

# NEVER FORGET

**On attack's 20th anniversary, marker on campus means something special**

By **JORDAN GREEN**  
*Editor-in-Chief*

The Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks were defining moments in the lives of college students.

And thanks to Northwestern's 2006 class officers, a monument honoring the people affected by those attacks remains a defining part of Northwestern's Alva campus.

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For several years, a tall, black slab blazoned with an engraving of the World Trade Center has stood in a green-space on the northwest corner of the university's campus. Nestled beneath trees and surrounded by lush grass, the monument gives people the chance to understand more about one of America's darkest days, the officers say.

"It's a pivotal event in history," said Dedrienne "Dee Dee" (Miller) Stevens, one of the class officers who helped raise funds for the monument. "You don't forget where you were, what you were doing when it happened. And you know that, from that moment on, you won't be the same."

With the 20th anniversary of the attacks just two days away, Americans are sharing their stories from 9/11. Among them are college students whose lives



Photo by Jordan Green

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A monument honoring the lives lost in the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks stands in a green-space on Northwestern's campus on Aug. 24.

# NEWS

## REMEMBERING SEPTEMBER 11

# 'Tell people ... that we love them'

## Northwestern faculty, staff recall their memories of Sept. 11

By **KAYLEE JO NEELEY**  
Student Reporter

*Editor's Note: The following is the first of two stories retelling the experiences Northwestern faculty and staff had on Sept. 11, 2001. Additional stories will be published in the Sept. 16 edition.*

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks on the United States.

The Northwestern News talked to three professors about their personal experiences during 9/11. Here's what they had to say.

### DR. JOHN STOCKMYER, PROFESSOR OF BUSINESS

#### Q: Where were you when the world stopped turning on 9/11?

A: I was in my apartment in Milford, Massachusetts, a small town about an hour to the west of Boston. It was about 9:00 a.m. I was upstairs on my computer, watching the news, and I became aware that an airplane had hit the North Tower of the World Trade Center. I then went downstairs, turned on the TV and watched it all for the next few hours.



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#### Q: What will you always remember about that day?

A: So many things. The planes that hit the towers were from MY airport, Boston Logan. I had recently flown out of Logan, visited New York City and had been in the towers. I learned later that a few of our business graduates (from Bentley College) had been killed in the tower collapse. I remember calling in to work to see if my school had been canceled for the day... Only to be told by my department chair that school was NOT canceled, and that this was "no big deal" and that "this kind of thing happened in other European countries all the time."

#### Q: Did you learn or realize anything about life after that day? If so, what and why?

A: I learned that I did not want to live so far away from my family. I learned that there are people who hate Americans for our beliefs, and that those people would kill all of us if they could. I learned that I cannot work for someone who has so little respect for others.

### DR. JENNIFER SATTLER, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF PHYSICS

#### Q: Where were you when the world stopped turning on 9/11?

A: I was in an astrophysics class at the University of North Dakota. Since nobody had a cell phone at the time, I did not find out until I was at the doctor's office after class. They had a TV in the waiting room.



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#### Q: What will you always remember about that day?

A: I remember how everybody came together as American and how stunned people were that it actually happened. I remember the school had a blood drive the next day to send blood to New York.

#### Q: Did you learn or realize anything about life after that day? If so, what and why?

A: It brought home how short life can be. There was a student in my class whose parents were supposed to be touring the World Trade Center buildings that day, and she thought she had lost them. She heard from them later that night that they had felt sick that morning and decided to skip the tour that day. I remember her telling us to always tell people that we care about that we love them because you never know what could happen.

### OLIVIA YANDEL, DIRECTOR OF THE J.R. HOLDER WELLNESS CENTER

#### Q: Where were you when the world stopped turning on 9/11?

A: I was in fourth grade when the Twin Towers were hit. I remember our teacher acting really weird that day at school, and they left the TVs off in our lunch room that day. At the end of the day, they told us what happened. I remember walking to my after-school babysitter, Millie's house, afterward and re-watching the video clips on her TV. It was all in Spanish because her home was a Spanish-speaking house-



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hold, but I could tell something was very wrong. My dad, who was in the military at that time and usually was the one to pick us up from daycare, was sent to Wichita to the Air Force base just in case there were more planned attacks. It was all very scary for a 9-year-old.

#### Q: What will you always remember about that day?

A: I think after that day, I realized how much evil is actually in our world. I was very young when the OKC bombing happened, so I don't remember that, but I do remember thinking, "How could someone do this? How can someone be OK with taking another person's life?"

#### Q: Did you learn or realize anything about life after that day? If so, what and why?

A: I remember the pride everyone had for America after that. We all came together, united to stand against evil. It's unfortunate that a tragedy is what brings us together as a nation.

### CALLEB MOSBURG, DEAN OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

#### Q: Where were you when the world stopped turning on 9/11?

A: I was sitting in an AP English class at Beaver High School when that occurred. I remember watching the news. I remember seeing the second plane – as news coverage is talking, the camera is on both towers – and I remember seeing the second plane in the background and seeing it turn and come. It eventually hit, and hearing the news reporters' response to that.

That was always a visual that's stuck in my mind as to what occurred. That'll never be anything that will ever go away, seeing the buildings fall and just ... the craziness that that was.

#### Q: What will you always remember about that day?

A: The response that took place was, I think, the piece that should have been highlighted. You don't necessarily see every angle of that on the newscast.

But we've gone 20 years later, you hear the stories, and you hear the things that have gone on that have come out of such a bad

situation. You see how this country could rebuild and come out of that. How families were affected by it.

Won't ever forget that day at all. We had volunteers that were from my little small corner of the Panhandle of Oklahoma that went to New York to volunteer to help. Volunteers were showing up from every little nook and cranny across the country, and across the world, to help afterwards. It was always so impressive to remember that.

#### Q: Did you learn or realize anything about life after that day? If so, what and why?

A: As you go through time, knowing the connection that Oklahoma City and New York have from those tragedies that occurred... It was just something were you see people come together and help.

You saw something bring people together to move forward. You hate for those events to happen, but to see what responses come out of things like that, it's usually a heartwarming thing to see as opposed to what we're seeing right now.

— Editor-in-Chief Jordan Green contributed to this report.

### ABOUT THIS STORY:

Newspapers don't just report news. One of their most important functions is to preserve history by telling how tragedy affects people's lives — forever.

This story is an endeavor to do just that. The Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks permanently changed our world. Future generations need to be able to understand this.

With that goal in mind, Northwestern News reporters spoke to Northwestern faculty and staff who were alive when terror gripped our nation on that fateful day. They have written their stories, edited for length and clarity, here.

History is more than facts and dates. It's the practice of keeping alive personal narratives like these. It is our hope that these emotional accounts help you better understand how our world was forever altered on Sept. 11.

— Jordan Green,  
Editor-in-Chief

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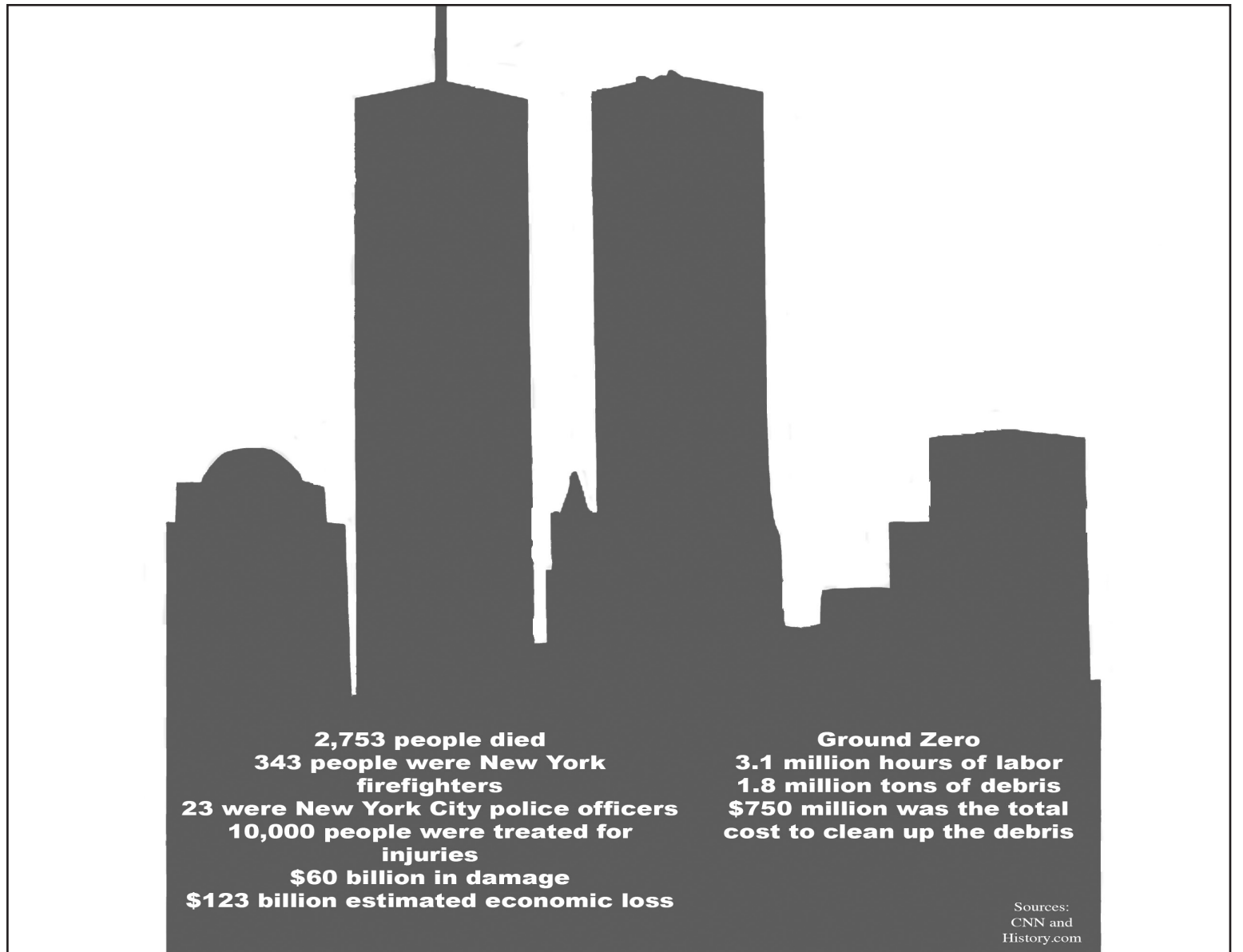
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# OPINION



## Amid chaos, the story of a miracle

By **DR. KAYLENE ARMSTRONG**  
*News Adviser*

My journalism class was silent as we watched the television in our classroom in disbelief — the Twin Towers in New York were on fire after being struck by two planes hijacked by terrorists.

The division chair of the college where I taught in northeast Ohio at the time had caught me only minutes earlier on my way to my 9:30 a.m. class that Tuesday. I hadn't watched or heard any news yet, so I didn't know the terrorist attacks had occurred.

"You'll want to turn on the TV," he advised. "Great example of breaking news."

### WHEN THE TOWERS COLLAPSED

I had turned off the lights in the classroom for better viewing, intending that my Journalism 1 class would watch this breaking news event for a few minutes and then return to a regular class discussion.

That never happened.

The entire class period, we all sat and watched wordlessly as New York City, about an 8-hour drive east of us, mobilized to deal with the disaster that killed almost 3,000 people.

When the South Tower collapsed at 9:59 a.m., many in the room gasped. One student, Paula Kimmich, came to my side and asked to speak to me in the hall.

She was fighting tears.

"My sister works in the Twin Towers," she explained. "I have to go. I don't know when I'll be back."

I asked her to do one thing for me: "You HAVE to write about this experience when you get back."

She was shocked that I would suggest such a thing but agreed to think about it.

### THE PEOPLE AFFECTED

Paula did write that story a few weeks later, a story of one of the miracles of 9/11.

Here's what happened in a nutshell:

After she left campus, Paula and her brother drove to New York, arriving in the wee hours of Sept. 12. Friends helped them get into the city because many roads and bridges were closed. They had been unable to contact their sister by phone before arriving and now searched her apartment for anything that might help them find her.

They did what everyone trying to find loved ones was doing: attended vigils in the street, scoured signs near the Twin Towers where people posted pictures and information about the dead or missing, wandered the streets looking for guidance about what to do next.

Finally, they decided if their sister was still alive, she was probably hurt, so they split up the list of hospitals in the city and went looking for her. She wasn't at any of them.

They branched out into northern New Jersey, going to every hospital that had taken in the wounded. At one hospital, they were told no one by that name had been admitted, but the hospital did have an unidentified woman whose face was badly swollen and eyes bandaged because of injuries from glass and debris. She would likely be unidentifiable. Besides, she was heavily medicated and could not talk.

Still, Paula and her brother asked to see the woman and immediately recognized she was their sister from a ring she was wearing.

The tale made a terrific story that ran in the student newspaper on Oct. 3. The local daily newspaper asked to run it, and Associated Press picked it up as well.

Paula Kimmich was not my only connection to the tragedy we now call 9/11. Another student lost an aunt when the third plane slammed into the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.

Several people I knew both off and on campus had friends and family in New York, either living or visiting there at the time. Many of those people made their way down to the Twin Towers area immediately after the attacks and reported back on the horrors they saw there.

### THE 9/11 CONNECTION

In a way, all of us at the college in Ohio felt connected to the terrorist attack. It seemed everyone knew someone with a connection

to New York that day.

And we all felt a need to do something. That Friday, many of the students (the campus had 8,000 at the time), faculty and staff crammed into an open area of the student center for a prayer service. People reported all-time high attendance at church services all over the area for the next several Sundays.

In mid-March of the following year, I attended a college journalism conference in New York City. A fellow newspaper adviser and I visited the viewing stand set up near the Twin Towers site. It was six months since 9/11, but workmen were still clearing the rubble — even at 9:30 p.m. when we stopped by.

The crowd on the stand was solemn, almost reverent. Two spotlights pointed skyward, a reminder of the two buildings that were now just debris. As we stood there watching the workers, we heard a shout and the work stopped.

Men crowded around a small area, examining something we could not see. We wondered if they had found another body or part of one. We each said a silent prayer.

Then our allotted time on the viewing stand was over, and we had to leave.

As we headed back to our hotel, we felt as if we needed to whisper in this place where thousands lost their lives.

And then we cried for the losses — and the miracles — from 9/11.

# OPINION



This photo of the attack on the Twin Towers in New York City appeared in the *Newsgram* on Sept. 12, 2001. This photo was obtained from the J.W. Martin Library's newspaper archives.

## Local papers covered 9/11 with intuition, integrity

**JORDAN GREEN SAYS**



JORDAN GREEN

Word of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks in New York didn't take long to reach Alva.

In the next day's edition of the *Newsgram*, a local publication mailed to homes and businesses in

the area, was a photo of a plane flying into the World Trade Center.

The headline: "World Trade Center Attacked."

Enough said.

With the 20th anniversary of the terrorist attacks just days away, the *Northwestern News* is taking a look back at the events of Sept. 11, 2001 – and, more importantly, how our generation will remember them, in large part thanks to the news coverage from the time.

Newspapers across the country relentlessly covered the story, showing how the evil we saw that day would affect almost every American, including those of us here in the Heartland.

Local newspapers played a vital role in informing people about these attacks, just as they do to-

day. Among them: The *Alva Review-Courier* and the *Northwestern News*.

The *Review-Courier* printed countless in-depth stories from the Associated Press, one of the nation's premier news-gathering sources, about the scene in New York. But its stories showing how the attack reverberated in our part of America are among some of its most memorable.

### LOCAL REPORTERS RESPOND

In a column in the Sept. 12 edition of the *Newsgram*, which is owned and operated by the *Review-Courier*, former publisher Lynn Martin captured the anger Americans felt after the attack.

"The shocking attack in New York, Washington and Pittsburgh will likely impact the nation as much as Pearl Harbor did 60 years ago," he wrote. "If Pearl Harbor taught us a preparedness lesson, and September 11, 2001, taught us that our own airliners can be a devastating weapon, only the most evil imagination can predict what terror tactic will next be attempted."

The front page of the *Review-Courier* on Sept. 13 carried three photos in chronological

order showing the Twin Towers being hit by planes, along with a story about how Alva residents were in panic over rumors that gas prices would rise.

But not all coverage was doom-and-gloom.

### "IF MY PEOPLE ... WILL PRAY"

The most compelling front-page story told of how locals came together in prayer after the attack.

Former *Review-Courier* editor Helen Barrett related the situation at hand to the one Oklahomans had in 1995, when the Murrah bombing in Oklahoma City proved that evil could be found anywhere.

"Terrorism struck the heart of America's military, government and financial world on the east coast," Barrett wrote of the Sept. 11 attacks. "Hijacked airliners crashed into buildings collapsing the nation's confidence with the crumbling walls of the World Trade Center.

"People died ... people mourned ... and again people prayed.

"At high noon, a few hundred people willingly gave up or delayed their lunch hours in response to a call to prayer by the

Alva Ministerial Alliance.

"They prayed ... for the children who would be left orphans by the deaths of their parents who worked in the buildings.

"They prayed ... for the parents who lost children.

"They prayed ... for forgiveness for the sins of the nation collectively."

The headline of that story: "If My People ... Will Pray."

Enough said.

### FINDING HOPE

The *Northwestern News* approached its coverage of the attacks much like the *Review-Courier* did. Campus reporters captured photos of groups of people praying and wrote their own accounts of how the attacks weighed on their hearts.

Local papers didn't just write about the aftershocks of the attack. As community members and organizations banded together to provide relief to people in New York, the *Review-Courier* was there to tell of the good happening in the world.

The front page of the Sept. 14 edition showed that local gas stations were keeping their prices low.

As Barrett wrote, they "re-

fused to give in to the pressure to raise prices despite huge lines of cars waiting to fill up."

Barrett quoted Pam Lyon, owner of the Lite N-Nite convenience store, as having said: "Why should we gain at America's loss?"

Meanwhile, reporter Yvonne Miller chronicled an effort by the Alva Fire Department to collect donations for widows and orphans.

"They helped Oklahomans when we had our problems," Alva firefighter Fred Miller said in the story. "Now we want to help them."

Local papers didn't sensationalize the story of the 9/11 attacks. Instead, they mirrored the true, raw emotions of a nation in mourning.

A nation in grieving.

A nation that was torn.

And yet they still told the stories that gave us hope.

That gave us inspiration.

That helped people help others.

Local newspapers are the first draft of history. And the ones that serve Alva helped create an incredible draft.

They were just doing their jobs.

Enough said.

# NEWS

## POLITICS

### Students' views mixed on Afghanistan withdrawal

By BENJAMIN KLEIWER  
Student Reporter

With the 20th anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks just two days away, the United States military's withdrawal from Afghanistan is being discussed all over the world. But what do Northwestern students think about it? The Northwestern News talked to three students to find out where they stand on the issue.

Here is what health and sports science major senior Daryn Kleynhans had to say.

**Q: How do you feel about the Afghanistan withdrawal?**

A: I am not sure, but the timing of it I know was poor. I know there is still, what I have read, some citizens left over there. The way the withdrawal went about is that the military left before normal citizens had actually left as well. I think that's unethical at least.



Kleynhans

**Q: Do you feel like President Biden handled the withdrawal well, or did he handle it poorly? Why?**

A: I think he handled it poorly. Even though I am not sure how to handle it better, I assume there are other people who would have known how to handle it better.

**Q: How do you feel about the war in Afghanistan as a whole?**

A: The war as a whole is a tough one because we only really see what the government tells us we're there for. They could have other disingenuous interests in mind for why we're over there, but we have to take it at the fact that we're trying to help the

people there that are being persecuted or in trouble with the Taliban or being terrorized by the Taliban... I'm big on helping people, but there's right and wrong ways to go about it, and I am not sure if they went the right way originally.

**Q: Is this how you wanted to see the war come to an end?**

A: No. Obviously, I would have rather seen the people of Afghanistan be literate and become a free state again - become a republic of some sort, which I believe they somewhat were a free state before the Taliban took over again. But it seems like a really hard problem to get through as the Taliban keeps being able to find new leaders to resurge its power.

**Q: What would you say to veterans who fought in the war?**

A: It may seem like it is all for nothing, but I promise you did more good than you realize.

Here is what freshman social studies education major Nicholas Regier had to say.

**Q: How do you feel about the Afghanistan Withdrawal?**

A: Fairly neutral. I can understand why President Biden did order the withdrawal, but he should have brought more of the military equipment out because that is billions or trillions worth of military equipment there still free for the terrorist to take.

**Q: Do you feel like President Biden handled the withdrawal well, or did he handle it poorly? Why?**

A: I think he handled it well, given how sudden that takeover was in that country. He could have done better, but that's true about everything.

**Q: How do you feel about the war in Afghanistan as a whole?**

A: I don't know how to answer that one truthfully. It has been ongoing, but it is inter-

esting that something has finally happened that has carried over very significantly to the U.S. from overseas, especially this heavily.

**Q: Is this how you wanted to see the war come to an end?**

A: Not really. I wish ... we could have pulled everybody out as soon as possible with all of our equipment and just left them to their own devices until further instruction was required from us. ... We are a world superpower.

**Q: What would you say to veterans who fought in the war?**

A: Thank you for your service. I don't want to even begin to imagine the horrors you have witnessed there, but thank you for doing what you have thought best for us.

Here is what computer science major super senior Edwin Yemoh from Accra, Ghana, had to say.

**Q: How do you feel about the Afghanistan withdrawal?**

A: To a certain degree, I feel it was the right thing to be done because more often than not we've realized that the US always interferes with people's business, and it shouldn't be the case. I understand that they sometimes there are certain governments in this world that need someone to tell them what to do.

**Q: Do you feel like President Biden handled the withdrawal well, or did he handle it poorly? Why?**

A: I think he did good, because prior to that, the other presidents have been sending troops down there to help them prevent that, and this government, they want to take

troops out to protect their own people. He did what best fits his judgement. Everybody has their conscience. You can't think for another person. Everybody has their thoughts so, with what he did, I believe it's good.

**Q: How do you feel about the war in Afghanistan as a whole?**

A: The war has been fought for so long, you know. ... If [the Afghan] people wanted change, they would have changed a long time ago. If change has to come, it has to come from within. You have to make that change.

**Q: Is this how you wanted to see the war come to an end?**

A: I don't think the war is ever going to come to an end. The U.S. troops will get out of there, but it really doesn't mean that there is going to be the end of the war. I don't think it's going to be the end of the war. Because those guys still have it into their minds they want to. I anybody comes in, they going to fight them.

**Q: What would you say to veterans who fought in the war?**

A: Those guys laid down their lives to protect other people from other countries and that is astounding, because Afghan people are not fighting the U.S. people on U.S. soil. US people went there to protect them, but then the Afghan people are fighting them. So, the veterans that went down there, and those that have laid down their lives to protect other citizens, it's pretty profound. You know, this is not my country. This is not my war in my country, but I am going to go to another country and fight a war for them. ... Those guys knew why they wanted to serve their country as well.



Regier



Yemoh

### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### WOODS COUNTY FREE FAIR BEGINS THURSDAY

The annual Woods County Free Fair will be Thursday through Saturday at the county fairgrounds in Alva.

"Bring the family to the annual Woods County Free Fair in Alva for a weekend's worth of fun," event organizers wrote on www.travelok.com. "Events and activities include a livestock show, home and community education exhibits, a dutch oven cook-off, 4-H exhibits, horse show, petting zoo and rides for the family. Browse through exhibit halls filled with merchants, or stop by the outdoor arena for team roping

and livestock exhibitions. Spend an afternoon at the Woods County Free Fair and enjoy what this traditional county fair has to offer."

The fairgrounds are at 43258 Harper Rd. in Alva.

#### UNIVERSITY TO HOST BLOOD DRIVE

Members of the President's Leadership Class will host a blood drive Sept. 14 and 15.

The blood drive will take place in the Student Center Ballroom.

To set up an appointment, contact Kaylyn Hansen via email at khansen@nwosu.edu.

The Oklahoma Blood Institute will oversee the event.

A young boy admires rabbits on display at the Woods County Fair in 2019. The fair will be open in Alva from Thursday through Saturday.

File photo

# CAMPUS

### Students learn about clubs at Meet the Rangers



Northwestern students gathered on Ranger Field on Sept. 1 to learn more about Northwestern's campus clubs and organizations during Meet the Rangers Night. Students played games, and the Northwestern band and cheerleaders performed for the crowd gathered in the football stands.

1. Abby Detar, a graduate student, plays cornhole during Meet the Rangers.
2. Students wait in line to enter Ranger Field before the start of the event.
3. Preston Paschall, a freshman agricultural business major, picks up a T-shirt at the start of the event.
4. Members of the Northwestern News, shown at left, help students sign-up for a chance to win a \$50 gift card.
5. Irys Pollock, who works at the Ranger Mart, holds her two-year-old daughter Luna during Meet the Rangers.

Photos by Jordan Green



# CAMPUS

## FINE ARTS



File photo

Ryan Shupe and the RubberBand perform during the Northwest Oklahoma Concert Series in Herod Hall in 2020. The 2021 series begins Tuesday with the Dallas-Fort Worth Brass band.

# Concert series begins Tuesday

By **JASMINE BOWEN**  
Student Reporter

Northwestern will host the Dallas-Fort Worth Brass band on Sept. 14 as part of the Northwest Oklahoma Concert Series. The performance will take place in Herod Hall. General admission will be \$20 per ticket for community members, \$5 for students and \$15 for senior citizens. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m., with the concert lasting from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The Northwestern News spoke with two members of the university's fine arts faculty and a music education student to learn more about the concert series.

**DR. KARSTEN LONGHURST, DIRECTOR OF CHORAL STUDIES**

**Q: Tell us about the Dallas-Fort Worth Brass band.**

A: They are one of the finest brass ensembles or quintets in the area, and we're excited to have them kick off our concert series. They are all professional musicians, and we've had them on the schedule since the previous year. But since COVID landed, we were able to reschedule instead of cancel. Therefore, we are excited

to follow through on that performance that we anticipated last year. They are an amazing group that has an amazing sound and performs a lot of different genres of music for brass

**Q: What is the concert series?**

A: It's a non-profit organization here in Alva that is not affiliated with the university. However, the university is a sponsor of the concert series. I would love to see the community know more about the concert series here because I think we get very busy, and we have four amazing acts a year. We get a good 150 people on average, and we'd love to see that grow.

**Q: How long has it been going on?**

A: It's probably been at least 10 years and could easily be more than that.

**Q: What other ensembles will be a part of the series?**

A: Gary Levine, who is a violinist. Then we have Superstar, which is a musical production, and then the Music of Mancini.

**Q: Why do you believe the concert series is a good or im-**

**portant thing for Northwestern?**

A: It's an amazing opportunity to bring outside artists to a rural part of Oklahoma and enrich the campus community as a whole. It's great because we bring a nice variety of artists here. We try to get a good variety of performers here, and it benefits our music majors who sometimes are even able to collaborate and perform with these artists. DFW Brass will also be doing an educational component with our music majors, who will be doing a couple performances for them, and they will do kind of a master/mastery class, where they listen and offer comments.

**PROF. KIMBERLY WEAST, CHAIR, DEPARTMENT OF FINE ARTS**

**Q: What should people know about this year's concert series?**

A: The four concerts are professional performers that we bring in from across the nation. It is a large variety of performers this school season. We will have everything from classical music to big band sounds, as well as phenomenal bands.

**Q: Is there anything else people should know?**

A: I think the students and faculty should come and support the arts. Coming to concerts of different types of music, different types of artists, and different genres of music, is all exposure. It's part of being a well-rounded human being.

**CALEB WILLIAMS, VOCAL MUSIC EDUCATION MAJOR**

**Q: What are you looking for-**

**ward to with this year's concert series and why?**

A: I'm looking forward to seeing how the group performs together. It's interesting to see how the instruments blend together with the different pieces of music they choose to perform.

**Q: What's your favorite part about these performances and why?**

A: My favorite part about the performance is the mastery classes because it gives me a chance to learn from the professionals.

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# ENTERTAINMENT

## MUSIC

# Ragland to perform on campus Sept. 16



File photo

Oklahoma-born singer and songwriter Autumn Ragland performs during the Woods County Fair in 2019. Ragland and her band will perform on Northwestern's campus Sept. 16.

By **JORDAN GREEN**  
Editor-in-Chief

When the Oklahoma-based band "Ragland" takes the stage at Northwestern on Sept. 16, lead singer and songwriter Autumn Ragland will tell stories that define her life.

That's what the Tahlequah-born travelling musician says of her work.

At the invitation of the Student Government Association, the Ragland band will host a concert on the university's intramural field that evening from 7:30 – 9 p.m.

Autumn Ragland performed at the Woods County Fair in 2019, and she says she's excited to come back to northwest Oklahoma with her musical crew in tow.

The Northwestern News asked Ragland some questions about her life and her musical inspirations. Here's how she answered them.

**Q: So, how did you get you get your start in music?**

A: I started writing and playing gigs pretty early. I was about 7 when I started writing songs and 11 when I really got into guitar. Shortly after that, I began to play anywhere anyone would ask me to. When I met our bassist, Sam, (now my husband) when I was 15, we began touring together pretty much immediately and never stopped.

**Q: How do your Oklahoma roots influence your music?**

A: I think growing up in Oklahoma influenced my music because it's pretty simple living here. I think people say what they feel and are pretty strict on loyalty and family. My music really shows that.

**Q: If you were talking to someone who'd never listened to you before, how would you describe your music?**

A: Oh, Man, I don't know. I think general terms would be Americana or singer/songwriter. I'm never trying to stick to just one "sound." Whatever comes out of me is what I play. I love a good, sad song, so I write a lot of those.

**Q: Who are some of your top musical inspirations?**

A: Oklahoma is filled with incredible songwriters, and I think our lack of a nearby music community at one point or another allowed us to be unique. I didn't really listen to any music besides what was on the radio as a kid, so I don't really have any early influences besides that. I just tried to write what I felt and make it rhyme. There wasn't a music scene where I was as a kid, so I just had to get creative. These days, I'm definitely inspired by the Americana artists coming out of Oklahoma and Texas. I also love women in mainstream pop right now.

**Q: As a singer and songwriter, what motivates you to write and sing the stories you tell?**

A: Nothing motivates me

more than just my need to do it. Of course, I love being able to relate to others, but it really is more simple than that. I think songwriting is pretty much the majority of my identity. It's my way of sorting through emotions and dealing with pain, so I can't really live without doing it.

**Q: What are some of the challenges – and perhaps the emotional tolls – you've experienced as an up-and-coming performer?**

A: I constantly have imposter syndrome, no matter how much I practice or how good of a song I write. We've played some pretty large-scale shows, and I really struggled to believe I belonged there. I think it stems from being taught that, as musicians, we are all in competition with each other. And I feel on the lesser end of talented people out there. But none of that is true. We all have our own lane, and there's enough success for everyone. I have to remind myself of that pretty often.

And I think the struggle of being a woman in this industry has been a huge burden on me. I've definitely built up a defense against strangers that I wish I didn't have because of it. I've had a lot of close co-workers and friends turn away from me because of how I've chosen to fight that battle. Not only for me, but for other women as well. That's been one of those most grueling things I've experienced – seeing people I love and care about decide that they don't want to admit there's an issue when it clearly af-

fects well-being.

**Q: This isn't your first time picking and singing in Woods County, Oklahoma. When you perform here, how do people respond?**

A: I love all the crowds I see, big or small. I love when people come up and ask about my writing or take the time to buy merch. I can't wait to meet everyone in Alva and catch up with friends.

**Q: Who will be joining you in your performance here on Northwestern's campus?**

A: Right now, Ragland is traveling as a three-piece. Javan Long is the drummer, Sam Cox is the bassist, and I'm the lead vocalist and guitarist.

**Q: You released the albums "Wimberley" in 2017, "Murphy's Law" in 2019 and still dropped "More Like a Melody"**

**in 2020 even in spite of the pandemic. What can your listeners look forward to next?**

A: I never stop writing. And my sound has changed so much, and I've also grown as a musician since our last record, which I think will always be the goal in between projects. So, you can definitely look forward to hearing something with a new sound and even darker/funnier lyrics.

**Q: What is it that keeps you on the road – and on the stage – day after day, year after year?**

A: As I mentioned earlier, I do this mainly because I feel like I have to – to be able to survive my mind. I know that sounds super dramatic, but it's definitely the truth.

When I don't get to play on stage for a while, I get pretty jittery. It's my favorite way to get out emotion and connect with other people.

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# SPORTS

## FOOTBALL



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Northwestern and Southern Arkansas players line up for a play on Sept. 2 during the first football game of the 2021 season at Ranger Field. The Rangers lost to the Muleriders 32-13.

# Rangers fall to Muleriders 32-13

By CADE KENNEDY  
Sports Editor

The Northwestern football team lost against Southern Arkansas 32-13 Sept. 2 at Ranger Field.

The Rangers had several problems against the Muleriders, and finishing in the red zone was one of them.

“We struggled in the red zone,” said Matt Walter, the head coach of the Rangers. “You cannot win games without scoring touchdowns, so that’s where we have to be.”

The Rangers were able to score on two of their three possessions in the red zone, but they had to settle for field goals both times. The third possession in the red zone ended with Northwestern fumbling the ball.

Red-zone scoring was not the only problem the Rangers had, as penalties were also a problem. The Rangers committed 10 penalties throughout the game for a total of 87 yards.

Some of these penalties directly led to points for the Muleriders, such as the second drive of the game.

On that drive, the Muleriders were facing third-and-18 at their own 39-yard line when Mallory Hayden, the quarterback for the Muleriders, threw an incomplete pass that would bring up fourth down.

However, one of the Rangers was flagged for being offside, making it third-and-13 instead of fourth-and-18. The next play, Hayden was able to find a receiver for a 13-yard gain, giving the



Ranger fans watch the football game between Northwestern and Southern Arkansas at Ranger Field. Northwestern lost to the Muleriders 32-13.

Muleriders a first down.

Southern Arkansas would go on to kick a field goal to take a 6-3 lead over Northwestern.

Another problem that would plague the Rangers would be the offensive line, as Tanner Clarkson, the quarterback for the Rangers, was sacked eight times during the game for a combined

loss of 40 yards.

The ability to run the football would be another problem for the Rangers, as Northwestern only had 26 total rushing yards throughout the entire game. The Rangers only ran the ball 26 times during the game.

There were some positives for the Rangers, as Clarkson threw

for 413 yards and one touchdown, with 26 completions out of 40 attempts.

Torrence Stevens, who had six receptions for 103 yards, caught the lone touchdown of the game.

“I saw the ball in the air, and I was wide open, so I knew I had to make a play,” Stevens said.

The Rangers will play Satur-

day against the Henderson State University Reddies at 6 p.m. in Arkadelphia, Arkansas.

The Rangers have maintained a 2-5 record against the Reddies since 2013.

Henderson State defeated Southwestern 31-13 Sept. 2, giving the Reddies a 1-0 record for the season.

# SPORTS

## SOCCER

# Rangers drop first game, bounce back

By CONNOR GRAY  
Assistant Editor

The Northwestern women's soccer team started its regular season with games against Midwestern State University of Texas and Newman University.

Northwestern's defense came out strong, but the offense failed to capitalize on opportunities to score against Midwestern State.

In the 31st minute, Midwestern State scored its first goal to go up 1-0 and scored minutes later to go up 2-0.

From there, both defenses prevented goals for the rest of the first half and 26 minutes of the second half, with Midwestern State getting its next goal on a penalty kick. It would be the final goal of the game, with Northwestern losing 3-0.

"We created enough quality chances to score one or two goals, so we need to continue to create those chances and finish them," head coach Alex Piekarski said. "Defensively we made a couple of mistakes and credit to Midwestern State — they capitalized

*"They're going to be a good team for us to get a win from. I think it will help lift our spirits."  
— Reagan Allen*

on them."

Piekarski also said he and the team members are excited for the first game, but have a lot to look forward to for the rest of the season.

Reagan Allen, the starting goalkeeper, said before the Rangers' game on Sunday that she was excited to play against Newman.

"They're going to be a good team for us to get a win from. I think it will help lift our spirits," Allen said.

Newman would go up 1-0 in the first half in the 21st minute, and it would remain that way until late in the second half.

Northwestern's Tiara Campbell scored two goals, one in the



Photo by Devyn Lansden

Clare Merrigan keeps the ball away from a defender during Northwestern's game against Midwestern State Sept. 2 at the Alva Recreation Complex. Northwestern lost the game to the Mustangs by a score of 3-0.

87th minute of the game and one in the first 10 minutes of overtime to give Northwestern a 2-1 win.

Allen and the team's defense shut the Jets out after the first goal of the game. Northwestern is now

1-1 on the season and will play the University of Nebraska at Kearney on Sept. 10.

## Cross-country teams race into new season

By CONNOR GRAY  
Assistant Editor

The cross-country season is underway for Northwestern, as the men's and women's teams competed in the first season since 2019 without coronavirus restrictions in place.

Head coach Jill Lancaster is ready to show what her squads have to offer.

"Practice has been wonderful, and with our numbers back up and higher than normal we were able to get a good recruiting year in," Lancaster said. "We are deeper than we have ever been on both teams and we have high expectations for this team.

Jerika Coon for the women's team and Chris Kincaid for the men's team spoke about preparing for the season.

"I have been listening to the coaches when critiquing me and taking that into consideration and trying to perform the best I can be," Coon said.

Kincaid, the captain of the men's team, who is coming off an injury, trained a lot over the summer, said he is still dealing with the injury, but went to Wichita to support his team.

"We have been working on getting into college shape since we have a lot of freshmen on the team," Kincaid said. "So we

have a lot of new runners who have never run a college race before."

He also added that the mentality and the races themselves are different from high school, as you have to have a better work ethic to do well.

Northwestern traveled to Wichita, Kansas, on Sept. 4 to face Colorado Christian University, Wichita State University, Emporia State University, Southwestern College of Kansas and Friends University.

The men finished in fifth place with a score of 147, and a combined time of one hour, 47 minutes and 11 seconds with an average running time of 21 minutes and 27 seconds.

Out of 88 runners, the highest placement for the men was 32nd place by Hector Rivera, along with eight other runners finishing while one did not finish.

The women finished in last place with a score of 150, and a combined time of one hour, 58 minutes and 49 seconds with an average running time of 23 minutes and 46 seconds.

Out of 65 runners, the highest placement for the women was 25th place by Mallory Boden, with nine others placing and five not finishing.

The teams look to rebound at Cameron University in Lawton on Sept. 10.

## College football is back with a bang

### CADE'S CALLS



CADE KENNEDY

Welcome to the first edition of Cade's Calls, a weekly column where Cade Kennedy tackles some of biggest stories in sports.

The main story of the week for most Oklahomans involved watching Oklahoma and Oklahoma State struggle in their season openers.

Both teams took their foot off the gas around the third quarter and let their opponents right back into the game.

Oklahoma's game against Tulane was something that Sooner fans have seen all too often, with the offense becoming stagnant in the second half and the defense becoming winded, allowing Tulane to score 21 points in the second half. I do not know why this is still a problem for the Sooners, as every year there are games like this that nearly cost us a shot at the playoff. As much as I would like to think that Oklahoma will get this figured out, they will probably have another game like this later in the season.

For Oklahoma State, I honestly have no idea why they played so poorly against Missouri State. These games are usually blowouts, but the offense just was not there for the Cowboys. They also had a horrible night running the ball, as the Cowboys only aver-

aged 1.9 yards per carry.

When looking at the national picture of college football, the main game of week one was Georgia defeating Clemson 10-3. This was a great defensive battle, and Georgia looked outstanding on the defensive side of the ball.

However, Clemson had massive problems with their offensive line, as quarterback D.J. Uiagalelei was sacked seven times during the game.

Speaking of teams with problems, Miami had several during their 44-13 loss to Alabama. Alabama looked almost exactly like it did last year, with Bryce Young throwing for 344 yards and four touchdowns. Alabama is once again the favorite for the national title, and they clearly showed why they are deserving of that distinction.

Another great defensive battle was on display with Penn State

defeating Wisconsin 16-10. The game was tied at zero at half-time, but both offenses were able to step up and put some points on the board in the second half. When it comes to week two of the college football season, there will be plenty of exciting matchups as well.

The game that I am looking forward to the most on Saturday is Iowa at Iowa State. The game will feature two Top Ten teams that got out to completely different starts to the season, with Iowa State barely avoiding an upset against Northern Iowa, and Iowa destroying a top-20 opponent in Indiana.

Some great games to look forward to this week will be Texas at Arkansas, Utah at BYU, Stanford at USC and Oregon at Ohio State. Except for Oregon at Ohio State, all these games are rivalry games. Enjoy a great week of football.

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# MONUMENT: ‘Your lives were forever changed’

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would be marked forever by the events of that day.

## THE HEARTLAND RESPONDS

Across the nation, Americans’ emotions ran high after the Sept. 11 attacks. Candlelight vigils and prayer ceremonies sprung up overnight, and attendance at church services increased for weeks after the attacks as the nation’s troops were whisked off to war in the Middle East.

Those emotions didn’t diminish quickly.

Even a few years later, Northwestern’s class officers still wanted to pay tribute to those who died – and those who rendered aid to others.

For several months, the officers sold hoodies at sporting events and hosted bake sales to help pay for the monument,

*“After 9/11, everyone was in a reflecting mood. We thought a monument might be good to commemorate the occasion.”*

*— Dedrienne “Dee Dee” (Miller) Stevens*

which was installed on campus shortly after their graduation, university officials said.

It was an effort unlike any other, said Northwestern President Dr. Janet Cunningham.

“A lot of our senior classes don’t get that involved – but they did,” Cunningham said. “They kind of wanted something left to remember them by, too.

“[9/11] was a devastating

event to the whole country, and I think everybody who was old enough to remember it, it impacted them greatly. We think that’s a good thing to remember.”

The officers concur.

“After 9/11, everyone was in a reflecting mood,” Stevens said. “We thought a monument might be good to commemorate the occasion.”

## THEIR STORIES

The monument means something special to the class officers, they say. Like the monument, their stories of that day have lasted through the years.

Stevens remembers exactly what she was doing that day. She walked into her dormitory room around 9:30 that morning. Her suite-mate had the TV on.

Just as countless other Americans did, they watched a plane crash into the World Trade Cen-

ter on live television. They saw the Twin Towers catch on fire. They witnessed people covered in blood and ash as they ran through the streets of New York City, crying out for their loved ones.

“As the events unfolded that morning, you had no idea how far-reaching it would be,” Stevens said. “You didn’t realize at that moment that life as you knew it would cease to exist.”

Jocelyn (Sweeden) Kaspar, who was the president of her graduating class at Northwestern, was a Shattuck High School senior when the attack happened. She sat in class and watched the scene unfold.

“It seemed to change everything in the moment,” Kaspar said. “You knew it was a big deal.”

## PRESERVING HISTORY

The monument is a way “to

remember the sacrifice people gave, remember all the people that came and helped, all of the families that are still mourning their loss,” Kaspar said.

It’s also a tool to help current and future Rangers learn about the attack. Most current college students are too young to remember it, yet their lives are still different because of it, Stevens said.

“I think it’s meaningful just to have something on display to see, just for people to look at, reflect and remember,” Kaspar said. “Now, it seems so old. People who are younger ... they probably don’t remember many details of 9/11.”

That monument, like the day it commemorates, won’t be forgotten soon, Stevens said.

“A lot of kids that are younger than 20 years old, they don’t know a life before 9/11,” Stevens said. “Your lives were forever changed from that moment on.”

### CORONAVIRUS UPDATE: CASE NUMBERS ON CAMPUS AND AROUND THE AREA

<b>STUDENT CASES:</b>	<b>EMPLOYEE CASES:</b>	<b>IN ALVA:</b>	<b>IN OKLAHOMA:</b>
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active as of Sept. 3. This number includes cases at Northwestern’s Alva, Enid and Woodward campuses.	active as of Sept. 3. This number includes cases at Northwestern’s Alva, Enid and Woodward campuses.	active as of Sept. 7. Alva has had a total of 1,209 cases.	active as of Sept. 7. Oklahoma has had a total of 550,239 cases.

EDITOR’S NOTE: NWOSU reports new active student and employee cases weekly on Fridays at <https://www.nwosu.edu/coronavirus/active-covid-19-cases-nwosu>.

