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Smiles of the Week

Photo by Leah Darnell

From left: Stephen McCluskey, Erika Hernandez and Frances Mustard are smiling because there are only 2 days until homecoming!

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Scott announced as freshman queen

Photo by Leah Darnell

Freshman queen Peyton Scott, majoring in agriculture, will reign over Homecoming this weekend. Finalists for king and queen are on Page 2. King and queen will be crowned at the football half time.

NWOSU retiree will lead 2019 Homecoming parade

By **ASHLEY WATTS**
Sports Editor

Graduated from Northwestern and honored as a continued Ranger fan, Alva community member Thelma Crouch has been awarded the title of this year's 2019 homecoming parade marshal.

Crouch graduated from Northwestern in 1960, obtaining her bachelor's and master's degree. Crouch also was employed as the alumni director here at Northwestern for nine years in 1979-1988.

Dr. David Pecha, vice president for administration and homecoming chairman, said the university is honored to have Crouch serve as parade marshal for this year after receiving a number if recommendations. "This year the committee chose a true 'Northwestern treasure' as parade marshal," Pecha told NWOSUs University Relations.

Not only has Crouch served as the alumni director for Northwestern, but she is also known as the "Cookie Lady" by the football players. Since 1983 Crouch has made cookies for all of the football team's away games.

"It has been fun getting to know the players," Crouch told University Relations. "Even after they graduate they thank me for the cookies."

Thelma Crouch

Crouch has also served as the secretary for career services for four years, and she was the director for career services for eight years. She retired in 2000, but she has remained a passionate Ranger fan. After retirement, Crouch established the Thelma Crouch Staff Employee of the Year Award.

"I noticed how the faculty and administration were recognized for their efforts, and I felt the employees also deserved credit for their efforts," Crouch told University Relations.

The Thelma Crouch Staff Employee of the Year Award has many requirements to be eligible. The employee must be a full time employee in good standing at Northwestern for at least five years and then the employee is nominated by students and fellow employees of Northwestern.

The employee is awarded based on the following areas: professionalism and dedication to excellent service; continuously seeks innovative ideas to improve service for Northwestern and students; and shows outstanding "Ranger Pride."

In 2015, Crouch received the first Outstanding Ranger Spirit award from Northwestern Foundation and Alumni Association during the annual spring alumni reunion banquet.

"Serving Northwestern for 21 years has enriched my life," Crouch said.

The annual Homecoming parade starts at 10 a.m. on Oct. 26, in Alva's downtown square. The parade will have all Northwestern sports team, business floats, Ranger Royalty nominees and bands from Northwestern and other bands from surrounding areas.

The bands will also join Northwestern's band at mass band before the Homecoming game set to start at 4 p.m.

Paint the town red

Hannaford named Exec. VP

By **MCKAYLA HOLSON**
Editorial Editor

Dr. Janet Cunningham recently appointed Dr. Bo Hannaford as the executive vice president of the university.

This means Hannaford, should Cunningham ever need to be absent from a meeting or an event, can stand in her place.

"I'm honored that she feels like if I needed to step into a meeting for her I could handle that," Hannaford said.

Bo Hannaford

According to Hannaford, nothing else is really changing.

He still has his typical duties, he still oversees the academic affairs, and there is no additional duties as the executive vice president besides assisting her in her presidential duties.

"I'm excited to be named that [executive vice president], but it's not changing what I'm doing day to day that much," Hannaford said.

Hannaford said that, if someone looked at it in terms of a flow chart, he would be the number two person.

"The thing about our university which is unique, is we're such a small administrative team we all talk anyway, we all meet when for decisions," Hannaford said. "The president does a great job of doing that with all of the senior staff level people."

Hannaford said the title change really just establishes who would ultimately stand in Cunningham's place if she ever had to be gone for an event.

"I've done it before so it's not that big of a change, but it's definitely still exciting to be put in that position."

"Our team here is so good that it's an honor to work with everyone," Hannaford said. "You know you look at someone like Dr. Pecha on the financial side who has been here a long time and has a great understanding. Dr. Bell, dean of faculty; Caleb Mosburg, dean of student services; our athletic director, who has a lot of experience on both sides of the house academically and athletically; and then adding somebody like Ms. Martin and her role. We just have a good team and I think that's what makes Northwestern successful. Plus having a great president."

News

Ranger Royalty finalists named

Voting narrows selection pool down to top six candidates

By **GEORGE SMITH**
Student Reporter

Photos by Leah Darnell

The 2019 Ranger Queen Finalists, shown from left to right, are Adriana Guel, Madison Wilson, and Mallory Overpeck.

The 2019 Ranger King Finalists, as shown from left to right, are Michael Czapansky, Sam Gentry, and Chuy Dominguez.

Students at Northwestern Oklahoma State University have had their say, and the finalists for the offices of Ranger Royalty for the 2019 Homecoming celebrations were named at a banquet on Oct. 15.

The Northwestern News sat down with each of the candidates to find out why they want to become Northwestern Royalty.

RANGER KING CANDIDATES

Michael "Spanky" Czapansky is a senior agriculture major from Pond Creek, OK. His hobbies include hunting, fishing, and cheering on the Ranger Cheer Team. The cheer team is sponsoring him.

Czapansky said that running for Ranger Royalty is important to him because he won Homecoming King at his former college, Northern Oklahoma College in Tonkawa. Winning the crown at both schools "would be legendary" to him. Czapansky said he is running on a platform of merits. He has gained support for his candidacy through Snapchat, and he has spoken to students around campus. He is the only senior running for the office, and he feels confident that he "has a shot" at winning.

Jesus "Chuy" Dominguez is a sophomore mass communications major from Laverne, OK. The band is sponsoring him. His hobbies include making music, running, and designing digital products.

Dominguez's name is pronounced like the word "chewy." As such, he has handed out chewing gum to students when asking for their votes. He has used social media to spread the word about his campaign, and he said he hopes the best man will win.

Sam Gentry is a sophomore from Corpus Christi, TX. He is a member of the football team. He serves as a Ranger Connection Peer Leader, and he helps with the reading mentor program. The football team is sponsoring him.

See ROYALTY, Page 6

Politics

Not getting out the vote

Turnout for voter registration drives has been dismal

By **AMBER SCALES**
Student Reporter

Photo by Leah Darnell

NWOSU softaball players Brianna Wisby and Alexia Taylor, left, help Julio Quintana, right, register to vote at an event in early October. Recent voter registration events on campus have had low turnouts.

The Northwestern Oklahoma State University softball team has sponsored five voter registration drives in the Student Center since the fall semester began, but few students have signed up to exercise their right to vote.

In the state of Oklahoma, a person must beat least 18 years old to vote. The registration application is one page long, and it asks the individual to provide basic identification information.

At the voter registration drives on campus, students are offering to help their peers complete those applications. But few NWOSU students have taken that opportunity, according to the organizers of the event.

As of press time, an exact number of registrants was not available, though information from those involved with the drives said the total number was low. At the final drive, which took place Oct. 15, not a single student filled out an application.

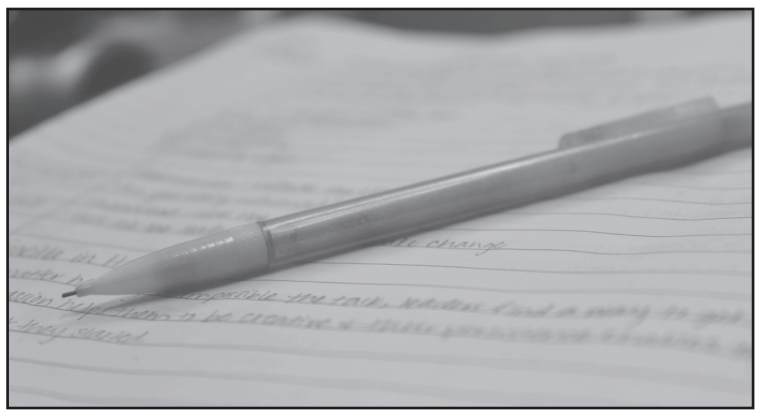
Mesa Gam and Brooke Kolanek oversaw the event that day. They said voting is an important right for U.S. citizens – one that should not be taken for granted.

"I feel like voting is important because, if you don't vote, you are giving more power to those who already have the power," Gam said. "Being neutral isn't helping anyone, and you're just sitting there and not doing what you feel is right."

Kolanek concurred with Gam's statement, adding that voters – especially young ones – can positively impact their local, state, and federal governments by exercising their powers at the ballot box.

"It's kind of like people running for your country in the election, you want to have someone that says what you want," Kolanek said. "So, I think it's good for people to vote, because it matters. And you don't have to let others know, because you're voting, and no one has to know what you're voicing."

Once a voter application is processed, the state will issue a voter identification card to the applicant within 30 days.



File illustration

Members of the NWOSU Writer's Roundtable are inviting those with a love for writing to join their club.

The 'write' choice

Wordsmiths invited to join Writer's Roundtable

By **LOGAN MERIWETHER**
Student Reporter

If you enjoy writing stories, Northwestern Oklahoma State University has a club for you.

The Writer's Roundtable is open to anyone who loves to write for profit or just for fun. Members write poetry, short stories, creative nonfiction pieces, and numerous other kinds of literature.

The organization holds regular meetings, where members are given writing prompts to which they can respond. Those who do not wish to follow a prompt may do a "free write" and write about topics in which they are interested.

Members are given 20 minutes to write. Once they finish writing, they share their work with the group. They may receive constructive criticism if they wish to.

The group currently has 14 members, most of whom are freshmen. Camille Soderstrom, a sophomore, serves as the club's president.

Membership in the club is free, and those who wish to join may do so at any time by attending one of the club's meetings. Meetings are held every other Tuesday in Vinson Hall room 200. The next meeting will be held Nov. 5 at 5 p.m.

The club is open to all students regardless of their anticipated majors.

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News

What's up?

Tonight

Medical Sciences Club Meeting

This meeting will be to plan upcoming events. All interested students who want to become involved in the Medical Sciences Club are welcome. Science Amphitheatre.

6 p.m.

Rally 'Round the Ranger

The official homecoming pep rally. Open to all Ranger fans. North lawn of Jesse Dunn and Carter near the Ranger statue.

Oct. 25
12 p.m.

Sigma Tau Delta - Banned Book reading

Student Center Ranger Room.

Oct. 30
5:30 p.m.

Today

Study Abroad to Iceland Info Meeting

We will provide information about the upcoming Study Abroad trip to Iceland. It is open to anyone interested in this trip.

CH107
2 p.m.

Resume Writing Workshop

This event is for all NWOSU students and employees who want to learn how to write and construct a professional resume, Student Center Ranger Room. Paycom will provide free lunch to all NWOSU students who attend the workshop.

Oct. 29
1:30 p.m.

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Include date, time and a short summary.

Caf' presents pumpkin painting

Photos by Kaylea Brown

Left: Pumpkins set out for the students in the Coronado Cafe to come and paint with a variety of colors to make different designs on the pumpkin.

Left: Northwestern's Art Society sponsored the pumpkin fest and Coronado Cafe hosted the event for students.

Left: Josiah Marshall, Camille Soderstrom and Alanna Negelein try to decide what paint and design to do on their pumpkins.

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Editorial

Which college do I choose?

By **JORDAN GREEN**
News Editor

College. It's a tough decision to make. When you're a high school senior, you have to ask yourself some hard questions about it. Am I going to "fit in?" Will my professors care about me? Will I do well?

Am I choosing the right school for myself?

None of those questions have easy answers. I would know. As a college freshman myself, I can attest to this. Sadly, no one can make this decision for you. But for those of you who are getting ready to head off to college, I've got some advice. (Parents, grandparents, friends, and teachers: Take note!)

When I was a senior just one year ago, I was absolutely sure I wanted to go to a large school somewhere far, far away from Oklahoma. I applied to several schools out-of-state, though I did apply to a few here in Oklahoma.

Throughout the application process, I learned a lot about the schools I had applied to – and I learned a lot about myself. The first lesson I learned: College isn't cheap. I applied to one particular out-of-state school that would have cost me $45,000 a year to attend. Multiply that by four, and you've got a pretty significant amount of debt – and that's just for a bachelor's degree.

I knew I didn't want to take on debt to go to school. Debt is never your friend, and if you can, you should avoid it at all costs. Monster-sized debt turned me away from attending a monster-sized college.

But when it came down to it, money wasn't the main factor for me. Ultimately, I wanted to go to a school where I could get to know my professors. Where I could make connections to the people around me. Where I could quickly find leadership opportunities. And where I could make a difference.

Ultimately, I wanted to go to a school where I could get to know my professors. Where I could make connections to the people around me. Where I could quickly find leadership opportunities. And where I could make a difference.

I didn't find those things at those large colleges. Luckily, a small school here in my home state reached out to me: Northwestern Oklahoma State University.

When I came to the little town of Alva, I felt at home. The first thing I noticed when I got to town was that the people here are friendly. They'll greet you as you walk into the grocery store, and they're always happy to lend a helping hand. I might add that they relentlessly support the university. Since 1991, Alva citizens have donated nearly $12 million to the institution. Now that's giving.

Much like the people of Alva, the professors here at NWOSU are generous in giving their time and undivided attention to students. Northwestern has small class sizes, so a kid like me is able to ask questions without having to yell over the roar of a massive lecture hall. That's comforting. And whenever I need help, I can stop by my professor's office and ask for it. They even know me by my first name. For those of you who've been through college before: Can you say the same about your professors?

Developing a relationship with the people you're learning from is important – just as important as it is to find a good support group. Such groups are made up of friends, family members, study partners, and classmates. The students here understand the importance of making strong, long-lasting friendships. So, even if you had a hard time making friends in high school, you're bound to find people you love here.

The best part? The school offers a great education at a great price. Northwestern offers several award-winning degree programs, and it has some of the lowest tuition rates around. They also offer more scholarships than just about anybody. What could be better?

I know I've pumped up my school quite a bit in this column, but I'm not here to make a sales pitch for it. My message is this: All small colleges are just as good – if not better – than some of those "big" schools. Sure, larger universities have their perks. But there are lots of things that only a small, close-knit college like NWOSU can offer. Don't believe me? Come check it out for yourself. You won't be disappointed.

Seniors, you might not believe it, but your last year of high school is almost halfway over. Those tough college choices are about to demand a decision. So, what's my advice? When you're making those decisions, don't just look at large universities. Look at the smaller colleges that offer great scholarships, high-quality education, and caring people whom you can befriend. That's what college is all about.

It's my hope that all college-bound students will make the choice that's right for them. For some, that will be a large university. But for people like me, it was a smaller college. No matter where you go, find a place that values you as a person. Find a place where you can develop lifelong friendships. Find a place where you can learn what you need to in order to get where you want to go in life.

For me, that place was a small college: Northwestern Oklahoma State University.

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EDITOR'S RANT OF THE WEEK

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

The editorial to the left of me is very well written and relatable.

Jordan has exceeded all of our expectations at the Northwestern News and I am so happy he is a part of our team.

I have ranted and raved a couple times about the mass communicatoins department here at NWOSU, but I just want to talk about it more.

Because, seriously, it's amazing. Very rarely are you going to find such a close-nit group of students who support eachother and get along like us.

When I was a Senior in highschool, I took pictures at all events, including sports, and I also wrote stories for, and edited, the small newsletter that my small school sent out.

I had a lot of fun doing that and I was one of those rare cases where I knew exactly what I was going to do and where I was going to go.

Never in my life have I been "un-decided" about anything really. I like to have purpose, not deciding on something gives me anxiety.

I am so thankful that I came to mass comm. I have made amazing friends through it, one of which is my best friend and roomate. Mostly, I love how this newspaper has grown since I began here as a freshman.

When I first became an editor as a sophomore, this paper saw some bad times. Bad front pages, severeal style errors, and don't get me started on the lack of material that we had to even put in the paper.

It was hurrendous. But I have worked hard to make it great, and I have found great helpers and friends along the way. I am most confident that I haved paved a good road for the editors after me, like Jordan. I am proud of myself, proud of my team, proud of the mass communications department and I am proud of Northwestern.

Editorial

The end is near

By **BAILEY RANKIN**
Student Reporter

I'm graduating in December.

Typing those words out scares me. In fact, I can't really feel my legs right now… I'm scared about graduating because then I have to make Adult Decisions™ and figure out what I want to do with the rest of my life.

I've had this conversation with countless people, "When do you graduate?" In December. "What are you going to do after that?" Oh, you know…something. Those are questions that I get constantly from family, friends and well-meaning people from my hometown that I haven't spoken to in three years or so.

They are questions that other people ask me, but questions that I rarely ask myself.

And maybe that's the scariest part, these people are giving more thought to my future than I am.

It's a wakeup call. They see my time running out before I even realize that the timer has started.

School has always been a constant for me. It had rules for me to follow and I always knew what it expected of me. Work was there too. I had a boss present to let me know if I wasn't doing some task correctly and they would even give me some advice on how I could improve or fix something.

Life I'm not too familiar with. I feel like as soon as I receive my diploma and walk across that stage, life is going to greet me with open arms, then trip me as I head out into the real world.

They see my time running out before I even realize that the timer has started.

When I sit and think about these fears and uncertainties I wonder if I am the only one who has them. Surely not. Surely I'm not the only person who doesn't have a plan for the future, who doesn't have a good enough answer for the church ladies, who lies to their parents when they ask if you're applying for jobs because I. Don't. Know. What. To. Do.

But then again, maybe I am the only one who does this, because when I look around, all I see are people who have their life together, who know what they are doing and have been doing just that for the past few years. If you are one of those people, I would greatly appreciate it if you would contact me.

Maybe these people are just faking it until they're making it, because through all of my 23 years I have never felt qualified to "adult". Maybe I'll always feel like a lost angsty kid, but hopefully I'll be a lost angsty kid that makes slightly better money than I do right now. I think we're all clueless as to how to make it (or at least survive) in this "real world", in all honesty. And maybe life gets easier, or maybe we just learn how to deal with it all eventually.

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So, on Dec. 9 I will graduate. I'll receive my diploma and walk across the stage, and if you see me stumble as I walk down the stairs, don't worry, it's just life trying to keep me on my toes.

Get inspired!

"You have to leave the city of your comfort and go into the wilderness of your intuition. You can't get there by bus, only by hard work and risk and by not quite knowing what you're doing, but what you'll discover will be wonderful. What you'll discover will be yourself."
- Alan Alda

"It is impossible to live without failing at something, unless you live so cautiously that you might as well not have lived at all - in which case, you fail by default."
- J.K.Rowling

"Last but not least, I would say you should have big dreams, full dreams, not half dreams. You know, it's very simple. You can't put a large box in a small box. Well, you cannot put a full life in a small dream box."
- Elias Zerhouni

Have a poem, opinion or story you would like to share? An opinion in need of expressing? A topic you find interesting and think more people should know about? Send it in!

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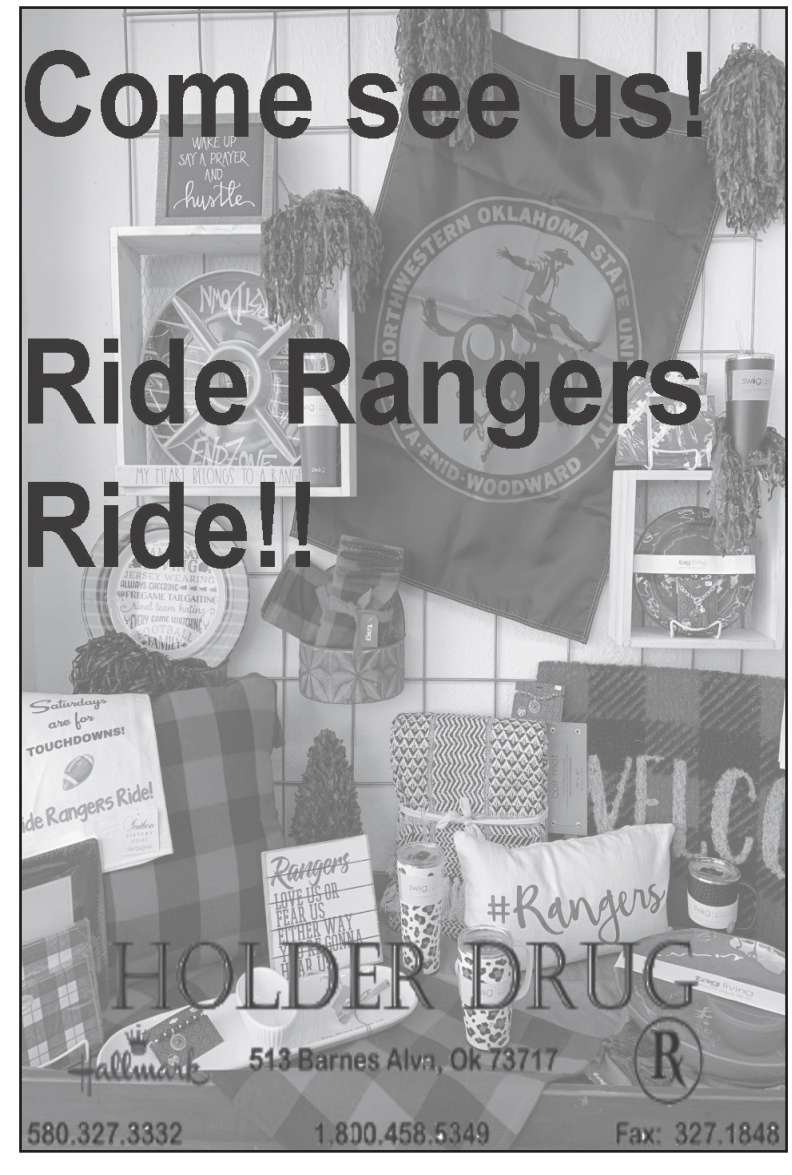

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Choral does a ballad to the U.S.A.

Photos by Ashley Strehl

The NWOSU Concert Choir, Chorale and University Singers held their first concert of the year, "Made in the U.S.A., on Oct. 15 at the First Baptist Church of Alva. The program featured songs written by famous American composers. Folk, jazz, sacred, classical and Broadway pieces were included in the performance. A large crowd was in attendance. Here are some photos of the event. — From staff reports

1. Dr. Karsten Longhurst conducts the University Singers.

2. Condry Carnott sings the introductory solo part for the American classic "On The Wheels of a Dream."

3. Madison Hofen looks toward the choir conductor.

Roundtable: Club active on campus

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The only requirement for prospective members is that they enjoy writing with friends, said Soderstrom.

Josiah Marshall joined the club last semester, and said he enjoys writing in his free time.

He first started writing in high school, and his love for it has carried over into college. Marshall said he enjoys collaborating with his peers, and he appreciates the fact that club members are able to take artistic liberties with the writing prompts. Marshall said he often "twists" the prompts into plots for video games.

The club hosts various events around campus. Next semester, the club plans to sponsor a creative writing contest.

For more information, contact Soderstrom at cvsoderstrom06@rangers.nwosu.edu.

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We want to hear what you've got to say!

Royalty: What you need to know about the candidates

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Gentry and his supporters have produced and distributed T-shirts to help drum up support for his candidacy. Gentry has handed out "goodie bags," and he made a video in which he discussed why he feels he should win.

RANGER QUEEN CANDIDATES

Adriana Guel is a junior social work major from Los Angeles, California. She enjoys reading, and Chartwells is sponsoring her.

Guel works for the university, and she said that she has a huge network of friends that helped get her name on the ballot.

To promote her candidacy, Guel has handed out baked goods and snacks. She has also promoted her campaign through social media. Guel thinks that the competition for the crown is fierce, but she believes that a good voter turnout will help her in the end.

Mallory Overpeck is a senior biology and chemistry major from Elkhart, Kansas. She plans to go to dental school after graduating from NWOSU. She is a math tutor in the Academic Success Center, and the Medical Sciences Club is sponsoring her.

Overpeck has been handing out cookies and other treats to persuade voters, and she said she has enjoyed getting to know her running mates.

Madison Wilson is a senior history and theatre major from Enid, Oklahoma. She is a member of Alpha Sigma Alpha and the Castle Players club. She enjoys acting and planning events. Alpha Sigma Alpha is sponsoring her.

While Wilson also has handed out baked goods, she said she has taken a more "nostalgic" approach to her campaign. She has handed out "silly bands" with hashtags and quotes on them. Wilson said she sees herself as a top competitor because she has utilized her social media platforms more effectively than her competitors have. She believes that her message has reached the greatest number of voters.

FRESHMAN QUEEN WINNER

The 2019 Freshman Queen is **Payton Scott**. Scott is an agriculture business major from Newkirk, Oklahoma. She plays on the softball team, attends the Baptist Collegiate Ministry, and serves as a manager for the football team.

Scott said he ran for the office because she wanted to represent the softball team off-the-field.

Campus

Clubs, dorms and others paint the campus red

Campus homecoming decor winners announced - campus alive with homecoming spirit

Paint the town red 2019

Photos by Michelle Wilson

Fryer Hall won the dorm decoration contest. The lobby has red solo cups on the celling pouring red fabric out, the windows and walls are covered with paintings and posters and streamers are hung from the door frames.

Phi Delta music society painted their homecoming board featuring the Ranger mascot, Rowdy, in a flappers dress.

The Library won second place in the Window and Doors competition.

Castle Players Theatre club won first place in the Paintapalloza board painting competition with their 3D board of Rowdy painting the town.

The Math club board won second place in the board painting competition.

Feature

Photos by Michelle Willson

NWOSU's Student Government Association provided free admission for any student who showed up to Bradt's Menagerie with their student ID Oct. 21. Students were able to walk through a hay maze.

aMAZEing night

Students were given papers, and they had to search the maze for nine stamps to put on the papers. Those who found all nine were able to roll the dice to win a prize.

Bradt's Menagerie has the largest round bale hay maze in Oklahoma. It is located four miles west of Alva.

Some students competed amongst their friends, running through the maze to see who could get all the stamps first.

Exploring majors

Health Sports & Science

Getting a sneak peak into a different major every week.

By **ANGEL PEREZ**
Student Reporter

Rafael Lara

Why did you choose your major?
I chose this major because of the love for the game of baseball. Giving back to the game is always a great feeling.

What is your favorite class?

It's hard to just pick a favorite class, but not only the class was great, also the instructor. I would say kinesiology.

What is the best part of being in your major?

My favorite part of being in this major is being able to learn everything I need to be a great coach and also how to prevent many incidents in and out of the field.

Tips for underclassmen in the major?

My tips for underclassmen are to really listen to the professor who have been in that field because they have so much experience and knowledge to offer.

What is your dream job with the major?

My dream job with this major is to be able to build my own baseball academy back in Puerto Rico and help kids that aren't given the opportunity to play at a high level.

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Entertainment

Who is the real evil?

By **MICHELLE WILLSON**
Feature/Entertainment Editor

"Maleficent: Mistress of Evil" is a dark fantasy/action movie that premiered October 18. Walt Disney Pictures produced the movie and Joachim Rønning directed it. Ronning has directed many movies including Doomsday and Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Men Tell No Tales.

The movie stars Angelina Jolie as Maleficent, Elle Fanning as Aurora, Harris Dickinson as Prince Philip and Michelle Pfeiffer as Queen Ingrith.

"Maleficent: Mistress of Evil" is a continuation of Maleficent's story that is based on Disney's Sleeping Beauty. Even though Maleficent was a hero at the end of the first movie things have turned on her again. Though the movie is a sequel, I do not think that you have to have seen the first movie to follow the second one.

The story unfolds with Aurora as she reigns as the Queen of the Moors. Meanwhile, Maleficent remains the strongest fairy and protector of the realm. Prince Philip proposes to Aurora and she accepts. She warns Aurora against marrying him, believing their romance will end badly.

Queen Ingrith invited Aurora and Maleficent to dine with Philip's family in their castle. The Queen starts to recount the numerous things that have gone wrong in the Moor and the situation that happened to Aurora's birth parents. A castle guard shoots Maleficent as she storms out ,but she is saved by a mysterious winged creature.

She wakes up to find she is in a hideaway with other Dark Feys like her. They are talking about war with the humans. Though the humans outnumber them they believe her powers could lead them to victory. Maleficent gets a strange feeling something is wrong with the more after a branch she is holding dies. She along with Borra, fly to the Moor and discover the humans have picked all of the tune bloom that grows from fairy graves.

As they stare at the fields where the flowers used to grow. They are attacked by soldiers but are saved when Connal gives his life to protect them. He takes the iron bullets that the soldiers are shooting and falls. This cause the Dark Feys to attack.

Meanwhile back in the kingdom. They are planning the wedding for Aurora and Philip. They invite every person and beast from both kingdoms, but Aurora soon realizes that something is up. Is this a beautiful wedding or something more?

The subplots in the movie related to the main plot really well and did not divert attention from the main concepts of the plot. The attention to detail on the side characters and creatures that were not on screen very long made the whole story look concise. The costumes were intricate Angelina Jolie had at least five costume changes of different exquisite dresses.

I feel that the character's arches were pretty prevalent and balanced. I do not think that Queen Ingrith had a good character arch nor did she have any purpose behind her actions. In the movie it said that her brother had went into the Moor and never returned. I feel like the writers could have done better or gone farther with her development and backstory giving her more reason to have such strong feelings towards the moors.

I give this movie 4.5 out of 5 stars. The casting was phenomenal. Jolie and Fanning have good chemistry, which helps viewers stay connected to the stories meaning. The film touched on subjects of motherly love, protection and doing things for the good of your people. The story makes you realize who the real "Mistress of Evil" is.

Month full of scary movies

By **BAILEY RANKIN**
Student reporter

Do you know how hard it is to watch at least one scary movie every day for the month of October? You wouldn't think it would be that hard to find a few hours at the end of the day, but let me tell you, it wasn't easy. With that in mind, let's take a look at my top movies and one series that I made it through this month.

1. The Haunting of Hill House (2018)

Let's start with the series, shall we? 10 hours of family drama, demons and secrets, creepy ghosts hidden in the shadows and one of the most compelling storylines I've watched in the past few years. This was my second time watching this series through and I would gladly do it again.

2. Hereditary (2018)

This movie is insane. The twists in this movie come out of nowhere and are so shocking you almost don't believe what is happening. In almost every scene there is a tenseness that you can't shake, but you're not sure why you're so unsettled. Ari Aster did an amazing job with this film as his directorial debut and I can't wait to see what else he has in store.

3. IT (2017)

I talk about this movie all the time. My friends hate it. But "IT" is one of my favorite films regardless of what movie genre it belongs to. I love the atmosphere the movie sets right from the beginning, an atmosphere and tone which is present through the entire film, this pressing feeling doesn't let up, not even after the credits roll. The sound effects and score are used effectively and even the jumpscares, which I'm not a huge fan of, were enjoyable. 10 out of 10 would (and have) watch(ed) again.

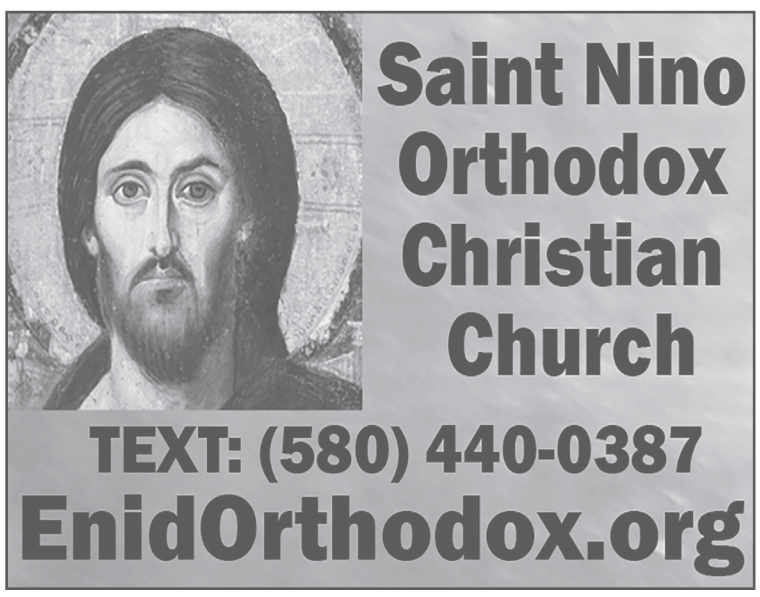
4. The Babadook (2014)

I remember hearing quite a few good things about "The Babadook" when it first came out in 2014, so I decided to watch it five years later. I can appreciate what the film was trying to achieve by equating the Babadook with grief, but honestly, I just got confused and had to read what the whole point of the movie was online later that night. It was a very unsettling movie though and, at one point, a jumpscare startled me so bad that I had to take a break before continuing with the second half of the film.

5. 1922 (2017)

Now, I didn't find "1922" to be scary at all, but I did like how they chose to "haunt" the main character with the choices he made. He has ghosts that he will always have to deal with, no matter how he might think he has taken care of his problems. If you're not looking to be terrified, but wouldn't mind being sufficiently spooked, "1922" may be just the film for you.

And there you have it! At least 18 hours and 35 minutes of what I consider quality horror entertainment. Some of you may like the selection, and some of you may not, but you can't say you don't have anything to watch this spooky season.



Best Halloween movies on Netflix

Coraline	The Babysitter
The Ritual	Scream 1, 2 & 3
The Sixth Sense	Insidious
Murder Party	The Conjuring
Train to Busan	Tucker and Dale vs. Evil
The Witch	Under the Skin
The Crow	Horns
Carrie	

Sports

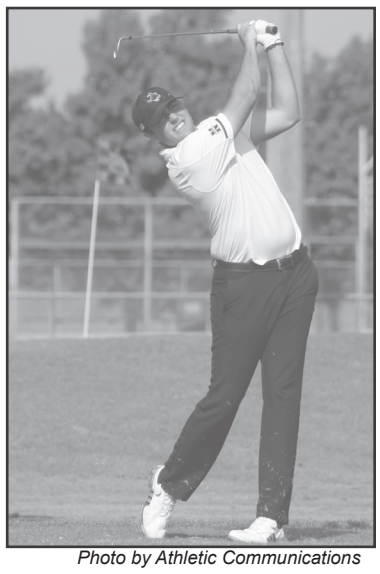


Photo by Athletic Communications

Rehorn led Rangers in Arkansas.

Rehorn finishes in tenth place

By **ASHLEY WATTS**
Sports Editor

The Northwestern Oklahoma State Universtiy men's golf team competed at Hot Springs Country Club in Hot Springs, Arkansas. They comnpeted for the Battle for the Belt match play event hosted by Henderson State University.

NWOSU dropped the final match to Missouri Southern State 5-0 to finish out the tournament.

The Rangers lost in each group in match play against MSSU to finish in sixth place for the tournament.

Henderson State University won the tournament, and St. Edwards came in second.

Jordan Botwinick from Union won the individual ranks by shooting an eight-under, 208.

For the Rangers, Parker Rehorn finished tied for tenth with a three-round total of 70-7482-226 and Tyler Berryhill posted an 81-79-80-290 to finish in 29th place.

Up next for the Rangers is Colten Person who finished in 35th place with a three-day total of 82-80-90-252.

Freshman Joey Nix was right behind Person in 36th place with a carded total of 83-89-82-254, and Keenan Hofstad finished in 37th with an 87-81-88-256.

This brings the Rangers into off season as this was the final fall event. They will be back in action in early February at Laredo, Texas.

Soccer falls to Southwestern

By **ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS**

Northwestern Oklahoma State University Rangers drop a heartbreaking game to Southwestern Tuesday evening 3-2 ending their two-game win streak.

Southwestern started the game fast gaining early control of the ball.

After having possession for a little while the Bulldogs capitalized with the early scoring chance.

They would take the lead 1-0 during the 9th minute of the game.

Northwestern would gain some control of the ball and have a few scoring chances.

However Northwestern could not capitalize on them. Southwestern used this to start their own strong attack by extending their lead to 2-0 at the 17:44 mark.

The Rangers would never give up though. After neither team could really gain control of the game each team would be trading possessions back and forth.

Northwestern would eventually gain control of possession as Yazmin Gomez capitalized by netting the first goal of the game for Northwestern making it a 2-1 game.

First half would close out with Southwestern leading 2-1.

The second half was extremely close with both teams going back and forth possession wise.

Neither team could find a way to control the game. In the 60th minute Southwestern was able to extend their lead to 3-1.

The hard fighting Rangers would not get down though as they continued to battle back and forth with Southwestern.

Yazmin Gomez would capitalize on another scoring opportunity. Gomez would net her second goal of the game bringing the Rangers within one with 3-2 score.

Rangers would have one last scoring opportunity to try and even the game but could not capitalize on it as Southwestern would prevail NWOSU's attack in the final 10 seconds and hold on for a 3-2 victory.

The Rangers would fall to 5-7-1 overall and 2-4-1 in conference play.

Northwestern will take on GAC opponent East Central University on Thursday evening October 24th at 6 p.m.

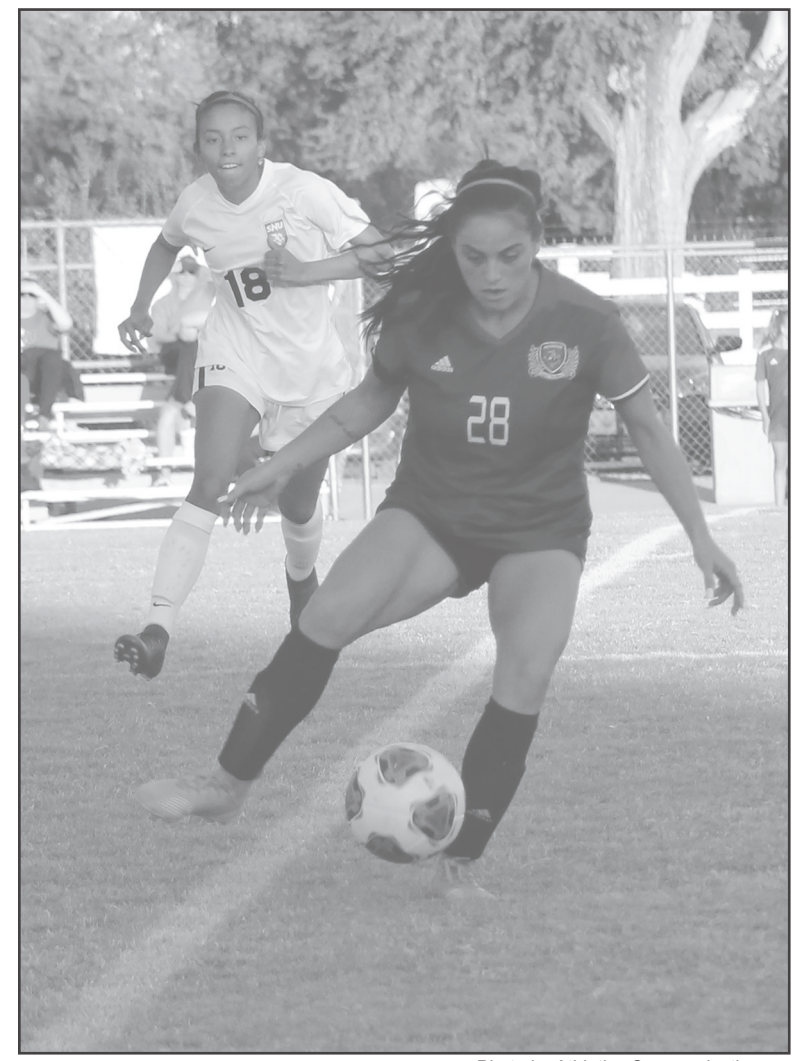


Photo by Athletics Communications

Northwestern soccer with host East Central on Oct. 24 at home.

Football drops two back to back

By **ASHLEY WATTS**
Sports Editor

Northwestern Oklahoma State University football team dropped two games back to back against Southern Arkansas and Arkansas Tech.

First NWOSU played against Southern Arkansas on Oct. 12 at home.

The Rangers struggled on the offensive side of the ball as the only scored seven points compared to Southern Arkansas's 40 point.

Gavin Garner had the biggest highlight of the game when he made a move up the middle and broke away for a 34-yard touchdown.

This was the Rangers lone touchdown for the game. This touchdown came early in the second half.

Maurice Wright Jr. was the leading tackler for the Rangers with 20 total tackles, and James Ellis had 16 tackles.

On the offensive side of the ball, Trent Easly threw for 185 yards on 12-of-20 passing.

While, Jacob Peyton led on the ground with 43 yards on eight attempts.

After the Rangers dropped this game to Southern Arkansas they went on the road to play Arkansas Tech on Oct. 19.

Photo by Leah Darnell

Northwestern's homecoming is Oct. 26 with kick off set at 4 p.m.

This game ended with Arkansas Tech winning 14-21, and NWOSU's record dropped to 2-5. This was Arkansas Tech's first win of teh season.

NWOSU's defense gave the Ranger's plenty of opportunities last Saturday, but unfortuanly turnovers cost them the game.

In the last quarter, Arkansas Tech scored twice from a Ranger turnover. One was from a fumble and the other was an interception.

Ellis led the defense in tackles with 10, and Qua'Shawn Grey had seven tackles.

Cam White forced Arkansas Tech's lone turnover while Christopher Fuzeme recovered the fumble.

On the offensive side of the ball, Garner finished with 141 yards on nine catches and Easly completed 23 passes for 314 yards.

Torrence Stevens and Kentrez Bell each recorded 60+ yards.

Photo by Athletic Communications

Rangers play Harding on Oct. 26.

Peyton led the Rangers on the ground with 25 yards on 10 attempt, while Stevens had 16 yards on four chance.

Calion Baker also had 16 yards on seven runs.

The NWOSU Rangers will be back in action next Saturday at Ranger Field for Homecoming.

They hope to extend their record as the host Harding at 4 p.m.

Sports

Volleyball falls to CSU

By **MADDISON PARROT**
Athletic Communications

Northwestern Oklahoma State University Rangers volleyball dropped a tough loss against out-of-conference opponent Colorado State University-Pueblo Tuesday evening.

The match started and ended in CSU-Pueblo's favor, with the Rangers dominating the middle half.

Jennifer Eubanks had herself a game with nine kills. She also led the team in blocks with seven total in the match. Kiauna Clark continued to show off with a team-leading 11 kills, and Sydnee Miller led the team in digs with 27.

The first set the Thunderwolves seemed to show off on their home turf.

The Rangers began the first set in the lead but fell behind quickly after an 8-0 point run from CSU-Pueblo. Northwestern was too far behind to catch up and dropped the first set 11-25.

Colorado State-Pueblo appeaed to carry the momentum from the last game as they took a 7-2 lead, but the Rangers took the second set 25-23.

An interesting back-and-forth battle happened in the third set as the Rangers and Thunderwolves each have their own five-point run. A final slam by Eubanks secured the win and allowed NWOSU to take the set 25-21.

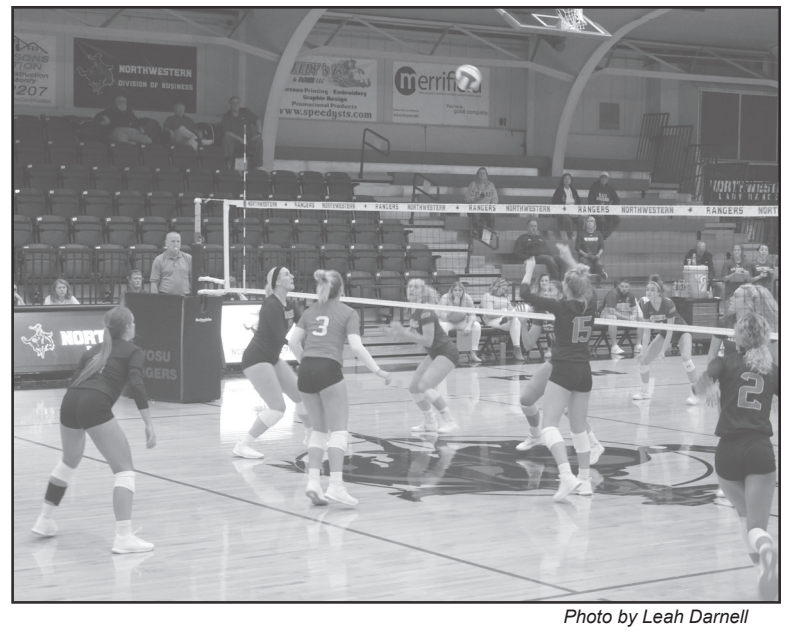


Photo by Leah Darnell

Northwestern will host Henderson State University on Oct. 26 at 6 p.m.

Neither team could take control of the fourth set. Both the Thunderwolves and the Rangers traded points through the entire match.

However, CSU-Pueblo stayed just enough ahead to take the set 21-25 to send the match to the fifth set tiebreaker, the Rangers third in as many games.

The fifth set was a nail-biter with seven ties and seven lead changes with a fifteen-point match.

It was evenly matched as the Rangers earned 8 kills to the Thunderwolves 9. A final attempt with a service ace from Miller was not enough to take the set as CSU-Pueblo snatched it with a score of 11-15.

Northwestern will come back to GAC play as they return home to take on Henderson State this Friday at 6 p.m.

The game will be a part of Homecoming week for the Rangers and their first of two on the weekend.

Photo by Emma Sporleder

Northwestern soccer beat reigning GAC champions Oklahoma Baptist.

Soccer stuns Oklahoma Baptist

By **MADDISON PARROT**
Athletic Communications

Northwestern Oklahoma State University Rangers soccer forced a huge upset against reigning Great American Conference champions Oklahoma Baptist on the road Saturday afternoon.

Oklahoma Baptist came out seeming to own the ball during the first half of the match. The entire game was a battle of possessions with neither team being able to break through.

The first half was fairly evenly matched with OBU taking eight shots and Northwestern taking 5. Reyna Gonzalez had a phenomenal game with seven saves throughout, three in the first half and four in the second.

The second half was dominated by OBU as they took 10 shots to Northwestern's one.

The Rangers stepped up and defended the 19 shots that the Bison took to keep the game scoreless 0-0, and sent the game into the first overtime period.

Eight minutes into the ten-minute overtime period Makayla Barrientos gets a good chance to take a shot, but OBU goalie makes an amazing save to give the Rangers a corner kick.As the ball is sent towards the Bison's goal Alyssa Nunez sees an opportunity and takes it.

The Rangers improve to 5-6-1 overall.

Friday leads Rangers at Oklahoma Intercollegiate

By **CHRIS MAPLE**
Athletic Communications

The NWOSU women's golf team competed in the final round of their final fall event Tuesday at the 2019 Oklahoma Intercollegiate at the Lawton Country Club Golf Course.

Samantha Friday put together a two-day score of 79-77—156. Friday, finished tied for 21st place.

Madison Masch shot an 86 on the second day to go with her 84, for a two-day total of 170. Masch finished in a tie for 42nd, while Angela Egger ended tied for 45th, after carding an 84-87—171.

Tennyson put together a tournament score of 84-90—174. She placed tied for 47th place. Rounding out the team for the Rangers was Ashley Watts with a two-round score of 83-94—177.

Competing as an individual was Cali Taylor, who posted a 91-92—183.

Northwestern completed their fall season and will head into the offseason. They will return to action in February for the spring season.

Rodeo competes at OSU

By **TREYVON ANDRES**
Student Reporter

NWOSU rodeo team men's and women's are off to a good start this season, and are ready to keep it going.

From last season, NWOSU now has two national champions on the roster. This brings in NWOSU's second and third national championship.

National champion Bridger Anderson, a steer wrestler, was able to to knock four steers in 191 seconds securing his spot for the national title. This season Anderson is first in the Central Plain Region and already has a total of 440 points this season, putting him ahead of the second place cowboy by a total of 260 points.

Taylor Munsell, a barrel racer and breakaway, has finished with a four run cumulative time. She also gave credit to her horse, a 13 year bay fielding, praising him for being smart and trust worthy. This years rodeo team is prepared to have a strong year.

"This year's rodeo team is very strong in every event we compete in. It should be a very good year for NWOSU." Callie McGhee, a break away and barrel racer said.

Rodeo coming off an unbelievable season last year and two of them bringing in two national titles should have you fired up for the season.

For the next up and coming rodeo, the team will be in Alva, and will be competing Oct. 31- Nov. 2. After that, they will compete at Kansas State University Feb. 14-16 which should be interesting considering that K-state is a Division 1 university, and the Rangers should have some great competition going in to that.

Up Next for Ranger Sports

Volleyball at home:
Henderson State University
Oct. 25
Ouachita Baptist
Oct. 26

Soccer at home:
East Central
Oct. 24

Football at home:
Homecoming
Harding University
Oct. 26

Rodeo at home:
NWOSU
Oct. 31- Nov. 2

Cross Country travels:
GAC Conference
Oct.26

Hitting the breaking point

Pictured at left, Caleb Pierce takes a swing at a car with a sledgehammer on the intramural football field Oct. 14.

According to Coronado Hall Resident Assistant Ethan Sacket, the Car Bash and Pumpkin Smash "was a great opportunity for all Northwestern students that participated," and it allowed students "to relieve any potential stress."

Students were able to smash a 1987 Ford Escort, which was donated by Bud's Salvage near Aline. Cody Cosper and Andres Sustaita painted the vehicle, and several other students pitched in to help.

"I have been very impressed by the student involvement at Northwestern, as this makes hosting different events even more rewarding," Sacket said.

Photo by Jordan Green