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## NWOSU play recreates panic

By **KRISTEN KIRTLEY**  
*Assistant Editor*

The NWOSU Reichenberger Department of Fine Arts will host the production of, "War of the Worlds: The Panic Broadcast" beginning Oct. 26 at 7 p.m.

The production will occur in the Herod Hall Auditorium, and will be shown two times after opening night. The second showing is on Oct. 27 at 7 p.m., with the final showing on Oct. 28 at 2 p.m.

The cost for general admission will be \$10, the cost for NWOSU employees will be \$5 and the cost for students will be \$3.

Kimberly Weast, a professor of Theatre Arts at NWOSU, explained that the play is an adaptation of the original radio play from October of 1938 and the history that occurred during that period.

Herbert George Wells, also known as H.G. Wells, wrote the book "War of the Worlds" in 1937. On Oct. 30, 1938, a radio adaptation of the book aired on the CBS radio station on a series called Mercury Theatre.

Weast pointed out that television did not exist during that time period, so listening to radio productions was the main form of

entertainment for the public.

"World of the Wars turned the world upside down," Weast said.

Weast also mentioned that War of the Worlds is the reason there are certain rules still followed today that pertain to what can be done on live television and radio, because of the chaos that the production created.

Orson Welles, the star of the production, was an actor and director with no relation to Wells.

What Welles wrote was only a radio show, but the production by NWOSU Theatre is about the show and the history around it.

"We are presenting the original production of War of the Worlds within this play," Weast said. "It is basically a play within a play."

Weast also mentioned that a live orchestra performed the sound effects in the original production. She explained that a live orchestra is not financially realistic, so only a small amount of the music will play over the speakers, and the actors will do the rest of the sound effects live.

The actors will also be acting with scripts in order to mimic the original production.

Weast said NWOSU theatre's goal is to strive for a sense of reality, also known as verisimilitude, for the period they are attempting to portray.

**WAR OF THE WORLDS  
THE PANIC BROADCAST**  
ADAPTED BY JOE LANDRY  
HEROD HALL AUDITORIUM  
OCTOBER 26, 27, 28 2023

**INSPIRED BY AND COMMEMORATING THE 85TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MERCURY THEATRE ON THE AIR'S INFAMOUS 1938 RADIO PLAY**

*Photo provided by NWOSU Theatre*

An advertisement for the upcoming production of "War of the Worlds: The Panic Broadcast." This ad is a recreation of a 1930s yearbook with the theme of radio.

## Imitating original broadcast challenging

By **SAGELYN BUDY**  
*Student Reporter*



*Photo by Austin Judkins*

Mickey Jordan adjusts his 1937 Philco Model 37-62 AM radio.

Northwestern theatre has gone back to 1938 to a time when radio was the center of entertainment.

"War of the Worlds: The Panic Broadcast" is commemorating the 85th anniversary of the "Mercury Theater of the Air's" famous 1938 radio play. Northwestern theater's cast of 22 will be presenting the play within the play in Herod Hall Auditorium on Oct. 26-28.

Mickey Jordan, instructor of technical theater and Herod Hall facilities manager, explained that in 1938, a man named Orson Welles was a part of a weekly radio theater show that people could tune into.

The last broadcast of the season on the radio show was called, "War of the Worlds" which involved aliens invading the earth.

People that tuned into the radio station began to mistake the episode for real news because of the way the radio show presented it. People were in a mass panic before the broadcast was even over, Jordan said.

The historical play is a different challenge for the student actors because everything such as clothing, props, accents and actions have to reflect 1938 and the real people of that time, he said.

Jordan explained that the most difficult part of getting ready to produce the play is time.

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# NEWS

Oct. 19th-  
Oct. 25th

## WHAT'S UP?

**19th Thursday**

- Wesley House's meal beginning at 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Fall Fling at the downtown square from 5 p.m.
- NWOSU Forge at 6 p.m. at 324 College Ave.
- Bingo Night at the Cherokee Strip Annex at 6:30 p.m.
- Bible Chair Round-Up at 7 p.m. at the Bible Chair
- BCM Men's Bible Study located at Coronado Hall on the 4th floor at 10 p.m.

**20th Friday**

- First Gen. Meeting at the Ranger Perk at 3 p.m.
- Graceful Arts Center Make-N-Take event at 3:30 p.m.

**21st Saturday**

- Hoops for hearing 3v3 basketball tournament with Delta Zeta at 10 am. in the small gym

**22nd Sunday**

- Capron Fire Department pulled pork lunch at the Woods County Fairgrounds at 11 a.m. until 1 p.m.
- Miss NWOSU and the Outstanding teen pageant at 4 p.m. in Herod Hall

**23rd Monday**

- Career and Internship Fair at 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. in the Student Center
- Fall Festival at 5 p.m. at the Woods County Fairgrounds
- Woman's Bible study at 8 p.m. at the Wesley House
- BCM Fresh Monday at 8 p.m.

**24th Tuesday**

- Bible Chair Free Lunch at 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Bible Chair
- Ranger Communications open house at 11 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.
- Banned Book Reading at 6:30 p.m. in the Ranger Room
- Wesley House Bible Study at 7 p.m.

**25th Wednesday**

- BCM's noonday at 11:30 a.m.
- 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 is serving free food at 5 p.m.
- NWOSU Soccer at 6 p.m. at the Ranger Field

## Theatre: Play is "learning experience"

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Gathering props, stage materials and actor's clothing that imitate 1938 was not easy. It involved a lot of research and preparation.

The famous radio show was heavily documented in many newspaper articles because of the mass panic it resulted in.

"That is what we have created the sound studio from and also what we have based the costumes off of," Jordan said.

The audience will see the stage as if it were the CBS radio studio in 1938. It will be a visual and audio experience for the audience, he said.

The audio experience will include the actors standing around the microphones and using items such as tin cans and cigar boxes to alter their voices.

Jordan said they will be using an eggbeater with a tin can over it to reflect the sound of an artillery gun that people were supposedly firing at the spaceship.

"Recreating the sound effects has been a really cool aspect," he

said.

The audience will see every one of the actors on stage throughout the entire play for the visual experience.

"The real struggle has been making sure the actors are aware of what they are doing when they are not speaking or standing at the microphone," Jordan said.

The beginning of the play is a big moment as well as one of Jordan's favorite scenes. This involves the Mercury Theatre announcer introducing the play, "War of the Worlds."

The Northwestern actors have been working hard individually to perfect their characters' actions and accents and then came together to finalize the play and perfect it.

"War of the Worlds: The Panic Broadcast" is a historical learning experience for everyone to enjoy, Jordan said.

"My main job is to make our students successful in what they are doing and produce the best play possible," he said.

### Performance times

- Oct. 26 at 7 p.m.
- Oct. 27 at 7 p.m.
- Oct. 28 at 2 p.m.

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# OPINION

## Winning is more than a crown

By **EMILY SMITH**  
Guest Columnist

I chose to compete in Miss Northwestern because I wanted to push myself out of my comfort zone as well as to see what the whole pageant world was all about.

Competing for Miss Northwestern was one of the first things in my life that I chose to do myself and for myself. When I competed for Miss Northwestern, I really had no clue what I was getting myself into, but knew I wanted to grow throughout the experience.

When I won the title, I had no clue how my life would change.

Throughout my year as Miss Northwestern, I knew I wanted to do a lot of service. I became really passionate about my Community Service Initiative and wanted to be able to share it with as many people as possible.

I had many opportunities to speak in schools from the elementary level all the way to college students. Through these experiences I have learned a lot about myself and what more I want to do with my life. I have gained public speaking skills, confidence, a passion for service and a community that I really love and cherish. When I competed at Miss Oklahoma, I knew it would be completely out of my comfort zone so, I chose to focus on growing my self-confidence and how I could best serve those around me. The experience I had at Miss Oklahoma changed my perspec-



File photo  
Carli Seabolt crowns Emily Smith as Miss Northwestern in 2022.

tive on pageants, and life in general.

I met the most genuine, intelligent, selfless and community changing women the week

of Miss Oklahoma. It immediately made me want to dive deeper into sharing and implementing my community service initiative and sparked a greater love for service and self-growth.

So, surprisingly, I decided to compete in another preliminary pageant to see if I could gain more scholarship money and to maybe get the opportunity to experience Miss Oklahoma once again. I competed at Miss Tulsa State Fair this past October and won the title of Miss Tulsa County.

Never did I think that I would continue in pageants, but after experiencing the amount of growth that I did as Miss Northwestern in one year, I knew I wanted to continue, God willing. The thing about pageants that I didn't realize before, was, in the Miss America system, there are 5 points to the crown. Service, Scholarship, Success, Sisterhood, and Style.

I have grown in every point of the crown this year and I'm excited to see what more I can do to benefit my community and to continue to grow to be the best person I can be.

I am extremely grateful for the opportunities I have had as Miss Northwestern and for myself simply choosing to put myself out of my comfort zone a year ago that has led to the MANY life changing opportunities this last year has brought to me.

Now you can find me advocating for young girls to get involved with the Miss America system as there are so many scholarships, service and growth opportunities available.

## Homecoming was a success

By **AUSTIN RANKIN**  
Guest Columnist

Well Rangers, Northwestern's Homecoming has come and gone and what a great time it was. On behalf of the Student Government Association, I would like to thank the faculty, administration and most importantly the student body for a fantastic Homecoming.

I have never, in my 4 years at NWOSU, been part of such a high-spirited, jam-packed and meaningful Homecoming. From the weather to the activities, I could not imagine a better way to celebrate Homecoming.

The SGA kicked off Homecoming week on Monday with a Ranger bonfire. Year after year, Northwestern students have requested a bonfire, and this year with the support of the Alva Fire Department and the coordination skills of SGA Adviser Olivia Yandel, we were able to make it happen.

The hotdogs cooked by the Rowdy Rangers were delicious and the bonfire was almost as hot as our Ranger spirit.

Throughout the week we had countless events to engage the Ranger Nation and hype up Homecoming.

On Tuesday we passed out Ranger rally towels at the NWOSU Volleyball game against Langston, in which they took home the W 3-0.

On Wednesday, SGA gave free admission to the first 100 students that came to the hay maze at Bradt's Menagerie, the largest round bale hay maze in Oklahoma, located right here in Alva.

That Thursday, SGA hosted a block party and gave out 800 chicken nuggets to students.

On Friday, SGA held a Ranger Rally in which various members of the Ranger Nation took part in a fun half-court game, heard a brief message from the Fall sports teams and got absolutely hyped.

Personally, while attending NWOSU I have never felt The Pit so rowdy and full of energy than I did that day. The Ranger Rally served as an outstanding kickoff to the Homecoming 2023 weekend.

On Saturday, the real fun began. This year, the participation from NWOSU clubs and organizations was outstanding and their Ranger pride was exhibited in the various spirit boards and sheets located throughout campus. This year 26 campus clubs took part in the competition with a combined total of 16 spirit boards and 10 spirit sheets.

Additionally, thanks to the hard work of the Homecoming committee there were 15 floats from campus organization created and entered in the parade. Once again, this is the most participation I have observed in Homecoming while at Northwestern.

Saturday consisted of honoring our Ranger

Royalty in the Homecoming parade and the first ever SGA tailgate. The tailgate hosted activities such as axe-throwing, food trucks, inflatables, streaming the Red River Rivalry game and cornhole.

This was the first year that SGA has hosted the tailgate at the intramural field, and while attendance may have been less than ideal, the Student Government looks forward to improving this event for next year and creating new and exciting homecoming traditions.

SGA wrapped up Homecoming festivities by crowning our Homecoming Ranger Royalty at the halftime of the NWOSU football game.

The reigning Ranger Royalty for 2023 are Freshman Queen—Abby Guffy, Ranger Queen—Ally Meek and Ranger King—Draven Hidalgo.

In summary, Ranger Homecoming 2023 was exciting, and jam packed with opportunities for members of the Ranger Family to show their Ranger Pride. This year's Homecoming participation was higher than it has been for the past decade.

Thanks to the support of NWOSU's clubs and organizations, hard work from the SGA senators and the outstanding energy provided by Ranger athletics and the Ranger Nation as a whole, I on behalf of the Student Government Association consider Homecoming 2023 to be a complete success.

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# NWOSU Homecoming 2023



Photo by Alli Schieber

NWOSU Alumni, Braylon Bradt representing the Bradt's Menagerie.



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From left to right: Ranger King finalist, Gilberto Ramos and Brayden Stoner, Freshman Queen, Abby Guffy, Ranger Queen, Ally Meek, Ranger King, Draven Hildag, Ranger Queen finalist Chloe Lehr and Emily Smith, flower girl Ella Martin and crown bearer Ace Thompson.



Photo by Alli Schieber

Miss Oklahoma Sunny Day and Miss Woodward Jessica Davis at the Miss Cinderella pageant on Friday night.



Photo by Austin Judkins

High school students from local schools play in the mass band on Ranger Field.



Photo by University Relations

NWOSU President Bo Hannaford and Tara Hannaford ride in the Homecoming parade around the Alva Downtown Square on the morning of Oct. 7.



Photo by Austin Judkins

Ranger cheerleaders Rylee Hughes and Chesney Kimbrel at the Ranger Rally.



Photo by Tara Owen

Northwestern Scholar Ambassadors Homecoming float in the parade



Photo by Austin Judkins

Local high school color guards performing on Ranger Field on Oct. 7.

# FEATURE

## Students compete for Miss Northwestern title

Miss Northwestern is a pageant held to give NWOSU students the chance to compete in Miss Oklahoma if they win.

The pageant also gives the ladies competing the opportunity to win scholarships. The winner of the pageant wins a \$1500 scholarship plus a \$500 cash scholarship.

The first runner-up wins a \$1250 scholarship, second runner-up wins a \$1000 scholarship, third runner-up wins a \$750 scholarship and fourth runner-up wins a \$500 scholarship.

Each woman that participates also gets a \$200 cash scholarship.

Miss Northwestern also has a Miss Northwestern Teen pageant for girls at high schools in local areas to compete.

They also get scholarships if they win and each girl that participates gets a \$200 scholarship.

The three contestants for Miss Northwestern Teen are Abby Miller from Pond Creek, Christina Jenlink from Alva and Dawsyn Burgess from Shattuck.



Abby Miller



Christina Jenlink



Dawsyn Burgess



Riley Hensley

Hensley is a freshman, health and sports science major from Jet. Her talent is going to be a comedy titled "Tubin" by Tim Hawkins. Hensley's community service initiative is "the importance of athletic trainers" in high school now and her star is Zyn-daya Zakota McHenry.



Cora Beth Taylor

Taylor is a junior, biology/chemistry major from Kingfisher. She will be singing "A Dream With Your Name On It" by Bonnie Karlyle for her talent. Her community service initiative is "let's get movin'!" Her star is Mattie Ann Robinson.



Diamond Choate

Choate is a senior, general education major from Fort Smith, Arkansas. For her talent she will be doing a dance to "Uptown Funk" by Bruno Mars. Her community service initiative is "supporting the geriatric community." Her star is Monroe Lauren Gammage.



Gracie Myatt

Myatt is a junior, biology major from Piedmont. Her talent is going to be a luminol science and art demonstration. Her community service initiative is "food to fuel" and her star is Olivia Reese Wilkerson.



Mattie Pitts

Pitts is a junior, elementary education major from Waynoka. For her talent she will be singing "Suds in the Bucket" by Sara Evans. Her community service initiative is "a great partnership to end child hunger" and her star is Daviney Grace Tolson.



Megan Spray

Spray is a sophomore, business management major from Sharon. Her talent will be a drum solo to the song "Seven Nation Army" by Jack White. Her community service initiative is "awareness and action for childhood cancer" and her star is Lillian Jean Desai.



Reagan Hiner

Hiner is a sophomore, psychology major from Shattuck. For her talent she will be doing a monologue titled "Elves on Strike." Her community service initiative is "how you can help save lives: Naloxone." Her star is Macy Naydne Miller.



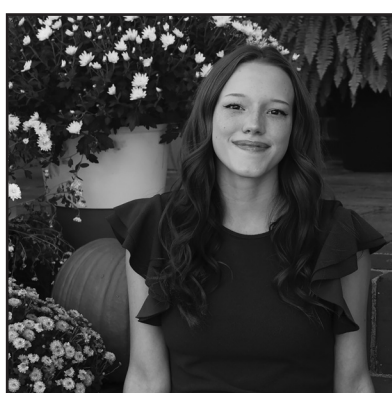
Mallory Paruszewski

Paruszewski is a senior, mass communication major from Burseson, Texas. She will be doing a dance to "Material Girl" by Madonna for her talent. Her community service initiative is "Paws" and her star is Eliana Faith Clapp.



Valerie Nzeakor

Nzeakor is a graduate student, psychology major from Frisco, Texas. Her talent is going to be a spoken word poetry titled "The Voice of God." Nzeakor's community service initiative is "mental clarity" and her star is Harper Grace Lee.



Laura Blair

Blair is a senior, psychology major from Waynoka. Her talent will be a flute solo to the song "Derek's Tune" by Arnie Roth. Her community service initiative is "adopt don't shop." Her star is Makeia Linn Brune.

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# SPORTS

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## Injury sparks mental battle

In the realm of sports, injuries are an unfortunate yet inevitable aspect of an athlete's journey.

### THE TURBO RANGER



JOSHUA CHRISTOPHER

These setbacks not only bring physical pain, but they also challenge an athlete's mental toughness. I'm learning about this mental toughness first hand as I deal with an injury to my left hand.

It's the kind of injury you can't just play through. It has benched me.

Being sidelined due to injury can be a lonely and frustrating experience. The sense of not being able to contribute to the team and improve in practice and in game weighs heavy on me. Emotions run high as I sit and ask myself the simple question: why?

The mental battle that comes with an injury is often as challenging as the physical one.

Athletes face the daunting task of rehabilitation and pushing through sessions of physical therapy in order to get back to full health.

The road to recovery is not easy and staying committed to the process is needed in order to get through seasons like this.

The support system surrounding an injured athlete plays a crucial role in their journey to recovery. Coaches, teammates, and medical staff become pillars of strength, offering encouragement and a sense of optimism within the injury.

Time off from the sport I love and more time to myself allows me to reflect and find ways to get better despite not being able to play.

Me being a man of God, I rely on my faith and ask God for wisdom and strength during times like this.

Knowing that I've been through worse and he's gotten me through a multitude of injuries in my athletic career therefore I have no doubt he will guide me to overcome this one.

In this season, a quote that comes to mind is when Kobe Bryant said, "Everything negative — pressure, challenges — is all an opportunity for me to rise."

Instead of focusing on the negatives, I can work on remaining positive and knowing that this is only apart of my journey, a part of my story and definitely another test that will be conquered.

A mentor of mine told me that I must find the hidden gems, discovering what truly matters within times of hardship and strife but also reminding me to dig deep and tap into that level of resilience and confidence that we both know I have.

## Rangers struggle in Homecoming loss



Jashaun Foster, running back No. 23, tries to dodge past Harding defenders during the Homecoming game Oct. 7.

Photo by Austin Judkins



Antoine Martin, linebacker, No. 4, signals for the fair catch on Oct. 7.

Photo by Austin Judkins

### Homecoming Oct. 7

	Harding 62	NWOSU 0
Total Yards	415	108
Pass Yards	34	45
Rushing Yards	381	63
Penalty Yards	3-30	2-10
1st Downs	21	6
3rd Downs	3-3	1-12
4th Downs	0-0	2-4
TOP	22:09	37:46

### Oct. 14

	East Central 42	NWOSU 7
Total Yards	405	215
Pass Yards	198	58
Rushing Yards	207	157
Penalty Yards	9-90	7-52
1st Downs	20	14
3rd Downs	7-14	2-9
4th Downs	1-2	0-1
TOP	34:32	23:22

### Playmakers

With only 5 seconds left in the game, QB Caleb Deal, freshman, throws a touchdown pass to WR Travis Romar, sophomore. Tyler Furey, sophomore, kicks the extra point.



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# Soccer ties for sixth time this season

## Runners place 4th, 6th in meet

### Oct. 14 Senior Day

NWOSU 0  
Oklahoma Baptist 0

#### Playmakers:

- Maggie Koster, senior goalkeeper: 11 saves.
- Faith Nino, senior: 2 shots, 1 SOG
- Callie Haneborg, senior: 1 shot
- Sydne Edmiston, senior: 1 shot, 1 SOG
- Isabella Mcmillan, junior: 1 shot

#### Other recent games

##### Oct. 7

NWOSU 0  
@East Central 2

##### Oct. 11

NWOSU 1  
@SWOSU 4

#### Ranger Goal:

Lily Anderson, senior

By COLLIN ZINK  
Circulation Manager

The Northwestern Rangers soccer team grabbed their sixth tie of the season on Senior Day Saturday against the Oklahoma Baptist Bison by a score of 0-0, stopping a two-game losing streak.

NWOSU soccer will lose nine seniors at the end of the season. Those seniors are goalie Maggie Koster, midfielders Faith Nino, Callie Haneborg and Lily Anderson, forward Falicia Bueno, defenders Sydne Edmiston Brogan Winston Taylor Songster, and Aaliyah Acevedo.

The Ranger's defense came into play as they had seven saves.

"I'm really proud of our team defending as a unit," said head coach Alex Piekarski. "Meg [Koster] our goalkeeper played really well, but all 10 of our players helped to defend, so it was a team effort and defensively I'm really glad that we were able to keep the shutout."

NWOSU is currently 1-6-6



Photo by J.D. Eddy

Forward Carlie Massingale (22) works to get past some Oklahoma Baptist defenders during the Saturday game in Alva. The two teams tied.

with a conference record of 0-3-4 and currently sits in seventh place in the GAC. Piekarski has faith in his team though. With five matches left, Piekarski said

that his team is still alive for the post-season.

The Ranger's next home game will be Nov. 1 at 6 p.m. against Southern Nazarene.

### Men's Cross Country Oct. 7 Great Plains Challenge in McPherson, Kansas

Finished 4th in 8k with an average time of 26:30

#### Playmakers:

- Brandon Adolphus, sophomore: 26:25.6
- Riley Herndon, freshman: 26:25.6
- Edward Robledo-Gonzalez, freshman: 26:26.0
- Salat Ibrahim, junior: 26:35.3



B. Adolphus

### Women's Cross Country Oct. 7 Great Plains Challenge in McPherson, Kansas

Finished sixth overall with an average time of 21:05.

#### Playmakers:

- Asia Williams, sophomore: 20:03.0—21st overall
- Cadence Long-Torres, freshman: 20:03.6
- Reina Gonzales, freshman: 21:36.6
- Harley Woody, freshman: 21:50.2



Asia Williams

## Women golfers set team records

### Women's Golf Grace Shin Invitational @ Edmond Oct. 2-3

9th place overall. Total 619.

**Team records set:** lowest team round score of 303, and lowest two-day total of 619.

#### Playmakers:

- Tess Linden, freshman: 154 total, 20 pars 5 birdies.

### Men's Golf

#### Perkins Intercollegiate @Weatherford Oct. 2-3

7th place overall. Total 868

#### Playmakers:

- Max Courange, freshman: 213 total, 26 pars, 13 birdies.

## Volleyball loses, wins at home

### Oct. 12

NWOSU 2 Harding 3

#### Playmakers :

- Macy Shreffler, junior: 19 kills, 1 block
- Erika Asencio Soriano, junior: 19 kills, 1 ace, 3 blocks

### Oct. 13

NWOSU 3 Arkansas Tech 1

#### Playmakers:

- Erika Asencio Soriano, junior: 20 kills, 1 block
- Macy Shreffler, junior: 14 kills, 2 aces, 1 block
- Mariela Jimenez, junior: 11 kills, 1 ace, 4 blocks

At right, Ece Ozdemir (11) and Mariela Jimenez (22) go up for the block against Harding last week. NWOSU forced the Bison to play five set to win

Photo by J. D. Eddy.



## All that jazz!



Photo By Alli Schieber

Highline Vocal Jazz, a group from New York City, performed at Herod Hall on Tuesday as part of the Northwest Concert Serie. The group uses some instruments in their recordings but performed a cappella in Alva.



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