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# WELCOME BACK, RANGERS!



2023 NWOSU Freshman class gathers together at the Ranger statue for the annual picture during Freshman Orientation on August 12th.

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## Hannaford: Be patient during changes

What a great day to be a Ranger! I am so excited to have all our faculty, staff and students on campus. It has been a wonderful first week. All of the events on campus have been well attended and I appreciate everyone's work on that.

Hopefully everyone has recognized the progress on our campus within the mall area. I apologize, but work will continue this semester with some more concrete projects, so please be patient. We will also be moving forward with our outdoor classroom very soon.



President Hannaford

I hope you are making connections with one another as we want our campus to feel like everyone's second home. Students, do your best in the classroom as you work toward your degree and do not be afraid to ask for help! Also, be engaged on the campus as we get ready to kick off so many athletic events, band and vocal concerts and so much more.

Finally, I want to thank everyone for following instructions on the first day of school when we had to lockdown the Alva campus for a short period of time. I know this was a stressful event, but the potential risk was real. Remember to follow protocols during those situations at all times. I hope each of you have a wonderful year. I want you all to be proud in being a part of the Ranger Family.

Ride, Rangers, Ride!  
Dr. Bo Hannaford  
President, Northwestern  
Oklahoma State University

## Rankin: Get involved this year

Hello students, my name is Austin Rankin. I am the Student Government Association president. I hope that you had a fun, productive summer and that you are ready to kick off a fresh school year at NWOSU. On behalf of the Student Government Association, I would like to welcome you back to campus and wish you a successful year!

Many students, especially freshman, can struggle getting into the groove of things in their first few weeks at school. I remember my first few days at NWOSU and how stressful they were. Don't worry, it always gets better. Here are two things that have enabled me to succeed in my four years at NWOSU.

First, go to class and stay organized. I know that it can be difficult to find classes, especially when you don't quite have your schedule memorized. However, do what works best for you. If that means printing out your class schedule including times and locations, looking at your self-service every day, or creating a to-do list of daily tasks, do it! If you have a question or you're having difficulty in a course do not hesitate to reach out to myself, any of the Student Government Association officers,

your ranger connection leader (for freshmen), or anyone at Student Services.

Second, get involved! Some of you may be in sports, band, choir or other extracurriculars.

*"This college can simply be the place that you go to school, or you can decide to make it your second home"*

— Austin Rankin  
SGA President

For those students that aren't, I have good news for you. The student government association has a place for you. Here at NWOSU we have over 40 active clubs and campus associations that can match your interests. From cultural clubs such as the Black Student Union and Spanish club, to political activity clubs

including the College Democrats and College Republicans. Or clubs which may interest you according to your major such as the Chemistry, Med Sciences or Aggies Club. If you have something that you are passionate about, the Student Government Association cares about enabling you to grow in that passion.

I truly believe that NWOSU is the best college in the state of Oklahoma. Here at Northwestern, you are more than just a number. With professors that love what they're teaching and an administration that wants you to succeed, you are in for an awesome ride here at Northwestern. But here's the truth, no one is going to do it for you. This university, as great as it is, is a collection of buildings. It is you, the student that makes NWOSU into Northwestern Oklahoma State University. This college can simply be the place that you go to school, or you can decide to make it your second home.

I would like to encourage you once again to go to class, stay organized and get involved! Welcome to the Ranger Family and Ride Rangers Ride!

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# NEWS

## First day lockdown surprises students

By **Kristen Kirtley**  
Senior Reporter

The first day of fall classes weren't the only thing that took place on Aug. 14.

Due to an emergency situation, the campus was forced to go into lockdown that same afternoon. Kelsey Martin, the director of marketing and university relations at Northwestern, was in President Hannaford's office when Hannaford received a call that led to the decision to lockdown campus until the potential threat was resolved.

Immediately after receiving the news of the lockdown, Martin ran to her office and began the lockdown procedures that she is responsible for.

"In a situation like this, my involvement is strictly messaging and handling media," Martin said.

The call was received by Hannaford around 2:20 p.m., and the first initial emails and texts went out around 2:25 p.m. Students, employees and anyone who is associated with Northwestern receive the text message alerts when they go out. Martin said the text message alert system is not only the most convenient, but also the quickest way to alert everyone.

During situations like this, a separate email is also sent out and all social media platforms are covered to ensure the message gets received.

The attempt at kidnapping occurred in the state of Mississippi, not in the town of Alva. The specific agency that was dealing with the case was tracking the sus-

pect's phone when they noticed a ping by McKeever, which is the historic school house on the Alva campus.

Martin said a description of the suspect and the suspect's vehicle was given and every parking lot and building in the pinged area was searched.

"Once the phone's location was off campus and mostly out of town, and everything was searched, we gave the all clear," Martin said.

Martin also pointed out that pinging gives an area rather than an exact location, so whether the suspect was on campus is unknown and cannot be verified.

Martin said she has a Crisis Communications Plan she has developed for her department that lists what needs to be done in a situation like this. She said she did lots of research about what needs to be included in a Crisis Communications Plan, what was done in the past, and what needs to be improved for success and efficiency in the future.

She said several departments are involved in a situation like this. For example, campus police has its own set of procedures as well.

"We need to give a big shout out to the Alva Police Department, the Woods County Sheriff's Department and our campus police," Martin said. "Our chief, Dennis Kilmer, really took the lead on this."

Martin said that although the situation was frightening, no one was hurt, and the campus will be able to use the situation to improve all their procedures moving forward.

**AUG. 24-30TH**

# WHAT'S UP?

**24th Thursday:**

- Wesley House's free meal beginning at 11:30am to 1:00pm located on 1027 8th Street.
- Banc Central is hosting a movie night at Rialto starting at 7:00pm until 9:00pm

**25th Friday:**

- Make-N-Take located at the Graceful Arts Center starting at 3:30pm until 5:30pm

**26th Saturday:**

- Dugout Club Golf Tournament located at the Alva Golf Course
- Miss Alva pageant at the Alva High School Auditorium starting at 7:00pm

**28th Monday:**

- Club Presidents and Sponsors Meeting beginning at 5:00pm in Student Center Ballroom Meeting will consist of going over the new changes of the SGA bylaws

**29th Tuesday:**

- Men's Scramble Last Night located at the Alva Golf Course starting at 5:00pm
- Delta Zeta Bracelet Making Night in Jesse Dunn Room 104 starting at 6:00 pm

**30th Wednesday:**

- BCM's noonday beginning at 11:30am
- Fair Projects Wednesday located at Graceful Arts Center starting at 3:30pm
- First Christian Church serving free food 5:00pm until 6:30pm located on 821 College Street.
- First Baptist Church serving free food 5:00pm until 6:00pm
- Meet the Rangers Night beginning at 7:00pm located on the Ranger Field.

Graphic By: Tara Owen  
News Editor

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### Taylor's favorite ice cream flavor is strawberry cheesecake.

## What's your favorite?



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# OPINION

## Camps for kids inspire

By ALLI SCHIEBER  
Features/Entertainment Editor

Joining Delta Zeta has been  
one of the best decisions I have  
made in college.

Delta Zeta has given me many  
opportunities, including going to  
Orlando, Florida, this summer  
for a national convention and the  
first Everlasting Sisterhood event.  
Through this event I was able to  
meet and connect with lots of oth-  
er Delta Zeta's and alumni. I also  
got the opportunity to tour Camp  
Boggy Creek.

This is a Serious Fun Network  
camp, which is one of Delta Zeta's  
national philanthropies. Serious  
Fun was founded by the late actor  
Paul Newman and offers free camps  
all over the world for kids who have  
serious illnesses.

I enjoyed being able to tour the  
facility and see what exactly Delta  
Zeta raises money for.

These camps are life-changing  
for the children and their families.  
They give them the opportunity  
to meet people just like them and  
not be defined by their illnesses.  
While touring the camp, we heard  
stories from some of the volun-  
teers from the previous week on  
how it impacted both them and  
the children.

One of these stories was  
about a boy and his counselor  
swimming in the pool. This boy  
had Cerebral Palsy and could  
not walk but his counselor was  
switching him from his wheel-  
chair so that he could get on his  
back and swim. While doing this,  
the boy told his counselor that his  
feet were touching the bottom and  
he was walking.

The counselor saw this as an  
opportunity and spent hours help-  
ing him walk back and forth the  
little distance from edge to edge.

The counselor and other staff  
members were in tears. That boy  
had never walked before and got  
to experience what it was like



Photos by Alli Schieber

Shown here is the hospital room of the Camp Boggy Creek facility in Orlando, Florida, where kids with serious illnesses can go for camp.

while at camp.

While this is a life-changing  
camp for these children, some  
parents have a hard time sending  
their children.

To make parents feel more  
comfortable, Camp Boggy Creek  
and other Serious Fun camps  
have family weekends to make  
the parents feel more comfort-  
able. Serious Fun camps also  
have nurses and doctors that vol-  
unteer throughout the summer to  
help the kids if needed.

The counselors, however, try  
to keep them out of the hospital  
room as much as possible by be-  
ing responsible for giving them  
their daily medicine.

At the end of family week-  
ends, Camp Boggy Creek has a  
talent show for both the parents  
and children.

This is a fun event they have  
with parents and siblings per-

forming with their children.

We were told a story about a  
dad who performed a song about  
the first doctor's appointment  
where they got the diagnosis. The  
whole room was in tears because  
everyone related to it.

Not only is it good for the  
children, but the families develop  
a support system of people who  
understand what they are going  
through.

We got the opportunity while  
touring to make beds in order to  
help prepare for the next camp.  
Camp Boggy Creek is quite large  
with 232 acres. They have three  
women who do the housekeeping  
and three men who do the land-  
scaping. We were excited to help  
them out and make things easier  
for them.

Anyone interested in joining  
Delta Zeta should contact Schie-  
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## It's a rebuilding year for NW News

By DR. KAYLENE ARMSTRONG  
Adviser

For the 85<sup>th</sup> year, students are once again  
publishing the Northwestern News. Today is  
Issue 1.

This will be a rebuilding year for the news-  
paper, a phenomenon well-known to coach-  
es when most of their core players graduate  
or leave. That happened at the Northwestern  
News this spring. We've begun the fall semes-  
ter with only two carry-overs from last year:  
ad manager Derrick Galindo and circulation  
manager Collin Zink.

All the other faces will be new. We are still  
putting together our team of editors, and next  
week we will introduce you to all of them.  
A few have been through many of the mass  
communications classes and are ready to be-  
come editors. However, some have never even  
written for a newspaper yet are willing to give

it a shot as an editor. I admire that grit and  
willingness to face what can be a daunting  
challenge.

We thank you readers in advance for your  
support as we struggle to get up to speed. Our  
entire major is in a rebuilding cycle right now,  
so we only have a few students writing for us  
this semester. If anyone around campus in any  
other major would like to write, please con-  
tact me ([kdarmstrong@nwsu.edu](mailto:kdarmstrong@nwsu.edu)), and I'll  
get you in touch with the right editor.

If you have story ideas, please pass them  
along as well. Send information to [nwnews@nwsu.edu](mailto:nwnews@nwsu.edu).

I've always thought working for a newspa-  
per was a great job though fewer mass com-  
munication majors want to make that their  
career these days. Still, the newspaper busi-  
ness is not dead, and for one more year the  
Northwestern News will be doing what it can  
to keep the business alive.

We've had terrific support through the  
years from our administration—Dr. Bo Han-

ford exhibited that support with the mes-  
sage he wrote for the front page today.

Advisers at other universities and colleges  
often report fights with administrators who  
want to control what the newspaper prints. We  
are lucky here at Northwestern where a free  
press is valued. The entire mass communica-  
tions program appreciates this support.

Our administrators, faculty and staff have  
usually been great about helping our students  
by agreeing to interviews and providing pho-  
tos or other information for our stories. These  
students are often far from the excellent mass  
communications professionals they will be  
one day, so we appreciate your patience today  
as these students start sharing what for some  
of them will be homework for the entire cam-  
pus to read. That's a little scary to think about,  
so we hope you will all be kind.

And keep reading. Too many students—  
mass comm included—don't read newspapers  
anymore. Remember, we all need to stay in-  
formed, even as students.



# Beginning a new year with activities and Ranger fun



Photo by Logan Mercier

Camp Ranger participants enjoy a rousing game of sand volleyball.



Library Director Shannon Leaper, right, talks to new freshmen about library services during Freshman Orientation held Saturday before school starts.



Students collected leis on the first day of Howdy Week, the annual welcome back to campus event.



Photo by Tara Owen

Above, President Bo Hannaford helps serve food during Camp Ranger, which is held before the semester starts each fall.

Below, Camp Ranger participants pose for a group photo before the Ranger statue.

## Camp Ranger



Photo by Tara Owen

## Freshman Orientation



At left, the NWOSU band performs in Percerfull Fieldhouse as part of Freshman Orientation. Afterward, below, student volunteers lead tours around campus.



Sand volleyball is always a popular event during the Howdy Week activities that kick off the school year.

## Howdy Week



Students, faculty and staff opened Howdy week with meat hot off the grill and all the fixings.

University Relations Photos



# ENTERTAINMENT

## Was Barbie movie worth hype?

By **Alli Schieber**  
Features Editor

The Barbie movie has been blowing up the internet this summer with TikTok trends and brand collaborations.

Barbie was marketed in such a way where no one knew what the movie was about. It got a lot of attention, making people want to go dress up in their pink and watch the movie.

Barbie, however, was not just a movie about dolls, it had a deeper meaning.

One of the reasons that Barbie was worth the hype is the way women are treated in the real world and Kens are treated in Barbieland.

The fact that women are treated differently than men is nothing new but the way Barbie displayed this was in a different and new way.

In Barbieland, the Kens were inferior to the Barbie's. They did not have any jobs and there were several jokes about how Ken's job was just "beach."

This is like how women were often told they belong in the kitchen and not in the workforce.

The second reason Barbie is worth the hype, is the speech America Ferrara, who plays Gloria, gives towards the end.

The speech is empowering to women and motivates the Barbies to take back Barbieland from the Kens.

A lot of women who have seen this movie also have said after watching they broke up with their verbally abusive boyfriends. They heard the speech and realized like the Barbies that they do not like being treated how they were.

Some people think Barbie was not worth the hype though. This is because they did not get the meaning of the movie or did not agree with the message behind it.

Barbie was creative and showed that no one should be treated differently just because of their gender. I personally watched Barbie and would say it is definitely worth the watch.

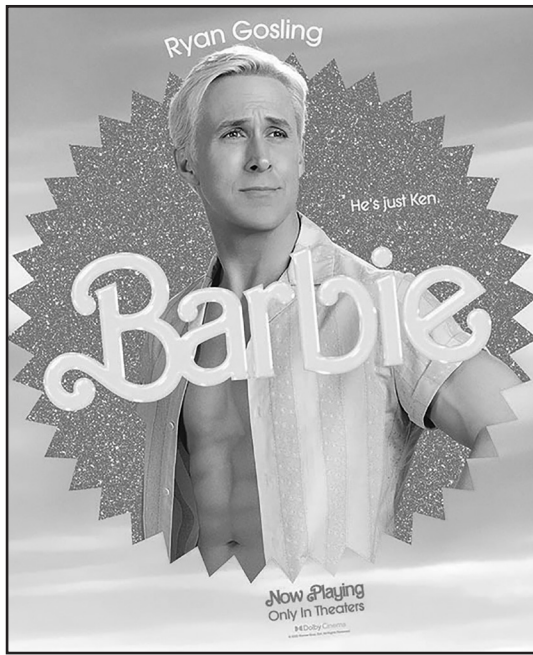


Photo Provided by Warner Bros.



Champagnekitten768910

I am not understanding how there is so much hype over this movie 🙄 I walked out near the end



Pami

The worst movie and 2 hours of time I can't get back!!!!



Jordan Kirby

One of the weakest scripts I can remember



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Spoiler: in the Barbie movie men are not portrayed badly, it's just a role twisting game, where men are just portrayed as women are in the real world. Find it disturbing? THAT'S THE POINT!



brandi

As I prepare to go see the Barbie movie for a second time! It was fantastic.

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Comments from TikTok

## BCM leadership team finds inspiration at Collegiate Week

By **Alli Schieber**  
Features Editor

Aug. 6-10, Baptist Collegiate Ministry members got the opportunity to go to Collegiate Week at Falls Creek.

Falls Creek is regarded as the biggest church camp in the nation and usually caters to high school students. The last week, however, is for college students and focuses on how they can impact their campuses.

"Collegiate week has personally encouraged me to continue to follow my faith and dedicate more time and everything to God in everything that I do," master's student from Mooreland Chris Kaincaid said "He's given me this reassurance and calling to know that I am capable of doing what needs done because God wants me to do it."

The week was encouraging for the BCM leadership team and they are excited for the new school year.

During collegiate week they have breakout sessions with all sorts of people including authors and BCM directors.

One of these breakouts was led by Steve Shadrack. His session was on how to make disciples.

Kaincaid's favorite memory from the week was attending Shadrack's breakout session and visiting with him after. He even received one of Shadrack's books from him so that he can read and learn more.

Kaincaid said that you can look forward to the



Photo provided by BCM

BCM students participate in Collegiate Week.

BCM being more involved on campus this year and more events than they have done in the past.

The BCM has several different events they do including pancake night, which had just taken place Tuesday. Kaincaid said this is his favorite BCM event.

### Top movies this week

1. Blue Beetle
2. Barbie
3. Oppenheimer
4. Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem
5. Strays

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# SPORTS

## Prepare for rebuilt team

By CADE KENNEDY  
Senior Reporter

After a devastating season last year, the Northwestern Rangers are ready to compete on the gridiron.

The Rangers have completely rebuilt the program, as Ronnie Jones has taken over as the head coach for Northwestern. Jones is not the only change on the coaching staff, as nearly every member of last season's 1-10 squad is no longer in Alva.

The coaching staff is not the only place where change has taken place, as multiple players entered the transfer portal during the off-season. The most notable departure is quarterback Tanner Clarkson, who threw for 1,141 yards and 7 touchdowns in six games.

Despite all these changes, the Rangers still have a lot of work to do to climb out of the bottom of the Great American Conference. The Rangers came in last in the GAC preseason coaches poll, while Ouachita Baptist received eight first-place votes to finish at the top.

This is not surprising, as the Rangers still have several problems that have lingered throughout the past few seasons. The main concern is the defense, as Northwestern gave 39 points per game last season. This included five games where the Rangers gave up at least 44 points, including a 62-31 loss in last year's season opener against Southern Arkansas.

The Rangers have shown signs of improvement on the defensive end, as the defensive line has done a better job of disrupting the offense in practices. While one or two more stops may not seem like it could make a major difference, the confidence these plays create can drastically change the mindset of a team. If the defense can continue to play with this mindset, the days of getting torched by multiple offenses could soon be over.

The defense is not the only concern the Rangers had last season, as the offense had several opportunities to stay in games, but could never find rhythm. Some of that problem occurred because of injuries, causing the quarterback position to become a rotation of three different players instead of one starter.

Northwestern has not announced a starting quarterback yet, as several players are competing for the job. Despite the position battle, the offense has still had some highlights during practices, with the passing attack looking stronger than the ground game. The season kicks off on Aug. 31, when the Rangers battle the Boll Weevils of Arkansas-Monticello at Ranger Field at 6 p.m. If Northwestern wins the game, it would be the first home win since November of 2021 when the Rangers defeated Southwestern.

The home schedule contains multiple massive matchups, as the Rangers play Harding in the homecoming game on Oct. 7 at 4 p.m.

# Football ready for season

Aug. 31 - 6 p.m.  
vs Arkansas Monticello

Sep. 9 - 6 p.m.  
@ Ouachita Baptist

Sep. 16 - 6 p.m.  
vs Southern Nazarene University

Sep. 23 - 6 p.m.  
@ Southeastern Oklahoma State University

Sep. 30 - 6 p.m.  
@ Arkansas Tech University

Oct. 7 Homecoming - 4 p.m.  
vs Harding University

Oct. 14 - 2 p.m.  
vs East Central University

Oct. 21 - 7 p.m.  
@ Oklahoma Baptist University

Oct 28 - 2 p.m.  
@ Henderson State University

Nov. 4 - 2 p.m.  
vs Southern Arkansas University

Nov. 11 - 3 p.m.  
vs Southwestern Oklahoma State University



Torrance Stevens (3) runs downfield after catching the ball while Grant Harmon (22) tries to catch him during a scrimmage on Saturday. The Rangers season opener is Thursday against Arkansas Monticello at 6 p.m. Photo by Logan Mercier



Forward Felicia Bueno dribbles the ball Saturday in a 3-2 win over Southwestern College in Kansas. Photo by Logan Mercier

## Soccer begins with 3-2 win; next game set for Saturday

### Season opener

• Aug. 19 Southwestern College (Kan.) Rangers win 3-2

### Next game:

• Aug. 26 / 6 p.m. EXHIBITION  
@ West Texas A&M University

- Aug. 31 / 7 p.m.  
@ Fort Hays University
- Sep. 2 / 7 p.m. @ Newman University
- Sep. 4 / NOON  
vs University of Nebraska at Kearney
- Sep. 10 / 1 p.m.  
@ Northeastern State University
- Sep. 14 / 6 p.m.  
vs New Mexico Highlands University
- Sep. 16 / 1 p.m.  
@ Colorado State University Pueblo
- Sep 20 / 6 p.m.  
vs Southwestern Oklahoma State

- Sep. 23 / 5 p.m.  
@ Southern Nazarene University
- Sep. 27 / 4 p.m.  
@ Ouachita Baptist University
- Sep. 30 / 11 a.m.  
vs Harding University
- Oct. 7 / 11 a.m.  
@ East Central University
- Oct. 11 / 3 p.m.  
@ Southwestern Oklahoma State
- Oct. 14 / 11:00 AM  
vs Oklahoma Baptist University
- Oct .18 / 4:00 PM  
vs Ouachita Baptist University
- Oct. 21 / 11:00 AM  
@ Harding University
- Oct. 25 / 6:00 PM  
vs East Central University
- Nov. 1 / 6:00 PM  
vs Southern Nazarene University
- Nov. 4 / 3:00 PM  
@ Oklahoma Baptist University

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# Volleyball has busy schedule

# Cross country begins season at Aggie Duels

### MSSU INVITE

@ Leggett Platt Athletic Center  
 Sep. 1, 11 a.m. Newman U.  
 Sep. 1, 7 p.m. Missouri Southern  
 Sep. 2, 11 a.m. Cameron U.  
 Sep. 2, 5 p.m. Southwest Baptist

### Gorilla Classic Tournament

@ John Lance Arena  
 Sep. 8, 2 p.m. SW Minnesota St.  
 Sep. 8, 7 p.m. Pittsburg State  
 Sep. 9, 11:30 a.m. Arkansas FS  
 Sep. 9, 4:30 p.m. Drury U.

Sep. 12, 6 p.m.  
 vs Southeastern Oklahoma State

### Missouri S&T

@Gibson Arena  
 Sep. 15, 6 p.m. Missouri S&T  
 Sep. 16, 10 a.m. Upper Iowa U.

Sep. 19, 6 p.m. vs Oklahoma Baptist University

Sep. 21, 6 p.m.  
 @ Southern Nazarene University

Sep. 26, TBA  
 vs Southwestern Oklahoma State

Sep. 28, TBA @ East Central U.

Oct. 3, 6 p.m. vs Cameron U.

Oct. 6, 6 p.m. @ Henderson State

Oct. 7, 4 p.m. @ Ouachita Baptist

Oct 12, 6 p.m.  
 vs Harding University



Photo by Logan Mercier

Mikayla White (3) spikes ball against Friends University on Saturday.

Oct. 13, TBA vs Arkansas Tech U    Nov. 2, 6 p.m. vs East Central U.

Oct. 19, 6 p.m. @ Southern Arkansas University    Nov. 6, 6 p.m. @ Southeastern Oklahoma State

Oct. 20, TBA @ Arkansas Monticello    Nov. 9, 6 p.m. @ Southwestern Oklahoma State

Oct. 26, 6 p.m. @ Oklahoma Baptist University    Follow the volleyball team on RiderRangersRide.com. Home games are played in Perceful Fieldhouse. Students, faculty and staff admitted free.

Oct. 31, 6 p.m. vs Southern Nazarene University

### Aggie Duels

Sep. 8, @ Cameron U.  
 Sep 15, @ Missouri South.

### Muthama-Rogers

Sep .23, @ Bethel College (KS)

### Chile Pepper Festival

Sep. 29, @ U. of Arkansas

### Great Plains Challenge

Oct. 7, @ McPherson College

### Great American Conference

Oct. 21, @ Russellville, Arkansas

### NCAA Central Region Championship

Nov. 4, @ Joplin, Missouri

### NCAA National Championship

Nov. 11,  
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