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## Rangers win 1, lose 1 at GAC Tournament

By **KEN IRVING**  
Student Reporter

The NWOSU Rangers fell short to the Arkansas Tech Wonder Boys 54-53 in the semi-final round of the GAC tournament.

The Rangers beat SWOSU in the first round but lost to Arkansas Tech in a nail-biter in the second round of the GAC tournament.

Senior guard Marquise Milton led the Rangers with 17 points and Kennedy Milton with 15 points in the win over the SWOSU Bulldogs.

Graduate guard Brian Free led the Rangers with 15 points and Camron McDowell with nine points in the loss to the Arkansas Tech Wonder Boys.

Rallying off the first-round victory over SWOSU, the Rangers came into the second round with a lot of momentum as they hope to advance to the Conference Championship game.

Redshirt sophomore Cameron McDowell opened the game with a 3-pointer.

He scored four straight points to give the Rangers an early 10-6 lead.

Marquise Milton knocked down a three pointer to ignite a 9-0 Ranger run.

A layup by Redshirt sophomore Shavaul Butters gave the Rangers a 16-8 lead.

Free's 3- pointer gave the

Rangers their biggest lead of the game (13) but Arkansas Tech didn't fade away. They climbed their way back into the game to cut the Ranger lead to one possession.

Free extended the Ranger lead after a couple of buckets.

Arkansas Tech stormed back and scored six straight to take the lead.

Free would give the Rangers a one-point lead at half after a score. They led 31-30

A McDowell 2-pointer extended the Rangers lead to start the second half. Senior forward Chance Love added onto that lead with a 2- pointer of his own.

The Rangers and the Wonder Boys kept answering each other. When one scored, the other scored.

The Rangers flirted with a 1 to 3-point lead throughout the second half before a score by Kennedy Milton.

This gave the Rangers a 6-point cushion that was quickly erased by the Wonder Boys.

The Rangers got the lead back to five with five minutes remaining in the game.

The Rangers were unable to put away the Wonder Boys as Arkansas Tech scored the last four points of the game to take a one-point lead.

The Rangers could not score, and their season is over as they lose to the Wonder Boys 54-53.



Northwestern Athletics

Graduate Brian Free tries to get around SWOSU defender during quarter-finals of Great American Conference Tournament on Friday afternoon.

## Lady Rangers fall to Bulldogs at Conference Tourney



Northwestern Athletics

Faith Simpson, No.30, and Talayah Thomas defend against SWOSU players in opening game.

By **KEN IRVING**  
Student Reporter

The NWOSU Lady Rangers fell to SWOSU Lady Bulldogs 65-61 in the first round of the GAC tournament Friday evening.

Senior forward Faith Simpson led the Lady Rangers with 20 points and seven rebounds. Junior guards Carly Craig and Payton Jones each had 9 points.

The Lady Rangers traveled to Shawnee, Oklahoma to take on the SWOSU Lady Bulldogs in the first round of the Great American Conference tournament.

The game started slow as both teams struggled to find points.

Senior guard Josena Frame stole

the ball away from a Lady Bulldog and finds Craig who knocked down the 3-pointer for the first points of the game.

Craig recovered the offensive rebound and put the ball back into the hoop. Next, she fired a 3-pointer for her 8<sup>th</sup> point of the quarter.

The Lady Rangers went on a 9-0 run to end the first quarter with an 18-10 lead.

The Lady Bulldogs went on a 7-0 run of their own to start the second quarter. Simpson finally scored the Lady Rangers first points of the quarter with a layup.

Jones finished the layup with a foul and made her free throw to complete the and-one.

Frame drilled a 3-pointer to give the Lady Rangers a 30-26 lead at the half. The Lady Rangers held onto the lead into the 3<sup>rd</sup> but the Lady Bulldogs

took control after a 3-pointer.

Simpson took back the lead for the Lady Rangers after her and-1 layup.

The two teams battled going back and forth with the lead throughout the quarter.

Just before the quarter ended, Simpson made a layup to get back within one. The Lady Bulldogs added onto their one-point lead with four quick points, however turnovers forced by the lady Rangers and scoring by Freshman guard Summya Adigun tied the game up at 50 a piece.

The Lady Rangers took the lead after a score by Simpson.

The Lady Bulldogs knocked down shots to take a 2-possession lead.

The Lady Rangers would not go quietly as they tied the game at 58, however the Lady Bulldogs knocked down a three pointer and put a dagger into the lady Rangers season.

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# NEWS

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March 20th

WHAT'S  
UP?

14th

Thursday

- Free lunch at The Wesley House starting at 11:30 a.m.
- GSA meeting at 5 p.m. in Jesse Dunn
- Medical Science Club Suture Night at 5:30 p.m. in the Science Amphitheater
- Bible Chair Round Up Night at 7 p.m.
- Mr. NWOSU and Ranger's Got Talent at 7 p.m. in Herod Hall
  - Bring coins and cash for People's Choice

15th

Friday

- Psychology Club Meeting in EC Conference Room at 2:30 p.m.
- Ranger Baseball at 6 p.m. at Glass Family Field

16th

Saturday

- Ranger Baseball at 1 and 4 p.m. at Glass Family Field

- NWOSU campus closed for Spring Break March 17- 22

SPRING

Things to do in Alva :

- Alva Golf Course
- Cherokee Strip Musume
- 37 + murals around Alva
- Rialto Movie Theater
- Cookie's Bowling Alley

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## NWOSU students make plans for spring break

By TARA OWEN  
News Editor

Northwestern's campus will be closed for spring break March 18-22.

Classes will resume on the 25. Many students will be returning to their hometowns. However, some students plan on staying in Alva.

As for Sophomore Biology major, Maria Sosa, she plans on remaining in Alva to continue to work. However, she does plan to go outdoors and visit the Salt Plains State Park.

"I plan to do some hiking and spend some time outside," Sosa said.

Criminal justice major, Maximus McArthur plans to spend his spring break outside as he will be taking a trip to Texas for spring break.

"I will be going to Houston

and going to the beach," McArthur said.

However, many students like biology major, Mohoghony Hardnett, plan on going back home for the break.

"I am from Texas so I will be going home to spend time with my family"

Another student, education major Chloe Lehr, also plans to spend time with her family and friends this spring break.

"Being from Alva, I get to see my family often, but I am looking forward to having a break and being able to spend time with them," Lehr said

However, most students said they were just ready for time off. Accounting major America Rios said she will be working over her break but is looking forward to a week off.

"I will be working and am looking forward to a break from school," Rios said.

## Upcoming musical at NWOSU

The Northwestern Oklahoma State University Reichenberger Fine Arts Department is currently in rehearsals for "Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella," the musical.

This Tony Award-winning production from the creators of "South Pacific" and "The Sound of Music" will take place April 18-19 at 7 p.m. and April 20 at 2 p.m. in Herod Hall Auditorium on the Alva campus.

General admission is \$15, university employees are \$10, and

students with a current ID are \$5.

"The NWOSU Reichenberger Department of Fine Arts is ecstatic to collaborate with students and community members to present this musical theatre production," said Mickey Jordan, director of technical theatre who is serving this production as technical director and working with choreography.

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OPINION

Two words can change game

By GAVIN MENDOZA  
Senior Reporter

Two words that nobody is al-  
lowed to say in sports.

Two words that if you have  
them there is no explanation for  
why you have them, when you  
got them, where you got them, or  
how you are going to get rid of  
them.

Even typing them out is hard  
but here it is...the yips.

The yips are an epidemic in  
the sports world that when you  
get them you cannot perform a  
certain task you have performed  
your whole life.

From shooting a basketball,  
to kicking a soccer ball or proba-  
bly the most common instance in  
sports, and the kind I deal with,  
forgetting how to throw the base-  
ball, the yips can attack anywhere  
at any time.

After doing some research  
over years of dealing with this  
plague on and off, I have learned  
that the yips mostly come from  
trauma that may have happened  
as a younger child or adult.

When I think about my first  
encounter with the yips this is  
how it went.

I was an 11-year-old kid play-  
ing on a competitive baseball  
team called the Longmont Out-  
laws. I was the primary catcher  
on the team and in this specific  
game, I had to make a play on a  
dropped third strike that was in  
the dirt, so I had to throw the run-  
ner out at first base.

This is the first time I can re-  
member thinking about the throw  
so much before it happened that I  
ended up looping the ball to first,  
and it did not get it all the way  
there. The kid ended up being

safe at first, and I was awarded an  
error.

Fast forward to my freshman  
year of college and the first game  
I caught the same play happened  
— and the same result occurred.  
I looped the throw to first and the  
runner was safe.

I'm not playing this season be-  
cause of a shoulder injury. Yet, I  
know I still must deal with having  
the yips with certain throws.

Throwing the ball back to  
the pitcher is something I have  
done my whole life, but after my  
freshman and sophomore year, it  
became something that seemed  
impossible at times.

During my sophomore year,  
I played through a torn labrum  
and bicep tendon in my shoulder.  
This is what really made it hard to  
throw, but in my mind, it was just  
the fact that I was throwing the  
ball and it was not going where I  
wanted it to.

I could not do it mentally be-  
cause I could not do it physically.  
I had the yips and a torn shoulder.

The yips take no prisoners.  
They will attack anybody and ev-  
erybody. Even some of the peo-  
ple with the strongest mindset I  
have seen in sports have gotten  
the yips.

TW Beiswanger, one of my  
teammates, best friends and one  
of the most mentally strong base-  
ball players I know, experienced  
the yips last year.

That season being his senior  
season, TW was ready to have  
a great season and enjoy his last  
season on the baseball field with  
his friends.

However, during the begin-  
ning of the season TW had some  
trouble throwing the baseball to  
first base when he was playing  
second base, something he had  
never dealt with before.

Throughout the season TW, or

Dub as we call him, experienced  
the yips worse and worse, and  
then in the last week of his senior  
season, he could not play second  
base, his favorite position, be-  
cause he could not throw the ball  
to first base.

“Just throw the ball,” said ev-  
eryone ever who has not dealt  
with the yips. If it were that easy  
then I would not have written this  
story.

The yips have caused many  
sob stories in sports and ended  
many careers over the years be-  
cause players could not get over  
them.

The Colorado Rockies clos-  
ing pitcher, Daniel Bard, was an  
all-star two years ago after mak-  
ing his return to the field the year  
prior.

He did not play for the five  
years before that because he  
could not even play a game of  
catch because of the yips.

Then, the season after his  
breakout, he was out on the in-  
jured reserve list because of anx-  
iety and possibly another case of  
the yips.

I am not writing a sob sto-  
ry, however, because at the end  
of the day, I am not the closing  
pitcher for the Rockies or a catch-  
er for the Dodgers or a shortstop  
for the Yankees.

For me and many others, the  
yips have made it difficult to do  
the things we love. But when you  
really think about it, it's just two  
words.

The two words that plague the  
sports world even though they  
mean nothing.

Two words that, once they  
are forgotten, they will never be  
missed.

Two words.

The yips.

New bill funds prison rodeos

By CHLOE GRUSING  
Editorial Editor

In 2024, the state of Oklahoma approved  
8.3 million dollars in funding for a prison ro-  
deo.

The egregious tradition of prison rodeos  
started in 1940, giving a way for prisoners to  
raise some funds for medical support.

What may have started with good inten-  
tions was quickly soiled when the event was  
opened to the public. The town of McAlester  
began hosting a rodeo for the inmates every  
year due to the event's success.

The rodeo went for nearly seventy years,  
ending in 2009 with concerns about the in-  
frastructure of the stadium. The new bill will  
grant the Oklahoma prison systems 8.3 mil-  
lion dollars to build a new coliseum, specifi-  
cally for the prison rodeo.

I have great moral issues with this event,  
and I am in shock that in 2024 this has been  
approved.

In 2005, the Washington Post published an

article about one of the prison rodeos hosted  
in McAlester. Bill McMahan, the rodeo chair-  
man for eighteen years, in the article he said,

“People don't go to NASCAR to see  
the cars run around the track,” he drawls.  
“They're waiting for a big wreck; same with  
the rodeo. It's human nature. People want to  
see what ought not be.”

This statement alone is enough of a red  
flag behind the motives of the prison rodeo.  
The chairman of the event publicly stated the  
crowds come just to watch the prisoners get  
hurt.

Later on in the article, the author mentions  
the injuries that have been sustained by in-  
mates. These include cracked skull, ruptured  
groin and thousands of dollars in medical  
bills.

The prisoners are so deeply exploited as  
is, then to make them a public laughing stock  
where serious injuries can be sustained is, in  
my opinion, unethical.

One of the pretenses to this event is an in-  
mate must sign a waiver stating the prison is  
not responsible for injuries.

I have a hard time believing the folks  
spending all day inside would be in a sane

state of mind to sign a waiver of such mag-  
nitude.

People will be desperate to get outside for  
two days, the duration of the rodeo, and they  
could make hasty decisions. Prisoners sitting  
on death row or inmates with long sentences  
are going to do anything to be free.

The article also references inmates saying  
they were willing to do the rodeo for some  
time out of their cell. The people in charge of  
the rodeo know the prisoners will not say no,  
so this calls into question the reasoning be-  
hind the event.

The prison rodeo is a sick and twisted event  
that purposely sets up prisoners for public hu-  
miliation. The people running the event have  
stated that people come to watch for harm to  
the inmates.

In my opinion, the rodeo is equivalent to  
dangling a carrot in front of the inmates' fac-  
es. Forcing a waiver to be signed then watch-  
ing the inmates risk injury is a scary thought.

Besides the exploitation, the money and  
the violence, the most frightful part is the  
crowd watching. I am left to question what  
draws people to find something like this en-  
tertaining?





This relief print by Alicia Smith shows a skeleotn with flowers and other thngs growing around it. This is the first piece of art displayed that you can see at the OU sculpture exhibit.

# Drawings, sculptures and raptors, oh my!

The NWOSU Art Show is not the only show in town. Located in Jesse Dunn 218, the OU Sculpture Exhibit is just up the stairs and to the right. You can find sculp- tures, drawings, paintings and welded steel. The exhibit is in town for a month and features some intersting things. It was put together by an art professor at OU, Leticia Bajuyo. Go check it out for a fun experi- ence.



Photo essay by Gavin Mendoza



Above: A bronze, artificial glass and wood sculpture by Lericia Bajuyo called The Not So Little Engine.



Far left: A steel and paint sculpture called the Mutant Raptor by Nick Lillard.

Left:A walnut and steel sculpture titled Woodring by Chris Morrey.

Bottom: A piece by Emma Moorman titled Heirloom.





# Spend your spring break in Northwest Oklahoma



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Left: Hikers enjoying the day at Gloss Mountains north of Fairview.

Right: Campers at the Salt Plains State park having a campfire.

Below: Breaker Bradt on a camel ride at the Bradt's Menagerie.



Photo by JoDe Bradt

### Places To Visit For Spring Break

#### Alabastern Caverns

Daily guided tours of Alabaster Cavern leave promptly on the hour from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Address: 217036 SH 50A Freedom, OK 73842

#### Boiling Springs

Enjoy swimming in the pool, fishing in the 7-acre spring-fed Shaul Lake and hiking the trails.

Address: 207745 Boiling Springs Rd Woodward, OK 73801

#### Salt Plains

Visitors can take their pick of activities in the park, bird watching and hiking along the trails. Fishing at the Lake is also available.

Address: 23280 S Spillway Dr Jet, OK 73749

#### Gloss Mountains

Guests can enjoy the Cathedral Mountain hike from sunrise to sunset. The spectacular scenery makes this a truly unique Oklahoma state park.

Address: North of Fairview off Hwy 412 Fairview, OK 73737

#### Little Sahara

1,600 acres of sand dunes, ranging in height from 25 to 75 feet. Visitors can either bring their own ATV or rent one off-site by a private vendor.

Address: 8951 US Hwy 281 Waynoka, OK 73860

#### Bradt's Menagerie

Check out the petting zoo, camel rides, and laser tag. Open from 10am to 5pm

Address: 3 miles west of Alva, OK on US Highway 64 on the north side of the road

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Under: Boiling Springs State Park swimming pool and pond at sunset.

Left: Guests at Little Sahara State Park driving ATV's.

Bottom Left: A look inside one of the Alabastern Caverns.

A photograph of three ATVs driving on a large sand dune. The dunes are vast and sandy, with some sparse vegetation in the distance.

Photo by McKayla Holson

An aerial photograph of a large swimming pool at Boiling Springs State Park. The pool is surrounded by trees and a building. A small stream flows into the pool.

Photo by Travel Oklahoma

A photograph of the interior of a cavern. The walls are made of layered rock, and there is a small waterfall or stream flowing over rocks.

Photo by Travel Oklahoma



# FEATURE

## Literature often not considered an art form

There are seven major forms of art: music, sculpture, painting, literature, architecture, performing, and film. Now, some people

**WORDS WITH MR. KAUMANS**



KEVIN KAUMANS

might be confused as to why literature is considered an art. Afterall, all the other art forms are aesthetically appealing to the eye, while literature is just a binder with words in it that are all the same

color.

So why is literature considered a form of art when it's the only one that isn't meant to be judged based on how it looks to the sense of sight? Well, for one thing, the point of reading a book is, unlike a movie or video game, you have to create the scene yourself with your mind. This is why most people of my generation prefer movies and video games; it's hard to sit still long enough to read all five-hundred thousand words of the "Lord Of The Rings" trilogy and imagine every small detail that's in the book in their head when they can just as easily watch the movies.

Literature fits into lots of categories of education; it's a part of humanities, liberal arts, anthropology, and history. That's one of the reasons it's always been one of my favorite things to study, because while it's easier than math or science (at least at college-level), it's just as if not more important. If humans never invented writing, we would only have half a fraction of the knowledge of everything that's happened in the world.

I'm not saying everyone needs to stop whatever they're doing and pick up a book. All I'm asking is that they try to at least get one hour's worth of reading done every day. It doesn't have to be a big book, it can even be a children's book, but make sure you're paying attention to what you are reading and taking the time to visualize it in your head.

My name is Kevin A. Kaumans, thank you for tuning into this week's column. Make sure to pick up a new newspaper from NWOSU News every week, and until next time friends:

Stay Educated



## Making glass art



Photo by Asia Williams

NWOSU students practicing the technique of making glass artwork during a workshop March 6 led by OU graduate student Emma Moorman. Moorman's work is part of an exhibit from OU that is featured in the new art gallery located in JD 218.

# Wearing green, pinching part of lore

By ALLI SCHIEBER  
Editor-in-Chief

St. Patrick's Day: the day where everyone wears green and if you do not you get pinched.

Why do we celebrate St. Patrick's Day and where did traditions like this come from?

According to History.com, St. Patrick was the patron saint of Ireland. However, Patrick was born in Roman Britan and was brought into Ireland as a slave.

He escaped and then came back to Ireland and is credited for bringing Christianity there.

One of the legends of St.Patrick is that he explained the Holy Trinity using an Irish clover or shamrock. This legend and many more came about after he died, which was believed to be on March 17 — the day we celebrate St. Patrick's Day now.

America hosted the first St. Patrick's Day parade in St. Augustine, Florida, in 1601. More than a century later, another pa-

rade by homesick Irish soldiers occurred in New York City. Today, the New York City parade is the oldest anual parade.

Many other places now have parades such as New Hampshire and Rhode Island; Dublin, Ireland; Cleveland, Ohio; and Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Wearing green on St. Patrick's Day has nothing to do with St. Patrick himself but was a symbol of Irish rebellion against Britain.

Getting pinched if you don't wear green is just fun folklore. Wearing green makes you invisible to leprechauns and leprechauns like to pinch people. Why? Simply because they can.

Many people celebrate St. Patrick's Day by having a feast which often includes corned beef brisket, Irish soda bread and cabbage. This may be confusing as the holiday happens during lent where Catholics do not eat red meat. However, many Catholics would take a break from lent for this holiday and celebrate having

big feasts and parties.

St. Patrick's Day has many other traditions such as in Chicago where they dye the river green. This tradition began because plumbers used green dye to identify pipes. Members of the Chicago Journeymen Plumbers Local Union decided to put 100 pounds of that dye in the river which turned it green for an entire week.

Now the dye only lasts a few hours. They used to dye the river green during the parade either on the day or the Saturday before St. Patrick's Day. The dye has also been changed to vegetable base, so it does not harm the river or anything in it. Residents of Chicago blame the river magically turning green on leprechauns, of course.

Other cities in America also dye their cities waterways green such as Tampa, Florida; San Antonio, Texas; Indianapolis, Indiana; Charlotte, North Carolina and Savannah, Georgia.

## First Mr. pageant event joins Got Talent night

By MALLORY PARUSZEWSKI  
Senior Reporter

Ever wonder why we have a Miss Northwestern pageant and not a Mr. Northwestern? That's all changing Thursday at 7 p.m. in Herod Hall.

Last year at Rangers Got Talent, student Draven Hidalgo played the part of Miss Northwestern 2023, Emily Smith, as a joke. Then came the idea: Why not have an actual Mr. Northwestern pageant?

"When I was pretending to be Mr. Northwestern, I then thought to myself why not actually compete for it," Hidalgo said.

So this year will be the first year of the competition with five competitors: Draven Hidalgo, Jameson Hale, Aaron Mason, Willie Johnson, Isai Aguilar.

The winner gets a prize of \$100 and a trophy representing

Mr. Northwestern. Unlike the Miss Northwestern pageant, the Mr. Northwestern competition is a fun experience for students to get into. Each Mr. Northwestern contestants will participate in four categories: Northwestern pride, talent, fitness, poise on stage.

"It's going to be fun and awesome seeing what talent act each contestant performs for us," said Olivia Yandel, SGA adviser.

There will also be a People's Choice Award, where the crowd will vote for their favorite contestant prior to the competition by putting change in whoever's jar at the front. The winner of People's Choice will take home the grand total of change.

During the Mr. Northwestern competition, the audience will also see competitors in the Rangers Got Talent contest. They will be split up into sections and rotate through competitions. Two staff members and one student will serve as judges.

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# SPORTS

## Baseball goes 3-1, Wright player of the week

By **KAROLINA JURESIUTE**  
*Student Reporter*

Over the weekend, Northwestern Rangers faced Southern Nazarene and swept the series 3-0. The first game of the doubleheader on Saturday score was 10-7.

Dylan Bradford scored the first run for the Rangers in the first inning, when Paul Sachen doubled to left field RBI.

Southern Nazarene had their first run of the game in the second inning. Rangers had a total of three runs in the second inning.

Northwestern added two more runs in the third inning and had a lead of five points 6-1.

Southern Nazarene hit a homerun and only scored one run in the fourth inning to cut the Rangers lead to four points 6-2.

Rangers had one run in the fifth inning and two in the sixth. Southern Nazarene had a strong seventh inning with five runs to cut the lead to two 9-7.

In the eighth inning Hagen Barcello hit a homerun for the Rangers and it was 10-7 wining

the game.

The second game of the doubleheader on Saturday Rangers won 6-5. The Rangers were down the whole game but came back with five runs in the last seventh inning.

Southern Nazarine had two runs in the second inning and Rangers answered with one run when Barcello hit a homerun.

Southern Nazarene had two more runs in the fourth inning and they were leading by three points 4-1. SNU had another run in the seventh run to extend the lead to 5-1.

Rangers remained scoreless until the seventh inning scoring five runs and winning the game 6-5.

Rangers won the third game of the series on Sunday by three runs 12-9.

Southern Nazarene started off the game with three runs in the first inning while Rangers only had one run.

Bradford scored after Sachen doubled to the right center RBI. In the second inning Rangers brought two runs to the home

plate and tied the score 3-3. In the fifth inning, Northwestern Ranger's Sachen scored after Barcello singled to shortstop RBI.

Southern Nazarene didn't score again until the sixth inning. Storm hit a homerun to tie the score 4-4

After Carson Wright hit a homerun on the sixth inning, D. Bratford scored. H. Barcello singled to the left field RBI, and P. Sachen brought the Rangers another run. After the sixth inning the Rangers were in the lead by three 7-4.

Southern Nazarene had a better inning by bringing five runs to their home plate and getting the lead back 9-7.

Rangers took back the lead after answering back with five runs in the eighth inning.

H. Barcello scored after Trevor Saire singled to the left field RBI. Trevor Stiles hit a homerun 2-RBI and T. Saire scored.

After Chad Green singled to the right field 2-RBI, Bratford and Jacob Wiltshire scored. The Rangers won the third and final game of the series 12-9.



Photo by Northwestern Athletics  
**Carson Wrigh runs after hitting a homerun at their opener game.**

For the second time this season, junior Carson Wright is named GAC Player of the Week.

Wright batted 0.500 with eight hits, achieving 3 victories for his team.

On this week games, he opened the scoring with a home run. Also, he had two hits, two walks and three RBIs in the first game. In the second game against SNU, he singled and stole a base. To help the Rangers complete the sweep, he went 3-for-5 with a home run, a double and four RBIs.

**His batting stats for the season:**  
Avg: .395/ OPS: 1.338/ Runs: 24/ H: 30/ 2B: 6/ AB: 76/ RBI: 19

Tuesday game results: vs Oklahoma Panhandle State			SH: Bradley Bejarano, 1 SF: Porter Pittman, 1
			<b>Baserunning:</b> RUNS: Porter Pittman, 1; Carson Wright, 2; Chad Green, 2; Bradley Bejarano, 3; Theron Perkins, 1; Chase Hamilton, 1 SB: Colby Grace, 1 HBP: Carson Wright, 2; Chad Green, 2
			After these, the Northwestern Rangers set a record of 16-8.
			The next conference game series for the Northwestern Rangers is against Arkansas Tech University this upcoming weekend at home in Alva.
Pitching: Matthew Potts, Drew Price, Kyle Gscheidle, Zac McEachern, Max McClain.			
Batting: SB: Chad Green, 1; Chase Gordon, 1 HR: Porter Pittman, 1; Carson Wright, 1; Theron Perkins, 1			
	NWOSU	OPSU	
Score	10	12	

### Men's Golf rises 1 place in the rankings, women return to 10th

This week the Ranger and Lady Rangers golfers visited the Bailey Ranch Golf Club at Owasso. They placed 5th and 10th respectively in their meets.

On Monday and Tuesday the men's team placed fifth overall with a final total of 880 (291-297-292).

#### Results:

Max Courange: 216 (70-72-74)  
Mathieu Zerwin: 220 (73-75-72)  
Caden Holmes: 220 (74-77-69)  
Cade Seymour: 224 (74-73-77)  
Pierce Geminden: 241 (81-82-77)

The Lady Rangers placed tenth, overall with a final of 954 (324 -314-316).

#### Results:

Tess Linden: 235 (78-78-79)  
Romane Lacoste: 237 (81-78-78)  
Addison Furtick: 239 (85-76-78)  
Madison Kerr: 257 (86-87-84)  
Agathe Lacoste: 243 (80-82-81)

## Softball falls to SNU, beats SWOSU

On Saturday the Lady Rangers softball team visited Bethany to play against Southern Nazarene University.

On the third series of the GAC the Lady Rangers fell to the 0-3 for the series.

Also on Tuesday, the softball team played at Southwestern Oklahoma State University. The doubleheader finished 2-0 for the Lady Rangers.

These leaves the season record on 12-11 and 4-7 in the GAC.

#### vs Southern Nazarene. Friday game

	NWOSU	SNU
Game 1	1	7

#### Game 1:

##### Pitching:

Ireland Caro, Kathryn Jones.

##### Batting:

SH: : Rosemary Rivera, 1

SF: Laney Anderson, 1

##### Baserunning:

RUNS: Hannah Howell, 1

CS: Macy Spearman, 1

##### Fielding:

E: Rachel Sherwood, 1; Laney Anderson, 1; Ireland Caro, 1

DP: 1

#### vs Southern Nazarene.

##### Saturday games:

	NWOSU	SNU
Game 2	5	6
Game 3	2	15

#### Game 2:

##### Pitching:

Ireland Caro, Hannah Howell.

##### Batting:

2B: Madeline Pack, 2

HR: Avery Clark, 1; Rosemary Rivera, 1

SH: Rosemary Rivera, 1

SF: Hannah Howell, 1

##### Baserunning:

RUNS: Macy Spearman, 1; Rosemary Rivera, 1; Avery Clark, 1; Tatum Winters, 1; Ashley Low, 1

SB: Rachel Sherwood, 1; Tatum Winters, 1

CS: Cameron Alexander, 1

##### Fielding:

E: Tatum Winters, 1

##### Game 3:

##### Pitching:

Molly Dolan, Alyssa Baldenegro, Kathryn Jones.

##### Batting:

2B: : Rachel Sherwood, 1

SF: Tatum Winters, 1

##### Baserunning:

RUNS: Rachel Sherwood, 1; Macy Spearman, 1

SB: Macy Spearman, 1

HBP: Rachel Sherwood, 1

#### Tuesday games:

##### vs Southwestern Oklahoma State.

	NWOSU	SWOSU
Game 4	4	2
Game 5	7	3

#### Game 4:

##### Pitching:

Hannah Howell

##### Batting:

2B: Hannah Howell, 1; Laney Anderson, 1

HR: Hannah Howell, 1

SH: Laney Anderson, 1

SF: Laney Anderson, 1

##### Baserunning:

RUNS: Avery Clark, 2; Hannah Howell, 1; Laney Anderson, 1

SB: Madeline Pack, 1

HBP: Rosemary Rivera, 1

##### Game 5:

##### Pitching:

Irealnd Caro, Hannah Howell

##### Batting:

HR: Rachel Sherwood, 1

SH: Macy Spearman, 1; Laney Anderson, 1

##### Baserunning:

RUNS: Avery Clark, 1; Hannah Howell, 1; Devynn Raile, 1; Laney Anderson, 1; Rachel Sherwood, 2; Avery Tittle, 1

SB: Devynn Raile, 1

Next game will be at Arkansas Tech University (13-10, 5-6 GAC).

The softball team will be traveling to Russellville, Arkansas this Friday for their fifth GAC game this season.

**Up next:**

**Men**  
March 25-26  
University of Central Oklahoma  
@Rose Creek Country Club

**Women**  
March 25-26  
University of Arkansas Fort Smith  
@ Hardscrabble Country Club

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# SPORTS

## Eight hoopsters earn GAC honors



Senior Faith Simpson plays at the GAC against SWOSU last Friday. She was named GAC player of the year and first-team all-conference.

By LUCIA BARRANTES VEGA  
*Sports Editor*

After a weekend full of basketball, the Great American Conference announced the all-conference awards to the players of the participating teams.

The Northwestern Oklahoma State University teams had 8 athletes named in different categories.

Among them, Faith Simpson, stands out as she was named GAC Player of the Year.

With a season full of recognitions, Simpson was named GAC Player of the Week 6 times throughout the season. She was

also a first-team all-conference selection. Exceeding 2,000 points and 1,000 rebounds in her career this season. She closed the season with a total of 669 points.

Among other recognitions, Carly Craig earned honorable mention All-GAC honors. Leading the conference in three-pointers made.

She was fourth in total assists and fifth in assists per game. Craig finished the season with a total of 386 points. She averaged 12.6 points per game and averaged 4.0 assists per game.

Additionally, the Lady Rangers have two Elite Scholar athletes, Kynsey Dixon and Anna Motycka.

Five more Northwestern athletes were in the twenty Distin-

guished Scholar Athletes: Jose-na Frame, Chelsea Lindsey, Ali Zeka, Carly Craig and Camille Thomas.

For the Rangers, Brian Free earned First Team All-Conference and Camron McDowell earned Second Team All-Conference for the GAC. Free average 14.4 points per game, along with 1.9 assists per game. He led the conference in three pointers made with 88 on the season averaging 3.1 per game.

McDowell finished with an average of 16.4 points per game for the season and was 19th in the league in assists. He finished with a career high at Northwestern with a 41 point performance against Southeastern Oklahoma State.



Brian Free



Camron McDowell



Faith Simpson



Carly Craig



Kynsey Dixon



Anna Motycka



Josena Frame



Chelsea Lindsey



Ali Zeka



Camille Thomas

## Rangers dominate steer wrestling at event

By LUCIA BARRANTES VEGA  
*Sports Editor*

Last weekend the rodeo teams traveled to Fort Scott, Kansas, for their second event this semester. Nine out of 41 steer wrestlers competing were from NWOSU.

Eight of the nine Rangers scored points. Cameron Fox had a strong showing last weekend. He had runs of 4.8 seconds and 4.9 seconds finishing second in both rounds. His total time was 9.7 seconds over the two rounds, obtaining first place overall and 160 points.

**Steer Wrestling**

Cameron Fox: Total time 9.7 seconds, first place. (4.8, second place/4.9, second place.)

Tevin Cowan: Total time 10.2 seconds, second place. (6.1, tenth place/4.1, first place.)

Quade Potter: Total time 10.8 seconds, third place. (4.6, first place/6.2.)

Logan Mullin Total time 11 seconds, fourth place. (5.6, fourth place/5.4, third place.)

Emmit Edler: Total time 12.4 seconds, fifth place. (6.4, 12th place/6, fourth place.)

Scout Cutsinger: Total time 15 seconds, sixth place. (5.3, third place/9.7.)

Jacob Haren: Total time 15.3 seconds, seventh place. (5.9, second place/9.4, second place.)

Sterling Lee: Total time 19.7 seconds, eighth place. (5.5, fourth place/ 14.2)

Grady Aasby: Total time 105.8 seconds, 11th place. (5.8, seventh place/100.)

**Team roping**

Sage Bader (NWOSU) & Cadon Remington (SWOSU): Total time 21 seconds, eighth place. (8.3, tenth place/ 12.7, sixth.)

For the women, on barrel racer, Sierra Schott took advantage of her short round position. She clocked 12.84 seconds to win the final round and finish second.

**Ladies Barrel Racing**

Sierra Schott: Total time 25.99

seconds, second place. (13.15, tenth place/12.84, first place.)

On the breakaway roper, Jayden Jensen shared the first-round win with a 2.2-second run; she was 3.8 to finish third in the final round and average. Fellow roper Lauren Hopkins was 2.6 seconds to finish in a five-way tie for fourth place in the opening round.

**Breakaway**

Jayden Jensen: Total time 6 seconds, third place. (2.2, first place. 3.8, third place.)

Lauren Hopkins: Total time 102.6 seconds, ninth place (2.6, seventh place/ 100.)

Lastly, goat-tier Savannah Greenfield earned a sport in the championship.

**Goat tying**

Savannah Greenfield: Total time 107.7 seconds, 14th place. (7.7, eighth place/100.)

With four events remaining on the schedule, the Rangers own the top three spots overall.

Next event will be on April 5-7 at Garden City, Kansas.



During the rodeo practices, Chase Cooper ropes a calf.