

RANGER ROYALTY

Check out the candidates for Freshman Queen, Ranger Queen and Ranger King. PAGE 6



WEEKEND IN ALVA

Family day, football and car show! Check out photos from the weekend in Alva. PAGES 4 & 5



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Creating history at NWOSU

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Assistant Editor

Men's track is making history at Northwestern.

For the first time in 27 years, men's track now has a team again. 1996 was the last time the men had a track team, and they were back to back OIC champions.

"I'm really excited for the entire team to have the opportunity to compete and create history," said Derrick Young, the head men's track and field coach.

This is Coach Young's first year as a head coach at Northwestern. Before this, he was the assistant coach for the women's track team for two seasons. Young said that some of his goals as a coach are to lay the foundation of the team properly and to win a conference championship.

"It's humbling," Young said. "It's a blessing to be able to start from scratch, have the opportunity to make an impact and to be able to compete for a conference



Photo By: Austin Judkins

Members of the NWOSU mens track team practicing for upcoming meets.

championship in the first season back."

Young gave a shout out to President Hannaford, athletic director Brad Franz, university

administration, faculty, staff and the community of Alva for their support.

"This is bigger than us," Young said. "This is about the town and the entire university."

The men's cross country team's pre-season ranking is 6/8; the women's ranking is 10/12.

"The goal for both the men and women teams is to do better than predicted as far as pre-season rankings," said Sterlin Broomfield, head men's and women's cross country coach. "I think that both teams have the talent to perform better than what they predicted us to finish in the conference."

Broomfield is from Wichita, Kansas, and this is his first year as head coach. Before this, he was assistant coach for two years, a volunteer assistant for one year and a grad assistant for two years. He also ran at Northwestern for two years.

Broomfield said that the men's team is shooting for top 3-4 and the women's team is shooting for top 7. He mentioned that his other goals are for both teams to be better than they were last year and for both of them to win a few meets.

Broomfield explained that the



Photo By: Austin Judkins

Track members warming up at practice on Tuesday evening.

women's team has 18 members and six of them are returners. The men's team has 10 returners and 20 new team members, giving them a total of 30 members.

The women's track team is in pre-season right now.

"We're taking this time to re-address technique and good posture," said Jill Lancaster, head women's track and field coach. "Everybody's training hard, but our goal is to train smarter."

Lancaster explained that although the team was forced to regroup after Covid-19, the team performed well and competed with some of the top teams in the

conference last season.

"It's a good motivation that we did as well as we did, but we know we left some points on the table and we're ready to go get them," Lancaster said.

Lancaster gave a shout out to members of the team that weathered Covid-19 and continued competing. She said they are great leaders for the younger members of the team.

Another goal she mentioned was achieving the Academic All-American again this year.

"We hold our academics to a high standard," Lancaster said. "We're going to go after it again."

TRACK & FIELD

Track team takes OIC title again

The Ranger track team triumphed for the second consecutive year at the Oklahoma Intercollegiate Conference meet in Edmond.

Despite the loss of Casey Cowan, the 1995 meet's premiere performer, to injury, Northwestern tallied 1111 points, 18.5 points more than second place Southeastern.

Gold medals were won by Tucker Hodgson in the discus, Jay Wilkinson in pole vault, Andy Orrell in the shot put, Emmett Blythe in the javelin and Mark Welsh in the 400-meter intermediate hurdles.

On the women's side, Ranger Nikki Louthan was named the meet's most outstanding performer. She won the long jump, triple jump, 100-meter sprint and 200-meter sprint. She also was a member of the third place 400-meter relay team.

Welsh and Louthan were repeat gold medal winners from last year in the 400-meter intermediate hurdles and 100-meter sprint, respectively.

Northwestern tuned up for the OIC meet by participating in invitational events at Oklahoma Baptist, Oklahoma Christian and McPherson (KS) College.

The team is coached by Tim Albin assisted by Fred Slaughter.




(Above) Nathan Sager of Balke sprints toward the finish line. (Top right) Jay Wilkinson soars over the pole vault bar.

Members of the 1996 Ranger track team include (front row, from left) Tucker Hodgson, Alden Alley, Jason Mendenhall, Nathan Sager, Shadon Lavery, Kelly Parker, Mark Welsh, Dana Hopkins and Jay Wilkinson. (back row) head coach Tim Albin, Emmett Blythe, Travis Fox, David Grant, Coby Scoville, Barry Collins, Joe Garber, Jay Darst, Wes Miller, Andy Orrell and assistant Fred Slaughter.

1996 NWOSU track team won at the Oklahoma Intercollegiate Conference.

NEWS

Sept. 21st - Sept. 27th

WHAT'S UP?

21st Thursday

- Wesley House's free meal beginning at 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Pickleball for paws benefit tournament at 6 p.m.
- Cornhole tournament at 6 p.m. at the intramural field
- Bingo Night at 6:30 p.m. at the Cherokee Strip Museum Annex
- Dr. Eduardo Moreira Piano Recital at 7 p.m. in Herod Hall
- Bible Chair Round-Up at 7 p.m. at the Bible Chair
- BCM Men's Bible Study in Coronado Hall on the 4th floor at 10 p.m.

22nd Friday

- Ranger Eras Event at 7 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom
- Make and Take at the Graceful Arts Center at 3:30 p.m.

23rd Saturday

- Fall- I- Days craft and vendor show at the Woods County fairgrounds in the Merchant's building from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

24th Sunday

- Sundaes on Sunday at 7 p.m. at the Wesley House. Worship and Ice cream

25th Monday

- BCM Fresh Monday at 8 p.m.
- Woman at the Wesley Bible study at 8 p.m.

26th Tuesday

- Writers Round Table at 5 p.m.
- Pack the Pit- Ranger Volleyball game at 7 p.m.
- 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.

27th Wednesday

- 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.

Constitution Day



Photo By: Alli Schieber

Dr. Aaron Mason (Left) and guest speaker Dr. Nathan Coleman (Right). NWOSU celebrated Constitution Day on Tuesday in the Student Center Ballroom. This event was hosted by the social sciences department and the Northwest Institute for Citizenship.

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Northwestern homecoming buttons are \$10. The button will provide entrance for Miss. Cinderella and the NWOSU football game.

The button will also provide many discounts at local stores and the local restaurants. The discounts will begin Oct. 2-7. There will also be a drawing held for those who purchase a button. \$500 in Alva Chamber bucks will be given away at the game.

Homecoming buttons can now be purchased at the following locations: Alva Chamber of Commerce, Alva Vision Clinic, Bate's Bows Co. & More, Holder Drug, La Dee Da's, NWOSU Campus,



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OPINION

Family Day a success at NWOSU

By **SAGELYN BUDY**
Student Reporter

Family Day is an annual event Northwestern has that allows students to bring their families to campus and enjoy a day hanging out and watching the Northwestern football team play.

This year, the Bouse Family attended the event with their two daughters, Jillian Bouse and Ella Bouse, currently working toward an education degree from Northwestern.

Bart and Angie Bouse reside in Woodward, where their two children graduated from high school. Bart Bouse is a 1990 graduate from Northwestern Oklahoma State University with a bachelor's degree in science and accounting.

Bouse said he has many fond memories of Northwestern. He was able to meet a lot of friends while attending college in Alva, and he still keeps in contact with them today.

Bouse said Northwestern sits in a small town that has a wonderful community; Northwestern offers the same opportunities education-wise as any other school, but here you get the family feel with your education.

When asked about what she was looking forward to on Family Day, Angie Bouse said that she was looking forward to seeing her two daughters in Alva and being able to spend time with them as a family.

She said that both of her daughters are happy at Northwestern and that they feel like they fit in. She also says that everyone around the



Photo by Sagelyn Budy

Bart Bouse, Ella Bouse, Jillian Bouse and Angie Bouse came for the Family Day game.

area is friendly and accepting, which makes it a good environment to go to school. She also mentioned that the price of the university is affordable.

The Walker Family from Enid joined their daughter, Zoe Walker, to celebrate the annual Family Day event at Northwestern.

Zoe Walker is a freshman on campus majoring in elementary education. Her dad, Christopher Walker, and her mom, Jessica Walker, were able to come to Alva to enjoy a day of

hanging out and watching the Northwestern football team play.

Zoe Walker said Northwestern is providing her an opportunity to receive an education that is financially reasonable. She says that it is wonderful to be able to go to school without the stress of wondering if she is going to be able to afford the classes or not. She added that she loves that Alva is not far from her family, so she has the option to go home on the weekends and not spend a lot of money on gas.

Christopher Walker said he looked forward to spending Family Day with his daughter and to see what her daily routine looked like in college.

He said he has a better understanding of the day in the life of a Northwestern student. He got to see where she studies and who she studies with.

He said he has always known about Northwestern, but now that he has a daughter attending the university, he has come to like it more and more. He said the way the city supports the college is like nowhere else. After visiting the campus all day and visiting with some professors, he knows why Northwestern has a high success rate.

Scholarship winners included Jaden Bloyd, Alva senior majoring in business administration/marketing, Morgan Durbin, Medicine Lodge, Kansas freshman majoring in biology and Andrew Gribble, Woodward freshman majoring in math.



Photo by Sagelyn Budy

Jessica Walker, Zoe Walker and Christopher Walker enjoy Family Day at the football game.

Should the search for alien life be stopped?

By **JADE CAMPBELL**
Editorial Editor

UFO's have been discussed more and more in recent news.

Back in late July, at a congressional hearing, an Airforce Veteran claimed that the United States government had vehicles from non-human origins with dead pilots.

This went viral on social media and spread the idea that the government confirmed the existence of extraterrestrials.

Last week, Mexico hosted a congressional hearing on UFO's

where a journalist claimed that they had evidence of non-human life; this also went viral.

Various social media platforms were spreading the idea that extraterrestrial aliens were confirmed real by actual government agencies.

Each of these incidents were not actually confirmed by the governments that various social media posts claim that they were.

If they were not valid claims, why are people spreading them around and why are people so excited over them?

The search for other life may be widespread, even being fea-

tured in many of today's tv shows, movies and video games, but this does not mean that it should go on.

While a fun idea, I cannot believe a meeting between two planetary cultures, such as the human race on Earth and a different extraterrestrial race on a completely different planet, could go well.

We have lots of problems on our own planet to figure out and solve and adding an issue of navigating this phenomenon is not necessary.

I am also a nonbeliever in the idea that there is intelligent life in a distance that we could reach

from Earth. If there were real aliens like the ones featured in our media, I think we would have found them already.

Does this mean that people should stop looking?

While the search for aliens seems like it is going nowhere, it has lead to passion for exploration and discovery. Its a fun idea to think that there are others out there and it encourages people to learn more about the universe.

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Photo by Austin Judkins

Offensive lineman Josh Baker (74) and wide receiver Torrence Stevens (3) run out of the tunnel before Northwestern's game against Southern Nazarene Saturday night at Ranger Field.



Photo by Austin Judkins

A black and silver car sits parked by the Rialto Theatre Friday during the annual Big Cruise and Car show in downtown Alva. Friday was the first day of the three-day event and featured a cookout as well as the cruise itself.



Photo by Austin Judkins

Wide receiver Chase Davidson runs with the ball during Northwestern's game against Southern Nazarene Saturday night at Ranger Field. The Rangers lost to the Crimson Storm, 42-29.



Photo by Alli Schieber

An orange and white Dodge truck sits parked in the middle of Flynn Street during the annual Big Cruise and Car Show in downtown Alva on Saturday. This year marked the 22nd edition of the car show.



Photo by Austin Judkins



Photo by Austin Judkins

A lime green car drives across Flynn Street in downtown Alva on Friday night during the annual Big Cruise and Car Show. While the cruise was the main event on Friday, other activities such as axe throwing occurred as well.



Photo by Alli Schieber

A group of people participate in a square dance during the annual Big Cruise and Car Show in downtown Alva on Saturday. Square dancing was one of several events taking place during the car show.



Photo by Austin Judkins

A blue Chevy sits parked along Flynn Street in downtown Alva on Friday evening during the annual Big Cruise and Car Show. Friday was the first day of the three-day event and featured a cookout as well as the cruise itself.



Photo by Austin Judkins

Fun, family and football

For one weekend, the small town of Alva had big plans.

For the 22nd year, the Big Cruise and Car Show turned downtown Alva into a speedway, as cars raced, cruised and even performed burnouts.

The cruise was not the only show in town, as others traveled to Alva for a different reason, to spend time with family.

On Saturday, Alva had two

different sides. On campus, students spent time with family as they attended the family day luncheon. While the other side of town did not listen to conversation, but the revving of engines and the screeching of tires.

As the sun set in the Oklahoma sky, the entire town remained lit, as cars cruised up and down Oklahoma Boulevard. The scoreboard at Ranger

Field was lit up as well, with Northwestern and Southern Nazarene battling in a shootout that eventually ended with the Crimson Storm defeating the Rangers, 42-29.

By Sunday afternoon, the cars had left and several families parted ways.

After a weekend of fun, Alva became a small town once again.

ABOVE: Running back Blake Jones runs with the ball during Northwestern's game against Southern Nazarene Saturday night at Ranger Field.

RIGHT: Two cars prepare to race against each other Saturday during the annual Big Cruise and Car Show in downtown Alva.

LEFT: Running back Darien Gill carries the ball during Northwestern's game against Southern Nazarene Saturday night at Ranger Field.



Photo by Alli Schieber

FEATURE

Students compete for Ranger royalty

These 25 candidates need your vote for freshman queen, Ranger king and Ranger queen. Voting will open Monday and remain open until Tuesday for preliminary rounds. Voting will take place via your student email.

Ranger Queen



Mia Jones sponsored by women's basketball



Ally Meek sponsored by Bible Chair



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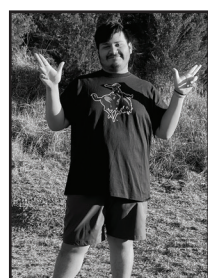


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Melanie Calloway sponsored by Woodward Leadership Council

Ranger King



Gilberto Ramos sponsored by Med Science Club



Draven Hildago sponsored by NSA



Brayden Stoner sponsored by SGA

Freshman Queen



Riley Hensley sponsored by LAS-SO



Norah Scarbrough sponsored by Chem Club



Kyanee Rudolph sponsored by Academic Success Center



Olivia Pride sponsored by women's track and field



Piper Gallagher sponsored by women's cross country



Rylee Ott sponsored by Phi Delta Music Society



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Samantha Grimes sponsored by Ranger Band



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SPORTS

Rangers' winning edge

3rd quarter rally can't save Rangers

In any sports season, a certain level of work, discipline and a relentless mindset is required to achieve the goals that lie ahead.

THE TURBO RANGER



JOSHUA CHRISTOPHER

All that can be seen in the cross-country men and women teams, who kicked off their season at Cameron University recently.

They certainly handled business at their first meet, with the women ranked fourth and the men's team taking first place. At the second meet last weekend, the men were first again and the women fifth.

One name people should start getting familiar with is Christian Franklin. A sophomore from Las Vegas, Nevada, Franklin approached this season with the right attitude. He clinched first place at the Aggie Duels meet with a time of 25:17, breaking the school record in the 8k race and earning him the title of GAC Runner of the Week.

Franklin shared: "I hold myself accountable to high expectations, breaking the school record is one of the many things I want to accomplish, and taking over the record, I felt that I'm moving forward in the right direction."

With momentum from last week, Franklin and his team managed to secure another win in Joplin, Missouri on Sept. 15. Franklin finished the race with a top-five placement, coming in fifth with a time of 27:46.44.

Franklin finds enjoyment in running and embraces the work that comes with it.

"What made me get into cross-country is the workload," he said. "Being able to gradually get faster and run longer is something that motivates me to keep going even when I don't see an end. It makes me want to always keep pushing in all aspects."

Based on the last two weeks, the bar is consistently being raised, not only for him but also for his team.

"My mindset going into this season is to build something from nothing and gather the right pieces to bring back a title," he said.

His biggest motivation? "My friend, Frank," he said. "He's someone I've always admired, and watching him grow over the years makes me so proud, and it encourage me to always do my best."

Looking ahead, Franklin and his team are heading to Newton, Kansas, this Saturday for the Muthama-Rogers meet.



Quarterback Ethan Everson (2) prepares to fire a pass Saturday. He amassed 331 passing yards.

Photo by Austin Judkins

SNU 42, NWOSU 29 in week 3 football

Game Playmaker: Ethan Everson #2

- Quarterback
- Junior, health and sports science major from Gunter, Texas.

Game 3 Stats vs SNU

- 21 completions
- 331 passing yards
- 2 passing TDs
- 1 rushing TD
- 36 yds rushing

Game Recap

"Saturday's game was a heart break because we worked really hard and it wasn't the result we wanted. Personally, I need to correct my mistakes and learn what I can do better for the future of this team. Going into this week, we need to start fast as a team, make sure every one does their job, and we'll walk away with a win in Durant." — Ethan Everson.

The Rangers play the Southeastern Oklahoma State University Savage Storm in Durant on Saturday. Kick off is 6 p.m.

Game 3 Impact Players

Team Stats

First Downs

18

Rushing Total

146

Offensive yds

total

477

Field Goals

1/2



Darien Gill #24

- Running back
- Junior, business administration major from San Antonio, Texas.
- 102 rushing yards
- 19 carries



Travis Romar #7

- Wide receiver
- Senior, business administration entrepreneurship major from Denton, Texas.
- 8 receptions
- 130 yards
- 1 touchdown



Isaiah Kellum #3

- Defensive back
- Senior, business major from Lansing, Michigan
- 5 solo tackles
- 2 asst. tackles
- 2 pass breakups
- 1 forced fumble

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Rangers topple Bison 3-1 on Tuesday

By **TEDDIE HOOKER**
Student Reporter

The Rangers improved their record to 5-7 on Tuesday night at the Percefull Fieldhouse versus Oklahoma Baptist University (3-1).

Before defeating the Bison, the Lady Rangers last weekend also defeated Upper Iowa University in Rolla, Missouri (3-1). This match was after a loss to Missouri S&T (3-1). The Rangers will travel to Southern Nazarene University on Thursday for the third conference game.

Oklahoma Baptist kicked off the first set hot with a 3-0 lead over the Rangers. Then freshman Ivanny Blackwood sent a massive kill over the net (5-7). Cameron Lobb and Erika Acencio Soriano made back-to-back plays.

Lobb put the Rangers in its first lead of the by placing the ball in the Bison's gap and made the scoreboard 11-10. Lobb and Soriano again made back-to-back plays. The set ended with a block by Carmae Jones and Blackwood (25-19).

The second set started with a Ranger score from a block. The Bison scored and Blackwood put two more points on the board with kills (4-1). The Lady Bison took the team's first timeout of the set after the Rangers advance the score 10-4.

Assisted by Brianda Diaz, Ece Ozdemir scored again for the Rangers and pushed the Bison into their last timeout of the set (18-12). Blackwood had a massive kill that put everyone in the stands on their feet. Mariela Jimenez ended the second game by blocking for the Rangers (25-22).

The Lady Bison were the first on the scoreboard for set three. Scores by Jiminez and Soriano made this set close. After many point-to-point combats and rallies, the Bison and Rangers found themselves in a close set.



Photo by J.D. Eddy

Cameron Lobb (8) sets the ball for Mariela Jimenez (22) during the 3-2 win over the Bison.

Three consecutive Bison points forced the Lady Ranger into a late-set timeout. A Bison kill finalized the score 23-25.

The final set was the quickest of the four.

Every Bison point was met by a kill. The match was finalized when the Lady Bison served into the net. Leaving this set 25-15 and the match 3-1 for another Ranger win.

By the #s

Soccer ties, loses

Sept. 14

NWOSU vs
N.M. Highlands

2-2

NWOSU goals:

- Isabella Mcmillan with assist from Lily Anderson @ 21:58.
- Katy Jo Werner @ 66:43

NWOSU NMH

Goals	2	2
Shots	21	10
SOG	14	6
Saves	4	12
Corners	5	0
Offsides	0	0
Fouls	7	2

Sept. 16

NWOSU vs
CSU Pueblo

0-1

Only score occurred in final 40 seconds.

NWOSU CSU

Goals	0	1
Shots	2	15
SOG	2	8
Saves	7	2
Corners	2	4
Offsides	5	1
Fouls	5	6