

## Women of past, present and future

### Celebrating Women's History Month and the women who impacted NWOSU

By **MEGAN MAHARRY**  
*Student Reporter*

Womens history has impacted lives all over the world, even in our small town of Alva.

"You may not always have a comfortable life and you will not always be able to solve all of the world's problems at once, but don't ever underestimate the importance you can have because history has shown us that courage can be contagious and hope can take on a life of its own."

Michelle Obama, former First Lady of the United States, left a powerful impact during her time in office and continues to be an inspiration now.

She and many other women are celebrated during Women's History Month.

According to Women's History Month, this national celebration got its start in 1981 when Congress passed Pub. L. 97-28 which authorized and requested the president to proclaim the week beginning March 7, 1982, as "Women's History Week." Throughout the next five years, Congress continued to pass joint resolutions designating a week in March as "Women's History Week." In 1987 after being petitioned by the National Women's History Project, Congress passed Pub. L. 100-9 which designated the month of March 1987 as "Women's History Month." Between 1988 and 1994, Congress passed additional resolutions requesting and authorizing the president to proclaim March of each year as Women's History Month. Since 1995, presidents Clinton, Bush and Obama have issued a

series of annual proclamations designating the month of March as "Women's History Month."

While the world has been shaped by numerous influential women, often times these women are overlooked. Whether these women were forgotten about or the impact they left was not recognized, women do not always receive the credit they deserve.

Northwestern Oklahoma State University would not be where it is today without the influence of some very special women.

When NWOSU was first established, the first two women teachers were Sarah Bosworth and Mary DeLisle.

Jonny Barton knows Northwestern's history inside and out. He spent around 29 years working as a teacher, the head of the speech and drama department and the dean of the school of humanities, fine arts and language.

He said he believes women are often left out of the history, even at Northwestern.

"Many of them were some of the better teachers," Barton said. "And I think we want to encourage that."

He said there was a biology professor, Anna B. Fisher, who taught at Northwestern beginning in 1927. He said she was very highly respected.

"At that time, and this was a true statement, the adage was, if you couldn't get a recommendation from Anna B. Fisher, you couldn't get into medical school," Barton said.

Minnie Shockley is another important woman in Northwestern's history.

She began her career in 1910 and eventually became the dean of women and an instructor in the

English department.

Shockley Hall, the current math and computer science building on campus, is named after her.

Fryer Hall, the current girl's dormitory, is named after Agnes Fryer and her husband James T. Fryer. They were donors to the original site of the college.

The women on Northwestern's campus continue to leave an impact through their teachings and contributions to campus.

It is important to continue to recognize women and the impact



Photo provided by Megan Maharry

**Anna B. Fisher**

they are continuing to leave, even after Women's History Month is over.

Helen Keller said "We can do anything we want to if we stick to it long enough."

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**Minnie M. Shockley, dean of women, assistant professor of English in the 1920s.**



Photo by Ashley Strehl

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Shockley Hall, the current math and computer science building on campus, is named after the late Minnie M. Shockley.

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# News

## Education majors taught in art workshop

By **CAITLYN PRAY**  
Student Reporter

What do you call something that is black, white and has teamwork all over?

A class collaboration project between the education and art departments of course!

On March 12 and 14, a number of education major students made their way to the art studio during their usual class time to add a bit of color to a canvas and spark inspiration for ideas they could use in their own elementary classrooms someday.

Splashing paint on a canvas might not be typically thought of as a stimulating, educational exercise, but as many if not all those involved with the project might say, it certainly is.

“The class is for our grade one through eight certified teachers; it’s called elementary creative activities, so it’s a course that is all about keeping the arts alive in elementary classrooms,” said Colleen Golightly, associate professor of education. “Its focus is to bring out art, but also teach through it by connecting with different content areas and trying to keep art as something

that’s offered in our classrooms since we have a lot of kids that are talented in those areas.” Golightly’s students spend amounts of time in the classroom studying the importance of art and budding creativity within elementary classrooms, but as many may know experience can sometimes be the best teacher. Knowing this, Golightly began to ask Kyle Larson, assistant professor of art, if he might have ideas for ways they could integrate art into her classroom.

“It was kind of his idea,” Golightly said. “He was really great too. He provided all the materials and set everything up. He also pointed out how painting can take a little bit of time to do, so he proposed we have a little mini one-hour workshop, since that’s how long their class is, and he said if I brought them over he’d teach them just like one of his beginning painting classes.”

That fateful Monday morning on March 12 eight of Golightly’s students made the trek from the education building to the art studio, where some looked forward for the fun chance to let their creative streak run, while others weren’t so sure of the idea.

“Going into the workshop, I was thinking ‘Oh this will be fun!’,

then when we got in the classroom and Mr. Larson started talking about what we were going to do, I started saying, ‘Ahh, I’m scared!’” Confessed McKenzie Billy, one of the morning’s students.

Golightly took notice of Billy’s and some of the others’ timidity as they entered the studio.

“At first they were a little hesitant—fearful that they would get something wrong, make a mistake, not doing something right—and he was really helpful to point out that that’s what art is all about; there is no right or wrong,” Golightly said.

However, despite some of the tentative-ness of the students, Golightly said Larson was well-prepared and confident in their ability.

“We walked in and he had all the easels set up, all the paint out, and he told them to go get their paint that they wanted, step to an easel and he would begin telling them what to do and give them instruction,” Golightly said.

“He also told them that by the time they left they would have finished their composition and would have a painting done and ready that they could take with them.”

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Photo by Colleen Golightly

Elementary education students visit Artist in Residence, Ben Zawalich. Elise Foss and McKenzie Billy with art professor Kyle Larson, and Artist in Residence Ben Zawalich.

## Artist-in-residence finds inspiration in the unlikely

By **CHUY DOMINGUEZ**  
Circulation Manager

Ben Zawalich didn’t do very well in high school and only discovered his passion to create art in college.

Zawalich was invited to Northwestern Oklahoma State University to stay four months to work on his projects. Ben is a painter and printmaker originally from Boston, Massachusetts.

He travels around the world and has been invited to many art shows to present and give out speeches about his artwork and has received residency awards from Ghana, Japan, France, Italy and many other countries. Zawalich’s art consists of photographing his old paintings, printing them out and then using them to make a collage in newer creations.

Many other universities reached out to Zawalich to hold an art showcase for people to take inspiration. He comes from many different parts of the world for others to perceive his projects and to learn more about his special technique of making collages and painting over them.

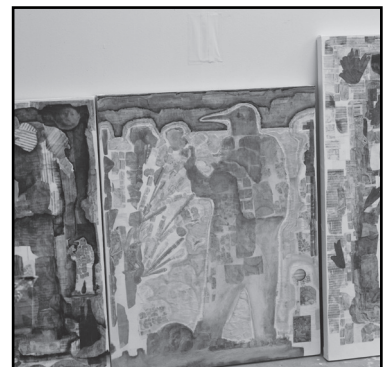
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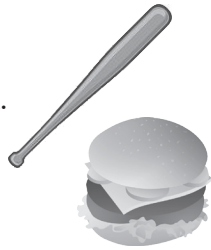
## What's up?

### Burgers and Baseball

SGA will be serving hamburgers at the home baseball game at Myers Family Stadium.

Mar 29

5:30 p.m.



### The Visiting Writer's Series presents Jeanetta Calhoun Mish

2017-2018 Oklahoma State Poet Laureate will be visiting the Alva campus to read selections of her poetry in the Student Center Ballroom.

Jeanetta Calhoun Mish is a scholar, poet, prose writer and the 2017-18 Oklahoma State Poet Laureate. Her most recent books are "What I Learned at the War," a poetry collection (West End Press, 2016) and "Oklahomeland: Essays" (Lamar University Press, 2015). Dr. Mish is Director of The Red Earth Creative Writing MFA @ Oklahoma City University where she also serves as advisor to Red Earth Review and as a faculty mentor in writing pedagogy, professional writing and the craft of poetry.

April 1

Noon



## Baseball player and crime-fighter

By NICK PERKINS  
Student Reporter

From an early age there has been two things that held his attention: sports and police.

Matt Goertzen is a senior who pitches for the Northwestern Rangers and is a criminal justice major from Fresno, California.

He grew up playing multiple sports, but started baseball when he was four and has been playing ever since.

He was also interested in becoming a police officer. "I grew up in a law enforcement family," Goertzen said. "So I just came to interest in it."

He started going on ride-alongs with his dad when he was 14. That's when he decided he wanted to become a police officer some day.

"I just enjoyed dealing with the crime," Goertzen said. He also enjoyed the adrenaline rushes on the way to calls and not knowing for sure what was going to happen, or how things were going to go down. "I also like to look at a lot of news reports on crime," said Goertzen. "And hearing about crime in certain cities."

Although he has an interest in law enforcement, he is still passionate about baseball. He played multiple sports throughout grade school, but baseball has been his

longest played sport.

"Once I got to high school and I had to choose between what sports I wanted to focus on more- whether it be football, soccer, running or baseball- I chose baseball," Goertzen said.

After graduation he plans on playing in a summer ball league in Canada. If he doesn't get any offers from scouts, he is going to join the police academy and work in the Phoenix, Arizona area.

"I would probably never work law enforcement in a town with little crime," said Goertzen.

"Because I would get bored and I'm not a desk job kind of guy."

### Teacher Career Fair

Student Center Ballroom

April 3

9 a.m. - 12 p.m.



### Water Pong Tournament

Coronado Hall

Mar 28

7 p.m.



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Weight	210
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Major	Criminal Justice
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## Art workshop teaches other majors

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Although the set-up was much appreciated, the lack of structured instruction was another obstacle some of the students encountered.

“I am someone who is a perfectionist,” Billy said. “I like to be organized and have structure. So when Mr. Larson started talking about how he wanted us to just start putting paint on the canvas with no real structure based on what we saw with the still life he had set up, I struggled. Once I started to allow myself to just paint and not think so much about it, I seriously enjoyed it so much! I have always been into arts and crafts. I also really love painting canvases, but when I paint canvases I normally do the cutesy, girly quotes and colors where I stress my perfectionist self out if it doesn’t look exactly like I want it to.”

Golightly explained that each student was seated in a semi-circle around a number of objects placed under a light. Although each object remained the same and was colored with black and white paints, the variations of color and dimensions, Golightly stated, changed some of the paintings quite a bit, as each were done with a different perspective and outlook. As one might have guessed, this was an evident point that Golightly was hoping for to show her students how they might understand their own students someday better.

At the end of the hour, despite some comfort zones being crossed,



Photo by Colleen Golightly

Education majors (left to right), Riley Wakefield, Aundrea Dufrane and Oakleigh Nickel holding their artwork.

canvases being painted over and nervous laughs and sighs, each student did leave with their own finished masterpiece, a powerful experience to take with them to their classrooms and an enjoyable experience.

“The mini painting workshop was a great experience!” Billy said. “I had never done anything like that before. From this experience, I learned that if you can just let yourself go and try something new without thinking too much about it, you can create something you never thought you could. I had a blast and would definitely love to

do it again!”

Golightly also seemed pleased with the final result of the class and her students reception of it.

“What we’re hoping and what is the class’s goal, of course, is to give them ideas for things want them to do in a classroom with children and we have those standards in curriculum where we teach art, even in elementary schools. That’s really the hope behind this class is to push to keep the arts alive in elementary classrooms—performing arts, visual arts, the many things they can do with their students.

## Northwestern Art Show winners announced, winning pieces to be displayed April 5 at Runnymede



Photo by University Relations

“Maxwell” by Brianna McClure & “Point of View” by Connie Moore were named as Best of Show on their respective sides of the 16th annual NWOSU Art Society Art Show. These pieces and others are on display at the J.W. Martin Library through March 29.

## Students attend hot dogs and homers



Photo by Megan Brown

Carys Delaplaine, Jordan Harris, and Jaqueline Ruhl standing at the hot dog booth at hotdogs and homers.

## ‘Speed friendshipping’ event held by counseling services



Photo by University Relations

On March 13th NWOSU student met in the Student Center Ballroom for a new event called “speed friendshipping” each student was given a scorecard to write down the nicknames of each student they interact with, they were given a minute and a half each to get to know each other, and ask questions.

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# Editorial

## Importance to enrollment

By: **NICK PERKINS**  
*Student Reporter*

The spring semester is coming to an end and that means it is time for students to start enrolling.

There are only 6 weeks left in school it is time for students to enroll for the summer and fall semesters.

It is important for students to meet with their advisers to figure out what classes they have already taken and what classes they still need to take in order to get their degrees. It is also important for students to meet with advisers so the advisers can make sure that their students are taking the proper classes that are required. Some students will camp out, so they can make sure that they get the classes that they want. So, it is important to enroll as soon as possible to get the preferred classes instead of just ones that are available.

The university recommends that students take at least 15 credit hours a semester to graduate on time. In doing so, a student should be able to graduate in the four-year time span. Since there are two semesters in a year that makes 30 credit hours in a year, and in four years they will have 120 credit hours. Although if students take more than that or they take summer classes then they might be able to graduate in less than four years.

One reason that it might be important for students to graduate on time is money. An extra semester at NWSU could cost students over \$10,000. In the time it takes a student to go to school for that extra semester, they might be able to get a job and start making money.

Sometimes life happens and certain classes might get tough. If students stick in there and put in the effort then most times everything will work out.

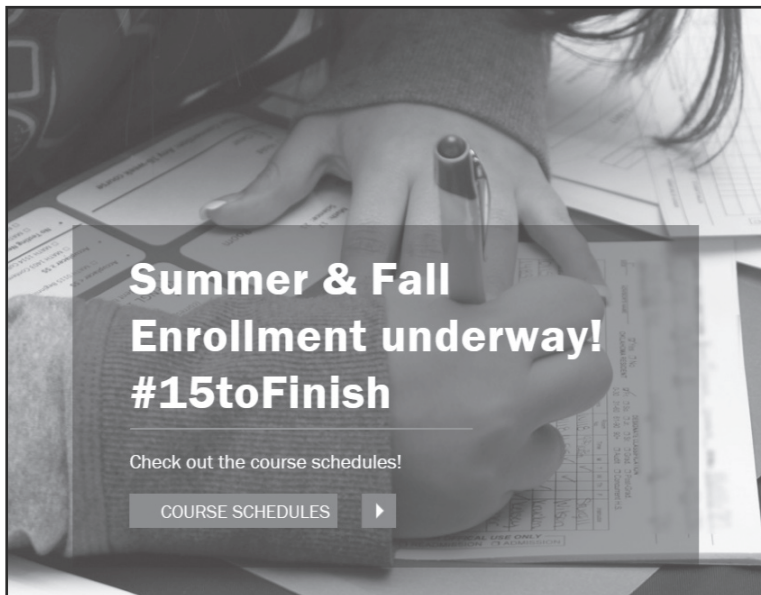


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## EDITOR'S RANT OF THE WEEK

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

My readers, I hope you had a fabulous spring break. Unfortunately, with all the spare time I had I could not come up with something to write about.

Today, as I am writing this, is the day that I send the paper out to the press and I am just now writing my rant.

I know, I'm pathetic. But, I figured since it's been a while since I've actually ranted about something, I would go ahead and do that this week. You know, so I can get all these frustrated feelings out.

First things first, and I know I've touched on this before, but the drivers in Alva... just... UGH-HHH. Why are they honking at me so much? I drive in the city once or twice a month and never get honked at, but, when I sit at a green light 2 seconds longer than I should in Alva I get honked at, hard. Ya'll don't have room to be impatient since you don't even want to use your turn signal half of the time. PSA: HONKING IS RUDE.

Second, and completely different from my previous problem. Do you all watch those ASMR videos on social media? Where people play with slime or cutt soap? Those I am okay with. But apparently some wierdos out there like to watch and listen to people EAT.

I can NOT stress this enough. Nobody. Wants. To. Watch. You. EAT. That does NOT relax me if anything it makes me so angry. Who likes to listen to someone chew?! I could honestly go on about this one but I'm going to stop cause it makes me so mad I'm literally about to break my keyboard just writing about it.

And last but not least.. I want to talk about the fact that I am not getting hired for an internship, mainly because I go to Northwestern. After doing my research, I found that 99% of employers would rather hire an intern who goes to OU or OSU rather than someone like me.

This is very frustrating. It's not fair. How am I supposed to gain experience if I'm not getting recognized as much as students from larger universities? The most frustrating thing is, is that I am pretty sure I know just as much as a journalist from OU or OSU.

So those are the things that have been grinding my gears lately. I feel much better now. Thank you all for your time.

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# SHANNON LEAPER:

# THE GREATEST SECRET OF THE LIBRARY

By MCKAYLA HOLSON  
Student Reporter

A woman with a love of knowledge and a collection of gnomes heads the library at NWOSU.

This woman gets up every day looking to help those in need and brighten their day. This woman is Shannon Leaper.

Leaper is the director of library services and the assistant professor of library and information science here at Alva's NWOSU campus. Her duties include maintaining the budget, doing paperwork, managing and supporting faculty and staff, maintaining the building and many others.

Another part of working in the library is helping students. Leaper said her biggest failure is when students walk away and she feels she did not give them the answer they were looking for.

To overcome this feeling of failure, Leaper said she tries to follow up with the students and shares information that might be beneficial to them. She also tries to ensure that the next student has plenty of information.

Leaper said she then begins to think about hypothetical students who might be looking for the same answers. She has built numerous websites to help these students.

"She's really good at explaining questions," said Baleigh Roberts, a junior English major and student worker at the library. "She cares for everyone who comes into the library." Roberts said she admires Leaper's responsibility and respectfulness.

Leaper became the director in



Shannon Leaper

July, and she said there are no frustrations. She said she is blessed with her crew at NWOSU. Everyone is genuinely happy and ready to come to work. She also said the university has a great administration.

Leaper grew up all around southern Georgia. She attended Wayland Baptist University for her undergraduate studies and then she went to Valdosta State University where she obtained her masters of library and information science. She moved to Oklahoma in 2012 from Valdosta and then she received masters in education from NWOSU in 2017.

Leaper has five children who she says are her greatest achievements: Amanda Breeden who previously attended NWOSU but is now at Panhandle State; Savannah Cote who is an English and social sciences major at NWOSU; Nana Leaper

of Wichita Falls; Andrew Leaper of Wichita Falls; and Ryshelle Leaper of Virginia. Leaper also has five grandchildren.

Leaper is married to Jeff Leaper, a man who she says is her personal hero. Leaper said he is amazing and fascinating. She said he is her best friend and she admires him. She admires his morality, his sense of right and wrong.

Leaper said she also likes that they can agree to disagree; they do not always see eye-to-eye and that is OK.

Leaper did not start off as a librarian. She was the former secretary of the First United Methodist Church in Valdosta, and she was in medical logistics in the United States Air Force. During her last four years in the Air Force, Leaper was a military instructor.

Leaper said she did not even seriously consider becoming a librarian until around 2008. Ironically, she won an award her senior year of high school and was voted "Most Likely to Become a Librarian" during a mock ceremony.

Growing up, she said she kept her options open and did not know what she was going to be. If she had to retire today and choose a new career, she said she would like to do book indexing or travel planning. She said she would most likely choose the travel planning.

"I like planning the travel almost as much as I like going on the trip," Leaper said.

Leaper pointed out that organization has played a huge role in her previous jobs: she organized people at the church and she organized medical supplies in the Air Force.

*"She's really good at explaining questions. She cares for everyone who comes into the library."*

Leaper was in the Air Force for nine and a half years beginning when she was 20. During this time, she was at two bases, Tyndall in Florida and Sheppard in Texas, and deployed once to Kuwait after 9/11.

While in Kuwait, she learned how to properly drink tea and she tried food that she said she still cannot identify. Leaper said the tea was made with saffron and some of the best she ever tasted.

To properly have tea is to relax for 30 minutes while conversing and then get down to business. Leaper said that this is different from the American way of getting business done right away.

Leaper said Kuwait was fascinating and beautiful. She said it reminded her a lot of Oklahoma: it was flat with oil wells everywhere.

Leaper described herself as a happy, optimistic person. She said she tries to make those around her feel happy also. She said that if someone is going to infect another with an attitude, why not make it a good one? "Be kind," Leaper said. "It doesn't cost anything to be kind." Amanda Breeden, Leaper's daughter, described her mom as extremely goal oriented, a world traveler and overall warm.

Being optimistic ties into what she feels is her best quality and greatest weakness: trying to see the good in every situation and person. Leaper has a goal of becoming the best she can be at her job. She said she wants to learn her job as well as she can. She mentioned a possible future goal of furthering her education, but that is far into the future. As of right now, she is focused on becoming the best director she can be.

Breeden said Leaper's love for knowledge is something she admires about her. "Even though she's been to college and received several degrees, she's always strived and wanted to learn more in and outside of school," Breeden said.

Getting up in the morning to come to work and do the best that she can is what motivates Leaper when helping others she said.



Photos provided by Mckayla Holson

Leaper was in the Air Force for nine and a half years.

Leaper's hobbies include crafts such as crocheting, knitting and cross-stitching, reading (her husband calls her a "voracious reader") and traveling.

Leaper's job has allowed her to do one of her hobbies: travelling. Leaper is a part of the study abroad committee. She is chairing the 2019 trip with Wayne McMillin from the Enid campus.

The 2019 trip will be 10 days in Italy, visiting places such as Venice, Florence, the Leaning Tower of Pisa, Rome, Pompei and many others. Leaper said the trip will be amazing.

For more information, contact Leaper or go to the travel abroad website. As the new director of the library, Leaper said she does not expect to make many changes. She said Susan Jeffries, the previous director, was an amazing mentor.

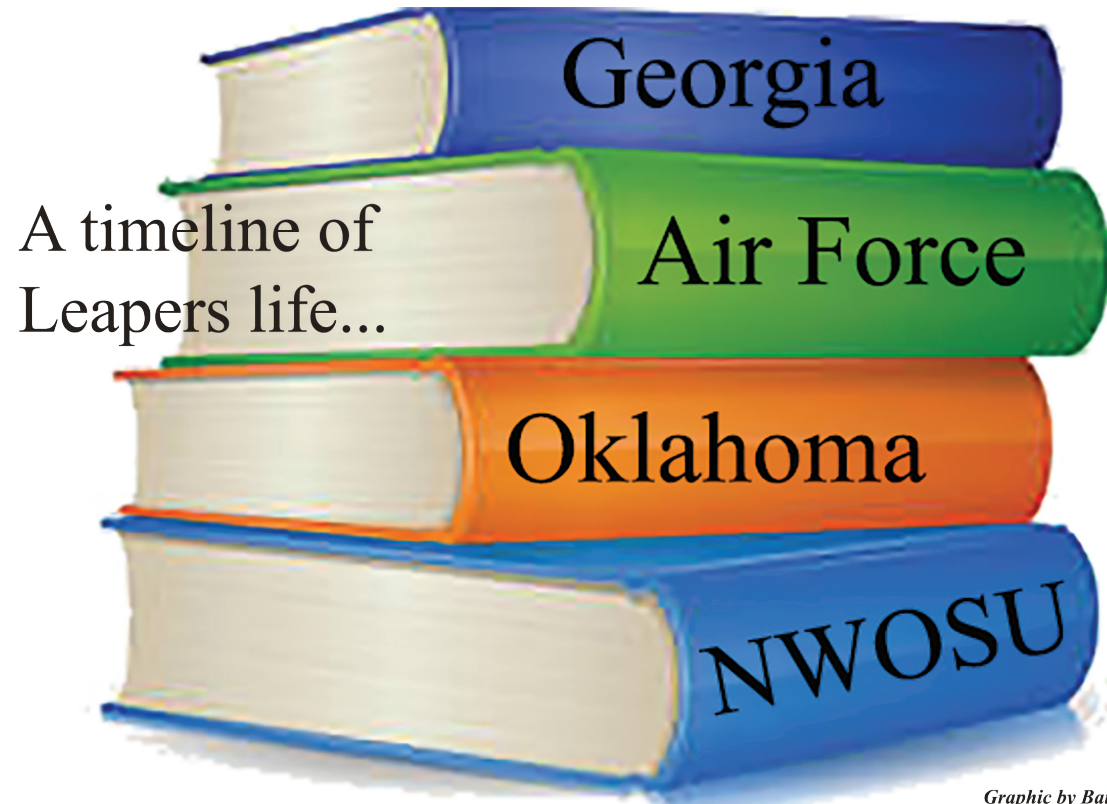


While changes are not to be greatly expected in the future, Leaper hopes to be more aware of the needs of non-traditional students. She would like to add baby changing stations to the restrooms.

According to Leaper, the en-

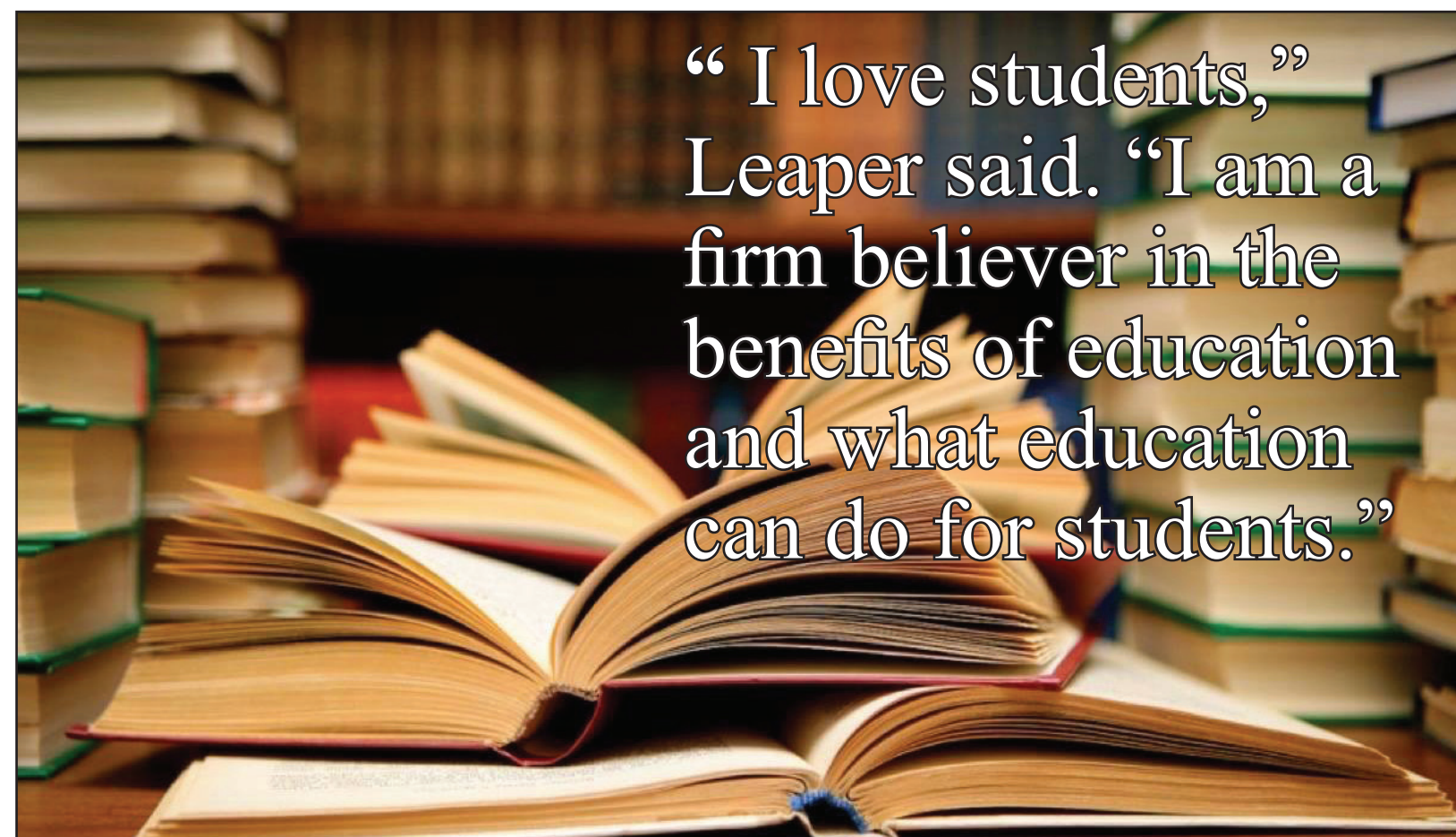


Shannon Leaper and the library staff.



A timeline of Leapers life...

Graphic by Bailey Rankin



*"I love students," Leaper said. "I am a firm believer in the benefits of education and what education can do for students."*



Shannon Leaper on one of her trips.

# Feature

## Artist at work on campus

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begin to take on the appearance of mythology.

One of his largest works took him three months to finish and it is named "Papel Falso." He said this project is his proudest and most memorable piece to work on.

Ever since Zawalich started school at the University of Boston, he discovered his passion for art.

"I wasn't exactly the best kid to attend class daily," he said. "I didn't do well in high school either. So, I just went toward art to see if I was any good at it." He wanted to become different and for people to look at his art differently.

Many artists around the world don't exactly re-create old images to reinvent new creations and add them to a bigger project. But, Zawalich does it in a unique style that it is hard for others to copy his exact paintings. He has a wife living in Chile with him before his residency here.

His wife doesn't necessarily get his art as he does. "My wife



doesn't like to look at them," Zawalich said.

He doesn't use social media to create a larger market. Other artists wouldn't need to because the number of images that are posted each day is so massive that it would be hard to come across his art pieces.

Zawalich tries to avoid using social media because he wants people to look at his art in person and to take time perceiving his work.

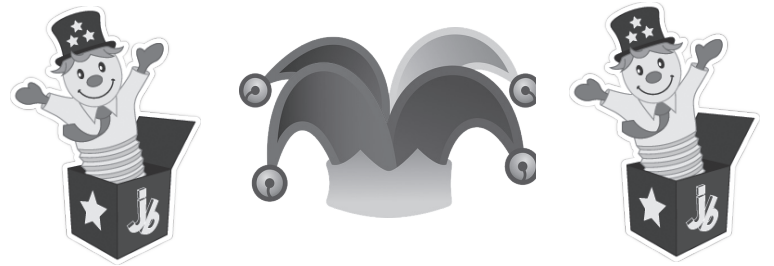
A culminating exhibition of the work Zawalich creates at

NWOSU will be displayed on Friday, April 5 during the April First Friday Art Walk.

He will also be speaking at a workshop on April 3 and after will conduct an Assembled Drawing Workshop.

This event is free and open to all, and supplies are provided. All experience levels are welcome.

Experience creating a drawing through embarking on a collaborative, non-linear drawing process that utilizes construction, deconstruction and collage as key elements in the creative pursuit.



## April Fools' pranks to try on your friends

By **CHUY DOMINGUEZ**  
Student Reporter

### 1. Caramel onions

Who wouldn't like a tasty treat after a long day? Serving your friends with a delicious caramel covered apple would surely enlighten their day. Unless... it's NOT a red apple under the caramel. Instead of covering an apple, replace it with an onion and watch your friends devour the treat and spit it out.

### 2. The Sneeze

Fill a spray bottle with some mildly warm tap water and wait for your moment to strike. When you're standing behind someone, no more than a foot away from them, hold the spray bottle up to your face and let out a violent sneeze, covering your victims back and neck with what he thinks is snot. Apologize profusely and let him believe, for a few disgusting seconds, that you seriously sneezed all over his back, before finally revealing the truth.

### 3. Push, Don't Pull

Find a door that can only be opened by pulling it, then add an official looking sign to the door that reads "PUSH ONLY PLEASE." You'll be surprised how many people keep pushing despite the repeated evidence that it's just not going to work. Why do we blindly follow signs even when they are not logical? There's a psychology thesis in there somewhere, but you just have to decide how long to let them struggle before reminding them about April Fools'.

### 4. Confetti Ceiling Fan

Get some paper and cut it up into hundreds of tiny confetti pieces. Carefully place them on top of a ceiling fan—make sure the fan is off, obviously, and that

nobody will walk in and catch you in the act—and then stealthily leave as if nothing has changed. Wait for your unsuspecting mark to walk in and flip on the ceiling fan, and then wonder why he's being showered with confetti like it just struck midnight on New Years.

### 5. FAKE CAKE

Ever wanted to bake a cake for someone who earned it? You should try to take a round car-washing sponge, or a piece of craft foam, and decorate it with cake frosting, sprinkles, etc. Then try not to laugh when the victim struggles to cut themselves some cake. This one gets 5 STARS for a delicious meal!

### 6. SNAKE!

All you need is a rubber snake and some fishing line. Tie the fishing line around the snake and then attach the other end of the line to the inside of a cupboard or anything that opens and closes. Set it up so that when they open the door/cupboard the snake will jump out. Or simply set it up to drag across the lounge floor while everyone is watching TV!

### 7. FIZZY DRINK TIME BOMBS

We all know what Mint MENTOS do to fizzy drinks. Yes, it makes it bubble or fizz uncontrollably. Get an ice tray, fill it up with water and drop a Mento in each, put in the freezer and keep them ready for your fizzy drink lover friends. Pop the ice cubes in their drinks and wait for the ice to start melting for the grand finale.

# April Fools' Day

By **Kevin Ford**  
Student Reporter

Check your surroundings and listen extra closely to your friends, for Monday is April Fools' Day. The single day of the year where you are not safe from any kind of tricks.

We all have that one friend that stays quiet and relatively relaxed, but once they become engaged they go all the way, if someone comes to mind, do not be surprised if they execute a hilarious prank on you Monday.

Justin Van Fleet, a senior psychology major at Northwestern, shared an April Fools' story. "I know this couple who have lived together for a few years now," Fleet said. Each April fools day, the male does a prank on his girlfriend, Fleet said. He waited until his girlfriend fell asleep the night before April 1.

His idea was to put saranwrap around the toilet seat in an attempt to catch his girlfriend off guard going to the bathroom in the morning.

Sure enough, his girlfriend did not become aware before she was urinating on herself. Using saranwrap is by far a good disguise, but when someone gets up to go to the bathroom in the morning most people are usually still half-asleep and not as aware, Fleet said.

Although April 1, is a nationally celebrated day, its origins remain a mystery.

April Fools' day roams in



pop culture, most notable in an episode of the Simpsons where Bart accidentally put his father in a coma.

It is said that people who were slow to celebrate the new year would usually continue to celebrate towards the last week in March through April 1, they became the butt of jokes and hoaxes.

There is also speculation that April Fools' Day tied to the weather, or first day of spring in the Northern Hemisphere, when Mother Nature fooled people with unpredictable weather.

April Fools' Day spread throughout Britain during the 18th century. In Scotland, the tradition became a two-day event, starting with "hunting the gowk," in which people tricked others into going on phony errands. Gowk is a symbol for a fool.

Brendan Brown, a junior criminal justice major at Northwestern also shared an April Fools' story.

"My old high school buddy and his girlfriend at the time went up to her mom with a fake pregnancy test which read positive on April Fools'," Brown said. "He told me it did not take long before her mom went crazy so they hurried and told them it was just an April Fools' joke".

If you pull a joke like this on someone's parents, you should expect a fierce reaction to say the least.

Now, just to remind everybody, Monday is April Fools' day. Do not let Monday get the best of you. Remember, there is a 24-hour window for people to pull strings and execute pranks, keep an eye out.

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# Entertainment



## ‘Captain Marvel’ has some issues but its an OK film

By **PHILLIP HUDSON**  
*Student Reporter*

“Captain Marvel” brings more galactic elements from Marvel Comics that Guardians of Galaxy introduced. The new aliens include the Skrull and the Flerkens, who look like house cats. We learn more about the Kree, who were mentioned with Ronan: their military structure, that they follow a being called the Supreme Intelligence and their reasons for entering wars with other aliens like the Skrulls.

The Kree/Skrull war sets up the protagonists’ and antagonists’ goals in the film, who will find the lightspeed engine, allowing either side to move several times faster than the other side. As mentioned, the Skrulls can shape shift, so they seem to have an advantage over the Kree, but Danvers’ powers outweigh that advantage.

Danvers can shoot energy out of her body allowing her to

fly, shoot blasts from her hands, somehow breathe in space, start an engine, super strength and have glowing eyes. Her only weaknesses seem to be if you can over her hands, though she can eventually blast them off, and being naive, though that is cured by the end of the film.

The entire main cast play off of each other really well. Their chemistry could fuel a trilogy, which most franchises seem to want. Jackson and Mendelson have the best chemistry and fight scene in the film. They have a sitcom feel about their relationship, each character having a sarcastic response to the other. Lynch’s time in the film is briefer than the other stars but every scene she is in matters and she quickly becomes a key character the moment she appears.

However, the cast is centered around Larson, whose performance was inconsistent in the film. Many scenes she

laughed at funny moments and was serious in serious moments, but sometimes she did serious in funny moments. Her and Law’s lines were delivered as if they did not know what the character was feeling or thinking, which may have been a directorial choice. Law is a major player in the film--scientist, leader of the Noble Warrior Heroes and mentor to Larson’s character--but he was forgettable.

The other Noble Warrior Heroes were also throw away characters that could have left the movie at anytime and the film would have ended the same way. This is actually a trend in heroes films, “Wonder Woman,” “Captain America: The First Avenger,” and all the “Thor” films, that only the Children of Thanos in “Avengers: Infinity War” have managed to avoid.

Despite these issues, “Captain Marvel” is an OK film. If you like action, comedy and have some ‘90s nostalgia, go see it.



“Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat”



Choreographer Erin Davis and Director Kimberly Weast discussing the schedule after rehearsal.

## Musical in the making

The Northwestern Fine Arts department is hard at work getting ready for “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat.”

The musical will be performed on April 11-13 in Herod Hall Auditorium. The ticket prices are \$15 for general admission, \$12 for NWOSU employees and \$10 for students.

“My favorite part of being in the musical is the choreography,” Jake Lee, freshman who plays Asher, said.

The actors have been working several days a week to learn the music and choreography.

“My favorite part of choreography practice is the challenge it sometimes brings,” Rylee Johnson, freshman who



Junior Chloe Nutley getting junior Laura Reed’s measurements for her wife costume.

## Binge-watching on Netflix

### Available March 28

Ainori Love Wagon: Asian Journey: Season 2

### Available 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

### Available March 30

How to Get Away With Murder: Season 5

### Available March 31

El sabor de las margaritas

The Burial of Kojō

Trailer Park Boys: The Animated Series



# Sports

## Women's rodeo takes title at Fort Scott

By **TED HARBIN**  
*TwisTedRodeo.com*

The Northwestern Oklahoma State University women's rodeo team is making a statement early in the spring portion of the season. The Rangers have won the first two rodeos of the semester, first at Kansas State University a few weeks ago, then this past weekend at Fort Scott (Kansas) Community College.

They parlayed event titles by barrel racer Ashlyn Moeder of Oakley, Kansas, and breakaway roper Taylor Munsell of Arnett, Oklahoma, into the top finish. In addition, Moeder finished just ahead of teammate Kayla Wilson of Quincey, Illinois, who made two consistent runs in the eastern Kansas community to place second.

By claiming the first two team titles of the semester, Northwestern moved to third place in the Central Plains Region standings.

"Going back to back is very big for us, because it brought us higher in the standings," said Wilson, who posted runs of 12.86 to finish third in the opening round and 12.96 to finish third in the championship round. "We get to close in on second place."

The goal, now, is to continue to push forward. Only the top two teams in the region advance to the College National Finals Rodeo, and there are just four events re-



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The NWOSU men's and women's rodeo teams next compete at Garden City Community College on April 4.

maintaining on the 2018-19 campaign.

The top three individuals in each event also advance, so it all serves as an important incentive for the team members.

"I'm pretty proud of my mare," Wilson said. "When we were at K-State, we knocked down the third barrel, so it was great for us to have two consistent runs together." She's had Penny since high school, and the horse carried her to the National High School Finals Rodeo two years ago.

Now the two are trying to make it work in college rodeo. Wilson and Moeder were joined in the

short round by Natalie Berryhill of Remus, Michigan, who won the first round with a 12.67-second run; an overturned barrel in the short round, and the resulting 5-second penalty, knocked Berryhill out of placing overall. Munsell, who finished second at

The American a week and a half ago, snuck into the short round with a 2.8-second run, then finished second in the short round with the same time.

Her two-run cumulative time of 5.6 seconds helped her earn a tie of the title. Goat-tier Megan Turek of St. Paul, Nebraska, finished fifth

in the short round and average.

"Our women's team is pretty strong," Wilson said. "We've got girls in goats that are consistent, and breakaway ropers like Taylor that can pick up points. It shows the hard work we put in practice every day and how dedicated we are to what we do."

The Northwestern men were led by Bridger Anderson, a sophomore from Carrington, North Dakota, who added to his lead in steer wrestling.

He has dominated the standings this season, owning a lead of 252.5 points over the field.

In a tight bulldogging, he finished in a tie for fourth place in the opening round with a 4.5-second run.

He followed that 21th a 4.1 to win the championship round and the average. Brent Woodward of Dupree, South Dakota, placed in the first round. Tie-down roper Bo Yaussi of Udall, Kansas, won the opening round but missed his short-round calf.

Still, his points helped the Rangers stay in the No. 3 position in the region. Wilson found her way to Northwestern during her senior year in high school after visiting with former Ranger Dylan Schulenberg of Coal Valley, Illinois. She considered her options, then during a campus visit two years ago, she found Alva to her liking.

"I loved the rodeo program and the business program at Northwestern," Wilson said. "I enjoyed the town, so I thought it was a good fit for me."

Now she hopes to build on the successes of the first two rodeos of the semester to see how things wind up at the conclusion of the season.

She credits a positive mental game taught by coach Stockton Graves has been advantageous.

"He tells us that our confidence is the key," Wilson said. "He gives us a lot of good advice and tells us the harder we work, the better we do. We all work hard, so I think that's why we're successful as a women's team."

It shows.

## Women's track and field continues to break records

By **ERIC SCOTT**  
*Athletic Communications*

The Northwestern Oklahoma State University track and field team continued to show the hard work the athletes have put in over the past several months as the Rangers once again put up multiple personal records in various event types.

Northwestern was one of 24 women's track and field programs to participate in Saturday's ESU Spring Twilight Invitational at Emporia State. In the biggest meet to date for the Northwestern track and field team, three Ranger athletes earned top ten finishes, as well as the 4x100.

"As a staff, we continue to be impressed with the work the ladies are putting in during practice, and it shows on days like today," said Head Coach Jill Lancaster. "As workouts progress, we look to continue to progress in the rankings."

The 4x100 relay team of Kylee Isbell, Keiazzyiah Young, Cayla

Smitherand Lashayla Green blew by the previous Northwestern best in the event as they finished at the 50.47 mark, a second and a half faster than the previous best set at the OBU Early Invite.

The most seasoned athlete on the Northwestern team, Kayla Gourley had another outstanding day as she recorded her best finish in the 5000 meter run with a personal mark of 19:46.16, more than 15 seconds quicker than her previous best. Gourley finished in seventh place, while Jessalyn Rivet-Tissot had a top ten time of 20:10.85.

"I'm proud of the mid-distance and distance group," said Associate Head Coach Brock Hime, who specializes in the areas. "(RayRay) Bell led the way to set a new school mark in the 1500 meter in her debut in the event. Kayla also set a new standard for the distance groups."

Ladasheray Bell set the top program mark for Northwestern when she crossed the finish line in the 1500 meter with a time of 5:16.35. Rivet-Tissot improved



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The women next compete in Oklahoma Baptist Invitational on Friday.

her time from a week ago in the event by almost a second and a half as she finished at the 5:21.51 mark.

Young also had a top ten mark in the triple jump as she set a new PR with a distance of 11.20 meters to finish eighth, more than a meter further than her last best.

Rosaria Milton improved on her best in the shot put to finish ninth with a distance of 11.54 meters. Milton finished just behind Jenny Martinez in the hammer throw with distances of 28.80 and 31.49 meters, respectively.

As a squad, there were many new bests set by the Northwestern throwers.

With Rayna Patton finished just outside the top ten in the discus at 41.38 meters, Eryn Setzer (29.46 meters) and Kelsey Swindle (23.87 meters) earned their personal top marks.

With the conference results entering today's schedule, Patton's mark at Emporia State would be third best in the GAC.

"Rayna continued to show why she's amongst the top in the conference," said Lancaster. "(KeKe)

Young led our jumps with stellar performances as well."

Swindle also PR'd in the javelin throw with a distance of 25.60 meters, as did Patton (27.60 meters) and Claire Theis (26.54 meters).

Another personal best mark came in the 100 meter hurdles when Gina Wilson crossed the line at 17.19, and Claire Theis followed with a new best of 19.35.

Young, Smith and Isbell set the bar for the Rangers in the 100 dash. Young finished with a school best 12.70, Smither had a 12.99 time and Isbell clocked at 13.05.

# Sports

## Baseball victories over Spring Break

By EMMA SPORLEDER  
Student Reporter

Northwestern Oklahoma State University baseball played a total of six Great American Conference games during spring break.

On March 15, NWOSU faced the Henderson State Reddies at home and earned 13 hits the first game which earned their first win for the series over the Reddies.

This win improved the Rangers record to 12-9 overall and 4-8 in the Great American Conference.

The next day the Rangers faced Henderson State for the final two games of the series against the Reddies.

The afternoon took a turn when the Rangers dropped both conference games. Henderson State scored five runs in the final four innings of the first game and earned a 10-7 win.

In the second and final game of the day, Northwestern took a 10-6 lead into the top of the seventh inning but unfortunately, the Reddies scored four runs which sent the game into extra innings.

Henderson put up three runs in the top of the ninth inning, which sealed their victory and took game two of the doubleheader in extra innings.

The final score of the day was 13-10.

The two-game loss dropped Northwestern's record this season to 12-11 overall and 4-10 in conference.

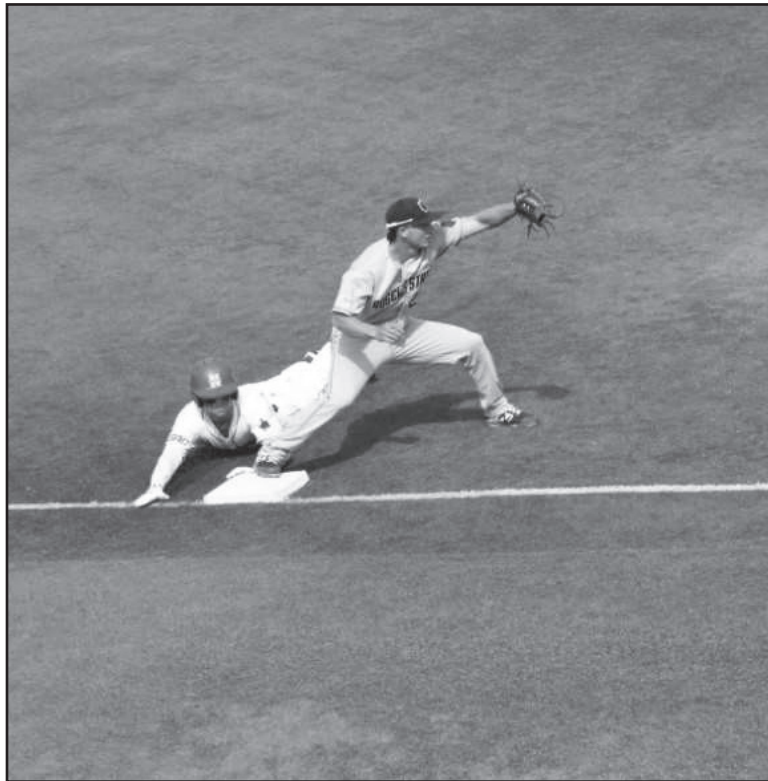


Photo by Megan Brown.

The men next faced Fort Hayes State on March 27.

On March 22, Northwestern Baseball picked up two wins during the doubleheader in Arkadelphia, Arkansas where they faced the Ouachita Baptist Tigers.

During the first game, Northwestern held off a late push by the Tigers, but still won the game 9-8.

Shortly after the first game the Rangers took game two with ease downing the Tigers 8-2. Carlos Andujar reached base in each of the five times he went to the plate in game one and earned four hits, including a home run, and a walk.

Bryce Donovan put up a huge

three-run home run and a triple.

The next day the Rangers faced the Tigers for their final game of the series and Northwestern completed a sweep of Ouachita Baptist when good pitching resulted in a 4-1 victory in Arkadelphia.

Matt Goertzen and Dillon Van Oosbree held the Tigers to just a single run of six hits.

The Rangers moved up to 17-11 overall and 7-10 in the conference.

Northwestern is 9-3 on the road. The Rangers have a non-conference match-up against Fort Hayes State on March 27.



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Golf next competes in the Dallas Baptist Patriot Classic.

By ERIC SCOTT  
Athletic Communications

Preston Ewing led the Northwestern Oklahoma State University to a top five finish Tuesday at the Washburn Invitational at the Topeka Country Club in Topeka, Kan.

Entering Tuesday's final round in seventh after posting scores of 75 and 73 on Monday, Ewing fired a 69 to move up four spots on the leaderboard to finish tied for third place, one shot out of second place, to start the spring season strong. Ewing was one of four golfers to fire a tournament low round of 69, which also tied him for the fourth lowest round in NWOSU program history.

Four Rangers improved their scores from the day one to day two, including Tyler Berryhill (80-78-75), who finished with a three-round total of 233, and Colten Person (81-78-75=239). Ben Baker had the best improvement from the opening round Monday morning

to his final round as he shot a 72 Tuesday to finishing the event with a score of 240 (85-83-72).

Ewing was two-under in the event on par fives for the second best score among the participants, while Berryhill finished one-under. The junior, Ewing, also finished second in the field with 10 birdies in the three rounds.

Other golfers competing for the Rangers in the tournament were Parker Rehorn (83-78-84=245), Collin Stork (76-79-79=234) and Juangui Angarita (82-82-88=252).

Washburn retained the individual title in its home event. The Rangers finished the tournament with a team score of 922 for fifth place, leaping Southwestern Baptist in the standings in the final round.

The Rangers golfers were successful in the Rockhurst Invitational.

The men won and the women placed fourth.

Both men and women golfers next tee off in the Dallas Baptist Patriot Class on April 1.

## Softball has wins and losses over spring break

By MEGAN MAHARRY  
Sports Editor

The Lady Rangers played a series of games over the week of spring break.

The Lady Rangers faced off on the turf of Henderson State University in a double-header on March 16.

The Lady Rangers struggled to keep up with the Henderson State offense, and dropped both games 5-3 and 8-0 respectively.

In game one, Henderson State jumped out to an early 2-0 lead in the bottom of the first.

The Lady Rangers answered back quickly, thanks to a two-run single by Morgan Kirk to right field, which tied the game two all going into the third.

Henderson State took the lead with two more runs in the bottom of the third, and another in the sixth, and the Lady Rangers were unable to catch up.

In game two, the Lady Rangers couldn't seem to get any offense going. It was all Henderson State,

as they scored runs in the first, fourth and fifth innings.

The Lady Rangers were led by Morgan Kirk who had two RBI's on one hit and Ashlie Green who recorded one RBI and three hits.

Pitcher Karly Murray had five strikeouts against Henderson in game two.

The Lady Rangers played two non-conference double-header games against Cameron University and Midwestern State.

The Lady Rangers dropped both double-headers against Cameron and Midwestern State.

The Lady Rangers next played a four game series against Ouachita Baptist.

The Lady Rangers dropped the first two games 5-4 and 6-4, respectively.

In game one, the Lady Rangers came close to pulling it out.

They took a 4-2 lead in the bottom of the sixth.

Ouachita answered back in the top of the seventh, however, with three runs, and it was enough to seal the victory.

In games three and four, the

Lady Rangers could only win game four 9-3, but dropped game three 10-2.

In game four, pitcher Karly Murray struck out six and held Ouachita to only five hits.

The Lady Rangers offense took off in the first inning, scoring six runs.

With the lead, the Lady Rangers never looked back.

On March 26, the Lady Rangers faced off against heated rival Southwestern Oklahoma State University.

In the double-header, the Lady Rangers dropped game one 6-3 and won game two 4-0.

The Lady Rangers were just in reach of the game one victory. They were within one run when SWOSU tacked on two more runs in the seventh to win.

In game two, the Lady Rangers downed the Lady Bulldogs. They took care of business in the first and second innings with two runs in each, and it was enough to last the rest of the game.

The Lady Rangers next face Harding University in Arkansas.

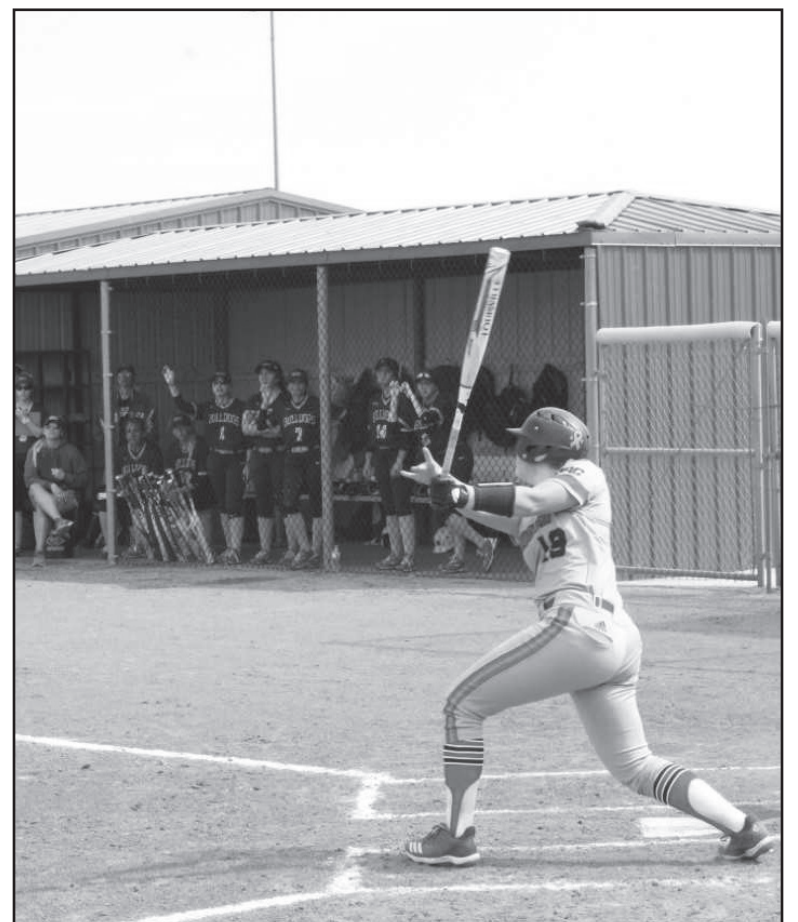


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The Lady Rangers next face the Harding Lady Bison in Arkansas.

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