

## Smile of the Week



Photo by Angel Perez

Health and sports science major Rafael Lara says he is smiling because his family is proud of him and their support never fails.

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Freshman Class 2019-20

Photo by University Relations

Northwestern's 2019-20 freshman class continues the tradition of the freshman group picture at Freshman Orientation on Saturday, Aug. 17.

# Welcoming the Rangers

## Dear Northwestern Students:

Welcome to the start of another school year at Northwestern. Whether you are an incoming freshman, a senior, or somewhere in between, a new school year offers opportunities for each of you.

We have spent the summer working to improve your campus. The Fine Arts Building has undergone a major renovation of the exterior of the building and work is ongoing on the inside. We continued residence hall improvements and worked to improve parking near the tennis courts. In addition, much work was done on cosmetic improvements to classrooms and offices.

We continue to work on converting to a new administrative software system. This is always an undertaking that presents many challenges, but when fully implemented will streamline processes for students and allow everyone to complete more tasks online.

To all students, I offered this same advice last year and will every year because of my belief in its importance:

**Go to class.** You are on your own now, and no one can force you to attend classes, but your odds of earning the grade you want increase significantly with regular class attendance.

**Enroll in 15 credit hours per semester.** It takes 120 hours to earn most degrees at Northwestern. If you want to graduate in four years, you need to take 15 hours in the fall and spring semesters, or additional hours in the summer. Every extra semester costs you more in living expenses and lost wages.

**Be active in campus life.** Your student life

experience will be richer if you choose to become involved in clubs and organizations and Greek life, attend athletic and fine arts performances, and generally be involved in the many activities offered on campus and in our campus communities.

**And finally, don't let a little problem become a big problem.** Any challenge you may encounter in the classroom, in the dorms, or with meeting the financial obligations of attending Northwestern, can usually be addressed if you will seek help immediately. Our goal is to help provide you an opportunity to earn a Northwestern degree.

As president and as an alumna, I encourage you to take pride in being a Ranger and wear our Red and Black proudly. Welcome back and Ride, Rangers, Ride!

**Janet Cunningham, Ed.D.**  
President



More than 300 freshmen competed Monday night at Ranger Field as part of the Ranger Connection Freshman Frenzy event. The activity is designed to help students make friends, work together and have fun. Here the students try to pop each other's balloon.

Photo by Leah Darnell



# News

## Band seeking funds for trailer

By **CHUY DOMINGUEZ**  
Student Reporter

The NWOSU Band is raising funds to purchase a new trailer to store the band's instruments.

The number of band students each year ranges from 20 to 35. This year, however, more than 65 students are in the band, doubling the ensemble's roster and decreasing the amount of space available for storing instruments and uniforms.

This is Seth Cudd's second year as the NWOSU band director. He and his student assistant, Katie Blair, worked with approximately 32 students last year.

### Band

As the band grew, it needed more space for the storage of instruments and uniforms in its trailer when traveling.

The band's trailer is used to carry larger instruments, such as tubas. This year, the band has multiple instruments that use up more space than the trailer it has now can accommodate. For the band to have a comfortable and easier set-up, the students are fundraising for a 20-foot trailer.

"We're only raising \$13,000 for the trailer," Cudd said. "This will pay for a 20-foot trailer with shelving and garment racks for storage.



Photo by McKayla Holson

The 2019 Ranger Band rehearses on the football field to prepare for performing at this year's football games.

The trailer will also have our logo on it, so it will be quite impressive. We will only run the fundraiser for a limited amount of time, so it won't last long."

The band already has a plan for raising the \$13,000. Cudd said the band students are doing their best to reach this goal.

"I would say the most challenging part is putting together a video for the official launch of the

fundraiser," Cudd said. "We will be doing our last bit of filming on Tuesday of this week. I'll need to edit the video and put all the clips together after we finish filming."

Blair, who is a junior, has started her third year playing in the band. If funds are met, having an extra trailer for the band would be beneficial, she said.

"An extra trailer would be amazing," she said. "We're also out-

growing our jazz band space. Our jazz band has doubled over the last few years."

Blair added that a new trailer would allow the band to keep its instruments and uniforms in order during athletic events.

This is Cudd's first time fundraising for the band, and he said the band has been working hard to raise funds for the trailer.

## Campus updates buildings and parking lot

By **BRYANT VENOSDELL**  
Student Reporter

The fall 2019 semester at Northwestern Oklahoma State University has officially begun. With the new semester, the NWOSU campus is getting a few updates.

While students were away this summer, NWOSU has taken on projects to remodel buildings and a campus parking lot. Some of the projects are ongoing.

More than 300 windows in the Fine Arts building were replaced this summer thanks to an anonymous donor, who gave \$1,000,000 to the university for the project. Some of the building's bathrooms are also being updated.

"The windows were the first priority," Dr. David Pecha, vice president for administration at NWOSU, said. "We are renovating all of the four bathrooms and doing a complete renovation of those, which has just started."

After allotting funds for windows and bathrooms, the university had enough money left over to purchase custom blinds for the windows.

"We also had enough money to get vertical blinds for all the windows," Pecha said. "The uniqueness of that building, though, is that not all windows are the same size, so we will have a company come in and manufacture the blinds specifically."

Since the Fine Arts building is the oldest building on campus, the new windows are designed to look more modern and sleek than the older windows. Dr. James Bell, dean of the faculty at NWOSU, has an office in the building. He said he was pleased with the project's outcome.

"The windows have about a quarter more window than how it looks from the outside from how far they go up," Bell said. "It was a tough project as [workers] actually had to cut the windows to get them out. The windows are much more attractive. They have better insulation and much better noise reduction."

Work on windows and bathrooms will be completed in the following months, according to university officials.

Another project taken on this

## Campus Cabinet: A helping hand

By **BAILEY RANKIN**  
Student Reporter

You enter Shockley Hall and look left and right. You see a sign with an arrow pointing you in a specific direction. You follow it. Then, you see it: A table with a sheet of paper on it. You grab a pen and write down the number you were assigned. You are at the Campus Cabinet.

The Northwestern Campus Cabinet food pantry provides food and other necessities to students and faculty members in need. Angila Case, the organization's coordinator, said that the organization wants to help people obtain food and goods they need.

"We are here to serve our students and our employees who need a little hand," Case said.

Any student currently enrolled at Northwestern who has a valid student ID can qualify to receive assistance from the Campus Cabinet. Any employee of Northwestern can receive assistance as well.



Photo by Bailey Rankin

Shelves stocked at the Campus Cabinet located in Shockley Hall 108.

Individuals who need food or other goods must fill out a short application on their first visit to the Campus Cabinet. Only volunteers at the food pantry will see the information provided on the form, which is used for internal reporting. Users'

personal information will remain confidential. The organization uses only statistical information.

"We are careful about privacy," Case said. "That is important to us."

The food pantry is staffed entirely by volunteers, and each volunteer

is trained in privacy protection. Volunteers cannot engage in conversations with Campus Cabinet clients unless the clients initiate the conversation first.

"We just don't want to draw attention to [our clients] if they don't want that," Case said.

### HOW TO GET INVOLVED

A food drive that took place during move-in week left the food pantry with a large amount of

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# News

## What's up?

### Meet the Rangers Night

This night is for students & community members to meet the members of our Ranger Athletics teams & University Band at Ranger Football Field.

There will be free t-shirts for the first 250 students and autographs for the kids.

Sept. 3



7:30 p.m

### Tonight Pancake Howdy

All you can eat IHOP pancakes. Come get pancakes and make new friends at the BCM across from campus!

Aug. 27



7:30 p.m.

### Labor Day - No Classes, Offices Closed



Sept. 2

### Greek Information Nights

Two Greek Recruitment Information Nights for students who are interested in joining a sorority have been scheduled.

Students should attend to hear each sorority speak about why they joined and the benefits of joining, South Hall Lobby and Fryer Hall Lobby.

Sept. 4 6 p.m.  $\Delta Z$   $A \Sigma A$  **GO GREEK**

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## New faculty hired at NWOSU

By NICK DILL Student Reporter

Instructor of English Victoria Hendricks earned a bachelor of arts degree in English language and literature, and a master of arts degree in English language and literature, both from Wichita State University.

**Q:** What will students learn is your "superpower?"

**A:** "The ability to not take myself too seriously, even as an instructor or college instructor. I know that we come off as intimidating or scary. I believe at least this is a practice for me. I intentionally do so because I want to set the framework and, you know, really hit the ground running that this is a student's first job.

It needs to be taken seriously, but that they will see a little glimmer of me every class being real and relevant, and being able to make fun of myself like I did today in fact. That is my superpower. Realizing that even though I'm a master in my field, I'm an expert in English, that I'm still very down-



Victoria Hendricks

to-earth and I can let them know that I'm human, and that I make mistakes. And that I just don't take myself very seriously at all."

**Q:** What do you love about the subject you teach and why?

**A:** "I've been a reader for so long, I've been reading since before I can remember. It was always an escape for me as a child; being able to read different stories, and then be able to tell different stories. Writing has always come very naturally to me.

So as far as the craft itself, I love the things that we're able to tell about the human condition, about yourself, about other people

and the amount of information that we have now, because of the English language and English literature. It makes for a more well-informed world. I think it just has made me a more a better rounded out person. I could spend all day talking about this, but I won't. That's my short answer."

**Q:** What are you looking forward to the most while working at NWOSU?

**A:** "As cliché as it may sound, I'm very sincere and very genuine when I say that I just want to have an impact on students' lives. I want them to try and fall in love with English as much as I have, and realize that it's not scary.

It doesn't have to be intimidating or hard, and that they can enjoy it, and can learn. Being back in a classroom with students and figuring out who they are as a people and how they approach English is really what I'm looking forward to the most, and hopefully being able to do some scholarship of my own and get back into some of my own research."

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## SGA hosts 'Lights Over Alva' with live music, Ranger Athletics autograph signing, food trucks and games



Left: Students enjoy a game of corn hole on the lawn behind the court house on the Alva Square. Another activity included an inflatable slide.

Bottom Left: Panhandle Dirt Band perform at Lights Over Alva Saturday, Aug. 17.

Bottom Right: Football player Maurice Wright signs an autograph. Athletes from all sports were invited to sign autographs for Alva community members.

Photos by Angel Perez.





# Campus

## Freshman Frenzy gets frenetic



Photos by Leah Darnell



Above; The Bean Bag Boys pose for a picture after Freshman Frenzy Monday night. Teams competed in balloon-popping contests and free-throw competitions as part of the orientation-related event.



Left: Two students try to pop each other's balloons in a heated competition.

Right: Two students try to dodge each other during the balloon-popping contest.



Photo by Leah Darnell

### 'It's all Greek to me'

Freshman Landry Gaddy speaks to a representative of Delta Zeta at Greek Information Night in South Hall on Sunday, August 25. The event was held to provide information to students interested in joining a sorority – and to inform students about the benefits of joining one.

## CONSTRUCTION: Generous donor enables work to replace FA windows

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summer will rebuild the parking lot south of the tennis courts.

"The parking and safety funds are funding that project," Pecha said. "If it was raining really hard, we would have dirt wash onto the tennis courts, so we are just correcting all that and making it a permanent parking space."

Ament Hall was updated as well. Steve Valencia, associate vice president for University Relations, was here for the summer and saw the updates.

"The window project in Fine Arts was the biggest one, of course," Valencia said. "But there was refurbishing in the bathrooms of Ament Hall that was done before students got back to campus this summer."

Pecha said that the NWSU campus has a new look thanks to the projects.

"We just do the things that make the biggest impact for people, and we knew Fine Arts needed that," Pecha said. "When people come back and they haven't seen that building in two or three years, their mouths just drop."



Photo Provided by NWSU on Facebook

Above: In this photo, "before" and "after" photos of the Fine Arts building are shown. The top photo shows the building at an earlier date, and the lower photo shows the building after its windows were replaced this summer.

At right: Workers build new concrete parking spaces south of the campus tennis courts. Funds for the project came from the university's parking and safety funds.



Photo by Bryant Venosdell



Photo by Bailey Rankin

Angelia Case, Campus Cabinet coordinator, organizes the Cabinet.

## CABINET: Food pantry helps out struggling students

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Food, but the Campus Cabinet is still accepting monetary donations and donations of food.

According to Case, the food pantry took in 308 pounds of food during the food drive, which was organized by the housing and residential life department. In total, the food pantry collected 95 pounds of Ramen Noodles, 108 pounds of soup, and 14 pounds of macaroni and cheese.

The food pantry also received two mini-fridges during the event, allowing volunteers to store milk for the first time. Clients may request milk by filling out an online form for the food pantry, which is available at <https://www.nwsu.edu/campus-cabinet>.

The organization lists the most highly requested food items on its website.

Food pantry officials ask that students fill out a form to request the food items they need. If a client has food allergies or other dietary restrictions, the client should speak with a food pantry volunteer before food pickup, which takes place in Shockley Hall room 108 every Wednesday from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Case said that food pantry volunteers understand the struggles of college students, and she said the food pantry is there to help them.

"We just want to help," she said. "College is hard, and it is not just in the class. You get up here and you find your independence for the first time.

Many people want to do it on their own, or many people don't have help behind them but they are still doing it. We're just that little bit of help. It's sincerely such a good feeling."



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# Editorial

## Finding your purpose

By: **DRAVEN SMITH**  
*Student Reporter*

College campuses are among the greatest destinations for ideas to flourish and grow into actions that allow for the prosperity of the future.

Elon Musk helped to found PayPal in his college years and used the money he made from selling the company to buy into a small car company that specialized in electric cars.

For some people, college is just a means to an end, a piece of paper at the end of four more years of school that allows them to obtain a job in which they can earn a higher income to afford the luxuries life has to offer.

For others, it is the peak of all

the greatest times of their lives. A time in which the greatest moments will be experienced, and the best memories will be crafted with some of the best people that have ever surrounded them.

Yet for many, it is the beginning of the greatest accomplishment they will ever achieve: finding their purpose.

Realizing that being handed a diploma is not the only thing they came to college for, but also for learning and experiencing and most importantly thinking about what will truly shape the future of their own and others' lives.

College is important to them, not only for the education taught by professors in classrooms, study halls and libraries, but also for the knowledge obtained and the real-life lessons learned in the same

locations because of the conversation with their neighbor before the professor walked in, or after they formed a study group to meet every Wednesday for three hours and no one opened a book.

They realized college had a lot more to offer than just a piece of paper at the end of it all.

They learned how to be themselves, something no professor, book or otherwise could ever do.

**“Yet for many, it is the beginning of the greatest accomplishment they will ever achieve: finding their purpose.”**

## Tips for time in college

By: **LOGAN MERIWETHER**  
*Student Reporter*

Miles Davis once said, “time isn’t the main thing. It is the only thing.”

As college students, we face many challenges when it comes to balancing our free time with school. Time seems to be one of the hardest challenges.

We all want to enjoy college as much as possible, but have a hard time balancing our school responsibilities.

I find it best to plan out a certain amount of time each day that I sit down and work on homework before leaving to go hangout with friends.

Just a couple hours a day can relieve a whole lot of stress from your school workload.

Another great thing to do is have group homework sessions with your friends. Even if you are not in the same class, you can still get together every day for a couple hours to work on homework. Even just a few times a week will help.



This will help not only you, but also your friends to stay ahead on schoolwork.

Also, having your friends there will make schoolwork more fun and if you are having trouble in one of your classes you can get help

from them at the same time.

Good time management is the key to balancing both and not procrastinating until the last minute to do your work.

There are also going to be times you will not have much free time at all because you have a couple tests that week or your teachers gave you a lot of homework.

The best solution for weeks like this is make sure you are reading your syllabus every week and taking note of times you think are going to be busier than usual. You may have to start studying or working on some of next week assignments the week before to keep yourself from being totally overwhelmed.

Remember fellow students, time is the only thing, manage it well and you will succeed not only in your classes, but in life as well.

**“After weathering more than 200 years of change, the student newspaper is not the graying, battered lady one might expect. For she is reborn each year with the coming of a fresh crop of new writers and editors. With them comes a renewed sense of enthusiasm, a fresh set of ideas and a vibrant hope for the future. Writers still ‘misspell words, omit commas and employ hackneyed phrased’ that reveal them as inexperienced journalists. But the eternal youth of the student press, nevertheless, is considered a blessing because it is youth that keeps it, like a typical adolescent, defiant in the face of authority, eager for growth and protective of its freedoms.”**

— *Adapted from writing by Jen Pilla, The Daily Tar Heel, 1993*

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**ADVISER'S ADVICE**

By: **DR. KAYLENE ARMSTRONG**  
*Adviser*

Once again, the Mass Communications students at Northwestern have started publishing the Northwestern News, allowing the entire campus to read what for most of them is basically homework.

Few other students have a possible audience of more than 2,000 students, faculty, staff and even community members looking over their “class assignments” for 13 weeks of the semester, sometimes praising the work but often criticizing it. We regularly review the student newspaper in Mass Communication classes, as one would expect. Like all professors, I want to help the students learn from what they do so they can do it better.

We also know the newspaper sometimes is held up in front of classes in other departments for ridicule. One professor even offered to let a student forgo the final if he got the newspaper to publish a scathing editorial about the Northwestern News.

That made the editors mad.

I reminded the editors that they shouldn't take such criticisms to heart. And I pointed out that students in most other majors never put their class assignments out there for the entire campus to read. So I think that makes my students pretty darn brave, and I am proud of them for having the guts to do it every week.

They are also brave to stick it out in a national culture where newspapers are less valued by the public and have to contend with harsh attacks from the president of the United States right down to the average reader.

My fellow college newspaper advisers around the country regularly report about student newspapers being disbanded or tightly monitored by an administration that demands total control of the narrative being told about the university.

Luckily, the administration at NWSU is supportive of the student press and understands the value of the First Amendment in maintaining a free society. President Janet Cunningham exhibited that support again this year with a welcome message that appears on the front page. We appreciate all the faculty, staff and administrators who make the time to help our students prepare their stories, so the Northwestern News can be the best we can make it.

Please help us make our 81<sup>st</sup> year another success.

**“Like all professors, I want to help the students learn from what they do so they can do it better.”**







# Feature

## New faces on campus

*NWOSU welcomes 8 new faculty members.*



Photo by University Relations

New faculty members begin the academic year at Northwestern Oklahoma State University

By **NICK DILL**  
Student Reporter

Lindsey Cherry Instructor of English and coordinator of the English Education Program. She holds a degree in English, and a master of arts degree in English. Both from the University of Central Oklahoma.



Lindsey Cherry

**Q:** What will students learn is your “superpower”?

**A:** “I think my superpower is or at least has been in the past is that I form really solid relationships with them all, because I really do care about what I do. And I care about their success. And I think they pick up on that. I’m still getting emails from students I had 10 years ago. Talking about you know that my English comp class was important

to them. So that makes it feel like I’m doing something right.”

**Q:** What do you love about the subject you teach and why?

**A:** “Everything. I guess I like most about it that it challenges your perspectives and your thought processes. Because we don’t often get challenged, and it makes us uncomfortable. We

can easily just kind of be in a niche with people who think like us, look like us, and talk like us and I have students confront and in my subject I confront other perspectives and other realities. And that pushes you and makes you think about things in a way that you haven’t thought about them before. That’s what I like about it.”

**Q:** What are you looking forward to the most while working at NWOSU?

**A:** “I think I am most looking forward to being able to make an impact. Um not only on freshman, but I’m also teaching upper division English ed classes, and being able to prepare future English teachers for what they’re going to be experiencing is something that I’m really looking forward to doing.”

By **ANGEL PEREZ**  
Student Reporter

Dr. Robida, earned a Bachelor of Science degree in biology from Metropolitan State (Colo.) College of Doctor of Philosophy degree in biomedical science from the University of South Carolina.



Dr. Robida Perez

**Q:** What will students learn is your “superpower”?

**A:** “I’m very calm person and I try to be very fair.”

**Q:** How do you make it work?

**A:** “Is just tried to understand that everyone has their own point of view, their own culture of backgrounds and everybody is different and so with that understanding, normally you can just to work out any problems that

are rise with somebody. Listening and talking in out sometimes so I don’t typically get irritated or frustrated, that’s for what my teenagers sometimes.”

**Q:** What do you love about the subject you teach and why?

**A:** “So I teach right now Physiology but I always kind of just been fascinated with human

biology and particular I went to a medical school because I like you know helping others and stuff but then when I was getting my undergraduate degree I felt like want it to go in to research and more going to the teaching rule is kind of stay helping people but in a different way so I guess made me feel because of the stuff but then my years kind of shifted in to just to helping people, so that’s why I kind teach more biology classes.”

**Q:** What are you looking forward to the most while working at NWOSU?

**A:** “I must look forward to individual interactions with the students and helping them, achieved their goals here at Northwestern and also any future careers goals as well.”

By **ALEJANDRO AARON**  
Student Reporter

Dr. Robert Vest holds a Bachelors of Arts degree in Spanish and history from Northern Michigan University and a Master of Arts degree in foreign languages and literature (Spanish) from Purdue University. He also earned a Doctor of Philosophy degree in languages and cultures (Spanish), from Purdue. He also served as a graduate lecturer at Purdue and as an assistant professor of Spanish at Truman State (Mo.) University



Dr. Robert Vest

**Q:** What will students learn is your superpower?

**A:** “I am really energetic. I fly around the classroom all the time asking people a million questions seeing if we can really learn to speak Spanish really well. Also my superpower is I respond to emails really quick. Students hate it when they don’t get their response quick enough and I always try to respond as quickly as possible so they’re not left waiting”

**Q:** What do you love about the subject you teach and why?

**A:** “I love being able to see the world through a different lens so that’s really what we are learning

in Spanish is to see other cultures and other peoples way of seeing the world and not only being able to see the world but also speak about the world in a new way and participate in it”

**Q:** What are you looking forward to the most while working at NWOSU?

**A:** I am looking forward to growing the Spanish program, and getting more people excited about learning Spanish. I’m really looking forward to teaching some of the upper level literature courses once we get enough minors. That’s what I’m looking forward to the most”

By **ANGEL PEREZ**  
Student Reporter

Erica Miller instructor of Mass Communication holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Mass Communication from Northwestern, a Master of Education degree in Adult Education from the University of Central Oklahoma. Miller worked as a marketing professional at Canadian Valley Technology Center.



Erica Miller

**Q:** What will students learn is your “superpower”?

**A:** “I’m pretty intuitive and I read people pretty well and so I can kind of distinguish what kind of personality someone has pretty early on, so I guess will call that my superpower.”

**Q:** How do you make it work?

**A:** “I am very good at listening and paying attention and picking up body language and I’m pretty observant.”

**Q:** What do you love about the subject you teach and why?

**A:** I love that it answers the question why, so we are looking reaching different audiences using different channels and different

mode of communications with a reason why and I like the fact that is not communicating just randomly there is a method to the madness basically and so that is probably the thing I enjoy most about it and I have work professionally and communication in marketing for almost 15 years now.

**Q:** What are you looking forward to the most while working at NWOSU?

**A:** “I am most looking forward to getting to know my students and sharing some of my professional experiences and watching the students grow and then eventually graduated and is exciting to be a part of someone’s grow process.”

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# Entertainment



## 'The Lion King' summer hit

By **RICHMOND ADAMS**  
Movie Reviewer

One might open any review of Jon Favreau's *The Lion King* with a note as to its remaking the 1994 film directed by Robert Allers and Rob Minkoff.

Conversely, one may also begin by noting that if it had not been for a group of my students about three years ago, I would not have encountered the first, let alone the second, telling of Hamlet in the desert as lived by animals, only some of whom were full of sound and fury.

As it is, given my propensity for student-centered learning (and rewarding them for hard work in my class), I endured the near-rapturous enjoyment of my pedagogical charges as they seemed to sing every word to every song in the 1994 tale of Simba (Matthew Broderick) while he came of age after the death of his father Mufasa (Darth--err--James Earl Jones) resulting from the Claudius-like machinations of Evil Uncle Scar (Jeremy Irons).

With such a background, and that the Lady Dr. Jane (my wife) had never seen the 1994 film, I trudged along to see how the present story would find its retelling some quarter century after its original portrayal. Well, that's not quite true as Hamlet has been with us in its Shakespearean form since 1601, I believe, but I digress a bit.

The present version is told through the marvels of CGI, and seemed so lifelike that I found myself asking, when Mufasa (Darth Va--err--James Earl Jones again) first appeared, if he happened to be an actual lion. Quickly disabused of that untechy notion, the story followed the same pattern of Hamlet; in the present instance, however, I will say that the complications appear to be more enhanced than

they were first seen during the mid-1990s cinematic portrayal of the Prince who would (or would not) be King.

As one rather interesting change, Evil Uncle Scar is now played by Chiwetel Ejiofor, who may be remembered from his portrayal of a ruthless revolutionary in the dystopian *Children of Men* (2006) and certainly for his more current role in *12 Years a Slave* (2013).

Further of interest, Simba himself is now played by Donald Glover, who roughly now is the same age as Broderick when he donned the mane of the Prince (mid 30s). The Rosencrantz and Guildenstern types, Pumbaa (Seth Rogen) and Timon (Billy Eichner), along with Zazu (Horatio, I think, is the best parallel from Shakespeare's play) (John Oliver) form something of a court-in-exile while Evil Uncle Scar uses hyenias to enforce his will on the remaining lions after Mufasa's untimely and (of course) orchestrated death.

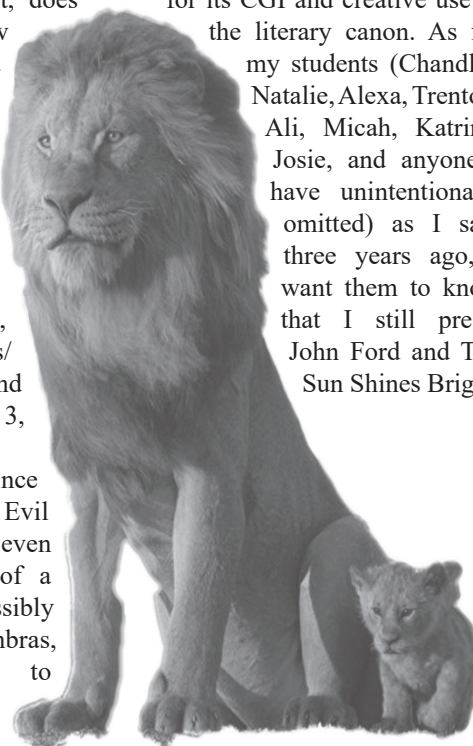
Led by Queen Sarabi (Alfre Woodard), who, unlike Gertrude in Hamlet, does not marry the new king, and Nala (Beyonce Knowles-Carter), Simba's close friend from childhood who persuades him to "take up arms against a sea (or, in the present case, desert) of troubles/ And by opposing end them" (Hamlet Act 3, Scene 1),

the Prince overthrows his Evil Uncle, and, without even needing the help of a Norwegian lion possibly named Fortinbras, restores order to Denmark--err--the Pride Lands.

Was it a good film? The CGI certainly captivated my interest, and Shakespeare's magnificence isn't going anywhere, so I could follow (again) the story of family dysfunction at the highest levels of divine right kingship. At the same time, I thought this version, more than its predecessor, could otherwise be titled *What Would Have Happened to Luke if Anakin Skywalker Had Not Gone to the Dark Side*.

There is little here in terms of a story that could not have been told "a long time ago in a galaxy far, far away;" all one needs to do is change the scenery, throw in a space ship alongside a bar sequence, and *Star Wars*, Episode X would have its opening credits scrolling up the screen. Heck, Zazu even saved a long stick (not surprisingly about the same size as a light saber) for Simba to use upon his return to the Pride Lands as he launched the war against the Emper--sorry again--his Evil Uncle Scar.

So finally, I will give Favreau's film a 2.5 from 5 stars for its CGI and creative use of the literary canon. As for my students (Chandler, Natalie, Alexa, Trenton, Ali, Micah, Katrina, Josie, and anyone I have unintentionally omitted) as I said three years ago, I want them to know that I still prefer John Ford and *The Sun Shines Bright*.



## Nostalgia invades

### 'Invader Zim' new movie for 2019

By **AUSTIN MORTON**  
Student Reporter

In this the age of nostalgia that we live in, it's common for nearly any form of media from the last twenty years to get a reboot or continuation. Anything from *Hey, Arnold* to *Charlie's Angels* have been getting this treatment from Hollywood, and the next on their list would be *Invader Zim*.

The *Invader Zim* franchise had lain dormant for over a decade after its original Nickelodeon show ended in 2006.

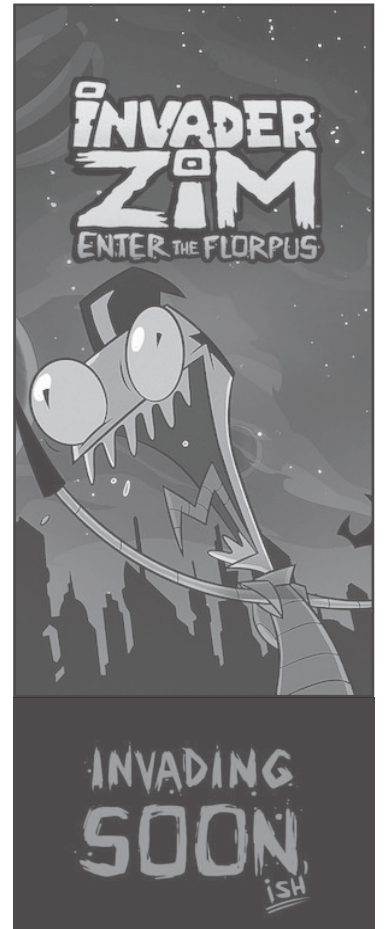
Because of this, it was to both my shock and excitement when Netflix announced that they would be making a new *Invader Zim* movie.

*Invader Zim: Enter the Florpus* was a complete throwback to the early 2000's era it came from. Being worked on by much of the same original staff led by creator Jhonen Vasquez, *Invader Zim: Enter the Florpus* maintains almost all the charm that the original show had.

Part of this is thanks to all the characters having their original voice actors, and the art and humor staying true to its source material.

The original show gained much of its charm from its unusually timed humor and creative art style, and though the art style has been tweaked ever so slightly, there were many times when I forgot that it was a movie and not just a new episode of the series.

Because it has been thirteen years since the end of the show, the movie begins with a slight retelling of the original plot that



then leads straight into the story and wastes no time in throwing things off the rails...in a familiar fashion.

The plot of the movie, and the plot of the show are almost one in the same.

*Invader Zim* tries to conquer Earth with the help of his robot companions Gir and MiniMoose while his arch enemy Dib and his sister Gaz try to foil him.

While the plot has always been there, it's never really been the strongest part of *Invader Zim*.

Though not for everyone, *Invader Zim: Enter the Florpus* is a fun throwback to early 2000's Nickelodeon with one of the most entertaining cast of characters this side of Rick and Morty.

If you ever watched *Invader Zim* as a kid, or just enjoy situational comedy I would highly recommend *Invader Zim: Enter the Florpus*. That's why I give it 4 out of 5 stars.

### Movie reboots in the works

The Three Musketeers	Stripes
The Baby-sitters Club	Hocus Pocus
Gremlins	A License To Drive
Conan the Barbarian	Terms Of Endearment
The Mighty Ducks	I Know What You Did Last Summer



# Sports

## Ranger athletics makes new hire

### Chris Maple hired as new assistant athletic director for communications

By **ASHLEY WATTS**  
*Sports Editor*

Over the summer, Northwestern Oklahoma State University hired a new Assistant Athletic Director for Communications to be the primary contact for ranger football, baseball, men's and women's golf and men's and women's cross country.

Chris Maple was working at a call center because his job as the Assistant Sports Information Director at Oklahoma City University ended in June. Maple then got a call from Brad Franz to come interview at Northwestern, and he got the job a few days later. He took over the position as the Assistant Athletic Director for Communications in August.

"We are excited to have Chris join the program. He brings a wealth of knowledge to Ranger Athletics in the communications department," said Franz, Director of Athletics at Northwestern. "He understands the Great American

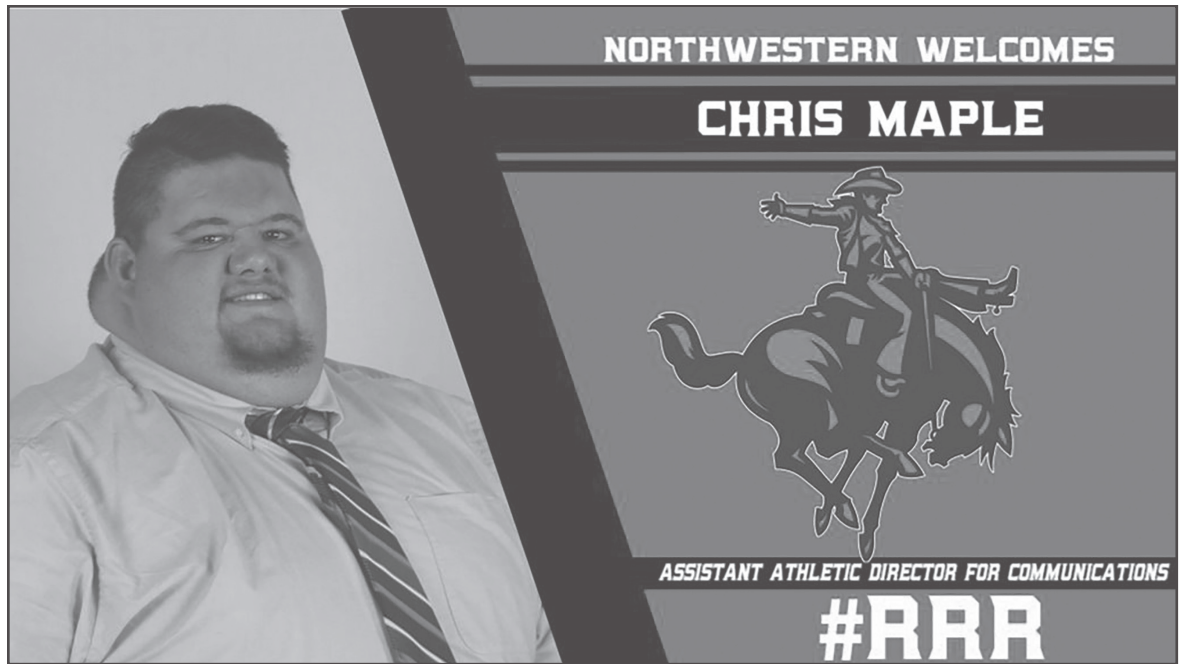
Conference and all the coaches are excited to work with him."

Maple is a 2016 graduate of Southeastern Oklahoma State University, where he earned his bachelor's in recreation, and is currently working on his master's in business in sports management. His job includes updating the riderangerside website, conducting interviews, designing the posters for each sport and keeping up with stats.

"I am most looking forward to working with all the athletic programs to provide a quality production of their season and promote the athletes to the best of my ability," Maple said.

While at Northwestern, Maple will not only be in charge of all of the athletic media, but he will oversee two graduate assistants, one student assistant and multiple student workers.

"Chris is awesome," said Madison Parrot, a graduate assistant for Chris. "My favorite thing is he actually takes our ideas into consideration and he is organized."



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The new Assistant Athletic Director for Communications, Chris Maple.

Maple started his career in athletic communications during his time at Murray State College from 2009-2012. There, he was the Director of Operations for the baseball program. Not only did Maple

work in athletic communications at Murray State, but he also graduated from there in 2012 with an associate degree.

"This job is fantastic and it is a family friendly environment,"

Maple said. "I am just finishing week three and I really like it here at Northwestern."

## Rangers ranked No.7 in GAC preseason poll

By **ANDREW SANTANGELO**  
*Athletic Communications*

The 2019 football season is right around the corner. Northwestern Oklahoma State University find themselves improving ever so slightly from last season's preseason poll coming in seventh in the GAC rankings compared to eighth previously receiving 58 votes to 55 votes last season.

"I thought they got it right," said head coach Matt Walter. "Hopefully our guys use this as little motivation. Preseason polls aren't worth a lot considering you

still have to play the game it is all based on what you did last year. Every year is a new team completely, they have to gel together your culture has to sustain you that's why those winning teams keep winning. The league got it similar to how I voted. We are definitely shooting for a lot higher than seventh."

Northwestern's toughest home game this season based off the conference poll will be the homecoming game against Harding on Oct 26. Harding comes into the year ranked second in the conference. The Rangers will seek revenge after dropping last year's game 38-7.

Last year's champion Ouachita Baptist (11-0) open as the conference favorites. Rangers will travel to face the Tigers on Sept. 21. Ouachita is followed by Harding, Southern Arkansas, Henderson State, Arkansas Monticello respectively rounding out the top five.

The season will kick off at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 5 at East Central University who comes in ranked 11th.

The Rangers have four home games against the top six teams in their conference this year so a lot of fun history will be made at Ranger Field during the 2019 season!



Photos by Leah Darnell

The team had their interteam scrimmage last Thursday.



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The season will kick off at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 5 at ECU.



# Sports

## Ranger volleyball ranked No.8 in preseason poll

By MCKAYLA HOLSON  
Editorial Editor

Northwestern volleyball ranked 8th in the preseason ranking out of 12 teams.

Preseason rankings are predictions made by coaches in the conference on how the season will end. The predictions are just that, predictions. The season does not always end the way they think it will.

“Obviously it has no determination on how things will finish,” said head volleyball coach, Fred Aubuchon.

Two years ago, Northwestern finished at a higher ranking than predicted. Last year, they were ranked 4th in the preseason, but ended at a lower ranking.

“It doesn’t decide where you finish, it’s only a starting point,” said Aubuchon.

Aubuchon is the new head coach. He has a different style and system than the girls are used to, but he said they are on track. Aubuchon said they are working on getting nine returners and 11 new members to mesh well and learn his style of coaching and it is going well.

Kaitlyn Robinson, one of the team captains and junior psychology major, said Aubuchon does have a new style of coaching, but all coaches have different styles. Robinson said Aubuchon is genuine, transparent and an overall good person.

As far as goals for the year, Aubuchon said he did not want to put the cart in front of the horse.

“We’re really focused on just



Photo by Angel Perez.

The volleyball team had an intersquad scrimmage last Friday.

getting better every day together,” Aubuchon said. “We feel very confident about who we are and very excited about the upcoming season, but we’re not trying to put the cart in front of the horse.”

“Our biggest concern and our biggest goal right now is to truly come together as a team,” Aubuchon said.

Aubuchon said the team has strong, impactful returners. Among them are Kiauna Clark, Kaydee Honeycutt, Claire Hodges and team captains Jennifer Ubanks, Kaitlyn Robinson and Sydnee Miller.

Like Aubuchon, Robinson said the team goals are really just taking things day by day.

“It’s a long season,” Robinson said.

She said the team arrived the

first week of August and they play until Thanksgiving at least. Nationals and other games are after that. She said it is about a four month season at the least.

“You have to take it day by day sometimes,” Robinson said.

For the team, Robinson said there is a high level of competition this year.

“Day one the freshmen were bringing it for sure,” Robinson said. “Me and the rest of the veterans had to step it up quick, there was no time to just mess around.”

“We’re all really competitive, we all want to play, but also we’re a team,” Robinson said. “We’re happy for whoever gets to play.”

The first game is set for September 6 in San Angelo, Texas. Aubuchon said the girls are in a good place right now and will be even better by the game.

## NWOSU soccer wins opener, 7-0



Photos by Angel Perez.

Junior midfielder Brittany Cirnigliaro fights against defense.



Sophomore goalkeeper Reagan Allen scopes the field.



Senior midfielder Yazmin Gomez runs down the field.

GAC 2019 VOLLEYBALL PRESEASON POLL											
#1	109 (3)	#5	TIGERS 73	#9	SE 35						
#2	106 (4)	#6	SNU 70	#10	35						
#3	105 (4)	#7	69	#11	24						
#4	TECH 95 (1)	#8	59	#12	12						

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# Welcoming new faculty at NWOSU

*New instructors and faculty hired in english, science, languages, mass communications, theater and criminal justice department*

By **AMBER SCALES**  
Student Reporter

Instructor of criminal justice Sarah Fry earned a bachelor of arts degree in anthropology/ sociology from Westminster College and a master of arts degree in criminology from Pennsylvania State University (PSU). This fall she expects to complete her doctorate of philosophy degree in sociology, also from PSU. She has worked as an instructor, research assistant, guest lecturer and teaching assistant at PSU.

**Q:** What will students learn is your superpower?

**A:** "Socratic questioning. Answering a question with another question."

**Q:** What do you love about the subject you teach and why?

**A:** "I view myself as a sociologist of crime and criminal justice, so for me I feel like sociology is very important because I think, for undergraduates, [it is important to understand] how to live as good human citizens in the world and help you see the bigger picture of



**Sarah Fry**

what it means to live in a certain society and cultural context. ... Crime and criminal justice intersect with all sorts of other social institutions in really interesting ways. I hope that students get excited about learning about those interceptions."

**Q:** What are you looking forward to the most while working at NWOSU?

**A:** "I really look forward to being able to watch students grow in the program because I've taught before during graduate school, but I've never got to teach people more than once, so I think it's going to be really fun to watch some of the students continue on through the program and I get to watch them grow as scholars."

Instructor of Technical Theatre and Facilities Manager Mickey Jordan. Jordan holds a bachelor of arts degree in speech and theatre from Northwestern. His previous work experience includes: Shop Foreman and Graduate Assistant for the Fine Arts Department at Northwestern.



**Mickey Jordan**

**Q:** What will students learn is your "superpower"?

**A:** "I do really well under stress and, even though sometimes it seems like I am a mad man with all these little bits and pieces, it will all come together and be something great."

**Q:** How do you make it work?

**A:** "Research, research, research is what I start with, a lot of luck and good planning."

**Q:** What do you love about the subject you teach and why?

**A:** What I love about technical theater is that every time you do a new show you go in and learn something new. With a new show, you get to create a new world, you get to tell a new story and things

like that just absolutely make it for me.

**Q:** What are you looking forward to the most while working at NWOSU?

**A:** "If I can help anybody the way the facility has helped me during my bachelor's degree and now working through my masters. If I can do that for someone else, that's one of the things I'm looking forward to the most, is passing that on."

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