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'Cinderella' is magical production

By ALLI SCHIEBER Editor-in-Chief

The Northwestern theater progam along with members of the Alva community are getting ready for for their rendition of "Rodger and Hammerstein's Cin-

The production will run for three nights starting tonight at 7 p.m. they will also perform tomorrow at 7 p.m. and Saturday at 2 p.m.

Emily Smith a senior from Holdenville and a vocal music education major plays the female lead of Ella, said this version of "Cinderella" tells the original story but also has other stories that give the musical a deeper meaning than the original "Cinderella"

"It's a really cool story, with a lot of sub stories," Smith said.

This production like most productions has had its challenges, one of the biggest challenges has been all the moving parts and having to switch the scenes so much and having a moving set. However, another unexpeted challenge that occured was both sthe male and female leads in the show being diagnosed with Strep Throat earlier this week.

Smith said earlier this week she was having to stand on stage and have someone else read her lines for her so she could rest her voice due to her Strep Throat.

Being an understudy in the two other musicals Smith was involved in at Northwestern, she is excited to finally be the lead. Smith said that not only has playing Cinderella been magical but the whole show has been magical.

"I love it because, it is not necessarily all about Cinderella," Smith said. "It's about how she changes the hearts of people and of the stigmas around her, and I love it because it is not just a love story. It has a purpose behind."

Smith also said that being part of theater has really given her a community here and a family she can come back to after being home for the summer. This production is similar to the production the theater did of "Music Man" a couple of years ago. As for this musical they are also having members of the community



Raye Lyn Bird practices onstage for her role of Marie during a dress rehersal eariler this week in Herod Hall.

participate as the ensenmble and other parts in the show.

Bethany Towns a senior, psychology major from Alva is a member of the ensemble for this production says that this muscial is a little different for her than "Music Man" as she has no singing parts and is just singing and dancing.

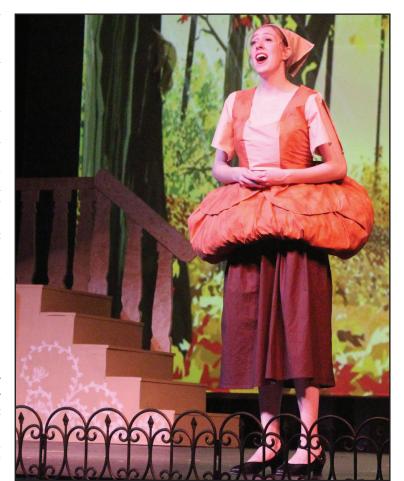
"My favorite number from the musical is "The Prince is Giving a Ball" because of how high energy it is," Towns said.

Smith has trouble picking just one musical number as her favorite in the musical. She said she is excited for "Stepsisters' Lament" and "Me, Who am I?"

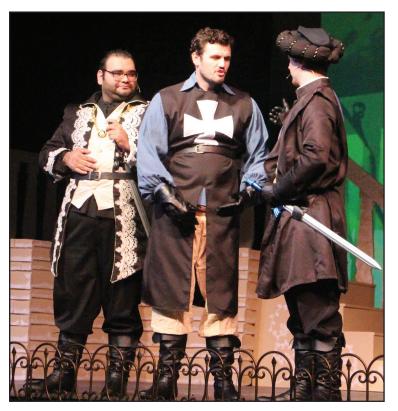
"I think those two will steal the show," Smith said. "But I really love "Impossible."

Tickets for the show are \$15 for general admission, \$10 for university employees and \$5 for students witha a current student id and can be purchased online.

"My favorite part has been seeing it come together... I knew it was going to be magical coming in to this but putting it all together," Smith said. "It's really quite a magical show."



Emily Smith practices for her role as the female lead, Ella earlier this week in Herod Hall auditorium.



Jameson Hale, center, plays the role os Prince Topher, who falls in love with Ella in the Rodgers & Hammerstein musical "Cinderella."

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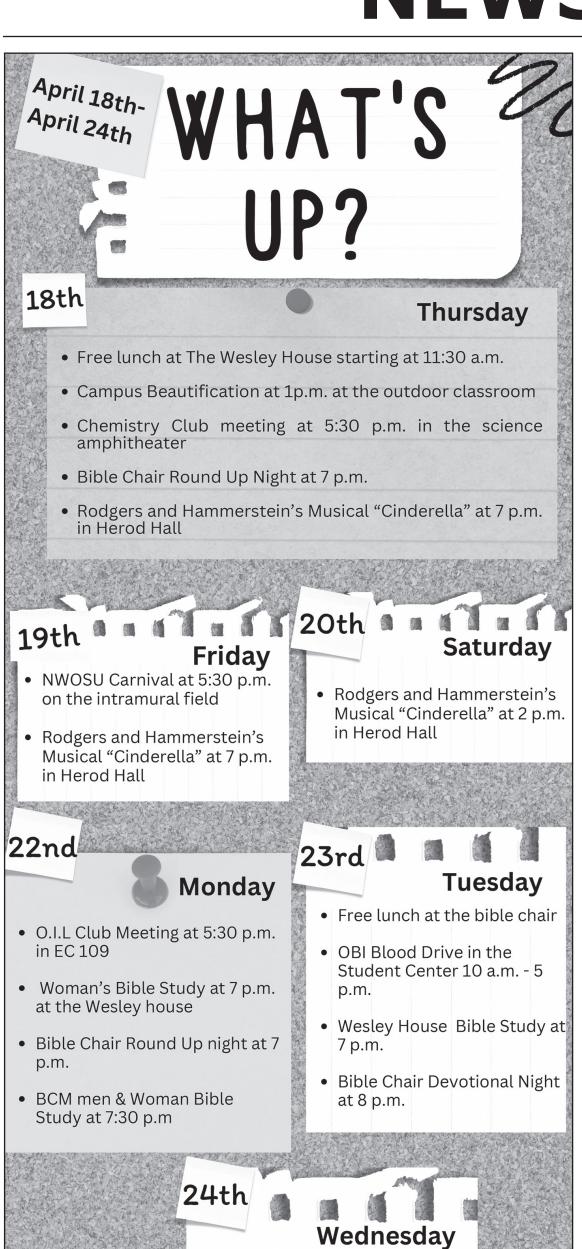
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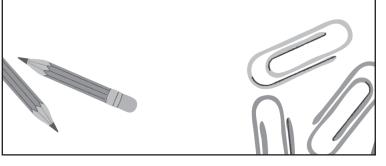
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OPINION

Sunny Summer Shindigs

By CHLOE GRUSING

Editorial Editor

The school year is almost over, and I know most students on campus can't wait for summer to begin.

There are many things to look forward to in the summer, including traveling, working and local activities and festivals. If you are a student at Northwestern and live outside of Alva, make sure to check your city's local website for activities taking place.

If you are staying in Alva over the summer, there are many events happening.

The Nescatunga Arts & Crafts Festival & Sugar show is taking place from May 31 to June 1. According to the Oklahoma Travel website, this showcases local artist's work. At the show there will be food trucks, jewlery, artwork and much more. This event takes place at the Alva Rec Center and welcomes everyone in the community to join.

Another event happening in the area is the

Enid Downtown Dog Fest. On June 7 bring your dog to downtown Enid and enjoy games and giveaways centered around your pet.

The city hopes to see many pets and people enjoying the sun and games.

One last event happening this summer in Northwest Oklahoma is the Tonkawa Tribal Powwow. The event is open to the community and will host a horseshoe, disc golf and basketball tournamnet. Traditional clothing will be showcased along with a Veteran's supper. This event will occur on June 28 through June

There are always events going on in every city, so make sure to check and see if something interests you.

Here are some other suggestions of things to do this summer:

The first suggestion for things to do this summer is going to the zoo. This may seem like a child activity, but recently I went and thoroughly enjoyed it.

Learning about new animals, being outside and seeing different types of plants is a great way to engage your brain during summer. If you haven't been to the zoo since childhood, I highly suggest visiting and seeing the animals.

Second, I recommend trying new recipes. Making some new food can help you experience different flavors and tastes, which can help expand your palate.

You could also try different cooking methods such as grilling, baking or sauteing a new

Sharing these new creations with your friends and family is also a great way to showcase your hard work.

The last recommendation, and my personal favorite, is starting a garden this summer. You can grow flowers to decorate your yard, or start growing some vegetables to cook in new dishes.

Though it is not too late to start from seeds, going to a greenhouse with plants already growing can help a beginner. Growing a garden can reap great benefits and is a great way to see hard work pay off.

I asked some students around campus what their plans for summer were, and got many more suggestions:

"I might go on a camping trip and I'm working." -Sam Collins, sophomore, psychology

"I'M GONNA GET A JOB AND TAKE SOME CLASSES THIS SUMMER." -DOROTHY BENTON, SOPHOMORE, BUSINESS

"I plan to stay in Alva for the summer and go to the lake a few times" -Olivia Pride, freshman, mass communication

"I am taking summer classes and volunteering at the Classic Bowl, plus getting a job too."

-Rosa Vargas, sophomore, music education

"I am going home to work and spending time with my friends."

-Claire Sparks, junior, psychology

"I am going to Indiana to visit my family and I plan to get plenty of rest." -Jordyn Lovins, freshman, English education

"I plan on staying in Alva to work, hang, chill and tan." -Noelany Verja, freshman, social work

"I' m going home to work and I might take a trip."

-Morgan Durbin, freshman, biology

- "I'm hangin with my dog and work-
- -Jade Campbell, sophomore, music education

"I'm staying in Alva, taking some summer classes, and I have a cool job. It will be a cool summer."

-Mary Hainzinger, senior, elementary education

Celebration for first generation



Clad in green and purple, students and faculty in Trio Programs from across Oklahoma listen to fellow first generation students and graduates in order to celebrate Trio Day in Oklahoma.

Photo essay by Derrick Galindo Big or small, it is a chance to celebrate!



their opportunity to be the first to graduate in their family. With this comes trials and tribulations that they must overcome. Overcoming these challenges calls for celebra-Here are some of the moments I got to celebrate with fellow first generation students.

First generation college students are known by

First was a trip to the capital. I got to hear fellow first generation students or graduates tell their tale of challenges and breakthroughs navigating college.

On a more small scale, the first generation club took a trip to a museum.

An especially great trip after our hectic schedules that week.

At the end of the day, no matter how big or small celebrations, they should be cherished.







Above: Ash Crites and Lyla Murie walk to the Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center, an Oklahoma history museum in Enid.

Top left: Ash Crites and Lyla Murie walk into the sod house. A recording overhead tells the story of the previous inhabitants of the home.

Middle left: Lyla Murie holds the prop sword gifted by Phillips University to the museum before it became NWOSU's Enid campus.

Bottom left: Ash Crites pulls open a drawer, and listens to recordings from settlers of the Cherokee Strip.

CAMPUS LIFE

Career Fair

Students prepare for their future



Middle school students participate in guitar fest

Right, Students participate in Northwesterns guitar festival last friday.

The students had the opportunity to come and perform for faculty of NWOSU Fine Arts in a non-competetive setting.

The non-competitve setting allows for students to have fun and play in a stress free setting but also to make mistakes and learn what they could do if they do compete somewhere in the future.

Students performed both individually and as ensembles and recieved encouragement from the staff that was there.



Photos by Jabari Smiti

FEATURE

Clubs planning annual carnival

By MALLORY **PARUSZEWSKI** Senior Reporter

The second annual carnival for the Alva community, including Northwestern students, is on its way.

The clubs and organizations here at NWOSU are hosting the fundraising carnival on the intramural field, Friday. Carnival games, food and inflatables will also be available for enjoyment.

The clubs and organizations are also taking donations for the toy drive for gently used toys.

Tickets and wristbands are available to purchase as well. The wristbands are \$20, Individual tickets are \$1 or .50 cents for NWOSU students. Each activity will take one ticket, but food will be cash based.

Last year, 2023, was the first carnival that the organizations hosted for the community. They had around 75-100 people show up, including children and students.

SGA is hoping to continue the carnival every year and make it an annual event that the community looks forward to.

The reason for starting the carnival was to gain community outreach and to get a bigger crowd, they want to grow the environment for Alva.

"Having a carnival where people and families can come out to Northwestern and become a positive family friendly environment" said Austin Rankin, SGA President. "We realize we've been kind of lacking in community outreach, so the carnival was created as a tool to bring students on to campus, and reach out to community at the same time"

Since SGA is hosting the carnival, they are hoping to get all the clubs at Northwestern to join and set up their own activ-

Second Annual Carnival

Friday 5#30-8#30 Intramural Field

Student tickets \$.50 each Wristband: \$20

Community Invited

pop, lucky duck and more. About 19 clubs have signed up to participate at the carnival, including Art Society, Bible Chair, Biology, Club, Computer Science Club, Delta Zeta, Disc Golf, FCA, First Gen Club, Forge, GSA, HALO, Med Science, pre-Nursing, O.I.L., Psychology Club, Ranger Business, Wesley House, Writer's Roundtable and Intramurals. If you're also interested in joining any of the clubs, they will have that information as well.

The head of the committee teams is Carmen Gonser, scholarship coordinator, located in the Financial Aid office. With the Food, Vendor, Games and Recreation, and Toy Drive committees helping out, it has been pretty smooth, but there's work that also needs to be done or checking all the boxes and making sure everything is line.

"It's just lining out the details of what club is hosting what booth and getting in contact with those clubs, because there are a lot of moving parts involved in ity booth, like ring toss, balloon the carnival," said Austin Rankin.



Photo by Carmen Gonser

NWOSU O.I.L. students end their week trip to the Oklahoma capitol for O.I.L. Session with a delegation photo. From left, Jacob Martin, Carmen Gonser, Allysa Donaldson and Ash Crites.

O.I.L. springs into session

By KATELYN FINDLEY Features Editor

April 3-7 NWOSU O.I.L. took its second-semester trip to Oklahoma City for what is known as a "session." This takes place in the Oklahoma Capitol chambers of the House and the Senate.

Session is a week trip of student mock government. For the session, all Oklahoma student delegations (groups of members) come together to take part in performing political proce-

Each student will bring one piece of legislation to present to the body to vote on.

Individual students can take part in competitions such as best freshmen delegate and best

legislation in both the House and the Senate chambers.

Students also can participate

in competitions within sessions called Moot Court and Press Press Corps is a competition

where students can write articles, produce podcasts, conduct interviews or create social media posts.

Moot Court competition allows students the opportunity to simulate the position of a petitioner or a respondent in a Moot Court case.

The 2023-2024 Delegations Chair Jacob Martin describes this Session evemt as "A great time to get with all of your friends that you have made throughout O.I.L. and meet up to discuss ideas, to bring forth issues that you have seen between the last few sessions."

He said the group is not a political organization.

"While we do discuss political topics, it is a place where you can share those ideas with people who might not agree with them," he explained. "But it's not going to be a hostile environment."

O.I.L. session is a place to get to know people and join ongoing and new discussions about the world, to bring new ideas to the table. Session is a place to meet new people across the state and grow in public involvement.

Anyone wishing to get involved with O.I.L. should contact Jacob Martin at jmmartin49@ rangers.nwosu.edu.

Homecoming theme, parade marshals selected

A former NWOSU speech and theatre major penned the winning theme idea for the fall Homecoming festivities, Oct. 3-5.

Patrick Wilson, originally from Aubrey, Texas, submitted the theme "Ranger Expedition:2024," which was selected by the homecoming committee. He received \$25 worth of Alva Chamber Bucks as

Alumni Kenneth and Sue Fellers will be leading the parade. Kenneth Fellers graduated with a math and physics degree in 1963, and his wife graduated with a music degree in 1964.

The Fellers now farm near Burlington. The couple has funded scholarships on campus and are sponsoring upcoming renovations to the Herod Hall auditorium..

What makes a good story?

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KEVIN KAUMANS

makes a book "good"? Some people think it's the symbolism used by the author. Some believe that it's the plot that dictates if a book is a masterpiece. Others

say it's the lore that makes a novel fantastic, and

everything else is irrelevant. In my opinion, the main thing

that makes a story good is the characters.

You could have the most nonsensical plot, the most boring world building, and the most predictable climax known to man. But if you make your main characters unique and likable, there's a good chance at least one of your books will still be talked about a hundred years from now.

My reasoning? Look up any fictional fandom in existence, no matter how obscured or badly rated the source material is, there will always be people making fan art of or some teenage girl having a crush on at least one of the characters. Why? Because the character is likable in one way or another.

And really, when it comes down to it, no matter how bad a book, movie, or video game is, as long as there is at least one well-written character, people will love it.

Whenever I start a book, the first thing that catches my eyes is the characters. While I try to finish every book I open, I find that I have an easier time doing it when the protagonists are actually bear-

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SPORTS

Rodeo competes in Southwestern Oklahoma event, men place third

This past weekend, at the annual Southwestern Oklahoma State University rodeo, Kade Stokes won the first round and finished second overall. It was the biggest hit of the season for him. Only six bull riders scored in the opening round, and only one rode

"The long round went pretty good, and it paid off in the average," said Stokes to Ted Harbin. Kade added 110 points to his season total and moved up to a tie for seventh in the Central Plains Region stand-ings.

"It was really big. I'd never been 82 points at a college rodeo, and to be able to do that on a Bennie Beutler bull was pretty cool."

While the Ranger's bull rider scored his first points of the season, six Northwestern steer wrestlers all added points to their

All-around talent Jacob Haren placed in both rounds and won the aggregate title, while Kade Chace utilized a third-place finish in the championship round to place third overall.

Cam Fox placed second in the opener and fifth in the short round to finish fifth overall, and Trisyn Kalawaia finished sixth in both rounds and the average.

Emmett Edler won the first round with a 4.1, the fastest run of the weekend. Tevin Cowan was 5.1 to finish third in the opening

The Rangers men finished third in the team standings and kept progressing up the standings.

Meanwhile, Stokes, has found the right frame of mind to close out his season, thanks to coach Stockton Graves.

"His mental approach is all about having the right mindset on winning," Stokes said to Harbin of his coach. "If you go in with a winning attitude, you give yourself a better chance to win."

The Central Plains will wrap its 10-event season with rodeos at Hays, Kansas, and this coming weekend and at Guymon, Oklahoma, the final weekend of April.

That means there are just two more chances to gather the points necessary to finish on top.

Only the top two teams and the top three individuals in each event will advance to the College National Finals Rodeo, which takes place June 9-15 in Casper, Wyoming.

-Ted Harbin, TwisTed Rodeo.com

Next events: Apr 18-20

@ Fort Hays State University

Apr 25-27 @Oklahoma Panhandle State

Softball wins 1, loses 4

On Saturday and Sunday, the Lady Rangers softball team visited University of Arkansas at Monticello for this weekend series. The Lady Rangers fell to the Blossoms 0-3 for the series.

On Tuesday, the softball team played at home Fort Hays State University. The doubleheader finished 0-2 for the Lady Tigers. These leaves the Lady Rangers placed as 11th in the Great American Conference.

vs Arkansas Monticello

VS 111 Runsus Wionticents.			
	NWOSU	SNU	
Game 1	10	2	
Game 2	2	9	
Game 3	4	5	

Friday games Game 1: Pitching:

Hannah Howell, (W, 10-7). **Batting:**

2B: Rosemary Rivera, 1; Rachel Sherwood, 1; Macy Spearman, 2

Baserunning: RUNS: Rosemary Rivera, 4; Macy Spearman, 1; Tatum Winters, 1; Avery Clark, 1; Madeline Pack, 1; Gabrielle Sanchez, 2

SB: Hannah Howell, 1 CS: Rachel Sherwood, 1 HBP: Macy Spearman, 1; Madeline Pack, 1

Game 2: Pitching:

Ireland Caro (L, 4-13).

Batting:

RBI: Hannah Howell, 1; Laney Anderson, 1

SF: Laney Anderson, 1

Baserunning:

RUNS: Rosemary Rivera, 1; Rachel Sherwood, 1 **SB:** Rosemary Rivera, 1

> Game 3: **Pitching:**

Hannah Howell (L, 10-8).

Batting:

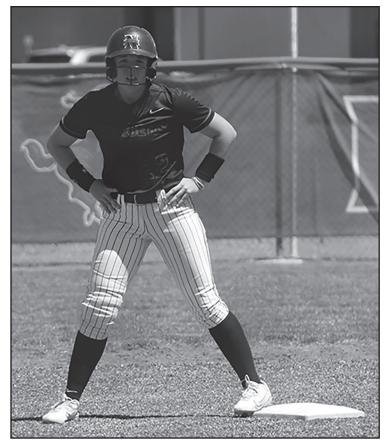
HR: Rosemary Rivera, 1; Macy Spearman, 1

RBI: Rosemary Rivera, 1; Laney Anderson, 2; Macy Spearman, 1

Baserunning:

RUNS: Rosemary Rivera, 1; Avery Clark, 1; Rachel Sherwood, 1; Macy Spearman, 1 SB: Rachel Sherwood, 1 **HBP:** Rosemary Rivera, 1

The Lady Rangers have eight games left; six of them are GAC series against Southern Arkansas University, over the weekend, and Ouachita Baptist University on April 26-27. They take the tenth place at the GAC stand-



Rachel Sherwood standing on second base at their game on Tuesday against Fort Hays State University.

	NWOSU	FHSU
Game 1	10	2
Game 2	2	9

vs Fort Hays State.

These leaves the season record on 17-27. Next game on Friday and Saturday vs Southern Arkansas.

Track, field participate at Wichita State, OU

Last weekend, the track and field teams traveled to the Wichita State University for their fourth outdoor meet of the season. These are some of the results:

Women's 100 Meters

10th Shackera Douglas, 12.09 21st Machala Hengen, 12.34

200 Meters

10th Tavonyia Lacy, 24.80 21st Diamond Hilton, 25.31

400 Meters

21st Tavonyia Lacy, 59.79 25th Shakira Lane, 1:01.48 800 Meter

9th Gina Wilson, 2:38.49

12th Reina Gonzales, 2:39.66

1500 Meters

37th Asia Williams, 5:14.30 38th Cadence Long-Torres,

5000 Meters

27th Asia Williams, 19:45.72 32nd Cadence Long-Torres,

100 Hurdles

21nd Machala Hengen, 15.86 24th Gina Wilson, 16.89 2.3

4 x 100 Meter Relay

6th Northwestern Oklahoma-A: Tavonyia Lacy, Shackera Douglas, Diamond Hilton, Renaja Engermann, 48.12 10th Northwestern Oklahoma-B: Asia Hicks, Darianne Thompson, Skyler Tillery, Haley Combs, 49.57

Pole Vault

8th Olivia Saner, 3.32m/10.75"

Long Jump

13th Darianne Thompson, 5.18m/17'0"

Triple Jump

15th Maryam Dianka, 10.56m/34' 7.75'

Shot Put

18thChloe Grusing, 10.80m/35' 5.25"

19thHannah Appleton, 10.68m/35' 0.5'

Discus Throw

5th Hannah Appleton, 43.57m/142'11" 43.55 43.57 10th Chloe Grusing, 39.36m/129' 2"

Hammer Throw 13th Hannah Appleton, 43.29m/142'0"

Javelin Throw

11th Jordyn Tucker, 31.78m/104'3" 22nd Kaylan Swindle, 26.41m/86' 8"

> Men's 400 Meters

50th Christian Franklin, 52.88 67th Caleb Morgan, 55.25 800 Meter Friday

43rd Christian Franklin, 2:07.29 45th Caleb Morgan, 2:11.43

800 Meter Saturday 5th Brandon Adolphus, 1:58.49 6th Riley Herndon, 1:58.61

1500 Meters

26th Brandon Adolphus, 4:04.55

32nd Muneer Suied, 4:08.46 5000 Meters

25th Muneer Suied, 15:44.18 41st Salat Ibrahim, 16:17.08

3000 Steeplechase 18th Crispus Atukwatse,

10:41.02 20th Basheer Suied, 10:43.17

The men's team also competed at the Oklahoma University. These are some of the results:

100 Meter

41st Kyler Moore, 11.14 53th Derek Cocheran, 11.36

400 Meter

53rd Derrick Taylor, 52.70 54th Michael Byers, 52.74

110 Meter Hurdles 13th Jayden Geathers, 15.37

400 Hurdles

9th Jayden Geathers, 56.28

17th Isai Aguilar, 1:01.95

4 x 100 Meter Relay

6th Kyler Moore, Trevor Montayne, Derrick Taylor, Wesley

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SPORTS

Baseball splits wins 2-2

By MALCOM SMITH Student Reporter

The Rangers take on Arkansas Monticello this weekend on a three game series. The first game the Rangers started off slow with a zero score first inning.

Then, they came back with a two-score inning led by Carson Wright, who scored the first points for the team.

As Monticello began to run up the score, the Rangers were in a slump, which stopped them from winning the game. In which the score was 17 to 8

The Rangers began to start off slow again in game two versus Arkansas Monticello.

They started the game with not scoring in the first two innings. Things began to heat up in the third inning as second baseman Hagan Barcello hit a home run to get the team started.

The Rangers began to heat up this game, but it just was not enough as they lose this one 15 to 13.

In the third and final game of the series, the Rangers were seeking revenge. The Rangers started the first Inning off hot with a sixrun inning. They also had three home runs in this last game of the

Chad Green got the team on their feet locked and loaded with the first homer of the game. As the Rangers, take this one 15 to 9.

These are the stats from the games:

vs East Central University Friday games:

	, B	
	NWOSU	UAM
Game 1	8	17
Game 2	13	15

Game 1: Pitching:

Dawson Toborg (L, 2-3). **Batting:**

2B: Carson Wright, 1; Paul Sanchen, 1; Chad Green, 1

HR: Hagen Barcello, 1; Colby Grace, 1

RBI: Hagen Barcello, 4; Chad Green, 2; Colby Grace, 2

Baserunning:

RUNS: Dylan Bradford, 1; Carson Wright, 2; Chad Green, 1; Paul Sachen, 1; Hagen Barcello, 1; Colby Grace, 1; Trevor Saire, 1

Game 2: Pitching:

Zac McEachern, (L, 1-2).

Batting:

2B: Carson Wright, 1

HR: Paul Sachen, 1; Hagen Barcello, 1; Trevor Saire, 1; Colby Grace, 1

RBI: Paul Sachen, 4; Hagen Barcello, 4; Trevor Saire, 2; Colby Grace, 1; Dylan Bradford, 1

Baserunning:

RUNS: Hagen Barcello, 3; Dylan Bradford, 1; Carson Wright, 2; Chad Green, 1; Paul Sachen, 2; Trevor Saire, 2; Colby Grace, 2; Zach Vetal, 1

HBP: Paul Sachen, 1; Dylan Bradford, 1

Saturday game:

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Game 3	15	9

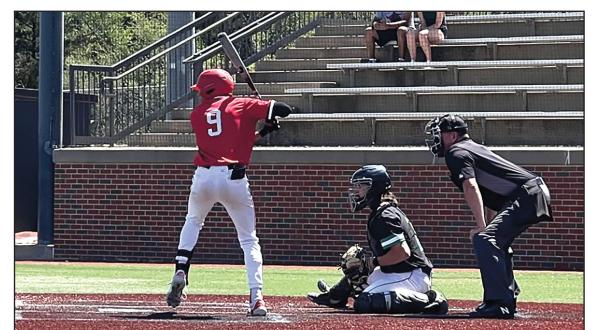


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Jacob Wiltshire (9), a junior, is up to bat for the rangers against Arkansas Monticello.

Game 3: Pitching:

Colby Mitchell (W, 4-0), Max McClain (S, 1).

Batting:

HR: Paul Sachen, 1, Chad Green, 1; Trevor Saire, 1

3B: Zach Vetal, 1

RBI: Dylan Bradford, 2; Paul Sachen, 2; Chad Green, 2; Trevor Saire, 4; Hagen Barcello, 1

Baserunning:

RUNS: Hagen Barcello, 3; Trevor Saire, 2; Dylan Bradford, 2; Paul Sachen, 2; Chad Green, 2; Carson Wright, 2; Oscar Gallar-

RBI: Oscar Gallardo, 1

In addition, on Tuesday, the Rangers traveled to Tahlequah against Northeastern State University. The Rangers swept the RiverHawks.

Tuesday game: vs Northeastern State.

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Pitching:

Cade Phelps (W, 2-1).

Batting:

2B: Dylan Bradford, 1; Hagen Bracello, 1; Trevor Saire, 1; Oscar Gallardo, 1

RBI: Dylan Bradford, 3; Carson Wright, 3; Paul Sachen, 1; Hagen Bracello, 3; Trevor Saire, 3; Theron Perkins, 3; Oscar Gallardo, 2; Zach Vetal, 1; Chase Hamilton, 2

Baserunning:

RUNS: Dylan Bradford, 3; Car-

son Wright, 3; Paul Sachen, 2; Hagen Bracello, 3; Trevor Saire, 2; Theron Perkins, 3; Oscar Gallardo, 3; Zach Vetal, 3; Chase Hamilton, 2

HBP: Dylan Bradford, 1

This leaves the record 28-15. The Rangers are placed as fourth at the GAC standings with a record of 17-10.

With seven games left, two being GAC series against Southern Arkansas University and Southwestern Oklahoma State University. The team is two weeks away from the conference tournament.

On May 5-6 and 11-13 at the Arvest Ballpark, Springdale Arkansas Northwest Naturals is going to host the GAC Championship.

Teams reschecule finals because of competitions

By LUCIA **BARRANTES VEGA** Sports Editor

As the semester approaches, so does the anxiety of the past few weeks. Although it is already stressful, now imagine having to schedule some of these exams a week in advance because of your sport.

This is the case for some of Northwestern Oklahoma State University teams. Some student-athletes have to reschedule finals to make way for sporting events that will take place during traditional finals week.

Sometimes the pressure to perform well on the field also clashes with the pressure to excel in the classroom, since you cannot be a good athlete without being a good student.

In this case, the university,

academic calendar to ensure that students can fully participate in

For example, as women's track and field head coach Jill Lancaster mentions, athletes on the track team will do some of their finals the week before.

This is because the Great American Conference tournament will be in the week already defined for the final exams. In addition, she comments that the graduation walk was also moved for the same reason.

In this way, student-athletes will be able to be present at both events without having to choose between them. The tournament will be held at Southern Arkansas University from May 1-3 for men and women.

A curious fact that Lancaster

rather than forcing students to said is that the team has stood choose between academic ob- out for about four years with a ligations or supporting their notable GPA. This shows the teams, has chosen to adjust the dedication of the athletes not only in their sport but also in terms of study topics.

This is not just the case for track and field teams. The baseball team is in a similar situation because the first date of the Great American Conference tournament will be May 3 and 4 in North Little Rock, Arkansas.

For this reason, student athletes with finals scheduled for May 3 will have to take their exams on other days to be able to attend the tournament. This reflects the nature of life for student-athletes where they must make adjustments for academic and athletic demands.

By adjusting the calendar, NWOSU demonstrates the commitment to supporting and fostering a well-rounded college experience.

Rosemary Rivera named GAC player of the week

In an announcement made by the Great American Conference earlier this week, attention was focused on Rosemary Rivera player with the jersey #12.

The junior from Jewett, Texas, won the title of Player of the Week. Rivera was 7 for 15 in a five-game series.

In the doubleheader matchup against Southwestern Oklahoma State, she doubled twice and scored a run.

Additionally, against Arkansas Monticello, Rivera played some good offense, hitting a trio of home runs while racking up seven runs and crossing the plate herself

In the first game against Arkansas Monticello hit two home runs, including a game-changing grand slam.

She raised her average 36 points in the five-game stretch.

The Lady Rangers have eight regular games left for the season.

Their next game will be this



The junior Rosemary Rivera was named GAC player of the week last Monday.

weekend against Southern Arkansas at home.

Her stats for the season:

Avg: .260/ OPS: .832/ Runs: 16/ H: 26/ 2B: 3/ AB: 100/ RBI: 18/ HR: 4/ TB: 41/ PO: 55/ C: 157.