

Nursing Department makes history

By **DOCKER HAUB**
Student Reporter

Northwestern Oklahoma State University announced the naming of the Division of Nursing as well as the Doctoral Program in Rural Nursing Practice on Monday, March 25.

It is the first time in school history that any program has been officially named. The programs will now be known as the Charles Morton Share Trust Division of Nursing and the Wisdom Family Foundation Doctoral Program in Rural Nursing Practice (DNP).

"Today marks the first time in Northwestern history that an academic department and program have been named," said Dr. Janet Cunningham, president of the university, "and it is reflective of the extraordinary support provided by the Charles Morton Share Trust and the Wisdom Family Foundation."

Both the Share Trust and the Wisdom family have had a history of involvement and support for Northwestern and the Alva community.

The Share Trust has helped to provide leadership gifts for several projects that have taken place

on campus including: The J.R. Holder Wellness Center, Ranger Field and the construction of the Dean Linder Press Box and football complex.

As for the Wisdom Family, they have also provided support for the baccalaureate program in agriculture education by offering scholarships and the construction of the Wisdom Agriculture Education Center. The Wisdom Family also has a hand in visual arts with two endowed chairs.

Dr. Shelly Wells, the Division of Nursing Chair, recognizes the importance of this moment and what it means for the nursing program.

"It's such an honor to be named after these two particular foundations that have meant so much to Northwestern and the community in general," Wells said, "because they truly go beyond our walls and make an impact on many lives."

Wells also knows just how different the nursing program at Northwestern is from any other in the state.

"This is huge deal because it sets us apart from every other graduate program in the state," Wells said. "There is nobody else in the state that specializes in rural healthcare the way that we do,



Photo by Alexander Reyes

Every spring the nursing department holds an event that allows nursing students to practice pediatrics.

and now that we have a solidified Doctoral program, we will only continue to separate ourselves in a great way."

Back in 2014, Northwestern first began working to create a Doctoral program in nursing. With the Share Trust being the first entity to back the program, Northwestern secured final approval from Oklahoma State

Regents for Higher Education in 2016.

Then later in 2017, support from the Wisdom Family Foundation came for the nursing program, which allowed Northwestern to enroll its first class into the Doctoral program in the fall of 2017. "The support of the Wisdom Family Foundation solidified the DNP program and allowed us

to establish a program that rivals any in the country," Cunningham said.

The nursing program has gone a long way since 2014. They now find themselves with a solidified DNP and the first program names in school history.

The first class of graduates from the DNP program is expected in the spring of 2020.

What's wrong with Oklahoma's weather?

By **MEGAN MAHARRY**
Student Reporter

Oklahoma: where the wind comes sweeping down the plain.

Non-natives of Oklahoma may not realize how true this line from the Oklahoma State song is. Along with strong, constant winds, Oklahoma's other weather elements have an effect on the environment.

A large section of Oklahoma is located in Tornado Alley. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) said Oklahoma experiences an average 60 tornadoes a year.

These tornadoes effect the environment by destroying buildings, trees and other plants along with animals. These effects can be devastating to Oklahoma towns, especially if a tornado damages the many farms in Oklahoma, which several Oklahomans rely on as their food supply. Because Oklahoma has a naturally dry

"I just wish we could think creatively about this problem," Mackie said. "There is so much doom and gloom surrounding climate change and I think knowing the facts is very responsible. But I think this problem can be solved in a very creative, innovative way."

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A large section of Oklahoma is located in Tornado Alley.

climate, wildfires have damaged parts of Oklahoma's environment. A study done by the EPA said on average, more than one percent of the land in Oklahoma has burned each decade since 1984.

Wildfire smoke pollutes the air and can increase medical visits

for chest pains, respiratory problems and heart problems. Fires also affect the plants and animals in Oklahoma.

According to the EPA, when fire destroys the natural cover, the native grasses and woody plants may be replaced by non-native

grasses, which can become established more readily after a fire. Because non-native grasses are generally more prone to intense fires, native plants may be unable to re-establish themselves. Because agricultural is a large industry in Oklahoma, when fires wipe out cattle, it hurts the economy.

Dr. Steven Mackie, NWOSU education professor and Conserving Our Ranger Environment (CORE) sponsor, said he believes many of these environmental disasters affect Oklahoma's population. "As the storms get bigger, it effects the economy, the environment, it effects the well-being of people," Mackie said.

And while Oklahoma's weather has always been somewhat extreme, climate change is playing a role in escalating this weather.

While scientists predict climate change will lead to bigger storms, scientists are still unsure if tornado activity in Oklahoma will increase, but many believe this to be true.

Scientists also predict with climate change, high temperatures and droughts will increase, thus creating more fires. Fires release carbon dioxide into the atmosphere, which feeds into global warming. According to EPA, people have increased the amount of carbon dioxide in the air by 40 percent since the late 1700s.

As important as cattle is to the Oklahoma economy, Mackie said industrial animal agricultural is the number one contributor to carbon dioxide. And while many Oklahomans rely on the cattle industry, Mackie said eating locally and looking at our own diets would be a good place to start to help change the environment. "Going local is a great way to change your habits," Mackie said.

While the weather in Oklahoma can have a devastating effect on the environment, climate change is also predicted to escalate extreme weather, which will ultimately lead to more harm to Oklahoma's environment.

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Campus event allows early enrollment

By **DOCKER HAUB**
Student Reporter

Every Spring Semester, Northwestern Oklahoma State University provides a day for future Rangers to get a head start on their career at Northwestern.

This day is known as Freshman Connection and it gives high school seniors who are already sure that they are attending Northwestern in the fall the opportunity to come get familiar with the campus and enroll in their classes early.

This year, Freshman Connection is scheduled for Wednesday, April 10. To better accommodate the schedules of the seniors, there will be two sessions. The morning session will begin at 8:30 and the afternoon session will begin at 1:30.

During each session, seniors will be welcomed by members of the Northwestern staff and will be able to ask as many questions as they want about the campus and college life.

Shortly after, seniors will have the opportunity to meet with advisors and select the classes that they feel will be the best fit for their first semester at Northwestern.

"Freshman Connection is a staple event for solidifying the student at Northwestern," said Calleb Mosburg, the dean of student affairs and enrollment management. "It's a great opportunity for those seniors to be able to get familiarized with the campus and get first picks on

the classes that they really wish to take."

Mosburg also had high praises for the Parent Panel that is offered to the parents that choose to attend Freshman Connection. "I think the Parent Panel is an awesome way for the parents to have all their questions about their children's life at Northwestern," Mosburg said. "So not only is Freshman Connection a great thing for the future students, but also for the whole family.

I think that it makes the parents feel a lot more comfortable knowing that their children will be in good hands."

An important part of every college experience is getting to know other people on campus and meeting new friends, and Freshman Connection is a great way for future Rangers to make friends before they are even on campus.

"I know that when I attended Freshman Connection I had a great time exploring the campus with some of my future teammates on the football team," said Trenton Harmon, a senior social science major. "It was a great way to get to know some of the people who turned into my best friends here at Northwestern."

"Freshman Connection is a staple event for solidifying the student at Northwestern." - Calleb Mosburg



Photos provided

Top: Freshman Connection 2011. Bottom: Freshman Connection 2017. This year, Freshman Connection is scheduled for Wednesday, April 10.

International students to hold annual Festival of Cultures

By **CAITLYN PRAY**
Student Reporter

For some students, going to college can be a huge adjustment. For international students, entering Northwestern is quite literally like entering a whole different world.

Northwestern has seen a number of international students walk on its campus, coming from countries like Nepal, India, Dubai, Ethiopia and Australia. To help make the transition for such students easier, the university has an international student advisory office that helps students with their every need from applying for international admission to graduating.

"I assist students with advising them through their Gen. Ed requirements, assisting them with obtaining documents related to work, obtaining driver's license, and just being their advocate on campus," Said Rebecca Cook, the international student advisor. "International students have a lot of requirements with their Visa, so it is my job to know those requirements, make sure they are following them and to make faculty and staff aware of those requirements if it pertains to them. We also as-

sist in transportation to and from the Wichita and OKC airports at the start and end of every semester, and making arrangements for meals during breaks for those who are living on campus."

Despite their needs being thought out and carefully planned for by the international student advisory office, coming to a complete different country can still be a nerve-wracking experience, or at least a stressful one.

Still, many may be surprised to learn that, according to Cook and a Northwestern international student, coming to study at Northwestern can be an exciting adventure.

"Going anyplace new where you don't know anyone can be a bit nerve-wracking – especially an entirely different country; however, I think most of the students feel excitement," Cook said.

"To get to the U.S. to study is a very tolling process that takes a lot of planning in addition to being very expensive. Most of these students have been dreaming of becoming students in the U.S. for most of their lives, so it is exciting to them to finally be living out their dreams.

Some of our students come to NWOSU expecting things they



Photo provided

Festival of Cultures 2011. This year, the Festival of Cultures will be held on April 5 at 7 p.m.

have seen in movies, but most of the students who come to NWOSU choose our school specifically for what we have to offer. Part of their visa interview process often requires them to be knowledgeable about what school they have chosen and have reasons as to why they chose that college."

Simisola Obinitue, a junior nursing major from Nigeria, says it was not the paperwork or transition of coming to Northwestern that was stressful for her, but more of the culture shock.

"It wasn't really stressful for me, but what was stressful was changing my environment and then living a different type of

life—that was what was most stressful for me," Obinitue said.

As one may imagine, there was more than one thing that surprised Simisola when she first appeared on the Northwestern campus in the spring of 2017.

"Lots of culture shock," Obinitue said. "When I first came here, people are so open, like you could see a guy and a girl and you can tell they're dating because they're just walking together holding hands and stuff like that which is not common in my country.

Also in my country, in my church we don't wear pants to church, so here you can wear whatever you want, so that was

something different.

The food too—the food was definitely different. I eat lots more pizza now."

Of the many struggles and obstacles that international students face, Cook and Obinitue agree that a common major one they see and have experienced is the finding a way to

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What's up?

Festival of Cultures

Annual Festival of Cultures, hosted by the International Student Association, features dishes from various countries and presentations and performances, all prepared by current International students at Northwestern.

7 p.m.

April 5



Guitar Festival

Northwestern hosts its third annual Guitar Festival inviting students from the region to come and perform solos and ensembles. The event will be in the Fine Arts building.

9:30 a.m.- Noon.

April 5



Freshman Connection

Incoming freshmen will have the opportunity to enroll early. So make sure you have made your schedule and have enrolled before all classes are full!

8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

April 10



Ben Zawalich, Artist-in-Residence, First Friday Art Exhibitions

First Friday Art Exhibitions, Jesse Dunn Annex 323 from 3-5 p.m. showing work he created in the NWOSU Artist-in-Residence studio while at Northwestern.

From 6-8 p.m. and through the month of April he will be showing small works at Graceful Arts Center.

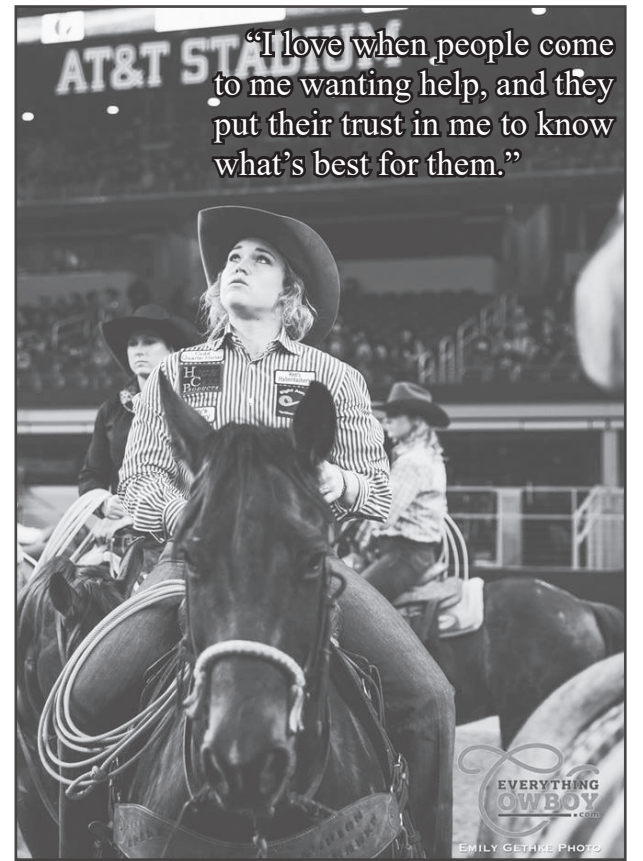
April 5



Taylor Munsell smiles as she rides her horse in the arena.



Taylor Munsell calf roping at the AT&T Stadium.



"I love when people come to me wanting help, and they put their trust in me to know what's best for them."

Photos provided by Sean Doherty

At her first CNFR, Munsell won a round and broke an arena record in the Breakaway Roping.

A wealthy winner in rodeo

By SEAN DOHERTY
Student Reporter

Thousands of screaming fans harmonize with booming loud speakers in the gigantic coliseum known as AT&T Stadium, a typical Sunday afternoon in Arlington, Texas.

But this isn't a typical Sunday afternoon, and these fans aren't cheering on the Dallas Cowboys. In senior Taylor Munsell's case, they're not cheering on a cowboy at all.

"It's like you're famous. Everybody wants autographs and pictures taken. And everybody

loves the khaki jeans." Munsell said. Munsell and her old school attire's road to the world's richest one-day rodeo, RFDTV's the American, started last June. At her first CNFR, Munsell won a round and broke an arena record in the Breakaway Roping. A couple days later, the Arnett native was the first qualifier of 482 at the Bob Feist Invitational last June.

Almost a year later, she got a shot at \$100,000. 2.6 seconds later, she finished second and \$25,000 richer. Overall, her winnings throughout the week totaled a little over \$30,000. The following Monday, Munsell was right back in Alva, helping her intermural

basketball team win a championship. Munsell, a health and sports science major, admits that balancing school and rodeo is hard. "I've drove all night on Sunday to get to a test on Monday morning, and I've left on Friday night to get to a roping on Saturday morning."

Although Munsell will walk at graduation in May, she plans stay two more years at NWOSU and work on her masters. Munsell will also continue her assistant coach duties with the NWOSU rodeo team.

"I love when people come to me wanting help, and they put their trust in me to know what's best for them."

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23 students inducted into Honor Society



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Students who were inducted into the Red and Black Scroll Honor Society are (back row, left to right) Jacob Fuller, Siona Walsh, Garyn Batchelor, Bailie Gooch, Brittany Cernigliaro, Damon Doss Jr. (middle row, left to right) Mikayla Carpenter, Mary Berntsen, Dezereè Sawyer, Lindsey Ball, Emma Sporleder (front row, left to right) sponsor Dr. Dena Walker, Jordan Harris, Chloe Nutley, Joseph Allotey, Michelle Willson, Ethan Sacket, and sponsor Dr. Sheila Brintnall. Not pictured are Benjamin Baker, McKenna Carlton, Peyton Lucas, Kenzie Mize, Caitlyn Pray, Wynter Standridge and Ryan Willingham. Red and Black Scroll recognizes outstanding scholarship and service among sophomore students at Northwestern. Requirements for membership include completion of 40-59 hours of college credit, a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0, participation in two or more campus organizations or activities, attendance at Northwestern for at least two semesters and non-failure of a college course.

Festival of Cultures to be held April 5

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 pay for their college as they pursue their degree.

"If I could give any advice to students coming in, it would be that they should be prepared just to be open minded and financially they should really be prepared because time goes by fast," Obintue said. "Before you know it you've ended a semester, you have a new semester and you have to pay.

It's different for international students because we have to pay out of pocket, so I'd suggest they have the money always ready, otherwise they might have to stop going to school."

Cook furthers this helpful advice, but with the hope that many students have been able to rise above the challenge.

"Finances are always a big struggle," Cook said. "International students do not qualify for financial aid, so it takes a lot of financial planning for them to complete their degree. With this struggle is a big strength – these students are determined to finish their degree and they always seem to find a way.

They are some of the hardest working students in the classroom! They take their studies very

seriously, but they also really enjoy having fun – especially during the Festival of Cultures!"

The annual Festival of Cultures will actually premiere April 5, and is open to Northwestern students, faculty and all the Alva community or persons interested in trying different aspects of different cultures. Over the years, the festival has seen many demonstrations, performances, dishes and talks, but still each year the festival may feel like a totally foreign experience.

"I've been attending since my first year here and it's always fun," Obintue said. "We have different foods, different performances, there's usually something different and fun for the people of the community to come and experience.

It's just something different than they're used to, and it's giving them the opportunity to show our culture as well, as international students like how things are to a point."

Joseph Allotey, a sophomore from Accra, Ghana and secretary of the International Student Association, said that this year's performances are lined out from individuals from such countries as Nepal, Nigeria, South Africa and others,

as well as food from countries that have never been presented before at Northwestern.

Cook also encourages any and all to attend the eye-opening event, which only occurs once a year but yet seems to bring to life regions from all across the world personally to the individual.

"People should come to the Festival of Cultures because it is something different that they don't get to see or experience more than once a year," Cook said. "They can learn about different countries through their food, presentations and performances. It's a lot of fun and our guests never leave disappointed or hungry!

Tickets for the event may be purchased at the student services office or at the door of the event for \$2 extra per ticket.

Tickets for adults age 13 and up are \$10, tickets for Northwestern students with their ID and children age four to 12 are \$5, and tickets for children age four and under are free. In addition to helping sponsor the event, 15 percent of the proceeds from the sale of tickets goes into a scholarship fund to help future international Rangers at Northwestern.

Northwestern staff council planning campus beautification event



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Calleb Mosburg (left), dean of student affairs and enrollment management, and Ashlie Wilhite, health and sports science junior, participated last year during the Northwestern Staff Council's annual Campus Cleanup event. See us next week for the story!

Sue Burks selected as Campus Kudos winner for fall 2018



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Melissa Brown (left) presents Sue Burks (right) with a fall Campus Kudos Award.

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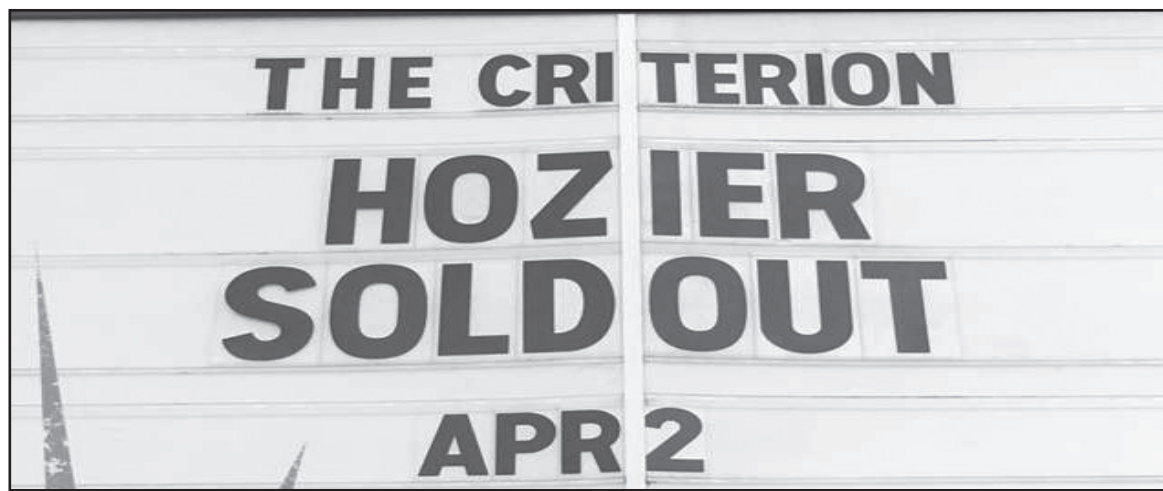
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Editorial



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Escaping to a concert

By: **BAILEY RANKIN**
Student Reporter

My feet hurt. Besides the occasional sharp shooting pain in the palm of my foot, I can barely feel them to be honest... The pain is worth it though because they're just a minor side effect from one of the best nights of my life.

I don't go to concerts often, so when the opportunity arises to see one of my favorite artists, I work as hard as I can to make sure I can attend. I've been very lucky that my family supports my music addiction and mostly covers the ticket fee, but besides that I cover the rest. The driving two and a half or three hours to Oklahoma City or Tulsa I could do without, but you win some and you lose some. I guess that's the price you have to pay living in a small town in Oklahoma.

As of right now I have attended a One Direction concert when 5 Seconds of Summer was their opening act, don't judge me please, I was 17 at the time and it was an incredible first concert. I have also seen Ed Sheeran on two separate occasions for his Multiply tour and his Divide tour.

On Tuesday afternoon I picked up my brother and we took the trip down to Oklahoma City to see

Hozier perform at The Criterion. This was a different experience for me as I had only ever seen performances in the BOK Center in Tulsa, and I could almost touch the ceiling of the center on those occasions.

The Criterion was a smaller, more intimate venue which fit the atmosphere incredibly well when Hozier started performing. There was no ceiling to touch this time, I actually had the chance to stand front and center right by the stage. I eventually decided to watch from the balcony considering I am vertically challenged (short) and I couldn't see over, or through, taller people in attendance with me that night.

The only problem? It was a standing venue, hence the aching feet. But once I really got into the music I almost forgot.

Concerts can have that effect on you. When I was younger, I always used to wonder why people would spend hundreds of dollars on tickets or camp out the night before in front of the venue. That was before I attended my first concert, and now I would gladly call myself one of the "crazy" people my younger self thought concert goers were. I suppose maturing with time and new life experiences can open a persons mind up, even if it's just over the



preconceived notions I had over concerts as a teenager.

I understand now that attending concerts can be an escape. For a few hours, you don't have to worry about an assignment that's due the next day. You don't have to worry about that project deadline at work that's coming up. And you don't have to worry about whatever problems in life you have, so long as you let go for a little bit and live life in the moment.

All you have to worry about is your aching feet in the morning.

EDITOR'S RANT OF THE WEEK

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

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But I won't get into it too much. After all, criticism is a part of this profession.

Without further ado...

This week, my friend Bailey Rankin went to a Hozier concert, as stated in the editorial column to my left.

I spend a lot of time with Bailey, so I've been listening to some of Hozier's music. Hozier is most famous for their hit song "Take Me to Church." The band has suffered some criticism for their message in the song.

But, I think that the writing style of Hozier is a unique and pleasant one. You can definitely tell that his songs are more poetry than anything, and while being profound, they are catchy too.

So these are my personal favorite Hozier songs. Not in any particular order.

1. Moment's Silence (Common Tongue)

I cannot give you the context of the song without getting in trouble, so you will have to do your own research on this one.

2. Movement

This song very much so accentuates Hoziers rather angelic voice. His voice really does make you feel at peace.

3. Work Song

This song is your typical love song, with a bit of a deeper meaning, as all Hozier songs portray.

4. No Plan

Like some of his other songs, I can't really tell what he is saying in this one. But of course I still like it.



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Tim Lauderdale: From student to coach

By: ASHLEY WATTS
Student Reporter

In the summer of 2018, Tim Lauderdale and Northwestern Oklahoma State University athletics ran into a problem with finding a golf coach.

The past golf coach had resigned right before the fall golf season started, so the university had to rush to find someone to take the position.

"We were stuck and couldn't find anyone to take the job," said Lauderdale, the associate director of athletics for internal operations. "So I decided that I would take a chance and become the director of golf for NWOSU."

Lauderdale has enjoyed golf his entire life, but has never really taken it seriously. "My wife and I talked about this new opportunity, and we both thought that it would be a good idea," Lauderdale said.

"Athletics is his passion and always has been, so I told him to follow his heart and take this new coaching job," said Andrea Lauderdale, his wife of nine years.

"The day I took the job, I called every player on the team and told them I had taken the new coaching job, and I was excited for what this year would bring," Lauderdale said.

Lauderdale was born in Tulsa, but moved around until his family decided to settle down in Woodward when he was five.

He had an interesting school experience while growing up in Woodward. From kindergarten to fourth grade, Lauderdale attended public elementary school, but the summer between his fourth and fifth grade his parents decided to enroll him into a private Christian academy for two years.

After attending private school, Lauderdale went back to public school to finish junior high, but his ninth and 10th grade years he was homeschooled.

Lauderdale and his parents realized that he was too much of an extrovert for homeschool, so he went back to public school for the remainder of his education.

After graduating from Woodward High School in 2005, Lauderdale went to college at NWOSU, though it was not his first choice. NWOSU was actually Lauderdale's third choice behind Oklahoma University and Southwestern Oklahoma State University.

He looked at his options and NWOSU gave him the biggest scholarship. While attending NWOSU, Lauderdale was a cheerleader for the Rangers and won Outstanding

Senior.

"I was not going to stay at NWOSU, but this school has something about it that pulls you in," Lauderdale said.

Lauderdale also said his biggest regret while at college was not walking onto the Ranger baseball team, but he still would not change anything about his college experience.

After earning his bachelor's degree in mass communications at NWOSU, Lauderdale went to graduate school for 10 months at Wichita State to get his masters in sport management.

Lauderdale had many jobs before working at NWOSU as the associate director of athletics for internal operations and director of golf. While attending graduate school, he was a lifeguard at the YMCA in Wichita. He would lifeguard during the day and intern for a minor league baseball team, The Kansas City Royals, at night.

He was a marketing intern for one year and was also the public relations associate for a year before the team moved to Arkansas.

Lauderdale eventually came back to his alma mater to work as the communications and marketing manager for the Northwestern Foundation and Alumni Association for

two years. During this time, Lauderdale married his high school sweetheart, Andrea Mustain, in 2009.

They have three boys: Bentley, Beckham and Braxton.

In 2011, Lauderdale and his wife moved from Alva back to Wichita where he served as the marketing associate for Shocker Athletics at Wichita State University. He dealt with implementing marketing and advertising strategies for 15 different teams.

Lauderdale still felt like this was not the job for him, so he applied at Oklahoma State University for the marketing coordination job in the athletic department.

Lauderdale stayed in Stillwater for one year before returning back to Northwest Oklahoma. He and his wife agreed that they did not want to raise a family in Stillwater, so Lauderdale accepted a job in Woodward at an oil field.

There, he was the chief financial officer and dealt with all the financial and administrative aspects of the company.

In April of 2016, Lauderdale, his wife and two sons moved back to Alva where he took on the role as the human resources director at NWOSU. He still had a passion for athletics and was finally offered his



Tim Lauderdale's official department photo.

current job as the associate athletic director. In August of 2018, he also took on the job as the director of golf.

With this job as the director of golf, he took on 12 student athletes and a whole new set of responsibilities. He had to learn how to manage his time between the two jobs and a teaching position, but he said it was not hard to transition from job to job. Golf is something that he has always liked, he said.

"This coaching position allows him to get to know the student athletes on a different level than his other job," his wife said.

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Donk also said Lauderdale is a good role model to look up to if someone wants to be a coach.

When Estefania Acosta started coaching at NWOSU, she hadn't met Lauderdale yet, but she was still excited to see what this season would bring. Acosta and Lauderdale met over the phone during this past summer.

"Lauderdale is really organized and that helps me a lot because I can focus on the coaching part while he organizes everything else," said Acosta, assistant coach for golf.

Another women's golfer said she enjoys him as a coach. "He gets things done, and this golf team was in need of someone who is organized," said Brittani Casement, a

"Lauderdale is really organized and that helps me a lot because I can focus on the coaching part while he organizes everything else." - Estefania Acosta

senior accounting major.

Casement and Lauderdale also met over the phone when he called and told her that he would be the golf coach for this season. "Lauderdale has helped make this team more well known on campus, and that has helped our team in the long run," Casement said.

Lauderdale said he was excited when he decided to become golf coach and his wife was completely on board with the whole thing.

Lauderdale said his kids were his biggest accomplishment, and he hopes to see all three of them grow up into polite, intelligent gentlemen someday.

His wife said he is a really good dad, but he is an even better husband. In her eyes, he is kind, generous, sometimes a nerd and dramatic, but his heart is in everything that he does.

"It takes a lot to get on Tim's bad side," Casement said. During golf workout on Tuesday and Thursday mornings he is trying to be as nice and optimistic as possible.

It takes a long time to reach his breaking point because he is such a nice guy. "He keeps giving us chances to redeem ourselves before he has to put his foot down," Casement said.

"He is a genuinely nice guy and does not hold grudges," his wife said.

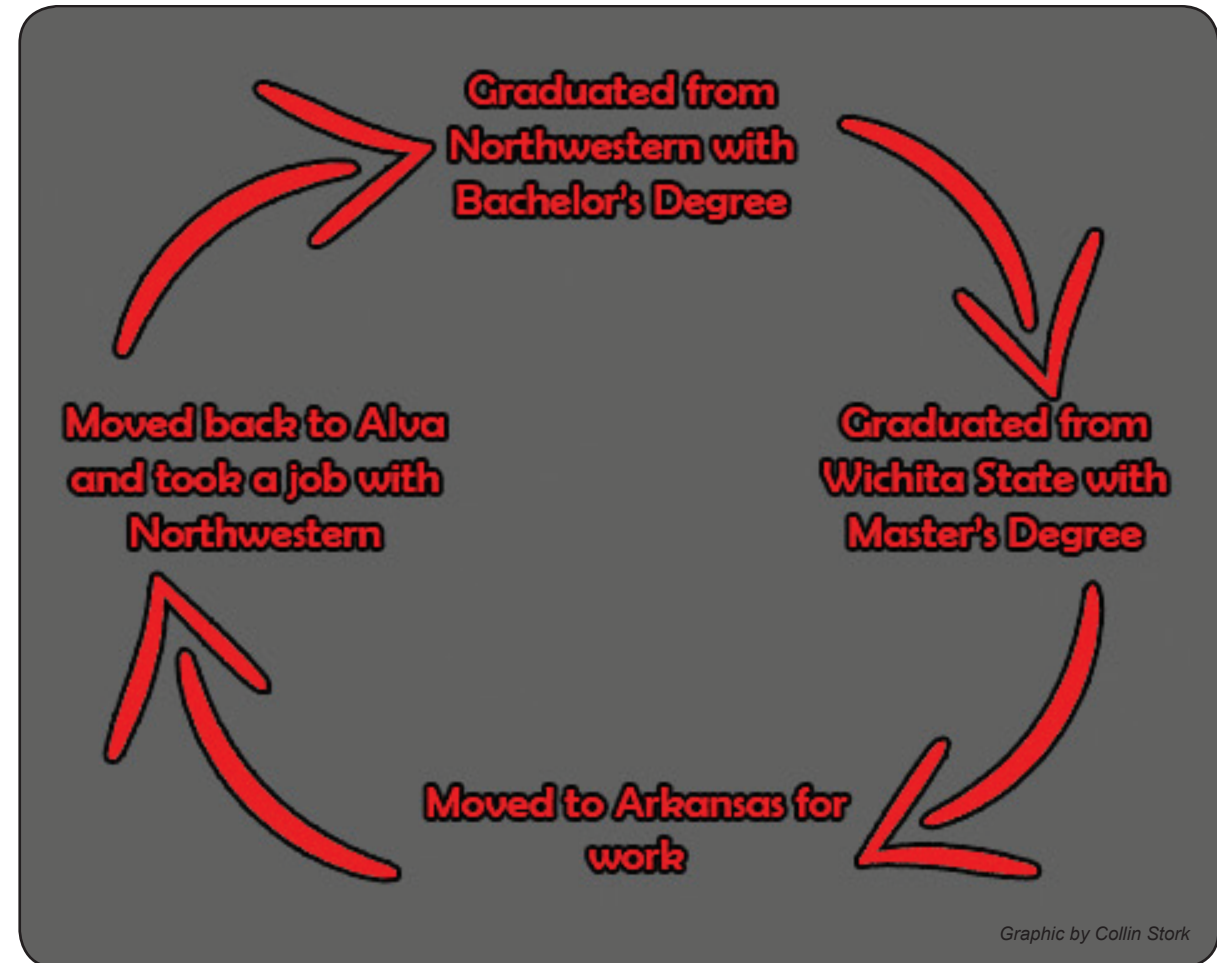
The two met while he was working for her mom in high school. They became good friends while he played baseball and she was the manager before they started dating, and if they happened to take a break in their relationship they still kept up the friendship.

They dated throughout most of high school and college before they got married, she said.

She said she was proud of him when he decided to take on the coaching job because his passion is athletics. He has always wanted to be in athletics and NWOSU has finally allowed him to follow his dream, she said.

"I always knew that I wanted to go into athletics," Lauderdale said. "It took me awhile to get here, but now that I am here, I don't plan on leaving anytime soon."

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Lauderdale coaching in his first Ranger Invitational golf tournament and giving putting advice to sophomore player Tyler Berryhill during the team's playoff for first



Photo provided

Lauderdale with wife Andrea and their three sons Bentley, Beckham and Braxton.

Feature

Why do students procrastinate?

By **DAFNE DORCELUS**
Student Reporter



Derek Blow
Senior
Math major

"I think cellphones play a big role in this generations' procrastination."



Katie Evans

Health sports science major

"Parties. Who's gonna pass up a good party to do an essay?"



Cody Schmidt

Criminal justice major

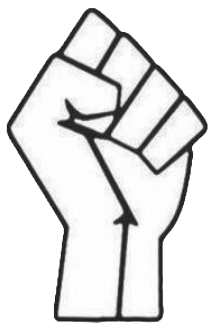
"Sometimes friends can feed right in to your procrastination."



Kaitlyn McClary
Freshman
Health & sports science major

"Netflix has to be the #1 reason for procrastination."

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Sarah Houchin
Sophomore
Social worker major

"Ummm... They probably don't feel like it."



Rachel Beaver
Freshman

"Criminal Minds. It's very interesting because they're catching bad guys and it make me feel safe and Shemar Moore because he's yummy."



Bitiana Yishak
Freshman
Computer science major

"I think for some people maybe social media plays a role."



Gina Wilson
Freshman
Nursing major

"Personally, Netflix causes my procrastination. I'll want to start my homework, but then I hear 'Walking Dead' calling my name."

Learning about different cultures through their food



Jake Lee, a freshman and Red Hot Chili Peppers treasurer, and club sponsor, Dr. Mary Riegal, make Baklava and a Curried Lentil Soup for the NWOSU Festival of Cultures on Friday.

Education career fair hosts local public school scouts



Photo by Caitlyn Pray

Public schools from around Northwest Oklahoma came to the annual Education Career Fair, to allow education majors to start making connections and begin job seeking.

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Entertainment



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The annual guitar festival on campus

By **NICK PERKINS**
Student Reporter

There is nothing quite like pulling a guitar out of its case, wiping it down, checking the tuning and then performing in front of people.

That is one of the reasons Northwestern Oklahoma State University is hosting the third annual NWOSU guitar festival on April 6.

“We started the guitar festival to give students another opportunity to perform,” Max Ridgeway, adjunct instructor of music, said. There are not many competitions in this area that allow students who play guitar to perform in front of judges.

The guitar festival is only for middle and high school students who are privately taught students as well as students who are a part of a guitar class or a music class.

“Some of them come from guitar classes that are held at the Enid middle school,” Ridgeway said. “The first year that we held the festival many of those same students from the Enid middle school and some of the private students studying in Enid came to the festival, and it was very successful.”

Most of the students who come to the competition are from the northwestern area, like Enid and Woodward.

According to an NWOSU press release, the contest will start at 9:30 a.m., and there will be an awards ceremony at 11:30 a.m. that will be held in the Fine

Arts building, room 200, after the after the contest. The contest is not open to the public because the contestants will be performing solo acts, although the awards ceremony will be open to the public.

There are about 60 performances signed up in the guitar festival. “That’s not to say that some are doubling up,” Seth Cudd, director of instrumental music and music education, said. “So there might be somebody that plays a solo and somebody that might play a duet.”

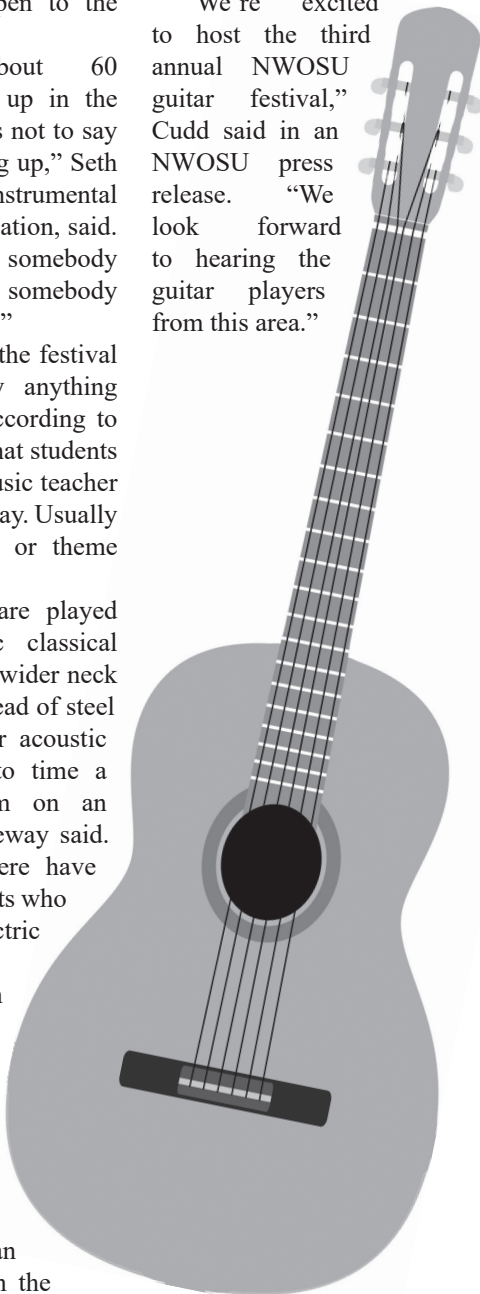
The contestants at the festival are allowed to play anything they want to play. According to Ridgeway, Most of what students play are what their music teacher suggests for them to play. Usually it is classical pieces or theme songs from a movie.

The guitars that are played are usually acoustic classical guitars, which have a wider neck and nylon strings instead of steel strings, like a regular acoustic guitar. “From time to time a student will perform on an electric guitar,” Ridgeway said. “Which is fine.” There have also been some students who performed on the electric bass guitar.

The guitar is an instrument that many people are attracted to learn to play because, unlike other instruments, it doesn’t take years to learn to play. “Within about a year you can get started playing on the

guitar,” Ridgeway said. In some cases, it is a fairly accessible and affordable instrument. It is also an instrument that is seen and heard in a lot of music genres.

“We’re excited to host the third annual NWOSU guitar festival,” Cudd said in an NWOSU press release. “We look forward to hearing the guitar players from this area.”



What to Binge-watch on Netflix

Available April 5

- Chilling Adventures of Sabrina: Part 2
- In the Shadows
- Legacies: Season 1
- Our Planet
- Persona: Collection
- Roman Empire: Caligula: The Mad Emperor
- Spirit Riding Free: Season 8
- Tijuana
- Unicorn Store

Available April 9

- Trolls: The Beat Goes On!: Season 6

Available April 10

- New Girl: Season 7
- You vs. Wild

Available April 11

- Black Summer

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Sports

Baseball falls mid-week, but takes weekend

By **LOGAN JONES**
Assist. Sports Editor

The NWOSU baseball team had a busy week as they traveled up to Hays, Kansas before returning for a weekend showdown with Harding University.

In the Wednesday game against the Ft. Hays State Tigers, both teams fought back and forth for the lead, but ultimately, the Rangers fell 8-4.

The Ranger bats struck early, bringing three around in the second thanks to a two-run homerun from Harrison Hull and an RBI-double from Tanner Rutledge.

Ft. Hays answered back by scoring a run in the bottom of the second, and three more in the third, giving them a 4-3 lead.

That's where the game stayed until the top of the sixth inning, when Justin Bundy scored on an RBI-single by Luis Mendoza.

After tying the game, the Ranger offense went quiet, and the Tigers capitalized; Ft. Hays brought two runs around in the bottom of the sixth, and then again in the bottom of the eighth.

Those final two runs proved to be the nail in the coffin for Northwestern as they went quietly in the ninth, losing by score of 8-4.

The red and black returned to the diamond on Friday when they played the Harding Bison in a double-header at the friendly confines of Myers Stadium.

In game one, the Bison jumped out to an early, one-run, lead in the second, but the Rangers went on to score a run of their own in the fourth, tying the game at one



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The Ranger men next take to the road to face Arkansas Tech on April 5 and 6.

apiece.

It was a true pitchers' duel as both teams were held to only a single run through seven innings of work.

Junior Kaleb Honea worked through eight and a third innings of work, punching out four, and allowing three runs.

After Harding scored two runs in the top of the eighth, some late

inning heroics got Northwestern back in the ballgame.

Dash Johnson started it off with a solo blast, bringing the Rangers within one.

Justin Bundy then hit one of his own in the bottom of the ninth, tying the game at three and sending it into extras.

Unfortunately, the Bison picked up three runs in the tenth inning

before going on to win, 6-3.

The Rangers had much better luck in game two.

After allowing a single run the top of the first, the Northwestern bats came together to scratch across two runs in bottom of the inning.

After Harding tied the game in the third, the Rangers answered back in the fourth.

After a Bundy single and a walk from Bryce Donovan, Luis Mendoza would single back up the middle, scoring Bundy.

Luis Cintron would follow with a single of his own, scoring the remaining two runners.

The Rangers extended their lead in the bottom of the fifth when Johnuelle Ponce crushed a two-run bomb to right field, bringing the score to 7-2.

Harding could only manage to bring across one run in the top of the sixth, but by then it was too late. Northwestern would go on to win, 7-3.

In the final game of the series, the red and black picked up right where they left off.

They scored a run in the first on an RBI ground out by Ponce, and again in the second when a wild pitch allowed Brock Randels to score.

The Rangers starter, Mathew Goertzen, pitched a gem, going seven innings and striking out seven Harding batters.

Northwestern would go on to add to their lead in the sixth when Ponce scored on a dropped fly ball and again when a perfectly executed suicide squeeze by Randels brought home Donovan.

After nine, the Rangers had shut out the Bison, 5-0.

The Ranger men played a non-conference game against Rogers State on April 2.

The men dropped the game 11-5. Rogers State outhit the Rangers 17-5.

Northwestern moves to 9-11 in conference play and 19-15 overall.

The Ranger's next take to the road to Arkansas to take on Arkansas Tech University April 5 and

Softball drops series to Harding

By **MEGAN MAHARRY**
Sports Editor

The Lady Ranger softball team faced off against GAC opponent Harding University in Searcy, Arkansas March 31 and April 1.

The Lady Rangers played a four-game series, with double-headers on the March 31 and April 1.

The Lady Rangers dropped March 31 double-header games 8-1 and 8-2 respectively.

In game one, the Lady Rangers started off with a 1-0 lead in the top of the first.

A single down the right field line by Morgan La Neve scored Alexis Bailey.

Harding matched Northwestern's one run with a sacrifice fly in the bottom of the first.

The Lady Rangers would gain that lone run only, as the Harding offense came alive, scoring four runs in the bottom of the second and then three more in the bottom

of the sixth.

The Lady Rangers turned around to drop game two of the day's double-header 8-2.

It seemed as if the Lady Rangers struggled offensively again, as they could only bring in two runs.

They began with a 1-0 lead in the first inning, thanks to a La Neve double to center field, which scored Kalie Johnson.

The Lady Rangers held the lead and tacked on another run in the top of the third on a Jada Overby single that scored Abby Detar.

Harding tied the ball game at two all in the bottom of the third.

Although Northwestern collected 12 hits, it was not enough to result in any runs.

Harding scored runs in every inning after the third to ultimately claim the victory. In games three and four, the Lady Rangers once again found themselves falling to Harding.

Game three resulted in an 8-0 loss. The offense for the Lady Rangers struggled as they only

collected four hits throughout the game.

The game was scoreless until the third inning when Harding tacked on their first run.

The Harding offense collected 13 hits throughout the game and scored seven more runs throughout the game to eventually take the 8-0 shutout. In the fourth and final game, Northwestern fell 5-0.

The Lady Ranger offense totaled five hits, three of which came off the bat of Alexis Bailey.

Unfortunately, the Lady Ranger offense could not bring any runs across home plate.

The game was scoreless until the fourth inning when Harding struck with two runs.

The Harding offense tacked on three more runs in the fifth, which was enough to take the win.

The Lady Rangers move to 5-28 overall on the season.

The Lady Ranger's next contest will be against Arkansas Tech University at home on April 5 and 6.

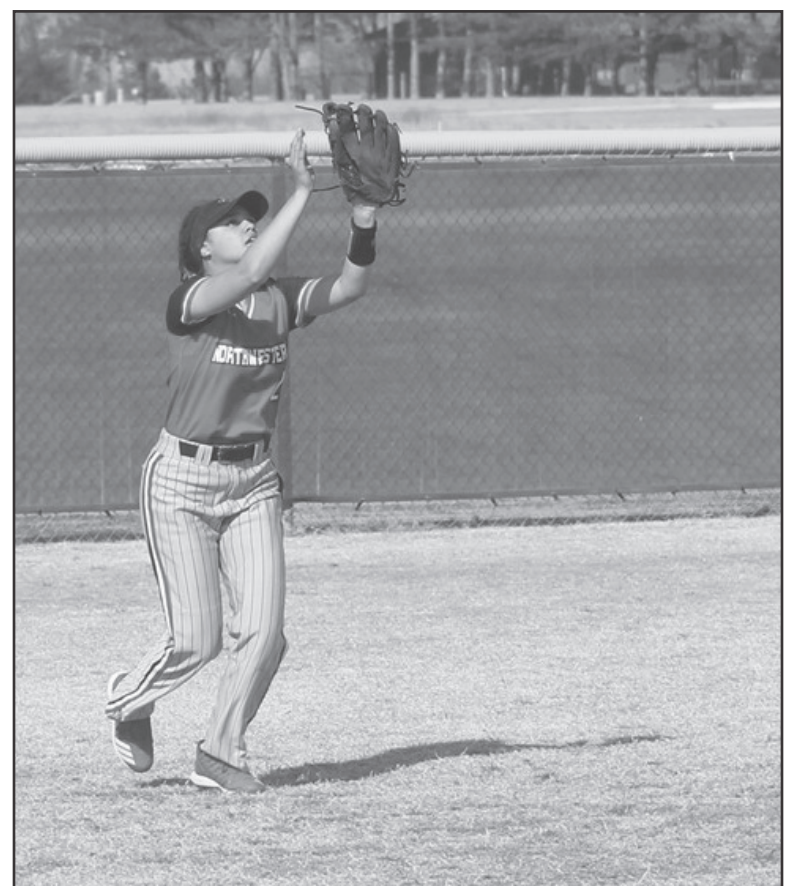


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The Lady Rangers next take on Arkansas Tech at home April 5 and 6.

Sports

Women's track shines at OBU

By RANGER ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Northwestern Oklahoma State University track and field athletes had a great event Friday and Saturday as they took part in the Oklahoma Baptist Invitational in Shawnee, Oklahoma. The Ranger athletes boasted 12 top five finishes in various events.

Two Northwestern throwers finished second in their respective events. Krissie May finished in second in the javelin throw Friday with a mark of 31.62 meters for a new personal record, while Rayna Patton had a second place mark in the discus throw at 36.54.

Eryn Setzer competed in both events, including a fourth place finish in the javelin at 27.94 meters and 27.49 in the discus to finish eighth.

Cayla Smither logged a second place finish in the triple jump at 10.03 meters, just ahead of teammate Alexa Leyva (9.87) in third place. Kaitlyn McClary (9.43) also closed the event inside the top ten as her mark gave her a seventh place distance.

Leyva and McClary each had new PR's with their marks.

In the always tough steeplechase, Jessalyn Rivet-Tissot ran the event to a third place finish as she crossed the line at 12:47.08. She also set a new PR in the 800-meter race with a time of 2:45.89.

In the high jump, a pair of Rangers finished back-to-back with Lashayla Green and Gina Wilson claiming the fourth and fifth place spots, respectively. Wilson also finished sixth in the women's long jump, just behind Keiazayah Young who finished in fifth place with a 4.42-meter distance.

Young logged a fourth place time of 1:03.37 in the 400-meter dash, as well as a fifth place finish in the 4x100 relay with teammates

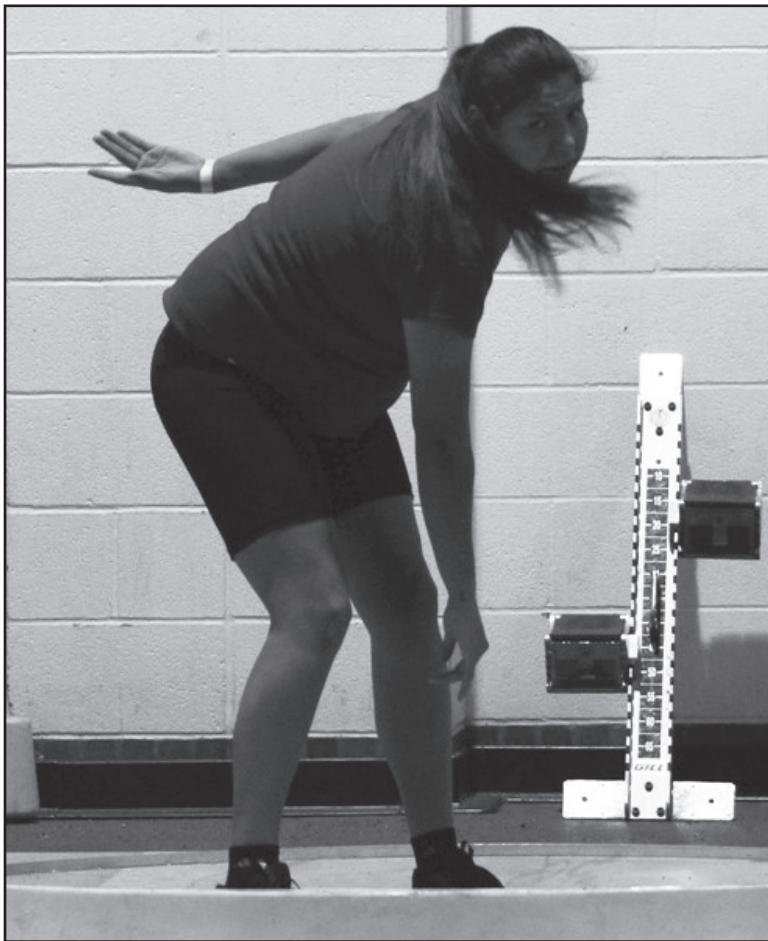


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The ladies will next compete at the Parent-McGrady Invitational.

Green, Smither and Kylee Isbell.

In the shot put, a trio of Rangers finished in consecutive order with Jenny Martinez (10.92 meters, personal record) finishing in fifth place, Rosaria Milton (10.41) picked up a sixth place finish and Setzer (10.37) earned seventh place. Continuing to improve on her previous meet's performance, Kayla Gourley again produced another PR in the 1500-meter run with a 5:24.41.

Camille Lear also PR'd in the 1500 with a time of 5:43.73.

Green improved her time in the 400-meter dash by almost two seconds for a new PR in the event when she crossed the line at the 1:08.52 mark, while Megan Mayfield exceeded her previous mark with a 27.64 time in the 200-meter. Other personal records eclipsed at the OBU Invite include: Ley-

va, 400-meter hurdles (1:19.47); Martinez, hammer throw (32.59 meters); Melissa Perez, 800-meter (3:05.85), 1500-meter (6:17.58); Claire Theis, 200-meter (30.06), 100-meter hurdles (18.44).

The coaching staff was pleased with the continued improvement, but also look forward to getting back to work in preparation for the next meet at the Parent-McGrady Invitational in Yukon, Oklahoma on April 5.

"Today, we continued to see things we are doing well, but there are areas we have to work," said head coach Jill Lancaster. Associate head coach Brock Hime echoed the statement by Lancaster.

"I saw some good performances, but we've got major deficiencies in areas of racing," he said. "We've got more work to do."



Eller posts personal best; golf competes on the green

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By RANGER ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

The Northwestern Oklahoma State University women's golf team wrapped up its third Spring event in style Tuesday as the Lady Rangers competed in the Henderson State University Spring Invite in Mountain Home, Arkansas.

After posting a pair of 344 rounds on Monday, the Northwestern women improved their score in a big way with a 24-shot improvement for a 320 third round.

Their third round score Tuesday was two strokes shy of the team record for lowest round in school history, set last 365 days earlier at the same event.

A big reason for the team success Tuesday afternoon was because the play of Ryle Eller.

The senior fired a personal best 74 in the final round for a 244 tournament total (86-84-74). Eller finished just ahead of teammate and fellow senior Nikkole Donk who shot an 83 in the first round, followed by an 81 in each of the final two rounds.

Brittani Casement, Ashley Watts and Cassidy Pettigrew each finished in consecutive order. Casement closed the tournament with a score of 262 (88-88-86), while Watts was a stroke behind with a 263 (87-92-84).

After posting scores of 93 and 91 in the first 36 holes of the tournament Monday, Pettigrew tied Eller with the biggest improvement from day one to day two as she finished ten strokes better with an 81 for a 265.

Missouri Western golfer Shi Quin Ong won the individual title going away with a six-under par for the tournament after posted just one of two rounds in the 60's in the event. Henderson State kept the tournament title in Arkansas,

winning by eight strokes over Texas A&M-Commerce.

The Northwestern women will return to Arkansas for the second of three straight tournaments in the Natural State next week when they take part in the Hardscrabble Invitational in Fort Smith.

Tyler Berryhill led the Northwestern Oklahoma State University men's golfers Monday and Tuesday as the Rangers competed in the Dallas Baptist University Patriot Classic, held at the Hackberry Creek Golf Club in Irving, Texas.

Berryhill helped Northwestern to a three-round finish of 969 at the event after putting up scores of 319, 320 and 330.

The Rangers finished seven strokes ahead of the Newman in the tournament standings.

A sophomore, Berryhill was the top finisher for the Rangers with a 236 total after finishing with rounds of 77, 76 and 83.

He finished tied atop of the field by shooting even par on par-three holes.

Parker Rehorn and Preston Ewing closed the event in a tie with scores of 244.

Rehorn shot an 83 and 76 on the first day and closed the tournament with an 85 in round three, while Ewing shot a 79 Tuesday after putting rounds of 81 and 84 on the board on the opening day.

Rehorn had the highlight of the tournament for the Rangers with an eagle of the 545 par-five 12th hole.

Ben Baker shot a 250 (78-84-88) in the tournament and Colton Person rounded out the scoring with a 256 (85-88-83).

The Northwestern men will head to Fort Smith, Arkansas, for the Hardscrabble Invitational, hosted by the University of Arkansas-Fort Smith. The tournament will kick off April 8.

Volleyball announces college prep camp

By RANGER ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Northwestern Oklahoma State University head volleyball coach Fred Aubuchon is excited to announce the 2019 College Prep Camp to be held in July.

The 2019 College Prep Camp will take place July 21-23 inside Percefull Fieldhouse on the Northwestern campus.

The camp is designed for high school students, grades 9-12, considering participation in volleyball

at the collegiate level.

Beyond advanced skills, the camp will also include a volleyball IQ training, system play and a tournament.

Aubuchon, who will be leading the instruction at the camp, took over the head coaching position for Ranger volleyball in December. He will enter his first season at Northwestern with 587 collegiate wins, eight national tournament appearances, seven conference titles and 16 Coach of the Year awards.

Under Aubuchon's leader-

ship, 17 players have received All-American accolades, 89 All-Conference selections and 102 National Scholar Athlete honorees. Costs for the three-day event are \$160 for overnight campers and \$130 for those commuting to the camp.

A meal plan is also available for \$40. For more information on the camp, contact Coach Aubuchon (402.460.0464; fvaubuchon@nwsu.edu) or visit RangerVolleyballCamps.com.

The Lady Rangers will start their 2019-20 season shortly after

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