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With finals week and graduation approaching, students were able to play away their stress at Bahama Breakaway. (Above left to right): NWOSU students Denzel Davis, Kiuana Clark and Alex Aaron climbing the rock wall.



Students were also able to sign up their own volleyball team and play in a tournament.



SGA provided hotdogs and hamburgers, students were also able to enjoy free snowcones from Alva's Frosty Joes snowcone stand.

Spring Commencement brings senator

By **DOCKER HAUB**
Student Reporter

The spring semester is coming to an end at Northwestern Oklahoma State University and for many students, this means graduation is right around the corner.

Spring commencement is set to be held on Saturday, May 11, at 10:30 a.m. on Ranger Field. It will be a day dedicated to honoring all the graduating Rangers. This year, there will be a total of 249 students graduating with Bachelor's degrees. Out of those 249 students, 35 will be graduating with honors. The standards for honors are as follows: Students with cumulative grade point averages between 3.70 and 3.79 are designated cum laude, those with GPAs between 3.80-3.89

are magna cum laude and those above 3.90 are summa cum laude.

As for Master program students, there will be 28 graduates. Out of those 28, two will be receiving Master's of Science in General Psychology degrees, eight will be receiving Master's of Counseling Psychology degrees and 18 will be receiving Master's of Education degrees.

Roland Pederson, a State Senator from Burlington, Oklahoma, as well as a Northwestern graduate from 1972, is set to be the keynote speaker of the commencement. "Senator Pederson is a very educated, respectable man," said Allison Zimmerman, member of the Commencement Committee and professor of mass communications, "we were very pleased to have him as our keynote speaker and I know he will give an out-

standing speech." After the commencement ceremony, there will be a reception for the graduates which is to be held in the Student Center Ballroom. "I'm kind of in shock that I'm already about to graduate," said Jacob Peyton, a senior health and sports science major, "but I'm really looking forward to being able to celebrate with my family and being able to walk across the stage with some of my friends." Under the circumstances of inclement weather, the commencement ceremony will be moved from Ranger Field to the Percefull Fieldhouse.

If this is the case, students and staff will be notified by email as well as text message. The commencement ceremony will also be available to live stream online at <http://riderangerside.com/watch/?Live=78>.



Photo by University Relations

Above: commencement 2018. Spring commencement is set to be held on Saturday, May 11, at 10:30 a.m. on Ranger Field.

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News

Rialto sees big crowd

Avengers 'End Game' brings Alva Avengers fans

By KEVIN FORD
Student Reporter

The wait is over, an entire decade of movies have culminated into a final showdown, the ultimate finale which is the "Avengers:End Game."

"End Game" came out Friday and has made an enormous splash in the box office. In just one weekend, End Game has grossed over 1.2 billion dollars worldwide. According to the Alva Rialto Facebook page, "End Game" was the first movie to sell out each showing for the entire weekend. This only compliments the fact that the movie shattered the domestic record for box office income on opening weekend. Grossing a domestic total of a whopping 357 Million dollars according to Boxofficemojo.com.

The Marvel Cinematic Universe kicked off their extraordinary run of superhero movies with Iron Man back in 2008. Fans familiar with the comics were beyond excited for the arrival of Iron Man, the first Avengers movie came out four years later in 2012. The first Avenger movie truly set the bar for how awesome Marvel movies had become.

They were a must-see, even for people with no affiliation with the comics or superhero flicks in general. Zave Goodrich, senior general studies major at Northwestern said "End Game" was an emotional roller coaster. "It was the most epic movie my eyes have ever witnessed," Goodrich said. Junior business and administrations major, Hayden Clark, also shared his thoughts on the latest Marvel flick, "Easily top five movie on my list," Clark said. The Alva commu-



Photo by Kevin Ford

The Alva community stormed the theatres to watch the final Avengers movie.

nity stormed the theatres to watch the final Avengers movie. "End Game" clocks in at three hours and two minutes and features almost every single superhero the Marvel series have put on the big screen. Fan favorites such as Black Panther, Valkyrie, Hulk, Ant-Man and Hawkeye all return just to name a few. But one might ask, is it the last movie the Marvel Cinematic Universe just made? For the sake of fans everywhere, no. Marvel studios is far from done making movies. Disney owns Marvel, and as long as they are making smash hit movie, Marvel Studios will likely still make more individual superhero movies, without the entirety of the Avengers of course. This is also why a majority of marvel fanatics are sad over the fact that the Avengers

will never have another movie together again. Nobody would think back before the first Iron Man came out that superhero movies would have such an emotional bond with people. That emotion and connectivity is arguably the biggest reason why so many people loved the Avengers. It seemed like Marvel was faced with the impossible task to top each movie they came out with. Most fans would agree that the overall quality of the movies improved over time. The word is out. "End Game" is an extremely well put together movie. Go enjoy the Avengers assembling one last time to fight for the survival of the universe as Marvel brings a legendary chapter to a close in this three hour extravaganza.



Photo by Collin Stork

According to the landlord of the Hi-Lo Apartments she welcomes college students as tenants.

Housing opportunities for students in Alva

By NICK PERKINS
Student Reporter

Some of the problems that might come with growing up and going to college is finding a place to live outside of the dorms.

Although there are various rent houses around, as well as different apartments. A big question for students might be where can they find this information and what details do they need to know before moving in.

Some of the places that might have information about housing and apartments is the news gram, newspaper, and the Alva for rent Facebook page. These are the places where the landlord of the Hi-Lo apartments says she tries to advertise in. Some of the places that are located right around campus are the University Apartments, Hi-Lo Apartments, Aspen Apartments and Cottonwood Apartments. Ashley Property Services can also be a

way for students to find rent houses if they don't want to live in an apartment.

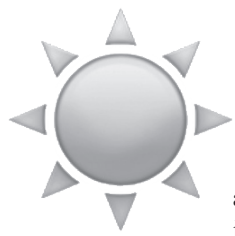
If students have questions about living off campus, most of the student support service coaches have lived off campus and can assist in helping and answering questions as well. There is also a list of services that they provide help with, it is located in the Student Center.

Information that might be useful to ask the landlord is how much is rent, and if that includes all bills paid, or if the bills are separate. Other questions that might be good to ask the landlord would be if they allow pets, how much deposits will be and what happens if a roommate moves out if they signed the lease?

According to the landlord of the Hi-Lo Apartments, she welcomes college students as tenants because they make up most of her business and for the most part have been respectful of the rules that they have and been respectful to the other tenants in the building.

"Help! I'm stuck in Alva all summer with nothing to do!" - Summer in Alva

By MEGAN MAHARRY
Sports Editor



The final grades are in, the graduation caps have flown and summer is here.

Most students book their flights, pack their cars and head back to their hometowns for the summer.

However, some students remain in Alva due to summer classes or jobs. After being in Alva for an entire year of school, what can these students do during the summer to entertain themselves?

Northwestern students know Alva doesn't have a whole lot of fun things to do. During the summer, however, Alva has a few things going on that students can

enjoy.

In June, Alva puts on the Nescatunga Arts & Crafts Festival on the downtown square. This festival lasts most of the day.

The festival includes many different booths set up along the square. There are paintings and works of art, jewelry and other artisan crafts in the booths.

Lunch is also served at the festival. And while students enjoy lunch, they can also listen to live music. Every festival, there are a couple of sets of live music and singers for entertainment.

Alva summers are brutally hot. The Alva City Pool usually opens at the end of May and is a great opportunity for students to cool off.

The pool is typically open from 12-6 p.m. There are lounge chairs, shade structures, a diving board and slides at the pool.

The pool is a good place to work on a tan while taking a dip in the

water to cool off.

Love fireworks? The city of Alva puts on a firework display on the Fourth of July. Located in Hatfield Park, the Fourth of July celebration begins with food and games in the park.

There is also a raffle. Tickets are put into a raffle to win assortment of prizes.

Once the sun goes down, the fireworks come out.

Kevin Ford, junior health and sports science major from Norway, is staying in Alva this summer to work. He plans to work at Wheeler Brothers where he will work on loading and unloading sacks of grain.

"The last two summers I've been here I haven't had a full-time job, but this summer I'll be working all summer, so this summer will be busier than my school schedule," Ford said.

He said he is happy about staying in Alva because if he went

home, he wouldn't have anything to do. He said he is looking forward to making money.

Tiana Young-Mauchly, redshirt junior from Hawaii, spent last summer in Alva.

She said to keep herself entertained, she would hang out with her roommate, go to the pool, workout and went to the lake a few times.

She also worked at the Chop-house all summer.

"Honestly I thought it would be terrible, but it was a lot of fun," Young-Mauchly said. "Just make the most out of being in Alva because it really isn't too bad if you're with the right people and have an open mind."

Job opportunities may be found around Alva during the summer. Students should seek information from the fast food restaurants, Walmart and even the Northwestern campus to see if jobs are available.

Even though staying in Alva may seem a bore, there are ways to

keep busy until the next semester.

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What's up?

Interest meeting for Study Abroad trip to Iceland in 2020 set for May 1

Daniel Herr, NWOSU Artist-in-Residence, Off-Campus Exhibitions

Herr is exhibiting an installation of the work he created at NWOSU at Greenhouse Gallery, located at 1407 College Blvd, Alva OK (near the Aspen Apartments).

Small Works at Graceful Arts Center.

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NWOSU Visual Arts Advanced Studio Exhibition "Chockablock"

NWOSU Visual Arts Advanced Studio Exhibition, "Chockablock," featuring work by visual arts minors

May 9, from 5-8 p.m. at Greenhouse Gallery,

Division of Nursing Pinning Ceremony

Division of Nursing Pinning Ceremony to pin our nursing graduates, Herod Hall Auditorium. Doors open at 5 p.m.

May 10

Education Pinning Ceremony

Division of Education Pinning Ceremony, Student Center Ranger Room

May 11

Spring 2019 Commencement

Spring 2019 Commencement at Ranger Field. In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will take place in Percefull Fieldhouse at 10:30 a.m.

May 11

Finals

May 7-10

By UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

An interest meeting for the Northwestern Oklahoma State University 2020 Study Abroad trip to Iceland is set for May 1 at noon.

The meeting may be attended in the Education building room 108 in Alva, as well as in Enid room 210 and Woodward room 143. Study Abroad trips are open to all Northwestern students and employees, as well as the general public. Anyone interested in earning course credit may enroll in UNIV 2013 – Global Citizenship, which will be offered during the spring semester.

"Anyone interested in traveling is welcome to come along even though they may not be taking the course for credit or a member of the Northwestern community," said Dr. Jenny Sattler, Study Abroad co-group leader and assistant professor of physics at Northwestern. The seven-day trip to Iceland in May 2020 will include stops in Reykjavik and the Hvolsvöllur area. "Studying abroad presents the unique opportunity to see and learn about the world," Sattler said.

For more information contact Sattler at jasattler@nwsu.edu or (580) 327-8568 or Dr. Leslie Collins, co-group leader and assistant chair of the division of nursing, at Incollins@nwsu.edu or (580) 327-8496.

Additional details may be found on the Study Abroad web page at www.nwsu.edu/study-abroad.



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Who? - Students interested in study abroad to Iceland

Where? - Education building room 108

When? - May 1 at noon

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Campus

Spectacular Students

Students awarded for their hard work in their area of study

Math and computer sciences honors students



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Keyra Clark, senior computer science major from Amorita, OK, and J C Wells, senior mathematics major from Laverne, OK.

Each year the faculty in the Mathematics and Computer Science department at Northwestern select a few outstanding students in Math and Computer Science.

This year's winners are Keyra Clark and J C Wells. Both students will graduate this May.

Wells is a math education major and has accepted a teaching and coaching position with Woodward Public Schools this fall.

Clark is a computer science major/minor and is considering several IT employment opportunities after graduation.

Campus club of the week



Photo provided by Shannon Nesseralla

CORE members with Enid's pre-k students on April 17 at Enid's Campus.

By SHANNON NESSERALLA
Student Reporter

Environmental issues are affecting Earth in a tremendous way. Conserving Our Ranger Environment (CORE) focuses on conserving the environment as well as bringing attention to environmental issues.

They have held multiple panels over issues on state questions and held a wind panel forum last year. One of their biggest events is Ranger Recycling. This is a recycling event held on the Enid campus with the pre-K students.

On April 17, they held an Earth Day event on the Enid Campus. The pre-K students make bottle cap art to spell out 'CORE'. Caitlyn Shortnacy is the president of CORE. "This year for Earth Day, we thought it would be an excel-

lent time to include the pre-K class that is located on the Enid campus," Sjrtrnancy said. Throughout the year, these kids get to help us with recycling and they have a blast doing it. So for Earth Day we decided to make a bottle cap artwork with them that says 'CORE' for us to put on our bulletin board.

With their help in making the artwork, we were able to teach them more about the importance of recycling and making every day Earth Day in small ways to make a big difference."

During finals week this semester they will be hosting a Better World Book drive on Alva and Enid's campus. This is a chance for students to donate old textbooks that will help provide books for those in need. The donation boxes will be set up around the Alva campus and one in the commons at Enid's campus.

Business students compete at Entrepreneur's Cup



Awarded business students with (Right): Dr. Janet Cunningham, (Back left to right): Doug Van Meter, alumnus; Dr. Bo Hannaford, and (Front): Dr. David Hawkins

Northwestern Oklahoma State University business students Callie Campbell and Crystal Keeler won the High Growth Interview award in the Positive Energy and Environmental category sponsored by OG&E at the Love's Entrepreneur's Cup held recently in Oklahoma City.

As a team, they received \$1,000 for their concept. The Love's Entrepreneur's Cup, formerly known as the Governor's Cup, is a statewide collegiate business plan competition now in its 15th year. Hundreds of college and university students throughout Oklahoma participate in the competition.

Social Work Student Accepted into N.E.W. Leadership Institute



Social work senior Morgan Lopez

Northwestern Oklahoma State University social work senior Morgan Lopez of Goltry has been accepted into the National Education for Women's (N.E.W.) Leadership Institute. She is a student at Northwestern-Enid.

Lopez was chosen based on numerous factors including, but not limited to: individual leadership potential, maturity, ability to deal with challenges, capacity to reflect on one's own personal strengths and weaknesses, special interests, unique characteristics or diverse experiences that contribute to the N.E.W. Leadership learning goals, interest in politics, public service or public policy and a commitment to participate fully in the N.E.W. Leadership institute.

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- Bo Hannaford – Ward 3, Seat 1
- Mary Hamilton – Ward 3, Seat 2
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Editorial



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EDITOR'S RANT OF THE WEEK

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

Since this is our last issue, I figured I might as well stop being lazy and write a rant.

Although I have had 2-3 weeks off, I have still drawn a blank as to what I want to write about. I am about to start my senior year of college, and just the thought of that makes me want to puke.

As my years have passed me by at Northwestern, I can't help but think about all the things I endured, and all the memories I have made. I started working for the Northwestern News the spring semester of my freshman year.

I was only photo editor at the time, and the editors were all at least a couple years older than me. I admired them for their work.

I never once thought that I could take on all the tasks that they did, especially not the job of Editor-in-Chief. I never imagined myself in this position.

But, as the years went on, my love for the newspaper grew and I knew I was ready. This semester has been the best semester I have experienced here at NW News. Our papers look great, our stories are great.

Although we experienced criticism, we also experienced quite a bit of praise. We won 12+ awards at the OCMA awards in Stillwater. Also, a reader of our paper was so touched by a story on our front page, that they decided to donate money to fix the carillon at the top of Herod Hall.

Of course, I couldn't have done anything without the amazing Editors that work along side me. Michelle, who has been my right hand man since her first day here at the newspaper. Megan, who was my first friend in mass communications, and has shown me nothing but kindness and loyalty.

McKayla, who is new but has helped us TREMENDOUSLY in preventing judgemental people from finding grammar mistakes in our stories. Ashley Watts, who has been diligent and flexible.

I really can't brag on these people enough. We have a great thing going. We all have a job and we do it very well.

My time here with Northwestern News has been the most enlightening and best learning experience of my life. I can't wait to see what the upcoming semesters will bring.



'Once a ranger...'

By **DOCKER HAUB**
Staff Reporter

Every student that comes through Northwestern Oklahoma State University comes here for a different reason.

For me, I chose to attend Northwestern in order to continue my athletic career and be able to play the game of football for a few more years. Little did I know, I would also come here and meet my best friends for life and some of the most intelligent teachers that I have had the opportunity to learn from.

Life in Alva can be an emotional rollercoaster. Sometimes you can feel like your excluded from the rest of society and the rest of the world, but that's not always a bad thing.

When you don't have as many things to do as you would in a big city, it leaves you with an opportunity to spend more time with your friends talking about whatever is on your mind at the time and coming up with your own ways to have fun.

In my four years at Northwestern, I've met many different people from many different places. Rather it be Texas, California, Florida, or even Nepal and Australia, everyone comes here with their own history

and their own experiences but no matter where they're from, they always learn something new or experience something new in rural Oklahoma that they've never

likes and their dislikes about the university that they attend, but it's what you do with the time that you have as a student at that university that decides what kind of college experience you will have.

As my time here at Northwestern comes to a close, I look to the future with excitement but I also look on the past with a slight feeling of sadness.

No longer will I be able to meet up with my friends after class and talk about what happened throughout the day or what our plans are for that night, no longer will I be able to walk across campus and seek advice from a trusted professor or advisor and no longer will I be able to enjoy participating in athletics with my teammates.

But when I think about my past four years at Northwestern, my sadness quickly turns to joy and contentment because I know that when I need a friend to talk to, I know who to call.

When I need advice and I need to speak to someone with wisdom, I know who to call.

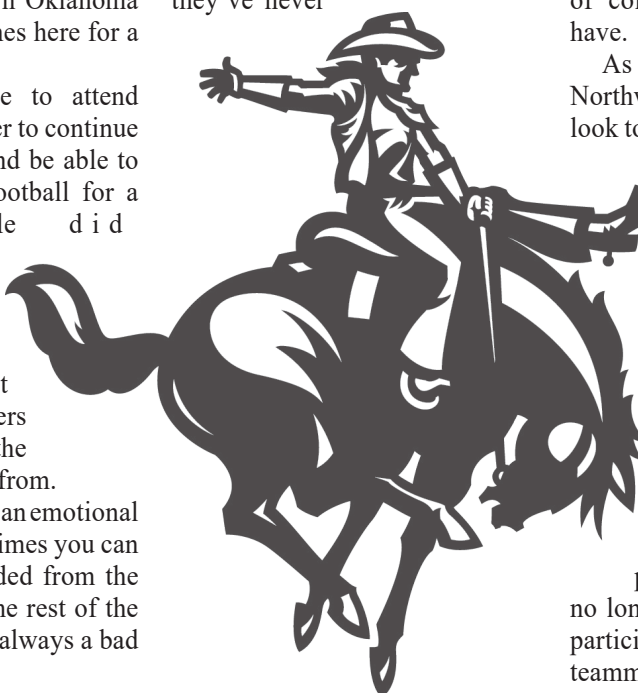
If there is one thing that I've learned at Northwestern, it's that if you are once a Ranger, you are always a Ranger, and there are few greater families than your Ranger family.

experienced before.

For some, it could be the first time seeing a wheat field, a grain elevator or even a tractor driving down the highway, and for others it could be the first time experiencing American culture.

In my opinion, every college in America is the same. You go to class, you participate in extracurricular activities and you enjoy time with your friends.

Every college student has their



**Interested in writing?
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The Fine Arts building

Photos by Megan Maharry



The Education Center

The budget for the buildings

By MEGAN BROWN
Staff Reporter

More than 1,000 people walk on Northwestern's Alva campus every day, but very few actually know what it takes to keep the historical buildings in shape.

Jim Detgen, the director of physical plant, said that the maintenance department faces issues such as being short staffed and keeping up with the growing to-do list.

"Probably the biggest issue is keeping all the equipment up and running with the small crew that we have," Detgen said.

During the most recent oil boom that took place in the Alva area, the maintenance crew lost some positions. When these maintenance employees left, the positions they held were not filled due to budget cuts. This left a smaller maintenance staff doing the jobs of many.

"It affects everything from cars to the buses to heat and air to water; you name it," Detgen said. "I have one HVAC person for this whole campus."

HVAC is the heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems across campus.

While some of the roles are filled by student workers, they are limited as to what jobs they can do. Detgen said they are not allowed to do anything that could possibly injure them. They are often responsible for minor projects such as washing the university vehicles.

Inmates from Bill Johnson Correctional Center are often used to help keep the campus in shape. Detgen said Northwestern pays a minimal fee for the nonviolent inmates along with a guard to come to campus. Usually three or four inmates come to campus at a time, and their services are utilized largely before the fall semester begins.

"Without them this campus would look pretty bad," Detgen said.

Northwestern hires out for specialized projects, such as the recent tuck-pointing on the Fine

Arts Building, in order to ensure that the projects are done correctly. Maintenance is one of the many areas that fall under Dr. David Pecha, the vice president for administration.

"I've got one shot to fix the building so I want to get somebody who does that day in and day out for a living," Pecha said. "Our maintenance folks are very skilled, but something like trying to do a whole building, I would never expect them to do that."

Pecha said there is not currently an electrician on staff, but the campus employs a licensed plumber and some journeymen who are able to complete the majority of the jobs.

Like many things, the campus cannot be maintained without proper finances. Northwestern has a budget for all aspects on campus related to maintenance, but maintenance is somewhat of a catch-all phrase, as the budget and upkeep of the buildings fall into many subcategories.

According to the Educational and General Budget for the Academic Year 2018-2019, a total of \$2,818,415 was allotted from the budget under the building maintenance category for all three campuses. This money was used for many things ranging from repairs and supplies, grounds, custodial, major repairs and risk management.

Pecha said that funds from the state will never be enough to cover everything, so the university relies on outside donations for a lot of projects. Past donations have been responsible for the baseball field, football complex, including the turf, and the renovations to the Fine Arts building.

While the funding might not be as abundant as they would like, with the help of donations Northwestern is able to keep the campus safe and work on making updates.

"Funds have never been an issue for me in 27 years," Detgen said. "If we need the money to fix something we almost always get it. There's been times when they said we had to wait, but that's never really been an issue."



Herod Hall

When it comes to addressing the maintenance issues on campus, Pecha said the process involves gathering information from different sources in order to prioritize.

Recommendations from maintenance workers, employees in the buildings and the university architect are taken into consideration. From there, the issues are split into cosmetic or structural and then urgent issues are addressed first.

"Emergency things are done right away; it doesn't matter how many people it takes," Detgen said. "If we have to call in outside help, we do."

Along with the day to day building maintenance, some bigger concerns will need to be addressed due to the age of the campus. Some of Pecha's concerns include the heating and air units, roofs, infrastructure and uneven ground.

"I always want to have a campus that is safe to walk on and is well-lit," Pecha said. "To me those are two things that we owe to our students and our employees to have a safe campus to come to work at."

All of these projects, and more, are in Northwestern's future.

Currently a plan is in place to

redo the mall area on campus. This is a part of the "Imagine Northwestern" campaign that is aiming to raise \$28 million for renovations and scholarships.

As for those who spend a large part of their time in these historical buildings, they are used to the issues that come with these old buildings.

In some instances, such as the leaking in the Education Building, employees took it upon themselves to help decrease the damage.

"I have to give our staff kudos," Pecha said. "Not just the issues we've had with that roof but I can think of other times when we've had inconveniences where we had to relocate offices, relocate classrooms; in most cases, we didn't ask for it nor did the person who lives in those buildings."

With the age of these structures, something that starts small often turns into something big.

Detgen said the majority of the issues cannot be prevented and just have to be repaired in the best possible way.

When it comes to handling the downsides to working in old buildings, those at Northwestern have handled it well.

"I think it goes back to that Ranger spirit we have, and we're one big family," Pecha said.

What it cost to maintain our historic buildings

The price to keep old campus structures

By NICK PERKINS
Staff Reporter

Many different types of history are taught in schools across the United States, such as world history, national history and even some state history. Local history is something that is not really taught about that much, but is equally important. "I think it's important to know where we have been," said John Barton, former Northwestern Oklahoma State University professor. "So, we will know better, and have a foundation for where we are going."

"I think our local history is very, very important," Barton said. "We tend in public schools to do a lot on international stuff and national stuff. That's important too, but we sometimes overlook things that happen right here close."

Local history can help people understand how far towns have come since they started. It can also show how past members of the community may or may not have shown leadership and sacrifice. One thing that is sometimes overlooked is the importance of original buildings that have been in the community for a while.

For the Northwestern Oklahoma State University alumni, the older, historic buildings are a big conversation piece because they are the original buildings and can help remind them of when they were in school and what times were like back then.

"It connects to the people who built this place," said Ken Kelsey, instructor of history and fine arts. "It's a reminder of our own uniqueness here at Northwestern."

The oldest building on campus is Fine Arts. The castle on the hill was the oldest building on the NWOSU campus, but it burned down in 1935. Some of these buildings get repurposed for other purposes. Such as Vinson and Shockley Hall, which used to be dorms for the students.

According to Barton, another building that was repurposed was the student center. The Student Center used to not have a ball room and it used to be a gymnasium. The name of it was Wyatt gym, and it

was named after the first head of athletics at Northwestern. "If you go on the west side there is a plaque out there that tells you about the history," Barton said. "You can look up and see part of the old gym at the top of the building."

One of the older buildings on campus that had to be torn down was Oklahoma Hall, which was a dorm. Barton said that the building was so infested with asbestos that they could not save it and had to tear it down.

Markers are placed at the buildings around campus to give details about the history and purposes of the buildings. The markers were paid for by people donating to have the history of these buildings preserved. According to Kelsey, these markers were placed around the buildings by the preservation society on campus, which is made up of mostly teachers.

While keeping the original buildings is a way to keep traditions alive and to help with history, it also comes with a cost. Many of the building on campus have numerous problems that need to be fixed but that is one of the issues with keeping older buildings around.

"I think it is important to keep elements of historic buildings," Kelsey said. "They give us a sense of our own past and identity."

Another way that the preservation society has helped preserve the history here at Northwestern was to add a collage inside the Wellness Center to tell about Mr. Newby, who used to coach and was the athletic director at Northwestern, and a granite rock in front of the wellness center to show that Newby Field used to be where the Wellness Center is currently at. These along with the markers are ways that people can learn about the history of the buildings on the Northwestern campus.

Kelsey said that he understands that historic buildings need to be renovated and modernized to accommodate changing times and students or faculty with disabilities. It still important to keep the buildings instead of just tearing them down and rebuilding. Keeping the historic buildings on campus shows people that the community and school takes pride in its history. One way to help keep older buildings safe is to get them accepted into the national register of historic buildings.

According to Kelsey, if a building is accepted into the national register of historic buildings new stuff can still be added to the building. It also makes the building more official and it makes it possible to request federal

funding to improve the building, as long as they follow the guidelines that are set in place by the historic preservation offices of the National Parks System.

There are people all over the state who want to keep older buildings around and make them historic buildings. Doing this is a good way to preserve the past but also to help the community grow and to help the businesses do well.

"There are a number of people all over the state who promote the idea of historic preservation," Kelsey said. "Ranging from buildings on our campus to putting up signage to where the old route 66 used to go."

While some people may think keeping these buildings around can be an eye sore, or inconvenient because they are not changing to keep up with modern times, although people like Kelsey, who enjoy the history of the buildings and think that historic preservation is a great thing. Even on old rundown buildings that are falling apart because no one has the funds to put into the buildings to make them nice and useable again.

"When I have been down to New Orleans, we can even see preservation by neglect," Kelsey said. "As long as they keep that roof on and it doesn't fall in, you can see how it has changed over time."

With these older buildings some of the ways that shows its history might be the peeling wall paper or if it has a wood floor in it. These features can help give an idea to what the building used to look like when it was newer.

"We can even see that in a lot of Oklahoma towns," Kelsey said. "A lot of our rural, towns out in the country side, they haven't been swept up in a lot of economic development. Therefore, they still have a lot of those homes, business buildings or community buildings; such as schools, churches, or post offices, that are basically preserved from the past."

According to savingsplaces.org, pre-World War II buildings used to be made with higher quality materials and were built to last longer than buildings built in modern times. Some of the materials that they might have been made out of were hardwoods such as heart pine.

Keeping these older buildings around can help people understand how far we have come as a society. The older buildings can also help people imagine what everything used to be like.

"The people who went before us showed a great deal of courage and a great deal of leadership," Barton said, "and they were looking out for you."



Jesse Dunn Building

If the buildings could talk...

The problems with the old structures

By SABREENA BURKS
Staff Reporter

Northwestern Oklahoma State University has a rich history with its different buildings on campus, but along with them are some problems that come with being in an old building.

Carter Hall houses the nursing program in order to work with students who have a nursing major, but Carter Hall has its own share of problems especially with the recent rains this year. "We were having problems with the floors in the office with them starting to buckle and with all the moisture coming in, it was starting to buckle even more," Pam Hess, nursing secretary, explains.

Basically, it would cause some people that would enter the offices on the first floor to trip onto the ground. After the rains had finally stopped, the carpets were replaced in the office.

In Jesse Dunn, the building was built the same time as Carter Hall and has been part of campus with both the mass communication and the social science departments being held in it. Last semester, Dr. Kay Decker's office flooded right in the middle of the semester.

"We had to get everything out because I didn't want to get all the furniture and the books to become ruined by the rain," Decker said. Like any building, it would feel like living there instead of anywhere else. "You have to treat it like at home," Decker added.

The Fine Arts has had its own share of problems with dealing with rain, whether it be with the roof or with the windows, but that

doesn't stop it from being part of campus history.

"Being in this building I think is pretty cool because of the history that is surrounding it," Angela Case said.

The Education Center has also had problems in the weather department.

"The building was once home to a K-12 school, in the basement you can still find the classrooms that are labeled what class is which and now we help those that want to become teachers," said Dr. Christee Jenlink, professor of education. "The problem with the building that we have would be the roof when it rains so we have had our fair share."

With the rains Northwestern has had last semester, the roof of the building leaked where it had to be fixed.

Some of the buildings on campus have had problems with the rain, but for others it would be due to simple things that are on campus. For example, the library has had problems with the use of technology.

"We don't have enough plugs for students," said Shannon Leaper, library service director. "It would be nice to have some working smartboards to help the students in the rooms upstairs." By describing the details of the library, it would be hard to find out what is needed to change.

Vinson Hall and Shockley Hall both have a rich history between the two of them and both were named after someone that was at Northwestern at the time. Where Shockley Hall stands today, Vinson Hall once stood and vice versa.

It was after World War II that they switched the names around in order to have it be what they are today. "Knowing that you're working in a historical building named after someone is amazing," said Valerie Case, university relations specialist.

Feature

Senior spotlights

By BAILEY RANKIN
Staff Reporter



Audrey Salas

Health and sports science with a minor in sports psychology

My favorite NW memory can't be categorized as just one moment. My favorite memory is a variety of things that took place here from playing D2 soccer to meeting new people from different places of the world. I'm grateful for everything that's happened in this small city of Alva

Don't have much to say about the school but to my professors ... Mr. Hansen .. Coach Andrade ... and Dr. Mead , thanks for not only being cool professors, but for also actually caring about your students outside of the classroom. They are educators that actually want to see you succeed and will help you regardless of their busy schedules. For that, I want to thank them. Now for my closest friends Hollie Pankake, Calvinis Prentice and Kailani Kealoha... I am very thankful for their friendships and all the memories i've created with them. If there's one thing I dont regret, it's meeting them and sharing all those laughs we had these past two years .

My future plans are to pursue my Masters in Occupation/Physical Therapy back home in California.



Clarissa Hinojo

Health and sports science with a minor in sports psychology

My favorite Northwestern memory is being a part of the women's soccer team for the last four years and experiencing countless adventures with my closet friends.

I would like to say thank you to Northwestern and the community for the opportunities and experiences they provided me in order to be a successful student athlete here at NWOSU. To my friends: I hope you put your mind to whatever it is you want to do and to never let anything hold you back! Always live "your best life."

My future plans involve moving back home to Dallas, TX to gain clarity on what I want to pursue for my future: hopefully along the line of fitness and/or soccer, and to eventually pursue my master's within the next year.



Megan Maharry

Mass communications major/minor

I'd say my favorite memory is playing intramural sports with my teammates. We're all so competitive when we play, but we have a lot of laughs too.

To the athletic department and my coaches, thank you for giving me the opportunity to play the sport I love at the collegiate level. My time as part of the Lady Ranger soccer team helped me grow as a person, and also gave me life-long friends.

To the professors in the mass communication department, thank you for my education. You guys have helped me discover my passion in the work field.

To my teammates, y'all are the best friends I could ask for. Thank you for supporting me and always having my back.

I plan to attend graduate school in the fall and get my master's in sports journalism. I hope to eventually work for ESPN as a sideline reporter.



Montana McCullough

Mass communications major with a minor in animal science

My favorite memory would have to be the days I met my three most amazing friends. Tori, Allison and Kathryn have helped me so much in college that I will never forget the days we met.

My last words to the school would be thank you for everything you have done for me. The faculty and staff here are the best because they truly care. To my friends, enjoy college while you can. Try not to overwork yourselves and pay attention in class. And to the mass comm department, you have inspired me to do something I've never dreamed of. Thank you to all of the faculty and students for helping me unlock my potential.

My future plans are to stay around Alva for roughly a year and then move over to the eastern part of the state to work in the radio industry.



From basketball to graduation diploma

By DAVID THORNTON
Staff Reporter

Deja Beechum is a fifth-year , red-shirt senior here at Northwestern. Beechum is a health and sports science major who played her last collegiate basketball career this year.

"My favorite memory as a student was making new friends and meeting everyone in the community," Beechum said.

She also added her favorite basketball memory: beating SWOSU here during her red-shirt sophomore year.

With Beechum being a student athlete here in Alva for so long, she has made lots of friends.

"I'm going to miss each group of girls I played with, I've made a great connection with them and I will always miss it," Beechum said.

With graduation approaching, Beechum said she is really excited to finally walk across that stage. She plans on celebrating with her family and friends back home in Texas. After, she said she plans to get right to work in medical sales, beginning internships, taking small step to achieving her higher goal in the work force.

Beechum said she is ready to graduate and get working. Beechum said she loved her time here in Alva, the friends, the basketball games and all the precious memories she made will never be forgotten.



Step with care and great tact. And remember that life's a great balancing act.
- Dr Seuss

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Feature

Tips to get you through finals

By **CAITLYN PRAY**
Staff Reporter

It happens every year—every semester actually.

At the beginning of the school year or the new year, students are rejuvenated and relaxed, ready to take on anything that the semester might throw at them and conquer every quiz, test and assignment for easy A's in each of their classes.

At least that's the goal, but as the semester wears on and life takes a different route, it seems we all end up in the same place: tired, mentally exhausted and packed in the library or study lounges cramming for the certain grade we need.

Sound familiar?

Each semester students also seem to fall into another rut: study techniques.

Studying is an essential part of any class, especially during finals week, but the Internet fails us by giving us some of the same tips and tricks every time. Granted, some of those tips are repeated because they do work and are secrets behind highly effective people, but this semester it may be time to switch up the regular routine and try some far-out study tips and tricks for even further ease and success.

Here are some wacky, but perhaps not-so-unhelpful study tips to switch up and lighten up your finals week studying!

1. Study While Sleepy

You read that correctly! More than one source claims that studying late at night or before bed or a power nap can be the best strategy.

Taking this tip to the extreme of cramming a lot of information in at 2 a.m. the night before your

8 a.m. final is probably not the wisest choice, but studying a bit in advance and before bed may just do the trick.

The writers behind the website "The Odyssey" say that this technique proves true because the brain reinforces memories during sleep, making the information stick and hopefully popping the answers to mind when it's test time.

2. Fast Forward

Running out of time to study for that final, or worse, forgot to study at all and it's late the night before? Purdue University Global recommends playing recorded lectures on double speed for as long as you can before the exam.

True, the information will likely not stick as if it was thoroughly studied and memorized, but it is a tip for those times when time is not in your favor and you still have a few minutes before the final.

3. Smell the Roses... or Chew a Piece of Gum

One well-known tip that many students take advantage of is taking frequent breaks, exercising or going for strolls outside to get some fresh oxygen to the noggin. What happens, though, when the weather is acting up or you don't have opportunity to get out and about? Purdue University Global recommends spraying a scent to accompany you while you're studying—preferably an unfamiliar one—is said to have the same effect as an outdoor stroll.

In addition to this, spraying that scent once again just before your test is said to jog your memory and help the brain recall

information associated with that scent. If you're not a very scentsy person, chewing gum is said to have the same effect.

4. Get a Move on

Shana Lebowitz, a writer for Greatist.com, recommends switching up study spots and moving around to help stimulate brain activity and keep yourself awake.

"Research suggests studying the same stuff in a different place every day makes us less likely to forget that information," Lebowitz writes. "Every time we move around (from the library to the coffee shop or the coffee shop to the toilet seat), we force the brain to form new associations with the same material so it becomes a stronger memory."

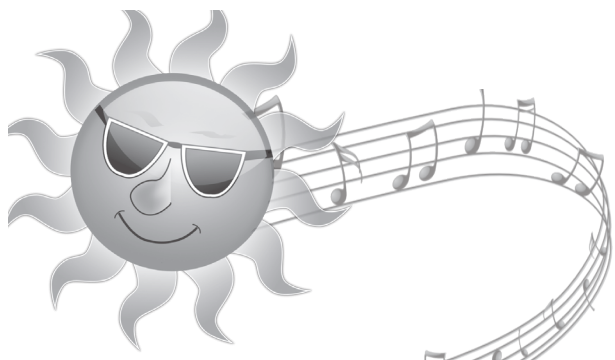
So whether you like to get up and walk, jog, dance or just go to the student center for something to drink, any form of movement may actually help you study!

5. Look at the Wall

Students may have heard the tips before that stress the importance of mediation. This can be done in a number of ways, but in her article, Lebowitz recommends staring at a wall or blank space for three minutes before a big test or paper to help calm anxiety and boost attention span.

In her article she said that regular meditation (not of the wall, but just a form of regular rest) is proven to be most beneficial, but the three minute exercise may help with any last-minute jitters.

There you have it: a few of the most unusual study tips you may ever read, yet potentially promising



Jamming into the summer

By **PHILLIP HUDSON**
Staff Reporter

Summer break is fast approaching and what better way to prepare than by listening to some summer songs?

Chad Woods, senior psychology major, likes "Saturday in the Park" by Chicago.

Freshman Ashley Grey, elementary education major, likes "What Time Is It?" which is featured in "High School Musical 2."

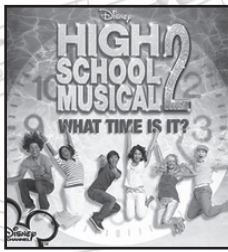
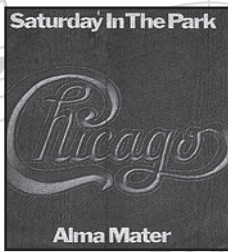
"Summer" by Marshmello is Brittni Taylor's, who is majoring in biology, favorite summer song.

"I like upbeat stuff," said Katherine Blair, junior instrument music education major. As long as it is a happy diddly, play it.

Amanda Harding, biology major, loved the Beach Boys' song "Surfin' USA."

Hunter McEachern, freshman music education major, said "Barley Mow" gets him hyped for summer. He said he likes to relax to it and sing.

You can listen to these tunes while you clean up your dorm room or when you start packing up to leave. With summer comes finals. Study too, but make time to listen to some songs and relax.



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Sports

Baseball honors seniors in final season game

By **LOGAN JONES**
Assist. Sports Editor

The NWOSU baseball team rounded out the 2019 campaign last weekend against archrival, Southwestern Oklahoma State, dropping a three-game series.

The Rangers looked to end their season on a high note while also ruining the Bulldogs' at the same time.

In game one, Southwestern jumped out to an early 4-run lead in the first inning before adding two more in the second.

The red and black responded in the bottom of the third with RBI hits from Luis Cintron, Carlos Andujar and Johnnuelle Ponce, bringing the Rangers within two.

The Bulldogs tacked on two more runs, scoring one in the fourth and in the sixth, before a 3-run homerun in the eighth seemed to put the game out of reach.

However, the Rangers rallied, managing to score four in the bottom of the ninth.

Unfortunately, SWOSU recorded the final out before Northwestern could do any more damage. The Rangers dropped game one by the score of 11-8.

Saturday saw enough baseball to put a stamp on the 2019 season.

In game one of a double-header, both the Bulldogs and the Rangers combined for 43 total hits in a game that set the GAC record for longest game by innings with 16.

The game started with both teams matching each other for every run scored.

After the ninth inning, the game was deadlocked at two apiece. Going into extra innings, Southwestern took the lead by plating three in the 11th.

Down to their final out, the Rangers sent Jake Darrow to the plate.

Darrow singled, scoring two runs, before scoring on an error on the SWOSU third baseman, tying the game once again at 5-5.

The game remained knotted-up at five until the 16th inning when the Bulldogs took the lead on a sacrifice fly to right field.

Despite their great efforts, the Rangers lost, 6-5.

In game two of the dou-



Photo by Kolton Fishback.

The Rangers finished off their 2019 season with a home series against rivals Southwestern Oklahoma State University.



Senior Carlos Andujar.



Senior Greg Carrington.



Senior Harrison Hull.



Senior Johnnuelle Ponce.



Senior Justin Bundy.



Senior Luis Cintron.



Senior Luis Mendoza.



Senior Matt Goertzen.

ble-header, it was Northwestern's turn to take the lead.

In the bottom of the Rangers brought across four runs, giving themselves a 4-1 lead.

A 3-run homerun in the top of the fourth allowed the Bulldogs to tie the game at four, but that was short lived as the red and black took the lead in the bottom of the

inning when Darrow was able to score on another SWOSU error.

However, Southwestern picked up runs in the top of the sixth and seventh innings to seal the victory

and the series sweep.

The Northwestern baseball team finished the 2019 season with an overall record of 23-26, going 11-21 in conference play.

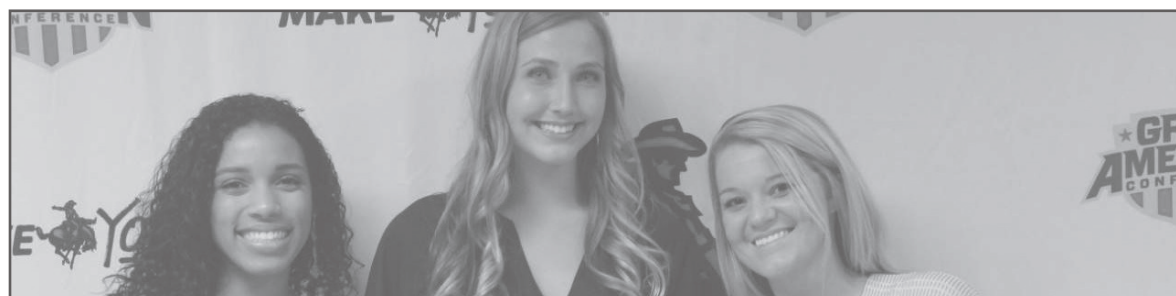


Photo by Emma Sporleder.

Kalea King junior female athlete of the year, Bailey Brown sophomore female athlete of the year and Jade Jones senior female athlete of the year.



Photo by Emma Sporleder.

Coach Lancaster and Keiaziah Young: coach of the year and female freshman of the year.

Sports



Nall moves closer to CNFR bid

Photo Provided.

By **TED HARBIN**
TwisTedRodeo.com

Heading into the spring semester of the Central Plains Region college rodeo season, Tanner Nall knew he needed to finish strong if he had any chances of returning to the College National Finals Rodeo.

Consider it nearly done. He and his partner, Ethan Griffin of Northeast Oklahoma A&M, put together two solid runs this past weekend to finish second in both rounds and the average at the Fort Hays (Kansas) State University rodeo. Now they're ever-so-close to securing their spot at the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association's championship in June.

"Hays was pretty important for us," said Nall, a Northwestern Oklahoma State University junior heeler from Colcord, Oklahoma. "It was going pretty slow at the beginning of the year, but it's starting to roll a little bit now."

"This gives us a chance to go into Guymon (Oklahoma) this weekend and not worry too much."

Nall has moved into second place in the heeling standings heading into the final rodeo of the season.

He may need a few points at the Oklahoma Panhandle State University rodeo to shore up their qualification to the college championship in Casper, Wyoming.

"I've known Ethan since I was 10 years old," Nall said. "We've roped together through youth rodeo and high school rodeo, and we went to a lot of jackpots. This is the first year we've roped together in college. I roped with Maverick (Harper) my first two years, and we won the region last year and went to the college finals."

"We wanted to win the region as bad as anybody, but the top guys in the region have been pretty hard to beat. It's good to have moved up to where have a good shot to go to Casper."

The tandem was 6.6 in the first round and 6.9 in the championship round.

The 150 points each earned pushed them from third to second in the region, and they own a 165-point lead over the No. 4

team; only the top three individuals in each event advance out of the region to the college finals.

"We really just want to knock down two steers, be about 7.0 seconds on both steers, place good in the long round, short round and average," Nall said. "That would give me a lot of confidence."

"Ethan and I talked about it, and our goal this semester was to just catch steers and make good runs. It seems to be clicking and working."

Nall led the way for the Rangers in Hays, while header Daniel Durkes of Eskridge, Kansas, finished third with his partner, Zeke Hall of Fort Hays State. That duo finished third in both rounds and the average.

Meanwhile the Northwestern tandem of Kelton Hill of Canadian, Texas, and Jayden Laubauhn of Follett, Texas, were fourth in both rounds and the aggregate.

Tie-down roper Jeremy Carney of Blanchard, Oklahoma, placed sixth in the opening round, while steer wrestler Riley Wakefield of O'Neill, Nebraska, finished in a tie for sixth in the first round, sixth in the short round and sixth in the average.

Barrel racers Ashlyn Moeder of Oakley, Kansas, and Kayla Copenhaver of St. James, Missouri, led the way for the Rangers women. Moeder placed fifth in the short round, and Copenhaver was sixth.

Both had a two-run cumulative time of 34.58 seconds to finish in a tie for sixth place overall.

Breakaway roper Megan Turek of St. Paul, Nebraska finished in a four-way tie for fourth place in the opening round, then was saddled with a no-time in the short round.

Goat-tier Melissa Couture earned a spot in the championship round, where her 8.3-second run was good enough for sixth place in the round. For Nall, he thinks the reason for his success lies in a 13-year-old sorrel gelding he named Cookie Monster.

"Honestly, that's helped me more than anything," he said. "I got him about a year ago, and that's when my success started. When Maverick and I won the region last year, we won two of the last three rodeos after I got the horse. He just really never messes up."

Softball wraps up season, honors seven seniors

By **EMMA SPORLEDER**
Student Reporter

Lady Ranger Softball faced the Crimson Storm of Southern Nazarene University for their final series of the season.

The first half of the series began Friday afternoon at the Alva Rec. Complex.

NWOSU played in honor of sexual assault awareness and wore teal on the first day of the series.

SNU and the Lady Rangers matched up throughout the day when NWOSU had 15 hits and SNU had 14.

Both teams plated eight runs through both games.

Kalie Johnson the freshman from Tecumseh, OK went 4-for-7 at the plate and scored two runs, had one RBI, and earned her third career homerun.

Morgan Kirk and Abby Detar each went 3-for-6 for the day, and Kirk scored three runs and earned two RBIs. She also had a double and a homerun.

Alexus Bailey, a junior from Oklahoma City, and Jayden Flowers, a freshman from Yukon, were the only two Rangers to have two hits for the day.

The Lady Rangers split the first day of the series, winning game one 5-to-4, but lost the second game of the day 4-to-3.

On Saturday afternoon, the Northwestern Oklahoma State University Lady Rangers softball team ended their regular season with two wins against Great American Conference Southern Nazarene University.



Photo by Kolton Fishback.

The Lady Rangers finished off their 2019 season.

rene University.

Just before the game seven NWOSU softball seniors were recognized for stepping up and contributing to the team.

NWOSU tallied fifteen hits throughout both games of the final doubleheader and senior Morgan Kirk gave it her all for her final game as a Lady Ranger when she went 4-for-6, scored one run, five RBIs and earned her second home run of the series.

Alexus Bailey, Abby Detar and Kalie Johnson all had two-hits for the day.

Alexus Bailey went 2-for-7 with two runs, three RBIs and one double.

Abby Detar went 2-for-5, scored two runs and had a double. Kalie Johnson went 2-for-6, earned three runs and had three RBIs.

Seniors Summer White and Ashlie Green both had a hit for the day.

The Lady Rangers took the day when they pushed past SNU to win their final series of the season.

NWOSU took the first game 11-to-8 and won the second and final game 2-to-1.

The Lady Ranger Softball team finishes their season with an overall record of 9-and-43, and a Great American Conference record of 9-and-35.



Senior Chesney Fouts.



Senior Jalena Arthur.



Senior Summer White.



Senior Allison Wells.



Senior Karly Murray.



Senior Morgan Kirk.



Senior Ashlie Green.

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER RANGERS!!

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