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The Northwestern men's basketball team won a spot in the playoffs after beating SWOSU on Tuesday. PAGE 10



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TRANSITION OF POWER: COVERING THE PRESIDENCY

Leadership, fiscal skills essential for new president

By **BENJAMIN KIEWER**
Senior Reporter

The search for a new Northwestern president entered the next phase after the Regional University System of Oklahoma hired a search firm to find presidential candidates.

The firm Higher Education Leadership Search is tasked with advertising the president's job, seeking out candidates for Northwestern and compiling candidates' application materials, said Sheridan McCaffree, executive director of the Regional University System of Oklahoma.

The search firm was hired in late January, and the university's next president is expected to be named by the end of April. Northwestern President Dr. Janet Cunningham is retiring in June, ending her 16-year presidency.

As part of the recruitment process, the search firm has prepared a package of information for candidates that details the president's job requirements and qualifications. It also provides information about Northwestern and Alva.

In the informational packet, search firm officials list several essential responsibilities for the president.

Officials wrote that the president is expected to "ensure NWO-SU maintains the highest level of compliance with all accrediting bodies for academic programs," "execute thorough, astute financial management and approval of the annual institutional budget" and "spearhead the development, communication and implementation of effective growth strategies and processes through shared

'It is such a caring place'

Campus Cabinet here to help students, staff during times of need

By **GAVIN MENDOZA**
Senior Reporter

A passion for helping others is what the Campus Cabinet at Northwestern is all about, volunteers say.

Since 2019, the Campus Cabinet has handed out food and other materials to students and Northwestern employees in need, said Angelia Case, a Northwestern employee who started the Cabinet with the her sister, Valarie.

"We want to be there if people need help," Angelia Case said.

The Campus Cabinet got its start when the Case sisters saw students who needed food and other supplies, like clothes, blankets, bedding and school supplies, Angelia Case said. The sisters wanted to be there for those students. Angelia Case is the assistant to the dean

of faculty, and Valarie Case is a university relations specialist.

What the Campus Cabinet has to offer depends on what people donate. Donation drives are periodically conducted to help restock the pantry, housed in Shockley Hall.

"We've had school supplies donated before, and if we find a need – if we can do it – we try to fill that for the people that need it," Case said. "It is such a caring place to be in, and you know, if there is a way that we can be helpful to our students and fellow employees, then we will try and take care of it."

Students and employees can help by donating non-perishable food and other items they may not be using.

"At the end of the semester when you are moving back home, think about the pantry if you have some food left in your room," Case said. "We were able to collect some small refrigerators. Stuff like this is very helpful, and instead of throwing it away, just give us a holler."

Hannah Wilkes-Ball, a freshman

"If you need help, there should not be any shame behind it, and let people get the word out to each other that it is here for everybody."

— Hannah Wilkes-Ball, Campus Cabinet volunteer

ABOVE: Hannah Wilkes-Ball, a freshman biology major who volunteers at the Campus Cabinet, poses for a portrait on Tuesday. The Campus Cabinet has been helping Rangers in need since 2019.

Photo by Devyn Lansden

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NEWS

Area could become outdoor classroom

By **KAYLEA BROWN**
Senior Reporter

University leaders are discussing different ways to reuse the space the university's boiler room building occupied before it was demolished in December.

Dr. David Pecha, the university's vice president for administration, said university officials see a lot of possibilities to use the space the building occupied.

One possibility is making the area into an outdoor classroom. Another possibility is building a set of stairs to make the area a free speech area or an entertainment area to be used by small groups.

The main goal is for the space to be able to have multiple uses, Pecha said.

The boiler was taken out of the boiler room building several years ago, and it had been used as a storage facility for the maintenance department since then. When the university received a good price for the removal of the building, officials took the opportunity.

"[It] just wasn't very attractive, and the building was somewhat rundown, but we knew there could be some opportunities there," Pecha said. "[We] just went ahead and took that down, knowing that we could put some-



Photo by Devyn Lansden

The space that formerly housed the university's boiler room is shown Feb. 11. University officials have discussed a number of ways to use the space, which is cleared off. The boiler room was torn down in December.

thing back there that looks a lot different."

Demolition of the boiler room building, which was which was next to the Science Building, was

the next step in a multi-phase project to update the university's mall, a series of sidewalks connecting some of the main buildings on campus.

"We started repairing some sidewalks by the Science Building and the Student Center," Pecha said. "That kind of developed into a multi-phase project of

which you're now seeing."

University maintenance workers have been leveling the ground and removing additional debris from the site of the building, and construction on the area will continue throughout the spring semester.

Northwestern students say they have noticed that campus looks different without the building, which had been on campus for decades.

Harlie Altland, a 19-year-old freshman business major from Vici, said not seeing the building standing was strange. She also said the space where the building stood is much bigger than she thought.

A 21-year-old senior social work major from Canton, Rachel Beaver, said she had a different reaction

"At first, I didn't notice it," Beaver said. "I guess it just makes you realize how many things and changes you don't notice."

The first time Beaver walked by the space where the building used to be, Beaver said she could not remember what used to be there. She said she would like to see the space become something students can use.

One idea Beaver has is for part of the space to become a small vegetable garden. The produce would go to the Campus Cabinet to help people in need.

Building demolition reveals rare tree

By **KAYLEA BROWN**
Senior Reporter

Two Northwestern employees identified a rare tree on campus after an old building was demolished.

Chief of Campus Police Cole Servis and Dr. Dennis Angle discovered a ginkgo tree next to the Science Building. The tree had been hidden from sight by the boiler room building that was torn down in December.

The tree is one of three such trees on campus. A sign in the green-space on the northwest side of campus has the locations of the other two.

The Latin name of the tree is "Ginkgo biloba." It is sometimes referred to as the "fossil tree" or the "maidenhair tree." It is identifiable by its fan-shaped leaves.

"I had one when I lived in Michigan," Angle said. "The leaf on that tree is so unique. Plus, ginkgo biloba is something you can buy online that's shown to be helpful."

One of the oldest living trees, the ginkgo tree is known for its history in China, according to the National Center for Complementary and Integrative

Health.

Traditional Chinese medicine included the use of ginkgo. Officials say extract from ginkgo tree leaves is a supplement used to help with many different conditions, including eye problems, allergies and dementia.

**"Ginkgo biloba is ...
shown to be helpful."
— Dr. Dennis Angle**

Identifying the tree was not difficult for Servis, either. Servis said his parents are the reason he was able to recognize it.

"My parents went here in the late '70s, early '80s," Servis said. "It was a big deal back then with all of the science professors.

Both of my parents are science teachers, and they went through here. They knew about it, and they said, 'Well, that's such a historic thing.'"

After talking to his parents, Servis researched information about the tree. Servis found that the tree is unique because it is the only connection between

ferns and conifers, a tree that has needle-like or scale-like leaves and cones. He obtained information from the Kew Gardens in England, known for its large and diverse collection, and learned that the tree is one of the oldest living trees. He also learned that the fossils of the leaves date back almost 200 million years.

Servis also learned that the ginkgo tree is listed as endangered by the International Union for Conservation of Nature Red List for Threatened Species, commonly known as the IUCN Red List.

Servis sent his research to Northwestern administration.

Dr. David Pecha, Northwestern's vice president for administration, is one of the people who received Servis's research. Pecha is the chair of the committee that had the old building torn down, which led to the finding of the tree.

Pecha said efforts were taken to make sure the tree is protected.

Pecha also said that, although the plans for what the area will become are not yet finalized, the architect on the project will be incorporating the tree into whatever is built.



Photo by Devyn Lansden

A rare tree on campus is shown in this photo Feb. 11. Two Northwestern employees learned that the tree, a ginkgo biloba, is rare and is native to China. The tree was hidden from sight until the former boiler room building was torn down in December. Traditional Chinese medicine included the use of ginkgo. The university will keep the tree alive.

NEWS



File photo

Angelia Case stocks shelves with food items in the Campus Cabinet in this September 2019 file photo.

CABINET: 'It is here for everybody'

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biology major, helps with the Campus Cabinet and said she is happy to be a part of the organization.

"I worked in food pantries in Oklahoma City growing up, but this was a lot different," Wilkes-Ball said. "It is so underrated, to me, because people come in, and it really helps just one person

at a time."

People shouldn't be afraid to reach out to the Campus Cabinet – or any other organization – for help, she said.

"If you need help, there should not be any shame behind it, and let people get the word out to each other that it is here for everybody," Wilkes-Ball said.

Case said she is thankful for

Wilkes-Ball and other volunteers who have helped the organization grow. She also said Alva's small size helps volunteers find people in need more easily.

"A lot of times, small towns get a bad rap," Case said. "But a lot of the time that is a good thing, especially for us, because we find places where we can fill those gaps where people need help."

SEARCH: ECU also looking for president

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governance."

Officials wrote that the president must have "interpersonal skills to interact effectively with RUSO and OSRHE [Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education], elected officials, and governmental bodies, in addition to students and parents, various constituencies of NWOSU, alumni, advancement, media, and the community at large."

The president must also have "strong, proven leadership skills in strategic planning; organizational improvement and accountability; fiscal planning and responsibility," officials wrote.

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Required Qualifications:	Desired Competencies
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dynamic written communication and verbal presentation skills Interpersonal skills to interact effectively with RUSO and OSRHE, elected officials, and governmental bodies, in addition to students and parents, various constituencies of NWOSU, alumni, advancement, media, and the community at large Ability to establish and nurture relationships with and connections to community and state leaders to maximize opportunities for partnerships and support to NWOSU Proven ability to hire, develop, maintain, and advance an effective administrative team Proven ability to identify opportunities and to convert challenges into innovative solutions and programs that will advance the future of NWOSU Ability to promote a shared vision to address challenges and create opportunities, especially in the areas of student recruitment through graduation, employee excellence, and finances with ongoing attention to facilities and technology in support of student success Ability to articulate opportunities and needs to external audiences, sharing the value of supporting NWOSU Strong, proven leadership skills in strategic planning; organizational improvement and accountability; fiscal planning and responsibility Earned doctorate preferred 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collaborative leadership style Effective team building Understanding and appreciation of shared governance Knowledge of online and distance education Ability to empower others Strategic thinking Business acumen Leadership Results-driven Financial management/fiscal responsibility Problem solving/analysis

Screengrab, Higher Education Leadership Search website

Information from a profile of the university president's job compiled by the Higher Education Leadership Search is shown on the firm's website.

A full description of the job responsibilities and requirements is found on the Higher Education Leadership Search's website. To view it, look under the "Searches" tab or follow the link, <https://www.highereducationleadership-search.com/searches>.

Northwestern is not the only college in the RUSO system

searching for a new president. East Central University is in the same process, and regents hired the same search firm to recruit.

McCaffree said RUSO officials hope that having two presidential searches at the same time will create a synergistic effect and attract more attention to both universities.

What's up?

THURSDAY

A blood drive will take place in the Student Center Ranger Room from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Those wishing to donate are encouraged to go online and make an appointment. Visit www.yourbloodinstitute.org to make an appointment.

Blood donors will receive a free limited-edition "Turn It Up" shirt, free health screenings and donor rewards points. All donors will also receive one free adult admission to the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum. Free pizza will be available, and all donors will be entered in a drawing for a chance to win a \$25 Northwestern bookstore gift card.

THURSDAY

The Coronado Cafeteria and Ranger Market will host its "Delightful Event" Thursday during lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. The cafeteria will have a surprise lunch menu.

FEB. 21

All Northwestern students and employees are welcome to come color away their stress in the Student Center Ballroom at 7 p.m.. A few crayons, colored pencils and coloring pages will be available; however, if those attending would like to use other media to color with (markers, etc.) or their own coloring pages to color, they can bring those to use.

FEB. 23

The NWOSU Art Society has added a special category to this year's art show named Coloring. Enter finished artwork from this event or one you have completed into the upcoming art show. Entry forms are due by Feb. 23. There are 33 categories to enter in this year's show. Two items per category may be entered. Find more info at www.nwosu.edu/art/nas-art-show.

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OPINION



File photo

ABOVE: Students are shown at the November 2021 Ranger Preview event, a popular recruiting event. BELOW: This screengrab from the Northwestern website shows internal scholarship opportunities at Northwestern. The author believes Northwestern needs a site for outside scholarships.

NWOSU needs outside scholarship website

By **J.D. EDDY**
Editorial Editor

How could a simple website help open scholarship opportunities for Northwestern students?

Northwestern needs to increase the number of outside scholarship opportunities to reduce the amount of money that people have to pay out of pocket. It also needs to create a website containing all of these outside scholarships.

Financial aid plays a big role in people's decisions on whether they are going to college.

Federal Student Aid helps to allow individuals who cannot obtain high-level scholarships due to grades, or some unforeseen circumstances that are out of their control.

During my freshman year of college, my mom took out her retirement to pay off the house. To go along with that, it raised our income so much that I could not receive financial aid.

Tuition at Northwestern is \$7,462 annually, according to the university website. That does not include room and board, which on average costs \$5,040 per school year.

Even with the academic scholarships that I had, it was not enough to cover even half of my tuition. At the time, the school did not offer a lot of ways to apply for outside scholarships.

I was lucky that my family set aside money for school, but it's

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1. Freshman Scholarship

DEADLINE EXTENDED TO JULY 31

- MAY 15 - First-time Freshmen Deadline:** complete the application and provide a seven-semester transcript (best if returned by March 31) for best consideration.

All Freshmen: Please submit a copy of your high school transcript with ACT scores. If enrolled in Concurrent classes, please submit an official transcript from all other schools attended.

Transcripts, ACT Scores and verification for Cumulative Grade Point Average should be mailed to the NWOSU Registry Office, 709 Oklahoma Blvd., Alva, OK 73717.

All applicants are encouraged to apply for student financial aid by completing a FAFSA at www.studentaid.gov

2. Transfer Scholarship Application

- JULY 15 - Transfer Students Deadline:** complete the application and provide verification of your cumulative grade point average for best consideration. All [Bridge Program](#) students transferring from NOC must also fill out this form.

All Transfer Students will submit a copy of all previously attended college transcripts for verification of Cumulative Grade Point Average.

Transcripts should be mailed to the NWOSU Registry Office, 709 Oklahoma Blvd., Alva, OK 73717.

All applicants are encouraged to apply for student financial aid by completing a FAFSA at www.studentaid.gov

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You should ask the [Financial Aid Office](#) for information on your maximum monetary eligibility (cap) for scholarship funds.

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not enough to pay for all of my tuition. It was meant to keep me afloat for the first few years, especially after I quit playing football.

I'm saying this to emphasize that I didn't have a lot of options to pay for college.

Tuition has risen nationally by more than \$3,000 over the past 14 years, and the financial aid decreased by \$2,500 per student, according to the Oklahoma Policy Institute.

After my freshman year at Northwestern I went to Southern Nazarene in Bethany. The average cost of SNU is \$18,000 annually, according to the university website.

This is something that made

me appreciate the low cost of tuition at Northwestern. It also made me realize that we needed more outside scholarship opportunities.

Some programs help students coming out of high school: Oklahoma Promise, federal grants and Pell grants. These services give students money to help with college and not get stacked with student loan debt.

Some colleges have websites attached to their main sites allowing the kids to have access to scholarships that are offered by companies or other organizations.

Places like Caltech, Wichita University and even the D1 Northwestern in Illinois offer plenty that can help students ful-

fill their dreams of going to college.

This is something our college needs to create so that it can bring enrollment. The college will be seen as more affordable to the average student.

If Northwestern had such a website, parents would be able to breathe easier, knowing that their children have access to scholarships.

It also makes the university look more eager to help students.

If we were able to expand the amount of financial aid, scholarships and grants that the school offered, more students would enroll here. We have some incredible programs at Northwestern, including our nursing program, one of the best in the country. Students have many reasons like this to come here, and we can help make the choice easier by improving scholarship opportunities.

Northwestern is my home, and it is for many others, too. All I want is to see this place live up to its potential. These are just a few ways to increase enrollment.

By working with community leaders to create new scholarship opportunities, and by organizing scholarship opportunities on the university website, Northwestern can improve its standing among the academic community.

Getting this information out there can inspire change. Northwestern can improve the lives of Rangers and help others make the choice to become one.

OPINION

We want to hear from you, our readers

JORDAN GREEN SAYS



JORDAN GREEN

What would you say if I told you that everyone wants to hear what you have to say?

At first, you might laugh. But at least in the newspaper world, yes, we newspaper folks want to hear from you.

One of my favorite parts of the newspaper is reading letters to the editor. I've always enjoyed picking up the paper and

seeing what locals had to say about community issues. Most readers do, too.

Letters to the editor sometimes admonish government officials who aren't being as transparent as they ought to be. Other times, they offer a well-deserved word of praise.

Students at Northwestern stand to gain from writing letters to the editor about issues they face. Whether it's how our Wellness Center is outdated, our buildings need updating or the washers and dryers in the dormitory buildings rarely work, writing letters to the editor is a powerful way for you to talk about issues no one else does.

And remember this: The squeaky wheel gets the grease. Addressing a problem is the first step toward getting the solution.

Letters to the editor have long been staples in newspapers. Before people used platforms like Facebook to endlessly rant and post poorly written, negative comments about whatever crosses their minds, people wrote letters to the editor to disseminate their views in a more respectful, reasonable, rational manner.

Don't we all wish that kind of communication would make a comeback?

If you do, I'd encourage you to write us a letter to the editor from time to time. Our guidelines for letters to the editor are published weekly on the opinion page. We will not publish letters that defame people, nor will we publish information that is intentionally misleading or inaccurate. If your grammar is poor, we'll exercise our right to edit your piece. After all, it's a letter to the editor.

We want and need more Rangers to voice their opinions and views, and I hope you'll consider doing so. If for no other reason, do it to get your name in the paper. It'll give you and your friends something to talk about.

Those of us at The Northwestern News aren't the only folks who want to hear your



Photo by Jordan Green

Recent editions of the Northwestern News are shown in this Tuesday photo. The newspaper wants to get more feedback from readers.

thoughts. My good friends at The Oklahoman, the state's largest newspaper, have revitalized the paper's opinion section and are making a concerted effort to get rural voices – your voices, our voices – in front of a larger audience.

Clytie Bunyan, The Oklahoman's managing editor for diversity, community engagement and opinion, hopes people in Alva, Woods County and other points outside the big city will share their views on issues such as politics, the pandemic and the everyday challenges they face in rural America.

That goes for college students, professors and everyone else.

She also hopes to get more commentary from members of Oklahoma's tribal communities. In her words, this is the paper's mission: "For groups across the state, in all communities, to feel like they have a voice in a platform where there's not toxic noise

as on social media – a place where people really go to read reasonable commentary about issues that are affecting people in their communities."

People can contribute to The Oklahoman's opinion section, called "Viewpoints," in a number of ways.

They can submit their commentary on an issue by emailing it to yourviews@oklahoman.com. Commentary can't be more than 500 words. Readers can also submit op-eds. These pieces either end on a hopeful note or urge the reader to take a specific course of action, Bunyan said.

The paper also has a new feature for sharing ideas: the Public Square. Readers respond in 250 words or less to a specific question, which is published online and in the paper. Digitally, folks click on the link for the Public Square and enter their commentary into the field. You can find that by visiting www.oklahoman.com.

All opinion content ought to be respectful of others, Bunyan said.

"Avoid all the name-calling," Bunyan said. "I'm focusing a lot now on regaining some civility in our commentaries."

Those who would like to learn more about contributing opinion content can email Bunyan using the address cbunyan@oklahoman.com. She hopes to hear from folks.

The paper's goal is to give readers of all ages and upbringings a voice they might not think they have in mass media.

"In rural parts of the state, one of the things I remember people saying was, 'The city folks really don't care about us' or 'They sometimes seem to forget we're out here, that we're a part of the state,'" Bunyan said. "I would like to hear some of those community leaders and ordinary folks in rural parts of the state tell us what's important to them out there."

Super Bowl LVI exceeds expectations for fans

By **DAX BENWAY**
Student Reporter

Super Bowl LVI did not disappoint. This game was a thriller that came down to the final minutes, exactly how the final game of the NFL season should be.

The Los Angeles Rams faced off against the Cincinnati Bengals Sunday in Inglewood, California.

This is the second consecutive year that the team hosting the Super Bowl has ended up playing and later winning the Super Bowl. The Tampa Bay Buccaneers did it last year.

The Los Angeles Rams came out victorious, 23-20, scoring the go-ahead touch-

down with 1:25 left in the game on a back shoulder fade to Cooper Kupp, the Super Bowl MVP.

This year's Super Bowl was better than last year's in all aspects. The halftime show had an amazing line-up featuring Snoop Dogg, Dr. Dre, Eminem, 50 Cent, Kendrick Lamar and Mary J. Blige.

All are superstars in their own professions and did not disappoint. They had what some would say is the best halftime performance in Super bowl history, which is saying a lot considering the historic shows we have had in the past.

Another reason I would prefer this year's Super Bowl over last year's is the commercials. A 30-second commercial this year cost \$7 million. It is a big focal point

on what fans want to see in the Super Bowl.

The commercials were major upgrades from what we had in the past.

You could tell that the companies put in effort to make these commercials worth their money, but also to entertain the fans watching worldwide.

My favorite one was this commercial for the metaverse coming out in the near future. It showed you what you can do with it and how happy it made the customer who was using it. The customer connected from home with friends as any avatar the imagination desires.

The Super Bowl is the biggest football game played in the world, and it is always a highly anticipated football game worldwide.

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— Dax Benway

The University of LaVerne Leopard football team was in trouble.

The team had just beat Cal Lutheran to sweep the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference 7-0, the first time the Leopards had done that since 1995. The Leopards were now at the first matchup of the 2015 NCAA Division III Playoffs, facing the St. Thomas (Minnesota) Tommies.

The starting quarterback and the backup quarterback for the Leopards were done, both injured in the first half of the game. That left Josh Evans, a freshman who had never played in a single game all season, to take command.

With the Tommies controlling the field 21-0 as the second half began, the Leopards intercepted a pass on the opening drive. Then Evans joined the offensive line on the field. He went on to help the Leopards

rack up two touchdowns, the first on a pass from Evans in the third quarter and the second from a handoff early in the fourth quarter.

But the effort wasn't enough, and St. Thomas won the game 57-14.

Evans stats weren't spectacular — he had 76 yards passing — but he did earn himself a spot as the team's starting quarterback the next fall and every fall until he graduated. In 2016 he was named the D3 quarterback of the week.

He said he had the opportunity to go overseas to play football after college but chose coaching instead, eventually ending up in Alva at Northwestern Oklahoma State University. He was the passing coordinator in 2021. He also earned his master's in adult education management and administration in December 2021.

FINDING HIS CALLING

Coaching has become his passion, Evans said, and he wants to be a coach that helps maximize his players' potential. He said he looks up to several people who have helped him on his journey: his parents, his college coach Jeff Magdaleno, former NWOSU coach Anthony Weeden, NWOSU head coach Matt Walter and his former offensive coordinator coach Rich Worsell.

Fellow coach Sebastian Escalante said he likes how Evans has a "positive output about everything in life."

"I see his positivity every Saturday during football games," Escalante said.

Evans is the type of guy who will answer any question someone asks him, Escalante said.

Escalante said Evans is at his best when he is on the football field coaching on the sidelines, along with influencing the players.

TAKING THE BLAME

Escalante said Evans has a cool demeanor and maintains it even in the face of defeat. Evans uses loss as a motivation to do better, Escalante said.

Escalante said Evans took the blame after Northwestern's 73-14 loss to Harding. Evans sits down after a losing game

and figures out what went wrong.

The Northwestern News also talked to Evans' sister, Carly, who said her brother's attitude is what sets him apart from others.

Carly Evans said her brother has had success big

"I see his positivity every Saturday during football games."
— Sebastian Escalante

FINDING VICTORY IN DEFEAT

From his own college football career to coaching at NWOSU, Evans has overcome obstacles and grown stronger as a person

By COLLIN ZINK Student Reporter

Josh Evans drops back to pass during a game while he was a college football player at Laverne University.

Photo provided by Laverne University

and little things, including football and school. She added that her brother has been through a lot more than the average person.

Their mother was in and out of rehab, and their father had cancer, Carly Evans said. But her brother hasn't let life's challenges keep him from achieving his goals.

"[He has a] determination to get stuff done [and] won't let anything stop him," she said. "He's very driven."

Keith Wear, the head athletic trainer at Northwestern, said Evans is "always willing to help out" and comes to work with a smile.

Wear said he has seen Evans at his best when he is coaching, especially during practice.

Wear also said Evans was a good athlete in college, and that he does not brag about it.

Evans isn't just all about football. Caitlin Magdaleno, Jeff Magdaleno's wife, said Evans has a loving heart.

"Josh is full of great qualities, and he is always going to be a part of our family," she said. "The way he's been with our kids has been like an older brother."

Magdaleno said she admires how Evans faces life's struggles. When he overcomes a challenge, he comes out stronger — just like when he played college football.

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— Carly Evans



BELOW: Josh Evans gives a signal to players during a Northwestern football game.



Photo by Emma Sporleder

BELOW: Josh Evans talks to players during a Northwestern football game.

RIGHT: Josh Evans, center, poses for a portrait with members of the Northwestern football team.



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FEATURE



Northwestern student Mattie Pitts poses for a portrait in South Hall, where she lives, on Feb. 12. Pitts is carrying on a family tradition of living in the dorm.

Photo by Devyn Lansden

4 generations of South Hall livin'

Pitts is latest in long line of family members living in female dormitory

By AUSTIN MORTON
Senior Reporter

Imagine living in the same building as your great-grandmother.

Mattie Pitts is a fourth-generation Northwestern student, a freshman in elementary education and an advocate for dorm living.

Following in the footsteps of nearly ev-

ery other woman in her family, Pitts wants to become a third or fourth grade teacher.

Pitts graduated from Waynoka, which is where she wants to teach.

This is also common among the women of her family, who eventually teach at the same school they graduated from.

She has helped with teaching in the past, and loves watching the reactions of the students she helps.

"Making an influence, and seeing their expressions is what makes me want to [teach]," Pitts said.

For Pitts, family plays a large role in many decisions she makes. Continuing her education at Northwestern was one of

these decisions.

"Family inspires a lot of what I do," Pitts said.

These family ties have kept Pitts rooted in northwest Oklahoma. She shows pigs, helps her sister show and even wants to help other kids be able to show as well.

When not showing, Pitts is either working at Bar S Outfitters, going to class or hanging out in the South Hall lobby with her friends.

South Hall has become a new home for Pitts.

Moving in as a freshman, Pitts was nervous about the transition.

Pitts said Alva people made the transi-

tion easier than she expected.

"Having dorm parents that acted as real parents helped a lot," Pitts said. "Even my new roommate ended up becoming my best friend."

Pitts and her friends play games, order food and watch television in the South Hall lobby. As a group, "Dance Moms" has been one of their favorite shows to watch.

Pitts continues to follow in the footsteps of the women in her family, and she said she enjoys her time as a student in South Hall.

"It did not feel like a home at first," Pitts said. "But because of my friends, it has grown into a real home."

In softball and hunting, Bouse has passion

By DYLAN WHITELY
Senior Reporter

When she isn't holding a softball, she's probably holding a shotgun.

Jill Bouse, a junior at Northwestern, has loved two things since she was a little girl: playing softball and going hunting.

She started playing tee-ball when she was 6 in her hometown, Woodward.

She played softball throughout her youth and during her time at Woodward High School.

She went on to play two years at Oklahoma Christian University in Edmond before transferring to Northwestern this year and joining the Lady Rangers softball team.

But when she isn't practicing on the softball field or playing a



Bouse

game, there's a good chance you can find her out hunting wildlife, another activity she has done for as long as she can remember.

"I think the first time my dad took me along deer and turkey hunting was when I was 2 or 3 years old," Bouse said. "I shot my first deer when I was 8."

Bouse hunts all different types of animals.

She hunts ducks, deer, squirrels, hogs and even a few elk. She even has an Instagram page she uses to display her hunting and other outdoor activities.

Bouse said she probably likes duck and hog hunting the most because she gets to spend more time with friends and family doing that.

However, she also enjoys spending time hunting alone, enjoying the outdoors.

"My favorite part of any of them is just observing and learning more about the beautiful creatures God made," Bouse said.

Although she does most of her

hunting on family land about 10 miles east of Mooreland, she said she enjoys going to different places to hunt. She's been to Chama,

New Mexico three times to hunt elk. She is also planning to go to Montana in May to hunt black bears.

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ENTERTAINMENT

'Clockwork' to open Thursday

By **DEVYNN LANSDEN**
Senior Reporter

Just like clockwork, another theater production is coming to Herod Hall.

Sydney Endsley, a senior speech and theater major from Ringwood, is the director and the one who oversees everything, like making sure she has the right props, building the set and getting the costumes ready.

Her senior show, where she can portray all the skills she has learned, is called "Clockwork."

"Clockwork" is a comedy/murder mystery with a dysfunctional family, the Dunwoodys, who are trying to figure out who killed who.

Endsley said she chose this play because she thought it would be the most fun to do.

"It has a lot of humor to it because some of these characters aren't the brightest, and they are trying to put their heads together

to figure out what's going on," Endlsley said.

Jameson Hale, a music major from Elk City, will be playing Zach Dunwoody.

Zach Dunwoody is 60 years old and is the father of the Dunwoody clan.

Hale described the character as a "cold-hearted wealthy man."

Hale had to audition for the role. He said he signed up for the role and then showed up for the auditions.

He said the process is going to a scene in the play, fill the roles and start the readings.

"I advise reading into the play and doing research before auditions," Hale said. "It helps with the process."

Hale said he has been interested in theater since he was in eighth grade.

In Elk City, he participated in the local Red Carpet Theater.

Sadrie Overall, a biology major from Iola, Kansas, will play Betty Jean Dunwoody.

Overall said her character is a dramatic teenager who is extremely embarrassed by her family. Overall auditioned for the role before Christmas break.

"The objective is to try and showcase your skills for the director," Overall said. "So, if you are particularly good at talking in an accent and it fits the play, do it."

Overall said she was involved in theater in high school and participated in forensics.

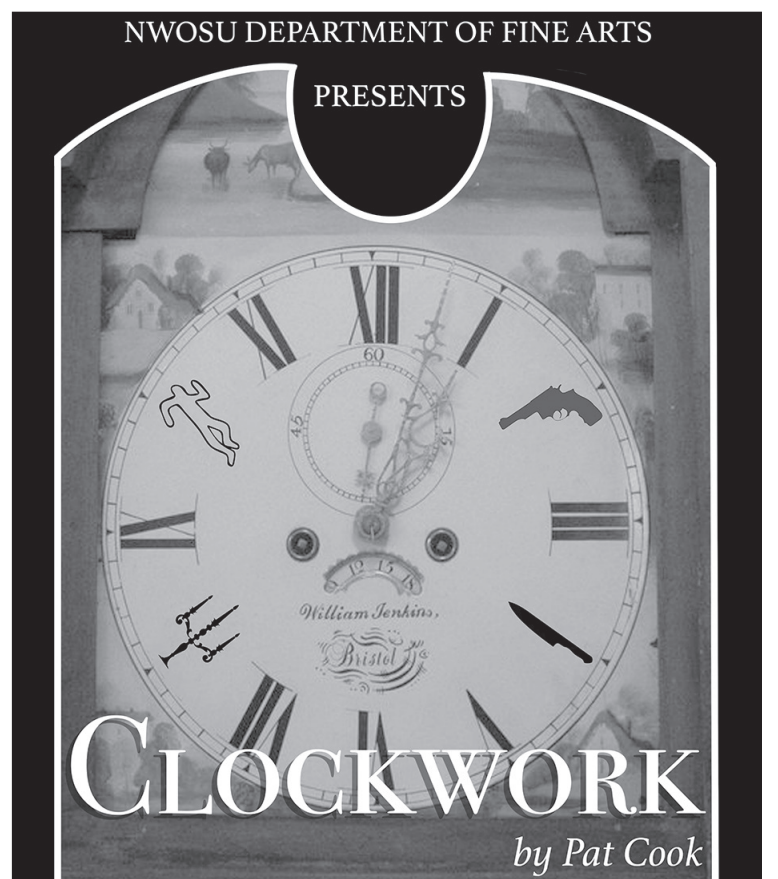
She said it is basically competitive acting with a few plays.

Overall participated in the play "A Tuna Christmas" in the fall.

"That's when I realized how much I missed theater and the atmosphere," Overall said.

"So I told myself I was going to audition for the next play, and here we are two plays in."

"Clockwork" will be in the Herod Hall auditorium Feb. 17 and 18 at 7 p.m. and Feb. 19 at 2 p.m. Tickets cost \$3 for students and \$5 for employees.



"Clockwork" will run Feb. 17 and 18 at 7 p.m. and Feb. 19 at 2 p.m. Photo provided

TV SHOW REVIEW

'Euphoria' expresses storyline through music and colors

By **MALLORY PARUSZEWSKI**
Student Reporter

A teenage drama but add an excessive amount of glitter.

That's "Euphoria."

Viewers online have talked about enjoying the second season so far.

The first episode of the second season opens in a southern California nightclub with Rue Bennett narrating Fezco's origin story, and the cause of his actions throughout the show.

Fezco and Ashtray have one crazy lifestyle that gets them by, especially for the not-so-young Ashtray.

After Rue's return in the beginning of season one, Jules Vaughn enters her life, which seems to be at the right time considering past events.

Have you ever wondered what other relationships go through?

Maddy Perez and Nate Jacobs are the perfect example of it all: jealousy, trust issues and making up every day.

Almost every party scene seems to involve one of the couple's problems, much to other character's dismay.

Adding to the chaos, Cassie doesn't know what it's like to be single but she's trying to understand.

Fitting in is hard, especially when you're friends with the popular girls.

Kat Hernandez wants to be a

good friend to Maddy, but she's tired of the constant Nate drama.

She then decides to have her own side-hustle to keep her busy, but it seems to change her a little, to the point it hurts a few friendships and adds more drama among the characters.

My favorite television show-genre is horror, but I do love the occasional relatable shows.

Rather than fitting into one specific genre, "Euphoria" has a mix.

It gets a bit suspenseful at parts, but adds some humor to bring about some laughter.

Personally, I think it adds to the perspective of movies nowadays.

The most important element that catches my attention is the music throughout the show.

If it's a good song, you will most definitely catch me adding it to my playlist and playing it on replay in my car.

In addition to the music in "Euphoria," I really enjoy how the colors express each cast member's emotion.

Almost as if, you can feel it yourself.

Something I think is interesting is that lines the cast says in "Euphoria" have become popular on TikTok, meaning other people find it enjoyable as well.

Viewers can watch "Euphoria" on HBOMAX, with new episodes airing every Sunday at 9 p.m.

HBO has released the television show has been renewed for a third season.

Choirs to perform in masterwork concert

FROM STAFF REPORTS
Northwestern News

The Northwestern choirs will present the masterwork concert "Faure Requiem" at 7 p.m. on Tuesday at the First Presbyterian Church, 628 Church St. in Alva.

The University Concert Choir will perform the "Requiem Mass" by French composer Gabriel Faure and will feature brass, strings, harp, organ and percussion.

The Chorale and Singers will also perform their own pieces during the concert.

"This is going to be a magnificent concert featuring the incredible artistry of our choirs in collaboration with a professional instrumentalist," choir director Dr. Karsten Longhurst said. "Faure's Requiem" is one of the most beautiful and often performed choral/orchestrated works of the last 100 years. We're bringing in a small chamber orchestra and organist to perform with us."

The choirs have been working for nearly two months to prepare for the concert.

"Faure Requiem" will sound beautiful with the organ and orchestral players in the First Presbyterian Church," said Caitlin Hofen, a junior mass communication major from Alva. "I'm excited to perform in such a space and for a live audience."

There will be no admission

"This is going to be a magnificent concert featuring the incredible artistry of our choirs."
— **Dr. Karsten Longhurst**

cost, but donations to the choir program are appreciated.

Longhurst noted that, thanks to the Donovan Reichenberger Endowment and private donations, choirs were able to keep the concert for free for the Alva community.

Editor's Note: Hofen is the features editor of the Northwestern News.

**A Decade of Music:
Top Songs from
10 Years Ago Today**

Date: Feb. 17, 2012

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MEN'S BASKETBALL



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Eric Hancik shoots the ball during Northwestern's game against East Central on Feb. 5 at Percefull Fieldhouse. The Rangers defeated Southwestern in Weatherford on Tuesday, 53-48.

Rangers clinch playoff spot



Ravel Moody passes the ball during Northwestern's game against East Central Feb. 5 at Percefull Fieldhouse.

By **CONNOR GRAY**
Assistant Editor

The Northwestern men's basketball team split its visit in Arkadelphia, Arkansas, by getting a win over Ouachita Baptist but losing to Henderson State.

After winning last week against East Central, the team prepped for Ouachita Baptist and Henderson State.

The Rangers defeated both teams at home earlier in the season, with an 83-67 win against the Tigers and a 76-66 win against the Reddies.

The game against the Tigers was tough, as the Rangers had some consistency problems and let Ouachita back in the game.

The Rangers had extended leads against Ouachita, but the Tigers closed the gap by cutting the deficit down to one point.

The Rangers escaped with a 75-69 victory, with Ouachita Baptist unable to complete a comeback.

Malik Parsons led the team in scoring with 21 points. Anthony Jones added 18 points.

"No matter what the score was, they were never out of the game," assistant coach Jordan Franz said. "Their record does not show how good they really are."

The Rangers moved a mile

across Arkadelphia to play Henderson State Saturday.

The Reddies lost, 76-66, when they came to Northwestern.

The Rangers and Reddies had a back-and-forth affair, and the game went down to the wire.

Turnovers were a big issue down the stretch in the moments.

Two crucial turnovers gave momentum to Henderson State, and the team hit a last-second three-pointer to win, 72-69.

"We had two bad turnovers in that final minute," Franz said.

Larry White led the Rangers with 17 points. He was followed by Jones with 13 and Brian Free with 12.

"This road trip is always a hard one," Franz said. "We're fortunate to come out with a split."

On Tuesday, the Rangers travelled to Weatherford to take on the Bulldogs.

The Rangers played a hard-fought game and returned to Alva with a gritty win, 53-48.

The win was not the only thing coming back with them, as the Rangers clinched a spot in the GAC tournament for the first time since 2018. This is the third time the Rangers will appear in the GAC tournament. The Rangers are third in the GAC standings.

The Rangers' next home game is Thursday against Arkansas Tech at 7:30 p.m.

SPORTS

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Lady Rangers win one during road trip

By CONNOR GRAY
Assistant Editor

The Northwestern Lady Rangers split their visit in Arkadelphia, Arkansas, by getting one over on Ouachita Baptist, but they came up short against Henderson State.

After winning a close match-up against East Central last week, the team started preparing for Ouachita Baptist and Henderson State.

The Lady Rangers won the games at home earlier in the year against each team, with a big one over the Tigers, 78-59, and a close one against the Reddies, 84-78.

Most of the game with Ouachita was back-and-forth, as neither team could pull away from each other.

That was until the fourth quarter, when the Lady Rangers out-scored Ouachita 26-15 to seal the victory, 61-48.

Bailey Brown led the Lady Rangers with 21 points, followed by Scout Frame with 20.

“Ouachita has the best freshman in the league, so you know she would play well down the stretch,” assistant coach Jakeria Otey said. “Our girls played hard. It’s tough to win on the road.”

Otey also commented on how much Brown and Frame mean to the team, and Otey said she is positive about their ability to score.

The Reddies and Lady Rang-

ers had another back-and-forth affair, with each side countering the other throughout the first half.

The battle continued in the second half. However, Henderson edged out Northwestern in the third and fourth quarter to win, 87-78.

Brown led the Lady Rangers with 31 points, followed by Carly Craig with 21.

Otey talked about what Henderson did differently against the Rangers.

“They doubled up more there than they did at home,” Otey said. “They’re used to playing better on their court.”

On Tuesday, the Lady Rangers completed their road trip by traveling down to Weatherford to take on Southwestern.

The Bulldogs ran over the Lady Rangers, with Southwestern getting the win, 92-58.

The Lady Rangers turned the ball over 23 times throughout the game, which was one of the many downfalls for the Lady Rangers.

Southwestern led for 39 of the 40 minutes during the game, with the biggest Bulldog lead being 39 points.

Brown led the Lady Rangers in scoring with 15 points, while Frame chipped in with 13 points.

The Lady Rangers need these upcoming home games against Arkansas Tech and Harding to put themselves in better position for the annual GAC conference tournament.



Photo by Emma Sporleder
A Northwestern basketball player dribbles the ball against East Central Feb. 5 at Percefull Fieldhouse.

Rangers bounce back at Northwestern festival

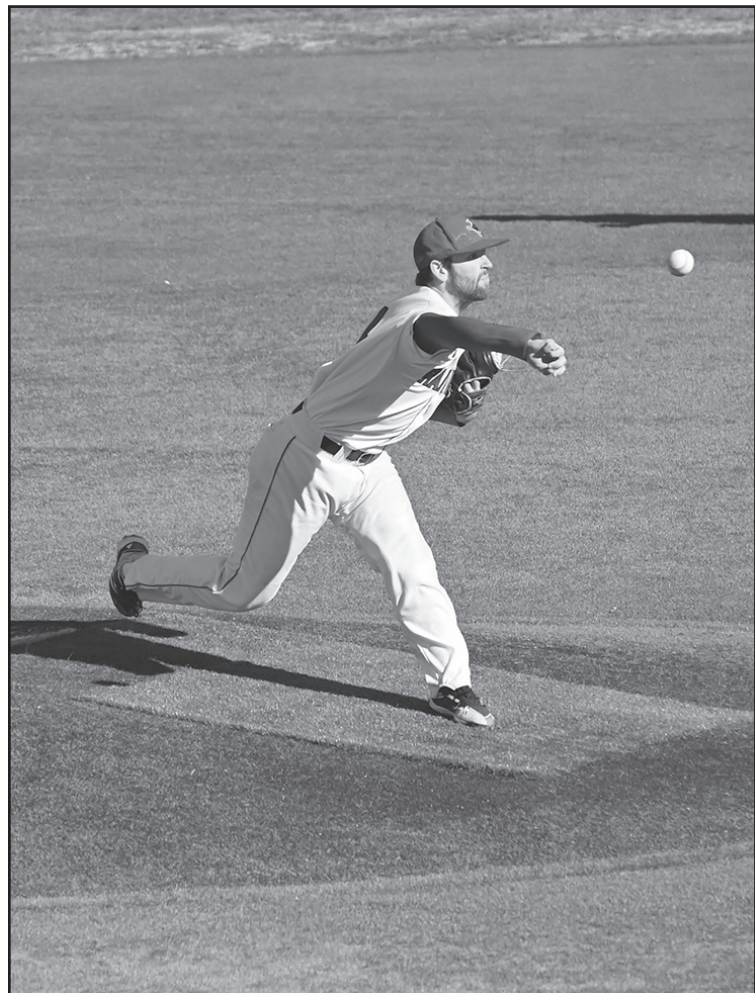


Photo by Devyn Lansden
A pitcher on the Northwestern baseball team tosses the ball during Northwestern’s game against Washburn on Saturday at Myers Stadium.

By COLLIN ZINK
Senior Reporter

The Northwestern Rangers baseball team got off to a sluggish start, falling victim to Minnesota-Crookston by winning one out of three match-ups.

The Rangers looked to improve their 1-2 start but lost to Newnam University, 17-5.

The Northwestern festival became a turning point for the Rangers as they beat New Mexico Highlands in the first game by a score of 10-7.

Senior Blake Hoffman and junior Shaughn Kelly got the scoring started for the Rangers against New Mexico Highlands in the first inning. Kelly scored on a single with an RBI by Hoffman, while Hoffman scored on an error.

Although the Cowboys came back to lead 4-2, the Rangers kept their foot on the gas to win.

The Rangers started well against the Washburn Ichabods. Ethan Swanson was the starting pitcher for the Rangers, as he threw 23 strikes and struck out two players in the first five in-

nings. In those five innings, he threw 46 balls but still managed to keep the game tied at 1-1. Swanson pitched only six innings with a total of 37 strikes, two strikeouts and 52 balls thrown.

Swanson was taken out because coach Ryan Bowen said his pitch count was getting high, and that he was about to pitch through the batting lineup for the fourth time that game.

Bowen said the other players pitched because the team was trying to get out and find a match-up that would work. Bowen said he was pleased to see his starter

pitch well, but wished the team could have come away with the win as they fell to Washburn, 12-10. Even though the Rangers lost, Bowen said the team is improving.

“I think our 2022 team is growing,” Bowen said. “We’re not quite there yet, got a long ways to go, but we’re getting better every time we play.”

The next game for the Rangers will be Friday when they begin a three-game series at Southern Arkansas. The next home game will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. against Emporia State.

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New entrants sought for art show

By **DEVYN LANSDEN**
Senior Reporter

The Northwestern Art Society and Student Government Association will host the 19th annual art show in March in the J.W. Martin Library, where students, faculty and alumni can enter their work.

Rangers can enter work in more than 30 categories, ranging from painting, drawing and digital art to quilting, photography and a new category this year: coloring.

Participants can enter their work by filling out a form with the measurements of the pieces, the titles of the work and what categories they will be under. The form can be found on the Northwestern university website by typing "Art Show Entry Form" in the A-Z index.

Entry forms are due Feb. 23, and artwork itself must be turned in March 2 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The art show will be open March 6 to March 25 during the library's normal operating hours.

Angelia Case, the Art Society sponsor, said she hopes to see different subject matter, colors and lively works. She said the coloring category is supposed to be something to have fun with and promote relaxation and stress relief. Coloring work has to be matted or mounted to make sure the work stays protected.

Case also said she hopes this year's show will be bigger and better.

"Last year, we just felt lucky to have something there," Case said. "We were just happy to have a show. This year, we hope that people have remembered it and we have a lot of entries and a lot of student involvement."

Ethan Townsend, a sophomore computer science major from Duncan, is the pres-



Photo provided

The Northwestern Art Society's 2021 art show is pictured. This year's show will begin March 6 in the J.W. Martin Library. Entry forms are due Feb. 23, and artwork must be turned in March 2. Art show leaders said they hope more students will enter this year's show.

ident of the Art Society.

Townsend said he wants to see more people get involved in this year's show. He is working on a few drawings to enter.

Archer Bohlen, a sophomore computer science major from Ringwood, is the Stu-

dent Government Association representative for the Art Society. Bohlen said many former students and employees participated in the art show last year. This year, he wants to see more current students.

"I would like to encourage them [stu-

dents], even if you think you are not good at art, to at least try to enter something," Bohlen said. "Mostly because we are not expecting you to be like Leonardo Divinci or Jackson Pollock. ... We just want you to be creative and show us who you are."