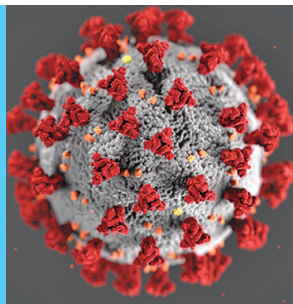


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## COPING WITH COVID

### Nursing students practice telehealth

During pandemic, students able to learn about new health technology

By **GEORGE SMITH**  
Student Reporter



**Dr. Pat Thompson**

Students enrolled in Northwestern's doctor of nursing program were in for a huge change last semester.

Normally, nursing students would be practicing the skills they learned in the classroom and applying them in the real world during the spring semester of their last year.

But they didn't have the semester they expected.

"The big medical centers were closed to students," said Dr. Pat Thompson, director of the Wisdom Family Foundation Doctoral Program for Rural Nursing Practice. "However, some of the students were able to stay in their clinics, with the preceptors and students going to patients' cars to triage and care for them."

With medical centers closing

around the nation, the need for a type of healthcare that has long been left to Google and WebMD rose to meet the demands of the declining number of in-person clinics: telehealth.

Telehealth is an emerging source of healthcare. It provides a more personalized healthcare visit and puts quality care at a person's convenience, Thompson said.

"Our students were able to see the tremendous explosion in use of telehealth," she said. "Healthcare facilities are being  
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## SAFETY NET?



Photo by Jordan Green

Northwestern sophomore Brenner Clark plays volleyball near Coronado Hall in this August photo.

### Students are asked to follow COVID-19 precautions when playing sports

By **SEAN DOHERTY**  
Student Reporter

With dorm visitation limited, Northwestern students are ventur-

ing out from their residence halls in search of new activities to peak their interests.

They found one of those activities right outside the doors of Coronado Hall.

"What we've got is a fantastic group of young people that have been enjoying the volleyball court, which is something we love to see," said Matt Adair, housing director and assistant

dean of student affairs. "It's been very organic. It's not like an organized activity, it's just a bunch of students going out there and playing volleyball, playing kickball, having a good time."

The volleyball pit, intramural field and recently refurbished tennis and basketball courts saw light activity in years past, but they've become popular with  
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## Janitors cleaning doorknobs and dorms to stop spread of coronavirus on campus

By **LOGAN MERIWETHER**  
Student Reporter

A group of Northwestern employees is working behind the scenes to help stop the spread of COVID-19.

These people are the custodians. They have been working to keep students and faculty safe. They go to classrooms and bathrooms twice a day, wiping down desks, chairs and doorknobs to keep everything disinfected.

Dean Kilgore and Jeffery Lee are two custodians who are constantly on the move from building to building, keeping things clean.

Kilgore has been working on campus since 1995 and has dealt with many different things, but nothing

like COVID-19, he said.

"I've seen many changes on campus in my 25 years working here, but now things seem to change every day," Kilgore said.

Lee, who has worked at Northwestern for six years, cleans in the morning and at noon every day.

Lee said he stays consistently busy all day by cleaning tables, doorknobs and bathrooms, making sure they are sanitary for people to use. He also goes to residence halls one time each weekend and helps clean them.

Going from room to room and cleaning all of the doors and bathrooms in the dorms is an all-day affair, Lee said. But it is necessary to help keep the virus from spreading in the dorms, he said.

When Lee has to clean the dorms that students  
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Photo by Jara Reeder

Northwestern custodian Dean Kilgore sweeps a sidewalk on Sept. 3.



# News

## GETTING CONNECTED

Pinnacle representatives answer questions about new WiFi systems

By **JORDAN GREEN**  
News Editor

Representatives from Northwestern's new wireless internet provider visited the campus Tuesday to answer questions about the university's new WiFi systems.

Alan Bunyard, a network engineer with Edmond-based Pinnacle Business Solutions, talked about the bandwidth the new system offers. He also said the new WiFi systems are helpful to students who play video games, and he addressed the most common problem students have faced when trying to sign-on with the new network: remembering their passwords.

The university purchased the new wireless systems and installed them in residence halls during the summer for roughly \$450,000.

**Q: Thank you for your time, Mr. Bunyard. First of all, tell me about what this new system is.**

**A:** It is a contiguous system through all of the residential halls, so that means, once connected, your wireless experience should be the same, whether you're in your own room, in the common areas, the cafeteria, or go to a friend's room in another hall.

That means, if you hook up a device of your own, like a printer or something that's on the wireless, you can actually be in a friend's room and print it, and you don't have to go in any special location. Basically, your experience should follow you around.

With that, your student login is a personal area network. What that essentially means, it's kind of like having a "home" experience on a shared platform. I want to connect things I might not normally connect to the school network, like an Amazon Alexa or the Google Homes, and all those IOT kind of devices that – you're going to be able to connect them to our network that's private to you.

So when you do connect your personal printer, or you do connect your – some students have a NASH unit, like media students who are storing video files and things like that.

A student came by earlier who is running a website. All of those things are going to be possible, and they'll be on your personal network. They'll only be accessible to you unless we do something intentionally to share them with someone else, which that is a thing we can talk about as we move a little further forward.

Students would be able to do things like share printers if they wanted to. Certain things like universal "plug-n-play" is important for gaming systems.

That's Playstation 4s, your Xbox Ones, or any of the new



Photo by Jordan Green

**ABOVE:** Representatives from Pinnacle Business Solutions of Edmond answer questions students have about the university's new WiFi systems Monday in Coronado Hall. Pinnacle installed new systems in NWOSU's residence halls this summer. **BELOW:** The company's logo is shown in this photo taken in Coronado Hall on Monday.



systems that are coming out, and that's just a way that your game system tells the Edge firewall, "Hey, I need those ports so that I can connect outside users" if you're, like, hosting a game or whatever.

So universal "plug-n-play" gives you the best NAT. Gamers are going to know what NAT means because they get that warning when they're on there. I don't know what they call it, it's like an "unfriendly NAT condition" or whatever it is.

They're looking for a certain thing on there. It's kind of a "thumbs-up." It's automatic. With gaming systems, it's going to port forward for them, something that wouldn't normally happen on a campus or ... "enterprise" net-

work because it's not designed for video games. But this particular system is designed to accommodate that.

***"The biggest challenge is that more than half of the students don't remember their email password."***

***— Alan Bunyard***

**Q: What is the wireless coverage like?**

**A:** It's a little different in every

dorm. Coronado [Hall] here has three rooms in kind of a "suite" with a shared area. We put an AP [access point] in every single group of three rooms.

In the halls that are more traditional, with one room, two beds, and maybe connected with suite mates or whatever, it's every other room has an AP.

It actually has such coverage that you could even have an access point fail, and you shouldn't notice because we've overlapped them enough. ...

And it also means that you're not having to share that wireless access point with 100 people, you're going to be sharing it with, like, five.

So ... it should be a very quick experience with the wireless.

**Q: What should students know about the bandwidth the new systems offer?**

**A:** That's actually a little fluid. It's backed up by an enterprise circuit that's gigabit speed. And of course, we're sharing it between almost – well, I think there's up to 850 students in the residence halls, at max. I don't know where we're at this year.

But we limit the speed per student to 25 megabits, and it bursts to 100 megabits.

The reason we do that way is, if you are, say, downloading files, you're going to be limited to that 25 functionally over a period of time.

But when you're browsing the internet, you want it to be snappy. ... So for the first 10 seconds of anything you do, it'll burst to 100.

You'll have a very quick experience browsing the internet and going to stuff.

It's fast enough to stream 4K. If you want to stream 4K from Netflix, you can totally do that. And it won't have any impact on anybody else.

**Q: What improvements to the systems could we see in the future?**

**A:** There's some land-party modes, which would be a way to create a temporary land-party.

We may set up some permanently in the residence halls, and that would be, you disconnecting your Xbox from your personal network and then logging it into the land-party, and that way, when you're all sitting in, say, one of the game rooms with your TVs set up right beside each other, you're all on the same network, and you don't have to game out to the internet, so you have really fast ping times, and you're all sitting in one room.

It'll be a pretty niche audience probably, but that's something that we want to set up at some point is the land-party ability.

**Q: What are some of the biggest challenges students have faced with the new systems so far?**

**A:** The biggest challenge is that more than half of the students don't remember their email password. It's one of those things that you "fire and forget," get logged in one time in your browser, say "Save that password," and then you don't really remember it.

You type it in four or five times wrong, and now they can't log in because they've locked their accounts. So we have had some challenges with the passwords, and we're working on getting the campus IT [department] to give us a way to reset those passwords for students when it comes up.

But yeah, that's been the majority of the issues we've had today.



# News

## NURSING: Students miss residency week

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innovative in incorporating telehealth in their practices on a permanent basis.”

Although it is in its infancy, telehealth has the capability to go beyond the traditional standard of healthcare for millions of Americans. It converges multiple disciplines into one online platform to provide accurate and personal care for those who are unable to meet healthcare providers in-person, officials say.

Patients can use tools to transmit exam information, including information about heart rates and lung function. However, some health issues cannot be safely addressed through telehealth. For example, patients who complain of acute abdominal pain would have to be physically examined by a nurse practitioner.

The university's four nursing faculty members – Dr. Shelly Wells, Dr. Courtney Ballina, Dr. Yvette Lowery, and Thompson – were able to use 12 free case studies that were given to them by one of the software companies to which NWOSU students subscribe.

The students already do these case studies, so by adding additional case studies, faculty were afforded the opportunity to hold “grand rounds.” In these exercises, students presented information about patients.

The students discussed patients' chief complaints, patients'

medical history, and what their physical exams revealed. That information comes through the software program. Then the students, led by the professor, brainstormed treatment plans.

**“Residency week is the week that they all meet face-to-face for the first time and build camaraderie.”**

— **Dr. Pat Thompson**

This software also gives “expert feedback” from the case study's developer. The students were able to accumulate all of their 192 clinical hours required for the spring semester and “bank” hours toward their summer clinicals. Student reactions to the grand rounds were positive because the discussions were more in-depth than what might have been possible in a busy clinic, Thompson said.

“The greatest challenge for DNP students was the cancelation of the annual residency week,” Thompson said.

Students have their physical assessment skills validated during this week. They learn about procedures such as suturing, checking for corneal abrasions, remov-

ing warts, and draining abscesses. All of these skills were taught via Zoom in one-on-one meetings with each student.

Additionally, the new Share Medical Center physician, Dr. Bryce Galbraith, presented a PowerPoint lecture on X-ray interpretation. The two physical therapists at Share presented a video presentation of orthopedic examination for ACL tears, sprains and rotator cuff injuries.

“We did hate it that the students missed out on the socialization aspect of residency week,” Thompson said. “They come from all over the state, Ada to OKC, to the Woodward area, Enid and Alva. And residency week is the week that they all meet face-to-face for the first time and build camaraderie.”

Seven nursing students were able to graduate at the end of July, and they would have had a celebration after their poster and podium presentations. But those activities were forced to be done virtually. The other doctor of nursing students were able to watch the poster presentations and get ideas for their future DNP projects, which must be completed before they graduate.

The DNP faculty are hoping for a semester of non-virtual classes, Thompson said, but they were able to think creatively to give the students the best experiences possible, given the constraints of the pandemic.

## What's up?

### WHAT'S COOKIN' AT THE CAFE?

#### Friday:

**Breakfast:** Scrambled Eggs, Meatless Vegetarian Sausage Patty, Biscuit with gravy, Potato Cheese Frittata, French Toast Sticks, Apple Cinnamon Oatmeal, Turkey Sausage Patty, Oatmeal Raisin Scones, Banana Chocolate Chip Quick Bread, Cinnamon Donut Hole

**Lunch:** BBQ Pulled Pork, Brown Sugar Baked Beans, Potato Casserole, Ratatouille w/ Cannellini Beans

**Dinner:** Grilled Marinated Tilapia, Brown Basmati Rice Pilaf, Sauteed Squash, Bean and Tomato Chili

#### Saturday:

#### Breakfast:

Scrambled Eggs, Meatless Vegetarian Sausage Patty, Biscuit with gravy, Vegetable Frittata, Baked Blueberry French Toast, Chocolate Oatmeal, Fried Hash Brown Patty, Pork Bacon, Mini-Vanilla Crown Danish, Cinnamon Twist, Mocha Cappuccino Muffin.

**Lunch:** Herb Citrus Whole Chicken, Roasted Tomatoes, Steamed Zucchini, Jerk Tofu Steak w/ Mango Salsa, Pizza, Soup, Daily Grill, Pasta, Stir Fry, Salad, Dessert.

#### Dinner:

Thyme and Garlic Roasted Turkey Breast, Broccoli, Lemon, and Garlic Penne Pasta, Herb Roasted Potato Wedges, Parmesan Roasted Carrots



Photo by Jara Reeder

Northwestern custodian Jeffery Lee cleans a doorknob on Sept. 3.

## JANITORS: Custodians look out for their safety at work

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have been quarantined in, he uses extra precautions and makes sure he is desensitized before moving on to clean any other rooms, he said.

Kilgore and Lee are watching out for their own safety as well as the safety of students. They wear

their masks at all times and wash their hands consistently to keep from spreading the virus. They are required to wear gloves at all times while cleaning, and they change their gloves after cleaning each room. The custodians are also making sure they do their part to practice social distancing.

## VOLLEYBALL: Housing officials say they don't want to write tickets if they don't have to

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students this fall.

“There's times when there's been over a hundred people out there,” Adair said. “The competition out there—we've went and watched a few times—it looks like it's been really, really fun. I've even seen the kids bring out big speaker systems and play music.”

Adair says the university isn't requiring students to wear masks while participating in the games, but officials do encourage students to practice social distancing and wear masks.

“We want them to be able to enjoy the outdoors as much as possible, and I know that's a great way to get a break from wearing a mask,” Adair said. “It's just with the pandemic, when we see that much of a crowd gathered out there, we want them to be as safe as possible.”

These get-togethers are just one way students are adapting to socializing on campus with new COVID-19 rules in place.

Dorm residents from different residence halls may gather in public areas of the residence halls while maintaining social distancing and wearing masks. Residents may only enter dorm

rooms in the residence hall in which they live, and no more than two people are allowed in a dorm room at a time. No outside guests are allowed in the dorms. Not wearing a mask – or improperly wearing mask – could cost students \$25 per offense.

Resident assistants from all four residence halls monitor the outside activity and remind students to follow safety guidelines.

“I think it's a good chance for (students) to get to engage one another and get to know one another,” said Dustin Goodno, head resident of Coronado Hall. “There may be a student out there that maybe you haven't had a class with, but maybe you get to know because you met him at the volleyball pits, or you met them at the intramural field – somebody who could end up being a friend for the next four years for you.”

Goodno says students have complied with the new rules, and he said he sees no need for RAs to start handing out tickets. Adair agrees. But some students still see it as being too much.

“I appreciate them worrying about us,” said Chris Green, a freshman criminal justice major from Waynoka. “But we're our

own people, and we can take care of ourselves.”

Green, who lives in Coronado Hall, meets his girlfriend on the field to hang out.

“I'd like to go and hang out with [her] and chill in her room so she can make me some waffles, but the RAs won't even allow it,” he said.

Adair and Goodno said these rules are in place for students' safety.

“Obviously, I don't want to have to tell my RA to go down and start writing tickets,” Goodno said. “That's something we don't want to do. The biggest thing is just encouraging it.”

“We've written no tickets, we haven't shut down any of the events, and we don't have any plans to,” Adair said. “We love to see the kids out there having a good time. We just want them to do their best to keep safety and health at the top of their mind.”

“I like seeing them out there, being able to engage one another, whether they're playing kickball or some of these other games,” Goodno said. “I know that they've got a volleyball tournament coming up next week, so I'll be anxious to see how that goes.”



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# Editorial

*"Most of us look too hard to find a unique, profound and tangible reason for our existence. Instead, seek to discover everything that makes you feel alive and connected right now."*  
-Marcia Reynolds Psy.D

## Focus on the journey

By MCKAYLA HOLSON  
Editorial Editor

Being scared of the future is normal and perfectly fine. I am.

Growing up, I was surrounded by people who had "The Plan." You know the one, the plan of where they would go to school, what they would major in, their career, their relationship status and whatever else you can plan out.

I'm still surrounded by people like that. Those who have passions, goals, reasons for doing what they are doing.

Me?

I don't really have them. I mean, I have some, but not to the extent of someone who has their life actually planned out.

I came to college not knowing what to do and I'm in my last semester still not knowing what to do.

But, again, that's okay.

If you notice, I can be a bit of a broken record at times.

I guess I'm afraid of failure in a sense. All my life, family, friends, neighbors, school staff, random people in the town and others have had this idea in their head of who I was, who I am and who I'm going to be.

What if I don't amount to the value these people have appraised me at? What if I disappoint them?

It's so dumb to think like that, but I do sometimes.

My neighbor used to say that I was going to make a fantastic forensic scientist and I would solve a ton of crimes and help people

out. Well, I'm a mass communication major so I'm not sure that'll happen. Things change, but I don't think that one is likely.

When people say things like that, it makes me ask myself if I chose the right major.

The thing is, I shouldn't feel that way. People shouldn't question every little choice they make in the world.

It's okay to question what you're doing, but follow your heart.

Cliché, but listen to that gut feeling. Do what you like, what you enjoy.

I was talking to a man while I was working the other day and he was telling me about his daughter. She's around my age, in college and she changed her major.

His daughter was worried about the change, but he told her that it would be all okay and she just needed to make sure that what she did made her happy.

That stuck with me. It doesn't matter very much about what makes others happy when it comes to your life. You have to be happy.

Why spend the rest of your life miserable as a doctor when you actually wanted to be a musician?

Those around us want us to be successful in life and have an idea of what THEY think success in YOUR life looks like. But, honestly, the biggest success in life is being happy with what you are doing.

As for having a fear of the future, I read an article by Marcia Reynolds Psy.D. titled "How to Enjoy the Fear of the Future," and

she mentions that the brain reacts to transformation in the same way that it reacts to a crisis; that's why people refer to transformations as a crisis. Kind of like when we say "mid-life crisis."

Reynolds said the "crisis" occurs when we can't answer three questions: Who am I? What purpose am I meant to fulfill? What will it take to feel content?

Sometimes we lose our sense of direction, our sense of purpose. Why are we here and what are we doing?

Reynolds talks about how we need to stop searching and digging for what feels "right." We need to just let life take its course and things that are meant to be will be. At least, that's what I took away from the article.

We need to focus on heading in a direction and stop focusing so much on the destination.

Something Reynolds said that I need to work more on is living for the feeling instead of the goal. I need to stop worrying about how my life will turn out and just enjoy what's happening.

Forget the "where do you see yourself in five years?" questions. I'll know where I'm at when I get there.

I think we all need to hear "it'll be alright" a little more often than what we probably do, so this is me telling you that it'll be okay.

Everything will fall into place, don't worry about the goal so much. Keep it in mind, but just enjoy the journey.

Everything will work out, everything will eventually make sense

## EDITOR'S RANT OF THE WEEK

By MICHELLE WILLSON  
Editor-in-Chief

In times of uncertainty, I think that it's most important that we find little things to enjoy, little things that are certain and will never change. I've been thinking about this all week. And I am going to share some of my lists with you.

The first thing that never fails to make me smile is my mom's daycare kids. Ranging from 5 months to 9 years. The little rascals always know how to make me smile when I am down.

The next thing on my list that makes me happy is shiny/sparkly rocks. I don't know why they just look pretty, and they feel smooth.

Next are comfort foods: Snow cones, iced coffee, orange juice and Black Forest Juicy Burst Fruit snacks. I know that's a weird list, but they are my top tier comfort food. Next on my list of comfort food would be bagel bites, Reuben sandwiches, my mom's salsa and little spooners cereal. Again, a random list of things I want to eat all at once, but they are my go-to comfort foods.

Finally, a list of things that never change. When life feels out of control it's nice to fall back on things that you know will always be the same. Books, TV series, movies that I've already seen no matter how many times I rewatch the same series movie or book. It's always going to be the same characters the same goals.

Personally, when I get stressed or feel like things are out of my control, I like to play Webkinz. Now I know that sounds childish but every time I get on Webkinz my animals are the same, the games are the same, it's the same tasks and it just makes me feel more at ease.

When I am super stressed one of the most helpful tricks that I use is to put in headphones and blast music. Most of the time, I'm not listening to music, but it helps block out the real world for a while. Bonus points if I can go to the park in a hammock while doing so.

I challenge each and every one of you to make a list it can be on your phone or a physical list or even just saying things in your head. Write down your list of likes, your comfort foods and your comfort shows because a lot of the time when we're to the point that we're so stressed out we can't remember what you like to do to calm down. If you keep this list with you so have a reminder of what you like to do.

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# Editorial



Source: Oklahoma Historical Society

The Route 66 Museum in Clinton turns 25 on Sept. 23. The museum is the largest American museum dedicated to the history of the “Mother Road.”

## Museum turns 25

By **JORDAN GREEN**  
News Editor

CLINTON — The first Route 66 museum in the United States will turn 25 years old Sept. 23.

The Oklahoma Route 66 Museum in Clinton opened in 1995 as the largest American museum dedicated to Route 66, the Oklahoma Historical Society said in a news release. Museum officials are encouraging Oklahomans to visit the museum to learn more about the historic highway in honor of the museum’s “birthday.”

“With over 930,000 visitors in 25 years, the Oklahoma Route 66 Museum has captivated the attention of people from around the world,” historical society officials said. “Since the grand opening celebration held on September 23, 1995, the museum has proven to be a must-see for travelers—both Route 66ers and everyday vacationers.”

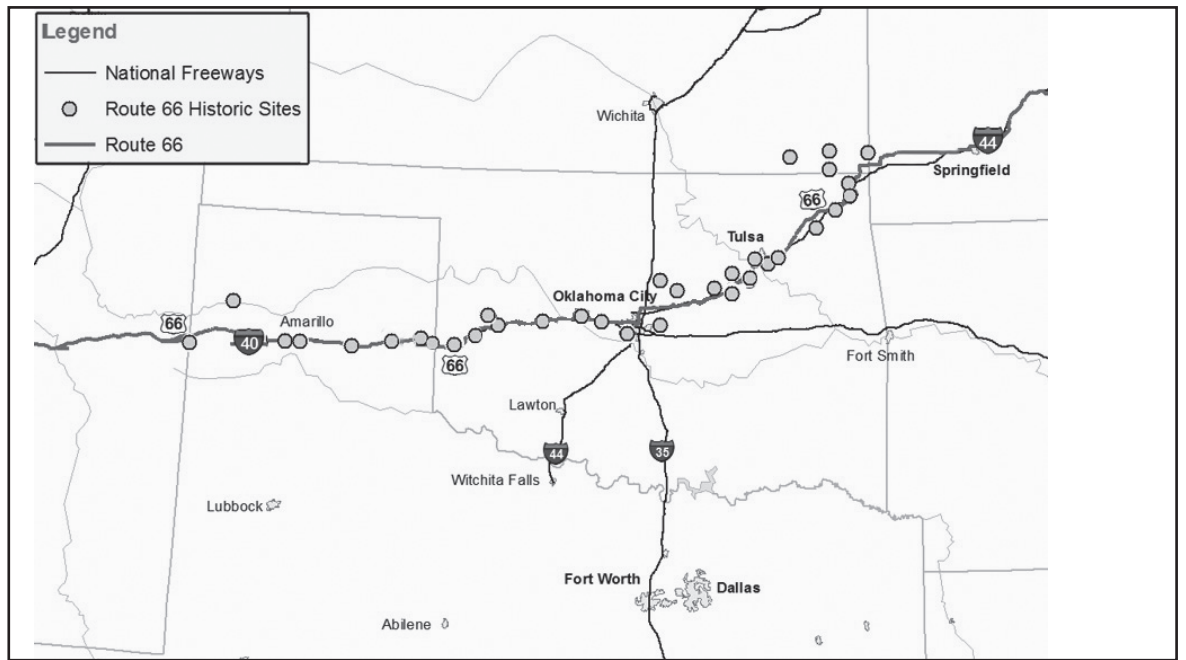
The museum has drawn a number of events to western Oklahoma, including the International Route 66 festival in 2007.

“The museum has hosted a plethora of special events that attract Route 66ers from around the globe,” officials said. “Beginning in 1996, the museum has held Route 66 anniversary celebrations every five years. These celebrations have featured premiere Route 66 historian Michael Wallis, as well as special exhibits by Route 66 artists and authors such as the late Bob Waldmire, Shellee Graham, Jim Ross, Jerry McClanahan, Kathy Anderson and many more.”

“The museum’s galleries are designed to offer visitors a personal journey through the history of the nation’s most revered highway. Encounter the iconic ideas, images and myths of the Mother Road. Learn about the dreams and labor needed to make the road a reality. Experience the Dust Bowl as thousands streamed along the road, away from drought and despair and toward the ‘land of promise.’ Listen to the sounds of the Big Band era, when the roar of the big trucks and the ‘Welcome home!’ cries to returning soldiers dominated the road. Touch the counter and sit in the booth of the 1950s diner and feel the open road as America’s families vacationed along the length of Route 66. The museum also offers changing special exhibits focusing on the Route 66 experience in the new Now and Future Gallery.”

Museum officials are encouraging people to visit the museum, 2229 W. Gary Blvd. in Clinton. It’s open Tuesday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Adults must pay \$7 to enter the museum, while seniors get a \$2 discount. Children must pay \$4 to enter the museum, and children under the age of five do not need to pay an admission fee.

“Although the COVID-19 pandemic has caused the cancelation of this year’s festivities, please help the Oklahoma Route 66 Museum celebrate this milestone anniversary by visiting sometime during the year,” officials said.



Source: National Park Service

This map shows Route 66 as it passed through the states of Texas, Oklahoma and Missouri. The map shows stopping points for popular historic attractions along the route.

### Travel OK’s list of top Route 66 attractions:

- |   |                                    |
|---|------------------------------------|
| 1 Blue Whale                                | 9 Oklahoma Route 66 Museum         |
| 2 Chandler Route 66 Interpretive Center     | 10 POPS                            |
| 3 Coleman Theatre                           | 11 Round Barn                      |
| 4 Elk City Museum Complex                   | 12 Seaba Station Motorcycle Museum |
| 5 JM Davis Arms & Historical Museum         | 13 Totem Pole Park                 |
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# Route 66





Photos by Jordan Green

Students streamed the Oklahoma City Thunder's basketball game and played it on an inflatable movie screen set up on the lawn of Coronado Hall by using this projector on Sept. 2. The Northwestern Student Government Association sponsored the event. The Thunder lost to the Houston Rockets.

# 'Thunder struck' on campus

## Students watch basketball game on Coronado lawn



Northwestern sophomore Collin Zink sits in a lawn chair and watches the Sept. 2 Thunder game on the lawn of Coronado Hall.



A group of students watch the Thunder game Sept. 2 on a movie screen set up on the lawn near Coronado Hall.

# This is getting a little corny

## SGA hosts campus-wide cornhole tournament



Photos by David Thornton

SGA hosted a cornhole tournament on Thursday. There were 24 teams of two people. T-shirts and pizza were provided to contestants, and the winners got a \$50 cash prize.



The Bennie Weenies team won the cornhole tournament hosted by SGA.



Sami Williams, left, and Mason Monsees, right, play cornhole.



# Feature

## Three faculty honored with Campus Kudos Award

By UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

Brenda Hearn, academic records coordinator at Northwestern Oklahoma State University, has been selected by the Staff Council as the recipient of the 2020 spring semester Campus Kudos Award. Angelia Case, academic projects assistant/media specialist, and Valarie Case, university relations specialist, have been selected by the Staff Council as the recipients of the 2020 summer semester Campus Kudos Awards.

Sue Burks, financial aid assistant director and Staff Council chair, presented Hearn and the Case sisters with their Campus Kudos awards.

The person nominating Hearn for this award said, "I call her frequently to request degree audits for different students and for my student veterans. She is always kind and very helpful any time I call her. She is also willing to walk me through a degree audit, especially if I have questions about credits or classes. I know she is particularly busy, especially with our transition to the new Self-Service program. She is always quick to respond and very polite when I call."

Campus Kudos is a public acknowledgement created by the Northwestern Staff Council that applauds the efforts of eligible staff members who have displayed an act of kindness above their job responsibilities. This award is presented each semester, including the summer term.

"This is such a surprise," Hearn said. "Helping students, faculty and staff is part of the job, and I am happy to know I have been doing a good job. Let's all make this year GREAT! Thank you and Ride,



Photo provided by University Relations

Sue Burks (middle) presents Angelia Case (right) and Valarie Case (left) with their summer Campus Kudos Awards.

Rangers, Ride!"

The person nominating the Case sisters for this award said, "I often find myself tempted to nominate Angelia because she consistently shows kindness above and beyond the requirements of her position. However, I feel particularly convinced that she and Valarie deserve Campus Kudos now for their efforts to provide masks to the campus community and those beyond. Working with their mother, Lorraine, they have made more than 1,700 masks so far. They have worked (and continue to work) several hours most nights to accomplish this. Many employees and students have benefited from their project. It is also remarkable that they fund the project with donations, welcoming but not requiring payments for the masks."

Angelia Case said their mask-making project was born from an idea that their mom (Lorraine Case) had to help people they work with when the pandemic became real in this area. They started

out making masks for people Lorraine worked with, residents who live at Share Convalescent Home, and then they decided to also make some for the Northwestern community.

"It's all mom's 'fault,' Angelia said. "If it hadn't been for her idea, we probably wouldn't have done what we did. Any good that comes to us from this project came through her first. It's humbling to think that someone took the time to recognize Valarie and me for this work. We just want to help. If you need a mask, let us know!"

Valarie Case said they didn't start the project to make money or collect rewards, they just felt compelled to help by doing their part during the pandemic.

"I jokingly have said we're like Rosie the Riveter only by sewing," Valarie said. "We appreciate the donations to help us continue making these masks. And, to be honored by the Northwestern Staff Council with a Campus Kudos award for this project is appreciated, and mom says thank you, too."

## New faculty



## Allissa Miller

By OVELL PATTERSON  
Student Writer

*Editor's Note: This story is a feature on Allissa Miller, a new faculty member at Northwestern. This story should have appeared in the previous issue of the Northwestern News.*

Allissa Miller, instructor of psychology, earned a Bachelor of Science degree in family studies from the University of Nebraska-Kearney and a Master of Arts degree in counseling from Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Missouri. She previously served as a provisional licensed professional counselor at the Cass County Psychological Center in Harrisonville, Missouri.

**Q: What brought you to Northwestern?**

A: I saw Northwestern had a job opening, and I decided to put in an application. I never really saw myself as a teacher, but I knew I didn't want to be a stay-at-home mom.

**Q: What is your favorite part of your job?**

A: I love the interaction I have with my students and co-workers, especially with COVID going on and being in the house for so long prior to the fall semester starting up.

**Q: What would people be surprised to know about you?**

A: People would be surprised on how much of a "people person" I am because I come off really shy when you first meet me.

**Q: What is your superpower?**

A: It would be a toss-up between flying and talking to animals. I don't really know why I chose these two, but they were the first two things that came to mind.

## Sweet music

NWOSU's Cultural Club performed for students after the Student Government Association's cornhole tournament on Thursday.

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# Entertainment



## Series is given 'okay' rating

### 'I am a Killer: Released' disappoints crime fans

By MICHELLE WILLSON  
Editor-in-Chief

"I am a Killer: Released" is a Netflix short series about Dale Wayne Sigler, a convicted murderer being released from prison after 30 years and how he copes with the new society. The short series was released on Netflix August 28th 2020.

Sigler killed John Zeltner, a Subway employee, in an armed robbery in Arlington, Texas in April of 1990. He was sentenced to death in 1991, but his death sentence was changed to life three years later.

The most shocking facts that came from this crime is that Sigler knew Zeltner before the crime and he had a conversation with him moments before murdering him.

This series was not my favorite true crime series that I've seen. It got pretty boring at points but it was interesting to know more about the crime and see how his conviction was changed due to

some new rules.

When he got out of prison he moved in with an old lady who had been his pen pal for the last several years. He even called this woman "Mama."

You see how Sigler turned to religion to help turn himself around. He is currently on a really restrictive parole where he has to get it approved to leave his house.

This series makes me question whether I believe that people can change and makes me wonder what the real motive of the crime was.

In one of the last episodes he explains what he considers the motive but I think it's 30 years too late. If it was a real motive it should have come out earlier and if he still considers it a good reason to have killed someone I think he needs to look back at his morals.

I give this series a two and a half out of five stars. I know it's based on a true story so there's not much they could have done to make it more entertaining but I feel like the story was dragged out when the whole thing could have been one movie.

I'd only recommend it to people who are really into true crime documentaries. This is one of those series that are only searched out by fanatics of murders and other crimes.

## New movie is just as good as the series

Disney movie showcases a lot of girl power and the sibling love/hate dynamic

By MICHELLE WILLSON  
Editor-in-Chief

"Phineas and Ferb: Candice Against the Universe" is the new Phineas and Ferb movie on Disney+. I originally sought out this movie because I saw it advertised on TikTok by Dan Povenmire, the guy who voices Dr. Doofenshmirtz.

I really liked Phineas and Ferb when it was on TV and this movie is no different.

I like that we get to see the events from Candice's point of view. Throughout the series you could see she was frustrated but the movie gives you more insight into why she was feeling that way. And it makes Candice more personable.

As the boys go to save Candice you can see that they really care for her and would do anything to save her. I also like how it shows Perry the platypus saving the boys who are trying to save Candice but also hiding from the boys so they don't know he's there. It is a weird comical turnaround.

One of my favorite parts is when Jeremy's reaction to the danger at the end of the movie. You find out that he "Larps" aka.



live-action roll plays.

I like this moment so much because in the series we see him through Candice's eyes as this cool boy but you get to learn that he's just as nerdy as the rest of them.

I do like that Candice is the main character. The movie shows a lot of girl power. Although Candice gets herself into this mess she also is the leader to get herself out of it. And you don't get to see many strong girl role models and movies.

I absolutely give this movie four and a half out of five. I love to see the musical number. And the storyline. But I just wish that Doofenshmirtz played a bigger role in helping them.

He was really focused about helping his daughter which is

good but if he would have been a bigger part and helping the other kids then it would show how much of a good guy he really is. Even though he tries to play this big bad evil scientist he has a soft heart.

I really hope the Phineas and Ferb franchise gives us more movies in the future. Maybe even an origin story about their mom and how Phineas and Ferb came to be. There's a lot of speculation that Doofenshmirtz might be Phineas dad because of the similarities between the two characters. I would love them to prove or disprove of the conspiracy in a movie.

I would suggest this movie to anyone who watched the original series. It brings back a lot of nostalgia from growing up.

## Podcasts to listen to:

True Crime  
"In The Dark"

History  
"Hardcore History"

Fantasy story  
"The Two Princes"

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# Sports

## GAC cancels fall sports

*A look into how NWOSU golf is handling the news*

By **NICK DILL**  
Student Reporter

**What is the Northwestern golf team doing during this pandemic?**

The Northwestern golf team is training and putting in work to prepare for the spring season. There are some new protocols they have to follow, but they are trying to get better day by day to be ready to play in the spring.

Unfortunately, the Great American Conference suspended all fall sports through December 31. The Rangers golf teams will hopefully have a chance to begin playing tournaments in the spring.

Nikkole Donk, head golf coach for the Rangers, is keeping her players focused this semester. Donk said she is hoping that there will be a season in the spring.

“We’re hoping for the season in the spring,” Donk said. “For us in golf, we haven’t played for a full school calendar yet. We got canceled after our second tournament in the spring. That was in early March, and we haven’t played since.”

Donk said that they are making sure everything is solid in practice because they have a whole entire semester to prepare for the spring, but practice looks a little different this year.

She said that they’re able to practice for eight hours a week and that it is just individual only practice right now. Donk said they are working on course management and contact with the ball and club face.

She said that team activities will begin on Sept. 8. There are going to be some protocols once the team practices begin.

“We do temperature checks every single day,” Donk said.



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The 2020-2021 men’s and women’s golf team pose for a picture.

“They have to wear a mask on the tee box, the greens and if they are not eight feet apart they have to wear it on the driving range. Other than that they can take it off.”

Donk also said they can walk down the fairway with it on their chin, but if they come in contact with a player and want to talk to them then they have to pull it back up.

**How do the players feel during this pandemic? They feel good and just look at is an opportunity to improve their craft.**

Zach Robinson, a freshman on the men’s golf team, is looking at this semester as a positive because he is able to work individually with the coaches and gain more trust with the coaches.

He also looks at this season being canceled as a way to still improve his game.

“I’m using it to my advantage to get the highest grades possible,” Robinson said. “I’m really focusing on getting my fitness and my body in as good a shape

as possible and making it something that is not negative.”

Brendan Kates, a senior on the men’s golf team, looks at this situation as a way to improve his fundamentals. He said it kind of gives him more chances to tweak some things that normally if he had a competition coming up he wouldn’t be able to do.

“You can make swing changes and do things that you’ve wanted to try,” Kates said. “For example, if you want to make a tweak in your swing in the season, it’s kind of hard because you might not feel comfortable in the tournament.”

The setback of not having a season in the fall is not affecting anyone.

“We can look at our season getting canceled as a blessing in disguise,” Donk said.

She said this gives the coaches and players four months to really dial in everything.

“This semester will give us a leg up on everyone to really show what we can do,” Donk said.

## NWOSU rodeo postponed

By **ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS**

Northwestern Oklahoma State University’s rodeo team has decided to postpone the annual Ranger Rodeo until the spring.

“We wanted to have a rodeo and let everyone be able to come,” head coach Stockton Graves said. “We feel that moving the rodeo to the spring would be the best for everyone to be able to make it.”

Every Central Plains Rodeo currently has been postponed.

This decision was not taken lightly as it has an impact on our student-athletes, community and fans.

“We went through this last

### RODEO

season with it getting cut short because of Covid,” Graves said. “We had to go ahead and follow suit with the other schools this fall and postpone to the spring.”

The rodeo is going to either happen in late February or early March.

“The rodeo team is a very important part of Northwestern and we are disappointed that we will not have the rodeo this fall,” Ath-

letic Director Brad Franz said. “The Northwestern Oklahoma State University Rodeo is a great university and community event that brings in students and fans from all over the central plains and we look forward to having it in the spring. We have an excellent team and I look forward to seeing them compete.”

“We are looking forward to having a busy spring,” stated Graves. “It cannot get here fast enough. We will buckle down this fall and get ready for when we get to compete.”

The Northwestern rodeo team will have a large group of returners led by Bridger Anderson, the 2019 CNFR steer wrestling national champion.



Photo via leaguefitsinstagram

Carmelo Anthony on the cover of Slam Magazine with his son.

## Balling in a bubble

By **DAVID THORNTON**  
Photographer

The NBA is one of many organizations that has found a way to continue business during this COVID pandemic.

The NBA bubble was designed to keep all NBA staff safely in one area to continue the NBA season. The first game of the NBA was tipped off in Orlando, Florida, on July 22. Since that date, every player, coach and staff are required to practice social distancing and wear a mask, along with constant testing.

“They have handled it very well, creating the most safe environment,” said Elijah Parks, psychology major. There have been zero positive cases since the NBA bubble has come to action.

“A fantastic idea by the NBA, really the only smart way and safe way to do it,” Dustin Goodno said.

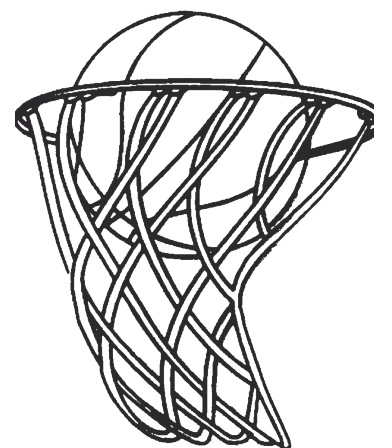
The NBA along with making a basketball impact, has also involved themselves in recent political and social issues in America.

Players and coaches have been aggressively getting involved and making statements about these

issues through asking for change and justice in America on racial issues through Twitter, fashion and boycotting playoff games.

“I believe politics and sports go together because athletes have a platform that they can use to get messages across,” Elijah Parks said.

As one of the most popular sports on national TV right now, these players are using this opportunity and their recognition to voice their opinion and say what they believe is right. Using their status to motivate others to act by leading by action example.



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# News

## County fair reduced to one-day event

By **KEVIN FORD**  
Assistant Editor

With help from the Aggie Club, the Woods County Fair's livestock show will go on as planned this Friday.

The coronavirus pandemic changed a handful of activities, forcing the annual Woods County Fair to go from a three-day schedule to a brief, one-day, all-inclusive event.

"We had to rethink and do some changes to the schedule," Greg Highfill, county extension director and agricultural educator, said. "We had to cancel all indoor events in response to the pandemic."

Highfill has been the county extension director for eight years. Since 2012, no other year has forced adjustments like 2020 has, he said. The livestock show will still go on as planned, beginning with the swine show at 9 a.m. Friday at the fairgrounds.

In addition to the livestock show, poultry and gardening shows are also taking entries for a showcase event. These shows are taking place on Friday as well, Highfill said. Entries have gone up, though not as much for the livestock show. But it is still looking to have a big turnout, he said.

Because of the pandemic, there will be fewer volunteers helping out. It would be too risky to have all of the volunteers who would normally participate come out and be exposed to large crowds, Highfill said. That is the main reason why the indoor



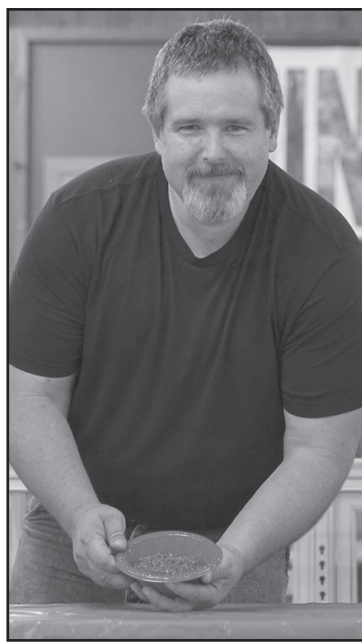
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**ABOVE:** A young boy looks at rabbits on display at the Woods County Fair in 2019. **BELOW:** Gregory McClure won third place in the chili-cooking contest with his homemade chili at the county fair in 2019.

events cannot take place.

The livestock schedule is set up to use an all-in and all-out format that will reduce the amount of time spent at the fairgrounds by the exhibitors and their animals. Each event takes place at a specific time. This setup allows for smooth transitions between preparing for the show and reduces staggered movements between people at the fairgrounds.

Despite the adjustments, Highfill said, organizers are excited for the event. People who attend the event will get to enjoy different livestock shows, as the horse show is also scheduled to go Friday, he said.



**ABOVE:** Carlee and Sierra Trekell smile for the camera while taking sips of their fruit-flavored drinks at the county fair. **BELOW:** Country music singer Autumn Ragland performs at the county fair in 2019.



## Northwestern reports 15 COVID-19 cases

By **JORDAN GREEN**  
News Editor

Fifteen Northwestern students have tested positive for the coronavirus, an increase of nine students since Aug. 28, university officials said Sept. 4.

In a recent email to students, Northwestern President Janet Cunningham said the total number of positive COVID-19 cases among Northwestern students includes cases at all of the university's campuses in Alva, Enid, and Woodward.

Officials did not identify the students who tested positive for the virus. No university employees have tested positive for the virus, officials said.

Officials first reported on Aug. 28 the number of students who have COVID-19. At the time, six students had tested positive for it.

University officials will report the number of active COVID-19 cases each Friday on the university's website, Cunningham said.

To see the number of cases on all campuses, visit <https://www.nwosu.edu/coronavirus/active-covid-19-cases-nwosu>.

As of press time Wednesday, the City of Alva had 27 cases of the virus. Nineteen of the people who tested positive for the virus have recovered, leaving eight active cases in the city.

Woods County had 33 positive COVID-19 cases. Twenty-five people have recovered from the virus, leaving eight positive cases in the county.

No one in the county has died from the virus, officials said.

The State of Oklahoma had 65,929 cases of the virus as of press time, data from the Oklahoma State Health Department shows. Of those cases, 9,661 are active. Statewide, 55,405 people have recovered from the virus, and 863 people have died from it.

The U.S. has more than six million cases of the virus. More than 189,000 Americans have died from it, and more than two million have recovered from it.

## Mosburg discusses safety in dorms

By **JARA REEDER**  
Photo Editor

Caleb Mosburg, dean of student affairs, sat down with the Northwestern News to discuss how the university is working to contain the spread of COVID-19 in residence halls.

**Q: How are university housing officials working to contain the spread of COVID-19 in dormitories?**

A: They're working directly with me. So, as soon as we have anybody identified as a positive case, we're working on the quarantine protocols — that students need to quarantine in the dorms or they're going home and staying off campus until we can get a negative test result.

**Q: How can the coronavirus spread in dormitories?**

A: Well, if we don't quarantine the cases that we know of that have been identified, or if we don't start working the quarantine procedures to have students quarantine, or they are positive is isolated but have

them in a location where they are not in contact with another person, they can potentially infect them. But we get them to the location where we can prevent it from going any further. So, everything that we're doing in the dormitories, which directly comes from communication from my office to Mr. Adair, our assistant dean of student affairs and recruitment, he is working at communication to the head residents and RAs so that they are working to get everything, and then everybody communicating in this. What's the biggest piece of this whole thing is just communication and making sure were communicating quickly and in officially to those that are involved in the situation.

**Q: What are the practices you're encouraging students to use?**

A: So again mask, social distancing even in the dorms I mean as much as possible you know we have started the process and then as far as the dormitory you know they are writing tickets if they're seeing students that are just continuously not have their masks

properly on, their writing tickets and so where were forcing that continuously to make sure that we were working to mitigate any further spread if it. so that mask plays a big role in it but making sure the students are not congregating in other rooms because as we can tell if you have others that are coming into a room and into your congregating in one person test positive now you have all those people that were in there together talking in one room that would now have to be quarantine.

**Q: How often are custodial crews cleaning dormitories?**

A: We have custodial staff assigned to each of those dorms daily. We also have additional cleaning procedures that is done by an outside party that we have that's coming in and helping sanitize and disinfect and do all sorts of things to help. We're doing as much as we can with, I think a lot of great effort to make sure that we were disinfecting and cleaning it and taking care of things as much as you possibly can.



# Kicking it with the Spanish club



*Photos by Dacoda McDowell-Wahpekeche*

The Northwestern Spanish club hosted a kickball game on Monday for students of Northwestern.



Riley Tune and Erika Hernandez hosted the game.

