

## Smiles of the Week



Photo by Leah Darnell

From left: Nursing major Makenna Sterling says she is smiling because she has Jesus and friends; pre-dental hygiene major Juliet Chaloupek says she is smiling because she likes tacos; and nursing major Carys Delaplane says she is smiling because she passed her physiology test.

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# Library, info science available in 2020

## NWOSU is the second college to offer an LIS minor

By ASHLEY WATTS  
Sports Reporter

Northwestern Oklahoma State University is adding a library and information science minor (LIS) in the spring 2020 semester.

NWOSU will be the second college in the state of Oklahoma to add this minor. Oklahoma University is the only other college in the state that offers not only the minor, but a master's program and a PHD program.

Shannon Leaper, Director of Library Services, has been trying to get this minor approved since February 2019.

This minor consists of 21 credit hours, and it will all be online classes. Students with this minor will learn the skills necessary to provide paraprofessional support services with minimal on the job training.

This minor is also appropriate for any student who wishes to gain an understanding of the field of library and information science.

"This minor is accessible to as many people as possible since it is all online," Leaper said.



Photo by Jordan Green

Northwestern is adding a library services and information science minor.

LIS minor is also appropriate for students who hope to prepare for advanced study in the fields of libraries and information science, archives, and museums.

"This minor will provide you with a degree you can hit the ground running with," Leaper said. "It also gives students good job opportunities throughout the state of Oklahoma."

With this minor, students will

be able to be a library technician in bigger library, or they could be a librarian in smaller libraries.

Since this minor is available online, multiple students have expressed interest in it. It allows them to work when they want to.

"I like that all the classes are available in an online format because it works best with my schedule," said Michelle Willson, who is planning on making LIS

her minor.

The core curriculum classes for this minor will have 15 credit hours that are required.

The core classes are information literacy, foundations of library and information science, library public services, technology in library and information science, reference in the digital age and organization of knowledge.

Along with the 15 hours in core curriculum a student will also have to have 6 credit hour in elective courses.

**"This minor will provide you with a degree you can hit the ground running with."**

**- Shannon Leaper**

The elective courses for this minor are library management and leadership, library and information science internship, collection development or introduction to archives.

The student can decide between any of the elective courses.

If you are interested in making LIS your minor or would like more information about it contact the advisor, Shannon Leaper at [seleaper@nwosu.edu](mailto:seleaper@nwosu.edu).

# Regents consider new master's program

## New program would be available in fall 2020 if approved

By MCKAYLA HOLSON  
Editorial Editor

A new master's program might be making its way to Northwestern.

The master of arts in heritage tourism and conservation program would allow Northwestern's students to gain knowledge on tourism, how to preserve culture and other tasks.

Dr. James Bell, associate vice president for academics and dean of faculty, said it is a multidisciplinary masters degree that will be targeted at people who have an interest in agritourism, running a bed and breakfast, working at a county extension agency, someone who wants to preserve natural areas, someone who wants to preserve something historical and other interests that could fit under the degree's umbrella.

The program has not been approved yet, but it has been submitted to the board of regents and

Northwestern's administration said they could possibly know something as early as December, but it will likely be early spring before they hear anything.

If the program is approved by that time, it will be in the Fall 2020 catalog.

**"It's the idea that you are safeguarding something that is very unique, and there is a lot of that that is relevant in Oklahoma."**

**- Dr. James Bell**

The program will be 32 hours and will include two American studies courses, two mass communication courses, some history and sociology courses, a practicum class and a readings class.

Some of the courses needed to complete the degree already exist within Northwestern's catalog.

"It's possible to start taking classes knowing you could apply

them," Bell said. "So you could take classes in the spring with that in mind."

Bell said the practicum course would be nice because it can be tailored to the needs and interests of the students.

Bell said the lieutenant governor initiated a plan to beef up tourism as a state economic force.

According to an article written by Michael Overall from Tulsa World, Oklahoma raked in nearly \$9 billion in 2017 from travelers. Overall got this data from the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department. That is a 21% increase in tourism dollars since 2010 according to the department.

Tourism is a unique part of Oklahoma's culture.

"Agri-tourism and tourism in general is a very important part of Oklahoma's economy, especially here in northwestern Oklahoma," said Dr. Shawn Holliday, associate dean of graduate studies and professor of English. "We have some examples here in town with the murals, some people come to town to see the murals, and we have the menagerie out west of town so this program helps students who might be interested in

establishing something similar that deals with tourism and give them the knowledge needed to start such a small business or to put together some sort of tourist attraction on their home farms, ranches or even to help with the community."

Both Bell and Holliday said the program could increase Northwestern's student count.

"It allows us to expand our reach in terms of serving people from areas we haven't been able to serve anymore," Bell said. "It also just responds to the constituencies we serve."

"I think it fills a niche," Holliday said. "Most universities don't offer this program, and this is something that might draw students from across the state."

Holliday said the program could also be beneficial to nontraditional students.

"This might even be attractive to people who are nontraditional students who are older and who might be currently running something like a menagerie or some sort of agri-tourist venture," Holliday said. "They may want to seek additional information and training."

# News



Artwork by former NWOSU Artist in Residence Jackie Feng/News file photo

*Art Society works to share culture with the campus and community*

## PAINTING A PATTERN OF SERVICE

By **LOGAN MERIWETHER** | Student Reporter

**P**romoting creativity, having fun, trying different mediums, expanding your knowledge, making new friends and serving the community: These are some of the main goals of the Northwestern Oklahoma State University Art Society.

One big goal of the Art Society is to heighten awareness, both on campus and in the community, of the many cultural backgrounds and talents of students.

Art Society President Alanna Negelein said the Art Society does a lot for the community, despite the group's small numbers. Angelia Case, the group's sponsor, calls the group small but mighty.

### FOCUS ON SERVICE

The Art Society has a strong focus on service, members said. They are the sponsoring organization behind the Campus Cabinet, and they host Goodie Giveaway raffles at home basketball games. These giveaways include things they have baked or cooked. This year, they are working with the Culinary Club for this event.

### HOMECOMING BAKE SALE

The Art Society had a bake-sale table this year at the homecoming parade. Proceeds from the sale will benefit an alum with cancer. Members also helped paint a sombrero for the

Miss Northwestern pageant. The Art Society is always willing and able to lend a hand when asked, members said.

Within the club, members do a lot of fun activities and workshops. Last semester, they had a weaving workshop with Dr. Reigal and Dr. Sattler.

The thing Darian Smith enjoys the most about being in the club is learning about new art mediums. He also enjoys all of the events the Art Society has during the year. Smith joined the Art Society because he wanted to be around other creative minds and expand his view on the world of art in general.

Each year in the spring semester, the Art Society hosts an art show with over 100 entries. These entries come from more than just the students: Faculty, staff and alumni also enter items in it.

To get involved, contact Case at [arcase@nwosu.edu](mailto:arcase@nwosu.edu), or Negelein at [annegelein72@rangers.nwosu.edu](mailto:annegelein72@rangers.nwosu.edu). The Art Society meets each Tuesday at 6 p.m. in Jesse Dunn Annex Room 324.

## Jobs

### University holds annual career fair

Numerous local companies showed up to chat with potential employees

By **BRYANT VENOSDELL**  
Student Reporter

Northwestern Oklahoma State University held a Career and Internship Fair Nov. 13 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

The Student Center Ballroom is where the event was held. Students on the Alva campus met and talked with potential employers. The annual event is an opportunity for anyone, not just students, to meet with a variety of different companies around the Oklahoma area.

***"I think it's an easy way to make a connection with companies."***  
- Trevor Johnson.

Those in attendance were encouraged to bring resumes and dress nicely while meeting with companies.

Trevor Johnson, a senior at NWOSU, attended the fair last year.

"I think it's an easy way to make a connection with companies who might have an interest in you," Johnson said.

The full list of companies that were at the event are as follows: BancCentral, Choose Tulsa, Great Salt Plains Health Center, Northwest Center for Behavioral Health, Oklahoma Department of Human Services, Paycom, Sedgwick County Corrections, Skyland Grain, LLC; Transworld Business Advisors of OKC SW; USDA/FSA; USDA/NRCS; Vantage Associates; and Plane Plastics.

See a photo of the Career Fair on Page 6.

## Tonight, I'm cleanin' out my stadium

Students clean up football stadium by playing online game of "Tag"

By **AMBER SCALES**  
Student Reporter

Lately, there has been a movement that is getting the student body to help clean up the univer-

sity's football stands after games.

The campaign to clean up the football stadium was started when a club posted on Facebook after a clean-up and then tagged other clubs to do the same after the next game. They are calling this

"Trash Tag."

Chloe Nutley and Michelle Willson had the idea together.

"We didn't really ask anyone for permission or anything, we just sort of decided we wanted to help out whoever cleaned up the

stands after the games," Nutley said.

The two girls decided to get the ball rolling. They got the group that they are both involved in, the Gay-Straight Alliance, to

See TAG, Page 6

# News

## What's up? Meeting friends in a new way

### Tonight

#### Medical Sciences Club Meeting

This meeting will be used to plan upcoming events for the Medical Sciences Club, Science Amphitheater.

Nov 14  
6 p.m.

#### Opioid Awareness Prevention Jeopardy

Opioid Awareness Prevention Jeopardy for students and employees, Student Center Ranger Room.

Nov 18  
7 p.m.

#### 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.

Nov 20  
Noon

#### Writers' Roundtable Meeting

Writer's Roundtable is for anyone who has an interest in writing. At meetings, we respond to writing prompts and then get the option to read them aloud to everyone else. We then give positive feedback and constructive criticism. . Vinson Hall 200.

Nov 19  
5 p.m.

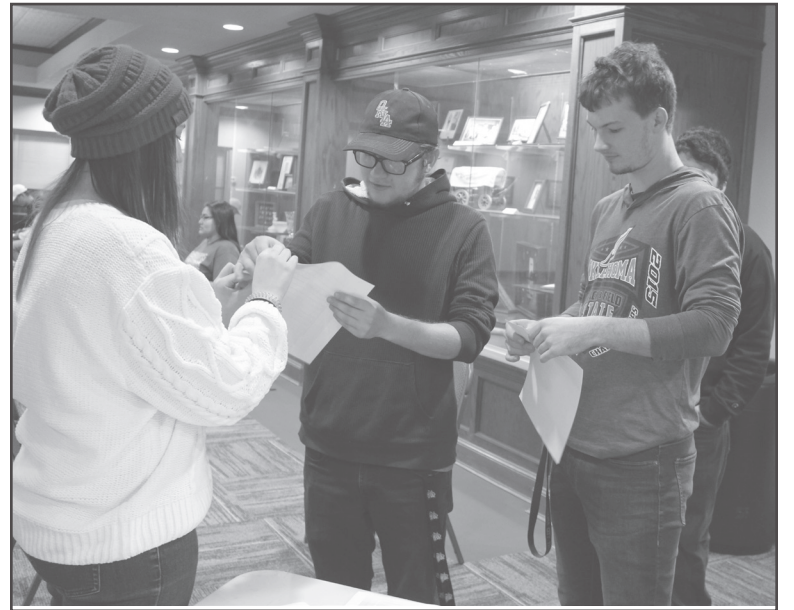
#### 1999 national championship football team reunion

Twenty years ago, Northwestern Oklahoma State University's football team brought home the school's only team national championship. Northwestern will welcome home team members for a reunion and recognition at Saturday's football game.

Nov 16  
2 p.m.

As students came in the Ranger Room, Britni Stewart handed out the list of questions, a ticket for a drawing at the end of the semester and a letter or number to Dakota Retherford and Colton Reed.

*"Anything is possible when you have the right people there to support you." - Misty Copeland*



Photos by Leah Darnell



Deven Marshall and Bree Spaulding getting to know each other from a series of questions provided by Career Services during the Speed Friendshipping event.

*"Share your smile with the world it is a symbol of friendship and peace" - Christie Brinkly*

A group of students asking a series of questions, with the potential of matching with another student to get connected and become friends.



*"Friends are those rare people who ask how we are and wait to hear the answer" - Ed Cunningham*

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# Editorial

## Unsung Heroes of Northwestern: S. L. Johnson

By JOHN BARTON  
*Associate Professor of Speech Emeritus and Dean  
Emeritus, NWOSU*

This is the second of a series of articles designed to recognize the work of many individuals who were responsible for getting Northwestern Territorial Normal School located in Alva, Oklahoma Territory in 1897 and for providing leadership to ensure quality education for the critical years that followed. Much of the information in this article can be found in the book *Northwestern Oklahoma State University, A Centennial History* (copyright 1996) written by Wayne Lane.

Around two years ago I was asked to speak to the students in an upper division course at Northwestern about the work of the Historical Preservation Taskforce. I began the discussion by asking the question, "Who is the father of Northwestern?" Most students stared at me in silence. One ventured the guess of James Ament, which was not a bad guess since Ament was the first president of Northwestern. Ament arrived in Alva in August 1897, and classes started in September of that same year. He did amazing work to get the school functioning in a short amount of time. When I told the class that I would answer that question with the name S. L. Johnson, Alva's first postmaster, I was again met with stunned silence.

I do not think this is an unusual response. It would probably be the same reaction of most current citizens of Alva as well as the staff and faculty at Northwestern since most have never heard of Mr. Johnson. I, however, believe that not recognizing his contributions is the most grievous oversight when it comes to honoring individuals of Northwestern's past. Without his work, it is doubtful that Northwestern would be in Alva.

S.L. Johnson was selected to be the chairman of the committee (I call them the magnificent seven) that was charged with the responsibility of getting a normal school (for teacher education) in Alva. The first meeting was in January 1895 not quite two years after the run of '93. Although history does not record who had the first idea for a normal school, it is not unusual for the individual who has the good idea to be selected as chairman of the committee that puts the idea into action.

We do know that the committee worked very hard and was ably led by Mr. Johnson. In 1896, he spent two months in Guthrie, the territorial capitol, working with both houses of the legislature in an effort to get approval for a normal school in Alva. Unforeseen opposition caused these efforts to fail that year. Mr. Johnson, however, redoubled his effort and provided the leadership that was necessary to overcome much opposition leading to success in 1897.

Mr. Johnson devoted significant time to this effort spending two months in 1896 and two months in 1897 during the legislature sessions in Guthrie. Due to the travel difficulties at that time, he did this without returning to Alva at any point during each two-month session.

The hard-working, dedicated members of this committee, the magnificent seven, were H. L. Ross, W. F. Hatfield, James Kelley, C. C. Hudson, A. H. Andrews, Jesse J. Todd, and S. L. Johnson. Many of committee members spent time in the territorial capitol during these sessions. Most, however, did not spend the entire two months there as Mr. Johnson did.

S. L. Johnson is a prime example of Northwestern's heroes who have been overlooked. We must do something to recognize the great contributions made by this man and the other magnificent seven.

## What has shaped me

By LEAH DARNELL  
*Photo Editor*

Community college, two words that made a difference in my life. Once I graduated high school, I got asked the typical questions from family and friends, "What's next?" "What are you going to study?" I honestly I had no clue, I just knew I wanted to study something related to newspaper and broadcasting since I did it for three years in high school.

I found myself looking at other school options after being accepted to Cowley County Community College and Butler Community College, then sitting down with my older sister and talking through it, then ultimately telling my parents about my decision to go to Cowley.

For those who don't know me, I am from Kansas and I have never moved in my life, so going to college was my first time leaving my comfort zone of home and moving 45 minutes away to Arkansas City. I ended up studying mass communications and becoming a part of The Cowley Press (Newspaper).

I was a reporter for Cowley College News in addition to running the game camera for the Cowley Sports Network. Cowley

is one of the few community colleges in the state of Kansas that has the capability to live stream all of the home games and matches.

In addition to gaining real life experiences in and out of the classroom, I had the opportunity to travel to different conferences to hear from professionals in the field.

My freshman year, I had the chance to travel to Paris, France with Media Club and attend a conference at the University of Paris. My sophomore year, I traveled just with the mass communication department and experienced New York City.

Community college is one place I didn't find myself going, but the experiences I had while I was at Cowley helped me be the person and the reporter I am at Northwestern and today. I enjoyed every single minute of it, because of the atmosphere and especially the people who made this experience worth it. Cowley is only a two year college so, once I graduated, it was time to find another college and make the transition.

I found myself looking at schools again and I stumbled across Northwestern Oklahoma State University. I came to the school, did a tour and met people within the communications de-

partment and I have enjoyed the school and the individuals I have met thus far.

*Community college is one place I didn't find myself going, but the experiences I had while I was at Cowley helped me be the person and the reporter I am at Northwestern and today.*

I just want to give a shout out to my parents, my former advisor, Meg Smith, my friends I met at Cowley that have transferred and those who will be graduating this next year, everyone I have met so far here at Northwestern and most importantly, God. Without all of these individuals, plus many more, I wouldn't be where I am today.



## EDITOR'S RANT OF THE WEEK

By ASHLEY STREHL  
*Editor-in-Chief*

Hello readers, as you are reading this, you are reading one of my last editorials of the semester. Yep, we only have two ... TWO issues left, and as much as I love this job, I am ready for a break.

This has been my most stressful semester as a student and as Editor-in-Chief. I had 17 hours this semester, 5 classes and 1 online class. It was not easy, ever.

I felt like I was under a lot of pressure all the time, not only to be a good student but to be a good editor as well. I know this is a small college, and a small newspaper, maybe a lot of people don't read it, but I take it very seriously and I have since I began here.

I strive to do my best, and sometimes I don't live up to everyone's expectations, especially my own. I don't know if any of you noticed but last week, I forgot to place the Alva's Market ad on page 3.

After discovering this when it was too late, I completely had a breakdown. I was so done with failing constantly, I just felt like no matter how hard I try there is always going to be something wrong with this paper and not everyone is going to like what I say or what we say in here.

But ... I have to keep reminding myself that, even though this paper is important to me, my mental health should always be more important. I can't let my job keep me from being proud of myself. And ... the fact that I got so upset just shows how much I care about this paper and how much I care about my work.

I called my mom crying and she reminded me of something that she often says, "Just because you failed, does not mean you are a failure." So each Thursday I take the criticism, It's good for my character and makes me stronger.

# Editorial

## 'He saved some lives'

### How a brave state trooper protected my family

By **JORDAN GREEN**  
News Editor

My phone buzzed.

I looked down to see whom the message was from.

Mom.

"Just FYI, if something were to ever happen ...," the text began.

She told me the location of my family's important papers, the name of our family attorney, the name of our life insurance agent, and the instructions for operating the family trust until I turn 21.

The last sentence in her text: "I love you."

I was confused. It was all out of the blue.

What is this about?

I didn't have to wait long to find out.

That day, my family came close to being in a potentially deadly head-on collision. Had it not been for a heroic Oklahoma state trooper, they might have gotten too close.

Nov. 9 started off normally. I was at home for the weekend. My parents and my sister were driving to Tulsa to get some new contact lenses. They hopped on Interstate 35 west of Blackwell, and they were driving south to get on the turnpike to Tulsa.

Around mile marker 208, my dad saw the flashing red and blue lights of a highway patrol car up ahead. He moved over into the center lane – just in time to avoid being hit head-on by a man driving a gray pickup truck northbound along the southbound shoulder of the road at a speed of nearly 100 miles per hour.

"We were just a little bit past mile marker 208, and we saw some flashing lights up ahead," my father, Phil Green, said. "I just assumed it was a traffic stop, and the law says you've got to move over. So we literally switched over from the righthand lane to the inside lane, and no sooner than I did that, a gray pickup zoomed right

past me going in the opposite direction, northbound on the southbound lanes, driving probably 100 miles per hour on the shoulder.

"It scared the dickens out of us because, you know, we were literally just sitting there seconds earlier, and we never saw this guy. Had it not been for those highway patrolman's lights, we would have never even known something was up."

It was early in the morning, and the truck's gray paint blended in with the dark sky. Had the trooper not been there with his lights on, my father would not have been able to see the truck, and he wouldn't have moved into the other lane, he said.

"We could have easily swerved just far enough to the right and hit him," my dad said of the truck. "None of us would have survived that head-on. Had it not been for those lights, I would have never switched lanes. I would have been right there on the shoulder."

"He saved some lives," my dad said of the trooper.

My mother, Julie Green, was sitting right next to my father in the car that day. She praised the work of the trooper, who put himself in harm's way to save the lives of others.

"I just don't think law enforcement gets enough respect," she said. "They have to enter into situations that no one else would want to, and their main focus is saving lives. That's exactly what happened Saturday. The pursuit went on for a little bit, but the trooper's endurance to stay the task, and God's protection, is what helped. I mean, no one lost their life, and that's just ... it still blows my mind, because that was such a scary situation."

My mother choked up talking about the experience. But she found one word to describe how she felt about what the courageous trooper had done for my family that day: Grateful.

"I'm very grateful," she said.

"I think law enforcement and the military ... I think they deserve our prayers every day for what they do. They're very brave. And I'm very, very grateful. When you see your life flash before your eyes, so many things come into focus. But man, the officer does that on a daily basis."

She's exactly right.

From what happened to my family Saturday, I have learned a valuable lesson: You never realize just how precious life is until you come close to losing it. And before Saturday, I had never fathomed just how much law enforcement officers put on the line in order to protect our lives. No matter the situation, they are there to save the lives of innocent people and bring the most heinous criminals to justice.

We owe more to our nation's peacekeepers than we could ever give them. They're the ones patrolling our neighborhoods at all hours of the night to keep us safe. They're the ones taking gun-toting drug dealers off the streets.

**"Had it not been for those lights, I would have never switched lanes." - Phil Green**

They're the ones saving children from kidnappings and killings.

And they're the ones saving families from criminals who fly down the highway at 100 miles per hour. Your family. My family. Our family.

What can I even say to the trooper who courageously chased after the fiend Saturday morning?

"Thank you" isn't enough.

I'll turn it back over to Mom for that one.

"I'm just very grateful. We might not be having this conversation if it wasn't for him."

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*The sad truth is that opportunity doesn't knock twice. You can put things off until tomorrow but tomorrow may never come. Where will you be a few years down the line. Will it be everything you dreamed of. We seal our fate with the choices we take, but don't give a second thought to the chances we take.*

**Gloria Estefan**

*Remember the past, plan for the future, but live for today, because yesterday is gone and tomorrow may never come.*

**Luke the Evangelist**

*The truth is you don't know what is going to happen tomorrow. Life is a crazy ride, and nothing is guaranteed.*

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# News

## HONORING THOSE WHO SERVED

Photos by Jordan Green

### Editorial: Veteran's Day should not be the only day we thank those who have served

By **JORDAN GREEN**  
News Editor

Though Veteran's Day has passed, I would like to say "Thank you" to those who have so selflessly served our great country. We encourage you to do the same today – and every day.

While the United States celebrates many important patriotic holidays, perhaps the most important is Armistice Day, which honors those great men and women who have fought for our freedoms.

Since our great nation was born, its

guiding principles – life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness – have been protected by millions of honorable men and women who have so courageously put their lives on the line to ensure that we may live in peace.

Without their praiseworthy efforts, our country would not be the great nation we know it to be. Since the colonists fought for their independence from Britain; since the world went to war in order to end Nazi oppression; and since our own homeland was so viciously attacked by those from far away, courageous American men and women have signed up to safeguard the

greatest country in the world: The United States of America. Our veterans did not waver on their promises to defend us. When the wolf growled at the door, they stood ready; when duty called, they answered.

Veteran's Day pays homage to these outstanding individuals. But for their great commitments to our freedom, one holiday is not enough. Each and every day, take time to thank the veterans you know for their service to our country. Thank not only those who have served, but also those who are serving and those who will serve.

To all of our veterans: Thank you.



### TAG: Volunteers hope organizations will pitch in

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help. Then, they asked CORE to join.

Since the first Trash Tag, other groups have participated: the Fine Arts department and Christian organizations. For the homecoming game, the Wesley House, the Baptist Collegiate Ministries, and the FCA took over the clean-up.

Sara Houchin is a resident at the Wesley house, and she also attends the BCM. She participated in the Trash Tag.

"I think it's important because it shows that we care about our school, and we appreciate the work that our janitors do and [we] want to do our part and help them out," she said. "I think

my favorite part was at first, I thought, 'This is a lot.' But once we started, kids that weren't necessarily in the organizations were helping out, and it was finished pretty quickly with everyone working together."

Houchin added: "It would be great if, by the end of the season, all of the organizations on campus have had the opportunity to do their part, and it would be great to continue this for other sports and campus events as well. Hopefully we can create a habit so we don't need to tag anyone, we just automatically clean up and take care of our school."

Nutley and Willson hope to continue Trash Tag through basketball season.

"We would like to have a presence at other sporting events as well," Nutley said. "We just wanted to start small to make sure it was something people would participate in."

#### About the event:

Trash Tag was started by the Gay-Straight Alliance as a way to help clean up the university's football stands after games.



Photo by Ashley Strehl

### Students attend career fair on campus

Northwestern students attended a career fair Wednesday in the Student Center Ballroom. Students met with potential employers, and they were encouraged to bring resumes and dress nicely while meeting with companies. The event lasted from 10 a.m. to noon.

# Feature

## Northwestern becomes home for transfer-athletes

*Transfer-athletes say Northwestern makes transferring process less stressful and easy*

By **DAVID THORNTON**  
Student Reporter

More than 100 student athletes in the Northwestern Oklahoma's Athletic program started college at a different school.

This small university in Alva, Oklahoma has consistently become home for many student athletes from around the world, and from all divisions. Players have come to NWOSU from Junior college, other Division 2 schools, National Association of Intercollegiate Athletes schools and even division 1 schools. One hundred athletes do not sound like a lot until you put in perspective of how many sports Northwestern has. Northwestern lacks a few popular sports you would see at other schools, especially a division 1 school. Men's soccer, men's track and field, tennis, lacrosse and swim are all sports Northwestern does not have.

Combined all together, Northwestern has 14 sports. With 100 plus transfer athletes and 14 sports, this is a lot.

Commonly transferring schools is a hassle, but that is the complete opposite for athletes if they are transferring to Northwestern. Many students have found the process easy, stress less and quick. Most transfer athletes are already stressed and finding a new team, new school and essentially a new home can be stressful for athletes and anyone.

"This is a process that is very stressful and was made easy and less stressful by the people here at Northwestern," said NWOSU basketball player Andrew Jones.

Once you find that school, this is also stressful; you are in a completely new environment and need to adjust quickly. Northwestern is a place that welcomes new faces and new beginnings, especially for athletes. NWOSU women's basketball player, Tori Coulter is a basketball player who was at a Junior college before transferring to NWOSU.

"I decided to come to Northwestern so I can have a fresh start," Coulter said. Tori also added that she did have a good fresh start, with meeting new people, playing basketball and having a good academic year. Creating a new start is another common reason why athletes transfer.

They seek something new and something better for themselves.

College athletes transferring schools is not anything new. It has been common since college athletics started. Many athletes transfer for various reasons: a coaching

change, better playing times, more scholarship money, or better education but whatever the case players like moving to different schools.

Some players like change, especially if that change benefits the athlete. Nowadays, players hardly stay at the school they begin with. In an article by "Indy Star", according to the NCAA, about 40 percent of Division 1 freshmen leave their first school, and that is just freshmen; many others are also sophomores and even seniors that transfer just for a better opportunity.

There are also grad transfers, they graduate school with a year of athletics left. They get the option to leave that school and go to another school and focus their last year mainly on athletics.

This is a great opportunity to go to a better athletic university. Usually these players would have redshirted their first year or during anytime throughout their career giving them that extra athletic year.

Transfers can make a big difference for the team they move to, they could be bringing scoring, leadership and experience or just simply wins to the program. Northwestern feeds off that. Bringing in players who lead and make a program better is what Northwestern is all about. The Indy Star article also said that two of every five players entering one college end up at another, this statistic was based off of just basketball alone.

When transferring, the players find what is best for them athletically and academically and Northwestern has been successful with proving that to players. Many players here at Northwestern chose this school not just for their sport, but also for their academics.

### Why do college athletes transfer?

There are three main reasons on why college athletes transfer. "Smarthlete" wrote an article on the three reasons being, limited amount of playing time, the coach and the college.

Obviously not every player on the roster gets to play. Some players like being a role player, while others do not. The ones that do not want to play a lot or at least get in the game. Therefore, they use that option of transferring to another school; a school that need that kind of player and will play him or her. Some go a division down to get more playing time and exposure. Some more up a division because of their skill level and competition.



Photos by David Thornton

Tyler Junior College transfer Raphael Edwards Jr. runs up the field as his teammate goes in for encouragement.

The relation between coach and player is very important, especially if you want to be successful. If a player and coach are not on the same page, being successful can be a challenge for that player. It is very common to have a good first relationship with the coaching staff.

Transferring to a more suitable coach is a big factor on why athletes will transfer. Having a coach who understands the athletes is important, and a big part of those athletes' successes.

The last reason is the college itself. Many players play at junior college to get better before going to a University.

That does take up at most two years of athletic eligibility, but if you use the opportunity right, it will be worth it. Reasons on that could be academics could be too difficult or easy, or you do not like the city or state. Reasons can vary depending on the player and their experience at that school.

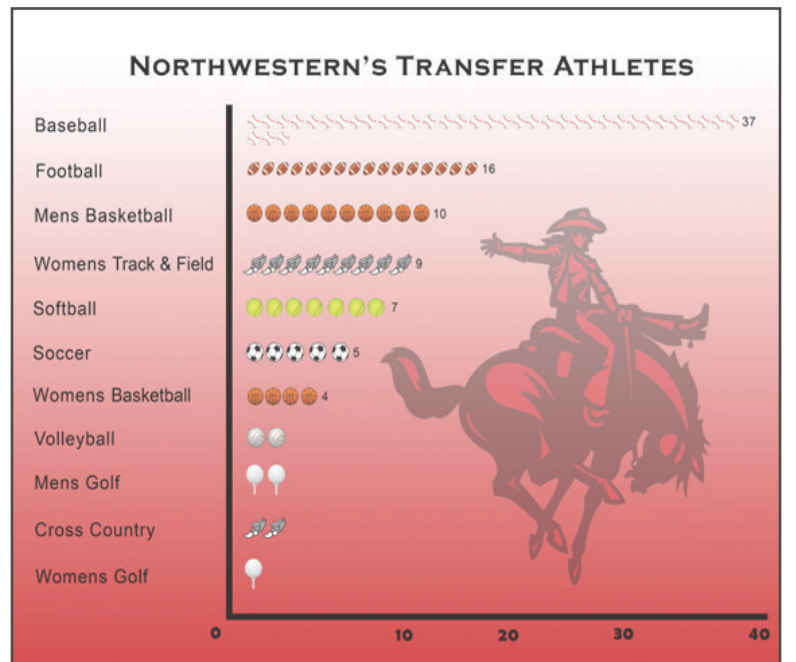
A common theme between all of the athletes was that it was an easy process to transfer here. They all said faculty and their individual coaches helped through every step of the transferring process.

Talking with the student athletes here at Northwestern, another common theme was that they had an opportunity for a fresh start.

They key to Northwestern's success in getting these athletes is by working with them and bring a home environment to them.



Trinidad State Junior College transfer Eric Andres smiles with his friends as he practices basketball.



Graphic by David Thornton

This graphic displays every sport NWOSU has and the amount of transfer athletes they have in each sport.

# Feature

November 14 World Kindness Day

## Acts of kindness to do every day

By **LYLA MURIE**  
Student Reporter

1. If someone is sitting alone at lunch or whenever, one can offer to sit with them. By doing this, it can help people make new friends.
2. If there's a group project in class and one person is left out, join that person and work on whatever is happening in that class. Nobody needs to feel left out and one person can help change that.
3. Leave motivational and positive notes in random places around campus for people to see.
4. Pay it forward- help someone out with a cup of coffee and/or snacks.
5. Compliment someone- who knows, they might be having a hard day. One nice thing could change their mood and whole day.
6. Let a teacher, or anyone that works on campus, know they are appreciated. By doing so, it can make a difference because who doesn't want to be noticed and feel worthy.
7. Someone could make a little goody basket and hand them out to people. Fill it with candy, snacks and inspirational notes. They could make it a theme with certain colors or festive if there's a holiday near.
8. Common courtesy, but hold the doors open for other people. A lot of people have neglected this specific mannerism.
9. If someone is struggling to carry something, lend a helping a hand.
10. Call an old friend or family member to check on them. It can really make their day and make them feel better.
11. Volunteer around campus and/or the community. Volunteering is always a great way to show some kindness.
12. Donating clothes or books is a very helpful resource for other college students who can't afford to get any.
13. Spend time with a friend who is need of comfort. Listening to them shows them you care. No one should have to suffer alone.
14. If someone looks lost, help them. Don't make fun of them, just reach out.
15. Call someone you love or miss because that person will most likely feel the same and will very much appreciate it.

## Exploring majors

Criminal Justice major

### Getting a sneak peak into a different major every week.

By **ANGEL PEREZ**  
Student Reporter



**Koby Spicer**

#### Why did you choose your major?

I chose criminal justice because I've always been interested in law and law enforcement. I've always wanted to be on my feet and in the field so I've been drawn to law enforcement and being a federal agent.

#### What is your favorite class?

Court Procedures.

#### What is the best part of being in your major?

Talking to all the experienced people in my field and hearing their stories. It's also really interesting to learn about the different ways someone can make this world a better place.

#### Tips for underclassmen in the major?

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

#### What is your dream job with the major?

Other than obviously playing professional baseball, I'd like to go into the Army. After that, I'd like to work in perhaps the FBI for the Behavioral Analysts Unit or maybe for Homeland Security.

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# Entertainment



## 'Poor unfortunate show'

*Critics write harsh reviews of live performance*

By **MICHELLE WILLSON**  
Feature/Entertainment Editor

By no means do I think the show was bad - I just feel that it could have been better.

I really think Disney needs to learn the phrase "just because you can doesn't mean you should". I'm not talking about casting or singing or even the performance. I am talking about the transitions between songs.

I have mixed feelings on the animated transitions that strung the musical pieces along. On one hand they kept the performance close to the original on the other it kind of took away from the live aspect of it.

The show started out good with the original Ariel, Jodi Benson, doing an opening speech and the original Walt Disney Logo. If only they would have kept that nostalgic feel ...

I did not expect the actors to mirror the animated movie exactly, but the performance would have been better if they followed the attitudes of the animation a little closer.

I liked the singing for the most part, but there were sections that were changed to dialogue that I felt had more impact when sang. There were inflections changed that really change the mood of songs.

I loved that the cast was diverse and inclusive because



I believe that you shouldn't be denied a role based on your looks, as long as you can sing and play the part.

The use of puppets was good in most aspects, especially in "Poor Unfortunate Souls" as the dead creatures.

The puppets also looked good as the background sea creatures. I don't like that flounder was made a puppet. I feel that he is a valuable character that should have been a costume.

The aerial dances were stunning. The backup dancers helped move the show along and their facial expressions added a bit of humor, especially the backup chefs and the runaway crabs in "Le Poissons" and the children playing sea creatures in "Kiss The Girl".

The costumes were phenomenal. Being in theatre, I know how hard it is to make realistic costumes and it's easier to make costumes that allude to

the creature.

Take Sebastian, he is a crab but the crab costumes in "Le Poissons" are too restricting it would almost take away from the lyrics. I loved their solution to this problem by making his costume out of red leather material. Most of the costumes stayed pretty close to the original movie which is helpful for the audience to decipher who is who. Ursula's costume change was spectacular.

I was a little confused with Amber Rylee's "Daughters of Triton" performance because I was trying to figure out what sea creature she was dressed as.

I loved their use of the Scrim. The projection screen added a lot to the show. It gave it a more movie vibe even with it live on stage. It was perfect during "Poor Unfortunate Souls" when Ariel signed the papers.

I give this show a 3 out of 5. I did like it but it did not reach the expectations that it was hyped for.

## Just because it's old, doesn't mean it's dull

### Cherokee performance wows audience

By **MICHELLE WILLSON**  
Feature/Entertainment Editor

Cherokee High School students wowed their audience with an amazing performance of the "Old Man and The Old Moon".

The story follows the old man who has the job of refilling the moon every day. He fails to keep his promises to his wife about going on an adventure and she leaves him. He then spends the play chasing her and, in the end, regains the memories that he had lost over time.

The Cherokee High School students gave a performance that would be expected from professionals.

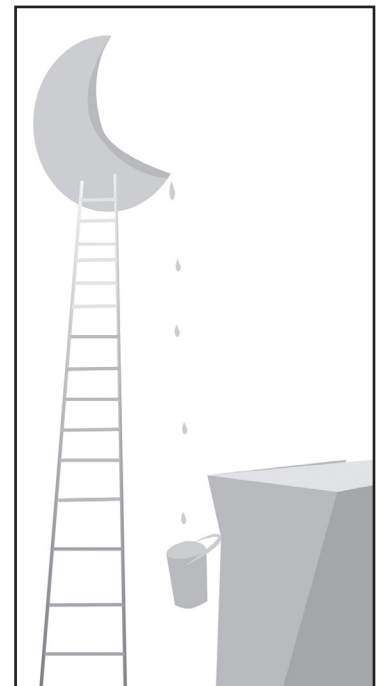
Their acting told the story in a clear and concise manner. Their accents were authentic, and they were able to switch between characters with ease, which can be difficult even for trained actors.

The Cherokee High School theater is proof you don't need big, expensive sets and props to tell a good story in a great way. All you need is good actors who mesh well and lots of dedication.

The props included basketballs as cannon balls, empty bottles and mop heads that made a dog puppet and canes as swords.

Yet they used them in a way that never took attention away from the plot and never left you wishing the props were more realistic.

Acting aside, the set was simple yet eloquent. It gave the illusion of a boat without having a physical boat on stage.



Graphic by Michelle Willson

The actor's movements helped transition the set between scenes and helped portray the images on stage.

The use of the lights, or lack thereof, gave the illusion of time passing, storms brewing and the use of flashlights gave the stage a unique look.

Last but not least, the shadow puppets told the story and helped move the plot along while giving the audience all the information they needed. I was mesmerized by the detail in the shadows.

Two years ago I watched their 2017 winner "Peter and The Star Catcher", so I walked into the auditorium on Saturday with extremely high expectations, all of which were met and exceeded.

I don't have a bad thing to say about the performance so I give Cherokee High School a 5 out of 5 for their performance of "The Old Man and The Old Moon"

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Klaus  
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**Available November 16**

Suffragette

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The Crown: Season 3

**Available November 19**

Iliza: Unveiled  
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Bikram: Yogi, Guru, Predator  
Dream/Killer  
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# Sports

## Volleyball sweeps SWOSU at home

By NICK DILL  
Student Reporter

The Rangers are on a roll as they continue their home win streak to 9-0.

On Thursday, The Rangers volleyball team defeated rivals Southwestern Oklahoma State in three sets.

The Rangers started hot in the first set with an early 7-2 lead. The bulldogs tried to claw back in the game tying the game at 17-17.

After a back and forth battle, a five point run from Kiauna Clark secured the win for the rangers' 25-20.

The second set was a well earned set. The Rangers had to fight to win this set. There were 15 ties and 15 lead changes.

Clutch kills from Clark and Alexi Beach helped the rangers win set two 26-24.

The Rangers dominated in the third set, and the rangers never let up after an early lead.

Clark dominated in this set with eight kills. Clark ended her amazing performance with a final kill to win the match 25-12.

The impactful players in this



Photo by Leah Darnell

Volleyball will play Oklahoma Baptist for their last home game Nov. 14.

game were Clark with 16 kills, 34 assists.

Kaydee Honeycutt with 11 kills and 18 digs, and Kaitlyn Robinson led the team with 30 of the teams

This win was a historic one. The volleyball program reached their first 21 game win record in

history.

This is also their first 11 game win record since joining the Great American Conference.

The Rangers volleyball team now sits at second place in the GAC with a record of 21-9, and 11-3 in conference.

*"I'm very proud of how we played tonight," said Aubuchon*

Head Coach Fred Aubuchon was very pleased with the Rangers win.

"Exciting is probably the simplest answer that comes to mind. I'm very proud of how we played tonight," Aubuchon said

"Our team is in a rhythm right now and I'm just doing my best to stay out of their way as they continue to improve and perform in these tough conference matches." he said.

Northwestern Volleyball returns back home vs Oklahoma Baptist Nov.14 at 7 p.m.



Photo by Angel Perez

Yazmin Gomez kicks the ball.

## Soccer finishes season

By ALEJANDRO AARON  
Student Reporter

An emotional day for the Ranger soccer team as they exploded early on for a big win to close out the year against the Crimson Storm of Southern Nazarene.

Northwestern wasted no time coming out of the gate, to take the first shot of the game from Alissa Carlson was a score. After gaining control of possession she was able to get out in front to score the goal giving the Rangers a 1-0 lead.

Yazmin Gomez would sneak the goal on the right side of the net extending the Ranger lead 2-0.

After Southern Nazarene had a few scoring chances on back-to-back corner kicks the Ranger attack used that to spark their offense as they got out fast again. Makayla Barrientos scored at the 15:25 mark giving Northwestern a 3-0 lead.

Senior forward Pricilla Villalobos scored off the corner kick, to once again extend the lead to 4-0.

Northwestern would carry a 5-1 lead going into halftime.

The second half would not change at all. The Rangers would score eight minutes into the second half as senior Kaley Whitworth would add the sixth Ranger goal of the night all by different scorers.

Southern Nazarene would add a goal in the 78 minute mark but would only get that close as the Rangers won this game handily 6-2.

The Rangers would outshoot the Crimson Storm 24-16 for the game including 16-12 on goal.

## Football wins against SNU on the road

By ATHLETIC  
COMMUNICATIONS

Northwestern Oklahoma State University football closed the road portion of the season with an explosive first-half at Southern Nazarene, Saturday night as the Rangers rolled to a 35-21 victory.

With the Crimson Storm leading the game 7-0 early in the first quarter, the Rangers responded with a touchdown on their next possession to knot the game at 7-7. SNU would then retake the lead on the ensuing kickoff, that was returned 90 yards, and then they stretched the lead to 14 at the four-minute mark of the quarter.

The reigning Great American Conference Special Team Player of the Week Aharon Barnes, would return his own kickoff 99 yards to cut the SNU lead to 21-14, which is the score at the end of the first quarter. Barnes returned two kickoffs for 138 yards, 69 yards per return.

Gavin Garner started the scoring in the second quarter when he caught a pass from Tanner Clarkson, going 54 yards to the house, to tie the game at 21-21

Kenny Miller punched in a four yard run to give the Black-and-Red the lead with 7:11 to go in the first half.

The Rangers would add one more touchdown on the ground, this time by Calion Baker from two yards out to give Northwestern the 35-21 lead, the score which ends up being the final score.

Conner O'Neal was a perfect 5-for-5 on PAT attempts.

Clarkson threw for 162 yards on 18-of-30 passing, collecting two touchdowns. He also led the team in rushing going for 81 yards on 13 attempts. Baker rushed for 30 yards on eight attempt and Miller gained 19 yards on nine attempts.

Garner was the leading receiver for Northwestern catching six passes for 95 yards, Raphael Edwards Jr. gained 34 yards on four receptions. Garner and Kentrez Bell each caught a touchdown for the Rangers.

Defensively Northwestern was led by Cam White and Maurice Wright Jr., who each had nine tackles, seven of which were solo. Qua'Shawn Gray also had seven solo tackles out of his eight total tackles. Marcus Brent collected 2.5 tackles for loss on five tackles.

The Black-and-Red will return home to face archrival Southwestern Oklahoma State on Saturday November 16 at 3 p.m., which will be senior day at Ranger Field.



Photos by Angel Perez

Northwestern will play Southwestern Oklahoma State on Nov. 16.



The 1999 national champions team will be honored during halftime.

# Sports

## 1999 national team to be honored

By ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS

Twenty years ago, Northwestern Oklahoma State University's football team brought home the school's only team national championship.

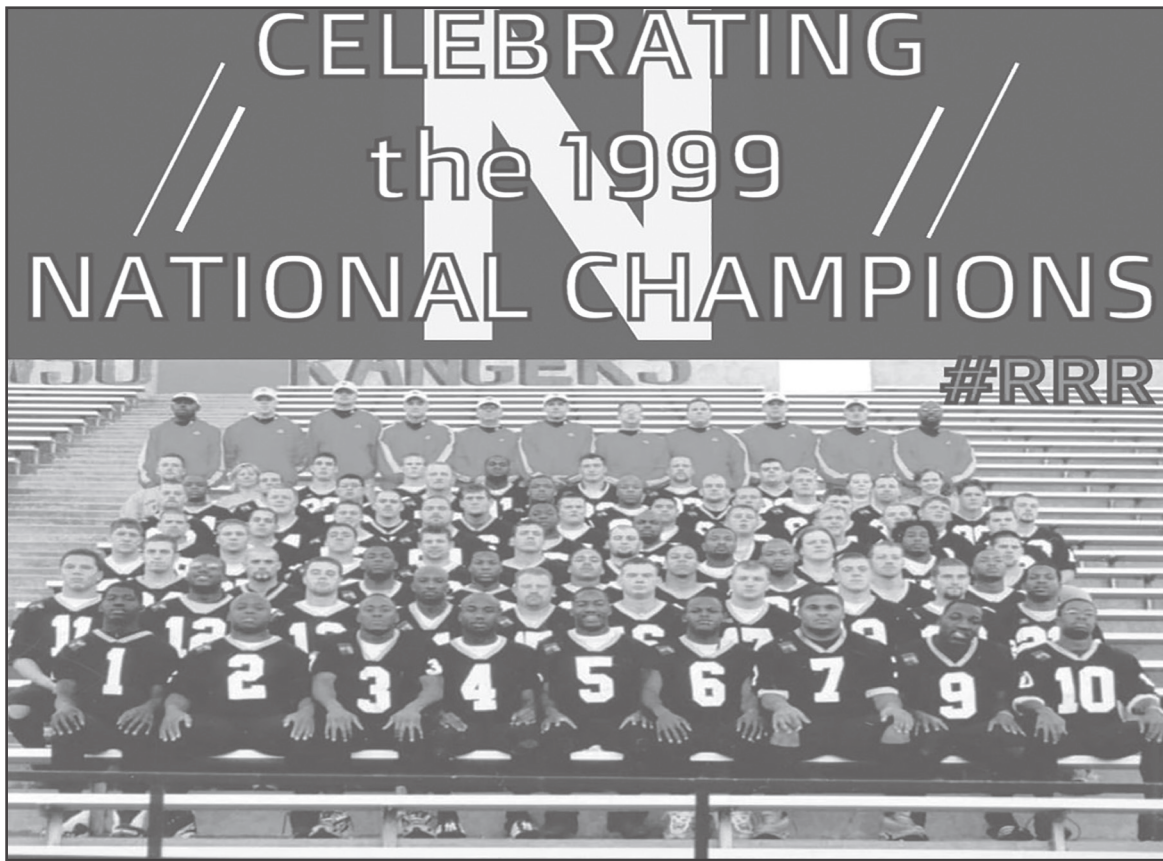
They completed an undefeated season and won the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics crown.

Northwestern will celebrate the 20th anniversary of that championship season by welcoming home team members for a reunion and recognition at Saturday's football game.

"The 1999 championship season remains one of the great historical moments in Northwestern's history, and brings back fond memories for Ranger fans," Dr. Janet Cunningham, university president, said.

"We are thrilled to be able to recognize members of the team and bring them back home to celebrate that historical season."

Following a special pregame tailgate party, team members will be recognized at halftime of Saturday's football game at



The 1999 national champion team will be honored at the SWOSU football game on Saturday during halftime.

Photo by riderangerside.com

Ranger Field. Kickoff is at 3 p.m. NWOSU will be playing rivals Southwestern Oklahoma State University for the last game of the

season.

Several players and coaches have indicated they will return for the event.

This Northwestern football team completed a 13-0 season with a come from behind 34-26 victory over top ranked Georgetown

College, located in Kentucky, at Jim Carroll Stadium in Savannah, Tenn.

The Rangers stormed back from a 20-0 halftime deficit, wowing a national television crowd and Ranger fans across the nation.

The team produced six NAIA All-Americans – Dustin Loveless, Daryl Richardson, Lynn Scott, Brandon Christenson, Al Hunt and Danny Polmounter.

Loveless finished second in the voting for National Player of the Year, and Scott was named an Academic All-American.

Head coach Tim Albin was also named NAIA Coach of the Year.

Seventeen Rangers earned All-Central States Football League honors, including Loveless as Defensive Player of the Year and Hunt as Offensive Player of the Year.

The Rangers offensive "Machine" led the NAIA in rushing with 4,233 yards (325.6 yards per game) and 52 rushing touchdowns.

Defensively, the "Black Cloud" defense was ranked second nationally in total defense, with 163 tackles for loss, 64 sacks and

## Basketball starts season at tournament

By ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS

The Northwestern Oklahoma State University basketball team were ready to start their season Friday evening. As Northwestern hosted the GAC/MIAA/NSIC Challenge this year.

To start off, the Lady Rangers would draw the Riverhawks to open up. The Rangers were able to prevail an early Northeastern attack and win this game 71-59 behind 27 points from senior guard Kalea King.

NWOSU would get off to a slow start in this one falling behind 18-8 during the first quarter with 2:58 left in the opening quarter.

The Lady Rangers would us an 8-0 run in the final minutes of the quarter to spark their comeback. After the first quarter Rangers trailed 18-16.

After teams started trading baskets throughout the quarter

the Rangers finally got an advantage on a King jumper to give the Rangers a 31-30 lead late in the quarter. NWOSU would carry a 32-30 lead into the break.

The Riverhawks would even the score to start the half at 32 apiece. However, the Rangers would outscore the Riverhawks 24-13 in the quarter with 11 free throws to take a 56-43 lead into the final quarter.

NWOSU would make sure there was no thought of a comeback from the Riverhawks in the fourth quarter. The lady Rangers won 71-59 in their first game of the season.

NWOSU's men's basketball took a tough loss in their season opener against Northeastern State as they hosted the GAC/MIAA/NSIC Challenge on Friday night

Northwestern started off slow early in the game as they went 8-28 in the first half of the match-up.

After some back-and-forth early on the Riverhawks stepped on

the gas and took a hefty 19-point lead that made the score 30-11 with 6:24 left in the first half. Back-to-back buckets from Whitfield would spur the Black-and-Red into some action as they ended the first half with a 14-point deficit at 37-23.

The Rangers came out better in the beginning minutes of the second half as junior Nathan Bailey nailed a huge three to get the Rangers to within nine at 39-30 with 17 minutes left in the second half. The Rangers dropped the match-up with a final score of 74-53.

The Rangers excelled in the paint with 28 points to Northeastern's 22, however the team struggled to stop the offensive boards from the Riverhawks.

Up next, the men's basketball will travel to Wichita, Kansas to play Newman University on Nov. 16. The women's team will travel to Emporia, Kansas to play Emporia State on Nov. 14



Photo by riderangerside.com

## Clark named national player

Kiauna Clark was named the American Volleyball Coaches Association player of the week. Clark is a senior from San Antonio, Texas. So far in the 2019 season Clark's game high stats are 19 kills, 15 digs and a total of 21 points.

Volleyball at home:

Football at home:

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Up Next for Ranger Sports

# Bringing students together one game at a time



Top left: Cody Cosper playing the video game, Call of Duty during the game night hosted by Student Government Association.



Photos by Leah Darnell

Student Government Association hosted a game night 7-9 p.m. on Nov. 12 for students in the Student Center. There were a variety of games for students to play like board games and card and video games. “The purpose of the game night is to provide an opportunity for the students to take a break from studying and their normal routine,” Vice President of Student Government Association, Ethan Sackett said, “and to just take a break in the student center and play some games with students they normally wouldn’t really meet, and just provide a great opportunity to relax a little.”



Top right: Caleb Pierce and Ethan Sackett playing Super Smash Brothers: Ultimate on the Nintendo Switch.

Bottom right: A group of students participating in the game night by playing the new game, “New Phone Who Dis?”

