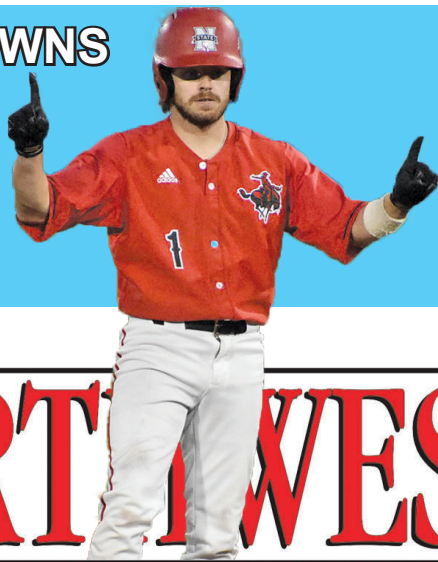


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Ceiling on scholarships leaves NWOSU students 'scrambling' for money

By CAITLIN HOFEN and DYLAN WHITELY
Senior Reporters

Since her first steps on campus, Emily Smith immersed herself in several activities offered by Northwestern Oklahoma State University. Her day typically starts around 5 a.m. as she prepares for morning weights and a workout. Later in the morning, singing in the choir and practicing her solo pieces dominate Smith's schedule. After a whirlwind of classes and track

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ABOVE: The Northwestern Chorale performs during a concert at the First Baptist Church of Alva in October. BELOW: Northwestern student Tate Schuermann uses the university's podcast studio in the Jesse Dunn Building on Wednesday. Students who participate in choir, band, theater, cheer and other programs like mass communication are sometimes affected by a limit or "cap" on scholarships.

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MONEY TALKS: EXAMINING NORTHWESTERN SCHOLARSHIPS: ABOUT THIS SERIES

Why the News is reporting on scholarships

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

Are students promised scholarships they don't always receive? How much money does the university's Financial Aid office process in a given semester? And how does Northwestern stack up against other schools' scholarship systems?

These are just a few of the questions the Northwestern News aims to answer in the April 21 and April 28 editions as part of a reporting series called "Money Talks: Ex-

amining Northwestern Scholarships."

In today's edition, you can read about how a limit on the amount of money students receive in participation scholarships – called a scholarship "cap" – has affected students' finances. This cap, as readers will learn, is a policy that deserves explaining.

The second story in today's issue shows how Northwestern's scholarships stack up against two other universities in Oklahoma: Oklahoma State University's and Southwestern Oklahoma State University's. We included this story to give readers the ability to compare and contrast how the

schools' scholarship and financial aid systems are different. We chose these schools because they're two well-known universities, and their bring diversity to our reporting. Oklahoma State is a larger school, and Southwestern is similar to Northwestern.

We're reporting on scholarships because they are vitally important to virtually every single college student whether they receive them or not. Students often do not understand how the money they get is handled, and the process of awarding that money is highly complex.

Our aim in this series is to demystify the

scholarship situation and address some of relevant topics that affect students.

Our reporters spent countless hours interviewing sources and compiling this information in a logical, readable format so that students can better understand how scholarships work.

Above all, our goal is to present students, faculty, administrators and staff with the information they need to make decisions about their educations and the future of this institution.

We hope you'll appreciate the information we've worked hard to bring to you.

Business club hopes to gain new members

By **REBECCA WAGNER**
Student Reporter

The Ranger Business Club is making a comeback, and students say they hope to increase its membership.

Club members will gain experience in mock interviews, and they'll learn how to write resumes, among other activities.

Student member Angelina Marlow said club members are working to structure the club for the future.

"I would love to just have it more official in general," Marlow said. "I would love to have set meetings each month, whether it's biweekly, weekly. I would also like to have a through idea of what each meeting is going to be about."

Marlow said she would also like for the club to invite business owners into meetings so they can talk to students about their businesses and offer advice.

The Ranger Business Club has been around for years, but it died off during the pandemic.

Dr. Garret Lahr, the club sponsor, said there was an inability to do a lot during the peak of covid. So, this semester, he has worked to restart the club.

Carli Seabolt, club president, said it has gained about 10 members.

"We had a pretty late start this semester, and we are just planning on rebuilding recruitment for this next year," she said. "We have some fun activities planned."

An upcoming event that the Ranger Business Club is going to have is a table tennis tournament, either at the end of this semester or at the beginning of next year. The event is going to be used for recruitment.

"The club is for everybody," Lahr said. "I've never put a limit on you have to be a business or accounting major. We have an open-door policy to everybody on campus."

ROCK AROUND THE JUKEBOX



Members of the band Jukebox Saturday Night performed in Herod Hall on Tuesday night as part of the Northwest Oklahoma Concert Series. Their act was "The Music of Mancini," which focused on the music of Henry Mancini. He wrote music for TV shows including "The Pink Panther" and "Peter Gunn."

Photo by Devyn Lansden

University officials say bookstore cares about students

By **AUSTIN MORTON**
Senior Reporter

Though some college students may see textbooks in a negative light, the Northwestern bookstore has students' best interest in mind, university officials say.

The campus bookstore is managed by the company Follett, which specializes in different campus necessities, including textbooks.

Michelle Kingcade is the manager of the campus bookstore, and she has had that role for six years. She is overseen by Dr. David Pecha, the university's vice president for administration, who acts as the campus liaison to Follett.

University officials spoke to the News about the bookstore's operations after students voiced their concerns about bookstore service.

Kingcade said she works to ensure that each class has the textbooks it needs before the semester starts. Four to six weeks before the semester starts, she will work to stock bookshelves.

She begins by reviewing how many textbooks each class purchased the previous year. Using that number, she determines how many she will need to order for the following semester.

"If possible, I would love to save every student thousands of dollars."

— Michelle Kingcade

To ensure students receive their books on time, Kingcade recommends students order their books when the financial aid period opens up two weeks before the semester starts.

"I have to anticipate it," Kingcade said. "I look at what we sold last time and use that to gauge how many I need to get."

Textbook prices are another area where Follett tries to help students, Kingcade said. Follett offers a price match with Amazon

and Barnes & Noble. As long as a student shows Kingcade the textbook price from one of those websites, she will ensure that the textbook Follett sells is the same price.

The program buyback applies mostly to textbook purchases, and the books must have matching ISBN numbers.

For students who prefer an online option, Follett also offers a platform called Cengage Unlimited. At a cost of \$250, students would have access to all Cengage textbooks in one online home.

The bookstore also offers a buyback program based on the need of a textbook. If a professor will use the same textbook the next semester, the bookstore will be able to buy the textbook from previous students.

Kingcade said she is also aware of the base price for textbooks and how much they cost.

The bookstore provides textbooks within the national average, which sees an increase of 15% to 20% each year.

"I was a college student once," Kingcade said. "If possible, I would love to save every student thousands of dollars."

NEWS

University to host MS Walk on Saturday

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

She's raised more than \$50,000 for multiple sclerosis research in places across Oklahoma, and her alma mater is the next spot on her map.

Northwestern alumna and former assistant professor Elda Jones, who has multiple sclerosis, is coordinating Northwestern's first "Walk MS: Your Way" event to raise funds for research into the chronic disease. She's organized the walk with the assistance of Olivia Yandel, the director of the J.R. Holder Wellness Center at Northwestern.

"I hope we can have a good time," Jones said.

The walk will begin at the Wellness Center at 8 a.m. Saturday, and students and community members are encouraged to participate.

Participants can walk individually or as a group, and they can register a team at the Wellness Center.

Participation in the race is free, and registration before the event is optional. Donations are accepted. Prospective walkers can sign up by visiting www.walkms.org. Participants are encouraged to wear orange clothing, which represents MS awareness.

Walkers will start at the Wellness Center and proceed to Share Medical Center, where water and refreshments will be available, Jones said. After looping around the horseshoe-shaped intersec-



Elda Jones, shown third from left in the front row, is pictured with her family during a Walk MS event in Mulhall. Jones, a former Northwestern professor who has multiple sclerosis, is helping organize an event to raise funds for medical research. The event will begin at the J.R. Holder Wellness Center on campus Saturday at 8 a.m.

Photo provided

WANT TO GO?

- WHAT? "MS Walk: Your Way" for fundraising.
- WHEN? Saturday, 8 a.m.
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WHAT IS MS?

Multiple sclerosis is a disease of the central nervous system. It destroys myelin, a substance that protects nerve fibers. MS symptoms can vary from person to person, with patients experiencing partial remission for certain periods of time, followed by flare-ups.

More than 2 million people around the world have MS, which often causes vision problems, paralysis and other health issues, ac-

ording to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. More than 350 projects to find a cure for the disease and help alleviate patients' symptoms are ongoing worldwide.

JONES' MS JOURNEY

Jones, who uses a wheelchair and does not have use of her legs, describes her life this way: "I have a disability, but I'm not disabled."

Jones, a former assistant professor of health and physical education, was diagnosed with MS in 1993. She obtained both her bachelor's and master's degrees at Northwestern, and she became

the first female physical educator at Laverne Public Schools.

She retired from Northwestern in 1999 because of the disease, but she didn't stop teaching. She later served as the coordinator of a recreational program for elementary school students at Christian Church of the Covenant. Using verbal instructions and her arms, she taught students how to dance, even though she remained in a wheelchair.

"I can still teach even though I can't do," she said in a 2008 Enid News & Eagle story about her work with the program.

She's served as a coordinator with numerous Walk MS events across Oklahoma. Jones has

raised more than \$50,000 for MS research through walks and bike rides in Enid, Norman and other cities in Oklahoma. Using a bicycle she pedals with her hands, she's even participated in the events, riding 10 miles during an event in 2016.

"I'm really proud of that," Jones said of her fundraising efforts.

Several of Jones' classmates, family members and friends have supported her by participating in MS walks, bike-rides and other events in Jones' honor.

Jones said the Saturday walk means a lot to her.

"It has provided me and others the motivation to continue the research that they have," Jones said.

She's also grateful for Yandel's support and enthusiasm, she said.

"I'm really thankful that, here at the university, that Olivia is wanting to do something like this," Jones said.

Jones says she's determined to enjoy her life — and she won't let MS stop her.

"I'm going to die with MS, but not because of MS," she said. "MS messed with the wrong lady."




Photo by Devyn Lansden

Student crews spruce up campus

Northwestern students rake new mulch into a flower bed at South Hall on Tuesday as part of the university's annual Campus Beautification Day. The annual event takes place in the spring. Students, faculty and staff come together to plant flowers, replace mulch, water plants and do other work to ring in the spring season. Students were at work around university dormitories and in the university commons area, called the "mall."

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OPINION



Photos by J.D. Eddy

ABOVE: Northwestern football players watch the four teams competing in the Ranger Games, the author believes that the Ranger Games are important for team morale before the summer. BELOW: Stength Coach Ian Dukehart explains the rules of the comeptition on Monday morning.

Ranger Games are centerpiece of spring

By J.D. EDDY
Editorial Editor

The Ranger Games are few days of competition set aside for the football team at the end of April. I was involved in them last spring. Even though I do not play anymore, I still think they are important for the team.

The Ranger Games begin after spring football ends. They are the culmination of the team's hard work throughout the spring semester.

There are four teams competing. They use a point system that is increased by bringing in highest scores, showing that you have good grades in a class, winning your runs every morning, setting new personal records in the weight room and beating the weight or running standards set for your position group: Running backs, linebackers, quarterbacks, to name a few.

Stephen McCluskey, a graduate player said: "It's an opportunity to show everyone what you can do. It's great because the better you do, the more points you get. With more points, it shows the coaches and teammates how much you want to win."

It gives the players and coaching staff something to look forward to at the end of the spring.

I went Monday morning to take pictures for the paper. Despite the fact that it was early, everyone was full of energy. The players were cheering for their



teammates during events like the medicine ball relay.

The first event that day was the med ball relay. There are four teams that compete, each with a med ball that the players would run with to the other end. Then the players would sprint back to the starting line, touch the line, run back to grab the med ball, and then sprint back to the starting line so the next person could go.

The players had a lot of positive energy during the event. That is what a team should be. No matter how early it is, or whether you are competing, you are supporting

your teammates. It is something that makes the Ranger Games so important for team morale.

The game has some downsides, but not many. Of course, getting up that early is not for everyone. Players have to have a willingness to put their bodies through pain before most people are even close to waking up. Football, like most sports, requires a mental toughness that most people do not have. That is something I consider a downside. The Ranger Games are actually fun to attend.

Because I have not played

football for almost a year, I didn't recognize some of the players. That is a good thing. It means that recruiting is going well, bringing new and exciting players into the program.

Some things like the Ranger Games keep the program interesting, and they allow for growth as a program and for growth as a player.

I never competed with my team because we were in fifth place that year, but our entire team consisted of offensive linemen. We had a disadvantage in a few of the speed categories, but they did not stop us from competing. We wanted to win.

Ja'vion Combs, a sophomore o-lineman, had this to say: "It's the Rangers Games. It's the definition of what a team is: Multiple teams competing to win the top spot. It brings the team together."

The Ranger Games form a sense of comradery. They instill a sense of purpose, showing this is what our program is about, that we stand with each other even if we are separated.

Football will always hold a special place in my heart, especially at Northwestern. The friendships and memories I made will be with me forever. They will influence my life. The Rangers Games served to show me that football wasn't just about me; it was about the team and what we stood for.

If that is how the players now feel, then no one should be able to beat this team next year.

OPINION

EDITORIAL

Broken ‘cap’ system must be fixed

By THE NORTHWESTERN NEWS EDITORIAL BOARD

Universities have a duty to be honest with students about finances – and they have an even bigger duty to keep the promises they make to students hoping to obtain higher education.

But at Northwestern, a mysterious, longstanding system that reduces students’ scholarships has left students in the dark.

For years, a so-called “cap” on student participation scholarships that kicks in after a student’s first year here has put students in confusing, surprising and financially difficult places.

In this edition of the Northwestern News, our reporters took a comprehensive look at how this cap has affected students. Some students said they felt lured here by the promise of significant scholarships, only to have them taken away without warning during their second year.

Students who sign up to participate in programs like choir, theater, band, cheer-leading and other areas may be promised thousands of dollars for participating in these programs. But they may only receive a few hundred because, somehow, they “capped” out. Some may receive nothing at all.

This scholarship cap was created years ago, but no one has been able to tell us when. The very people who deal with student finances all day long say scholarships are the most complex parts of their jobs, and even they struggle to understand the cap system.

When students “cap out,” no one benefits. Students who were told they’d receive a certain amount of money suddenly have to take up second and third jobs, scrambling to pay bills much larger than they were told to expect.

Professors are put in awkward positions, too, as they try to explain the system to students in their programs.

And programs that offer participation scholarships suffer as well. Students may want to participate in these activities and obtain degrees in these fields. But when they find out they’re capped out and cannot afford the degree, they may have to change their plans – both for college and their future careers.

We do believe our administrators have our students’ best interests at heart. Therefore, we believe Northwestern administrators need to take immediate action to remedy this situation.

If the cap is to remain in place, administrators should design a way for students to figure out in advance whether they’ll “hit” the cap. The university should also consider how scholarships are applied. Participation scholarships are tuition waivers; perhaps they could be applied first.

But the most important, necessary course of action is for administrators to consider raising or eliminating the cap. If our university doesn’t have the money

it promises to give students, then it must stop making those promises – not pulling a “bait-and-switch” tactic.

Students have a duty in this as well. They need to voice their concerns to administrators and discuss how the cap has impacted them. Our administrators, including President Dr. Janet Cunningham, say they are always willing to hear from students. When students bring their concerns to administrators, change is more likely to occur. And that’s exactly what Northwestern needs.

Northwestern’s mission statement says the university “provides quality educational and cultural opportunities to learners with diverse needs by cultivating ethical leadership and service, critical thinking and fiscal responsibility.”

It’s time our university did those very things by explaining and changing this broken system. Northwestern exists to better the world by educating people. Can it do that if it breaks its promises to them?

Watch out for new online scams

JORDAN GREEN SAYS



JORDAN GREEN

The prospect of re-connecting with a long-lost friend over social media may sound promising.

But beware: your old high school friends may not really be behind their profile pictures.

Scammers have gotten more and more creative with tactics to take money from honest folks, and one of the newest tricks on social media plays on one’s heartstrings.

On Instagram, a platform for sharing videos, photos and graphics, scammers are using an elaborate method of identity theft to steal phone numbers and personal information from the friends of the person whose account they’ve hacked.

I learned about this from a friend of mine whose brother fell victim to the trick.

Here’s how it works – and bear with me, because the scheme is complex.

Scammers hack someone’s profile and study their friend’s list and pictures to find people the person hasn’t talked to in a while. For example: A scammer may see that John Doe was friends with Billy Bob several years ago, but they haven’t talked in a while.

The scammer has already hacked John Doe’s profile, and now he wants to steal someone else’s personal information. So, after logging into Doe’s account – and locking Doe out of it – the hacker messages Bob with what seems to be a heartwarming message.

The message might sound something like this: “Hey, Bob. We used to hang out a lot, but it’s been a while. I’d like to re-connect. Would you send me your phone number so we can talk?”

Once Bob passes along his phone number, his ship is sunk. The scammer takes the phone number and can use that to lock Bob out of his account and potentially access other information to which that number is tied. That can even include a person’s bank account if the person uses online banking,

or has it tied to a social media account.

(That’s why I never purchase anything over Instagram or Facebook using a credit card or banking information.)

Once the scammer hacks someone’s account, the scammer can do basically anything he or she wants to with it. Some scammers will hold the account for ransom; others will delete all of the owner’s posts, pictures and data and publish links to websites that can steal even more data from people who follow those links. Scammers are also trying to lure people in by saying they’ve made thousands of dollars by investing in online currency platforms or opening up accounts with certain banks. And – you guessed it – these are all lies.

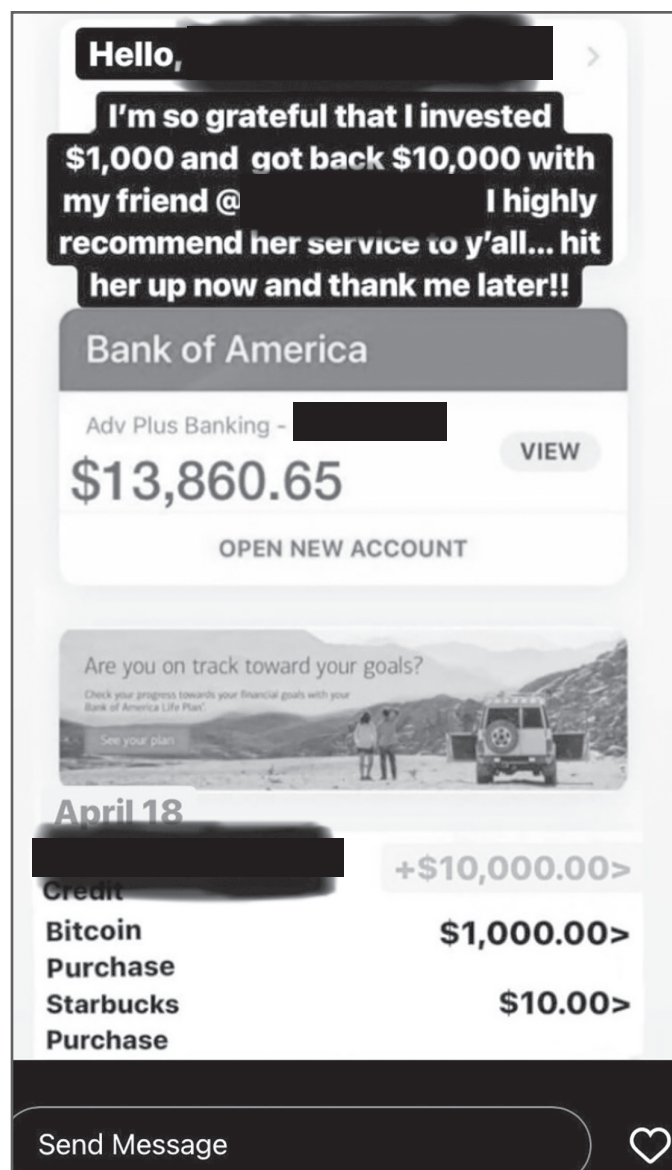
Sadly, this new scam – even as complex as it may seem – is just one of several floating around the internet today. Similar scams are present on pretty much every social media platform today, so no matter which outlets you use, be careful about your online activity, whom you talk to and especially the kind of information you share.

People often say they’re aware of online scams, but with the mountain of new scams out there today, it’s important that we keep ourselves up-to-date with new information in this online world.

If you’ve fallen victim to a scam, you’re not alone. The Federal Trade Commission reported that more than 95,000 people lost more than \$770 million – yes, \$770 million – in online scams in 2021 alone.

“Those losses account for about 25% of all reported losses to fraud in 2021 and represent a stunning eighteenfold increase over 2017 reported losses,” trade commission officials said in a January news article. “Reports are up for every age group, but people 18 to 39 were more than twice as likely as older adults to report losing money to these scams in 2021.”

Investment scams are now among the most common forms of online scams, right along with cryptocurrency offers, officials said. Romance scams and fraudulent sales of goods are also top sources of rip-offs and identity theft.



This screenshot shows an example of a popular online investment scam circulating across social media platforms such as Instagram. Social media users should never give out personal information over social media to people whom they do not know, and they should exercise great caution to ensure accounts they communicate with haven’t been compromised.

Photo provided

So, what can you do to protect yourself, whether you’re on Facebook, Instagram or any other online social outlet?

Tip 1: Don’t talk to or interact with people you don’t know.

Tip 2: Increase your privacy settings as much as the platform you’re on will allow.

Tip 3: “If you get a message from a friend about an opportunity or an urgent need for money, call them,” the FTC says. “Their account may have been hacked – especially if they ask you to pay by cryptocurrency, gift card, or wire transfer.

That’s how scammers ask you to pay.”

And tip 4: “If someone appears on your social media and rushes you to start a friendship or romance, slow down,” the FTC says. “Read about romance scams. And never send money to someone you haven’t met in person.”

For the latest news about scams and how you can protect yourself, visit www.ftc.com, where you can sign up for consumer alerts. You can also report scams there.

SCHOLARSHIPS: Students say cap creates problems

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practice, Smith walks on the stage in Herod Hall for hours of musical rehearsal. She finally returns to her dorm room late at night to squeeze in some homework and get ready to do it all again the next day.

Like many students, Smith relies on scholarships and financial aid provided by Northwestern to help pay for her education – but she doesn't receive the full amount of scholarship money she's supposed to be awarded.

Based on collected data, nearly \$3 million worth of internal scholarships and waivers were awarded to Northwestern students in the fall semester of 2021. This money consists of over 2,200 awards.

However, Northwestern puts a maximum monetary eligibility limit, or "cap," on the amount of money from internal scholarships that a student can receive. After their freshmen year, continuing Northwestern students have a limit of \$2,200 per year they can receive in internal scholarships.

HOW DOES THE CAP WORK?

The scholarship cap amount is based on the limited amount of resources Northwestern has at its disposal, said Dr. David Pecha, vice president for administration.

"The scholarship cap has been in place for years and years," Pecha said. "Mainly, it's driven by the available resource dollars to pay scholarship recipients."

The scholarship cap is for internal scholarship waivers provided by Northwestern. Academic and participation scholarships such as band, choir, theater, cheer and other programs are included in the scholarship cap. Athletic scholarships controlled by the NCAA do not fall under the same restrictions. The out-of-state tuition waiver is not included in the cap.

"The high-participation students who have multiple awards or upper academic students are the ones more affected by the cap," said Tara Hannaford, director of financial aid and scholarships.

Smith, a sophomore music education major, said the scholarship limit affects her everyday life.

"As of this year, I received an academic scholarship because I am a 4.0 student," Smith said. "The addition of that scholarship broke through the \$2,200 cap because I get a \$2,000 scholarship for being in Singers [a university choir]. With the way it works out, I shouldn't be participating in Singers because I can no longer receive the scholarship."

As a result of the scholarship limit, Smith said she needed to

Northwestern Scholarships by the Numbers: Fall 2021 semester

Internal Scholarships	\$2,915,656.64
External Scholarships	\$459,877.13
NWOSU Foundation Scholarships	\$130,464.64

Total scholarship numbers for fall 2021:
2,205 internal awards
488 external sources
326 Foundation awards

*Note: These figures do not include federal student aid, such as PELL grants, loans, Oklahoma's Promise, OTAG or FSEOG. External scholarships are not awarded by Northwestern or the Foundation, but the university's Financial Aid office processes them. Foundation awards come from the Foundation & Alumni Association and are also processed by the Financial Aid office.

Source: Northwestern Financial Aid office



Theater students perform during the December production of "Gretchen and the Grudge." Students who participate in choir, band, theater and cheer-leading are sometimes affected by a scholarship limit or "cap."

find another way to pay for living in the dormitories on campus.

"I was scrambling last semester to figure out how to afford going to school here," Smith said. "Luckily, I was able to get a position as a resident assistant this semester. This position covers my room and board expenses. Without that, I probably wouldn't be able to afford to go to school here this semester."

Smith said her interest in Northwestern was because of the financial opportunities she learned of when she was recruited.

"I didn't realize all of the scholarships I received as a freshman wouldn't carry over into the next years of me being here," Smith said. "Other institutions I was being recruited by couldn't offer me as much money my freshmen year, but assured me the money I would receive would increase every

year. Here at Northwestern, it's the opposite. You're given so much money at the beginning, then the money decreases as you continue."

TAX-FUNDED SCHOLARSHIPS

Incoming students are not limited to the number of internal scholarships they may receive because the Alva Incentive Program covers what it costs the university to provide those scholarships.

The Alva Incentive Program – a sales tax initiative passed by voters in the Alva community in 1999 – assists with tuition, university housing and other school-related expenses for first-time freshmen and transfer students attending the Alva campus on a full-time basis while maintaining an Alva address. But that money stops flowing to students after the first year.

Smith said she believes she would have chosen a different university had she known the extent of the scholarship cap.

"I came to Northwestern because of the scholarship opportunities and the ability to be involved in everything," Smith said. "But if I would have known being so involved would have hurt me financially and taken money away by being in multiple things, then I would have gone somewhere else."

Whether students rely on scholarships and grants or pay out-of-pocket, Northwestern has a limit on the amount of money it awards.

"We have a maximum cost of attendance for each year," Hannaford said. "The awards, like band, can help build up to cover that cost. All awards total, like Pell Grants, Oklahoma's Promise and scholarships, cannot be awarded over the cost of attendance. This is a Department of

Education guideline."

Allison Huffmaster is another Northwestern student trying to find ways to pay for her education because of a scholarship limit. The cap that affects her, however, is different.

Huffmaster receives a state-awarded scholarship that covers 16 hours of tuition. After her first year, the scholarship could only be applied as a tuition waiver, which cannot be used to cover fees.

The university applied Alva Incentive Tax money to pay the difference between the state-awarded scholarship and the cost of Huffmaster's education during her freshman year. From her sophomore year on, the scholarship could only be used to pay for tuition, per state guidelines.

Under Northwestern policy, internal scholarships are considered tuition waivers. Guidelines from the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education say that a percentage of Northwestern's budget can be used for tuition waivers, which take the form of scholarships. First-time students can receive any participation scholarship because the Alva Incentive Tax funds them.

Because the tax funds can only be used for first-time students, the participation scholarships can become tuition waivers for continuing students.

Because internal scholarships cannot cover her tuition, Huffmaster said she must depend on other means to cover the cost of fees.

"I have an external scholarship that barely makes a dent in the amount of money I owe," Huffmaster said. "I expected to have way more financial help from Northwestern before I

started nursing school. I ended up applying for some more external scholarships, but I also have to pay out-of-pocket."

FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

For students who are eligible to use participation scholarships, the money comes from a variety of resources, including the Northwestern Foundation & Alumni Association.

"There are several funding sources for internal scholarships," Pecha said. "Some of it could come from the Alva Incentive dollars for part of the awards. We certainly could use Foundation monies that have been raised and earned off of investments. The university also has a waiver program and some dollars we can put into our scholarship program."

While the sources for internal scholarships vary, the way many students feel about being capped does not.

Like Smith, the scholarship cap also limited Northwestern senior Jeffery Cher-Aime because of his involvement on campus. He participated in band and choir during his first year at Northwestern, receiving about \$2,000 in scholarships from each activity. After his first year, the cap went into place, cutting the amount he received from each program to roughly \$450.

"It is one of the reasons I'm not doing choir this semester," Cher-Aime said. "At the end of the day, it cost me more than it was covering."

A native of the Bahamas, Cher-Aime said he would have considered going to a different school if he would have known about the cap.

"It was a shock to me, actually," Cher-Aime said. "After I moved off campus, I received a bill I was not expecting. I went to look at it, and it was because of the cap. If I had known about the cap, I would have transferred after my first year here because I had to pay out-of-pocket to cover the rest."

Cher-Aime said he has had to come up with other ways to pay for school, which has been a challenge.

"I'm an international student, so I am very limited in the jobs that I can get," Cher-Aime said. "I have to rely on loans and what income I make from the limited jobs I can get to cover the rest of my fees."

The frustrations expressed by students concerning the scholarship limit are mixed. Many have said they are confused by the limitations placed upon them.

"I think if people earn a scholarship, they should get it," Huffmaster said. "If they need to cut back in scholarships, they should make the requirements to receive scholarships harder. If you are doing the work and participating, you should receive the scholarship that was promised. The university should stay true to its word."

MONEY TALKS: EXAMINING NORTHWESTERN SCHOLARSHIPS, PART 2

Compare and contrast

How are scholarships awarded at other universities in Oklahoma?

By JOSH HINTON and BENJAMIN KLIEWER
Senior Reporters

One would assume a student with a 3.75 GPA and a 27 or higher ACT score would have bountiful scholarship opportunities at Oklahoma State University.

However, for sophomore creative writing major Corben Horton, who has a 3.8 GPA and a 31 ACT score, the only scholarship he received from the university is the President's Distinguished Scholarship. The scholarship is a four-year cash award of \$2,500 per year. The university automatically awarded the scholarship to Horton as an incoming freshman.

One can look at Northwestern's scholarships all day, but unless other universities' scholarship processes are compared to Northwestern's processes, a fair judgment of Northwestern scholarships cannot be made. That's what this story aims to offer.

Oklahoma State automatically considers incoming freshman and transfer students for all university-based scholarships after processing the students' applications. These include departmental and general academic scholarships.

The university automatically re-enrolls continuing students for general academic scholarships and sends out renewal forms for departmental scholarships, said Chad Blew, director of scholarships and financial aid at OSU.

GENERAL ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: OSU

OSU offers multiple academic award scholarships. Six types of academic awards are university-assured scholarships. One academic award scholarship is based on GPA only, with the other five based on GPA and ACT or SAT scores combined.

The university has two scholarships that are university-competitive, with the President's Distinguished Scholarship being a four-year cash award and the President's Leadership Council Scholarship being a one-year award.

Of the eight scholarships, the lowest cash award is \$750 per year, and the highest is \$2,500 per year.

In the fall of 2020 and the spring of 2021, OSU paid around \$115 million in scholarships, with around 10,000 students receiving some form of internal scholarship, Blew said.

"[With] our scholarships, we tend to focus on students with financial needs," Blew said. "There's also an academic component, and we have plenty awards that are focused on high merit. But being a land-grant institution ... our mission is access, so we do factor heavily in financial need for a lot of our programs."

The university does not cap student scholarship money, but when committee members award scholarships, they try to spread them out to reach as many students as possible, Blew said.

"My office does the majority of scholarships ... but then the college's [departments] do each have a significant amount of scholarships themselves that they award," he said.

BY THE NUMBERS:

Cost of attending OSU, SWOSU

OSU:	SWOSU:
• 24,660: Fall 2021 enrollment	• 4,644: Fall 2021 enrollment
• \$13,920: Estimated tuition and fees, fall 2021	• \$9,331: Estimated tuition and fees, fall 2021

DEPARTMENTAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Departmental scholarships at Oklahoma State have three different application processes depending on grade level. For example, the Spears School of Business automatically applies incoming freshman for departmental scholarships when they declare a major on their application, said Angela Jungermann, the scholarship coordinator for Spears School of Business. Students going into their sophomore, junior or senior years fill out a short application with no essay required. Graduate students fill out a scholarship application with an essay required.

There are around 150 to 200 scholarships available for the school of business, but the department can award some scholarships to multiple students. Students have opportunities to earn more scholarships throughout the year.

"Throughout a school year, we might have things like business competitions, where a scholarship is the prize," Jungermann said. "For the current school year, we [the department] gave out about 1,200 scholarships."

As of fall 2021, OSU had 24,660 students enrolled. The estimated tuition and fees for in-state students is \$13,920 annually.

In comparison, Southwestern Oklahoma State University had 4,644 students enrolled in the fall of 2021. The estimated tuition and fees for in-state students is \$9,331 annually.

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— Chad Blew, Oklahoma State University

The Spears School of Business has roughly 5,000 undergraduate and graduate majors, with 40-45% of continuing students reapplying for scholarships. Thirty-three percent of the students who reapply receive some form of scholarship. The highest individual scholarship is \$14,000, and the lowest is about \$240.

"When I have a student come in and ask what they can do about their scholarship, I tell them we have what I consider four main criteria," Jungermann said.

The four most common criteria from donors are GPA, financial need, leadership and participation. There can also be unique criteria specific to certain scholarships, such as the student being from a military family, Jungermann said.

The Spears School of Business does not have an official cap on scholarship money that a student can receive. However, the scholarship committees attempt to award scholarships to as many students as possible, Jungermann said.

Southwestern has a scholarship cap for students who receive federal aid, and the cap is set at the cost of attendance.

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FEATURE

Artist-in-residence finds peace in work

By **REBECCA WAGNER**
Student Reporter

Saba Farhoudnia never really cared for toys when she was a child. She had the desire to draw instead.

Farhoudnia had such an attachment to her art supplies that she would find herself even sleeping with the pens and pencils.

That attachment has grown into a love that allows her to use it in her life and helps to continue her painting practice today.

"I have a lot of ideas," Farhoudnia said. "Sometimes my ideas are out of my control. Drawing is my way of calming my mind and organizing my thoughts."

Drawing in her sketchbooks helps Farhoudnia gather ideas for her paintings, she said, and calms her down.

Farhoudnia has spent the month of April as the NWOSU artist-in-resident.

She will hold an art show at the end of her stay to share the different pieces that she has had the opportunity to create while she is at Northwestern. Recently, she also gave an artist talk and conducted a workshop with students.

Farhoudnia was born in Iran. She studied art there and moved to the United States in 2013. She currently lives in New York.

Farhoudnia continued her education in the United States in 2017. She explained that art is taught differently in Western and Eastern art universities.

"Western universities focus more on multidisciplinary and experimental work," she said.

Having feedback from visiting artist critiques and studio visits from other painters encouraged Farhoudnia to apply to MFA programs.

She graduated from LeRoy E. Hoffberger School of Painting at Maryland Institute College of Art in Baltimore.

During her time in MICA's MFA program, Farhoudnia developed her own painting language.

When her father passed away, she said she experienced mourning for the first time. She said she handled the pain of loss by painting in her studio, pouring all the pain into a piece called "Ruby Moss from the Cosmos." It is her favorite, she said, and she will never part with it.

Farhoudnia said she felt, as if for the first time, that she was living inside of her own painting.

The narratives in Farhoudnia's



Photo provided

Saba Farhoudnia, current artist-in-residence, poses for a photo in Northwestern's art studio.

paintings are always a little different. She creates works that are brightly colored and seen as welcoming. The pieces she creates

evoke various kinds of emotions for the viewer, she pointed out.

"They're not joyful moments that I'm presenting," she said.

"It's a battlefield ... figures trying to survive within and from their environment, something very dark."

Longtime biology professor retiring

By **COLLIN ZINK**
Senior Reporter

After 23 years of being a biology professor at Northwestern, Dr. Steven Thompson has decided to retire.

Prior to Northwestern, Thompson was a graduate student assistant at Oklahoma State University, where he primarily taught labs. He was an adjunct instructor at the University of Central Oklahoma.

However, Thompson said Northwestern was his favorite school to teach at.

"I really enjoyed teaching here at Northwestern," Thompson said. "I was wanting a position



Dr. Steven Thompson

where I had the opportunity to teach a variety of different classes."

Thompson said he thinks his greatest teaching accomplishment was when he had some general biology students switch their majors to biology. He also said that one of those students is now a doctor. He said he enjoyed meeting a variety of students.

One of the things Thompson said he will miss is the contact he had with students.

Thompson said he is retiring now because he has reached all the qualifications to do so.

After he retires, his immediate plan is to take a trip to the Pacific Northwest with his wife because he has never been there before.

He plans to keep living in Alva. Thompson also plans to do a lot more fishing and do some

projects he has not had time to do because of teaching.

Thompson, who rides his bike to school, makes it an essential part of his day.

"I really enjoy riding my bike. My day feels incomplete if I don't ride my bike," Thompson said. "It's a time that is really relaxing for me. A little bit of exercise gets me ready for the day, and it is really fun watching the changes of the season on my bike that I wouldn't notice riding in a car."

Thompson said his teaching career has gone by so fast, and he finds it hard to believe that he taught at Northwestern for more than 20 years.

CORRECTION

A story in the April 14 edition of the Northwestern News about Northwestern dormitories ("Students find advantages, disadvantages to dorms") incorrectly stated housing costs.

The cost of a semi-private room for one year is \$1,880, and the semester rate is \$940.

The combined amount for the least expensive room and board plan is \$4,880 per year, and the most expensive is \$5,200 per year.

Museum displays skeletons, taxidermy

By **JOSHUA HINTON**
Senior Reporter

Up some concrete stairs and through a glass door, then up another flight of stairs, then down a flight of stairs and down a short and desolate hallway sits a pair of dark wooden doors.

Through the threshold and down two steps is the Natural History Museum in the Jesse Dunn Building at Northwestern.

Behind a desk sits Heather Negelein, a third-year English student and a volunteer museum guide. Thus begins an adventure through the museum.

The museum consists of mostly taxidermy animals with a few skeletons throughout the exhibits, Negelein said.

"Professors in the past have gone on exhibitions to procure some of these exhibits," she said.

Walking further into the museum, there is a jawbone four to five

feet long with teeth the size of a fist and what looks like a spade shovel protruding from the front.

"Personally, I really like some of the skeletons," Negelein said. "We've got these jaws from a mastodon, and I always thought their shovel teeth were fun."

Venturing farther in through stone columns and large stone arches, there sits a glass and wood showcase.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Choirs prepare for ‘Soundscapes’ concert

By **LIBERTY GOODNOW**
Student Reporter

The Alva Bus Barn will be filled with beautiful music this Saturday, according to Northwestern choir members.

Jameson Hale, a music education major, said the choirs have been rehearsing nonstop to prepare for the annual “Soundscapes” concert.

They are going to clean out the entire building and bring in risers, a sound shell and sound equipment.

The bus barn, 230 Choctaw St., is the old armory building Alva Public Schools now uses to park school vehicles in.

“We are polishing up the program and look forward to show-



File photo

A former university choir performs in the Alva Bus Barn for “Soundscapes” in spring of 2016 under the direction of Dr. Karsten Longhurst.

“The way our voices sound with certain songs we picked will create a very different, colorful sound.”

— **Jameson Hale,**
Northwestern choir member

ing off our art,” Hale said.

The name of the performance has a story behind it. Soundscapes are pieces of music chosen

for a certain situation or place, so singers have to choose specific pieces of music that will reach the audience in a special way.

“The way our voices sound with the certain songs we picked will create a very different, colorful sound,” Hale said. “It’s very beautiful and warm.”

The performance will begin at

7 p.m. and last around two hours. It will consist of 13 to 15 songs, and some instruments will be involved as well.

The piano, guitar, violin, and possibly an organ will be featured.

“We are going to be making some pretty crazy noises without instruments as well: stomps,

claps, yips, chants, all kinds of fun madness,” Hale said.

Some songs Hale said he is looking forward to the most are “Earthsong,” “O Weep Mine Eyes” and “To The Wonder” because it is one of the commissioned pieces written by Dr. Kira Rugen. She and Longhurst collaborated with a German poet to

create the piece. The name translates to the phrase “Do not grow tired” in German.

“Truthfully, I’m looking forward to seeing the reaction on everyone’s face when they hear our voices mash up in the bus barn on these specific pieces,” Hale said. “It will sound like angels have joined the room.”

Broadcasters win awards in statewide competition

By **GAVIN MENDOZA**
Senior Reporter

The Northwestern broadcast team won awards for its sports coverage in the Oklahoma Broadcast Education Association’s state competition.

Cade Kennedy, Jara Reeder and Caleb Powers formed a team that won first and second place for Video Sports Play-by-Play.

Connor Gray, Dax Benway and Benjamin Kliever took third place for the award for Best Newscast.

Dr. Luis Antunes, a mass communication professor who teaches broadcast at Northwestern, said the team has continued to improve.

“I am incredibly proud of them, and I see this really fast learning curve where they are really mastering a lot of different skills in video production,” Antunes said.

Northwestern’s broadcast classes are hands-on, and Antunes lets students work independently.

“I usually just kind of introduce some of the concepts and ideas, and then it becomes very hands-on,” Antunes said.

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— **Dr. Luis Antunes**

“It pays off in ways like winning these awards, and we see the fruits of our labor,” Antunes said.

Kennedy, the sports editor of the Northwestern News, worked with Reeder on play-by-play coverage of the Northwestern women’s soccer team.

For the broadcast competition, the two were up against students

from larger schools, including Oklahoma State University and the University of Oklahoma.

Kennedy said he is grateful for the award, and winning against larger competitors made the award more meaningful.

“Broadcasting means a lot to me, and winning this award is really special to me,” Kennedy said. “I am glad I got to do this and work hard and have something to show for it.”

“From a young age, broadcasting has been something I want to do for a career, and showing that, at a smaller school like this that you can win an award, is awesome.”

Reeder also said she is excited that their efforts paid off.

“I think to win something like this shows just how hard we work and makes all the extra hours outside of class worth the time,” Reeder said.

“I am thankful I got the opportunity to be put up for this award with Cade because we would work hard week in and week out to get all the videos perfect.”

Dad Joke of the Week:

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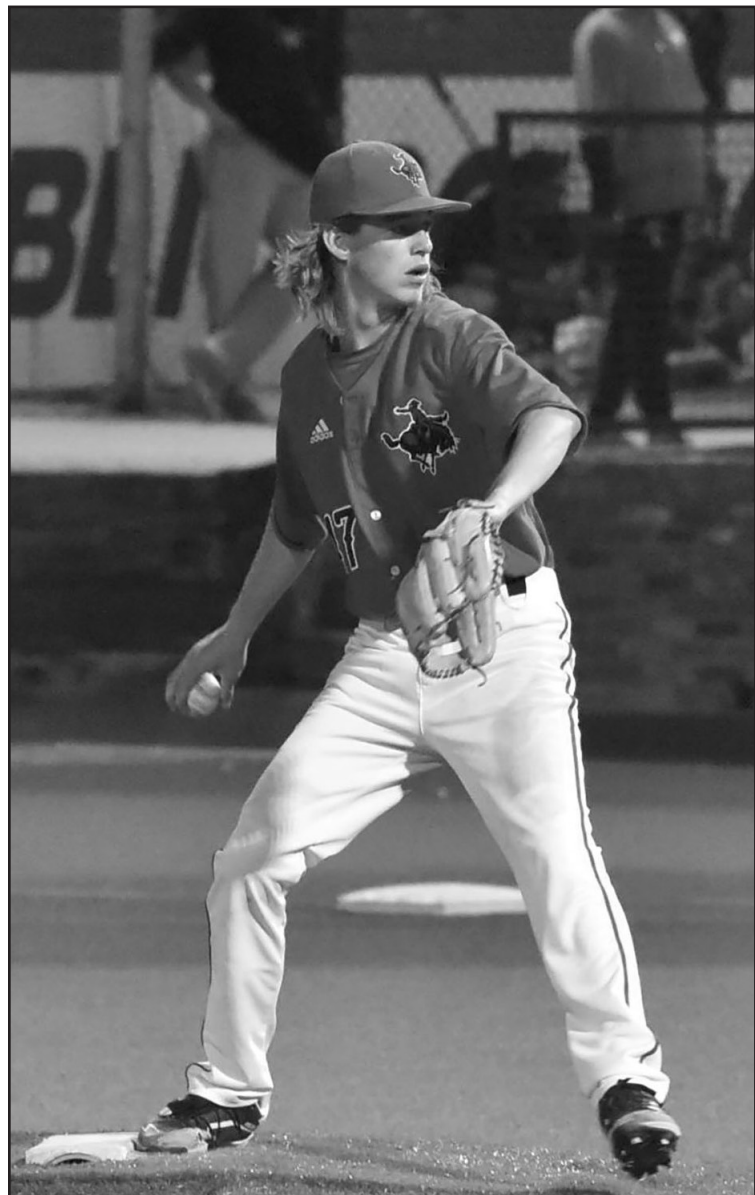


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Brett Erickson swings his bat during Northwestern's game against East Central on April 12 at David Allen Memorial Ballpark in Enid. The Rangers defeated the Tigers, 9-0.

Rangers fall to Harding

By CONNOR GRAY
Assistant Editor



Tate Schuermann gets ready to pitch during Northwestern's game against East Central April 12 at David Allen Memorial Ballpark in Enid.

The Northwestern baseball team played an away series against Harding University and lost two out of three games.

Harding took the series against the Rangers by winning two close games, but Harding lost the third game, with Northwestern's bats coming through.

Game One was tight. Northwestern was winning until the Bisons slowly chipped away at the lead.

The Rangers started the game off with a solo home run from Brandon Holdren.

The Rangers struck again in the fourth inning, with Holdren getting his second solo home run to put them up 2-0.

The pitching for Northwestern got off to a hot start, as the Rangers kept Harding at bay for the first four innings by only allowing two hits.

Tate Schuermann started the game for Northwestern. He pitched the first inning before Ethan Swanson entered to pitch the next five.

"We jumped out to a lead," head coach Ryan Bowen said. "We were cruising along pretty good until they started coming."

Swanson started strong, but over time, Harding strung hits

together to knock in a run in the bottom of fifth and sixth to make it 3-2.

Harding took the lead after a wild pitch led to a runner scoring from third base and a sacrifice fly made it 4-3 Bisons.

The Rangers tied the game on a home run by Joseph Frisby, but pitching cost the Rangers, as Edwin Colon gave up a double to start the inning.

He got a ground out, but the runner advanced to third. The Rangers intentionally walked the next two batters. Colon threw a wild pitch, giving Harding a 5-4 win.

"We had opportunities to extend the lead, and we didn't, and that ended up coming back to bite us," Bowen said.

Game Two was a struggle at the plate for the Rangers. They did not score, losing 4-0.

Dylan Collins pitched the whole game for the Rangers and gave up four runs: one in the third and fourth and two in the sixth.

Game Three was a different story for the Rangers, as they needed a win to avoid being swept. Emilio Lovato pitched for seven innings and helped the Ranger defense keep Harding at bay despite giving up nine hits.

The fifth and ninth innings for the Rangers each had five runs, with the final score being 10-1.

"We played very well," Bow-

en said. "Emilio Lovato pitched well, and our offense came to life."

Northwestern had a game Monday at Emporia State, which was a tightly contested game.

In the first inning, the Rangers got down to two outs but proceeded to ring off multiple hits, with Kelly getting an RBI single and advancing a runner to second.

Later in the inning, Dylan Norsen got a two-RBI double to put the Rangers up 3-0.

Defensively, the Rangers held Emporia State down until the fourth inning, as Zach McEachern gave up three runs.

Schuermann entered the game in place of McEachern and gave up one run, finishing the inning with the score being 4-3.

The Rangers and Hornets were scoreless until the eighth inning, with Northwestern putting together a collection of hits. Brett Erickson got an RBI to tie it 4-4.

Emporia State had a walk off single to win the game in extra innings, 5-4.

"We had a lead, and one inning cost us a little bit," Bowen said. "We just have to find a way to win close games."

The next series for Northwestern will be at home against Arkansas Tech University. The first game is Friday at 6 p.m., and a double header will be Saturday at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m.

SPORTS

FOOTBALL

Offense, defense clash at spring game



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Keilon Childs defends Braden Reichert during the Northwestern spring game Saturday at Ranger Field.

By DEVYN LANSDEN
Senior Reporter

The Northwestern Ranger football team played its spring game Saturday.

Head coach Matt Walter said he is most looking forward to getting back on the field this upcoming season.

Walter said football is different from other sports because players only have 11 games in the season, so the coaches and players look forward to the games and competing because they practice more than they play.

"Spring ball is awesome, but you start playing each other so much, it gets old," he said. "You want to play against someone else."

In the spring game, the offense had a fast start, and Walter said he was happy with how the defense finished the game. What Walter learned from the spring game was that the Rangers will be a more physical team in the fall season than they were last season.

Walter said they are evaluating younger players and the players

who did not see action during the 2021 season. He is seeing if the players can compete in a game-type setting or a high-pressure situation, as well as what they bring to the table as players.

The coaching staff are also evaluating the team as a whole and seeing what the team will be good at: In terms of play, will the team be good at passing or running the ball, or will the team be good at covering or tackling?

Ethan Everson, a junior health and sports science major who plays quarterback, said it was good to have spring ball back.

He said the team usually has enough players to have two different teams, but this year, it was offense vs. defense with a different scoring system than a usual game.

Everson said this season is a redemption season, as the Rangers want to have a better record than they did in 2021.

He said the team is more disciplined than it was last year, and the players are more committed as well. Everson also said the team is going to be more prepared during the upcoming season.

Ranger rodeo teams ride into Fort Hays

By SHANNON NESSERALLA
Senior Reporter

The Northwestern rodeo team traveled to the Nutrien Ag Solutions Fort Hays State University 56th Annual Rodeo over the weekend.

Fort Hays hosted eight different events during the rodeo, including bareback, tie-down, breakaway, saddle bronc, steer wrestling, goats, team roping, barrel racing and bull riding.

In those eight events, only five participants made it to the short go Saturday night.

In the tie-down, Tyler Scheevel made it with a time of 13.2 seconds, and Brandon Hittle made it in 10.2 seconds.

In steer wrestling, Sterling Lee made it in 7.3 seconds, while Kaden Greenfield made it in 6.1 seconds.

Samantha Chambers made it with a time of 16.52 seconds in the barrel race.

Hittle sat at second place with a time of 10.2 seconds.

"I knew going into the short round I was sitting second and I just needed to do what I did the day before to hopefully win," Hittle said. "Unfortunately, I didn't make it quite as fast as I needed."

Samantha Chambers was sit-

ting second before the short run, with her time of 16.52 seconds in the barrel race.

"Sitting so high up is always nerve-racking because you want to do even better for a chance to win," Chambers said. "You really just have to trust in your horse to go as fast as they can and follow demands as quickly as you give them."

The Northwestern men's rodeo team is in eighth place in their region, while the women's team is in seventh.

"Unfortunately, I didn't make it quite as fast as I needed."
— Brandon Hittle

The rodeo team also welcomed four new commits for the 2022 fall semester. Emily Bules signed to compete in the barrel race.

Kylee Altmiller signed for steer wrestling. Hayden Koechel and Ashton Cassidy both signed for team roping.

The Ranger rodeo team will compete next at Oklahoma Panhandle State University in Guymon from April 28 through April 30.

Lady Rangers lose eight straight games

By CONNOR GRAY
Assistant Editor

The Northwestern softball team finished its home series with the Harding Lady Bisons in some hard-fought games.

Harding swept the Lady Rangers in a series where the Lady Rangers failed to capitalize on opportunities.

"The scores don't show it, but we were in a position to be in all three games," head coach Ryan Wondrasek said. "We just couldn't get that timely hit to knock in the runs we needed."

In Game One, Harding got two runs after getting down to two outs as the Lady Rangers struggled to get the third out.

The Lady Rangers proceeded to struggle the next two innings, with four strikeouts and two caught in the field of play.

After a good second inning defensively, the third inning blew open. Northwestern gave up six runs, including a three-run homer.

The Lady Rangers, being down 8-0 in bottom of the fourth, got runs of their own from a three-run home run by Mackenzie Adams, but it was the only time Northwestern scored.

Harding scored one more run, a solo home run in fifth, which led to a 9-3 final.

In Game Two, the result was similar, but the overall game was different. The offense for Northwestern had better day hitting, but

players did not string it together to get runs.

Harding got runs five runs for the first two innings. Northwestern's defense did its best to keep the game locked down, as the Rangers never really had a big inning throughout the game.

In the second inning, the Lady Rangers strung together two hits. The second resulted in two-run homer by Mackenzie Adams.

Once again, this was all the Lady Rangers got, as their inability to get runners in scoring position hurt them. The defense gave up four more runs to lose, 9-2.

"Softball is a game of failure, and you have to be able to grind through it," Wondrasek said. "Remain confident in yourself when you may be in a slump and when the hits aren't falling."

In the third game, both sides had to work hard to get runs.

In the top of the fourth, Hard-

ing got a double and strung together a hit and a fielder's choice play to get a run in, making it 1-0.

In the next inning, Harding singled to the left and got a triple two batters later to get a run.

Northwestern answered with a run of its own after Adams got a double and scored off a bunt single by Jayden Solberg.

Harding fired back with two runs after stringing together several hits and a sac fly to put them up 4-1 in the sixth.

Hannah Howell got a home run in the bottom of the inning to make it 4-2, but the Lady Rangers did not get another run and lost the game.

The Lady Rangers' next game will be in Russellville, Arkansas, against Arkansas Tech. The first game will be Friday at 5 p.m., and a doubleheader will begin Saturday at noon. The last one will be at 2 p.m.

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MUSEUM: Two-headed snake also on display

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“This is one of the things I really like that we have, the skeleton of the two-headed snake,” Negelein said.

“Obviously, it didn’t live very long.”

At the bottom of the showcase in the foreground sits a small two-headed snake skeleton, coiled and heads raised, seemingly ready to strike the viewer.

At the very back of the room, in a bricked-

over fireplace, sits a gray wolf.

The wolf seems small when compared to all the animals around.

“The gray wolf is my personal favorite,” Negelein said. “I just like wolves.”

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