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A beautiful life: Heaven gains an angel

She was a communicator.

She spoke to our hearts.

*Allison
Zimmerman*

Look inside this edition for tributes to Ms. Zimmerman

In Memoriam

Vigil held in memory of Zimmerman



Photo by Michelle Willson

Students work to light their candles at the Monday night vigil in memory of Allison Zimmerman. Zimmerman, a NWOSU Mass Communications professor, died Friday at the age of 33.



Photo by Jordan Green

Brenner Clark, left, and Diane Todd, right, light candles at a Monday vigil for Allison Zimmerman.

Kayla's Kindness Project Fundraiser Meal

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This event is open to all students who want to come and play Jeopardy and learn about the Medical Sciences Club. All students are welcome to attend.

The event will start at 7:30 p.m. and end around 9 p.m.

TONIGHT - SATURDAY:

"Almost, Maine" is a play by John Cariani, comprising nine short plays that explore love and loss in a remote, mythical "almost-town" called Almost, Maine.

It premiered in 2004.

This theatre production will be held in Herod Hall. Times are 7:00 p.m. Thursday and Friday, and 2:00 p.m. Saturday. General admission costs \$10. It costs \$5 per ticket for faculty and \$3 per ticket for students with proof of I.D.



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FEB. 22:

High school juniors, seniors, and college students interested in transferring to Northwestern's Alva campus are invited to attend the annual Spring Showcase event Feb. 22.

FEB. 25:

SGA is hosting its annual Grocery Bingo event in the Student Center Ballroom. Students can play bingo and win prizes of groceries, cleaning supplies and more at 7:00 p.m.

FEB 26:

Today is the NWOSU Art Society Art Show entry deadline. Don't miss out on showing your art work at the 17th annual arts how.

Art work must be delivered by Mar. 4.

FEB. 24 :

LESSONS RESCHEDULED

The NWOSU Spanish Club will offer free beginner tutorials for those interested in salsa and bachata dancing in the Student Center Ballroom at 7:30 p.m.

DIVERSITY TRAINING EVENT TO BE HELD

Northwestern Oklahoma State University will play host to Shewanda Riley Feb. 27-28 for diversity training that is open to the campus and community.

Riley is a professor of English at Tarrant County College in Hurst, Texas.

She presents on diversity-related topics across the nation and has completed a number of publications and presentations.

During the two-day event, Riley will speak on racial diversity topics, host readings, and meet with faculty, staff and students.

A complete schedule of events may be found at <https://www.nwosu.edu/news/shewanda-riley-to-speak-at-northwestern-for-diversity-training-february-27-28>.

For more information, please contact Decker via phone at (580) 327-8521 or via email at kldecker@nwosu.edu.

DONATIONS OF FORMAL WEAR NEEDED FOR PROM DRESS GIVEAWAY

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.

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@nwosu.edu.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

OKLAHOMA'S 2019 TEACHER OF THE YEAR TO SPEAK AT NORTHWESTERN

Oklahoma's 2019 Teacher of the Year will be on the Northwestern Oklahoma State University Alva campus Feb. 19 to speak at "Why Serve," an event to highlight the importance of service through teaching with the goal of inspiring those in attendance to consider a career in teaching.

Becky Oglesby, who teaches Pre-K through third grade art at Ranchwood Elementary in Yukon, will make a presentation during a lunch in the Student Center Ballroom from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Others invited to attend this event are Teach Oklahoma students from the Alva, Enid and Woodward high schools, as well as students from surrounding high schools who are interested in becoming teachers.

Prior to the lunch program,

Jenlink said that the high school students will gather in the Education Center to participate in workshops developed by Northwestern's teacher education faculty and teacher candidates.

"The workshops will provide hands-on learning experiences that simulate teacher preparation classes," Jenlink said. "The simulations, in conjunction with the Oklahoma Teacher of the Year's speech on the topic of 'Why Serve,' are intended to be motivation for students to choose a career in teaching."

This "Why Serve" event is made possible through a grant received by the Division of Education from the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

For more information about Northwestern's Division of Education or the teacher education program, contact Jenlink at cljenlink@nwosu.edu or (580) 327-8450.

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In Memoriam



By **BAILEY RANKIN**
2019 NWOSU Mass Communications Alum

I never wrote that letter I promised you, so maybe now is as good a time as any.

I think you're the best thing to happen to me at this school. I don't know if there were any other professors who knew how to handle me so perfectly. I'm sure I didn't make it easy, but you never gave up on me, and somehow you saw what I was capable of even when I wasn't at my best.

Sure, you taught me important skills that I will need for a career, but what you showed me will stick with me for the rest of my life.

You showed me how kind and passionate a person can be.

You showed me how selfless and caring a person can be.

You showed me how strong a person can be.

Not only were you my professor, you were a friend that I never expected to make, but I'm grateful that I did, and I hope that you found the same in me. You weren't Allison or Ms. Z, you were just Zimmerman, and that's all I ever needed you to be.

I hope that even if I didn't tell you these things in person, or write them down for you to read, that you still know how important you are to me. You make

me want to work hard and be the best that there is in anything I do. And the worst part is, I didn't realize this until you were gone.

But you're the voice in my head, and because of this I suppose you'll never truly be gone. You'll stick with me every day of my life, because you're my inspiration.

I know that you hate how upset we are right now, but it's not because of you. It will never be because of you. We're missing you and the great advice you always gave. We're missing you and the countless other memories we should have been able to make together. We're upset with the fact that you won't be able to see what we accomplish in the future, due to what you instilled in us in the past.

You're probably worrying about us and wondering how we'll get through all of this, and I've got a simple answer.

You.

I think you showed us so much understanding and care individually, that as we come together to mourn our loss, but also celebrate your life, there's no way that we won't help each other become better over time.

You've done a lot for me over the years, but there's just one more thing I need you to do, okay?

Rest. We'll take care of everything else.

I'll love you forever

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

In January of 2018 I was diagnosed with a disease known as rheumatoid arthritis.

My health declined greatly and I was always in pain, day in and day out. All my professors were worried about me, but I came quick to learn that Miss Z suffered from RA as well.

This horrible disease is invisible. It breaks your spirit and changes your life. I felt like no one understood me. People thought that just because I was a 21 year old that meant there was no way my bones weren't caving in on themselves. To some, I was being dramatic and lazy.

Miss Z understood ... She gave me tips on how to deal with it, not just physically but emotionally as well. My pain often turned me into someone that I didn't like, I was angry and bitter.

However, the way Miss Z dealt with it was quite the opposite. Her smile gleamed of a thousand sunrises and she lit up every room that she was in.

I took that to heart, I really did. I wanted to be more like her.

Conversations about our health always turned into conversations about our life. I used to tell her all about my boyfriend, the good and bad, and she always gave me great advice. Most importantly, she listened and cared.

She was like that girl friend that you'd invite over to watch "The Bachelor" with, but at the same time she was an educator who I respected and had a professional relationship with as well. I would have used her as a reference on my resume, but I would have gone out to coffee with her after school too.

I loved her. I loved the impact she had on me and every student she had. I will always love her and I will always be grateful for the change she made in me.

She believed in me and she was always looking out for me. At the beginning of the semester she worked to keep a class open just so I could have it to graduate.

Just the last week she praised me for the work I was doing in my graphic design class. As she held my art-work in her hands she smiled her beautiful smile and told me she thought it was amazing. I take comfort in knowing I will see her again when I get to heaven.

She always told me how proud she was of me and even now I can still feel her looking down and feeling proud. Until we meet again Miss Z, I love you girl.



Remembering you

By **MCKAYLA HOLSON**
Editorial Editor

Every now and then you'll find a rare gem in the world who inspires greatness and who genuinely makes the world a better place. That was Ms. Zimmerman.

Her vibrant personality and passion for broadcast was infectious, you couldn't help but feel happy and excited around her.

She even made listening to political news fun. I always enjoyed

hearing her explain the craziness happening in the news to us during class. She always had the news on when I visited her office and when I walked by it. I'm going to miss hearing that sound. The hall seems so quiet now.

Ms. Zimmerman was one of the rare professors who you could truly go to for anything under the moon. If you needed advice, to talk and vent or anything else, she was there.

I've been thinking for hours of what to say, but I can't put into

words what an amazing person she was.

Even on her roughest days, we were all on her mind. She worried about us. She was truly selfless.

I will miss you Ms. Z, and I'm thankful for the years and moments I've had with you. You are a queen, truly. You led us in every class with grace and beauty. I will miss your sass, your humor and your wisdom. I hope you finally feel better and that you aren't hurting anymore.

Until next time.

In Memoriam

Rest in Paradise

By **TRAVIS HARMON-SMITH**
2016 NWOSU Mass
Communications Alumnus

There's only two words to describe this pain.

Heartbroken. Shattered.

Once your heart shatters in pieces; it's difficult to repair.

That feeling isn't just in Alva; but 1,000 miles away. It's incredibly difficult to expound on the impact Mrs. Allison Zimmerman had on my journalism career.

Impactful. Influential. Two words that embellishes Ms. Zimmerman's temperament.

Initially, Allison and I met at the end of 2014 when former Mass Communication advisor Dr. Jesse Schroeder departed from Northwestern to accept an on-air anchor position with a TV station in Texas. It was that moment when Allison and I developed a delectable relationship. A relationship that transcended her instruction in the classroom.

Allison's ubiquitous influence on Northwestern's Mass Communication and Journalism program was felt by many of her former students and colleagues. She had a keen eye for talent when it came to television news. This was during my broadcast days with NWTV 7. It was my junior year when Allison told me directly that she noticed my talent in television news. She always expressed how imperative it was to be a great writer. It's pivotal to any news job. Something I didn't realize until I landed my first career job with CBS 22 News in Fall 2016. From there, our relationship continued to grow stronger.

She gave me the green light as a senior with NWTV 7 as Sports Reporter. I hosted a sports weekly show at Northwestern entitled, 'Ranger Sports Weekly,' in addition to producing content for ESPNU's Campus Connection program through a segment called, 'For the Love of the Game.'

Allison also helped me land a national television internship with 'Pedal America,' a national television biking series that aired on PBS stations nationwide. That internship consisted of writing content for various episodes, and also designing travel guides.

"A family is a circle of love, not broken by a loss, but made stronger by the memories. We are forever blessed that God connected us to you."

-Unknown

With the help of Mrs. Zimmerman's assistance, I was able to enhance my writing and become more adept as a journalist. This was before I entered the professional news industry. And since then; her teachings are still inspirational.

Again, it's incredibly sad to hear about Mrs. Zimmerman's passing. Her advice and instruction helped me land my first career job in television news when CBS hired me in 2016. She provided subsequent advice when I landed my first on-air job with ABC affiliate WTVQ-TV in Lexington, Kentucky where I just finished a two-year contract covering local, state, and national news.

Throughout the last four years, Allison has been a vital component to my success. Not only as a journalist, but as a person. She encouraged me to keep going when I wanted to give up. The news industry is cutthroat. It's not for everybody. It doesn't matter how great of a writer or storyteller you are. It's a continuous grind. It's non-stop.

Allison exemplified strong compassion for journalism. That compassion pervaded the entire Mass Communication department during my time as a student. It was the passion for the craft that she wanted her students to inherit. Be passionate about writing. Be passionate about informing society. She never tolerated complacency. Everyone knew their respective roles in the news department. If you didn't have your story in by deadline, than your story wouldn't be aired. It was that simple.

She taught me how to be self-sufficient as a journalist. Allison also taught me how to tell compelling stories that would resonate with pervasive audiences. She was all about versatility and being eclectic.

Hopefully, this pain won't last forever. Her legacy and influence will live with me for years to come.

Allison Zimmerman was a beautiful soul.

Impactful. Influential.

My mentor, teacher, and friend.

Until we meet again. I love you.

Rest in Paradise.

"It's hard to forget someone who gave you so much to remember."

-Sujish Kandampully

Guardian Angel TV

Michelle Willson



She's watching out for me

By **JORDAN GREEN**
News Editor

When you think of the word "teacher," who comes to mind?

Maybe it's a parent or a grandparent. Perhaps a close friend. It might even be Jesus, who taught us all to love one another.

Everyone thinks of a different person. And when I think of a teacher, I think of Ms. Allison Zimmerman.

From the outside looking in, it seems that Ms. Zimmerman had no choice but to devote her life to teaching. Her mother, Dr. Janet Cunningham, has spent most of her life passing knowledge and wisdom on to young folks like me. She's the president of Northwestern Oklahoma State University – the same place from which her daughter graduated with high honors and later returned to teach broadcast journalism.

As a freshman journalism major, I walked onto campus in August like a deer in the headlights – the foreboding headlights of the syllabi, essays, and long nights of studying that come with a college education. But when I walked into Ms. Zimmerman's "Introduction to Mass Communications" class, I felt welcomed. The lady in charge was a cheerful, eager young woman, ready to share with all of us the importance of communicating – and saying what we mean.

In her class, I learned a lot about the sacrifices of the journalists who came before me. To some, history can be boring, and only a handful of people know how to make it come to life. But lucky, lucky me: One of those people was Ms. Z.

No matter the day and no matter the time, Ms. Zimmerman made learning fun. She was always interested in the material, and she was always invested in us. She made a long class feel like a short one.

I, on the other hand, probably kept time moving at a crawl. I wouldn't shut up about newspapers – still can't. That's how she knew who I was on the first day of class: I had already met her mother, who warned her daughter that an old man in a young kid's body would be one of her pupils.

Ms. Z was not at all wrong when she said that. She meant it in the most endearing of ways, and I got a good chuckle out of it. She just had the power to make you laugh.

Some have said she could light up the room when she walked in; this, however, is an understatement. She could set the room on fire with her quick wit and hearty laugh, and she could walk away without even striking a match.

That sense of humor made people happy, and that's why her students were able to learn so much.

I can attest to what an incredible teacher she was, and I can only imagine what a loving mother she was.

Sadly, we're running a little low on that kind of love today.

When Ms. Z passed away Friday, it came as a shock to everyone. She'd been at work just a few days earlier, teaching kids and showing them how to do good journalism.

Without Ms. Z, there's a hole in the world. And I don't think many people can fill it.

But even though she's no longer walking the halls of the Jesse Dunn building, I know she's still with us – and I know she'll always be here for us.

Ms. Zimmerman gave her life to the Lord years ago. She knew He'd need her. And He did. He called her home Friday to become Heaven's newest angel – a guardian angel for all of us here at Northwestern.

Ms. Z loved this place with all her heart, and she had a place in it for each and every person whose life she touched. She could have had so many jobs in her life: She could have been the lead anchor on the nation's biggest TV station; a powerful public speaker who shapes the way we think; or the founder of some new form of journalism that serves and protects people. She had the world at her fingertips.

Of all the jobs she could have had, however, she chose the most noble: teaching.

She chose to help people become that TV anchor. She chose to help people become that public speaker. She chose to help people forge their own goals in life. She chose to teach people how to give unto others in the same ways that she did.

I know this to be true: Thanks to her, I'm well on my way to becoming the journalist I want to be.

Just a few days ago, I was telling Ms. Zimmerman about a new internship I've gotten. She was so excited for me, and she told me that I should be proud of what I had done. But I didn't do this on my own. As I told her, I wouldn't be here without caring, loving teachers like her.

Today, I'm on the path to the future I've wanted for so long. I don't know where that path will take me tomorrow. But someday, I know I'll get to where I want to be. And when that day comes, I'll look at Ms. Z and thank her for what she's done for me.

In a world where many are called and few are chosen, Ms. Zimmerman had a natural gift for picking people up, guiding them to a better place, and loving them all the way there.

The road ahead may not always be easy, and it may sometimes be scary.

But I'm not afraid. Someone is there for me. She always will be.

Rest In Peace, Ms. Z. I know you're watching out for me.

Remembering Allison Cunningham Zimmerman



Ms. Zimmerman is shown with the spring 2018 NWTV-7 broadcast crew.

Words usually come easy for me, but this one has me speechless. I am just so sad to hear this news. Not only am I a Mass Communications alum, I was also an assistant professor at NWOSU from 2006-2014, so Allison was one of my students. She literally lit up the classroom and was such a joy. She was always smiling and willing to help. She worked on the NWTV staff and was such an overachiever. I'm sure she expected the same of her own students.

Prayers for the Cunningham family and all of my friends and former students of NWOSU impacted by this loss.

— Jesse Schroeder, NWOSU Mass Communications alumnus and former NWOSU professor

Allison and I were co-anchors on NWTV-7 during our time at NWOSU, around 2007-2008.

There are so many things I could say, so many memories come to mind. Working with her on NWTV or listening to her on KNSU Radio, as well as running into her at every NWOSU event. The list goes on.

Allison was a one of a kind person. She was kind, helpful, persistent, outgoing, and dedicated.

I am very fortunate to have worked with her throughout those years; I will never forget our time together on NWTV.

My prayers and strength go to all those close to her.

— Clayton Holub, 2009 Mass Communications alumnus and former co-anchor of NWTV-7



Allison instilled a confidence in all of her students. She loved her family and friends with a passion. Some of my favorite memories were producing video with her. She encouraged all of her students to live life to the fullest and be kind.

— Victoria "Tori" Ladd, 2017 Mass Communications alumna and former teaching assistant to Ms. Zimmerman

When Allison first became a professor at Northwestern, I was struggling to find out who I was and deal with my own health issues. She welcomed me in with open arms. At least once a day, I was in her office just to talk. She had this way about her that, no matter what the problem, she could ease your worries and guide you on the right path. She taught me that nothing was impos-

sible and I should always follow my heart. She was such a rock for me and became someone I looked up to! Allison was a beautiful person inside and out, a great mother and an amazing friend.

— Savannah Tillman, 2017 Mass Communications alumna

Allison Adair Cunningham Zimmerman, daughter of Rick and Janet (Erikson) Cunningham, was born January 10, 1987, at Norman, Oklahoma, and passed away February 14, 2020, at the age of 33 years, 1 month, and 4 days.

Allison attended school in Alva and graduated with the Class of 2005 at Alva High School, with highest honors. She developed a wonderful set of friends that lasted a lifetime. Allison participated in Speech and Debate where she earned All-State Honors two years in a row in Dramatic Duet, with her partner Jamie Gourley Peters. She was also in Electric Gold and Mixed and Girls Vocal. She was president of Le Club. She served as a page for Rep. Elmer Maddux at the Oklahoma State Capitol.

Allison attended the University of Central Oklahoma for one year, but returned to Northwestern where she finished her Bachelor's degree in Mass Communication in May of 2009. She was the Senior Class President and a Top Eight Outstanding Senior. Allison was the Co-Author for the Best Television

News cast awarded by the Oklahoma Broadcast Association (OBA) and received the Sadie Adwon Memorial Scholarship awarded by the OBA. She represented NWOSU at the George and Donna Nigh Leadership Academy and also as a speaker at Higher Education Day at the Capitol. She was a Northwestern Scholar Ambassador, serving as both President and Vice President. Allison was in Cardinal Key and served as Vice President of Red and Black Scroll. Allison was a Ranger Connector and was first runner-up in the Miss Northwestern Pageant. She was the female lead in the Northwestern play, The Shape of Things. She served as an intern for News Channel 9 in Oklahoma City, and also interned for Congressman Frank Lucas' Oklahoma City office.

Following graduation, Allison was accepted to graduate school at Oklahoma State University. She was a research and teaching assistant for her department. She graduated in May of 2011 with her Master's degree in Mass Media and Strategic Communications.

On May 15, 2010, she was united in marriage to Michael David Zimmerman at the Alva Friends Church. To this union two children, Brooklyn and Zane, were born. She was a college instructor in Mass Communications at NWOSU for the past five and a half years. She was also a member of the Friends Church and Chapter ET of PEO.

Allison loved teaching and her students and had a deep faith in God. She especially enjoyed music that helped her through the good times and bad. She loved parties and playing games and watching Dateline. She loved her family, her friends, makeup, watches, jewelry, new shoes, selfies, and Swedish Fish. Her favorite

thing was to dance in the kitchen with Brooklyn and Zane.

She is survived by her daughter, Brooklyn Claire Zimmerman, and her son, Zane Michael Zimmerman; her parents, Rick and Janet Cunningham; three brothers, Brett Cunningham and wife, Kasey, of Edmond; Tanner Cunningham and wife, Erin, of Oklahoma City; and Drew Cunningham of Alva; three nieces and nephews, Jayden, Cloey, and Lenyx Cunningham; many friends (including the Wolfpack) and other family.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the Northwestern Foundation to establish a scholarship in Allison's memory.

Remembrances may be shared with the family at <http://www.marshallfuneralhomes.com>.

Memorial services were Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. in Herod Hall Auditorium with Rev. Jeremy Coolley officiating. A private interment for the family was under the direction of Marshall Funeral Home of Alva.



Ms. Zimmerman was an amazing teacher with a good heart. I can personally say that every year I walked away from her classes, field trips and practicum with knowledge that I could use to better myself within my major. Ms. Zimmerman was a big part of my college experience, and I would like to thank her for all the lessons and opportunities she gave me.

— Taylor Morris, 2017 Mass Communications alumna

I can remember the time I came on a visit to Northwestern and I wanted to sit in on a newscast. That was my first time I met Ms. Z. Fast forward to a year later, I am a student at Northwestern and part of the newscast crew as a reporter. I can't help but remember all the sweet memories with her, encouragement through the days even when she was in pain. I am glad I had the chance to meet her a year ago and have her as an instructor, supervisor, and most importantly, a great encourager. Until we meet again, Ms. Z.

— Leah Darnell, current reporter for NWTV-7 and photo editor of The Northwestern News

There are people in this world that you know were put in your life for a reason and Allison Zimmerman was that person for me.

The first time I met her was in August of 2013, she was my speech teacher because our original teacher left right before the semester started. She wasn't even a full-time teacher yet and that was her first class to teach. Allison was one of the most amazing people I have ever met.

She was kind, gentle, caring and always knew the right thing to say. She cared deeply about everyone, especially her family. Allison would help anyone with just about anything. Her office was always a revolving door of students coming to talk to her. Even when she wasn't feeling in

best, you could always go in and talk through things with her.

I considered Allison one of my best friends. She

helped me go through some difficult times while I was in school. I will miss everything about her like her smile, laugh and how she was able to always put me in a good mood simply with her words.

There is a quote by Billy Joel that says, "Only the good die young," and Allison was one of the best. She will be missed but she wouldn't want us to grieve. She would want us to celebrate her life and continue on. I love you and will miss you every day.

— Montana McClough, 2019 Mass Communications alumna



Ms. Zimmerman is shown with some of her students at Dr. Cunningham's house.

See more tributes on Page 12

One of my favorite memories was always our group road trips to the Oklahoma Broadcast Education Association conference. She was so fun to be around, and she was so friendly to someone who just moved to Alva from a different country. I will always remember her warm smile.

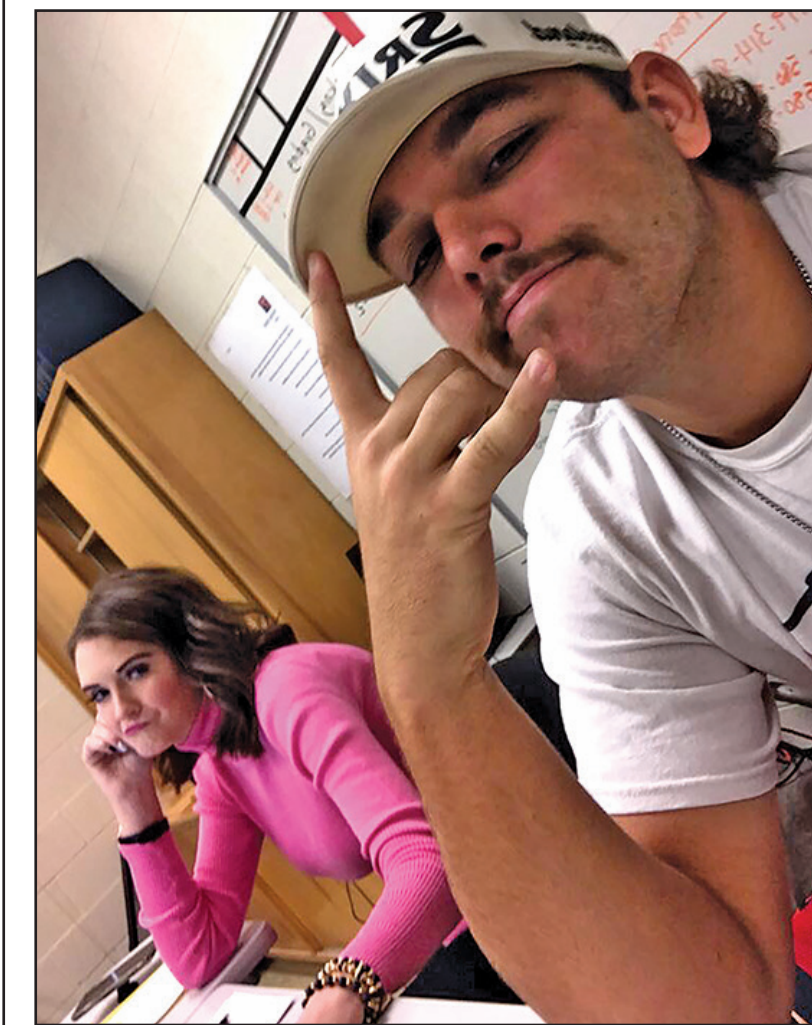
— Xin Xin Liu, digital media manager for KOCO-5 News and former classmate of Zimmerman's

My first Mass Communication class was with Ms. Zimmerman. This was the class that really sparked my interest in majoring in Mass Communication! I had no idea what I wanted to major in or what I wanted to do in the future, but Ms. Zimmerman was extremely helpful with answering any questions I had. Her class is where things started to "click" for me, and I knew that this was what I wanted to do for my future.

Ms. Zimmerman wanted to see all of her students succeed, and she did everything she could to help us all. She worked tirelessly to help her students in every way! She was patient, kind, and so generous with her time! Some of my favorite college memories came from her classes.

I am so thankful I had the opportunity to know her! She will be greatly missed, but we will all have the memories and knowledge that she shared with each of us!

— Haylee Bates, 2017 Mass Communications alumna



Ms. Zimmerman taught me so much and was always so easy to talk to. She is the reason I got interested in the broadcast field, and she persuaded me to join NWTV-7 as a sports anchor and reporter. She was always positive and encouraged me to do my best and believe in myself. I've made so many memories and learned so many skills with her guidance. I will forever remember and cherish the impact she had on my life.

— Nick Dill, current reporter for NWTV-7

I attended NWOSU and was one of Ms. Z's advisees from the fall of 2016 until I graduated in May 2019.

She got me hooked on Mass Communications from the very start. I came on an official visit for golf in the spring of my freshman year while I was attending ECU, and I met with her to discuss becoming a Mass Comm student. She all but forced me into broadcast my first semester, and I'm so grateful that she did. She saw something in me and brought it out in the best way. She supported me and was there for everything while I was in school, and pushed me when

times got tough or I lost motivation toward the end of my time as a student.

When I got hired as a recruiter this summer, she was the first one to text me and congratulate me. In my eyes, Ms. Zimmerman fully embodied being a Ranger, and I will be forever grateful to have met her and been influenced by her.

This is the selfie we took in November 2018 when she enrolled me in my last semester of undergrad.

— Collin Stork, 2019 NWOSU Mass Communications alumnus

— Melanie Wilderman, former NWOSU professor and adviser to The Northwestern News

Feature



Photos by Michelle Willson

The glowing light from Jesse Dunn room 129

The purple gleam can be seen from JD windows

By MICHELLE WILLSON
Feature/Entertainment Editor

There has been a buzz about grow lights that can be seen in Jesse Dunn 129 at night.

Assistant Professor of Agriculture Dr. Tracy Beedy said she bought the grow lights to help her plants that she is growing for her Plant Science class this spring.

Right now she has a lot of typical crops and weeds from this area. Including corn, white clover, Bermuda Grass, different types of Bluestem and Sedge.

She said that the plants help her students learn how to manage plants and crops, how to get rid of the weeds and the benefits of crop rotations.

She said that for some of her students having the physical specimens in front of them helps them learn and memorize better.

"These plants are also on the list for the FFA interscholastic," Beedy said. "I will put them out when the FFA teams come through to do their plant judging."

She fertilizes her plants mostly with "Fish Fertilizer" only occasionally will she use "Miracle Grow".

Beedy just recently made a trip to the middle of the state to find a heavy clay for her class.

Beedy said she got the soil "Partly to show them and partly to have them take it in their hands and discuss at what moisture content you want to plow it and why."

She said she started gathering her plants in August. Since they don't keep the



Dr. Tracy Beedy's Plant collection and grow light set up in room 129

greenhouse running year-round and the school doesn't keep these rooms well heated and cooled. It would be impossible to keep the plants alive all summer.

The plants were in the greenhouse until December when they were going to shut the greenhouse down they brought all the plants to Jesse Dunn 129. Beedy said Dr. Clark will be opening the greenhouse in a few weeks for her class and Clark going to leave her a little place to put her plants.

"I had situations where before I got the grow lights I was leaving the overhead lights on and the police were coming around and turning them off every evening," said Beedy. "I finally put a note on the door that said 'please leave the lights on for the plants' and they stopped turning them off."

Beedy bought the grow lights because there's not enough light in the winter.

"The days are too short," Beedy said, "The days are too cloudy and there is not enough light coming in."

She explained that there is simply not enough light in this room if she did not have the grow lights the plants would die.

Some students have noticed the purple glow of the grow lights at night.

"you can get grow lights that



A plant in Dr. Beedy's collection

are white light or you can get them that are purple," Beedy said. "Plants only use the red and blue light anyway so they don't necessarily need the green. They bounce the green off. That's why the plants look green to us."

She said If students are interested in Agriculture they should enroll in the Horticulture class.

"Dr. Clark teaches that class and they use the greenhouse," Beedy said. "It tends to something the people really like."

In that class they grow the flowers that will be planted during campus beautification day.

Want to salsa or play Jeopardy?

Look out for spanish and med. science club events

By ASHLEY STREHL
Editor in Chief

Spanish Club

You may have seen your favorite celebrity doing the salsa on "Dancing with The Stars" but have you ever thought to try it?

NWOSU's Spanish club is holding a Spanish Dance Night on Monday, Feb 4, at 7:30 p.m. in the Student Center ballroom. They will be having beginner dance tutorials to help you get started taught by NWOSU recruiter, Louis Mendoza. This event is open to anyone interested in learning to dance salsa or bachata.

Assistant Professor of Spanish, Robert Vest says that the Spanish club is designed to help expand cultural awareness of the Hispanic culture on campus. Vest has been the clubs advisor since August of 2019, and likes to plan events with the club often for this reason. The last time that the club had this event, they only had around 10 people in attendance; Vest hopes that they will have a better turnout this time. "Last time we did basic salsa dances, but this time we have more variety, so we hope that will be more fun," Vest said.

Spanish club president and sophomore accounting major, Erika Hernandez says that the club is small (10-15 members) but is slowly but surely growing, "We are starting to build a community and I love being a part of that," Hernandez said. "My favorite thing that I have done for Spanish club is help it grow and get my friends involved in the Hispanic culture."



Medical Science Club

In a game where you must know the questions to the answers, "Jeopardy" is the long-running T.V. show that has given inspiration to this campus event.

NWOSU's Medical Sciences will be holding a Jeopardy game night, tonight, in the Science Amphitheatre at 7:30 p.m. This event is held for all students, not just science students, to attend. Dr. Jennifer Sattler, associate professor of physics and club advisor says she hopes to mix in some general trivia questions along with human anatomy questions as well, so more students will feel welcome. She also said they will split students up into teams, so no one competes by themselves. Winners can expect a 3D printed trophy and everyone can expect snacks as well.

The medical sciences club initially started by retired professor of science, Dr. Pfeifer-Hill and then passed on to Dr. Sattler. Currently, there are five active members in medical sciences, but Dr. Sattler hopes that this event will help recruit more. "I think kids should get involved in something," Dr. Sattler said. "I think it makes their college experience that much better."

Public relations officer and senior biology major, Alondra Galindo, has been one of those students involved in the medical sciences club since she was a freshman. "What I have liked about the medical sciences club is that it has allowed me to get to know other students who are interested in health care better," Galindo said. "We've become good friends and it's nice to talk and laugh with people who are so supportive of your goals."

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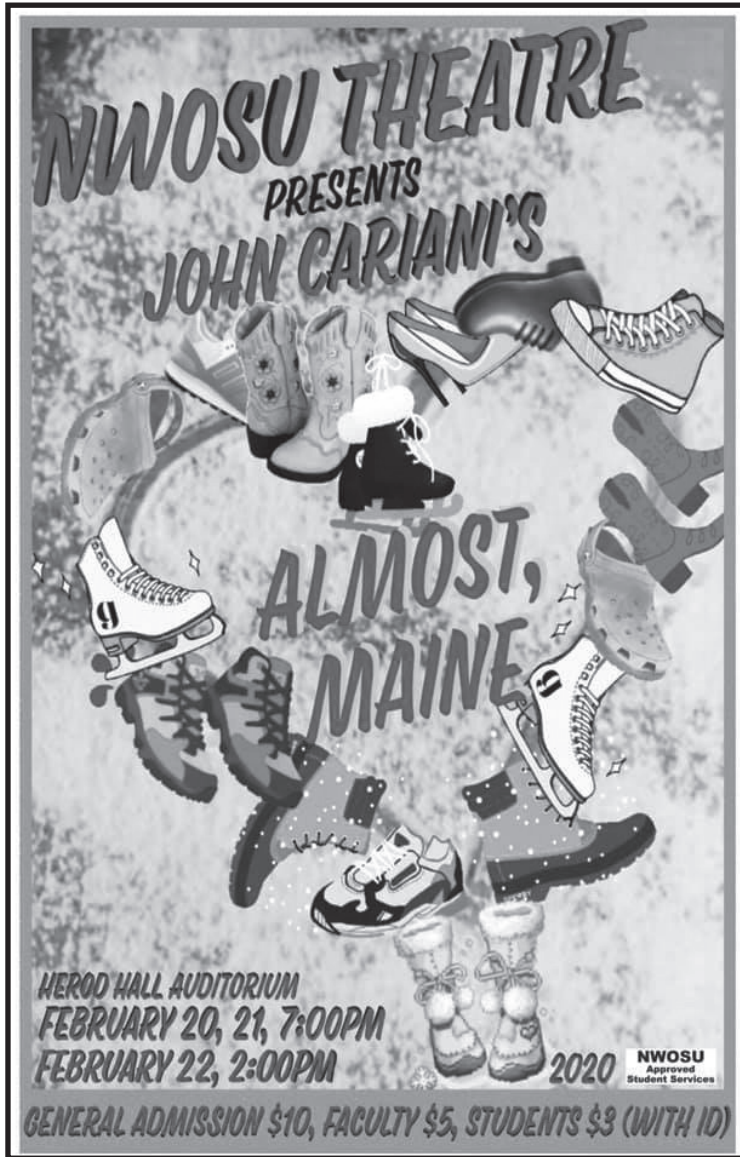
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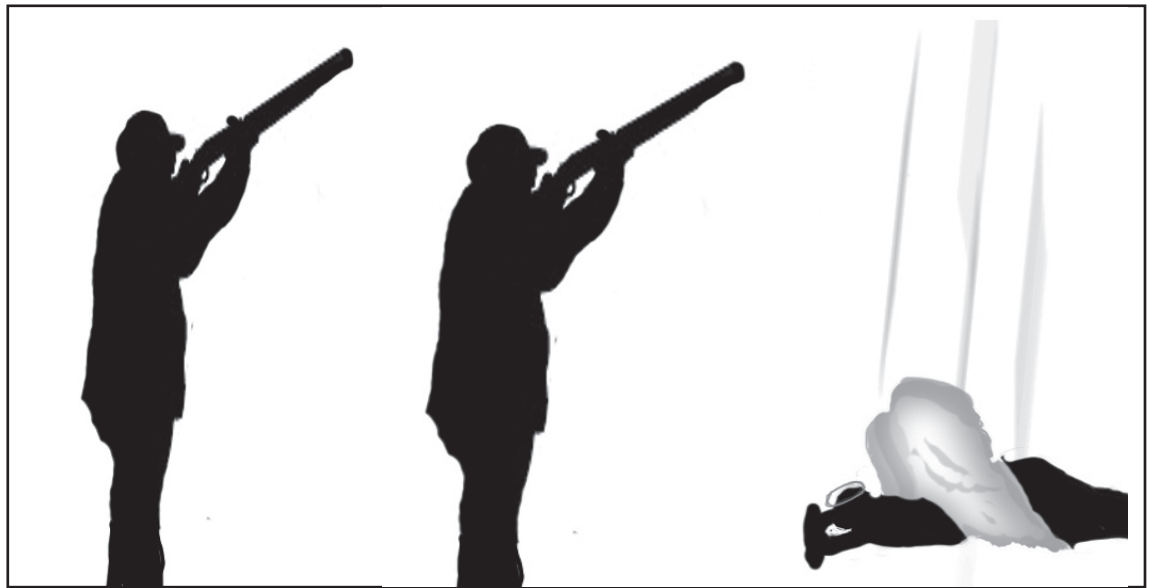
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Entertainment

NWOSU theater to present 'Almost, Maine'



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Dinner and a show about Alabama duck hunters

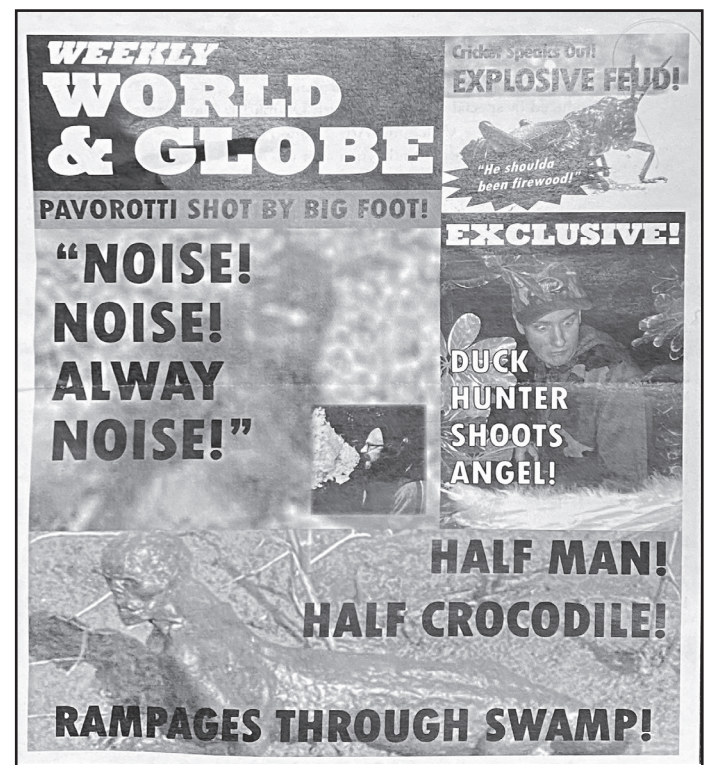
"Duck hunter shoots angel" exceeds expectations

By TIFFANY WILLSON
Feature/Entertainment Editor

On Thursday, February 14th, The Gaslight Theatre in Enid, Oklahoma opened their annual dinner theatre production "Duck Hunter Shoots Angel" written by Mitch Albom. We unfortunately missed opening night but was able to watch the production the evening of February 15th. After reading the short description offered at the time of purchase, "A Southern comedy that's not afraid to poke fun at itself," I was weary about what might ensue. Regardless, my date and I expected to have a little bit of fun and enjoy some good food.

Upon arrival we were surprised to find that we were the youngest patrons in the room. The dinner, which offered two entrée choices and two dessert choices looked amazing and tasted even better. We even enjoyed a little Moscato with our dessert during intermission! Before the show even started, we were more than happy with this dinner theatre. What we did not know was that we were in for a surprise with this "comedy".

The set was built on a proscenium stage with a simultaneous setting with four main sets: the newspaper office, a swamp in Alabama, the car, and the Gasmart. The show starts with a journalist, Sandy (Jason Maly), who writes for a shady New York Tabloid called "The Weekly World and Globe". A tabloid that fabricates and exaggerates news stories to sell papers. Sandy finds himself sent to a small town in



The playbill for "Duck Hunter Shoots Angel" designed to look like the front page of the inquirer read by the main characters.

Alabama chasing a story about duck hunters who have shot down an angel.

Duck hunters, Duane (Quintin Wray) and Duwell (Jared Hardy), are portrayed to be the stereotypical, comedic rednecks, but as the plot develops, we find out that there's quite a lot more going on in Alabama. Not to mention the life Sandy left behind in pursuit of greater fame and fortune.

The Gaslight's portrayal of this comedic script was cohesive and well-timed. I was laughing at jokes that were dumb and playful, as well as well-thought out comedic commentary on social issues such as racism, LGBTQ+ issues, classicism, and more. Not only was the dialogue witty and insightful, this "comedy" held a life lesson revealed at the end of the show that left us thinking as we headed home. The director, Carmen Ball, did a fabulous job blocking and timing this production. However, if I could make a change to more clearly portray the show to the audience, I

would alter the scenes played in the car.

The inability of the audience to clearly see the facial expressions and the mouth movements of the actors made it difficult to read the mood as well as the character relationships. I found these scenes seemed to drag on, although Sandy's change of character and mood as he moved swiftly in and out of those scenes was well-directed and precise. Turning the car parallel to the proscenium arch would have assisted the audience during these movements. I also found the delay of some audio cues to detract from those scenes that held importance for the revelation at the end of the show.

I would give this showing a 5 out of 5 because even despite these small concerns, my date and I had a fabulous time and we enjoyed a night of good food and great theatre! If you did not have a chance to catch the show, there are still available seats for February 21st and 22nd. Support the Gaslight Theatre and see this well portrayed, hilarious story!



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Theatre students are working hard on the set for "Almost, Maine"

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Sports



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Northwestern will travel to Arkadelphia to play Ouachita Baptist.

Women's basketball suffers loss

By ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS

The rivalry between Southwestern and Northwestern was ready to continue Thursday evening with the second meeting of the season. The Lady Bulldogs won the game 79-59.

Hillary Hurst led Northwestern with 17 points in the game as one of two double-digit scorers. Presley Payahsape was the second finishing the game with 14 points. Bailey Brown led the team in assists with seven.

The Lady Rangers jumped out to a fast start opening the game with a 6-0 run led by senior Kalea King scoring four of the six points. Southwestern answered with five quick points of their own making it a 6-5 game. From there the rest of the quarter turned into a standstill from the defense. Northwestern would lead 13-12 after the first quarter.

The second quarter would start in favor of the Lady Bulldogs as they jumped out to a 23-19 lead in the second quarter. The teams would battle throughout the rest of the quarter. The score went even at 30-30, then the teams would trade baskets with Southwestern having the slight edge with a one-point lead at halftime.

After Hurst would open the second half with a layup to put the Lady Rangers up 37-36 giving Northwestern their last lead of the game. The Lady Bulldogs responded with their answer as Southwestern used the 9-1 run to take control of the game.

The start of the fourth quarter opened with a Southwestern three to go up 68-50. The Lady Bulldogs would control the rest of the fourth quarter.

The Red-and-Black fell Thursday evening by a final score of 79-59.

Basketball loses at last second

By ALEJANDRO AARON
Student Reporter

The rival game against Southwestern Oklahoma State University on Thursday was the talk on campus for the whole week previous.

As soon as the teams took the court for warmups, the energy immediately shot through the roof.

With trash talk filling the environment, the players from SWOSU tried to ignore it but they ended up giving a reaction to the crowd.

SWOSU won the tip off to get possession of the ball first. They ended up adding two points to the scoreboard and NWOSU answered back with one of their own.

For a while, the game was a defensive game with the score being tied at 2-2 up until the first time out was taken at almost one-third of the way into the first where SWOSU just finished a scoring run where the score was 15-7.

SWOSU was able to hold a

good lead until eight minutes before halftime where NWOSU began to execute offensively and start to comeback. NWOSU was able to go into halftime just trailing by one point.

The deficit didn't really increase or decrease too much after halftime. The game stayed relatively close.

With the second half coming to a conclusion the game was tied as the time ran out. The regulation clock hit all zeros and the score was still tied which forced an overtime.

The Rangers held the lead throughout the whole overtime until the last shot, where SWOSU made a buzzerbeater to give them the lead as the time expired.

"I know we gave it our all out there but when that isn't enough it hurts, we just have to do better to be better," said Parrish Hewitt, a member of the basketball team. "We knew it was going to be a war because of how big this rivalry is. We gave it all we had and fell short. We just have to make sure that doesn't happen



Photo by Leah Darnell

Northwestern lost by one at the buzzer-beater in overtime.

again."

The postgame celebration for SWOSU involved a player going to the student section to show sportsmanship that was misinterpreted and led to some arguing and pushing afterwards that was quickly stopped and resolved.

"Every loss comes with a lesson and we just have to learn from this and improve so we never feel

this pain again," Nate Bailey III said.

Southwestern Oklahoma State University and Southeastern Oklahoma University both took down the Rangers to tally onto the loss the column.

Northwestern looks to bounce back as the take on Ouachita Baptist University on Feb. 20 in Arkadelphia, Arkansas.

Baseball sweeps SNU

By ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS

The Rangers were ready to get back on the field for a game after Friday's got moved to Sunday afternoon. The Rangers would sweep SNU in the games.

Game 1:

The Rangers started conference play with a bang. The offense was able to score 13 runs on 13 hits. Billy Rogers led the offense leading the team with three hits along with a game-high 4 RBI's.

The Pitching was fantastic, as Scott Creedon got the start pitching his first complete game of the season, going seven innings only allowing one run on six hits.

The Rangers wasted very little time getting on the board as Colton Whitehouse sent one over the right-field wall down the line to put the Rangers on top 1-0 in the bottom of the second inning.

The Crimson Storm had a quick answer though in the top half of the third would tie the game.

The Red-and-Black would jump right back on top from a Bryce Donovan RBI single scoring Darrow to put the Rangers up 2-1 at the end of the third.

The Rangers would take over the game in the fourth inning where they would score eight runs in the inning.

Northwestern would put the final damage on the Storm with three runs in the bottom of the sixth inning. The game would conclude after the seventh inning from mercy rule.



Photo by Laney Cook

Baseball won all three games of the series against Southern Nazarene.

Game 2:

Rangers looked to carry the momentum from Game 1 straight into Game 2. Northwestern did not have the same offensive explosion but they got great pitching leading the way to a 3-2 victory over the Crimson Storm.

Donovan and Whitehouse led the way with two hits each for four of the six hits in the game. They both had one RBI each in the game as well to lead the offense.

Blake Hoffman got the starting nod for the Red-and-Black in Game 2 and answered the call. Hoffman picked up his first victory of the 2020 season allowing two-run in five and a third innings pitched. The Rangers called on Kaleb Honea to close the game out.

Southern Nazarene, however, had other ideas trying to shut the door down early.

Southern Nazarene did not pick up their first hit of the game until the fourth inning, however, Hoffman was able to strand him at first.

Rangers offense came alive in the bottom half of the fourth. As Base led the inning off with a single, later stealing second. Few batters later Whitehouse would drive base in with an RBI single to give the Rangers a 1-0 lead.

Hoffman would shut Southern Nazarene out in the top of the fifth keeping the momentum on the Rangers side. The Red-and-Black took advantage of that with scoring two more in the bottom of the inning.

Southern Nazarene would try and pull off a comeback with two runs in the top of the sixth with an RBI triple scoring the first run followed up by an RBI single to cut their deficit to 3-2.

Game 3:

Colby Carlson started the afternoon for the Rangers picking up his second consecutive win. He finished the afternoon with five innings pitched, surrendering two runs on five hits. He struck out two while walking two. Jacob Uhing pitched in relief allowing two runs through two innings of work while striking out two as

well.

The Red-and-Black wasted no time responding in the bottom half of their inning after a Hamakawa single, Donovan stepped up to the plate and delivered with a two-run home run to left-center field to give the Rangers the 2-1 lead after the first inning.

The Crimson Storm answered in the top of the 3rd inning scoring a run with a single up the middle from Michel cutting the Northwestern lead down to 3-2.

After a scoreless fourth inning from both teams, Northwestern was ready to break the game open during the fifth. Hamakawa led off the frame with a single. After a pitching change, the Rangers would load the bases for Whitehouse.

The Red-and-Black would score two runs off walks from Whitehouse and Erickson setting the stage for Randels. The Ranger lead to 10-2 with a 6 run fifth inning.

Southern Nazarene would score two runs in the top of the seventh inning from a single up the middle followed by an RBI triple sending it to the bottom of the seventh with the Rangers leading 11-4.

The bottom of the seventh the Rangers would get three forcing the 10 run rule through seven innings picking up the win.

The Red-and-Black improve to 5-6 on the season and 3-0 in Great American Conference play. The Rangers will be back in action Tuesday evening in Edmond for a rematch against the University of Central Oklahoma.

Sports

Track competes in UCO Alumni Classic

By **ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS**

The Northwestern Oklahoma State track and field was led by the 4x400 meter relay team and Selena McDonald Saturday afternoon in the Central Oklahoma Alumni Classic inside of the Mosier Indoor Facility.

McDonald continues to improve each week, beating her school record in the high jump in each meet this season. The 4x400 relay team consisting of Jaya Barnes, Abrianna Orona, IceLei Duke and Briley Yunker takes over the best time in school history, with a fourth-place finish.

The 4x400m relay team finished with a time of four minutes and 18.03, which finished behind Oklahoma City, Central Oklahoma and Coffeyville CC. The Lady Rangers 'B' team of Ladasheray Bell, Jasmine Bowen, Raven Pridgen-Spearman and Angel Marshall placed ninth with a time of 4:36.11.

In the high jump, McDonald tied for fifth jumping 1.56m and tying for ninth is Hayden Duvall and Destiny Gardner who reached 1.46m. Duvall set her PR moving up to the fourth-highest jump, while Gina Wilson finished tied for 12th with Zarin Goodrich, snagging her PR, while jumping 1.41m.

The Lady Rangers were led by Wilson in the long jump moving into third in the record books. She jumped 4.61m the furthest any member of the Red-and-Black has jumped this season. Duvall was right behind her at 4.41m, which tied her PR and Rebecca Wasson gained 4.37m. Jessalyn Rivet-Tissot jumped 4.20m, Natasha Stocks with 4.00m, Pridgen-Spearman had 3.98m and Rachel Wilson rounded out the jumpers for Northwestern jumping 3.77m.

NWOSU was led by Destiny Chew and Rosaria Milton in the shot put. Chew finished in 14th place gaining 10.59m, while Milton threw 9.73m. In the weight throw, Milton set her PR of 10.56m, which is 0.30m further than her previous best distance and Kelsey Swindle threw 8.51m.

Northwestern had a team compete in the distance medley event for the first time in school history. The team consisting of Mariah Malloy, Bell, Yunker and Kayla Gourley finished in third place, with a time of 13:44.09.

In the one mile run Camille Lear finished with the second-best time of five minutes and 54.50 seconds, Zoe Moorman had a time of 6:27.62 and Savannah Francis moved into the 10th spot in the record books with a time of 7:25.73.



Photo by Athletic Communications

Northwestern track competed at the UCO Alumni Classic.

G. Wilson was the lone Ranger to qualify for the finals in the 60m hurdles, before finishing ninth with a time of 10.22 seconds. Others that competed in the event was Elizabeth McMahan with a time of 10.67, Goodrich clocked a time of 11.17, Rivet-Tissot set a new PR in the event finishing at the 11.31 mark and Gardner had a time of 11.80 seconds.

Northwestern had four participants run in the 60-meter race and was led by Orona with a finish of 8.48, Bowen had a time of 8.49, Kianna Dickey clocked 8.77 and McMahan ran 9.05.

Duke improved her PR in the 400-meter race with a 14th place finish, turning in a time of 1:04.89, which is the third-best time in school history. Abigail Cole had a time of 1:11.00 and Marshal moved into the top-10

with a time of 1:11.19.

In the 800 meters run Barnes placed 19th with a time of two minutes and 34.57 seconds, Bell and Rivet-Tissot were not far behind finishing with times of 2:36.53 and 2:36.73, Rivet-Tissot improved her PR and moved into the fifth place in the record books. Melissa Perez claimed the school's ninth-best time with a finish of 2:53.08 and Jean Dodds clocked a finish of 3:08.14.

Orona moved up into the second spot in the record books for the 200-meter race, with a time of 28.40 seconds, 0.45 seconds better than her previous best. Dickey turned in a time of 29.74 to better her PR by 0.77 seconds, to claim the ninth-best finish and Goodrich takes over the 10th spot with a time of 29.80.

Lady Ranger Finals

Midwestern:

5-3 win

Cameron University:

9-1 loss

Nebraska-Kearney:

10-2 loss

Regis:

10-5 loss

Lady Rangers compete at MSU Invite

By **ASHLEY WATTS**
Sports Editor

The Lady Rangers softball team competed at the Midwestern Texas Invite on Feb. 14-15. The Lady Rangers lost three games and won one game to start of the 2020 season.

The first day of the tournament the Lady Rangers played the hosting school Midwestern. This game was the only win in the tournament for the Lady Rangers as they won 5-3.

Up next NWOSU played Cameron University. After a big win in the first game the Lady Rangers looked to keep the momentum going, but unfortunately Cameron was too much for the Lady Rangers. Game two was won by Cameron 9-1.

To start the second day of the tournament, the Lady Rangers played Nebraska-Kearney. After a tough game the game finished in six innings due to the mercy rule that came into play. Nebraska-Kearney took the game 10-2.

Game two was also played on the same day. The Lady Rangers played Regis University. After losing the first game the Lady Rangers looked to win the second game, but unfortunately they came up short and lost 10-5.

The Lady Rangers next game is against Newman University on Feb. 18. Northwestern will host Newman as the play a double-header. The first game starts and 2 p.m. and the second game is set to start at 4 p.m.

The original first game against Newman has been moved to March 31 at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

Rangers lose

By **ASHLEY WATTS**
Sports Editor

After a heartbreaking loss last Thursday against SWOSU, the Rangers looked to get back in the groove on Saturday. Unfortunately, the Savage Storm was too much to handle as the Rangers lost 91-73.

David Thornton led the Rangers with 13 points and seven rebounds for the only double-digit scorer on the team. Parrish Hewitt finished with nine points and seven rebounds. A.J. Jones was the team leader in assist with 15.

The Savage Storm came out fast in the early moments of the first half, but NWOSU brought the game back within one point. Jack Peck made a layup that tied the game at 22-22, which was followed by a three from Hewitt that gave NWOSU their first lead of the game. Southeastern then went

on a 9-0 run, and was leading by eleven going into the half.

Southeastern came into the second half hot and never looked back. They opened the half with a 7-0 run and gained the largest lead of the game at 21.

The Rangers brought the game within 10, but that was a close as they could get. The Savage Storm connected on 16 three-pointers out of their 32 made field goals. Southeastern assisted on 21 of those 32 shots. NWOSU was able to knock down 29 shots assisting on 15 of them.

The Ranger's loss will drop them to 8-16 season, 5-13 in Great American Conference. The Rangers will travel to Ouachita Baptist in Arkadelphia, Arkansas for Thursday evenings match up set for a 7:30 tip-off.

Lady Rangers lose

By **ASHLEY WATTS**
Sports Editor

After a tough loss on Thursday, the Lady Rangers looked to bounce back as they played Southeastern on Saturday. Unfortunately after a back-and-forth battle, the Lady Rangers loss 67-61.

The Lady Rangers had three players finish with double-digit scoring figures. Kalea Kind led the Lady Rangers with 15 points, while Hilary Hurst scored 14 points. Bailey Brown was the last Lady Ranger to have a double digit score with 12 of her own.

Brown scored the first basket of the game after she won the tip-off. Throughout the first quarter both teams battled it out for the lead. The Lady Rangers were behind by three points going into the second quarter.

The second quarter was not in the Lady Rangers favor as they only scored seven points. The Savage Storm went on a 10-0 run at the end of the half.

The Savage Storm controlled

the beginning of the second half after going up 21 points, but the Lady Rangers pulled the score within three in the fourth quarter. After a big comeback the Lady Rangers still fell short of winning as the lost by five points.

The Lady Rangers are now 11-13 on the season, and 7-11 in the Great American Conference.

The Lady Rangers will be back in action on Thursday as they travel to Arkadelphia to take on Ouachita Baptist University. Tip-off is set for 5:30 p.m.



Photo by Leah Darnell

Northwestern will play Ouachita.

Women's b-ball away

Men's b-ball home:

Softball home:

Baseball away:

Women's b-ball away:

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In Memoriam

Tributes to Ms. Zimmerman, continued from Page 7

I was fortunate enough to spend my time at NWOSU as part of NWTV7 and learning from Ms. Zimmerman. As a freshman, Ms. Zimmerman gave me a chance to anchor on NWTV7 for the first time, and I almost immediately fell in love with broadcasting. She encouraged me to keep working with the newscast, and always pushed me to become

a better anchor and reporter. Now in graduate school, I'm pursuing the passion for broadcast I first developed in her class. I so am grateful to have had the opportunity to know her and learn from her. My thoughts and prayers go out to all her students, friends and family.

— Megan Maharry, 2019
Mass Communications alumna



Ms. Zimmerman is shown with her spring 2019 NWTV-7 crew.



Ms. Zimmerman (center) is shown with her parents, Dr. Janet Cunningham (left) and Rick Cunningham (right).

I am very sad to hear of the passing of Ms. Zimmerman. Anyone who was in a class with Ms. Zimmerman knew she had a passion for video production and news.

She was also a very caring and wonderful person to learn from at Northwestern. Keeping her family in my thoughts and prayers.

— Jake Goodman, 2017 Mass
Communications alumnus

Ms. Z was more than just a teacher to me and many of her students, she was a friend. You could always count on her to have your back. She was one of the most caring, kind-hearted, strong and selfless individuals I have met. It's because of that, that she had such a great relationship with most of her students. She truly cared. No matter what she was going through, you never saw Ms. Z without a smile on her face

or helping her students. I will forever treasure the memories and experiences I made with her in my life. I am beyond blessed to have known such an amazing woman.

My heart is absolutely torn, but Ms. Z will forever be in my heart and the hearts of everyone that loved her. Ms. Z, you will never be forgotten. Fly high sweet angel.

— Selena Estrada 2019 Mass
Communications alumna