fourth of the year. After Ponce doubled two batters later, he eventually scored on a double by Donovan.

However, the Rangers were held hitless after that inning, while the Boll Weevils took the lead in the bottom of the fifth and added three runs in the sixth to bring the final output to 6-2.

Jacob Uhing pitched all six innings for the Rangers in the loss to move to 2-2 on the season.

The rest of the UAM series has been moved to March 13 due to weather forecasts.



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The men finished out their baseball series on March 13.



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