

Smile of the Week



Photo by Angel Perez

Business administration major Juan Gui Angarita said he is smiling because he likes to be with his friends in the U.S., who are like his second family.

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Volleyball lands second seed in GAC

Lady Rangers see best finish in regular season

By ASHLEY WATTS
Sports Editor

Northwestern Oklahoma State University finished out the fall 2019 season with a record of 22-10 and 12-4 in conference play.

This is the best finish for the Lady Rangers in the regular season since moving to Division II and joining the Great American Conference in 2012.

Head coach Fred Aubuchon started coaching the Lady Rangers this fall, and is pleased with the outcome of the season so far. Aubuchon also brought an assistant coach with him that played for his team at his last school.

“It’s been a fantastic season,” Aubuchon said. “I couldn’t ask anymore from these girls.”

Not only did volleyball have a successful season, but multiple players from the team were named GAC volleyball player of the week. Junior Sydnee Miller was named GAC Defensive Player of the Week a total of three times in the regular season, and redshirt senior Kiauna Clark was named the GAC Co-Offensive player one time throughout the season. The same week Clark was named GAC player of the week she was also named American Volleyball Coaches Association national player of the week for Division II.

This is the first national player of the week that Northwestern has had for volleyball.

With the close of the regular season the volleyball team will be traveling to Hot Springs, Arkansas to take part in the GAC volleyball tournament. Northwestern is placed as the second seed and will play No. 7 Ouachita Baptist in their first game. “I couldn’t be more excited for the tournament,” Aubuchon said. “We are



Photo by Leah Darnell

The Ranger Volleyball team huddles together in celebration after scoring against OBU Thursday.

in a good starting position.”

Last year at the GAC tournament Northwestern faced the top seeded team, Harding, and lost 2-3. This was the second year in a row that Northwestern made the tournament. Northwestern played one of the biggest games of the year last Thursday as they hosted top seed Oklahoma Baptist.

A lot of people showed up for the game that would determine whether Oklahoma Baptist would be No. 1 by themselves or have to share the spot with Northwestern.

“During games like Thursday’s I have two things going through my mind,” Aubuchon said. “I am invested in the moment and I then think ahead to the next position.”

Aubuchon also committed on how he prepares for games especially the big ones like last Thursday’s.

“I put together a solid game plan to follow and I try to put the girls in a situation to be successful,” Aubuchon said.

Since the game against Oklahoma Baptist was so big a lot of people showed up to cheer on the Rangers. “We really appreciate all the support from the community and Ranger nation through athletic teams, students and faculty,” said assistant coach, Kortney Cunningham.

The GAC tournament starts on Nov. 20 in Hot Springs. The Lady Rangers will play Ouachita Baptist for the first game. If they win this game then they will play the winner of the Southwestern and Harding game.

“We could never have asked for a better group of girls to coach in our first year together,” Aubuchon said on behalf of him and Cunningham.

Football wins against SWOSU on Senior Day



Senior Maurice Wright walks beside his family as he is honored on Senior Day at last Saturdays game against SWOSU.



Senior Jacob Lance goes to hug a family member as he is honored on Senior Day Saturday ... See FOOTBALL, Pg 10

Photos by Angel Perez

News

Academia

Research day set for Nov. 22

48 students set to compete in annual event before winners advance to state competition

By **CHUY DOMINGUEZ**
Student Reporter

Ranger Research Day is set for Friday at 8:30 a.m. in the Student Center Ballroom.

This year, 48 students will compete in giving a presentation of their research projects, which will later advance to Oklahoma Research Day. Although faculty members may participate, their works will not be judged. Their projects will be put on display.

These research projects are categorized as business, art and music, education, liberal arts, math and science, and other academic topics.

By the end of the event, winners are chosen for first, second, and third places. Then, they will head to Oklahoma Research Day. This event is where students from different universities all over the state present their research. It will be held at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in the spring of 2020.

Posters include a brief abstract and a short introduction, and they should list the aim of the research, results of the research, and a discussion about it.

Students may choose to write an academic research paper instead of making a poster. Participants will read their papers aloud for their presentations. Students



Northwestern News file photo

Students and professors look at research projects presented at Ranger Research Day in 2017. The annual event allows Northwestern students and faculty to share their research with others. This year, it will be held Nov. 22.

can do their research over any subject they choose as long as they have a faculty sponsor.

This event started 14 years ago with the associate dean of graduate study, Rod Murrow. He retired and was replaced by Shawn Holliday in 2010.

Holliday is the second person to hold this position. He said he sees great opportunities in this event.

He encourages not only graduate students, but also undergradu-

ates, faculty members and staff members to participate and share their academic research skills.

Ranger Research Day can affect a student's academic skills and enhance their abilities of public speaking, he said.

"Students who are interested in grad school can benefit from participating in this event," Holliday said. "It is very important since many graduate schools insist on a lot of research. It can give them a presentation to add to their resume. It would show that

they present, and it will help them with their presentation skills."

One graduate student who will participate in this event is Chad Woods.

His research is a literary review of different studies that have examined competition in video games in different areas.

"In my paper/presentation, I discuss areas where competition in video games positively affects people, negatively affects

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Leadership

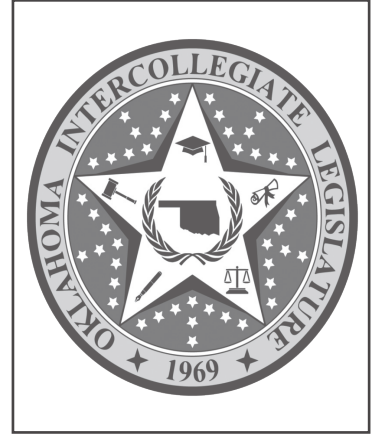


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The Oklahoma Intercollegiate Legislature is one of the largest and oldest student government groups in the United States.

Shirey leads statewide organization for students

By **LOGAN MERIWETHER**
Student Reporter

The Oklahoma Intercollegiate Legislature is the largest and one of the oldest mock government groups in the United States.

OIL allows students from all across the state to take roles as senators, representatives, attorneys, and members of the press. They practice running a government.

Corey Shirey, a senior at Northwestern, is the governor of OIL. There are 16 universities and 186 students currently participating in OIL. Seven of those members are from NWOSU.

This is the first time in 10 years NWOSU has had this many students participate, according to Shirey. Shirey has been a member of OIL for five years, and he said he has loved every minute of it.

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Conservation

Students launch new recycling project

CORE plans to recycle paper on campus in spring

By **GEORGE SMITH**
Student Reporter

Claire Theis, president of Conserving Our Ranger Environment, is starting a new recycling project on campus. CORE is going to start recycling paper, so students that have trash paper can recycle it rather than just throwing it away.

"[We are] starting pretty small, primarily just having bins in the library and the Academic Success Center," Theis said.

Theis believes this will have a positive impact on the campus and

will help make the campus cleaner.

The mission of CORE is to empower communities in northwest Oklahoma to engage with local and global environmental issues while promoting investment in the well-being of all inhabitants.

CORE serves the communities of northwest Oklahoma by sponsoring an environmental education event once every term, operating the university's recycling programs, and holding a textbook-reuse drive every term.

Jordan Villalva, a first year member of CORE, said North-

western is a great place to start this program because there isn't a place in northwest Oklahoma that offers paper recycling. Villalva said she is excited to get this project going, and she thinks it will be beneficial for students.

CORE members plan to have the recycling bins ready for students to use next semester. Members hope they can expand this project to other schools and other locations throughout Oklahoma.

Dr. Aaron Place and Dr. Steven Mackie serve as the group's advisors.

Consolidated Resources Incorporated reports that the top five most recycled products in the United States are:

1. Steel
2. Aluminum cans
3. Plastic bottles
4. Newspapers
5. Cardboard

Facts about recycling:

- 9/10 of all trash in the United States is not recycled

- Almost 80 % of all trash in landfills could be recycled

- In the United States, \$11.4 billion worth of recyclable containers are thrown away each year.

- Americans receive four million tons of junk mail each year.

- U.S. businesses use roughly 21 million tons of paper each year.

Source: Rubicon

News

What's up?

This week:

Children's Theater Production

The Annual Children's Production is hosted for elementary students in the surrounding area. Thursday and Friday shows are for elementary students and schools. Saturday's show at 2 p.m. is open to the public in Herod Hall Auditorium. Tickets cost \$1.25 each.

Date: Nov. 21-23

This week:

Ranger Research Day XIV

Ranger Research Day provides a forum where students and faculty can share their research with the campus community. The event will take place in the Student Center Ballroom.

**Date: Nov. 22
8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.**

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Goodie Giveaway at Ranger Basketball

Ranger Basketball will give away baked goods. To enter the drawing, buy three tickets for \$1. The drawing will take place at all home basketball games.

**Date: Nov. 30
7 p.m.**

This month:

Groups collecting goods

The Gay-Straight Alliance of Northwestern Oklahoma State University and the NWOSU Social Workers of Tomorrow Association are holding fundraising drives in search of non-monetary donations.

The SWA is holding the "Compassion in Action Dignity Drive." The organization is asking for donations of daily toiletries such as shampoo, conditioner, toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, and deodorant. A donation box is located in the university housing office.

The GSA is working on nearly the same slate. The organization is asking for donations of "gently used" blankets, jackets, and coats. One donation box is located on campus on the west side of the student center, and another box is at Alva's Market, located at 706 Flynn St.

- From staff reports



Photo provided by OIL

NWOSU students participated in the recent OIL session at the Oklahoma State Capitol.

OIL: Shirey signs legislation, speaks to press

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Shirey handles all of the logistical aspects outside of the organization's meeting sessions. He handles all the sectional planning, and he gets hotel contracts so that the organization may reserve rooms. During the session, Shirey handles typical gubernatorial duties; he signs and vetoes legislation, gives press releases, and take interviews from reporters.

Northwestern student Jake Ervin is a senator in OIL. Some of his duties include going down to the senate floor to present and



Corey Shirey

vote on bills. This is his first year in OIL. Ervin is a political sci-

ence major. He plans to find a career in the legislative field after attending law school.

To get students more involved, Shirey said, "Ask them what is important to them." He said OIL needs people that are passionate about different things and ideas because the government plays a role in everything.

To join OIL in the fall semester, students can start attending meetings during August and September. Students can also sign up for the spring session, as OIL has a regular session each semester.

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people, and areas where there is not enough research to say one way or the other while suggesting potential research for the future," Woods said.

Woods said it benefits him to show his research to people who are interested in the topic, and it benefits him to receive insight from other people. It gives him the consideration of realizing

how much effort he has put in and knowing what he can advance toward with his project.

The poster session will take place in the morning from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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Editorial

Unsung Heroes of Northwestern: H. Clay and Mabel McGrath

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

This is the third 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. Although much of the information in this series of articles is from Wayne Lane's book *Northwestern Oklahoma State University, A Centennial History* (copyright 1996), there are many other sources such as oral history that has been passed down from eyewitnesses to the next generations. The most poignant example that I have encountered is the story of the burning of The Castle on the Hill as told to Paul Kinzie by his grandmother Mrs. Audrey Bainum Kinzie. During the early morning hours on March 1, 1935, the Kinzie's were awakened by the noise of confusion caused by the fire, and they immediately went to the site. The vivid description that Mrs. Kinzie provided was that above the tremendous roar of the destructive fire she heard in the distance the pianos crashing down from the third floor as that floor gave way to the flames. Every time I see the film of the burning of the Castle, I think I can hear the pianos falling.

In January 1895, the committee charged with getting a normal school in Alva held its first meeting. During this meeting, the magnificent seven with S. L. Johnson as chair decided to advertise to see if any individual would offer to give Oklahoma

Territory 40 acres of land for the establishment of a normal school.

The committee members were overwhelmed with the offers they received, and they had to decide which offer was the best. They decided that the offer made by H. Clay and Mable McGrath was the most desirable based on its location. (This location is the 40 acres of land located directly east of the current main campus across Highway 281.) A problem, however, arose when it was determined that the McGrath land had a "cloud on the title" which was not unusual at this time because of the confusion caused by conflicting claims after the Run of '93.

The committee then decided to accept the offer made by J. T. and Agnes Fryer which is the current location of Northwestern's main campus. The Fryers prepared a deed to the territory with a restricted clause requiring the land to be used for higher education purposes or it would revert back to the Fryers or their heirs.

In response to these developments, the McGraths offered to either deed the Fryers 20 acres of their land or pay the Fryers for 20 acres. The Fryers decided to accept the cash payment. The result of this was that these two families (the Fryers and the McGraths) equally shared in providing the 40 acres for the Northwestern location.

In 1969, two dormitories were built with one being named Ament Hall after Northwestern's first president and the other being named Fryer Hall to honor the Fryers for their donation of land to establish the campus. The contribution of the McGrath family, however, was apparently overlooked as they were equally deserving as the Fryers. This makes H. Clay and Mabel McGrath unsung heroes of Northwestern.

If you are sick, stay home please

By BRYANT VENOSDEL
Student Reporter

Education is important but what is more important is being healthy.

Flu season is in full swing and every student is probably hearing the coughs and sneezes from fellow classmates in just about every class.

If you are feeling ill and think you can't go to class without having a box of tissues you need to use every five minutes, your professor will understand if you don't show up to class (professors don't like being sick either).

With the semester winding down and graduation around the corner, we don't need a campus full of red-nosed students shuffling class to class.

Your fellow classmate will thank you for not making the classroom a hotbox full of airborne flu particles, keep it contained in your own room.

Instead find out what you missed in class and make it up at a later date so you can still get credit.

If you are feeling ill, here's some tips to get better so you can get well: drink fluids, buy medicine and a big game changer is getting a humidifier.

Humidifiers add moisture to the surrounding air which makes the room more comfortable and that can help stop colds.

On the other side, if you are a student who is trying to stay away from people who are sick and stay as healthy as you can this flu season here is what you can do to avoid it: use hand sanitizer

any chance you get, keep you and your house clean and sanitized and avoid people who are sick.

This flu season doesn't have to be a terrible time if everyone is smart when and when they are not sick.

Keep your professors updated if you won't be in class and when you are not showing signs of being sick go back to class when you can. Everyone on campus will thank you.



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EDITOR'S RANT OF THE WEEK

By ASHLEY STREHL
Editor-in-Chief

I hope all of you have a good thanksgiving break and remember to be thankful for those who care about you. **Without further a-do, here is my editorial from issue 12 in 2018 ...**

A lot of medical issues have come to the surface for me since the semester has started. There's one thing I want my readers to know: **APPRECIATE YOUR LEGS.** Walking without pain and struggle is a blessing, and I took it for granted.

That's right. I cannot express how important self-care is. Worry about **YOURSELF** more than anyone else! Work out, do your hair, or at least brush it and eat **GREEN** food. Especially since finals are coming around, make sure you are staying healthy my friends, because your health can get in the way of your everyday life and it can become a big frustrating mess.

Writing is seriously great for your mental health. Once you get all your feelings down on paper or word document you see things from a different perspective.

This roots back to my self-care speech. Don't hold feelings inside, if you have no one to tell them to, write it, seriously. You're a student, you're stressed enough, instead of getting frown lines, write lines. *Hehe, see what I did there?*

Your writing doesn't have to be perfect, it doesn't even have to make sense, just do it.

The best part is saving your writing and then looking back months/ years later and noticing how much self-improvement you've had sense then. I write when I am sad, angry, and even in moments that I am happy. I have three more pieces of advice to offer:

One: don't let the words of others affect how you feel about yourself.

Two: for the love of Pete, don't let a guy tell you how to dress, look, or feel. Men are irrelevant as heck. However that is a rant for another time.

I hope you all take my advice.

See you next week.

Editorial



Photo by Jordan Green

Union Pacific No. 4014 – better known as “Big Boy” – rolling into Coffeyville, Kansas late on Nov. 16

‘Big Boy’ passes through Kansas

By **JORDAN GREEN**
News Editor

In Coffeyville, history passes you by – on a set of cold steel rails.

On Nov. 16, hundreds of train enthusiasts from across the southern U.S. trekked to this small Kansas town to watch the world’s largest steam locomotive chug down the tracks.

Union Pacific No. 4014 – better known as “Big Boy” – rolled into town late that afternoon.

According to Union Pacific, No. 4014 is the last operational Big Boy unit in the U.S. The company once owned 25 of the engines, seven of which are now on static display at museums around the country.

No. 4014 was put in service in December of 1941. It was retired 20 years later, having traveled over one million miles. In 2013, the railroad purchased the unit back from the RailGiants Museum in California. The engine was relocated to Cheyenne, WY to be restored, and it was put back in service in May of this year to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Transcontinental Railroad’s completion.

As part of the locomotive’s Great Race Across the Southwest, Big Boy rolled through towns in Oklahoma and Kansas on Saturday, where spectators anxiously awaited the arrival of the roughly 600-ton machine.

Luke Benzinger, a 14-year-old train enthusiast from St. Louis, MO, came to Coffeyville with his father to see the train he had dreamed about since he was a little boy.

Benzinger, a self-described “old soul,” said the locomotive’s nearly 6,000-horsepower engine was the most impressive part of the train.

“It’s just fascinating,” he said. “If you didn’t go, you probably missed out on one of the greatest experiences that you’ll ever see.”

The sentiment that seeing Big Boy was a great experience was not uncommon.

Coffeyville native Monroe Joplin said seeing Big Boy was a “once in a lifetime” opportunity.

The U.S. Navy veteran said he has seen two of Union Pacific’s three largest historic trains, both of which ran through his hometown in the last few decades. But once Big Boy’s 68” wheels rolled past him as he watched from a field near the tracks, Joplin was able to check-off the last item on his train-watching bucket-list

“I’ve seen the 844, and I’ve seen the Challenger,” he said before Big Boy arrived. “Once I’ve seen this one, I’ve seen them all.”

Before No. 4014 pulled into town, Joplin said he couldn’t fathom the size of the locomotive.

Then, the engine’s low-pitched whistle let out a long, thunderous blow, and a dark trail of thick, black smoke came billowing out of the smoke-stack.

Like many others, Joplin greeted the mechanical marvel with cheers – and with tears.

“Words ... well, it almost makes you want to cry,” Joplin said with watery eyes. “Once in a lifetime. ... It was well worth the wait.”

Train lovers viewing the locomotive on the ground had a good view of the engine’s moving parts; side-rods slammed back and forth as the shiny black engine pierced the blue hue of the evening sky.

But even though the men and women cheering on the ground had an exciting view of the mechanical masterpiece’s movement, none of them had the view Tanner Morgan had.

Morgan was one of the lucky souls who was able to climb aboard the long, black train for a ride in the cab. He and his father, Oklahoma News Channel 4 meteorologist Mike Morgan, took turns riding the rails that day. At each stop, the elder Morgan and the younger Morgan would swap places. One would take the train, and the other would follow it to the next stop with the family car.

Tanner Morgan first boarded Big Boy in Sallisaw, OK, allowing him to get in a fair amount of track time before he reached Coffeyville. He said the locomotive runs “like a Swiss watch” and that the ride, overall, was “smooth.”

“It didn’t break a sweat, really,” he said. “It rode pretty comfortably.”

The locomotive’s top speed that day was roughly 50 miles per hour.

Tanner Morgan praised the train’s engineer, Ed Dickens, who operates Union Pacific’s historic locomotives.

“Getting to talk to Ed is even more significant,” he said. “He’s such a nice guy, and he’s a real rockstar.”

For Tanner Morgan, riding in the locomotive was a “privilege.” Blowing the train’s whistle was an even bigger one, he said.

He picked one word to describe the experience: “Outstanding.”

“The engine has such a legacy,” he said. “It’s pretty humbling to be near one operating.”

Rodeo: A way of life

By **AMBER SCALES**
Student Reporter

RODEO

Rodeo is something that I have been passionate about my whole life and it’s something that I have got up everyday and worked hard to be successful at.

I was born into a rodeo family, but my mom was a huge influence in my life because she competed in barrel racing at a college level and then a few years later after college she qualified for her first NFR in Las Vegas.

Competing in the NFR is like competing in the NFL, it’s a very big deal in rodeo. Her help throughout the years has helped me get to the point I am in rodeo.

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Rodeo is a sport that requires no time off because even on days that I am not at a rodeo or barrel race I am practicing, cleaning stalls, feeding my horses or going to the vets to make sure my horses feel the best they possibly can.

Rodeo is a way of life that requires being on the road constantly, I might drive miles and miles to get to a rodeo and win it or drive miles and miles to get to a rodeo and it not go the way I planned, its just all part of the sport and even if it doesn’t go planned I still take care of my horses to the best of my ability and try to have a positive attitude and go on to the next one.

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In rodeo I have always had a goal that I work hard to achieve. In junior high it was to make junior high nationals; in high school it was to make high school nationals and now that I’m in college it is to work hard to make the college finals and once I graduate its to make the NFR. Having goals allows me to stay focused and work hard to achieve them.


There is a quote that I try to live by and it is “If you have a dream and God puts something in your heart, go after it with all your heart but do it in honor of him.” - unknown

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Oklahoma public education faces the challenges

Unprepared for the real-life teaching scenarios

By CAITLYN PRAY
Student Reporter

Who won? Melissa Maharry wasn't sure.

Locking her classroom door where the day's outbursts, tantrums and headaches had occurred, Maharry left her job for the day wondering if she had set the standard for her classroom or if the elementary students had victored. It was just another day of work.

Like many teachers, Maharry encountered a different world of scenarios in her classrooms than what she may have expected while earning her degree in education.

"Hands on experience definitely taught me more," Maharry said. "I taught children that had emotional problems and so there were fist fights, cuss words that I had never heard in my life and so in that aspect I was not prepared for any of that."

When it comes to education about education, Maharry has experience. Graduating with two degrees from Hastings College in Nebraska, one in education and the other in special education, Maharry has served in the public school system for the past 19 years and Longfellow Elementary School in Alva for 15 of those years.

With so much experience in the field of education, Maharry says she has seen both what aspects of her degree have been applied and have helped prepare her for her career and which have not.

"I think my special education training maybe prepared me a little more than elementary did," Maharry said. "Just because the teachers would do role playing in there so you'd have to pretend that you were like the parent and pretend you were talking to the student and trying to help the student. I think looking back that that helped me more than the elementary part did. In elementary education we had to make lots and lots and lots of games that I have never ever used."

Chris Eckhardt, Alva High School English teacher for nine years and counting, said that although he was alternatively certified, he also wasn't entirely knowing of what he was getting into when he stepped into his classroom for the first time.

"Honestly, I thought I was a lot more prepared than I was," Eckhardt said. "You come in and after taking all these courses you think you know all of these things, but in a static environment—a classroom environment—you learn all things of 'this might happen, this might happen,' but when you get here it's a completely different deal. I think I was prepared in terms of the material I wanted to teach, but I think I was less prepared for the sum-up of the way the students behaved maybe. Some of the issues or con-



Photo by Caitlyn Pray

Elementary teacher Melissa Maharry works hard at her desk, scheduling classes and lesson plans.

cerns that they might have with learning were not something that I was expecting to have in some of those cases."

Knowing this, Christee Jenlink, associate dean of education at Northwestern Oklahoma State University, says that experience is something they try to equip their student teachers with early for success.

"Placing our students out in schools as much as possible is a standard for us because no amount

"I taught children that had emotional problems and so there were fist fights, cuss words that I had never heard in my life and so in that aspect I was not prepared for any of that." - Melissa Maharry

of teaching in a classroom is going to be anything like out in a classroom," Jenlink said. "I think that's one thing our program does very well is that it gets our students out in schools as much as possible. You can go through all the scenarios and ask 'What would you do?' but there's nothing like having 24 4-year-olds in a room or 17 juniors in a classroom. Nothing can totally prepare you for that other than being there."

However, while this report of feeling unprepared is a common one among public schools, many teachers in the Alva community also believe they were prepared for the chaotic world in the classroom before them.

"Teaching is very challenging; it is new every day, yet I don't

think it's more challenging than I thought it'd be," Macey Alexander, Northwestern alumna and first-year middle school teacher in Guthrie, said. "I felt prepared in knowing what lied ahead during my time at Northwestern."

Halah Simon, Alva High School English teacher of 17 years, said although she has learned a lot over the years the experience has been a glorious one for her. "I would say teaching has been nothing but good for me," Simon said. "I love coming to work every single day; I love my kids. Every year I think, 'Oh I don't want this batch—especially when they're predominantly seniors—to leave and go,' but then the next year a new group comes in and I love them just as much, so that's been really rewarding to me to invest in the relationships with my kids and be able to see them go into their future and be in the world and really shine."

Simon said that teaching has not only been beneficial to her students, but has shaped her in ways throughout the years as well.

"Teaching has taught me a lot of patience," Simon said. "It has taught me how to multitask and really how to do a lot of different things at one time. I think teaching has made me a better person; it has made me see people for who they are, appreciate them more and be able to see what each person can bring to the table."

As Maharry said, there are positive and negatives to both sides, however. While enthusiasm, passion and love drive teachers to press on, challenges are always on the horizon and usually in the face of many educators today. To combat this, colleges and universities across the state and nation put standards in place to prepare students

for the real-life classroom the best they can. Northwestern Oklahoma State University is one such institution.

"We have as many bodies as we have standards that we have to maintain for our program to be accredited," Jenlink said. "Within those standards we try to thoroughly prepare the individuals in content—what they're going to teach—and also delivery—how they're going to teach it. Our philosophy is that we need to prepare people to work with young people out in schools. Our first priority is the young people out in schools so we always keep those young people in mind as we prepare our individuals to go out and provide an education to those young people." Certain public schools have also offered incentives to their teachers to try to keep them on.

"The last three years they [The Alva School Board] have approved stipends for us," Maharry said. "We have to complete our training on bloodworm pathogens and autism and there are like ten videos of topics like those we have to watch, and when we do we get the stipend. It's nice; it helps pay for Christmas presents since we get our stipends in December."

Eckhardt also explained that at the high school incentives are given in the form of a wide array of options for classes for the teachers to choose to teach, as well as fixed bonuses in pay over the next several years. Community plays an important role in the incentives as well.

"Alva is a good place to teach because the community is supportive and the parents are there; f I had to teach somewhere else I very well might not be there," Maharry said.

Pressing teachers into corners

By CAPRI GAHR
Student Reporter

Strikes ignite the match between Oklahoma political leaders and public school teachers.

In 2018, large strikes by teachers state wide lead the fight to better the public education system in Oklahoma. What they actually achieved was far less than they set out to do, but was the only major legislative changes resulting in a positive impact for teachers that Oklahoma has seen since the 1990's.

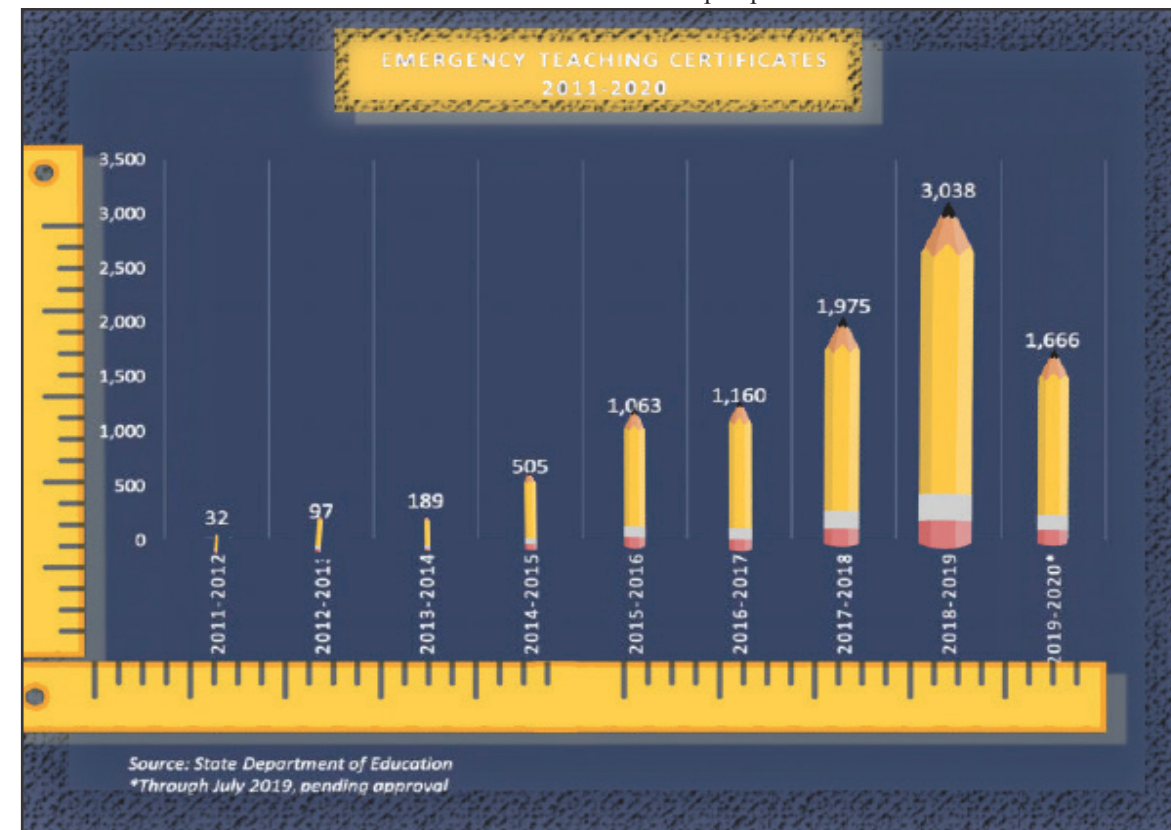
The Legislature passed a historic funding package that increased teacher salaries by an average of \$6,100, but put very few addition-

corners when their budget could adequately provide for their curriculum expectations.

Priest said members are demanding lawmakers increase public school funding by another \$400 million by April 1. That includes a \$3,000 raise for classroom teachers, a \$2,500 raise for support personnel and another \$150 million to help bolster classroom spending. Classroom spending is what teachers are lacking now and causing the firm supply of crowdfunding and charity requests. Priest believes the raises will help their own pockets but will most likely end up in the classroom in the form of school supplies.

She believes that these demands have to be met to ensure a prosper-

Legislature voted to repeal Common Core academic standards in English and math and decided to develop a replacement set of standards that had to be in place within two years. Supporters proclaimed the new state-developed standards would make Oklahoma a national leader. When asked about her involvement with the repeal and replacement, Hofmiester said, "it was repealed in 2014 and when I was seated in 2015, my team was stuck with formulating regulations to replace it." She also said the replacement was ushered in with teachers and administrators all over the state by her side. She believes that her work with those teachers and administrators was



Graphic by Capri Gahr

al dollars into the state aid formula to help restore over a decade of budget cuts.

In a republican lead state that has pursued tax and service cuts for years, teachers won a raise that varies in amount and depends on experience, while members of schools' support staff will see a raise of around \$1,250. This raise, however positive, has still left teachers and public schools in need. After the 2015 changes in educational requirements and standards, teachers feel a large amount of strain while trying to maintain curriculums while balancing their allocated budgets. Budgets in classrooms press teachers into corners when the regulations pressed on them do not mirror what they are capable of doing with their money.

Alicia Priest, the Oklahoma Education Association's 97th president taught English and Spanish in Yukon Public Schools for 16 years. Priest said Wednesday that her group hasn't ruled out another walkout during session if legislators don't adequately increase teacher pay and classroom funding. This increase could help the teachers that are backed into

ous future that ends the displeasure of teachers; often referred to as the Oklahoma Public Education Crisis and Teacher Shortage in many headlines being reported around the country.

Morgan Glover, a first year teacher in Aline-Cleo's fourth grade class, believes that pay is a prime suspect of Oklahoma's public school crisis. "Teachers make more in other states," Glover said. "I am sure that a big part of the problem is administrators mishandling things too."

State general funding is nearly \$180 million less than ten years ago, while K-12 enrollment has grown by over 50,000 students.

Carrie Burckhardt, a member of the department of education's staff who works closely in ensuring media access to the department stated, "this year, the priority was to increase state funding so that schools could begin to reduce class sizes, hire additional staff and school counselors, and bring back programs such as art and music."

Joy Hofmeister currently serves as 14th Oklahoma's State Superintendent of Public Instruction since 2015. In 2014, the

strong in helping replace standards and create new regulations fir for the needs of the state. Research articles supported by her department show great increases in success while national reviews heavily disagree.

In a late 2018 report, the Thomas B. Fordham Institute examined Common Core standards and the standards of states that haven't adopted Common Core. It stated, "Oklahoma's math standards are weak and require significant revisions." To cite just one problem, the institute went on to conclude, "there are no explicit expectations for the instant recall of the addition and multiplication facts among elementary students." The reviewers concluded Oklahoma's math standards "amount to weaker preparation for college and the workplace ..."

Hofmeister was asked to respond to these findings and believes they have to have been using outdated data. "Those things are true in 2015 regulations," she said. "What is happening now is simply not supported by that study, we have seen a lot of positive impact See BUDGETS, Pg 8

And it's not just for the money...

By MEGAN BROWN
Student Reporter

On the other side of a door in the fifth grade hall at Lincoln Elementary, you will find a colorful classroom filled with educational games and fun decorations.

Across Oklahoma there are many bright, fun-filled classrooms, but many of them were financed by the teacher whose name is posted outside the door.

Sara Eckhardt, who has taught fifth grade at Lincoln for around seven years, proudly said that the majority of her classroom was filled with her personal belongings.

"Most of this is mine! My mom was a teacher and she retired the year that I took this job," Eckhardt said. "She shoved everything at me and said, 'here take this.' It was passed down to me."

While Eckhardt has a room full of educational hand-me-downs, teachers across the state are faced with using their own funds and resources to create the environments they shape minds in.

Oklahoma's public education has been the headline for multiple stories over the past few years, but are they covering everything they should be? Many educators believe they are missing a few key components.

While the stories continue to cover funding and the teacher shortage, other aspects have been left out.

Nick Lyon, an English teacher at Crescent High School, has been in an Oklahoma classroom for nine years and has found some holes in the coverage.

"I wish that there was more press just about the budget in general," Lyon said, "basically how the budget works and how like some counties have more oil money."

Crescent High School is located within Logan County and is one of many schools Lyon has taught in,

and while he has found it to be the most supportive school system he has worked in so far, some challenges exist.

"Logan County, for instance, has zero oil drills or oil wells at all, so like all four of the schools in Logan County are really poor and struggling," Lyon said. "If you go right across the county line to Kingfisher County, they have tons of money, just extra money and stuff because they get the same state budget that we get, but then on top of that, oil tax money coming in."

The lack of funding has led to many struggles for the teachers and the classrooms, including school supplies shortages and educators turning to alternative sources of income.

Lyon touched on the fact that each student has a laptop to use but this can be used as an excuse to not purchase the textbooks. While he says the courses can be taught without books, it is often times easier to have the material at hand.

Yesenia Buckhaults, a math teacher at Alva High, said she is thankful that she was able to attend a conference where she and the other teachers received gift baskets of supplies. These materials have helped her greatly in her classroom.

School supplies shortages and budget issues have made the news consistently, but according to Oklahoma teachers, those outside of the classroom are missing the main point: teachers teach to teach, not for the money.

"I just really like helping the students learn new things and expand the way they see the world," said Cecely Franz, a fourth grade teacher in the Alva Public School system. Melissa Maharry, who teaches second grade at Longfellow Elementary, referred to an article by Peter Greene in Forbes magazine. The article states that in fact, plenty of people want to teach, so it should not be referred to as a teacher shortage.

She said after completing the first few years of her education in Mexico, she believes America has allowed the idea of free education to create children and parents who do not appreciate the opportunity.

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But she has found that not everyone sees education the same way she does. She said she understands the true value of a free education and believes her students

"You can't solve a problem starting with the wrong diagnosis," Greene said.

The article goes on to relate the situation with teacher pay to other scenarios.

"If I can't buy a Porsche for \$1.98, that doesn't mean there's an automobile shortage," Greene said. "If I can't get a fine dining meal for a buck, that doesn't mean there's a food shortage."

While Maharry said the pay in Alva is good, she has found teacher pay in other areas of the state, and across the country, just isn't cutting it.

"If I had to work at the bank and I was expected to do this and I might get hit or kicked by somebody and I might get yelled at or spit on, for X amount of dollars, how long would I put up with it?" Maharry said. "You wouldn't, but yet teachers are expected to."

America has long been known for the education systems, but it has become apparent that the educators need to see changes.

Buckhaults, who lived in Mexico until third grade, said she is passionate about free education but is fearful that America might have taken the concept too far. "Education is something that I'm really passionate about, and I think that's why I take things personally," Buckhaults said. "It's frustrating for me to watch some kids kind of just fall down the cracks."

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Photo by Megan Brown

Shelves in Melissa Maharry's 2nd grade class room displaying the many books children can choose from.

Feature

School budgets press teachers into corners

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Megan Brown, a Northwestern News Writer and senior mass communications student, reported in the first part of this three-part investigation, that some teachers feel that the states handling of funding to schools with richer community taxes are reaping a much higher budget than those communities absent of rich industry taxes.

Nick Lyon, an English teacher at Crescent High School, has seen nine years of legislation affect the classrooms he has taught in.

One concern Lyon expressed was that of Oklahoma's formula to regulate funding in the excess and absence of oil taxes in communities.

“Logan County, for instance, has zero oil drills or oil wells as all so like all four of the schools in Logan county are really poor and struggling,” Lyon said.

The state funding formula is intended to prevent smaller, rural districts from being left behind.

According to TulsaKids Magazine's reporter, Claire Combs, “before state aid is distributed, local sources of revenue such as property taxes are subtracted from a district's allocation.”

Hofmiester confirmed this statement when asked if any regulation goes into effect to even out funding for those industry-deprived districts.

“There are schools that get zero state funding,” she said. “Schools with high oil incomes and taxes benefit so greatly from them that the state doesn't need to provide them with any supported funding.”

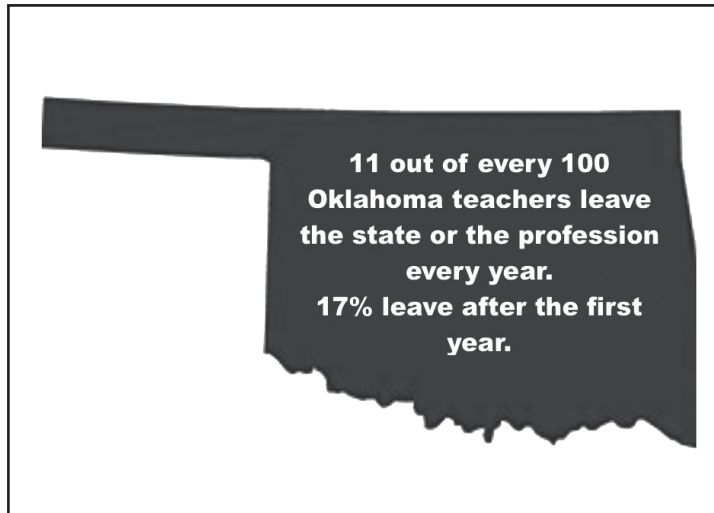
In theory, the fact that some schools do not get extra funding should even out any surplus and drought of money to those districts.

Kevin Cosper, a Northwestern Alum and first year Timberlake math teacher, brought to attention the fact that the school he graduated from sometimes had to rely on donations to fill holes in funding.

“Our library received donations of books from a prison once,” Cosper said.

He went on to report that the cafeteria routinely filled empty stomachs with food from foodbanks due to the lack of money flow to serve lunches.

When Hofmeister was informed of this experience, she went on to describe the formula further, “the wealth of the community is also a factor to the funding formula.” She went on to say, “communities reporting larger taxes receive less fund-



Graphic by Megan Brown

ing.”

This could mean that communities surrounded by industries like farming will get less state funding due to the incomes and taxes reported by those farmers.

A problem may arise with this because they do not take into account whether or not those farmers have children in the district, which means there is severely less income from those farmers to the school that the formula does not take into account.

Everyone may pay their fair share of taxes, but those with larger incomes and no children in school will not be paying parts into common school budgets like paying for meals, providing supplies and paying dues to clubs and activities that smaller schools use parental support to put on.

The issues for Oklahoma teachers goes further than the state level.

Paola Ponce-Villalobos, a first year math teacher at Turpin schools, sent out a notice to fellow education majors, parents, community members and friends that she had five students unable to provide their own schools supplies. Benefactors stepped in to help her make up the deficit when she had spent all the money she could from her own pocket to fill empty desks.

Reports of Funding advertisements, like the popular site Go Fund Me, and even Facebook posts pleading for help to buy simple items like Crayons, were a common sight to see in the beginning weeks of school. These goes back to the classroom spending budget that Priest said had to be improved as soon as possible. Scrolling through social media, Glover pointed out six different friends of hers, all teachers, that have posted requests for community intervention to help them get supplies.

Ponce-Villalobos said, “I have two brothers in my class with three other siblings that have a single parent working three jobs just to feed them.

They simply can't make those purchases.”

Hofmiester agreed that the gaps that parents' cannot bridge to provide for their children is too much for teachers to bare. “We have one of the highest percentages of reduced lunch applications in the country,” she said. “Our department is currently trying to address this and it was even a key point in my testimony to congress a few weeks ago (Sept. 11).”

Glover, along with Melissa Maharry, a teacher in the Alva school district, and Chris Eckhardt, a high school English teacher in Alva, brought up the idea that new teachers are under-prepared in many ways for what they are walking into. Maharry believes her special education training benefited her more in her classroom than the classes directed specifically for her to teach elementary classes.

Burkhardt's original statement, citing that the department is putting effort into ensuring proper education to teachers in situations that require them to act as councilors was supported by the fact that the department just introduced an event they call Bridges to Hope: Teaching In The Shadow of Trauma.

Hofmiester invites any future teachers and administrators and current one to attend the trauma summit. “Along with amending a budget appropriate for teachers to meet regulations, this is another step we are taking to ensure students can receive what they need to be successful,” she said. This is the way they see fit to address those concerns brought up by Maharry, Eckhardt and Glover.

In the end, Priest is preparing future walkouts, teachers like Glover and Villalobos will continue their pursuit of charity to fill holes in pockets and supplies in desks, Lyon and Maharry will have watched the years of regulation changes have effects on their students and Hofmeisters department will have more work to do.

Teachers teach to teach

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should feel fortunate for the opportunities they are given.

During her time as an educator, Buckhaults has found that handling the students and the classroom was not the difficult part, interacting with the parents was.

Lyon also believes that the main thing he was not prepared for when entering the classroom was the parents.

“Lack of parent involvement or the over abundance of parent involvement in some cases, so it just kind of depends,” Lyon said. “Seems like there's not really a happy medium.”

The state of Oklahoma has started to make changes within the education system, and the teachers continue to stand together until what they believe is needed has been achieved.

Buckhaults said she wishes there was some more support from the positions above her within the state. She has found that often demands that come down the chain do not fit her classroom or her students.

“Spend at least a week or two

in my classroom and get to know my kids,” she said. “What you're trying to make me do may not work and its probably not going to. I'll try it. I'm not against trying anything, but by this point I know what my kids need.”

Lyon also weighed in on the fact that some areas might benefit from less state involvement.

“We've had some support, but there are other arbitrary things that they come up with that seems kind of foolish and you know,” Lyon said. “I don't know why they think that they need to be able to control how many days we're in school instead of letting the district decide what's best for them.”

Overall, educators across the state still see room for progress, but those in Alva have been satisfied with their support system and community.

“I really can't say that I've faced tons of challenges,” Eckhardt said. “Here in Alva we have great administration, we have a really great principal and I've always had really great leadership here.”

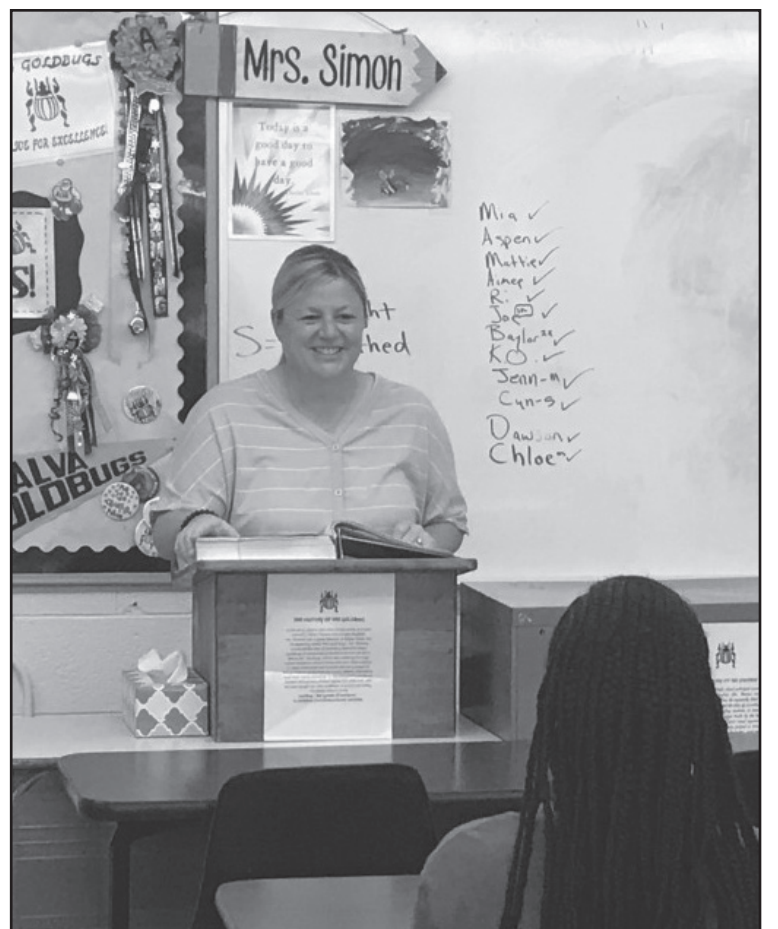


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Halah Simon, Alva High School English teacher of 17 years, smiles as she begins another day of teaching.

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Entertainment



Disney plus some magic

By MICHELLE WILLSON
Feature/Entertainment Editor

Disney + The streaming website we didn't know we needed. It's a Netflix for all the old Disney shows that debuted Nov. 12 by the Walt Disney Company.

The new streaming service has "the best of Disney, Pixar, Marvel, Star Wars and National Geographic" states the Disney+.com website

It is available for \$6.99 a month or \$69.99 a year but if you download now you can get a seven-day free trial.

On the first day Disney+ registered more than 10 million people.

The site includes everyone's old favorites including both Parent Traps, The Sound of Music, the Muppet movie, Newsies, Sister Act, Cadet Kelly, Zenon: z3, all the seasons of Hannah Montana and even the newest Marvel movies.

The site has something for all ages and helps bring adults nostalgia from their childhood.

One of the only issues is that there's no way to see what shows you started or what shows you've watched.

Disney has since recently made an announcement that it would continually refine the streaming service and that there are updates coming soon.

I'm not incredibly thrilled with



the idea of paying for another streaming site, but I am a huge Disney fanatic and I am glad to have everything in one place.

I love that it has all the old series and shows that I used to watch on VHS when I was younger. I can't wait to binge-watch all the seasons of Hannah Montana, sing to The Little Mermaid Two: Return to the Sea and catch up will all the Marvel movies I have missed.

They even included old TV shows they used to watch like Recess and Boy Meets World. Let's just say I'm going to waste a lot of time on this subscription.

I gave this site five out of five stars because, even with the updates that need to happen, it gives viewers access to many shows and series that they haven't been able to find in a long time. I can't wait to be sucked into the nostalgia of my childhood

Dr. puts you to sleep

Dr. Sleep not bad or good

By BAILEY RANKIN
Student Reporter

Doctor Sleep is the film adaptation of Stephen Kings' novel of the same and sequel to "The Shining". The film follows an adult Danny Torrence, played by Ewan McGregor, as he tries to deal with his psychic abilities and the traumatic ordeal he and his mother went through at the Overlook Hotel at the hands of his father.

Dan struggles to cope with this trauma and turns to a life of alcohol and addiction, but a harsh wakeup call inspires him to turn his life around. As time goes on, Dan recovers and builds a life for himself, but a young girl named Abra Stone, played by Kyliegh Curran in her feature film debut, who has physic abilities as well, contacts him. After keeping a low profile for years, Dan now has to decide whether or not to help Abra, who is in danger of being abducted by the True Knot, a group of psychic vampires, or continue his life as "normaly" as he can.

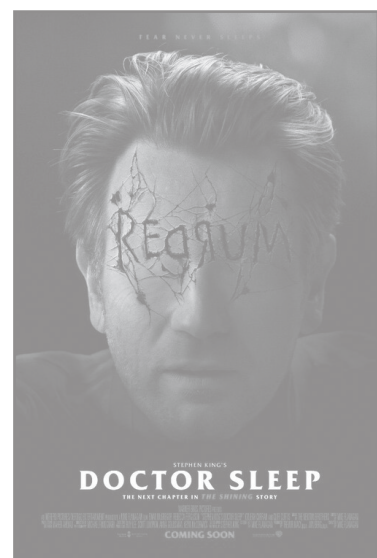
Doctor Sleep is a slow burn of a movie, building the plot points through the first two hours and paying off within the last 30 minutes. Yes, that is typically what happens in movies, but there were certain points in the film where



you think "Oh this happened, now it's time for the showdown", but then the showdown doesn't come for another hour and 15 minutes.

Mike Flanagan, who wrote, directed and edited the film, made a valiant effort to stay true to the 2013 novel, something that Stanley Kubric completely disregarded while making The Shining back in 1980. Having not read the book, I imagine that the storyline has a better flow with the 531 pages that enable the story to develop naturally, instead of condensing all of the important information and plot points that are necessary to understand into a two hour and thirty-one minute film.

Although created by the king of horror novels, the "Doctor Sleep" film has supernatural elements and a few jump scares, but besides that, the movie focuses heavily on themes such as trauma, addiction, recovery and chosen family. The cinematography screams Mike Flanagan and there are some scene compositions that almost copy his other works.



While "Doctor Sleep" is not a bad film, its saving grace is the performance from Kyliegh Curran. Her portrayal of Abra Stone is incredible. She plays the headstrong, independent, smart and cunning character to a T.

Mike Flanagan tried his best with this film, and although he did not "redrum" it, it is a mediocre film at best.

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Nobody's Looking
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Trolls: The Beat Goes On!: Season 8

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Sports

Football wins against SWOSU

By **ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS**

Northwestern Oklahoma State University defeats Southwestern Oklahoma State for the third consecutive season, defeating the Bulldogs, 28-16. The day the Rangers celebrate the 20th anniversary of the 1999 National Championship team.

Northwestern finished the season 4-7 and seventh in the Great American Conference.

The Black-and-Red got out in front early when Aharon Barnes, the two-time defending special teams player of the week, blocks Kane Bowen's punt, which is picked up by Kentrez Bell and walked into the end zone from 33 yards out.

The Rangers extend their lead to 14-6 during the first drive of the second quarter, which was capped off by Calion Baker's three-yard touchdown run.

The Bulldogs didn't fold, responding to the Northwestern touchdown, with one of their own. Tyler Marr connected with Alex Ramirez for a 10-yard touchdown pass, trimming the deficit to 14-13.

The Rangers would not be able to add to their lead, when they missed on a 48 yard field goal. Southwestern responded to the missed field goal with driving the field and hitting a 27 yard field

goal to take a 16-14 lead into the half.

The Black-and-Red causes the Bulldog offense to stall in the first possession of the second half, collecting a negative four yards on five plays. The Rangers next drive started at their own seven yard line. Northwestern would put together an 11 play drive, running for seven for a total of 70 yards, 45 of which Clarkson collected. Clarkson would score on the ground from 25-yards out.

The third quarter was the turning point in the game. NWOSU held the ball for 8 minutes and 34 seconds, while running 18 plays, while SWOSU collected 19 total yards spanning over three possessions.

The Rangers would milk the final 3:56 off the clock before going into victory formation to secure the third straight win over Southwestern.

This is the third time in school history that Northwestern has won three straight in the series and the first time since the 1989-1991 season.

Clarkson was 16-for-22 for 103 through the air. He also led the team in rushing gaining 84 yards on 11 attempts, he also was responsible for two touchdowns. Miller rushed for 49 yards on nine attempts, Baker gained 31 yards on six rushes and scored a touchdown.



Photo by Angel Perez

The Rangers won against conference foe, SWOSU on senior night, 28-16. This is the last game for the Rangers.

Clarkson connected with seven different receivers, led by Torrence Stevens, who gained 49 yards on five catches, Raphael Edwards Jr. caught three passes for 26 yards, Bell had one catch for 23 yards. Miller collected three receptions and gained 17 yards with a touchdown and Isaiah Haro gained five yards on one reception.

Maurice Wright Jr. did just what he has done his entire career at the center of the Black-and-Red's defense. Wright led the Rangers with 18 tackles, seven solo to end his career with 466 total tackles. He ends his career in Alva as the Northwestern all-time tackles leader, he holds the single game Great American Conference re-

cord with 25 tackles and he broke the GAC career solo tackle record this season with 223. Wright finishes ranked second in career tackles in the GAC, 14 shy of Logan Genz's record set back in 2015.

Justin Van Fleet collected nine tackles, three solo, while Qua'Shawn Gray had eight, two solo.

Volleyball loses last game

By **NICK DILL**
Student Reporter

The Northwestern volleyball team lost Nov. 14 when Oklahoma Baptist University Bison defeated them three sets to one.

The Rangers had all the momentum in the first set. The Rangers had an early lead, but the bison came in and made it a close game with a score of 18-17. The game was then tied 22-22, but great back-to-back kills from Kate Dertending securing the win 25-23 for the Rangers.

The second set was an exciting one with 12 different tied scores. Despite a kill by Kiauna Clark to tie the game at 19, the Bison scored six straight to win match two 25-19.

The Rangers started to get a groove back in the third set with a 5-1 lead in the early minutes of the set. The Rangers held the lead until the game was tied at 15. Northwestern had a final effort with a three-point run, but the Rangers fell just short and lost in set three

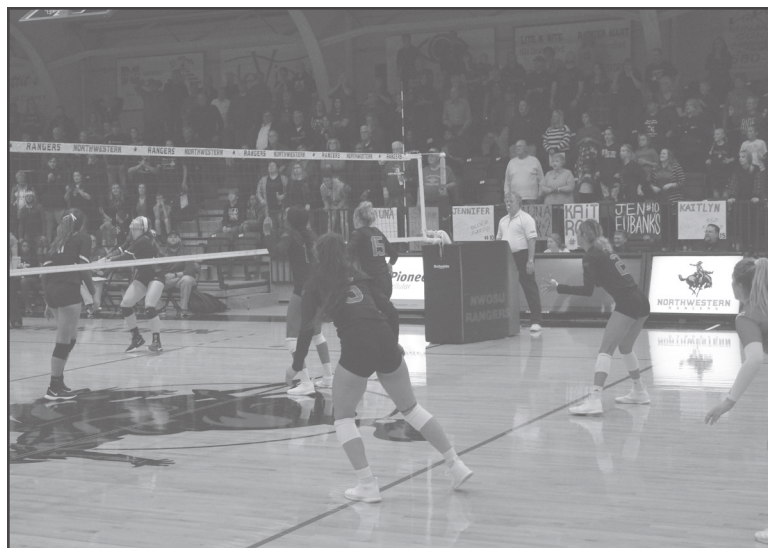


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Northwestern volleyball will play Ouachita Baptist in the first round.

25-21.

Northwestern was looking to stay alive in the fourth set. They gave everything they had left in the tank in the fourth set.

There were 21 ties and 21 different lead changes. The Bison seemed they were pulling away with the win from the Rangers, but Northwestern kept battling. There were six different lead

changes within the last ten points of the game. Despite a great effort, Northwestern loss set four 30-28. The Bison won the match.

Despite a tough loss, the Rangers have clinched the second seed in the Great American Conference tournament. Northwestern will play their first match of the tournament on Nov. 21 at 2:30 p.m. vs Ouachita Baptist in Arkansas.

Women's basketball wins, Lamer sets record

By **ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS**

The Lady Rangers looked to bounce back after losing two consecutive games. In a hard fought battle on Nov. 16 Northwestern was able to prevail and hold on for a 68-66 victory behind Kenzi Lamer's 32-point performance.

This game was close from the opening tip off. After teams would trade baskets the Lady Rangers opened the lead up to 15-9. However, the Jets would respond with an 11-0 run of their own to close the quarter and take a 20-15 lead at the end of the first quarter.

Northwestern's defense stepped up big time to spark a successful second quarter. As they held Newman to a poor 3 of 15 shooting and a total of 8 points. While NWOSU hit four three's in the quarter all coming from sophomore Lamer. After

winning the quarter 14-8 the Rangers would go into halftime clinging onto a 29-28 lead.

Tasha Diesselhorst had the perfect halftime adjustments as the Rangers would open their largest lead of the game to that point at 52-42 during the third quarter. The defense held Newman to only 31.3 percent in the quarter. Rangers would win the quarter 23-14 building a 10-point lead going into the final quarter.

In the fourth quarter a new record was made by Lamer. At the 6:04 mark she would hit her 10th three pointer of the game which is the new record for the most three's by an individual player in Northwestern history. She also tied the Great American Conference record with 10 which was set in 2016.

The win improves the Rangers to 2-2 on the season. They will get set to take on their next opponent Southern Nazarene.

Sports

Men's basketball falls, 53-65



Photo by Leah Darnell

Men's basketball will play SNU.

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Northwestern Oklahoma State University men's basketball dropped a tough loss against out-of-conference opponent Newman University Saturday afternoon in Wichita, Kan. Newman's record improved to 3-1 while the Rangers dropped to 1-2.

The Rangers traveled for their first away game against the Jets and struggled to find a rhythm. Newman, who has shown talent this year pulled to an early lead and never let go as they snatched the win with a final score of 65-53. Junior transfer

Parrish Hewitt led the team with 16 points, six rebounds, and went 10-13 from the free-throw line.

Newman started off quick and fast as they shot to an early 10-point lead and continued to tack onto that lead throughout the first half. Two made free-throws from Hewitt got Northwestern back to within eight points with 9:23 left

in the first half, but the Jets took off from there. Newman was able to pull away to an 18-point lead as the headed into halftime, with a score of 40-22.

The Rangers defense improved tremendously in the second half of the game. The Jets reached their highest lead of 19-points with fifteen minutes left in the second half. The Black-and-Red were unable to cut closer than 10-points off the Jet's lead throughout the whole second half despite their best efforts in the last few minutes of the game.

Notable players include Hewitt who was mentioned earlier as well as returner Jack Peck who had 14 points, as he went 2-2 from the three-point line and 4-6 from the field. Jaedon Whitfield and Nate Bailey earned eight and seven points respectively in the match-up with Whitfield tallying seven rebounds of his own.

Northwestern will start Great American Conference play against top ranked Southern Nazarene on Thursday Nov. 21.



Photo by riderangerside.com

Baseball will start their season on Jan. 31 in the Edmond Invitational.

Baseball releases spring schedule

By ATHLETIC
COMMUNICATIONS

With another calendar month turned we are one month closer to baseball. The Rangers will be coming off a 23-26 record, 11-21 in conference last season finishing 8th in the Great American Conference. The fall baseball season has come to a close and offseason workouts are in full force. With that being said the 2020 baseball schedule was released earlier this week.

Northwestern Oklahoma State baseball will open the season as a participant of the 2020 Edmond 1st Pitch Invitational. The Rangers will be there for three games starting on January 31st against Missouri Southern State at 1PM. The Invitational will continue to be played on February 1st and 2nd against University of Central Oklahoma and Pittsburg St respectively.

After the three game road invitational Ranger baseball will have their home opener at Glass Family Field at Myers Stadium on February 4th versus UCO at 3PM. This will open their first homestand of the season which will total nine games running through February 4th- February 15th. Games 7-9 on the homestand will open up the 2020 conference play as well against Southern Nazarene on February 14th and then a double header on the 15th.

NWOSU will play host of the

Ranger Roundup Series at Glass Family Field at Myers Stadium. The tournament will feature four teams including Northwestern. These teams will include Washburn, Truman, Rockhurst, and NWOSU. It will run from February 6th-9th with a total of seven games, four being Northwestern related playing Washburn twice while facing Truman and Rockhurst once.

Rangers will follow the nine game homestand with a nine game road trip to face UCO, Newman, Northeastern state out of conference along with Oklahoma Baptist and Southern Arkansas being the GAC opponents.

Rangers will welcome the 2019 GAC regular season champion into Glass Family Field at Myers Stadium for a three game series on March 6th and a doubleheader March 7th starting at 1PM. The Rangers will play against the 2019 GAC tournament champion four times; being the Bison of Oklahoma Baptist on February 21st and a double header February 22nd in Shawnee. The fourth game is a neutral location game at David Allen Ballpark in Enid, Okla.

The season will come to a close on April 24th and April 25th as the Rangers will travel to Weatherford Okla. to take on longtime rival Southwestern Oklahoma State.

The overall schedule includes 50 total games with an even split of 25 home and 25 road games.

Women's basketball loses

By ATHLETIC
COMMUNICATIONS

The Lady Rangers were back in action Nov. 14 against Emporia State University, and could not recover after a slow start. The Lady Hornets got the best of the Lady Rangers 83-44 in Emporia, Kan.

The Lady Rangers got out to a slow start against the Lady Hornets as they lost the first quarter 27-7. ESU opened the game on a 7-0 run and never trailed during the game. NWOSU got as close as 7-5 after a 5-0 run.

Emporia would answer that run with an 11-0 run opening up an 18-5 lead. The second quarter went well for the Lady Rangers as they won quarter 19-13 cutting into the deficit.

Northwestern did this by shooting 50% percent from the field going 6 for 12. The defense stepped up as well holding the Lady Hornets to just 33% from the field.

The fourth quarter the Lady Rangers shot better going 60 percent on 3-5 shooting. Emporia



Photo by Leah Darnell

Women's basketball will open up conference play against SNU.

though would hit six shots and win the quarter 19-9. Emporia would win the game 83-44 overall.

The Lady Rangers were perfect from the charity stripe going 12-12 at the line.

The junior forward Bailey Brown led the way with 12 points,

9 rebounds and 2 steals. She was followed by Jakeria Otey led the way defensively having 4 of the 7 steals for the Lady Rangers; along with finishing the game with 11 points and 2 assists.

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Up Next for Ranger Sports

Ranger Preview recruits hundreds of 2020 freshmen



Photo by Leah Darnell

Ranger Preview event for high school seniors kicked off Saturday, Nov. 16, at 9 a.m. in Percell Fieldhouse on the Northwestern-Alva campus. High school seniors who attended received a \$600 scholarship towards their first semester here at Northwestern in the fall of 2020.



Here's what we're thankful for ...



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