

Smile of the Week



Photo by Leah Darnel

Senior math major **Chloe Nutley** is smiling in front of the Ranger statue because she is graduating in fewer than 100 days.

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Nursing prepares for pediatrics

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

NWOSU nursing students are preparing for an important line of work: pediatrics.

A small number of various children of the Alva community visited Northwestern on Tuesday to receive short check-ups from the students in the nursing care of the family course, taught by Assistant Professor of Nursing Dr. Jennifer Mahieu.

"For our nursing students to be able to take care of sick children in the hospitals or clinics, they must know and understand the normal growth and development of all children of all age groups," Mahieu said. "So that's why we do our pediatric assessment day."

The students were able to practice performing assessments on the children, ranging from skin, hair, nails, head, face, neck, nose, mouth, throat, lungs, heart, musculoskeletal, neurological, height, weight, and vital signs. There are 19 students enrolled in the course this semester. However, not all of them are "traditional" students.

"Every year, we have a few that may decide that nursing is not for them at this time, but then they decide to come back the following year," Mahieu said. "So what they do is come back to continue their education."

"Some may have personal issues, some may have academic issues, and some may have professional issues that would be related to maybe their work place employment."

"This may have caused them to be a little bit ahead in one area, but now they are right back to being at the same level as the rest of the class."

Each child was given an assessment paper to take to each station to ensure its completion. Each station held three to four nursing students, and each assessment had its own station. Each "pediatric patient" visited all of the stations in order to get a full check-up from the student nurses.

Some of the nursing students explained that pediatrics was not their area of focus. However, Mahieu explained why this day is necessary.

"To be able to pass the National Council Licensure Examination, you must know a little bit of all of it," Mahieu said. "But here at Northwestern, we also want to give them a little bit of everything."

"I love what I do, and I get very excited about pediatrics," Mahieu said.

"I get very passionate about pediatric nursing. There's so much that a pediatric nurse can do."



Top: Junior nursing student **Natalie Semmel** (left) checks the blood pressure of laughing Alva third-grade student **Kendal Collins** (right).

Right: Alva second-grade student **Brooklyn Zimmerman** (left) sees how a stethoscope operates with the help of junior nursing students **Jentrey Lancaster** (top right) and **Sheridan Duncan** (bottom right).

Bottom: The 19 junior nursing students smile with Pre-K — seventh-grade pediatric visitors. Visitors shown from the front left are: **Zane Zimmerman**, **Grady Mahieu**, **Parker Grimsley**, **Baylee Nesseralla**, **Brooklyn Zimmerman**, **Kade Collins**, **Bailey Clepper**, **Kendal Collins** and **Trenton Clepper**.

Photos by Ashley Strehl



News

In wake of disaster, distrust looms

Northwestern student discusses recent natural disasters in Puerto Rico

By **MEGAN BROWN**
Student Reporter

Natural disasters do not discriminate, and those who live on the island of Puerto Rico have faced a long string of them.

Recent earthquakes have left residents without homes, water and power for many days.

Puerto Rico was hit with hundreds of smaller earthquakes throughout the end of 2019 and the beginning of 2020 until a powerful 6.4-magnitude earthquake hit on the morning of Jan. 7.

This affected the majority of the south side of the island and resulted in tsunami warnings and aftershock damages.

Angel Perez, a junior member of the baseball team at Northwestern, is from Puerto Rico. His family, friends and girlfriend still

reside there.

Perez said his family members were some of the luckier ones, as they did not lose their homes. But family friends have lost their homes and belongings.

"We had three days without power on the whole island of Puerto Rico," he said. "Right now, the south is like, 50/50 on power, and they don't have water."

Perez's girlfriend, Oasis Rodriguez Reynoso, was on the island during the earthquakes. She spent the days after the disaster providing aid to those affected.

Reynoso said she spent time delivering supplies to villages that needed them.

"The delivery of supplies was a total success," Reynoso said. "I prepared some bags containing water, toothbrushes and pastes, snacks, meals, wipes, coffee, bath soap, socks ... and we also took dog food. I had my house full of many things: sheets, clothes, towels, baby stuff and food, and children's and adult's Pampers."

Reynoso said the assistance she has seen for those in need has come from Puerto Ricans themselves who are looking to help their neighbors.

She said she did not see as much help from the government as she had hoped to.

For Reynoso, Perez and the residents of Puerto Rico, this is not the first natural disaster that has left their country damaged. In 2014, the entire country was affected by a Category 4 hurricane.

According to many news sources, unused resources sent to aid those in need after Hurricane Maria were found unused and hidden. This has created distrust within the residences.

Reynoso said she believes the government is portraying the situation as "handled" when people are, in fact, living in the streets and struggling with daily needs. She said many of those in the streets are elderly, ill and alone.

She said she struggled with overwhelming emotions while distributing her care packages.



Photo provided by Oasis Rodriguez Reynoso

Earthquakes in Puerto Rico have reduced buildings like the one shown above to rubble, and numerous homes are without access to utilities.

"It was very difficult to watch it on the news and also be there," Reynoso said.

While Puerto Rico has been left wounded, Reynoso and Perez are given hope for reform from their fellow Puerto Ricans, who are giving their time and resources to help each other.

"Thank God neither my relatives nor friends were affected by these earthquakes," Reynoso said. "But I can tell you that we live in anxiety since the earthquakes are atmospheric phenomena of which we do not know how much their magnitude will be or at what time it will be."



Photo provided by cnet.com

Wildfires in Australia continue to destroy land and threaten the lives of people and animals on the continent.

Fires in Australia hit close to home for Northwestern student

By **EMMA SPORLEDER**
Student Reporter

Since June 2019, a national crisis in Australia has killed an estimated one billion animals and at least 30 people.

This is information that can be found if you own a TV, smartphone or computer.

For more than six months, Australians caught up in the crisis have taken to social media to plead for help because large bush-

fires have burned through rural communities in Australia, especially in the southeast.

New South Wales, a southeastern Australian state, declared a state of emergency in June. As of Jan. 14, the fires have flattened 46 million acres, more than 5,900 buildings, and almost 3,000 homes. They may have driven some endangered species to extinction.

More than 100 fires have devastated Australia's southeast coast. In New South Wales and Victoria, the most populous states in the country, people tried to outrun the fires, causing major highways to become clogged. People were trapped by the blaze.

South Australia's Kangaroo Island experienced some of the worst conditions, and one-third of the island was on fire.

Hayden Clark, a senior business major and member of the Ranger Football Team, is from Canberra, Australia. He can supply anyone with information regarding Mother Nature's wrath on his home country.

Clark said of his hometown, the capital of Australia: "Canberra topped the world in worst air quality, placing it above both China and India because of the smoke."

According to BBC News, other major cities such as Sydney and Melbourne are still covered in a

dense smoke that hasn't lifted for months. Some regions of Australia recorded air quality measurements that are 20 times above the hazardous level.

The smoke is so thick that it has started to affect the people of New Zealand, which is a three-hour plane flight from Australia.

Clark believes that the firefighters and volunteers have been doing an "amazing job" and have managed to save countless homes and lives. Unfortunately, he said, there are not enough firefighters to fight all of the fires.

He also said of Australia's leader: "The country is in a state of crisis right now, and many people are putting our prime minister under the pump for not doing enough. Instead of trying to help, he took a paid vacation to Hawaii."

It is said that climate change, record-setting heat, lightning strikes, lengthy drought and arson are fueling the bushfires. Arson controversy struck in New South Wales when BBC News reported this month that 183 people had been charged with bushfire-related offences. Twenty-four of the 183 charged were accused of lighting fires; the rest were charged over failures to follow the total fire ban rules.

If you are wondering how you can help Australian wildlife, visit <http://www.wildlifewarriors.org.au>. Visit <https://www.redcross.org.au/> to donate to the Red Cross in Australia. You can also visit <http://www.givit.org.au>, an Australian organization that matches donated goods with items that are specifically requested by victims of the fires. People have asked for things like car batteries, fence posts and gas pumps.

Annual art show to be held in March

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The 17th annual Northwestern Oklahoma State University Art Society Art Show is a little over a month away, and the deadline for forms to be submitted is coming up.

The art show will be held Mar. 8 – 27 in the J.W. Martin Library, and forms should be submitted no later than Feb. 26, according to a media release from the University Relations office. Artwork should be delivered to the library Mar. 4 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

All Northwestern students, employees, retired employees, and alumni from all campus locations are encouraged to enter.

A "food" category has been added for this year's show, according to the release. An entry in this category may be a photo, painting, work on paper, fiber art, quilt, cartoon/comic, digital art or mixed media/collage.

"Many people already take fun photos of their food, so we're asking you to submit your favorite food photos or works of art in this category," Angelia Case, art society sponsor, said in the release. "The entry may be a formal still life or something very informal. Just be aware that there is a regular category for still life as well. No piece may be cross-entered in multiple categories.

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News

What's up?

SATURDAY:

The Red Carpet Honor Band has three bands rehearsing in various places on campus Jan. 24-25.

The concert is in Herod Hall at 1 p.m. on Jan. 25.

The concert is free and open to the public.

JAN. 27:

A Sexual Assault Awareness Seminar will be held in the Herod Hall Auditorium. It is open to all NWOSU students and employees.

The seminar will begin at 7:00 p.m.

JAN. 27:

This will be the last day for 100% refund on complete withdrawals.

It will also be the last day to drop with no grade required for 16-week classes. Contact the registrar for more information.

JAN. 28:

The NWOSU Student Government Association will host to an open mic/karaoke night for NWOSU students in the Student Center. The organization will also have ice cream sundaes for everyone who attends.

You do not have to participate in the open mic/karaoke to get a sundae. The event will take place in the Student Center Commons.

The event will begin at 7:00 p.m.

JAN. 28:

Student financial aid processing begins.

Got news? Send your stories and information to us via email at: nwnews@nwosu.edu.

LESSON PLANNED

A beginners' crochet lesson to learn how to create a Granny Square will take place on Saturday, Jan. 25, from 4-6 p.m. in the Science Amphitheatre at Northwestern Oklahoma State University.

The "I Can Granny Square" workshop, sponsored by the NWOSU Art Society, is open to everyone but is best suited for beginning crocheters or those unfamiliar with the Granny Square.

Dr. Mary Riegel, associate professor of mathematics, will lead the session.

There are two options for the participants as far as cost. If those attending bring their own yarn and hook, the cost is free; however, if participants need yarn and a hook, the cost is \$5 for the materials, but supplies are limited. Those needing more information or questions answered should contact Riegel at mriegel@nwosu.edu or at (580) 327-8437.

ARTIST IN RESIDENCE ON CAMPUS

The Visual Arts Program at Northwestern Oklahoma State University is pleased to announce our January/February 2020 Artist-in-Residence, Yelena Martynovskaya. Yelena was born in Uzbekistan and immigrated to United States when she was 11 years old. Yelena received a BA in Studio Art from California State University, Sacramento in 2007 and an MA in Studio Art from California State University, Sacramento in 2009. She currently lives and works in Sacramento, California, where she is currently a part of a group exhibition at Beatnik-Studios.

Yelena began her residency at NWOSU on February 13th, and will develop a body of work in the Jesse Dunn Art Annex, room 323. A culminating exhibition of the work Yelena creates at NWOSU will be displayed during the Alva First Friday Artwalk on February 7th, from 6-8 PM at the Runnymede and Graceful Arts.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

In addition, Yelena will conduct an artist talk and workshop, free and open to all, on February 12th, from 6-9 PM in Jesse Dunn 324.

To view more of Yelena's work, please visit <http://www.yelenamartynovskaya.com>.

To learn more about the NWOSU AiR Program and view past residents, please visit <http://www.nwosuair.com>.

DONATIONS OF FORMAL WEAR NEEDED

Northwestern Oklahoma State University's department of social work and Woodward High School Key Club are joining forces once again to look for donations of formal dresses, shoes and jewelry for its annual "Primp for Prom" event set for March 5-6 in Woodward.

Primp for Prom is an annual spring event for high school students in the northwest/tristate area to pick out formal attire and accessories at no charge. This year's event will take place at the Woodward High School practice gym on Thursday, March 5, from 1 to 7 p.m. and Friday, March 6, from 9 a.m. to noon. The practice gym is located at 13th Street and Downs Avenue in Woodward.

Students will be able to choose from all sizes, styles and colors that are donated. Fitting rooms also will be available for trying on dresses.

To donate in Alva, please contact Ashley Fischer, secretary for the department of social work and division of business, at affischer@nwosu.edu.

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Editorial

Unsung Heroes of Northwestern: 100 Alva Area Citizens

By JOHN BARTON
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This is the fifth 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.

In order to explain the role of 100 Alva area citizens, I need to review the steps taken to get Northwestern Normal in Alva as well as the construction of Northwestern's first building.

- 1895 – The committee of seven men was formed to get approval from the territorial legislature and the territorial governor to develop a normal school in Alva.

- 1895 – The committee requested donations of 40 acres for the school's location. The Fryers and the McGraths generously provided the land.

- 1896 – The first Alva bill was defeated.

- 1897 – The bill establishing Northwestern Territorial Normal School at Alva was approved by the territorial legislature and signed by Governor Renfrow.

- Spring of 1897 – The bill required the citizens of Alva to pass a \$5000 bond for the school. The bond was approved by an overwhelming majority.

- Summer of 1897 – Sarah Bosworth and Mary DeLisle were hired as the first teachers, and James Ament was named as the first president.

- Fall of 1897 – Classes started and were held in Alva Congregation Church. Shortly after classes started, President Ament

came up with the idea of designing the first building after a French castle. Most everyone liked this idea. He wanted to build a building that would inspire pride in Northwestern students, faculty, and staff as well as the citizens of Alva and the citizens of Oklahoma Territory.

Although there was great support for the idea, they were unable to get the territorial legislature to take action. Eventually, a contract to build the building was signed with John Volk even though funds for the building had not been appropriated. Mr. Volk agreed to build the castle if 100 local citizens would sign a \$100,000 bond which stated they would pay for the building if the territorial legislature did not.

Assuming the liability to pay for the building, 100 Alva area citizens signed the bond. To put this in perspective, the \$1000 that each citizen was responsible for at that time would buy 80 acres of land; \$1000 was a lot of money. In March of 1898, work began on Northwestern's first building which would become known as The Castle on the Hill.

The castle was built in a short period of time, so it could open for students in the fall of 1899. That fall, Santa Fe Railroad provided a special train to pick up the members of the territorial legislature in Guthrie and bring them to Alva for a tour of the castle. They were wined and dined by the citizens of Alva, and then they returned to the capitol where they voted overwhelmingly to approve the appropriations to pay for the castle's construction.

The 100 citizens deserve special recognition for their willingness to step forward and assume a big risk. They had faith in the future of Northwestern, Alva, and Oklahoma Territory.

Although a record of the names of the 100 citizens has not been found, they should be recognized for their valuable contribution to Northwestern and Alva. If Texas A&M can get such great mileage from their 12th man tradition, surely we can honor the 100 bond signees. I am hopeful that someone will come up with an idea of how to honor the memory of these deserving citizens.

EDITOR'S RANT OF THE WEEK

By ASHLEY STREHL
Editor-in-Chief

You know how people say "New year new me", but they don't really put an effort into actually changing their lifestyle?

Well this year I am actually going to put more effort into changing my lifestyle.

There are three main changes I am going to make, and no they aren't the cliché "loosing weight" or "learning a new skill."

I'm making changes that go beyond that, I'm making changes that will go towards not only my physical well being but my mental well being as well.

1. I will no longer apologize for my emotions.

I let myself get into a vicious cycle of apologizing for my reactions last year. It was like ... I would get really emotional about something and then immediately regret it. It felt like I was going insane because I truly never knew if my feelings were validated. I'm done apologizing for how I feel. If I'm mad, I'm mad. If it upsets me, it upsets me and that is OK.

2. I'm worth great opportunities.

Being rejected from a job or opportunity can really suck. When I didn't get the job or internship that I thought I wanted I felt like a failure and I thought, well if I'm not good enough for them, then who am I good enough for? I'm done with that way of thinking! I AM TALENTED and I have a lot of skills! Anyone would be lucky to have me working for them and if they find someone else then that just means it wasn't for me and that is OK.

3. If something is bothering me, I'm gonna speak up.

This one is actually something that I have been working on for a while but seem to still struggle with. Bottling up emotions is NOT, I repeat, NOT OK. In the end that hurts you. You should always speak your mind! Your opinions and feelings are just as important as everyone else's. If it's rejection that I'm worried about at least I can say that I got it off of my chest. Self care 2020 is underway!

We see you

By KOLTON FISHBACK
Student Reporter

The year 2020 proves to be a serious problem for anyone filling out important documents or paperwork.

With fraud being a problem we face on an everyday basis, this issue is severe giving scammers an easy way to gain control or establish an unpaid debt or to cash an old check. Writing out the full date can prevent this. By only writing 20 for the year, scammers have the chance to add extra numbers, which can result in future problems.

According to Hamilton County Ohio auditor Dusty Rhodes, "It could possibly protect you and

prevent legal issues on paperwork."

Mary Berntsen, a junior social science education major from Conway Springs, Kansas shared, "I never really thought about it," Berntsen said. "Until someone posted in on Facebook."

The date could be used against you in the future because of how easy it is to change by adding a couple numbers. It will take some time to adjust putting the full year when writing out the date, but it will keep you safe from any legal issues on your paperwork.

For example, do not write the date 1-2-20. Instead, write out the full year 2020. According to Newsweek, "Changing a document's date

from 2019 to 2020 would be a lot more difficult to fake as it would be a 20-year difference, compared to changing a document's date from 2020 to 2019, which is only a one-year difference.

This advice has been shared widely on social media, and police and a county auditor have recommended writing out the date in full.

Chase Zook, an ag education major from Waynoka, Oklahoma had this to say, "When I heard about it, it was before the new year."

This year has the potential to cause problems on legal issues or paperwork, however if you write out the full year you will have nothing to worry about.

2020

Editorial

The 'Scoop' on a remarkable man

By **JORDAN GREEN**
News Editor

I woke up Sunday morning to a text message from the publisher of my newspaper back home, Tina Anderson.

"Have you been to the office yet?"

No, she wasn't asking me to come in and work on a Sunday. She's not Scrooge. She just wanted to make sure that I saw something she had left on my desk for me – something incredibly special.

A few weeks back, she told me she'd be leaving something for me at the office. I told her I'd get it as soon as I got home from college for Christmas break. And that's what I did: Sunday morning, I walked into the newspaper office. Lo and behold, there on my desk it sat: A rusty, brown box called a "Secretary." It's used to keep track of phone numbers.

I was ecstatic.

That little contraption may look like a simple directory of phone numbers. But to me, it's so much more.

This little brown box belonged to Charles Wesley Abbott, better known as "Scoop." He was a reporter, photographer, and editor at The Blackwell Journal-Tribune for most of his life. He started here fresh out of college and worked here, at least on a part-time basis, almost until the day he died.

He was a remarkable man, one that I have always looked up to and admired.

Though Scoop was considerably older than I am – he was born in 1938, and I was born in 2000 – our lives crossed paths many times when I was a kid.

I remember being in elementary school when Scoop would come to the library to take pictures of whatever project we students were tackling. He always donned a plaid shirt and jeans, and he was always smiling and talking with those around him.

When he wasn't at the school, he was at community functions like the once-great "Tulips-A-Bloom" festival.

It seemed like Scoop, no matter the time of day, was always there, a trusty camera by his side. He always got the story. He was a great reporter. Hence the nickname, "Scoop."

But a journalist is only as good as his sources. And to get good sources, one has to truly understand his "beat" – the topics he's assigned to cover.

In Scoop's case, his beat was the whole county. He covered it, and he covered it with great fervor. He had his finger on the metaphorical "pulse" of the community.

Being so "in-tune" with people takes a great deal

of networking. It takes a great deal of engagement. And it takes a great deal of trust. People have to know that you're there to help your community, and you have to know that the people you talk to will give you the truth.

Scoop didn't just possess the qualities of understanding and trustworthiness; he mastered them. He was always connected. He was always involved. He was always truthful.

That's the only way to be in community journalism. That's how you gain people's trust, and that's how you get people to support your work.

I know that's how Scoop got my support. When I would see Scoop out and about, I always thought he was such a cool guy. Though I was little, something inside me made me appreciate what he was doing. Little did I know that I would one day be working at The Journal-Tribune, keeping alive the legacy of impactful journalism that Scoop created.

Scoop touched the lives of so many people over the years. Whether it was through his exciting sports coverage or his artful feature work, he brought joy to the people of Blackwell.

Though part of his job certainly centered on entertaining people, he never shied away from the assignments that put reporters to the test. He was a fearless watchdog reporter, keeping track of every inch of movement at City Hall. And in Blackwell, covering municipal government has never been easy.

Whether he was making people laugh, cry, or swell with anger, Scoop did work that this community needed. People confided in him. People supported him. People trusted him.

And all of those people are written down – some in blue ink, some in black ink, and some in red ink – in this little brown box.

This little box may not seem like much, but its contents were earned through years of labor. And it was used by a man who paved the way for young journalists like me to keep doing important work in the communities we serve and love.

As a young boy, I never dreamed I would one day be working for The Blackwell Journal-Tribune. But God always puts us where he needs us. I'm thankful that He put me here to keep doing what one great journalist did for his entire life: Telling the tales of Blackwell, Oklahoma.

There will never be another Scoop. But thanks to what he has done, there will always be people in journalism who want to be just like him.

Myself included.

Though I'll never be able to fill Scoop's shoes, I'll always do my best to follow in his footsteps.

Thanks, Scoop.



Graphic by McKayla Holson

14 states have New Voice laws that protect the First Amendment rights of student journalists. These states include Arkansas, California, Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Massachusetts, Nevada, North Dakota, Oregon, Rhode Island, Vermont and Washington.

Rights of Journalists

Student Press Freedom Day

By **MCKAYLA HOLSON**
Editorial Editor

Student Press Freedom Day is Wednesday, January 29.

According to Student Press Law Center, Student Press Freedom Day is "a national day of action when we celebrate the contributions of student journalists and highlight the need to support their independence without censorship or threat to their advisers. We mark the anniversary of the Hazelwood decision, and call upon elected officials to bring sunlight back to student journalism."

Hazelwood v. Kuhlmeier

SPLC mentioned marking the anniversary of the Hazelwood decision. What is the Hazelwood decision?

To understand, step back to 1988 and into the shoes of student journalists at Hazelwood East High School in St. Louis Missouri.

Imagine working on articles and putting a paper together, submitting it to the principal for review and then discovering that the principal deleted pages, without your knowledge, that contained stories about the impact of divorce and peer experiences with teen pregnancy.

I, personally, would be upset.

The students took to the courts because they felt they were being censored for no reason and their freedom of speech rights were violated.

After the case made its way all the way up to the top, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in a 5-3 decision that the principal did not violate the free speech rights of the students.

Basically, the Supreme Court said the school could prevent articles from being published that were deemed "inappropriate". The Supreme Court also argued the newspaper was not intended as a public forum, but a limited one for the students' journalism class, and therefore could be censored by the principal.

I don't agree with this ruling.

Of course, I haven't read the

articles that were deleted, but I don't see anything wrong with the topics.

I understand that times were different back then, but I still don't see how the topics would be seen as problematic by the principal. If teen pregnancy was an issue at the time, why not educate the student population?

That's what news articles are meant to do, they educate and inform. Sometimes they even entertain.

As for the article about the impact of divorce, that is the same as writing a paper over the effects of nicotine on the mind. To me, it is just an informative paper that gives a look into the impact a divorce has on somebody. Again, I don't see why it needed to be deleted from the pages of the paper.

New Voices

The SPLC website says the legacy of the Hazelwood v. Kuhlmeier case is a shameful one, and I have to agree.

According to the site, students from across the country are demanding reform.

In fact, the New Voices movement is pushing for laws that counteract the Supreme Court decision in Hazelwood v. Kuhlmeier.

New Voices is "a student-powered nonpartisan grassroots movement of state-based advocates who seek to protect student press freedom with state laws," according to the SPLC

14 states currently have laws that protect the First Amendment rights of student journalists.

The First Amendment deals with freedom of religion, speech, press, assembly and petition.

The amendment states, "congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

Student press is still press and the freedoms and rights of students need to be protected.

**Interested in writing?
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Photo courtesy of NWOSU Athletics

From Left: NWOSU Rodeo Head Coach Stockton Graves, NWOSU President Janet Cunningham, NWOSU rodeo team members Taylor Munsell and Bridger Anderson, and NWOSU Athletic Director Brad Franz. Munsell and Anderson were both crowned national champions in their respective events at the College National Finals Rodeo in June 2019.

Rodeo coach leads by example

Amber Scales
Student Reporter

Northwestern Oklahoma State University has earned a reputation for many things. In past years, the success of the university's rodeo program has contributed to that. Much of that prominence can be attributed to Stockton Graves, who has been at the helm of the team since 2012. In those seven years, there have been highs and lows as in any coaching career, but Graves keeps a positive mindset.

"I don't focus on the disappointments or the achievements that much," Graves said. "The highs aren't too high, and the lows aren't too low."

Graves was born in Ponca City, Okla. and was raised in a small town nearby called Kildare. He was raised by his father, Jim Graves, and his mother, Cheryl, along with his three sisters. By the time he was old enough to start rodeoing, his sisters were already involved in high school sports such as basketball and softball.

"My dad bull-dogged, and he influenced me the most in my life," Graves said. "We started out by roping calves and team roping. When I got old enough, we moved into bull-dogging, but he introduced me to everything."

In 1997, Graves was the Oklahoma High School Rodeo Association champion steer wrestler. After graduating from Ponca City High School, Graves attended North-

western Oklahoma State University and was on the rodeo team. Graves qualified for the College National Finals Rodeo in Casper, Wyo. three times, and he was a Central Plains region champion steer wrestler for the 1999-2000 season. Graves also holds the steer wrestling arena record at the CNFR with a time of 3.4 seconds.

Professional Career

After graduating college with a bachelor's degree in agricultural business, Graves continued his winning ways at the professional level. He qualified for his first circuit finals in calf roping in 1999. Graves had a long "To-do" list. The first thing on it was to win the RAM National Circuit Finals.

He accomplished that in 2006. But his biggest desire was to make the NFR. He admits there was a lot of ups and downs, but he always seems to accomplish what he sets out to do. And he did in 2004, making his first NFR. In all, Graves made the NFR seven times and won over \$1,180,408.00 in his professional rodeo career.

Graves has numerous wins, such as winning the eighth round of the Wrangler NFR with a time of 3.3 seconds. He finished the year ranked seventh in the world with \$117,772. In 2007, Graves won round seven of the Wrangler NFR



Photo courtesy of WCRA

NWOSU Head Rodeo Coach Stockton Graves competes at the World Championship Rodeo Alliance Major event in Green Bay, Wis.



Photo Courtesy of WCRA

Graves poses with the \$50,000 check he earned while competing in the steer wrestling at the WCRA Major event in Green Bay, Wis.

with a time of 3.7 seconds. He placed in five of the 10 rounds at the Thomas & Mack Center in 2007.

In 2010, Graves won the North Idaho Fair & Rodeo in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. He also won the Dodge Prairie Circuit Finals Rodeo in Park City, Kan. He placed in four rounds of the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo.

After many other wins, Graves semi-retired in 2012, but even in semi-retirement, he is still accomplishing his goals. In June 2019, Graves won \$62,500 at WCRA Major in Green Bay.

The sport of rodeo comes with difficulties and hard times.

"In the sport of rodeo or in life in general, every day can be a difficulty," Graves said, "but I would say just getting over the hump to be successful and to make the NFR took me about a year.

"I wasn't always sure I knew I could. But there was always that fact that you just don't know until you do. No matter how many times you fail, if you really want it, then you'll find a way to do it."

Personal Life

Outside of being a rodeo athlete, coach, and family man, Graves enjoys coyote hunting. And if it's hunting season, he will be up early in the morning with his dogs ready to go. He is also an avid OU football fan and enjoys watching NA-SCAR racing.

Graves has accomplished lots of things in his rodeo career, but nothing compares to having a family. "My greatest accomplishment is my wife and my kids," Graves said. He went to high school and college with his wife, Crissi Graves. They have two children: Sequin Lee, who is five years old, and Augustus Allen, who is two years old.

Crissi Graves said: "He's a great dad to our kids and supports us. He's a pretty good handy man around the house, and he is really smart business-wise, especially when it comes to rodeo."

Coaching

Graves has been around the world with rodeo and has had much success, which makes him a great coach because he knows how to win. But he also knows how to handle a loss and move on from it. Graves has had many students on his rodeo team that have been very successful at the professional level after graduating from NWOSU. Not only does he teach them how to compete, but he also teaches them how to move on when it doesn't go right every time.

"I wasn't always sure I knew I could. But there was always that fact that you just don't know until you do. No matter how many times you fail, if you really want it, then you'll find a way to do it."

Crissi Graves said: "There have been some rodeo athletes that have come through NWOSU while he has been coaching and they are now competing at the NFR level or are top athletes in their circuit. I think Stockton is a great ambassador for NWOSU by representing them in a lot of different places and brings a

lot of recognition to the college."

Jayden Johnson, a member of the NWOSU rodeo team, said: "I admire Stockton's work ethic. He's always focused on what he needs to do, and he's pretty open."




A good quality about Stockton is that he's always straight to the point. He tells you like it is because he knows that, to be successful, you have to face the hard facts and correct your mistakes. But besides being tough, he has a pretty big heart. Stockton is always open to helping anyone. He tells his team that his door is always open if they need help with anything from school to rodeo.

"Stockton has given me lots of advice in the past about life, rodeo, and about having a positive mindset," Johnson said. "He's helped me become a better competitor and has helped me learn how to win. I enjoy him being my coach, and I see him as one of my good friends now. And I just enjoy his company because he's good to be around and has a good mindset. He's always positive, and I've learned a lot from him."

Graves admits his outlook has shifted, but he is still striving to meet his goals: "Right now, making the NFR again isn't my priority in my life. Rodeo has been good to me. But as you get older, your priorities change. I'm more passionate now about my family and my team. My focus is having a national championship team here at NWOSU and creating a tradition of championships here. That is my goal that we will work towards."

Career at NWOSU

- Bachelor's degree in Agricultural Business, 2002
- NIRA Central Plains Champion Steer Wrestler, 1999-2000
- 3x CNFR Qualifier
- CNFR Steer Wrestling arena record (3.4 seconds)
- Head Coach, NWOSU Rodeo team, 2012-Present



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Feature

Get to know LGBTQ+ Terms

By MICHELLE WILLSON
Feature/Entertainment Editor

The LGBTQ+ community is becoming a prominent part of today's society and with and as expected with a new, possibly unfamiliar aspect, there comes a new vernacular and vocabulary to learn.

Words like Transgender, Non-Binary, Gender nonconforming and gender-neutral titles can be hard to follow for those not acquainted with the LGBTQ+ community.

Most of the confusion about the LGBTQ+ community comes from a lack of understanding of the definitions of sex, gender, and sexuality. Sex is a medical term. It refers to the biological aspects: chromosomes, genitals, and hormones. Gender is what one identifies as regardless of genitalia and sexuality is who are attracted to.

"Don't assume anything out loud," said Ollie McLain, trans masculine sophomore psychology major, in regards to other people's sexual orientation and gender identity. "But if you are confused, don't be afraid to ask"

Transgender means they were born as one sex but are transitioning to what they more identify with. This allows them to feel more comfortable in their own body. In most cases, they will go by other new pronouns.

"If someone gets my pronouns wrong I just correct them," said McLain said. "If they keep getting my pronouns wrong and they aren't making an attempt to change, then I just ignore them."

Non-binary, genderqueer, agender and bigender mean that a person doesn't fit exclusively into one gender. These terms do not mean the same thing, but they all speak to an experience of gender that is not simply male or female, states Transequality.org. They may blend elements of being a man, woman or a gender that is different than either male or female. Some people don't identify with any gender. Some people's gender changes over time.

In most cases, people who identify as these gender nonconforming titles go by they/them pronouns. This tends to confuse others because they consider it a plural pronoun to be used for a singular person.

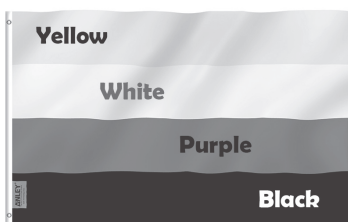
Merriam-Webster announced "they" as the 2019 Word of the Year. The singular "they" is a pronoun used to refer to a person whose gender identity is nonbinary.

The Chicago Manual Style and the Associated Press stylebook have announced they/them/their are acceptable as singular and/or gender-neutral pronouns.

Calling someone the proper



Graphic by Michelle Willson



The Non-binary flag



The Transgender Flag



The Gender Fluid Flag

Taylor Alexander's
Top 2 reasons proper pronouns are important

- 1) It is validating an individual's gender identity and their feelings.
- 2) It shows that individual you are respecting them and their identity.

pronouns can help relieve some dysphoria, McLain said, especially if they don't portray their gender identity well.

"I think people should approach pronouns with an open mind, patience and some compassion," said Taylor Alexander, junior English major and Gay Straight Alliance secretary. "Many people don't see the significance of pronouns but for individuals with gender identities that are different than cisgendered male and female pronouns help solidify their identity."

It can be difficult at times to switch pronouns for someone, especially if you are used to referring to them by others Alexander said.

"Even when it feels difficult and confusing, efforts made to respect pronouns and identity are appreciated," Alexander said.

People who are gender nonconforming might want gender-neutral terms used with referencing them but the terms may vary from person to person.

A popular term used is Enby which stands for NB or non-binary. There are gender-neutral forms of all titles and gender-specific words.

The standard gender-neutral form of aunt or uncle is Auncle just combines the two words but for niece or nephew, it's Nibbling. Others are more simple like parents or sibling simply

takes out the gender element.

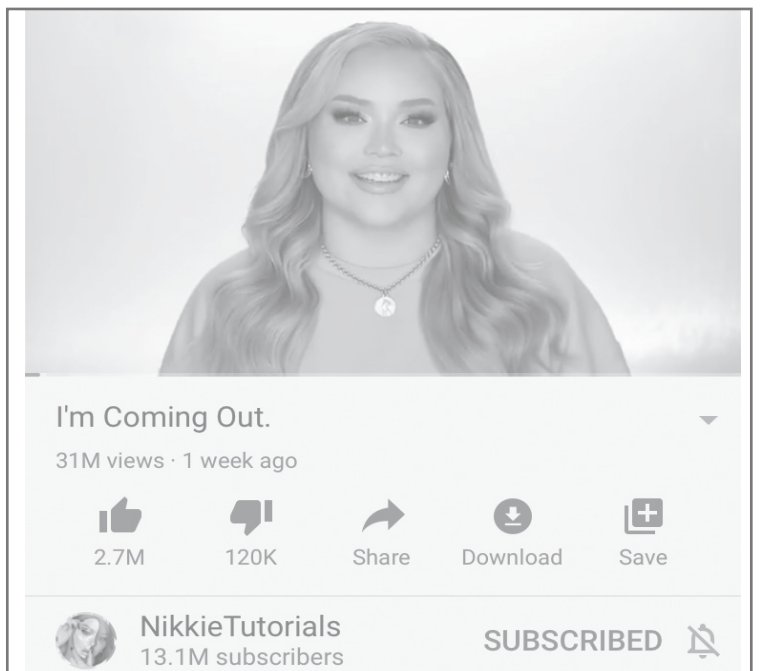
Social media has helped people in the LGBTQ+ community connect. The use of tags, groups and chats allow people to feel supported and ask for advice from people who have gone through the same things.

"Social media has definitely helped with the spread of acceptance and education of the LGBTQ+ community," Alexander said. "People can ask questions or google information without having to leave their comfort zone. There is so much information available as well as people willing to help educate others about the community."

The LGBTQ+ community social media has been beneficial in helping people make connections with one another and support each other despite distance and language barriers. Alexander said.

Titles and pronouns may differ between people, which can be hard to keep track of.

"People are people regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity," Alexander said. "We are all human and are the same inside. I think universally we all need to learn empathy and tolerance."



NikkieTutorials is a famous beauty blogger who came out as transgender last week. She started her account in June of 2008 and now she has 13.1 million subscribers.

Too Faced Cosmetics employee writes trans-phobic comments

Lisa Blandino's Instagram bio sparks outrage among fans and leaves Blandino without a job.

By MICHELLE WILLSON
Feature/Entertainment Editor

On Monday, Nikkie released a video on her YouTube channel coming out as a trans woman.

In the video, she said she was getting blackmailed and the blackmailer said she was lying to her fans and that they were going to release her story.

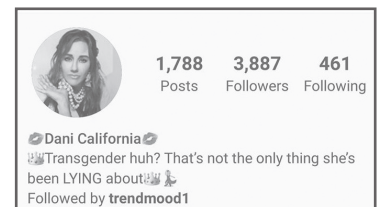
Nikkie's response is that she isn't lying to anyone and she wasn't scared to tell her story. Most people sent love and support for her.

After the video was published, Lisa Blandino changed her Instagram bio to read "Transgender huh? That's not the only thing she's lying about."

Fans and consumers of Too Faced Cosmetics were outraged. Even though the bio didn't name Nikkie the combination of the text and the timeline made it obvious she was referring to Nikkie.

Lisa Blandino is not only an employee of Too Faced Cosmetics, but is the sister of its co-founder and chief creative officer Jerrod Blandino.

After the incident, Jerrod Blandino released a statement on his Instagram story saying that his



Lisa Blandino's Instagram. On social media she goes by Dani California.



Two faced "The Power of Makeup" pallet by NikkieTutorials released in 2016.

sister doesn't speak for him or his brand.

In it he states that he is truly shocked and disgusted by her actions and she is no longer an employee of Too Faced.

"I would like to say how proud I am of Nikkie Tutorials and how inspired I am for her strength and sharing her beautiful truth with the world," said J. Blandino in his statement. "I am sending all my

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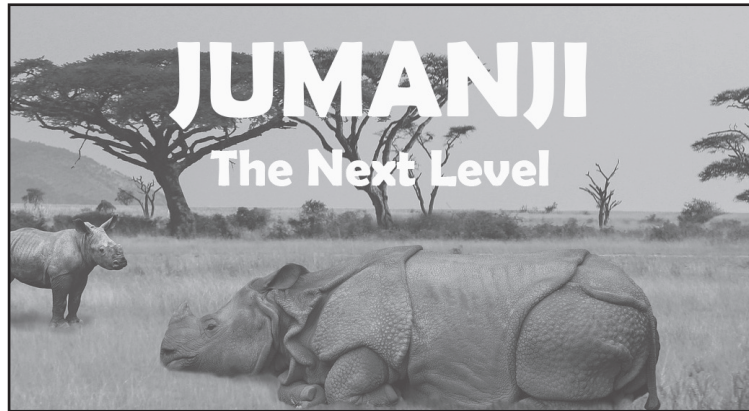
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Entertainment

'Jumanji' takes it to the next level with new movie

Movie left its viewers impressed and wanting more



By MICHELLE WILLSON
Feature/Entertainment Editor

Normally having a sequel so close to the last release is normally a bad sign. In most cases the directors are just trying to stay relevant and you end up with a mediocre movie the is no where close to the movies the preceded it. This is the complete opposite for Jumanji: The next Level.

The first Jamanji is a classic. It came out in 1995 with actors like Robin Williams in it. When the second one came out in 2017 I did not expect it to stand a chance. My expectations were exceeded. Changing Jumanji from a board game to a video game was genius. The newest in the franchise premiered December 13 last year.

The main characters from the Second movie reprises their role in Jumanji: The Next Level. Dwayne Johnson as Spencer Gilpin / Dr. Xander "Smolder" Bravestone, Kevin Hart as Anthony "Fridge" Johnson / Frank-

lin "Mouse" Finbar, Jack Black as Bethany Walker / Professor Sheldon "Shelly" Oberon, Karen Gillan as Martha Kaply / Ruby Roundhouse, Nick Jonas as Alex Vreeke /Jefferson "Seaplane" McDonough.

Returning back to the real world after Jammji: into the Jungle was hard for Spencer Gilpin (Alex Wolff). In the game he was strong, brave and almost invincible as Dr. Xander "Smolder" Bravestone when he returned back to reality he was just a scranny, nervous college kid. When he returned home for break he decided to go back into the game.

Spencers friends, Anthony "Fridge" Johnson (Ser'Darius Blain), Bethany Walker (Madison Iseman), Martha Kaply (Morgan Turner) got nervous when they didn't hear from him and went to his house when they hear the ominous drum music of the Jumanji game. They know he will die if he

tries to do it alone so they follow him to help.

Because the game is pretty busted up when they tried to join Spencer Britney doesn't make it in and was stuck in the real world. Those who made it into the game realize things are very wrong. The Jumanji that their looks very different from last time. They go on trying to find Spencer as Britney in the real world goes to get help.

The movie sends you on a very different adventure with new twists and turns and surprises along the way. Quickly losing lives they have to find Spencer and beat the game before someone is lost in the game forever.

Keep your eye out though. There is a cameo of a character from the first Jumanji movie.

I give Jumanji: The Next Level a 4 out of 5. I feel like they could have given some of the characters a better character arch.



9-1-1 Lone Star brought all the Drama on the original 9-1-1 series to Texas. The Premiere opened with an explosion at a Fertilizer plant killing all but one of the members of unit 126.

9-1-1 series now in Texas

The Drama premeired its "Lone Star" series sunday

By MICHELLE WILLSON
Feature/Entertainment Editor



The trills and drama of the 9-1-1 franchise has come to texas. The franchise premiered the first episode of its 9-1-1 Lone star tv show on January 19th.

The show was created by Ryan Murphy, Brad Falchuk and Tim Minear. The trio has worked together on projects like American Horror Story and the original 9-1-1 series. The show follows Owen Strand (Rob Lowe) as he and his son T.K. Strand (Ronen Rubinstein) move from New York to Texas to help rebuild a department after an explosion killed all but one of the members of the old unit 126.

The sole member Judd Ryder (Jim Parrack) comes back and has to learn how to work with his new crew.

The show gives viewers an in-depth look about how the emergency units work together on different cases and how it differs from team to team. In NYC the firefighters always took charge of the situation but in texas it depends on the call. On medical calls EMTs are in charge and you can see that it will be hard for Chief Strand to give up that power to the head EMT Michelle Blake (Liv Tyler).

When Owen was asked to come a rebuild the department he was told to make team diverse. He recruited the best people around. One of the areas that the show excels in most is the diversity.

The fire fighter unit includes Marjan Marwani a muslim women, T.K. Strand a gay man and Paul Strickland a black trans man

played by trans actor Brian Michael Smith.

The show falls into the same category as Grey's Anatomy, Station 19, New Amsterdam and The Resident but even though the shows are similar there's not much overlap in scenarios. Since 9-1-1 Lone Star is set in Texas they see different types of cases. Lone Star also focus more on the combined work of the EMT, Police and Firefighters where shows like Station 19 follow one unit the whole time.

You get to see the close relationship between Owen and his son. As they fight personal battles while trying to save the lives of others. Viewers are left wondering what will happen when secrets come out will their relationship last and how will it affect the fire department.

The episode excels on every level, Each actor, character, scene and drama filled situation make makes the show worth watching.

I give this pilot episode a 5 out of 5 stars because I am already hooked and it's only been the first episode. I can not wait to keep up

OSCAR NOMINATIONS 2020

Best Picture

- Ford V Ferrari
- The Irishman
- Jojo Rabbit
- Joker
- Little Women
- Marriage Story
- 1917
- Once Upon A Time...In Hollywood
- Parasite

Actor in Leading Role

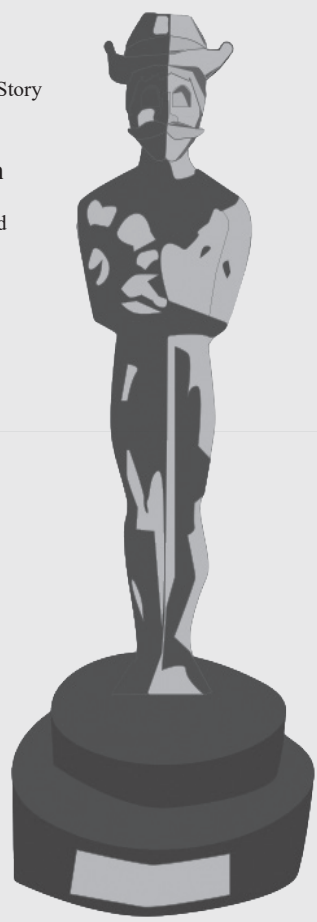
- Antonio Banderas -Pain and Glory
- Adam Driver - Marriage Story
- Jonathan Pryce- The Two Popes
- Leonardo DiCaprio - Once upon a time...in Hollywood
- Joaquin Phoenix- Joker

Actress in a Leading Role

- Cynthia Erivo-Harriet
- Saoirse Ronan - Little Women
- Renee Zellweger - Judy
- Scarlett Johansson - Marriage Story
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Animated Feature Film

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- I Lost My Body
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Sports

Standing in the Hall of Fame

By **DACODA MCDOWELL-WAHPEKECHE**
Student Reporter

The Northwestern Oklahoma State University Athletic Department inducted four new members into the Sports Hall of Fame on Saturday during halftime of the men's basketball game.

Ramon Byndom, Steve Gale, Dana Gandolfo Mitrovic and Mel Sharp were recognized as the Hall of Fame's newest members by athletic director Brad Franz, who praised the abilities of the athletes.

"These inductees into the Hall of Fame were some of the finest student-athletes that Northwestern's had," Franz said. "As always, it's a very tough decision, but they stand out as excellent student-athletes."

Sharp, a student-athlete from Dacoma, was an early definition of a "3 & D" player. With a "great touch" on the offensive side of the ball and a "hardworking soul" on the defensive side, he solidified himself as a Hall of Famer, according to the program for the event.

Sharp was not in attendance, but a video from him was shown at the luncheon. In the video, he thanked the Hall of Fame committee by displaying his gratitude and humor. Skeeter Bird

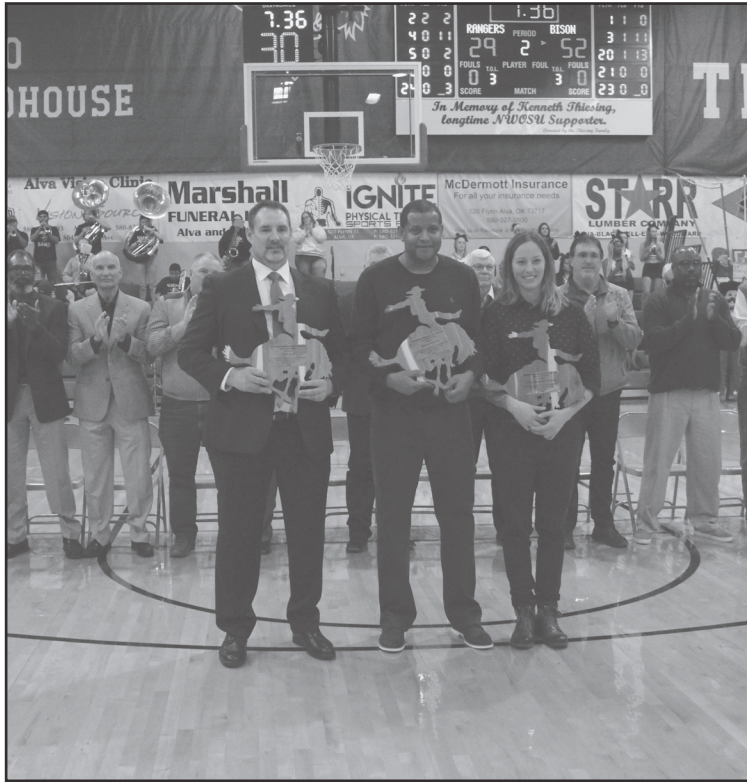


Photo by Leah Darnell

The new Hall of Fame inductees are pictured with the past inductees.

accepted the award on his behalf.

Byndom was a "phenomenal scoring machine" with numerous accolades with Ranger basketball. Throughout his two-year career, he scored 1,738 points.

Byndom has two children, whom he encourages to attend Northwestern. He said his favorite memory of Alva was "the love that I was shown from the fans, teammates, the culture and

the atmosphere."

Mitrovic was Northwestern's sole All-American softball player. She dominated in her three years, averaging a .432 batting average. She only struck-out four times in 111 at-bats. Mitrovic was joined by two other softball players who were some of her childhood friends from Vancouver, Canada.

She said she was "well supported" in her time, and was

"very happy" with getting to play softball with her Canadian friends, as well as her Northwestern teammates and students. She said her college days at Northwestern were some of the best memories of her 20's.

Gale, formerly of Purcell, said he was "very honored" with the Hall of Fame award. He has now joined the ranks of people he knew, like Dr. Yvonne Carmichael, a longtime professor of health and sports science at Northwestern.

Not knowing where NWOSU was, Gale said he came here with a few of his buddies and was "instantly hit with a scorching hot summer day at the beginning of August." He said he was hesitant, but decided to give it a shot.

During his time as a student-athlete, Gale was an offensive lineman. After graduation, he became a coach for Northwestern. He coached the Rangers to their first ever conference championship in football. When asked about how he felt about receiving the Hall of Fame award, Gale said: "It's an amazing place to come to. ... I'm very humbled and honored."

The Northwestern Sports Hall of Fame was established in 1993.



Photo by Emma Sporleder

The Lady Rangers lost, 81-76.

Women's basketball loses to SWOSU

By **ASHLEY WATTS**
Sports Editor

Northwestern Oklahoma State University women's basketball team played longtime rival Southwestern Thursday. Unfortunately after a tough fought battle the Lady Rangers fell short to SWOSU, 81-76.

Hillary Hurst led all scorers with 19 points in the game, and brought in eight rebounds. Bailey Brown was close behind with 18 points and 13 rebounds for the Lady Rangers. Kenzi Lamer provided 11 points, and seniors Kalea King and Jakeria Otey each finished with 10 points.

This game traded leads many times. The Lady Rangers held the lead throughout the first quarter, but would trail by one going into halftime.

Southwestern opened up the second half with a three clinging onto a 40-39 lead. The leader of the game would change over to Northwestern as they held onto a one point lead heading into the final quarter.

Southwestern would quickly tie the score in the final quarter a minute into it. The team started matching three for three at one point in the quarter and for Northwestern they were hit by Leverich, and Hurst. Southwestern would then go on their big run to get an advantage by going on a 15-6 run to open separation at 76-67 in the rival's favor. The Red-and-Black made sure not to go anywhere getting as close as three with 20 seconds left in the game. SWOSU would close out the win after foul shots and would win this one by a final 81-76. NWOSU would shoot 8-of-22 from the field 5-of-11 from three point range. However, SWOSU would go 9-of-14 including five three's over their own to win the quarter 29-23.

This would also allow the Lady Bulldogs to win the game by a final of 81-76.

Rangers named to All Region Team

By **ALEJANDRO AARON**
Student Reporter

Making the All-Super Region Team adds on to two Ranger's accolades as they finished their college football careers.

Starting cornerback and starting linebacker for the Rangers last month earned the accolade for their exceptional level of play this past football season.

"It's a honor," cornerback Aharon Barnes said. "It's something that I've always dreamt of at any level whether it's at Division one, two or three. It's just a humbling experience to show people the talent that I have to the people that overlooked me, that feeling is just amazing."

"Feels good because others from Northwestern made it and shows that Northwestern is moving in the right way especially the football program," linebacker Maurice Wright said. "I'm glad I earned this because I know it makes my family happy and it shows other guys that they can do it too."

"Working hard in the off-season to know my strengths and weaknesses, knowing what I have to get better at and watching film" are all things that Barnes said

helped him earn this award.

"I stepped up as a leader," Wright said. "I don't like to talk a lot of mess; I just worry about my handling people with my pads and helmet. I showed the GAC for four years that I can be a top player."

Barnes said he knows his strengths are his speed and his man coverage. Being physical separates him from other cornerbacks, while Wright mentioned his leadership ability and being a positive role model.

"Just being positive and showing everyone that when there are bad times you can find the good in them," Wright said. "Really just showing them that no matter what people say you can go out there and use those pads and make a lot of people be quiet. Do it for your family and the people you love because that's the only reason you have that drive for a lot of things that you do."

Head coach Matt Walter speaks of the two players highly when he was asked about the work ethic of Wright and Barnes.

Walter enjoyed having these two players on his team.

"I am just super proud of everything they accomplished," Walter said.



Photos provided

Aharon Barnes was selected for the All-Super Region Team as a senior.



Maurice Wright Jr. was also selected to the All-Super Region Team.

Sports

Rangers lose, 75-69

By **ASHLEY WATTS**
Sports Editor

Northwestern men's basketball played school rival, Southwestern Oklahoma State last Thursday, but came up short for the victory, 75-69.

Junior guard Parrish Hewitt led the game in points with 23 points, and he had four rebounds as well. Clive Allen finished behind Hewitt with 14 points along with five assists. Jaedon Whitfield was the third and final double-digit scorer with 12 points and nine rebounds. Whitfield led NWOSU in rebounds.

Southwestern controlled the game from the start. They prevented NWOSU from holding a lead throughout the entire game. The Bulldogs opened up their largest lead at 20 points in the early second half, but NWOSU marched back to bring the game within four points with 3:58 left to play in the game.

Unfortunately, Southwestern put the run by NWOSU to a stop and won the game by six.



Photo by Angel Perez

Northwestern men's basketball lost to longtime rival Southwestern.

The Bulldogs made a 10-0 run in the early first half putting the score at 15-5.

After a media timeout, NWOSU tried to cut the deficit, however good shooting by Southwestern kept them in the lead. The Bulldogs had a 17 point lead going into the half.

After the half, Southwestern extended their lead to 20, but after a 9-1 run by NWOSU they cut the lead to 12 points.

Both Southwestern and NWOSU tightened their defenses as both teams would go on a three minute scoreless drought before NWOSU was forced to foul to get the ball back.

A free-throw by Southwestern would finish the game off as Southwestern won the game.

The loss brings Northwestern to a 5-10 record on the season and 2-7 Great American Conference play.



Photo by Leah Darnell

Northwestern will play Harding on Thursday in Searcy, Arkansas.

Men's basketball loses against OBU

By **MADISON PARROT**
Athletic Communications

Northwestern Oklahoma State University Rangers dropped a tough a hard match-up against Oklahoma Baptist University on Saturday afternoon.

Oklahoma Baptist University took an early lead and never let go despite efforts from the Rangers and took the win 86-68.

The Black-and-Red offense was led by Parrish Hewitt who had 22 points, mostly in the second half.

Other stand-out players include Clive Allen who had 16 points and went 5-6 from the free throw line and led the team with seven assists.

Bryshon Bryant had nine points and went 4-for-6 from the field and led the team in rebounds with nine. Nathan Bailey III earned eight points with two threes.

The Rangers struggled to find a rhythm during the first half of the game and quickly fell back 13-4.

However, back-to-back layups from Jaedon Whitfield and a three-point basket from Hewitt gave the Rangers some momentum followed by a Bailey three-pointer that pulled the Rangers to within five at the 10-minute mark.

A 13-0 run was the answer from the Bison and eventually led to their largest lead of the game with a score of 46-20.

Some final second free-throws

gave the Rangers a 52-29 score as they headed into halftime.

Northwestern came out to play in the second half of the match-up. The Rangers came out fighting in the second half led by Allen and Hewitt.

The Black-and-Red tallied a 14-point run to cut the lead to 15 points and out-scored the Bison, 39 points to their 34.

Unfortunately, the Rangers couldn't hang on as OBU extended their lead back to 24 with ten minutes left in the second half. The Bison continued to dominate to keep their lead around 20 and take the match 86-68.

The Rangers out-rebounded the Bison 38 to 37 throughout the game and out-scored Oklahoma Baptist in the paint 34 to 30.

The Bison, however, could not miss in the first half with 51% from the field and 57% from beyond the arc.

The OBU defense stepped up to the plate creating 14 turnovers and earning 17 points off said turnovers. The Rangers outscored the Bison in the second half and went 50% from the field but it was not enough to take the game.

The Rangers will head to Searcy, Arkansas, to play against Great American Conference opponent Harding Thursday evening. Tip-off is at 7:30 p.m. following the Lady Rangers game.

After the Rangers play Harding on Thursday they will then travel to Russellville to play Arkansas Tech University on Saturday.

Lady Rangers win, 75-59

By **ASHLEY WATTS**
Sports Editor

Northwestern Oklahoma State University women's basketball competed against Oklahoma Baptist Saturday and came out with a 75-59 win.

The Lady Rangers were led by seniors Kalea King and Jake-ria Otey. King finished with 25 points while Otey finished with 24 points. Junior Bailey Brown was the only other double digit scorer with 10 of her own points. Otey led the Lady Rangers in rebounds with nine while Brown followed closely behind with seven.

At the start of the game the Rangers were behind OBU by six points, but an 11-0 run for the Rangers put them in the lead and they never trailed again. NWOSU led for 31 minutes of the 40 in the game.

After closing the first quarter on an 11-2 run the Rangers wasted no time keeping the momentum into the second quarter. They opened this quarter on an 8-1 run and a 19-3 run overall to build a

double digit lead going into the half.

Both teams started the second half with seven combined points in the first minute of play. The Bison cut down the Lady Rangers lead to five, but Hillary Hurst answered with a three pointer and mid range jump shot to bring the lead back to double digits. The third quarter was the only quarter that the Bison won because of nine free throws.

The Lady Rangers would hold a six point lead going into the fi-

nal quarter. The senior duo made sure that this was their game to win. Northwestern beat the Bison 75-59.

This win improves Northwestern's record on the year to 9-7 and they grabbed their fifth conference win for a 5-5 in the Great American Conference play record. The Lady Rangers will travel to Arkansas next week for games in Searcy against Harding on Thursday and Russellville on Saturday.



Photo by Kaylea Brown

Northwestern will play Harding in Searcy on Jan. 23.

Women's b-ball away:

Men's b-ball away:

Baseball away:

Softball starts:

Track starts:

Harding University
Jan. 23

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Edmond First Pitch Invite
Jan. 21- Feb. 2

Southwest Baptist
Feb. 4

Wichita State Invite
Feb. 1

Arkansas Tech
Jan. 25

Arkansas Tech
Jan. 25

Up Next for Ranger Sports

ART: New category added to annual show

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I'm hoping for a lot of pieces in this special category and some amazing ones in all the brand new still life categories."

Case said that this special category is the only one requiring an entry fee, which is one can of food per entry. Cans will be given to the Campus Cabinet food pantry. Those entering this special category may submit as many entries as they want.

A donation box for other non-perishable food items will be available at the show.

Students and non-students will compete head-to-head for prize money in this category. Non-students generally will win ribbons for first, second and third places, while students will win ribbons and prize money: \$15 for first place, \$5 for second place and \$2 for third place.

A "Best of Show" winner for students and non-students will be selected from the pool of all first-place winners, with that student winning a ribbon and \$75. The non-student will be given a ribbon.

One "People's Choice" ribbon and a cash prize of \$50 will be given to the student or non-student artist whose work is voted the best by those attending the show.

All art or concepts, including cartoon/comic characters, must

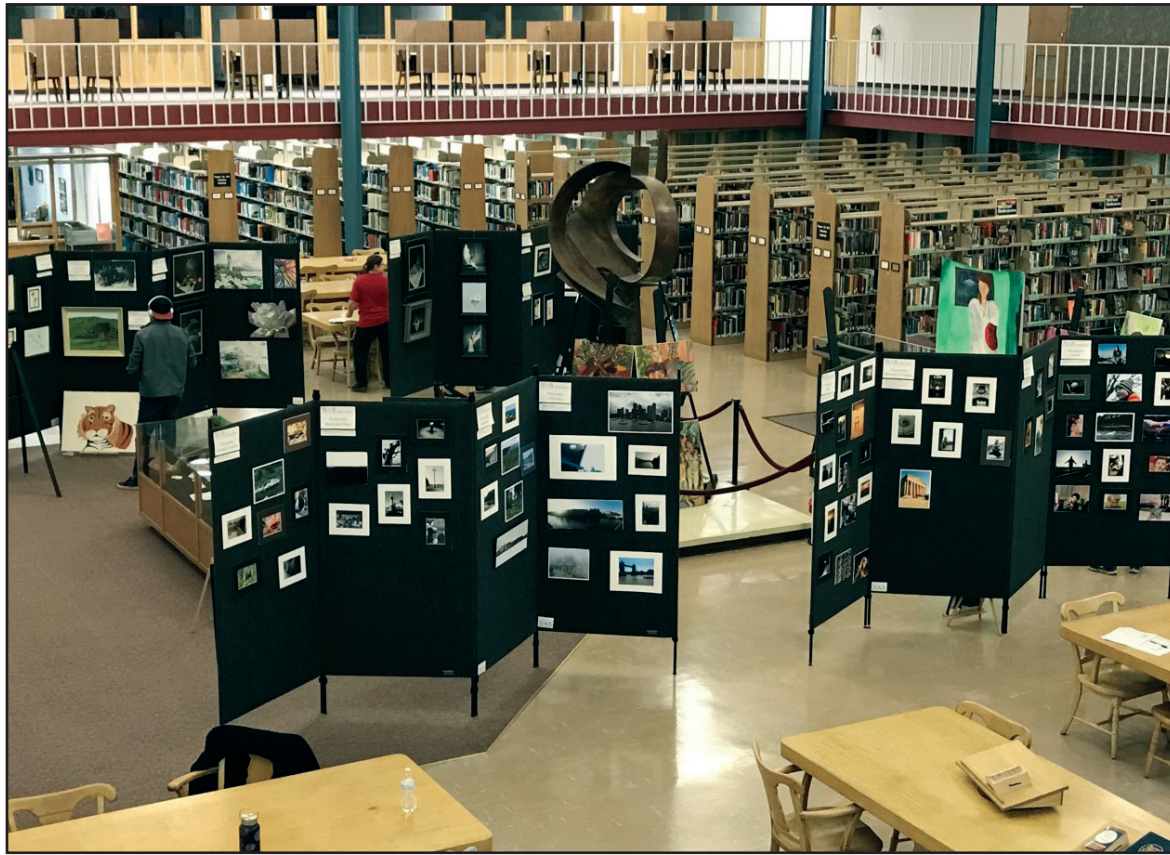


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Several displays of artwork are shown in this photo from the 2019 art show held in the J.W. Martin Library.

be original to the artist. No previously submitted artwork will be allowed, according to the release. Photo entries must be 5"x7" at minimum, and the images must be matted or mounted. No frames are allowed. All fine arts entries should be framed or matted and ready to hang. Only three-dimen-

sional work is exempt from the rule, and it must be labeled.

A Winner's Show will take place in downtown Alva during the First Friday Art Walk, which will be held April 3 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Runnymede, located at 402 4th St.

A complete list of all catego-

ries in which only two works may be entered is available online at <http://www.nwsu.edu/art/nas-art-show>. Entry forms are also available there.

For more information about the art show, contact Case at 580-327-8577 or at arcase@nwsu.edu.

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MEETING HELD

ENID — The Northwestern Oklahoma State University department of social work recently hosted a Child Welfare Professional Enhancement Program Advisory Board meeting.

CWPEP is a title IV-E partnership between the University of Oklahoma, The Oklahoma Department of Human Services, and the US Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families.

The partnership affords interested students financial support by covering books, fees and in-state tuition in return for a specified employment obligation in a Child Welfare position with the Oklahoma Department of Human Services or a Tribe with which DHS has a Tribal/State Agreement.

To be eligible to apply to the program, undergraduate students must be fully admitted to a participating accredited social work program. Upon completion of the Bachelor of Social Work degree, social workers enter OKDHS employment.

To learn more about the CWPEP program, contact Rehder at (580) 327-8135 or kdreher@nwsu.edu.