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Art major back at NWOSU

By Kristen Kirtley
Assistant Editor

Art is a major again at Northwestern.

For the first time in years, visual art is being offered as a major at Northwestern.

"This is definitely an exciting place to be right now," said David Poindexter, Associate Professor of Visual Arts at Northwestern.

Before coming to Northwestern this semester, Poindexter was teaching at a community college in Odessa, Texas. Poindexter mentioned that he has a background in working with new programs or revising existing ones, and that he was looking for a new challenge when the opportunity to come to Northwestern was given to him.

"A big goal of mine for this year is to get the program up and running," Poindexter said. "I look forward to the challenge each time I take something like this on."

Poindexter pointed out that Northwestern already has an established art minor, and that he thinks the major will somewhat sell itself due to other university's in this area not offering an art major.

"If one wants to get their education close to home, we are definitely someone to consider," Poindexter said.

Due to having experience with improving and building programs, Poindexter briefly explained the process.

"There's quite a few factors and there's not necessarily a step one and two, it's more about what we can challenge in what order," Poindexter said. "Other than that, it's basically the hard work of recruiting and making sure we can keep getting students into the program"

Poindexter also mentioned that he wants to involve students in this process and get a feel for what students are looking for in studio art education.

The art major was approved last spring, and there were minors who decided to become majors as soon as it was approved.

Poindexter's particular specialties are photography, digital art, graphic design, and print making. In the past, he worked as



Photo By Jaylee Ross

The new art professor Thomas Cornell teaches NWOSU art students during the figuring drawing class on Monday as part of the new art major.

a studio artist.

"Studio art is any of the mediums that can be used in a fine art way," Poindexter said. "In other words, your making work based on your own ideas and messages that you want the public to view."

After Poindexter's time in the military, he got a degree in Psychology. He said he had been interested in art almost his entire life, and when it was almost time for him to graduate, he decided to pursue his interest.

Poindexter said art clicked for him immediately, and he encourages everyone to try an art class.

"Art can be a very powerful way to communicate in a different way," Poindexter said. "If you have trouble interacting in different ways, art may be the perfect medium for you to interact with the rest of the world."

Thomas Cornell, Assistant Professor of Visual Arts, is a first-year hire at Northwestern. Cornell attended the university

of North Carolina at Charlotte, where he earned his bachelor of science in business administration, as well as his bachelor of fine arts with a concentration in sculpture. He then attended the university of Notre Dame, where he earned his masters terminal degree for sculpture. Like Poindexter, Cornell said that he also took an art class and fell in love with it. "We're both working together to build upon what was laid out before us," Cornell said.

"We have freedom to figure out what will be successful here, which is an exciting and unique opportunity."

Cornell said both him and Poindexter want to grow together, while also making the art program grow.

"What I'm looking for this semester and going forward is the opportunity to figure out what would work best here," Cornell said.

He explained that most of the courses being offered this se-



Photo by Jaylee Ross

David Poindexter, a new professor in the arts department. Instructs art students in class to draw still life.

semester are from previous years, and that he hopes to be able to offer new courses next semester. Cornell explained that many people are scared of art,

but if it's something you love, you can develop those skills.

"Go where your passion is and what you find is rewarding," said Cornell.

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NEWS

Trammell back on campus as psychology professor

By Tara Owen
News Editor

Bailey Trammell is a Northwestern alum. She returned back to Alva to become a new professor in the psychology department.

In 2012 she transferred from The University of Central Oklahoma. Then, graduated from NWOSU in 2015 with a bachelor's in health and sports science and in 2017 with a master's in counseling.

In 2015 Trammell served as a Title 3 academic adviser at NWOSU, then became director of student success in counseling. In 2018 she resigned, as she felt Alva was too small, she said. She then went into private practice as a therapist.

She then got a job at Redlands Community College for three years. When Trammell came back to NWOSU with her little sister for a transfer day. When she drove into Alva she fell back at home and knew she wanted to come back to NWOSU.

Q: Who has been one of your biggest role models?

A: My mom has been one of my biggest role models, she was a single mom for a long amount of time. She and my stepdad then raided me. I have seen my mom overcome adversity. She always assured me that I had all of the opportunities. I am a first-generation college student do she really worked to help me in any way.

Q: What do you like to do in your free time?

A: My significant other and I



Photo Provided

Bailey Trammell and Kyle Lancaster posed at Gunnison, Colorado.

love national parks. We love hiking and being outside. We have motorcycles that we love to take out. I also have a 2-year-old son. We love to take him and do fun things with him. Also, we have three dogs, and we love to be with them.

Q: What is the scariest thing you have ever done?

A: Not being able to swim, we

took a boat out in the middle of the ocean on a vacation. I am horrified of sharks, but I jumped in I overcame it and ended up snorkeling and having a great time.

Q: If you could have a power, what would it be?

A: As a therapist, it would be to read people's minds. Not to be noisy, but to fully understand a person. That is my goal.

New business professor joins faculty

By Tara Owen
News Editor

Dr. Barry Evans is a new professor in the business department at the Alva campus.

After growing up in Oklahoma City, he attended Oklahoma State University and graduated with a bachelor's degree in geology with a minor in business. For 13 years he was an Air Force professional healthcare administrator with assignments in medical logistics and then training and education.

For 11 years he started and ran a free Christian school, along with spending 12 years in higher education in the business department of two schools. Throughout his numerous jobs over the years, he and his wife have always loved small towns, so he could tell NWOSU was a perfect place.

Q: What are your hobbies?

A: I am a woodworker. When I lived in South Texas, I would make different types of furniture out of mesquite trees. During Covid, I made a workshop in the back yard as something to do. I also enjoy doing home renovations. My wife and I also love to travel.

Q: What has been your biggest accomplishment?

A: I would say starting the Calvary Chapel Christian Acade-



Photo Provided

Barry Evans is "punching" a Sasquatch in North Carolina on a trip.

my. It is a free Christian school we started it in 2000, and it is still going strong in 2023. We have graduated a couple hundred students by now.

We taught many different languages. We had Spanish from kindergarten -12th grade. We were able to graduate students who could read and write in Spanish,

with training in other languages.

Q: What are you most excited for this semester?

A: I am excited to be back in the classroom. I am excited that I have many students that are excited and eager to learn. That is what I love most about is teaching students that are excited to learn the subject.

WHAT'S UP?

Aug. 31st - Sep. 6th

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| <p>31st Thursday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wesley House's free meal beginning at 11:30 a.m. to 1p.m. located on 1027 8th Street Chemistry Club Jeopardy Night at 5p.m. in the Science Center in room 214 NWOSU Home Football Game at 6 p.m. at the Ranger Field Bible Chair Round-Up at 7 p.m. at the Bible Chair | <p>1st Friday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chemistry Club Jeopardy Night at 5p.m. in the Science Center, room 214 Graceful Arts First Friday Art Walk at 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the Graceful Arts Center downtown |
| <p>3rd Sunday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sundaes on Sunday at 7 p.m. at the Wesley House. Worship and Ice cream | <p>4th Monday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NWOSU Soccer Game at 12 p.m. at the Ranger Soccer Field SGA Corn hole Tournament at 6 p.m. at the Intramural Field |
| <p>5th Tuesday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bible Chair Free Lunch at 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Bible Chair Wesley House Bible Study at 7 p.m. | <p>6th Wednesday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BCM's noonday beginning at 11:30am Bible Chair Bible Study at 7 p.m. at the Bible Chair First Christian Church serving free food at 5 p.m. at 821 College Street First Baptist Church serving free food at 5 p.m. |

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OPINION

New staff takes over at News

Tara Owen
News Editor

Hello! I am Tara Owen, a junior mass communications major.

Being born and raised in Alva, I have been a Ranger fan for as long as I can remember. My freshman and sophomore years, I was a member of the Ranger Cheer Team. I am also a member of the Northwestern Scholar Ambassadors and a member of the Red and Black Honor Society.

I also had the opportunity to work for the Ranger Agency, which provides real-life experiences working with clients to improve their strategic communication plans.

When I'm not on campus, you can find me working at the Daisy Village on the downtown square.

I am currently the news editor at the Northwestern News. I have previously had the opportunity to both write for the student newspaper and take photos. However, this is my first time to be a staff member. I am excited to be able to report on events not only on campus but also in my hometown.

This year, with the majority of staff being new, we are eager to make some updates to our student newspaper. We appreciate your patience as we gain new knowledge each day. We are working toward getting you a form of campus news. The staff is beyond thankful for the support from students, faculty and staff that we have already received.

Kristen Kirtley
Assistant Editor

Hi, Rangers!

I hope everyone's semester is going well so far. My name is Kristen Kirtley, and I am working as the assistant to the editor for the Northwestern News this year.

I'm a senior and majoring in mass communications with a minor in psychology. I have many interests, but would ultimately like to become a news reporter one day.

I think we have a great team of reporters rounded up, and I can't wait to work with and learn from each of them. My main goal that I'd like to achieve while working for the paper is providing quality information and news for everyone at Northwestern.

As reporters, it is our responsibility to provide factual, accurate information about things going on on campus such as sports, clubs, first-year faculty and staff, activities and so much more. I hope to make a positive impact not only for the Northwestern News, but for Northwestern itself.

Besides mass communications and writing, I also enjoy reading, baking, decorating, traveling and spending time with friends and family. Growing up, I enjoyed making skits and videos with my friends for fun. I also loved competing in FFA speech competitions and always wanted to pursue acting, so being behind a camera has always been something that I enjoy.

Another goal of mine this year is to improve my writing and reporting skills. I am beyond grateful for this opportunity, and can't wait to serve as the assistant to the editor for the Northwestern News this semester.

Jade Campbell
Editorial Editor

My name is Jade Campbell, and I joined the Northwestern News while not being a mass communications major.

Every Thursday of the Fall and Spring semesters last year, some friends and I would grab the paper and read it throughout the day. We would use it for information about events on campus and general discussion topics. I



The fall staff of the Northwestern News: Top row, right to left, Derrick Galindo, advertising manager; Logan Mercier, photo editor; Joshua Christopher, sports editor; Jaylee Ross, photographer; Alli Schieber, features/entertainment editor. Front row: Collin Zink, circulation manager; Jade Campbell, opinion editor; Tara Owen, news editor; Kristen Kirtley, assistant editor; Dr. Kaylene Armstrong, adviser.

loved the newspaper and I decided to join!

This year, I am one of the editors.

My major is actually Instrumental Music Education. I hope to one day become a band director of a great program here in Oklahoma. While this course of action took an obscenely long time to decide, it was an obvious choice. I have loved music for my whole life and becoming a music major to share that love of music seemed like destiny.

At Northwestern Oklahoma State University, I am the saxophone section leader for the Ranger Marching Band. We perform at each home football game and other events around campus. It is a great time and an amazing sense of community that anyone can be a part of.

While the fine arts are my passion, I still love editing and writing for the newspaper. It is a wonderful opportunity and I cannot wait to give my best to readers over the course of this next year!

Joshua Christopher
Sports Editor

My name is Joshua Christopher and I am from Los Angeles, CA.

I am a Mass Communications major and a part of the football team here at Northwestern. From Junior College to University, the journey was not as easy as you may think but definitely worth it. I, being a man of faith, knew I would still be doing what I love but I did not think it would be in Oklahoma.

My experience here so far has been great: meeting new people, earning a starting spot on the team and, most importantly, growing my relationship with God. I am thankful for the opportunity to be the Sports Editor this year and I plan to continue to lead and inspire in all that I do.

A quote that I live by is "It's not about what you want, it's about what are you willing to go through to get what you want" -Inky Johnson.

Alli Schieber
Features/Entertainment Editor

Hello Rangers! My name is Alli Schieber and I am excited to be the Features/Entertainment Editor for the Northwestern News.

I am looking forward to doing some fun

and different things with my page this year. Some of these include highlighting weird holidays that are going on, lots of reviews and maybe some fun recipes.

I am also excited to see more interesting and fun things with the other pages and to hopefully win more awards this year.

We are hoping to have more photos and graphics this year. This will hopefully make more people want to pick up the paper to see their photo in it.

A little more about me is that I am a junior and mass communications major and I am also president of Delta Zeta.

I am from Okeene, and I am happy that I grew up there. I have three sisters and one of them also attend Northwestern Oklahoma State University.

Some things that I like to do other than write is read, watch reality shows and hangout with my family.

My favorite book genres are romance and thriller and my favorite reality shows are Big Brother, American Idol and Bachelor in Paradise. My favorite thing to do with my family is play board games and go camping, though I really only like camping during our family reunion.

I also enjoy watching football and my favorite team is the Kansas City Chiefs.

I am even lucky enough to get to go to the Christmas game with my family this year.

When I graduate in a couple years I am wanting to do social media marketing or event coordinating for sports teams. My dream job would be to work in the NFL or for the Olympics. Though that goal may be a little ambitious, I hope to achieve it one day.

Jaylee Ross
Online Manager/Photographer

My name is Jaylee Ross and I'm a freshman here at Northwestern.

My major is Mass Communications and I'm in theatre. I've lived in Crescent, Oklahoma my entire life where I was active in FC-CLA, softball, cheer, One-Act, and speech. Ever since I was little, I wanted to play softball

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Campus life: Club sponsors kick ball

Cleaning up, fixing up



Photos by Jaylee Ross

Top, maintenance workers clean up the pallets and other debris from moving in a load of paper to the print shop last Friday. The shipment of 400 cases of paper filled half the semi trailer that delivered it.

Bottom, painting continues in Carter Hall that suffered damage from a flooding sink last December.

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at the college level. I spent countless hours at pitching lessons and on the field. That dream came to an end when I got a severe injury that killed my muscle from the shin down. I've had two surgeries to help my walk become normal, but it's still a struggle every day.

After that injury, I was limited on what I could and couldn't do. That's when I got involved in speech. I decided to step out of my comfort zone and try something new. I never thought I would fall in love with it and continue it in college.

I went to speech competitions where I did humorous duets and humorous interpretations. One-Act was a little bit different. We only did dramatic pieces, which is not up my alley, but I managed to get in the top three actors from Crescent at regionals my senior year.

My mom has been the cheer coach since 2003 so I grew up with it and was kind of forced to do it, but I'm so happy I did. Crescent has never won a state title in cheerleading but the class of 2023 made history. I'm a three-time state champion in cheer.

My team and I won back to back in the competitive competition and we won once in the game day competition. We also got academic state champion at both competitions.

Cheer was the highlight of my senior year because we made history and my mom got the gold medals and trophies she deserved.

Derrick Galindo
Advertising Manager

Hello Northwestern News readers, I'm Derrick Galindo, the advertising manager for this college newspaper.

I graduated from Alva High School and I am majoring in mass communications. Some things that I enjoy are video games, cooking and listening to music. If there was one thing I am most known for on this campus, it is my adurance to bike despite the rapidly changing weather conditions. Yes, I was insane enough to bike through that heat wave last week and was still on time for my classes. If I'm not known for that, then I'm probably known for my lacking knowledge of film and television in general. If you do see me walking around campus, break out your Top 10 favorite movies of all time, and I will more than likely disappoint.

Working for the newspaper has been such a joy, especially because I have been keeping in touch with the Alva Community as much as I can. I may not be an Alva native, but the people welcomed me nevertheless. I love stopping by all the businesses downtown and getting the opportunity to chat with them, whether it be advertisement information, current events in Alva or just some good things about their day.

Along with the people of Alva, I also enjoy working with the staff as a whole on Northwestern News. I am one of the two returning staff members from last year. I'm happy to see the new faces working with us now, and I am excited to see new people join our team.

Outside of that, I'm not sure what goal I have for this year. There are plenty of directions I could take and focus on them solely, but I want to keep a focus on all of them.

For the newspaper itself, I hope to see a year of great writing, fun photos and of course, new advertisements! For my future, I want to do something with graphic design and communication. Whether that is large scale marketing or small-town newspapers, I can see myself being happy with either choice.

The Spanish Club dragged out the hoses Monday for a fun evening of water kick ball on the intramural field.

At right, Betzaida Amador "slides" into the wading pool that served as third base.

Below left, players throw the ball back into play.

Below right, Rosa Vargas prepares to take her turn at kicking the ball.

Photos by Alli Schieber



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FEATURE

Learning new things abroad

By **Alli Schieber**
Features Editor

Being away from home is never easy but traveling abroad for 6 months may be worth it.

Senior social work major April Schultz from Alva, Ok got the chance to do just that.

Schultz spent the last 6 months in Wales attending Swansea University. She attended three classes there, two which were philosophy classes, and one was a domestic abuse class.

"It's hard to live in such a small little space for six months and not have a home," Schultz said. "There was a lot of things that were unfamiliar, there was lots of days that I would leave the building and not know what I was doing."

Schultz took public transportation or walked while she was there.

Schultz said for the first month when she got back to Alva she was walking instead of getting her tags and everything updated. Just because she was used to walking in Wales.

So, grocery shopping took her about three hours there.

"I had to take a bus to a bus station, to the grocery store, carry them all back up a hill, it was a whole ordeal," Schultz said.

While in Wales Schultz also had the opportunity to meet people with all sorts of backgrounds. Schultz met people from all over the world.

She met other people from Oklahoma since the Brad Henry scholarship goes to other Oklahoma schools as well, so Schultz met people from Enid.

"I came across a lot of really well traveled people," Schultz said. "It was really interesting because a lot of peoples perspective on America is very different than what America is."

Schultz met a girl who grew up in Colorado until she was five then moved to Hong Kong and then Ireland and ultimately ended up going to college in Wales. Schultz

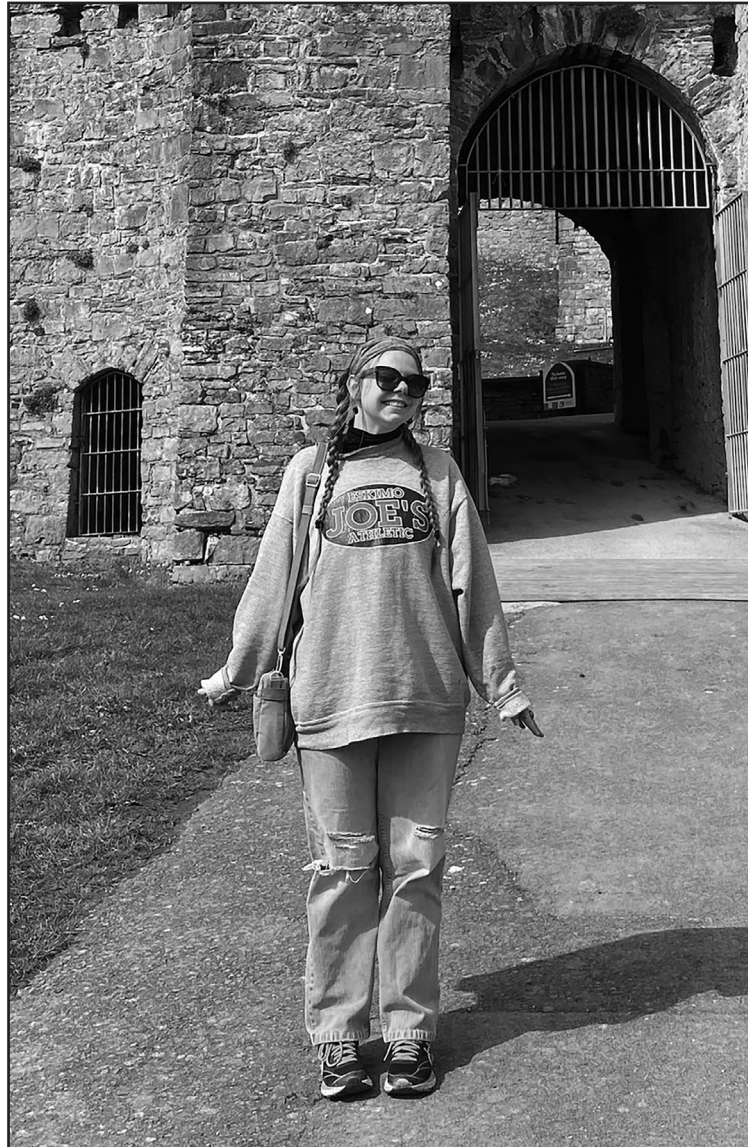


Photo provided by April Schultz

April Schultz enjoying her visit in Wales.

also met a lot of people that were Muslim and enjoyed learning about Ramadan and why they celebrate it.

Schultz also met a friend that was Indian and would cook for her often and make Naan bread right in front of her.

While there Schultz also tried tons of

different food, though she missed American food.

Wales has a sugar tax so soda was more expensive if it wasn't sugar-free.

Schultz got the chance to go to Dublin, Ireland, while there, because it is cheaper to travel once you get over there.

She loved the food there and her favorite was Beef and Guinness Stew.

Schultz also spent a lot of time at the beach since her university was right on the beach.

The night life was also different than in Alva. Schultz said campus was like it's own little city.

The university had bars and pubs on campus since the legal drinking age in Wales is 18.

They also listened to different music than the United States, they listened to more techno and alternative music.

However, most of the bars played older songs from 2016 such as Cherleader by Omi and popular Jason Derulo songs.

Schultz's advice for people that want to do something like this would be to save up money for it.

When she first got there, it was cold but by the last month it was warmer, and she did not have the clothes for it.

So she would also advise people to keep in mind how long six months really is.

Schultz encourages others that want to study abroad to do so.

Though not anytime soon Schultz said she can see her self traveling abroad more in the future.

The Brad Henry International Scholarship is a \$12,000 scholarship that pays for one students tuition and room at the University of Swansea for the spring semester. Additionally it pays for a round trip ticket to Wales.

The application to apply will be released later this semester.

For more information go to <https://www.nwsu.edu/study-abroad/brad-henry-scholarship-program>

Oklahoma native releases new album

By **Alli Schieber**
Features Editor



Friday, August 25th Oklahoman Zach Bryan released his fifth album.

It is a self-titled album and has a few features on it. These features include The War and Treaty, Sierra Ferrell, Kacey Musgraves and The Lumineers.

This album has 16 songs. I like that the first song on the album is a poem titled "Fears and Fridays."

It is one of my favorites on the album both the poem and song of the same of the same title.

I also enjoyed the song "Overtime" on the album.

This song tells a story of wanting to make a name for yourself despite your family struggles and also wanting to find the person who you want to go on that journey with.

It is not just another country song.

Most of the songs on the albums are slower, which I usually am not a big fan of slower songs, but I quite enjoyed it.

My favorite song on the album is "Hey Driver" featuring The War and Treaty. This song is emotional, and I like how the first verse it's just their voices no music.

The songs are also not like typical country songs about trucks, girls, being in love or heart broken. Most of the songs on the album have deeper meanings and don't mention any of these things.

Another song with deeper meaning is "Tourniquet." This song talks about taking care of loved ones and uses the metaphor tourniquet.

The last song on his album is called Oklahoman Son and talks about going back to Oklahoma and talks about his anticipation to go back in the first line, "When I get back to Oklahoma, I'll be a little better off than I am right now."

Ultimately though the song talks about regrets and how you can never change your roots.

The lyrics say, "You can't hide where you're from." and "You'll always be Oklahoman son."

This is not the first time Bryan has mentioned Oklahoma in his songs. He has one popular song named Oklahome Smokeshow.

That song is not as deep as this one is. He also mentions Oklahoma in Summertime's close which is also a song on his new album.

Top albums this week

1. Utopia-Travis Scott
2. One Thing at a Time-Morgan Wallen
3. Unreal Unearth-Hozier
4. Barbie: The Album-Soundtrack
5. Midnights-Taylor Swift

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SPORTS

Doing my 'one' this year

When I was 9 years old, my aunt and uncle, who were influential in keeping me interested in football, gave me the nickname Turbo.

THE TURBO RANGER



JOSHUA CHRISTOPHER

The name stuck for many years. Now, though few call me that anymore, I hope it will describe my time this season on the Ranger defense

As a transfer student athlete, I am looking forward to this season with my new football team and coaching staff.

From Los Angeles to Oklahoma, I have seen effective changes in my life, and adapting to my new environment has been a joy for me along with getting acclimated with my teammates.

Throughout our time spent on and off the field, the team's connection has been growing since day one. Our coaches have had a positive impact on us, which makes it a fun and comfortable environment to learn and gain knowledge about the game.

I am fortunate enough to be able to get coached by not only a college football hall of famer but also a former NFL coach — Ronnie Jones, who has an amazing football IQ.

The majority of my teammates and I have an ultimate goal of playing in the NFL. What better way to acquire the information and skills we will need to make it than from someone who has been there already.

Expectations are high this year. Last year was a dismal 1-10 record that the team is confident will not be repeated.

I hear a lot of opinions and questions when it comes to the season ahead. Personally, I block those out because from the outside looking in, people will not understand what it takes to turn around a program.

How we train, prepare and execute throughout the week is a testament to what our fans will see on game day. We take pride in seeking out the details and holding each other accountable.

Coach Jones and his staff remind us daily: "Do your one — eleven," which means each one of the 11 players on the field must do his job in order to contribute toward a winning outcome.

Tonight all our fans will be able to judge for themselves if the training has paid off. If it does, the Rangers will see their first home game win since 2021.

Football opens season tonight

NWOSU hosts University of Arkansas-Monticello, ranked eighth in the preseason polls, at 6 p.m. Thursday at Ranger Stadium.

The Rangers, who had a 1-10 season last year, come into the game ranked dead last at 12th in the Great American Conference.

On Wednesday night, fans got the chance to meet the team that boasts an all-new coaching staff and many transfer or freshmen students.

Key players to watch on the offense



Caleb Deal #12

- **Quarterback**
- Freshman, business administration
- Frisco, Texas
- **Favorite quote:** "Football is like life. It requires perseverance, self-denial, hard work, sacrifice, dedication and respect for authority." - Vince Lombardi



Josh Baker #74

- **Offensive Line**
- Graduate student, health and sports science
- Krum, Texas
- **Favorite quote:** "Everyday is a opportunity disguised as a challenge." - Tiki Barber



Travis Romar #18

- **Wide Receiver**
- Senior, business administration
- Denton, Texas
- **Favorite quote:** "But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary." Isaiah 40:31

By the #s

110

NWOSU student athletes on the All-Academic list.

12th

NWOSU ranking in football

11

Regular games this football season

138

Players on the Ranger football team

14

Coaches for the football team

Keep an eye out for the defensive players



Dawson Marchant #21

- **Defensive Back**
- Senior, health and sports science education
- Surrey, British Columbia
- **Favorite Quote:** "Build something that is priceless. Never think small, think huge. Any short term need is just steps to accomplish the main goal. You can only reach that if you don't think for now; you think about changing your life and your family's lives. To God be the Glory." - Dawson Marchant



Antoine Martin #4

- **Linebacker**
- Sophomore, business
- Arlington, Texas
- **Favorite Quote:** "Man is only as good as his thoughts." - Antoine Martin



Drake Fain #44

- **Linebacker**
- Freshman, business administration
- Sand Springs, Oklahoma
- **Favorite Quote:** "One man's trash is another man's treasure." - Yotam Ottolenghi

"Success isn't owned; it's leased. And rent is due every day." - J.J. Watt

"When you lose, talk little. When you win, talk less." - Tom Brady

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Volleyball traveling for season opener

By COLLIN ZINK
Circulation Manager

The Great American Conference runner-ups Lady Rangers volleyball team is looking to have another successful season after being the first seven-seed team in the GAC to upset the No. 2 seed in the conference tournament this past season.

Last season, the Rangers went 8-10 in conference play and an overall record of 18-15 with a loss to Harding in the conference championship 3-1.

"We had a great finish last season," Head Coach John Bingesser said, "but I think we have goals of our own this season. The newcomers are coming in with high expectations and our returners share the same motivations. Ultimately, we want to reach our maximum potential as a team."

Ranger Nation can expect great things from the volleyball team this upcoming season.

"This is a team that has been very fun to watch," Bingesser said. "I think our fans are really going to enjoy our play style and have a lot of fun watching us play."

With three seniors graduating this past season (Courtney Russell, Ravyn Burns, and Tarra Parks), Bingesser is excited about who is going to fill their shoes.

"We are about 3-4 deep in every position this season, so there will be some competition for court time. With that competitiveness, I'm excited to see who ends up taking those spots."

Bingesser is not worried about making it to the GAC Championship game. Instead, he is focused on bringing out the best in his players.

"Our ultimate goal is to reach our fullest potential as a team, and if that potential takes to another GAC Championship match, then we will take on that challenge when it arrives," he said.

The Lady Rangers will not use a set strategy at this time. The team is focused more on building themselves up right now than worrying about strategy.

"Right now we are focused on what we need to do as a unit," Bingesser said. "We will adjust and make changes accordingly to whoever is across the net from us at this time."

Bingesser said the team is thankful to represent the university.

"We want nothing more than to make Ranger Nation proud by bringing home a championship," he said.

The Lady Rangers will start the 2023 season playing against Newman University at 11 a.m. Friday in the Missouri Southern Invite in Joplin, Missouri.

Updating the NWOSU Mall



Photo by Jaylee Ross

Work continues in the mall area, which is surrounded by four campus buildings: the library seen here to the south, Ryerson to the north, the education center to the west and the student center to the east. Some red and black concrete work was completed this summer.