

Smile of the Week



Photo by Leah Darnell

Senior psychology major Kenlee Netherton says that she is smiling because of Jesus.

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Left: #22-Jaedon Whitfield, #23-Bryshon Bryant, #24-Cole Jones and #10-Jack Peck defend a lay-up from a Southern Arkansas Mulerider. Right: Jaedon Whitfield jumps up to grab and secure the ball against a Southern Ark. Mulerider See (), Page 11.

Emergency text system fails for some

Several students reported not receiving an emergency text or email after last week's snow storm caused school to close

By MEGAN BROWN
Student Reporter

Northwestern Oklahoma State University's emergency message system is an important feature implemented by the university to ensure that they have quick access to information when needed.

The alerts are sent out to make students, staff and faculty aware of school closings, weather alerts and emergency situations. The

alerts can be sent via text message, e-mail and phone call.

Kelsey Martin, director of marketing and university relations, is responsible for sending out the alerts in relation to weather updates.

After administration makes decisions regarding the weather conditions, Martin is responsible for making sure all formats of the alert are sent to those who have activated the system.

As for the test runs that are received monthly and possible emergency situations, Martin is not responsible for entering this data and sending the alerts.

Martin said that having the system as an option is important as it can be used for many purposes.

The recent winter weather storms that caused campus to open late and close early put the emergency system to use.

While some received all of the messages, others were missing some of the alerts.

Many students stated that they received some messages while their friends received the others. Some said that they got the e-mails, but not the texts.

Martin said she believes this could be related to all of the system changes Northwestern is in the process of making or because of other outside factors.

April Schultz, a social work major at Northwestern, has yet to sign up for the alerts as she was not aware that they were even an option.

She said that as far as she could remember, she was never taught how to set up her phone or e-mail to receive the free service.

Students who would like information on these resources should contact the school's IT department.

Education majors get hands-on experience

With almost four years of college under their belts, future teachers leave the college classroom to put their skills to the test in local schools

By MICHELLE WILLSON
Feature Editor

There have been some big changes to the student teachers' schedules this year.

It used to be that the student teachers were in Northwestern classrooms for the first couple of weeks of the semester before en-

tering their host classrooms. But due to a new certification exam, the PPAT, the student teachers needed to be in their host classrooms earlier than they did in past semesters. This year's batch of student teachers started in their host schools the first Friday of Northwestern's spring semester.

Being slowly introduced to the students helps build trust, said

Kaitlin Lawunyon, a senior health and sports science education major. Instead of being "thrown in" as in previous years, they had to start teaching right away.

Lawunyon explained that the students get to see that their teachers are taking this seriously, and it enables teachers to be more effective in the classrooms.

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News

LEARNING TO FLY

Trump signs Space Force into law

By **JORDAN GREEN**
News Editor

He may have previously used the phrase to jab at the dictator of a foreign nation. But with one of his latest actions, President Donald Trump may have made himself the real “Rocket Man.”

Trump created the U.S. Space Force in late December when he signed into law the 2020 National Defense Authorization Act. The Space Force will become the sixth branch of the U.S. Armed Forces, joining the Army, Air Force, Coast Guard, Marines, and Navy.

Trump announced Friday on Facebook and Twitter that a team of military officials and designers had created a logo for the new celestial military branch. Some social media users compared the logo to that of the long-running TV series “Star Trek.”

The fictional show, which originally debuted in 1966 and ran for three seasons, followed astronauts aboard the USS Enterprise as they explored new galaxies.

In reality, the logo was based off of a design that’s been used by the U.S. Air Force since World War II. The delta symbol is at the center of the logo, and it was first used in 1942 by the U.S. Army Air Forces.

It was also used in the Air Force’s early space organizations, which were first created during the Cold War in 1961.

Gen. John “Jay” Raymond of the U.S. Air Force will oversee the program, which was created “to conduct space operations, to deter conflict from beginning or ex-



With government staffers and his wife looking on, President Donald Trump signs the National Defense Authorization Act into law Dec. 20. Part of the act was used to create the U.S. Space Force, the sixth branch of the military.

Photo provided by U.S. Space Force

tending into space, to defend our vital interests in space, to deliver space capabilities to our joint and coalition partners and to develop space warfighters,” he said at an event announcing the creation of the program. The agency will enlist the help of members of the Air Force Space Command.

Secretary of Defense Mark Esper was among the throng of government officials praising the creation of the intergalactic military branch.

“We are at the dawn of a new

era for our Nation’s Armed Forces,” he said in a media release.

“The establishment of the U.S. Space Force is an historic event and a strategic imperative for our Nation. Space has become so important to our way of life, our economy, and our national security that we must be prepared as a Nation to protect it from hostile actions. Our Military Services have created the world’s best space capabilities. Now is the time for the U.S. Space Force to lead our Nation in preparing for

emerging threats in an evolving space environment. This new service will help ensure we are postured to deter aggression, defend our national interests and outpace potential adversaries.”

“Space is critical to our nation’s economic interests, national security, and way of life,” Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Mark A. Milley said. “In military operations, space is not just a place from which we support combat operations in other domains, but a warfighting

domain in and of itself. Our adversaries are building and deploying capabilities to threaten us, so we can no longer take space for granted. The U.S. Space Force is the necessary and essential step our Nation will take to defend our national interests in space today and into the future.”

“The launch of the U.S. Space Force propels the nation into a new era,” Secretary of the Air Force Barbara M. Barrett said. “An agile, lean and technologically-advanced force of talented professionals will now singularly focus on protecting our U.S. national interests and security in space.”

The Space Force has already soared into the realm of social media and public relations. It’s got a Twitter account, @SpaceCorpsUS, and a Facebook page, United States Space Force.

Throughout his tenure in office, Trump has used the phrase “Rocket Man” to describe Kim Jong Un, the ruler of North Korea, when referring to Un’s attempts to build a nuclear program for his country. “Rocket Man” is the name of a 1972 song written and performed by Elton John, which reached the No. 2 slot on the United Kingdom’s Singles Chart and the No. 6 spot on the U.S. Billboard Top 100.

In 2019, the phrase was used as the title of a movie about the singer’s life.

For more information about the Space Force, visit the department’s website at <https://www.spaceforce.mil/>.

Local smokehouse reignited by new owners

‘The Bull’ is riding high once again thanks to new owners, who say they look forward to serving the people of Alva in their restaurant

By **EMMA SPORLEDER**
Student Reporter

The Bull Smokehouse and Saloon or “The Bull,” formerly known as The Angry Bull Saloon, has re-opened under new owners, Pete and Courtney Nesseralla.

The restaurant and bar offers an all-new menu and atmosphere. In the past, The Angry Bull Saloon was exclusive to ages 21 and older. But with the changes that have been made to the new business, The Bull is now open to all ages with no cover charge and no smoking.

Nesseralla and his staff have revamped the building by add-

ing 21 new seats and, because of the adjustments, the maximum capacity changed from 99 to 136 patrons.

The menu includes a build-your-own burger, appetizers, barbecue, and more.

Pete Nesseralla said, “The new menu will give us the opportunity to improve ticket time and speed things up for better service.”

Due to the changes that have been made, The Bull now welcomes all atmospheres because it allows Alva to have another family-friendly restaurant that doubles as a nightlife experience for adults and college students.

If you aren’t in the mood for food, The Bull has pool tables and pool tournaments that will be held on Monday nights. It also has Jenga games and cup-pong tables.

Sebastian Escalante, a NWOSU graduate student and a longtime employee at The Bull, said: “The changes that Pete and Courtney have made during the transition are going to make this

establishment even better. The Bull is the perfect place for college students to gather and celebrate events and enjoy a good meal. We are all looking forward to serving the community and hope to see everyone out there.”

The Bull’s liquor license is still pending, but the owners are looking forward to obtaining it. Once the liquor license is active, the bar will be blocked off to anyone under the age of 21.

The hours will be 11 a.m. to midnight Monday through Wednesday. Thursday through Saturday will be considered “college nights,” and the hours will change from 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. The dinner menu will end at 9 p.m. every night. Appetizers will be served until 10 p.m. during the beginning of the week. During college nights, they will be served until midnight.

Check out The Bull Smokehouse and Saloon on Facebook for more information and all of the latest updates.



Photo by Emma Sporleder

The Bull Smokehouse and Saloon, formerly known as The Angry Bull Saloon, has reopened. Shown above is the renovated interior of the dining hall.

News

What's up?

TONIGHT:

Another Goodie Giveaway will be held at tonight's Ranger basketball game.

There will be a baked item giveaway fundraiser. Buy three tickets for \$1.

The event will be held in Percefull Fieldhouse, and it begins at 5:30 p.m.

FEB. 11 & 12:

NWOSU's annual two-day Oklahoma Blood Institute Blood Drive will be held in the Student Center. The blood drive is open to the public. It will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days.

For more information, contact Kaylen Hansen, director of assessment and institutional effectiveness, by phone at (580) 327-8150 or via email at klhansen@nwsu.edu.

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TOMORROW:

January/February 2020 Artist-in-Residence Yelena Martynovskaya will exhibit the paintings and drawings she created at NWOSU during the First Friday Art Walk in Downtown Alva at the Runnymede and Graceful Arts tomorrow night.

Martynovskaya was born in Uzbekistan and immigrated to United States when she was 11 years old. She 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.

Yelena began her residency at NWOSU Jan. 13. She will develop a body of work in the Jesse Dunn Art Annex Rm. 323. A culminating exhibition of the work she creates at NWOSU will be displayed during the Alva First Friday Artwalk on Feb. 7. It will be on display from 6 - 8 p.m. at the Runnymede, located at 402 4th St. in Alva.

DONORS NEEDED FOR BLOOD DRIVE

Northwestern Oklahoma State University's Alva campus is partnering with the Oklahoma Blood Institute to hold a blood drive from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 11 and 12 in the Student Center's Ranger Room.

The university hopes that 120 people will donate. The blood drive is open to the public. The NWOSU soccer and softball teams are sponsoring the event.

All donors will receive free pizza, a "Friends"-themed T-shirt, a free ticket to Frontier City, and free health screenings and donor reward points.

Save time and complete the screening questions online at <http://obi.org/donor-express>. The confirmation sheet must be printed the day of donation. Donors should have a photo ID available to give blood. Appointments can be made online at <http://obi.org> or by calling (580) 233-9323. Walk-ins are welcome and encouraged.

To make an appointment or volunteer, contact Kaylyn Hansen, service learning coordinator, by phone at (580) 327-8150 or via email at klhansen@nwsu.edu.

DONATIONS OF FORMAL WEAR NEEDED

Northwestern Oklahoma State University's department of social work and the Woodward High School Key Club are joining forces once again to look for donations of formal dresses, shoes and jewelry for the annual "Primp for Prom" event, which will be held Mar. 5 and 6 in Woodward.

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

CAMPUS BRIEFS

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, contact Ashley Fischer, secretary for the department of social work and division of business, at affischer@nwsu.edu.

Each student who attends the event will receive a \$500 scholarship to Northwestern if they decide to attend the school and live in Alva. Students will also have the opportunity to tour the campus, meet faculty members, and speak to representatives of student organizations.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS INVITED TO SHOWCASE

Northwestern Oklahoma State University will host its annual Spring Showcase event Feb. 22 at 10 a.m. in the Student Center on the university's campus in Alva.

High school juniors and seniors, as well as college students looking to transfer to Northwestern, are invited to attend the event.

High school juniors must attend the event during their senior year of high school in order to be eligible for the \$500 scholarship. Seniors who attended the university's Ranger Preview event cannot stack the \$500 Spring Showcase Scholarship on top of the \$600 Ranger Preview Scholarship. Students also must meet all scholarship eligibility requirements, according to a media release sent by the university.

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Editorial

2020 legislative session begins

By **JORDAN GREEN**
News Editor

The Oklahoma State Legislature kicked off the 2020 legislative session Feb. 3, and legislators representing northern Oklahoma say they're looking forward to tackling issues like healthcare, education, and public safety.

This week, I spoke to Sen. Roland Pederson, R-Burlington, and Rep. John Pfeiffer, R-Orlando. They represent parts of northern Oklahoma at the Capitol. Pederson is a NWOSU alumnus.

HEALTHCARE

Both Pederson and Pfeiffer said healthcare will be at the top of the list of things the Legislature will work on this year. The biggest tenet of healthcare talks will be Medicaid expansion.

Medicaid expansion would allow the state to receive more federal dollars to care for low-income individuals, but some lawmakers are concerned that the federal government could eventually reduce its share of the cost, leaving the cash-strapped state to pay the difference.

Oklahomans will get to vote on the issue in November, and Pederson expects that it will pass. That means it's up to the Legislature to decide where the money for the program will be spent.

"Medicaid expansion will be a big deal, and we're going to look at the proposal on that," Pederson said. "It'll probably pass, so unless the governor has got a plan that can derail that, I think Medicaid expansion is probably going to be here. Hopefully we can make guidelines so that we can help people better. We are going to try to figure out a way to direct the money to where people can get better treatment. It all kind of depends on how Medicaid expansion works out."

Both Pederson and Pfeiffer, who represent largely rural areas, said healthcare is of chief importance to them. As rural hospitals across the country face closure, they're looking to save those that serve their constituents.

And what's a good way to do that? Ease certain regulatory burdens on physician assistants so that they can better practice in rural areas.

Pederson filed Senate Bill 1844, which would increase the number of medical establishments a physician's assistant can work at. It would also allow physicians to collaborate with – rather than by supervised by – doctors, a move that could save rural PAs money by reducing supervision fees. That would benefit PAs who work in areas offering lower salaries, helping rural areas retain quality medical providers.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Even after sweeping commutations were approved for hundreds of Oklahoma prison inmates last year, the Sooner State still has some of the highest incarceration rates in the nation.

At the time, early prison releases for low-level offenders seemed to be the way to go. But now, lawmakers are asking whether they went a step too far by releasing those inmates.

Pederson said he's heard "quite a bit of criticism

on criminal justice."

"Have we swung the pendulum back too far the other way by trying to reduce our prison population?" he asked. "We let people out that probably shouldn't have gotten out. Any time you deal with something like that, you can swing things too far the other way. We'll probably have some 'tweaks' as far as criminal justice goes."

There's more than one way to reduce a prison population. The death penalty certainly reduces the number of prison inmates. But Oklahoma hasn't completed an execution in years, and now, a bill to eliminate the death penalty has been filed by Rep. Jason Dunnington, D-Oklahoma City.

Pederson doesn't think it will pass, but he added that he has been surprised by the outcome of legislation in the past.

EDUCATION

Pfeiffer said he's proud that the state Legislature has increased funding for public schools by hundreds of millions of dollars over the last two years. For this session, he said, the Legislature will have to figure out the next step for improving the state's school system, which for years has been ranked as one of the worst in the nation.

"There will be continued talks about education and where the state needs to go after two years of pay raises [for teachers]," Pfeiffer said.

"Education is in better shape," Pederson added.

WHAT BILLS DID THEY FILE?

Here's your legislative lesson for the day.

Pederson and Pfeiffer each filed several bills for the upcoming session.

Not all of their bills are complete yet. Some are just "shell bills." A shell bill is used by a lawmaker when he has an idea for a bill, but he doesn't have it completely written yet. Lawmakers file a shell bill before the deadline for bill submission to, in essence, give it a place in line. Then they go in during the session and amend it by adding the actual text to the bill.

It's like buying the pillow case because you don't have the pillow yet, but you know you will soon.

With all of that aside, you can check out which bills your legislators have filed online. To see the bills Pederson has filed, visit <https://legiscan.com/OK/people/roland-pederson/id/18948>. To see Pfeiffer's, visit <https://legiscan.com/OK/people/john-pfeiffer/id/17282>.

HOW TO CONTACT YOUR LEGISLATORS

Want to voice your opinion on a bill? Need to talk to your legislators about an issue? Here's the information you need.

The state Capitol is located in Oklahoma City at 2300 N. Lincoln Blvd.

Pederson's office at the Capitol is in Room 413. Pfeiffer's is Room 456.1.

Pederson's phone number is 405-521-5630, and Pfeiffer's is 405-557-7332.

Pederson's email address is Roland.Pederson@oksenate.gov, and Pfeiffer's is john.pfeiffer@ok-house.gov.

EDITOR'S RANT OF THE WEEK

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

This week I decided I am going to rant about time management and how unbelievably hard it can be.

One of the main reasons this has come to mind is the fact that as I am writing this, about an hour and a half before I send this entire paper into the press . . . so there's that.

I am a senior, so that means I am busy, both physically and mentally. Physically, because I have 11 hours of classes, 15 hours of newspaper work and another 11 hours of interning.

Mentally, because on top of all this I have to maintain a positive mind and spirit. I am also thinking about what my life is going to be like after I graduate, constantly. Sometimes that idea alone can be quite overwhelming.

So, I have to time manage all of this in an effective way where I can get everything done the best I can and still have time to eat, sleep and use the bathroom.

It's hard guys. It's the fourth week of school, but I am exhausted. However, like I said, I am trying to maintain a positive attitude and I honestly do not think I am doing a bad job.

So yeah, time management is hard, but I am going to tell you why it's important. Basically, if you can't time manage you're going to struggle your whole life. Your employers are certainly not going to be impressed and you're just going to be miserable.

Most important of all, on top of a busy schedule it is important to maintain your mental health.

Since I have started actively thinking more positive and having a busy schedule hasn't been that bad. Yes I am tired, but most importantly, I am happy.

You create your own happiness. No matter how miserable your life may be, you can still be happy if you just put your mind to it.

I learned in church this past Sunday that you always have a reason to smile. If nothing else, you're alive, breathing and you should be grateful you have that privilege. Stay focused and think positive!

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Editorial

Patience is a virtue

By MCKAYLA HOLSON
Editorial Editor

Patience is something that I feel is such an important trait in people.

It tends to make life easier and it can even save lives.

Nobody is patient at every single point in their life, everybody gets aggravated about something.

A common situation where people lack patience is when they're driving. I'm pretty sure we've all had a little bit of road rage at some point.

It's when the lack of patience turns into someone taking an action to "relieve" the stress that problem tend to arise for surrounding people.

I get so angry sometimes when I see some of the things people do while driving. I am by no means a good driver, but I try to do my best.

It's whenever people run stop signs and pass in no-passing zones that my anger rises the most. Or even if people are in a passing zone but still choose to pass unsafely.

I'm going to tell two stories. They are separate incidences, but they are deeply entwined.

A guy I went to school with years ago, what feels like decades almost, his family and others around him feel the effects of impatient drivers.

His name is Ty Mackey.

Ty was driving his motorcycle to class at OSU when a dump truck ran a stop sign and pulled out in front of him. Ty ended up hitting the bed of the truck with his front fender and the force threw him and his motorcycle into the truck and rear tire.

Ty was a junior at OSU. He had a job and he is in the Army Re-

serves.

It was a long time ago, but I remember Ty as the kindest person you could ever meet. He always had a big, bright and shining smile. I remember him being funny too.

Ty spent two months at OU medical and then went to a rehabilitation center.

The accident happened on September 4, 2019 and he finally got to go home December 30, 2019. Ty's battle is far from over though. He is currently 100% assist and requires 24-hour care and assistance. He still needs surgery to replace his skull on the left side of his head, he has a PEG tube, limited use of the right side of his body and he's still confused.

As I said, I knew Ty a long, long time ago. I highly doubt he ever remembered me, but you can never forget a person as wonderful as Ty so I never forgot him. I followed his story on his mom's Facebook page, that's where I learned about everything, and I still check it every now and then just to see if there's an update on his condition, just hoping for positive news and improvements.

Unfortunately, I have another heartbreaking story to tell you that popped up on my Facebook feed.

Ty's girlfriend Bethany Myers was in a wreck and died January 9. A jeep attempted to pass a semi in a no-passing zone and hit her head on.

The arteries to Bethany's heart were essentially shredded. That means there was no blood flow. Her pelvis was crushed, her femur was broken and she suffered injuries to her brain shaft. She fought, but the damages were too severe. Yet another impatient driver made a selfish decision and impacted the lives of people forever.

I didn't know Bethany, but I read the kind words people said

about her. From their words, she was just as amazing and inspiring as Ty.

Bethany worked three jobs and was attending Redlands Community College as a nursing student. She helped Ty immensely when he was recovering. From what I learned, she was a kindhearted woman who loved life and worked hard.

The world is cruel place sometimes and life is also unfair and cruel.

Selfish people made reckless decisions and forever impacted the lives of two great people. You can't change my opinion of those people being selfish, you can't spin it any way that would make what those people did not selfish. They were impatient and didn't care about the consequences of their actions.

I'm sure the drivers feel awful about what they did, but that doesn't excuse their wrongdoings.

I just ask that everyone relaxes and stays patient. Too many times I've seen impatient drivers barely scrape by from an accident. Last year alone I've seen so many people fly through the crosswalk with the lights flashing while people tried to cross. Drivers who could wait thirty seconds for people to safely walk across the road. I've seen so many vehicles try to pass somebody only to barely swerve back into the correct lane and narrowly avoid an accident. Just be patient. Please.

If you decide to pass unsafely, run a stop sign or anything like that, then you are being selfish. You have no right to essentially take someone else's life into your hands.

It makes me so incredibly sad and frustrated to think about the fact that one day someone else's actions could take my life.

We want to hear from you!

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

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Caps have issues

By MICHELLE WILLSON
Feature/Entertainment Editor

If you have ever had a complaint about not receiving a scholarship you thought you would receive, you have probably made the walk down to Herod Hall to talk to financial aid and chances are you heard something along the lines of "you hit a scholarship cap"

What is a cap? What does it do and why are you just now hearing about it? There should never be that many questions when it comes to financial situations. Especially those of students.

There is nothing more frustrating, as a student, than having to pay more than you thought you were supposed to.

When you look where our scholarships are listed, online and in our campus viewbook, they show all the money you could receive from scholarships but none of the stipulations that come with the scholarship.

There needs to be a box of text that says, "this scholarship cannot be stacked with this scholarship." or "there is a department cap at \$2,000" and a little explanation that states a scholarship cap is the max amount a student can get from a department or area. There are department caps, tuition caps, athletic caps and more. The price ranges vary.

For example, you can get \$1,000 for Choir and \$1,000 for the band but there is a Fine Arts Department cap that will prevent you from getting any more department scholarship but you might be allowed to have other outside

scholarships relating to other areas.

There are also scholarships that will not stack for various like the Ranger Preview and Spring Showcase.

The OU website states that their Valedictorian scholarship "does not stack with automatically awarded academic scholarships."

On the Tuition waiver page, OSUOKC states "applicants are not allowed to stack waivers"

Most students, especially those just starting out won't think to second guess what is written. They might see they have two dorm waivers and think they get cash value of one since their dorm is paid for.

Northwestern is not the only school that has students confused about scholarships. In 2016 Oklahoma City University's student McAlyn Forbes wrote an article for their student publication in 2016 titled "Students confused about stackable non-stackable scholarships." In the article, she quoted their senior director of student financial services who was able to clear up most of the confusion.

If that kind of information was publicized then it would create less work for those in the financial aid department because they wouldn't have to answer the same questions over and over.

This would also help with retention. Students having a good idea of the amount in scholarships they are getting will allow them to be prepared to pay on time and get enrolled in the next semester of classes.

Get inspired!

*"Hold fast to dreams,
For if dreams die
Life is a broken-winged bird,
That cannot fly."*

— Langston Hughes

"Patience is not simply the ability to wait - it's how we behave while we're waiting."

— Joyce Meyer

*"Hope is the thing with feathers
That perches in the soul
And sings the tune without the words
And never stops at all."*

— Emily Dickinson

N TJ Andrade: When life knocks you down, overcome N

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Andrade is the assistant head coach for the NWOSU Rangers. He said family, fishing and traveling are important to him.

Nick Dill
Student Reporter

TJ Andrade watched his football career slip away in the third week of the high school season with 34 seconds remaining before halftime.

Andrade remembers how he broke his neck like it was yesterday. He suffered that injury in 2007 in a game against Silverlake High School.

He was playing defensive end, and the other team ran a sprint-out pass to the right, Andrade said.

"The quarterback reversed field and then ran back toward me," Andrade said. "We were on their sidelines now, and the next thing I know, I get speared in the head. I did a couple of flips and landed in the grass face down, and then I woke up in the hospital."

Today, he is the one who keeps the ball rolling. Andrade is the assistant head football coach. He is also the equipment coordinator and a professor at Northwestern Oklahoma State University. Andrade handles all the team's equipment and finances, and he does a ton of behind-the-scenes work.

The college journey

Andrade had always wanted to be a coach, and that's exactly what he headed to college for. He graduated from Emporia State University with a degree in physical education for grades K-12, with a minor in coaching.

He started his first coaching experience in his first year at Emporia as a student assistant for the football team. He came into the head coach's office and volunteered to do

anything to help the team. He said he handled anything the coaches needed in the office, and he helped film at every practice.

He said the highlight of his college experience was winning the Kanza Bowl in 2012.

"That was pretty cool to win something," Andrade said. "Getting that bowl ring was a pretty cool thing."

It was at Emporia State when Andrade met Matt Walter, the offensive coordinator for the Hornets. Walter and Andrade met again down the road after Andrade graduated and wanted to continue his education.

Living his dream as a coach

Andrade started his first official coaching job at NWOSU as a graduate assistant. Walter is the head coach at Northwestern, and he remembered TJ from his days as a student assistant.

"I admire his work ethic and his loyalty to the process of the job," Walter said.

A job opportunity opened up, and TJ was offered the job.

Andrade learned he had to be patient in the job search.

"It was tough to send application after application, resume after resume, just to get that feeling of rejection," Andrade said.

This gave him a perspective of how grateful he was to get offered the job at Northwestern, he said.

He is now in his fifth year at Northwestern. He handles day-to-day operations and is also the football camp director. He organizes football camps throughout the states of Oklahoma and Texas. Those events help recruit players for NWOSU.

Andrade said the players are like

family. He loves coaching because he loves being around the students, he said.

"Your players are an extended family to me, and that's been my whole life because my dad was a coach," Andrade said.

Recruiting is big in college football, and Andrade is one of the best recruiters on the coaching staff, Walter said.

"Recruiting is huge when it comes to college football, and I feel [Andrade] does a really great job at that," Walter said.

Andrade said he is able to connect with prospective student-athletes.

"I'm pretty personable, and I can understand the situation and setting I am in," he said.

He loves the job he does now. Eventually, his main goal is to someday become a head coach, who does more than just coach, he said.

Andrade explained that his goal is to "not just develop kids, but also develop coaches."

Walter said Andrade has the tools to become a great head coach, he said.

"He needs to get more into the X's and O's of football," he said.

Ultimately, as a head coach, you have to understand the schematic of things going on offensively, defensively and on special teams.

Andrade said he loves the game of football.

"As much as the stress may get to you sometimes, it's just something about the adrenaline of getting ready for a game and the game itself that just keeps you going," Andrade said.

Loyalty over everything

Family, fishing and traveling

are all important to Andrade. These things help him relax during the stressful and busy life of a college football coach, he said.

Family is key to him.

"I'm a big family man," he said. "I love to help people. There are not many people I don't help, whether it's my girlfriend or my brothers and sisters."

He aims to always do the best he can for his family.

"I want to be able to provide for my family, whether it's my girlfriend or my mom or dad if they ever want to go on a trip or stuff like that," he said.

Walter said a thing that a lot of people don't know about Andrade is that he loves to fish. Andrade said he didn't begin to fish until he arrived in Alva.

Impacting people's lives

Megan Schulze is Andrade's girlfriend. She said he inspired her to finish college and give everything she had. She said he is too humble to share this, but Andrade has a big heart and is really caring.

"He cares about everybody and wants the best for everybody," Schulze said. "He will do anything he can to help them."

Andrade shows how you can overcome any obstacle, and his friends notice that.

"He still deals with the impacts from his neck injury, and how he still handles himself well, even though that was such a major life change for him," Schulze said.

Kinlee Netherton, a student assistant who works in the football fieldhouse for Andrade, has only worked with him for one semester. But he has already inspired and impacted her life.

"I admire his willingness to lead,

and he is a great boss," Netherton said. "He keeps us on track for what we need to get done."

Sam Gentry, an offensive lineman on the Northwestern football team, said that he admires Andrade and that he portrays many leadership qualities.

"I admire his drive to work and get the task at hand done," Gentry said. "He basically stays at the fieldhouse from sunrise to sunset just to get our equipment ready for football."

Andrade has impacted Walter greatly throughout their friendship, Walter said.

One of Andrade's greatest qualities that Walter said he admires is his brainpower.

"He is extremely intelligent," Walter said. "Having that intelligence factor through the roof, that's him."

Walter said Andrade will not say he's the smartest guy in the room, but a lot of times, he is the smartest guy in the room.

Enjoy the little things

Andrade said he had a different outlook on life after he broke his neck.

"You must appreciate the little things and don't chase the big wild stuff all the time," Andrade said.

Walter said Andrade handles the worst times smoothly.

"His viewpoint on what we may consider a terrible thing is not a bad thing in Andrade's perspective," Walter said.

Andrade said he has faced adversity his whole life and has always overcome it.

"When adversity hits, you have to act quick and think on your toes and try and get the right response to it," he said.



Andrade poses by a man while holding a fish. Andrade said fishing is one thing that helps him relax during the stressful and busy life of a college football coach.



Walter said a thing that a lot of people don't know about Andrade is that he loves to fish. Andrade said he didn't begin to fish until he arrived in Alva. Pictured above, Andrade holds a fish in Corpus Christi, Texas.

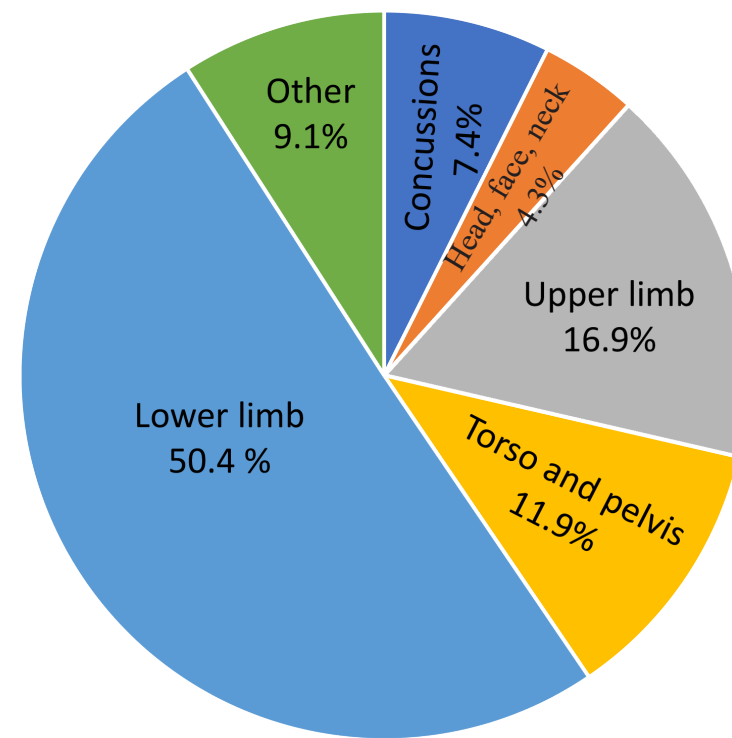


Andrade said the highlight of his college experience was winning the Kanza Bowl in 2012. Emporia State University defeated Tamu-Kingsville 45-38 in the fourth annual Kanza Bowl. Emporia State finished the season 10-2. It was their first 10-win season since 1989.

What he does

- Assistant Head Coach
- Equipment Coordinator
- Camp Director
- Travel Coordinator

Injury percentage breakdown (%)



Source: NCAA.org

Graphic by McKayla Holson

This graph shows data from the 2004/2005 - 2008/2009 football seasons collected by the NCAA. This graph shows the percentage of injuries football players receive. Injuries like the one Andrade suffered from make up 4.3% of injuries.

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Feature



Photos by Leah Darnell

Art Society members, Sara Houchin, April Burchfiel and Alanna Negelein help exchange money to tickets for fans who may receive potential treats during the goodie giveaway at the home basketball games. Ranger fan, Chloe Claffin showing off all of her tickets and is ready to see if the numbers get called.

Art Society host giveaways during basketball games

1 dollar gets 3 tickets for goodie raffle

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

There is a simple routine when going to a Ranger basketball game.

As you walk into Percefull Fieldhouse, you might hear music; hear balls hitting the backboards and bouncing on the ground or you may even smell popcorn, but as you walk down those steps into the gym do you ever look into the left corner?

Nestled in the corner is the Art Society goodie giveaway table, where members meet at every home basketball game to give away cookies, cakes and other baked or even non-baked goods.

In order to get one of these goods, participants must donate one dollar for three raffle tickets, potential goodie-winners may buy more than one to increase their chances and this raffle ticket has a number on it that can be called during the halftime of the men and women's games and between the games as well.

If a ticket holders number is called, they have the option of going to the table and picking out a "goodie" of their choice.

Angelia Case, Art Society sponsor says that the Goodie Giveaway has been one of their major sources of fundraising.

"The big ticket item is the art show," Case said. The annual Art Show will be held on March 8 through March 28.



Winners of the giveaway come to select their sweet treats during halftime.

The funds go towards tools used to hang up the art and for the art show winners. "Art is expensive," Case said. "So, part of the money also go towards paint and tools and canvases for painting as well."

"Generally we say that people should donate baked items, but they don't have to be," Case said. Case also said that the group gets together sometimes to make items on their own. They also occasionally buy cupcakes from Alva's Market and decorate them.

Not only does goodie giveaway raise money for the Art Society, but they raise money for other programs, clubs and organizations that are affiliated with the Art Society as well. For example, Campus Cabinet stations a box by the table to allow Ranger fans to donate their non-perishable goods.

Case also said that proceeds to goodie giveaway last Saturday went towards Campus Cabinet.

The next few events that Art Society will have tables stationed at will be the home basketball games February 27 against



Ranger fan, Chloe Claffin showing off all of her tickets.

Arkansas Tech University and 28 against Harding University.

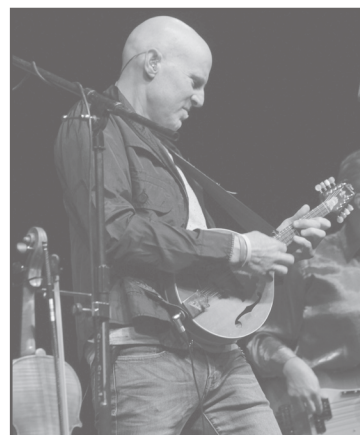
Case has two main reasons why it is important to give to the goodie giveaways saying, "First of all just the participation of it is kind of fun, second, I would love it if students could be more active with this because the funds that we use are put back into the students. It's just another way for students to be involved."

Rubberbands rock Herod Hall

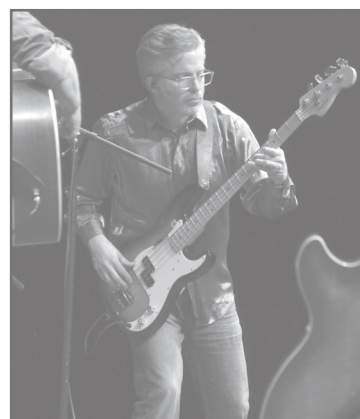


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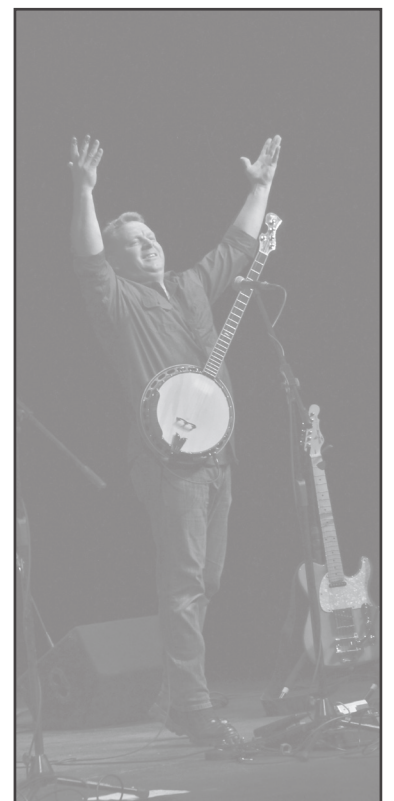
Members of the band joining together for a high point of a song.



Ryan Shupe performing on the mandolin.



Wally Barnum playing the base during a song.



Craig Miner leads to audience in an interactive song.

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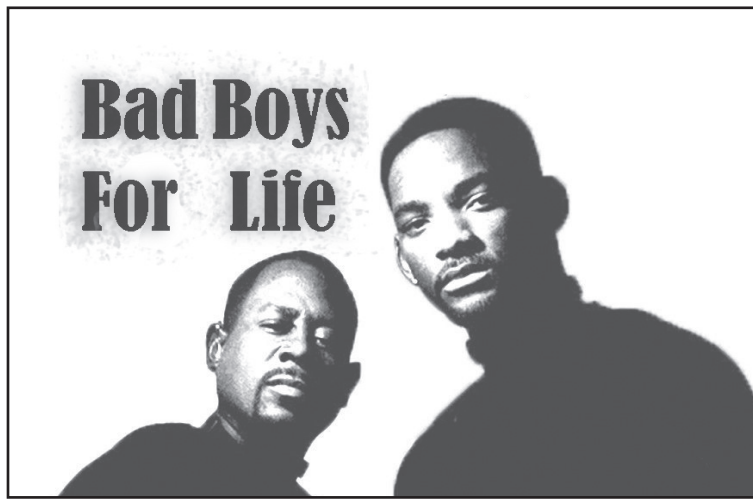
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Entertainment

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'Bad Boys for Life' did not disappoint

By **ALEJANDRO AARON**
Student Reporter

Bad Boys for Life hit the theaters 17 years after Bad Boys 2 was released and had many people anxious to get into the theater seats.

The main reason people were excited to see this movie was because it was a well-known comedy action movie about a partnership between two police officers. They have a really close relationship that goes all the way back to the high school days

The comedy movie lived up to all the high expectations. The storyline was consistent and was in line with the previous movies. Although the Bad Boys fans thought the movie was long overdue, we were pretty satisfied with the outcome.

Marcus had another little baby which is a newborn during the movie. They brought Reggie from Bad Boys 2 back, who had a scene when he showed up to take Marcus's oldest child out on a date. The scene from Bad Boys 2 was one of the main funny comedic scenes in that movie. Reggie made a return in the new Bad Boys for Life as not the date, but the Husband of Marcus's oldest daughter.

With Marcus's family growing, Detective Mike Lowry's was as well. While racing on the sidewalk with Marcus, as a bet to see if Marcus would retire or not,

Lowry was shot multiple times by the hit-man of a woman whose husband was killed by Lowry.

During Lowry's recovery and healing process, Marcus ended up retiring. Lowry recovered and begged Marcus to come out of retirement to find out who shot him. Marcus refused for a while but ended up giving in.

As they were searching for the shooter, Lowry does some sneaky research and finds out that the shooter is the son of a woman he used to be in love with before he became a detective. Lowry checks the birth date to see if he could possibly be his son and he turns out to be Lowry's son he never knew about.

The movie did throw you for a couple loops as they went deeper into the past of the story before the first movie was even made.

The action aspect of the movie grabbed your attention. They balanced the action and comedy well like they did in the previous movies. There was no drop off from the movies they made previously. A little bit more of their background was brought to light and opened another aspect to the movie which made it interesting on top of the non-stop silliness and action.

There were some new cast members added into the story who were well picked for the roles they played. Overall, it was a good movie and did really well matching it up with the past movies.

By **MICHELLE WILLSON**
Feature/Entertainment Editor

High School Musical: The Musical: The Series is a ten-episode series about East High, the school where High School Musical was filmed, putting on their first-ever school production of High School Musical.

I started the series with high expectations. I loved High School Musical growing up and I didn't think anything could compete but this series blew me away.

The series follows Nini (Olivia Rodrigo) cast as Gabriella and her ex-boyfriend Rickie (Joshua Bassett) cast as Troy. Viewers watch Nini struggle to act across from Rickie and how it causes drama in her current relationship.

More drama unravels with jealous understudies trying to sabotage the leads, but it is clear nothing is going to get in the way of the production because "the show must go on." Even if that means changes in venue, crew or last-minute cast changes.

There are even a few familiar faces that appear throughout the series.

There are a couple of new songs in the series because the series itself is also a musical. Only one of the new songs makes it into East High's High School Musical production.

Ashlyn (Julia Lester) is cast as Ms. Darbous, the theatre director. She writes and sings a beautiful power ballad called "Wondering" which is one of my favorite parts of the series. Along with the new songs, you will also hear all of your favorites from the original



movie.

I am glad the series showed some of the behind the scenes of a production. I feel that people who have never been in theatre don't realize how chaotic putting on a show is or how vital a crew is to a production. With out a crew their is no lights, sounds, costumes or makeup. All are extremely important when actors are portraying things to an audience.

Just like every production, there has to be a final curtain call. The last episode closes their production and the series ends but something tells me this is not

the last we have heard from East High.

If you liked shows like Glee, Degrassi, Boy/Girl Meets World or the original High School Musicals, this series is right up your ally. The series shows the struggles of high school, crushes and their home life.

I give this series a 4.5 out of 5. The characters storylines are relevant and easy to follow. There were a few scenes that I felt might have been overdone or could have been handled better, but all in all I loved the series and will probably watch it again.

Super Bowl halftime show causes mixed feelings

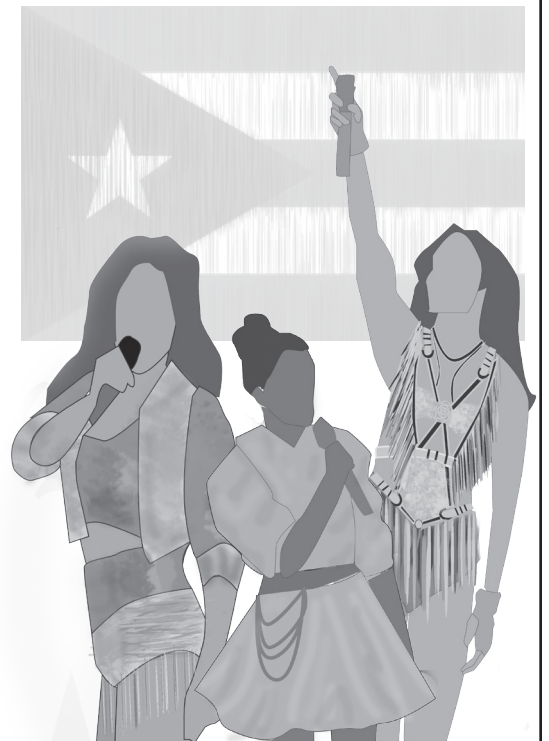
By **MICHELLE WILLSON**
Feature/Entertainment Editor

The Super Bowl halftime show is widely talked about every year. The dances, costume changes, lights, special effects and fireworks always make it a spectacular event. And, since it's during the Super Bowl, it is watched all over the world and every year people find something to complain about.

This year's halftime show was co-headlined with Shakira and J-Lo. People on Facebook were outraged with their scandalous outfits and dance moves but it's nothing different than what they do at their own concerts. They should not be mad at the artist. They didn't change their style for the Super Bowl.

My favorite part of the performance came near the end with the song Let's Get Loud.

It was performed by Jennifer Lopez, Shakira (who starts out playing drums), Emme Maribel Muñiz (J-Lo's daughter) and children's choir.



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Sports

Golf competes in Laredo

By **DACODA MCDOWELL-WAHPEKECHE**
Student Reporter

The Northwestern Golf program took it to the green in Laredo, Texas for the Jack Brown Memorial Invite hosted by Texas A&M International University on February 4.

The women's team was led by Ashley Watts finished her three rounds with an 82, 83 and 82. Her score of 247 landed her the 33rd place in the tournament.

Samantha Friday came right after Watts in the placings. She finished her rounds with 85, 81 and 84. Her score came out to be 250.

Makenna Tennyson was seeded fifth and achieved 39th place. Her three round showing had scores of 92, 84, 84 for a total of 260.

Freshman Angela Egger put in a 94, 86, 98 for her three-round showing in Laredo, Texas. She obtained 47th place in the golf tournament with a total score of 278.

Madison Masch shot a 94 in the first round, 91 in the second, and finished the final round with a 100. She grabbed the 49th spot to complete the girl's teams score.

The men's team was led by Colton Person. He finished with 75 in the first round, 76 in the second round and ended with a 72 in the third round. He tied for 24th overall with his total score of 223.

Next came Ben Barker who put up 79, 79 and 78 in his three rounds in Laredo. He finished second on the team and tied for 49th overall with a total score of 236.



Photos by Athletic Communications

Both teams will be back in action on February 8 at the Duffie Ford Lincoln Invitational located in Edmond, Oklahoma. The golf tournament will be hosted by Southern Nazarene University.

Juangui Angarita came after Ben Barker. He shot an 85 in the first round, 76 in the second and 76 in the final round. Angarita finished the golf tournament tying for 51st place. He finished with a total score of 237.

Parker Rehom was seeded 2nd shooting a 78 in the first round, 76 in the second and an 87 in the third round. He achieved a total score of 241 which gave him 54th place individually.

Tyler Berryhill contributed to the Rangers with 77, 82 and 86 within his three-round showing. Berryhill finished the Jack Brown Memorial Invite with a total score of 245 which allowed him to tie for 57th.

The Lady Rangers golf team

finished in Laredo with a total team score of 1035. Their placing as a team was 9th place overall. The Rangers finished with a total score of 928 which landed them 12th place.

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Photo by Leah Darnell

The win brings the Red-and-Black to 10-9 on the year with 6-7 in Great American Conference play.

Lady Rangers beat Monticello

By **ASHLEY WATTS**
Sports Editor

The Lady Rangers played Arkansas- Monticello last Thursday night and came out victorious, 68-5. The Red-and-Black used a strong second quarter to take control of the game, and this led them to a victory.

Kalea King had 17 points for the game while Presley Payahsape finished with 15 points. Kenzi Lamer had 13 points and Bailey Brown finished with 12 points. Kyleigh Leverich led the lady Rangers with seven rebounds and six assists.

The game was even at 24 points with four minutes left in the second quarter before the Lady Rangers took control of the game.

The Lady Rangers led the Blossoms going into halftime, 37-29.

The Lady Rangers started the third quarter right where they left off. After a 10-2 run by the Black-and-Red the score was 47-31. The Blossoms would try to make a comeback, but Northwestern won the quarter 11-9.

The Red-and-Black would not allow the comeback bid any longer however opening the fourth with a 13-1 run the bring the lead to over 20 points. Brown opened the quarter with the first seven points between the teams. The largest lead would be 63-41 halfway through the fourth quarter. Leverich would put the final touches of the game from the final line giving the Lady Rangers their victory of 17-point margin.

Northwestern beats Arkansas-Monticello 68-51 Thursday night in Percefull Fieldhouse.

The win brings the Red-and-Black to 10-9 on the year with 6-7 in Great American Conference play. Northwestern now sits only one game back of the final playoff spot.

Rangers lose two, win one

By **KOLTON FISHBACK**
Student Reporter

Northwestern traveled to Central Oklahoma this weekend, set to play three MIAA teams during the Edmond First pitch classic.

The Rangers kicked off the season Friday afternoon against Missouri Southern state university. Senior Jake Darrow and Red-shirt sophomore Justin Gordon led the team with two hits each. Sophomore Scott Creedon got the nod by starting the season on the mound, he had five strikeouts and one walk. He allowed four runs on five hits. Creedon had two shutout innings before allowing two home runs in the top of the fourth inning. The game was tied going into the seventh inning when the lions created a comfortable 7-1 lead. Northwestern answered with a single up the gap from Gordon and a two run RBI

by Darrow making the game 7-5. The Rangers comeback fell short as they lose to Missouri Southern in the season opener.

Northwestern looked to bounce back Saturday against UCO, but struggled to gain momentum during the match. The Bronchos had an efficient scoring attack throughout the game. The Rangers fell 16-3 in the second game. The Rangers had six hits on the day one each from Jake Darrow, Parker Base, Billy Rogers, Colton Whitehouse, Yugo Hamakawa, and Brett Erickson. Junior Grant French suffered his first loss on the season. He allowed five earned runs on seven hits and he walked two.

After starting the season 0-2, the Rangers hoped to turn things around against Pittsburg state Sunday morning. The team was brilliant offensively, combining for 13 runs on 20 hits. Northwestern won the game 13-10 in extra



Photo by Athletic Communications

NWOSU will host the Ranger Roundup this weekend at Myers stadium.

innings following a comeback and some well-timed hits. Junior Parker Base led the team with four RBI'S along with two home runs. Senior Colton Whitehouse and Junior Yugo Hamakawa each had four hits on the day. Kaleb Honea was on the mound for the

Rangers; he had six strikeouts and allowed only one run.

Northwestern will host the Ranger Roundup this weekend Thursday-Sunday and will match up against Washburn University Thursday, Feb 6 on Glass Family field at Myers stadium.

Sports

Lady Rangers fall to SAU

By **ASHLEY WATTS**
Sports Editor

Northwestern Oklahoma State women's basketball team competed against Southern Arkansas in Percefull Fieldhouse Saturday afternoon. After a win Thursday night the Lady Rangers tried to keep the streak going, but they fell to Southern Arkansas 68-63.

Bailey Brown had a big game where she scored a total of 28 points and had 11 rebounds for her sixth double-double for the season. The 28 points ties her career high in points for a single game. Kalea King joined her in double figures with 16 points on the afternoon for her seventh game scoring in double figures. Kyleigh Leverich led the team in assists with 10 in the game.

The Lady Rangers opened up the game with three quick points, but the Muleriders answered with eight of their own. A free throw from King sent the Lady Rangers into the second quarter leading with a score of 20-14.

The Black-and-Red had three turnovers in two minutes in the second quarter. This allowed the Muleriders to lead going into halftime.



Photo by Leah Darnell

Kalea King scored 16 points, her seventh game scoring double figures.

Brown and King tried to carry the Red-and-Black's comeback scoring all 15 of the Lady Rangers points in third quarter including 10 of those from Brown. They would help win that third quarter and take a one point lead 48-47 into the final quarter.

Muleriders opened the fourth on a 9-2 run and would never trail again. The score was tied 56-56 but Southern Arkansas answered with a 5-0 run creating enough separation to hold on to a five-point victory for the difference in the game 68-63 over the Lady Rangers Saturday afternoon.

Along with forcing 22 turnovers, Southern Arkansas used 12 three-pointers and 20 offensive rebounds that would create enough separation to hold off the Lady Rangers.

The loss drops the Lady Rangers to 10-10 on the season and 6-8 in Great American Conference play, and now trail the final playoff spot by two games to Arkansas-Monticello and Southern Arkansas who improves to 8-6 in conference play. The Lady Rangers will finish off the three game homestand with a match-up against Southern Nazarene Thursday evening at 7:30.



Photo by Athletic Communications

Northwestern places second at Wichita State Invitational Saturday.

Track beats records

By **ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS**

Northwestern continued their streak of breaking school records, with five events having a new record set for the best. Bell took over as the top runner in the 600 meters, Briley Yunker bested the 800 meter ranks, Garcia ran to the top of the 1 mile run, Camille Lear set the time to beat in the 3000 meter run and soaring to the best high jump is Selena McDonald.

In the 600 meters, Bell finished with a record setting time of 1:44.02.

Yunker improved her record in the 800 meter race by 1.46 seconds, turning in a time of 2:28.39.

Garcia used her new personal best time in the one mile run to take the top spot in the record

books clocking a time of 5:52.77, which is 10.43 seconds better than her old time. Kayla Gourley, who now holds the second spot in the rankings, was hot on Garcia's tracks ending with a time of 6:01.50.

Lear's record setting time in the 3000 meter race was 11:45.67. She cut just under a minute off of her previous time of 11:55.65, which she ran last week in Manhattan.

In the high jump, McDonald leaped 1.52m, besting her record she set at Kansas State by 0.01m.

Northwestern had two teams competing in the 400 meter relay, the team of Bowen, Dickey, Pridgen-Spearman and Marshall turned in a time of 4:42.00 to take the sixth best finish in school history.

Rangers lose battle

By **MADISON PARROT**
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Northwestern Oklahoma State University Rangers took a hard loss to in-conference opponent University of Arkansas at Monticello. The Rangers and the Weevils battled throughout the entire game with seven lead changes in the first half alone. The highest lead, nine, was earned by Arkansas-Monticello in the second half but the Weevils still only won with a close score of 70-68. The Black-and-Red offense was led by Jaedon Whitfield who had 15 points, 5-6 from the field and 4-4 from the free throw line.

Other stand-out players included Clive Allen who had 12 points and four assists. Jack Peck and Parrish Hewitt had nine and eight points respectively. Hewitt led the team with five assists.

The Rangers and the Weevils began the first half almost the same way they ended it. It was a back-and-forth battle between both teams with nine tied scores and 11 different lead changes throughout the entire match-up.



Photo by Leah Darnell

David Thornton gave Northwestern a two-point lead after a lay-up.

The Red-and-Black gained their first true lead at the ten-minute mark after a lay-up from David Thornton to give them a two-point lead. NWOSU could not, however, put more than five points between them and their opponent. The Weevils took the advantage with two-minutes left and held on with a score of 35-31 in the first half.

Northwestern outscored Arkansas-Monticello 37-35 in the second half even as they trailed the Weevils nine points at one

point in the game. That lead was taken with 11 minutes left in the game but was all the further they could pull away. Back-to-back lay-ups from Whitfield started the comeback and gave NWOSU enough momentum to pull within one. A corner shot from beyond the arc from Hewitt gave Northwestern a one-point lead with around a minute left to play. Unfortunately, untimely turnovers nailed the coffin shut as the Weevils snatched the game with a final score of 70-68.

Rangers win

By **ASHLEY WATTS**
Sports Editor

Northwestern Oklahoma State University played against Southern Arkansas University last Saturday and came out victorious with a final score of 75-68.

The Rangers were led by Jaedon Whitfield who had 25 points. Clive Anderson wasn't too far behind with 21 points and four assists. Jack Peck and Parrish Hewitt had eight points and six points. Hewitt led the Rangers with five assists.

Northwestern started the first half with a back and forth battle with Southern Arkansas. After a tied score of 20-20 around the ten-minute mark the Rangers earned an eight-point lead, but Southern Arkansas tied the game again at 31 points. This kicked Northwestern into gear. They headed into halftime with a four

point lead, 42-38.

Northwestern defense kept the Muleriders offense to a low scoring percentage in the second half. The Rangers had a lead over the Muleriders for most of the half, but at the four minute mark Southern Arkansas tied the game for the third time at 63 points each. Northwestern hung on for the last few minutes and came out with a win over the Muleriders.

The Rangers out rebounded the Muleriders 32 to 23 and earned 18 points off fast breaks. The defense of Southern Arkansas was good as well as they created 20 turnovers and tallied 17 points off those turnovers.

The Rangers will host another Great American Conference opponent Thursday night. They play Southern Nazarene University. Tip-off is set for 7:30 p.m. following the Lady Rangers game.

Baseball away

Women's b-ball home:

Men's b-ball home:

Baseball home:

Women's b-ball away:

Washburn University
Feb. 6

Southern Nazarene
Feb. 6
5:30 PM

Southern Nazarene
Feb. 6
7:30 PM

Truman State University
Feb. 7
Noon

East Central
Feb. 8

Up Next for Danger Sports

EDUCATION: Student teachers will work full weeks in host schools

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“We get more time with the students, to get to know them and to build that relationship with them,” Miranda Lawson, a senior special education major, said.

Northwestern students are taking three classes: assessment and evaluation, multicultural education in classroom management, and behavioral interventions II. The assessment and evaluation course gives a more in-depth look than their previous classes did.

The classes “bleed” into each other very well, Lawson said. It is hard to differentiate between classes other than that there is a different teacher teaching it. It makes it feel more fluid, she said.

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Classroom management and behavioral interventions II looks at theoretical problems that the student teachers might witness in the classroom. It also teaches students how to defuse the situation.



Photo provided by University Relations

Nineteen Northwestern senior education majors will begin their teaching assignments Feb. 10. Those students and their teachers are shown above. They include: (front row, left to right) Elise Foss, Kaitlin Lamunyon, Angela Thomason, Kylie Templin, Caitlyn Shortnacy, Oakleigh Nickel, Alexis Stuart, Meghan Donelson, and Tiffany Willson; (back row, left to right) Dr. Martie Young, Dr. Christie Riley, Riley Wakefield, Reed Nickel, Alysa Franz, Miranda Lawson, Marylea Burgess, Kaylee Hurst, Lindsey Tompkins, Harley Purvis, Nikki Taylor, Kayla Gourley, and Dr. Christee Jenlink.

In classroom management, Dr. Christie Rylie teaches about viewing the student in different ways, Lawunyon said. She further explained that being in a gym is different from being in a classroom. The class gives a different insight and reminds the student teachers that they are going to have to continually grow and adapt to how a classroom is going to run.

In multicultural education, the

student teachers watch videos and do projects. One of the projects they completed last week were drawings of what a good and bad administrators and students looked like. The drawings included big hands for helping and big ears for good listening.

The multicultural education class has new content, unlike anything they have had before, according to Alexis Stuart, a senior

early childhood education major.

This is the first time the different divisions of education have sat in a classroom together. It is the first time that students are able to experience what the other student teacher’s class goes through. The student teachers who teach high school students will have different problems than those teaching early childhood.

Stuart said that she is an early

childhood education major because kids need the teacher that she did not have growing up.

The student teachers experience a lot of guest speakers and group work during their time in Northwestern’s classrooms. They talk about their experiences in their host classrooms and how they solved problems. They discuss how the situations will benefit them when they become teachers. They can also learn from each other’s experiences and discuss what the best approach would be if it happens again.

“Steve Tanio from OSBI was my favorite speaker,” Caitlyn Shortnacy said.

Tanio spoke about drug abuse signs to watch for, and what to do if you suspect a student is using or selling drugs, Shortnacy said.

Representatives from Oklahoma Ag in the Classroom, a non-profit program by the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, came and talked to the student teachers. When Ag in the Classroom came, they gave the students free supplies, resources, and agriculture-related activities to utilize in their future classrooms, Stuart said.

“My favorite project from this semester was the cultural learning activity,” Shortnacy said. “It is interesting to see how much it still affects kids.”

Student teachers will start full weeks in their host classrooms Feb. 10.