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Herod Hall to be renamed after donors

By TARA OWEN
Senior Reporter

Northwestern Oklahoma State University will rename Herod Hall auditorium to The Fellers Family Auditorium.

Sue and Kenny Fellers, out of Cherokee, are both Northwestern Alumni. They recently made the largest donation to allow for the campus auditorium's renovations.

The Fellers lead gift along with The Charles Morton Share Trust and other local donors will allow funds for the renovations.

"The generosity of the donors is what is allowing these changes to happen," said John Allen, director of Northwestern alumni relations.

Individuals can donate charitable donations during this time. In return, a small bronze nameplate will be created to recognize the donations.

Nameplates will be added to the new seating in the auditorium.

If preferred, individuals may honor an alum, student or an organization on the plate.

There are three levels of contributions, with a donation of \$1,500 the nameplate will be on a seat in the auditorium's first 11 rows.

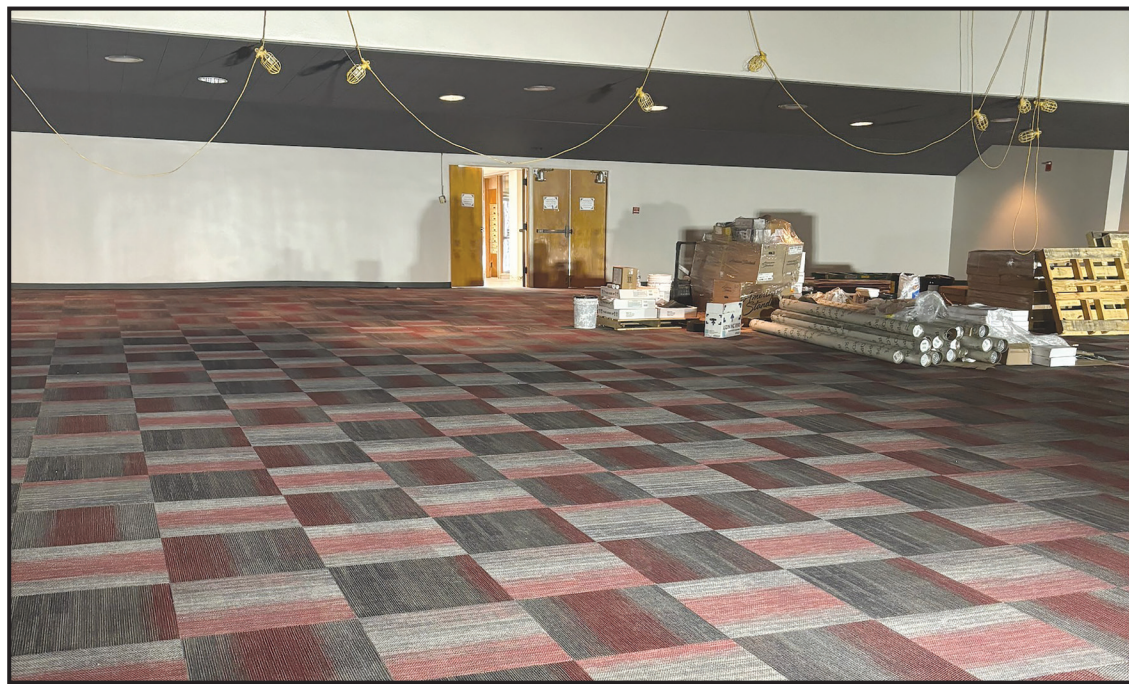


Photo by Tara Owen

The Fellers Family Auditorium floors, walls and ceiling after renovations the rest of the renovations to be done by Oct. 3 for Miss Cinderella pageant during NWOSU's homecoming week.

A donation of \$1,000 and the nameplate will be on the next 10 rows.

Finally, with a donation of \$500 a nameplate will be placed in the balcony seating.

The donation and nameplate will not reserve seats while attending performances in the auditorium.

Payment plans are available over a three-year span.

Donations under \$500 will still go towards the endowment but will not have a nameplate.

These funds will all contribute to the improvement and maintenance of The Fellers Family Auditorium.

As the auditorium remains

under construction, the first large event planned in the auditorium will be the Miss Cinderella pageant during Northwestern's homecoming week.

The project was originally supposed to be completed Sept. 3. However, the factory is delayed on the seating as they are having difficulties getting the fabric for

the chair, this is foreseen as a nationwide problem.

The auditorium last experienced a remodel in the 60's.

Members of the audience may have remembered that many of the chairs in the auditorium were ripped along with extremely outdated.

Walking into Herod Hall the updates are immediately visible with all new grey wood flooring on the first floor including the stairs to the second floor. The restroom on the first floor has also been refurbished.

Updates inside the auditorium include all new chairs downstairs and in the balcony seating.

As the new chairs are slightly larger than the previous seating and with a few chairs being removed to allow for handicap seating. The overall amount of chairs will be slightly fewer than before.

As audience members walk down the aisle, the ranger logo will be branded on a few chairs to give a more modern look.

The flooring in the auditorium has also been replaced with new red, black and grey carpet both in the balcony and downstairs.

Throughout the years, there has been numerous leaks and damage to the walls in the

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State lifts sales tax on food today

By ELY NOBLE
Senior Reporter

Today a new chapter begins for the people of not just Alva, but the entire state of Oklahoma.

This date marks the first day when a 4.5% state sales tax on food is officially lifted, a move that many residents have been anticipating according to KOSU.

This change is set to have a significant impact on the wallets of everyday citizens, the state's budget and even local businesses.

The elimination of the 4.5% state sales tax applies to most groceries, essential food items that fill the shelves of Alva's grocery stores, items such as fresh produce, dairy products, meats and bread are included.

However, not everything in the

store will be tax-free.

Prepared foods, like deli meals and hot foods, along with candy, soda and alcohol will still be taxed.

The tax break specifically targets the staples that families buy on a regular basis, making it easier for them to put food on the table without having sales taxes added to their expenses.

For the average family in Alva, this could change could mean noticeable savings over time.

For example, a family that spends \$200 a week on groceries could save around \$9 each or week or roughly \$468 each year.

For families on a tight budget, this extra cash can be the difference in their lifestyle with inflation being at one of its peaks.

For the residents of Alva, the savings on groceries might be

slightly different since local taxes are still in place.

Alva city tax will continue to be charged on food, though it is significantly lower than the state tax that is now removed.

This means that while residents won't be paying the 4.5% state sales tax, they will see a smaller percentage taken out for city taxes.

The reduction in overall tax rates is expected to encourage more spending and could boost local businesses in unexpected ways.

Local businesses, especially groceries stores, are preparing for a surge in customers eager to take advantage of the new tax-free status of food.

Bryan Gragg, the General Manager and coach at Walmart in Alva, has already started prepar-

STATES WITHOUT sales tax ON GROCERIES, CANDY AND POP

- ALASKA
- DELAWARE
- MONTANA
- NEW HAMPSHIRE
- OREGON

Information from: <https://www.avelara.com/blog/en/north-america/2022/09/states-with-no-sales-tax-what-you-need-to-know.html>

food, we will see sales rise, which is always good for businesses; however, it will also cause low in stock and outs, causing a strain on supply chain."

The increased demand could lead to challenges in keeping shelves stocked, putting additional pressure on the supply and staff to maintain a high level of service.

Oklahoma was one of only 13 states that still had taxes on most groceries.

There are also five states that do not have a sales tax on groceries, pop or candy.

These include Alaska, Delaware, Montana, New Hampshire and Oregon. These states are often referred to as the NOMAD states. The state with the lowest non zero state sales tax is Colorado according to tax foundation.

ing his team for what he believes will be a busier than usual period.

"I see a need for more staffing due to increase in sales," Gragg said. "It will be both beneficial and a struggle with zero tax on

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MISS NWOSU INFO NIGHT
6-7 P.M., JD 205

DELTA ZETA BID DAY
PICNIC AT HATFIELD
PARK 5:30 P.M.

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FARMERS MARKET
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NO SCHOOL
LABOR DAY

WRITER'S ROUND TABLE
MEETING AT 5 P.M.
MEET THE RANGERS 7 PM AT
RANGER FOOTBALL FIELD

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IMPORTANT

LAST DAY TO DROP
CLASSES AUGUST 30TH

FREE MEALS 11:30 A.M. TO 1 P.M.
TUESDAY BIBLE CHAIR
WEDNESDAY BCM
THURSDAY WESLEY HOUSE

WEEKLY



Photo by Tara Owen

Herrod Halls new floors on the first floor in front of auditorium.

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auditorium. These spots have now been fixed.

Along with resurfaced and freshly painted walls, the ceiling has now also been painted.

According to Dr. David Pecha, executive vice president at Northwestern, the overall cost of this project was around \$850,000.

These funds are covering renovations regarding updates that the public audience is able to see.

However, the university has not been able to raise money currently for any of the equipment from the stage back such as new curtains, lighting or sound.

“Those are next on our list to try to fundraise for to help enhance that part of the theater program,” Pecha said.

For more information regarding The Fellers Family Auditorium or how to invest in the Northwestern Performing Arts, head to ournorthwestern.org/ffanp

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NEWS

Nite Lite pushes back opening day

By **KAROLINA JURESIUTE**
Senior Reporter

The Nite Lite returning has been the hottest topic of the city of Alva for a few months now.

Due to unexpected circumstances, the reopening of this historic club is delayed until further notice.

Generations of Alva residents are excited to make their Thursday nights in Alva fun again!

Over the summer, the Nite Lite owner Connor Martin, and his crew have diligently worked on the club.

“We worked on the place as a whole, we got the sound and lighting put together,” Martin said. “The sound system is up and running. We’re 99% finished just waiting on the permit process.”

Martin said they are basically fully staffed, and they are getting ready to start the process of training for security and servers.

The security will be trained on how to handle themselves, see issues before they start, be aware of certain things and make sure everyone is aware of how they will keep the environment safe and fun.

Underage drinking, bar fights and drugs can be a concern for local residents, but Martin thinks

differently.

“I don’t think it’s going to be a place where we have these kinds of issues,” Martin said, “It’s been an awesome place for a long time, we’re just putting our own spin on it.”

Every night after people leave, there will be a process of professional cleaning inside and outside the club.

“Anything we have ever done before this, it’s done professionally, it’s clean and we take care of it, because we take pride in ourselves and what we do and I don’t think that will be an issue,” Martin reassured.

The Nite Lite reopening is giving another option for NWOSU students to get out into the community.

“I’m excited, I’ve heard good things about it, even the older people are excited to go back to a place where they used to have fun,” said Harlie Altland, senior, social work major from Vici, OK.

Nite Lite will also give people another option of food in town by serving bar-style food like breakfast burritos, hot dogs, brats and wings.

It will also have a full liquor bar with beer and wine.

“Initially it’s going to just be our base show, which is going to be a mix of hip hop music, a little



Photo by Ingrid Maldonado

Nite Lites decoration and brand are seen throughout the inside and outside of the building, here it is on the bar.

bit of country, some older style music,” Martin said. “We have alumni coming back, also as we have people coming for the first time, that’s what we want the first experience to be.”

Nite Lite will have a bar area where under 21-year-olds will not be allowed.

Martin said, people 18+ can

come in, hangout, eat, play pool, darts, ping pong or dance.

“We are Excited about Nite Lite opening and proud of our alum, Connor Martin, for reopening the establishment,” said Kelsey Martin, the director of marketing and university relations. “This is a landmark facility for our community and we have

many alumni with great memories by attending the Nite Lite. Giving our student another option to enjoy college life and have experiences is important to our campus community.”

The Nite Lite is located 1220 Lane, St, Alva, Ok 73717.

Makeover

Campus renovations include Cafe

By **DERRICK GALINDO**
Senior Reporter

From inside the Coronado Cafeteria to the campus’s outdoor classroom, NWOSU renovated some facilities over the summer, and plans to continue improving the campus.

Executive Vice President of NWOSU, Dr. David Pecha, said that the first thing recognized by students would no doubt be the cafeteria.

The renovations over the summer were a part of the contract with Chartwells, the food service vendor for NWOSU, and included a periodic refresh.

This granted the opportunity to improve the cafeteria with a new floor and ceiling, a new sound system, lights and fans.

However, that’s just what the people eating seen.

In the kitchen side of the facility, they have three new walk-in refrigerators.

“What we are guessing is the units that were replaced were from the sixties,” said Pecha said.

While functioning well enough, their age led to many problems with energy consumption.

Overall renovations in Coronado Cafe ended up being roughly \$600,000.

Another change seen over the summer was the improvements to the outdoor classroom space, along with other spaces on campus grounds.



Photo by Ingrid Maldonado

Students enjoy the newly remodeled cafeteria as they eat their lunch.

The outdoor classroom space installed concrete and laid new grass.

While the summer renovations were completed, there are still more plans to improve the campus.

Looking towards the outdoor classroom, there are plans to install guardrails, along with working with a donor for a possible gazebo.

Along with this, NWOSbU secured a deferred maintenance fund from the state legislature, with a total fund of \$3,579,545 to do future renovations around campus.

These are renovations that the campus needed but didn’t have the necessary funds to do them.

Outside of Herod Hall’s large-scale

renovation of the auditorium and hall space, there are four other main categories planned to apply the money to.

Many of the categories fit under the topic of replacement, due to age or need of repair.

There are plans to replace the underground electrical transformers near Herod and Jesse Dunn and three heat and air units in Vinson Hall, the Health and Sports Science building and in Percefull Fieldhouse.

Finally, there are plans to improve the roofs of the Science building, Vinson Hall, Wellness Center, the Health and Sports Science building and the cafeteria.

The last category of renovations involving upkeep is the campus’s parking lots.

By collaborating with the City of Alva and Wood’s County commissioners, NWOSU’s maintenance staff patched up potholes around the campus while the county commissioners patched up the parking lot on the west side of Ranger Field.

After they patch up the parking lot, they set an oil base and pack in rock, or chip and seal, the whole west side of the parking lot.

The other problem on Ranger Field is a drainage issue in the first tier of the tiered parking lot.

When quick, heavy rain hits, it will drain into the football field and damage the turf.

NWOSU is working with an engineer to redirect the drainage into the creek in the East.

After the drainage issue is fixed, plans to chip and seal ditches in the tiers will begin.

However, depending on the specifics of which plans are most critical for the campus, some of these plans can be changed due to fluctuating costs, Pecha said.

In looking towards the future of the campus with all these changes made and to be made. Pecha said he was thrilled.

“Today’s students shop with their eyes,” Pecha said, “... So I think you’ve always got to keep your facilities and other things nice. That was part of our decision when it came to renovating Cunningham Hall several years ago. The structure of that building was extremely solid, it just showed its age. So, we wanted to go in and refresh that building and make it look better.”

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OPINION

Meet our new staff members

Welcome back Rangers.

This year our news staff looks a little differ-
ent, but we are excited for our new semester.

This year we will have a new opinion edi-
tor, as well as a new photo editor, ad manager
and circulation manager.

Our new staff members are Leonardo Ro-
bles Zarate, Ingrid Maldonado and Taylor
Wilson.

We also have some of our staff members
returning from last year, Jaylee Ross, Alli

Schieber, Kevin Kaumans and Katelyn Find-
ley.

Our adviser is Dr. Kaylene Armstrong who
helps us throughout the year with designing
pages, editing stories and just generally run-
ning the newspaper.

We are looking forward to a fun year of
writing news and giving NWOSU the most
accurate news we can.

We are also looking forward to seeing what
the news reporting and practicum students

write for us. We ask that you be patient with us
as this is many of our staff's first time design-
ing pages. Most of the stories you will read
are homework assignments for our journalism
students. Few other majors have their work
critiqued by the entire campus, so be kind.

Our goal is to give the campus our best
while also having fun.

We work hard each week designing pages,
editing and writing stories, and we hope you
all enjoy reading our finished product.

Photo love began in high school

Hi, I am Ingrid Maldonado, the new photo editor for the
Northwestern Newspaper. I am
also the owner of Ingrid Infinity
Photography, where I specialize
in capturing beautiful moments
through family, senior portrait
and branding photography.

I started my photography
journey in high school and from
there I started taking "aesthetic"
photos. Everything I learned was
self-taught.

During my senior year of high
school many of my classmates
asked me to take some of their
senior photos, and I absolutely
fell in love with portrait photog-
raphy. I kept getting asked to take
senior photos for a few of the next
graduation of classes and so on I
began doing family photography
as well too.

I started out with photos of the
sky, flowers, it led me to senior
photography, family photogra-
phy, branding photography and
even now some wedding photog-
raphy.

I am excited to get the experi-
ence of being a photo editor as
well as capturing some amaz-



Ingrid Maldonado

ing shots for the newspaper. You
might see me around campus ei-
ther taking photos for the newspa-
per or doing a senior session with
a student.

Being raised in Alva, I have
always been surrounded by cre-
ativity and community, which has
helped me shape my love for arts
of all kinds, whether that is sing-
ing, painting, drawing, playing an
instrument or, of course, photog-
raphy.

I recently got asked to have

an exhibit of my photography at
the Alva First Friday event down-
town, so I love how this town
has helped me grow not only in
my love for the arts but as well as
supporting me.

Come see me and my exhibit
at the Runnymede downtown for
the Alva First Friday event Sept.
6, 6-8 p.m.

I am pursuing a degree in mass
communication, and fun fact, I
changed my major from business
to mass communication. On my
first day here I realized I love
social media marketing, video,
photography, just communicat-
ing with an audience rather than
the business side of things. I am
happy to be part of something that
I enjoy doing as well with other
people who have the same inter-
ests.

When I am not doing home-
work, editing photos, posting on
social media, emailing clients, or
behind my lens, you can find me
drinking a matcha or coffee, go-
ing thrifting with friends, or read-
ing a good thriller book. If you
love any of those things, believe
me we could be great friends.



Katelyn Findley

Managing time, and making a difference

My name is Katelyn Findley.

I was born and raised in Still-
water, along with four siblings.

After graduation I made the
great decision to move to Alva
to attend Northwestern Oklaho-
ma State University. During this
year, time management and stu-
dent interaction is a personal
goal of mine. It is important to
find a connection with the people
around you to grow individually
and as a community.

A struggle for me is time man-
agement. It is easy to get lost in
the busy world of being a student
and working, but the goal is to use
my resources and time in a more
beneficial way.

Northwestern News is a new
found passion, and through this
semester, I personally want to fur-
ther grow my skills in the news
room and beyond.

After graduating with a bach-
elors in Visuals Arts and with a
minor in Mass Communications,
I plan on finding a place in ad-
vertisement and marketing. In the
marketing field I plan to promote
the businesses on social medias
and commercial levels.

Using the skills learned at
NWOSU is personally important.
The skills learned will be used in
the working field and in my per-
sonal life.

My goals are not just based
on a job; its only part of it. The
job will support my future fami-
ly, giving them a comfortable life
that we can enjoy.

Most importantly, whatever
this future job or jobs will hold,
I want my work to make a differ-
ence.

The injury that changed a path

Hey, My name is Jaylee Ross
and this is my second year of
being the online manager for the
Northwestern newspaper. I'm a
sophomore at NWOSU and I'm
involved in Castle Players and the
Northwestern News.

I am majoring in mass commu-
nications with a minor in theater.

My hometown is two hours
south in Crescent, where I was in-
volved in FCCLA, speech and de-
bate, one-act, softball and cheer.

I have been involved in soft-
ball since I was a little kid. I went
to so many college camps and had
always wanted to play in college.

One singular leg workout
changed my life forever. I had a
traumatic injury my sophomore
year of high school when I over-
worked the lateral muscle in my
leg and killed it. It was so devas-
tating when I realized I could
never play sports again.

When I discovered speech and
debate, it changed my life forev-
er. I never knew I would like to
talk in front of people because I



Jaylee Ross

was always so shy. I discovered
I wanted to be a mass communi-
cations major and theater minor
because I was involved in speech
and debate and one-act.

I loved the fact that I could en-
tertain a room and make everyone
feel in some type of way, wheth-
er they were sad, happy or make

them laugh so hard they had to
leave the room.

In the future, I plan on work-
ing in the entertainment industry
(film/TV or theater-related jobs).
I love the art of creating a set, a
prop and characters.

The people I have met through
the arts have been the most en-
couraging and outgoing people I
have ever met.

I hope to travel across the
world in the future for my job
and to experience other cultures,
but in reality, I just want to create
something that people will be in
awe of in the long run.

I plan to move out of Oklaho-
ma for more opportunities and to
meet new people from other plac-
es. I'm excited for the future and
can't wait for all of the opportuni-
ties I will have, the people I will
meet, and the things I will create.
As always, Ride Rangers Ride.

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OPINION

Motivated for better education

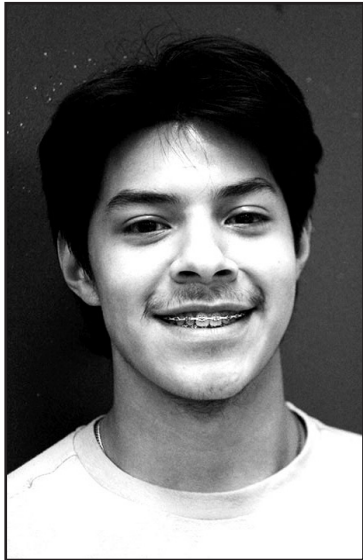
My name is Leonardo Robles, I am 18 years old, and I was born in the city of Reynosa in Mexico. I moved to the United States around the age of 13.

Most of my childhood stayed in Mexico, but I am glad to say that I got to make new friends and new experiences in Oklahoma, moving to a different country has been a fantastic experience.

I graduated from Woodward high school and throughout those years I took AP classes like Spanish and government and did some sports like football, soccer, cross country and tennis.

Tennis turned out to be my favorite sport to play and I try to keep practicing when I can. When I found out that the Northwestern Alva campus had tennis courts, I knew I would enjoy spending time being here.

I have worked in Ramiro's Mexican restaurant as a waiter, I



Leonardo Robles

worked there throughout my entire high school until my freshman year of college and then became a manager at Sunrise café.

I developed good skills in the customer service area thanks to my experience working in restau-

rants, but now I want to push myself into higher achievements and learn more skills.

In my junior year of high school, I decided I wanted to go to college after my English teacher said I create good writings about the research topics that I have worked on before and ever since, I have been thinking of what achievements and goals I want to focus on to be where I want to.

My family is one of my greatest supporters since every day they remind me to work hard and follow my dreams with passion. They are my main motivation of why education is important, and ever since I moved to Alva, they still try to call me or text me every day to keep in contact since we were used to seeing each other almost every day.

I did my freshman year of college in the Northwestern Wood-

ward campus, and I decided to move to Alva to continue my education in my mass communications major and be an employee at ranger news to get better experience in the future.

The reason why I want to major in mass communication is to become a journalist and discover stories and work on research.

I look forward on working in the newspaper because I always liked being part of a team and work in an environment where I see myself in the future.

In any case, I hope that college brings out the best of me, and that my new experiences in life teach me lessons to provide a better version of me for the good of my career and myself.

I can't wait to see what this new semester has for me and hopefully everyone else has a productive semester as well.



Kevin Kaumans

Kaumans has published two novels

My name is Kevin Kaumans. I am the assistant editor for the Northwestern News.

I've been interested in writing since I was 11, which is why I joined the newspaper in order to improve my craft.

My hobbies include reading, watching movies, writing, and playing video games.

I have two self-published books called the "Wolves of the Tundra" series under the pseudonym Samuel Seeker, which for now are only available on Amazon.

I welcome all criticisms toward my writing. Anyone who has any suggestions for games, books, movies, or television shows for reviewing can email me at kevinkaumans@gmail.com.

Last year for editor-in-chief Schieber

Hi Rangers, my name is Alli, and I am the Editor-in-Chief this year.

I took over as EIC last semester and cannot wait for another fun year.

I am a senior mass communication major, when I graduate in May I hope to start a career in sports marketing.

I am involved with several clubs on campus including newspaper, Delta Zeta and Native American Student Association. I love being a part of Delta Zeta as it has helped me to step out of my comfort zone and has given me the chance to travel, which I found out I love to do.

During the summer I got the opportunity to intern with the Tulsa Oilers and take photos of their games as well as create graphics for them.

I also did an internship with the Suave Report which is an online sports publication.

I have always liked sports since I was little, and it is a lot of fun working in them now.

My favorite teams are the

Oklahoma City Thunder and Jacksonville Jaguars. I also like the Kansas City Chiefs since my whole family likes them.

Some other things about me are that I am from Okeene and have three sisters, one who also attends NWOSU.

I have two tattoos one is a sister tattoo with my sisters that says "no matter what." The other is a Daffodil and a bell flower. I got it the week before my freshman year of college.

The Daffodil represents new beginnings so I thought it was fitting for the time I got it. I added the Bell flower because that week my childhood dog, Belle, died.

I wanted to get something besides a pawprint or heart to represent her so I decided on the Bell flowers, which matched the Daffodil I was already going to get perfectly.

I also love music some of my favorite artists are Dan and Shay, whom I have seen twice in concert. I also like Taylor Swift, Zach Bryan, Shania Twain and Sam Hunt.



Alli Schieber

Another thing I enjoy is reality TV shows. I love watching shows like "Big Brother", "American Idol", "The Perfect Match" and "Dance Moms."

While I love reality TV shows I also have a few comfort shows I like to watch these are "Fire Country", "Gilmore Girls," "New Girl" and "One Tree Hill."

I also love reading and mostly

read romance and mystery thrillers. My favorites of these are "The Perfect Marriage" and "The Cheat Sheet."

Two of my other favorite books that are not romance or mystery thriller are "Carrie Soto is Back" and "Fourth Wing."

My two favorite authors are Jeneva Rose and Sarah Adams.

On the off chance I get free time I love to spend it with family and friends doing pretty much anything.

The Northwestern News and my classes have made me realize I love photography as well. With photography I have had the opportunity to take pictures at Indoor Football League games and photograph a wedding in Orlando, Florida. Where I discovered how much I love Disney and have been to Disney World twice in the past year.

I love Northwestern and writing for Northwestern News and the amazing opportunities it has presented me. I am excited about the staff we have this year and getting to know all of them.

Ad manager dreams of being event planner

Hello, my name is Taylor J. Wilson. I am 18 years old and a freshman at NWOSU's Alva campus.

I am from Elk City, and graduated from Canute Public High School where I attended all throughout my pre-k to senior year.

After graduation I attended a summer semester at SWOSU where I also attended all four available years of Upward Bound starting my ninth-grade year.

I am majoring in mass communications and business administration with a minor in marketing. After college I hope to move out



Taylor Wilson

of state and begin my career in corporate America. I plan to pursue a career as a corporate event planner and coordinator based out of Vermont or Maryland.

I enjoy reading, going to concerts, playing with my animals, being outdoors and spending time with my family.

One of my favorite authors is Mia Sheridan who is a romance author. The genres of music I enjoy are folkore and indie rock. I have a rat named George, a dog named Poppy, and two cats named Skullby and Sparana. My favorite season is fall and while being outdoors, I enjoy hiking,

going on vacations, and collecting natural history artifacts.

Being around my friends and family is one of my favorite things to do and being away from them is the hardest part of being in Alva for me.

I am the youngest of seven siblings and have 13 nieces and nephews. I come from a blended family all of which I claim as my own.

Being in a mass communications class I got the opportunity to work within the field and I am currently working as the advertising and circulation managers for the Northwestern News.

My only advice is, follow your dream and do whatever you like to do the most. I chose journalism because I wanted to be in the places where history was being made.

—Jorge Ramos

Week of activities kicks off new year at NWOSU



FRESHMAN ORIENTATION: Freshmen gathered at the Rowdy Ranger statue for the annual group picture, which was taken by a drone on Aug. 17 as part of orientation. *University Relations Photo*



BLOCK PARTY: Students gather in the road between Cunningham and Coronado Halls for food, music and dancing on Aug. 22 as part of Howdy Week. *Photo by Ingrid Maldonado*



SCAVENGER HUNT: Students play nine-square on the intramural field on Aug. 21 as part of Howdy Week. The night of activities included a scavenger hunt and games. *Photo by Ingrid Maldonado*



ALOHA NORTHWESTERN: Students play sand volleyball on Aug. 19. The first night of Howdy Week featured food and games for students as well as faculty and staff and their families. *University Relations Photo*



CAMP RANGER: Jack McCoy, a counselor for Camp Ranger, grabs the ball during a pick-up game at the BCM with freshmen and other students during the Camp Ranger event on Aug. 3. *Photo by Allie Schieber*



CAMP RANGER: Freshman Allison Redgate has her student ID picture taken on Aug. 2 as part of the Camp Ranger event. *Photo by Allie Schieber*

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS FAIR: Julie Lehr, wearing a red Ranger shirt, explains the LASSO program to students on Aug. 21 in the mall area. Various clubs and organizations set up tables to talk to students about their programs. *Photo by Allie Schieber*



FIRST DAY BREAKFAST: The alumni association treated students, faculty and staff to breakfast on Aug. 19 at a table set up near the Student Center to kick off the new school year. *University Relations Photo*

FEATURE



First concert showcases work of female singers

Helen Welch sang at the first Northwest Concert series of the 2024 season on Tuesday. The performance took place at the Alva High School Auditorium because Herod Hall Auditorium is still be renovated. Welch performed at NWOSU two years ago, singing the works of Karen Carpenter of The Carpenters duo famous in the 1970s. Tuesday, Welch sings all songs by women music artists such as Joni Mitchell, Dusty Springfield, Barbra Streisand and Bette Midler, among others. Welch lives in Ohio but was born and raised in Great Britain.



Photos by Ingrid Maldonado

Want to try plants? Here's some basics

Now that students have moved into the dorms, apartments or rent-houses, you might be thinking about adding some homey touches like plants.

Here's some advice:

Light

If you like to keep your blinds or curtains closed, make sure you choose plants that do well in low light. Pothos will grow with just artificial light. Possibilities: snake plant (sansevieria), spider plant, pothos, ZZ (zanzibar gem), jade plant, African violets.

Water

Don't overwater. That's the No. 1 problem in caring for indoor plants. To avoid this, test the soil with your finger. If it is dry, it's time to water. Make sure you check regularly.

Succulents like aloe vera and cactus can do OK with watering every three-four weeks.

If you tend to ignore your plants, some will remind you they need water because they droop significantly. Peace lilies generally recover if they haven't been without water too many days. However, this stresses the plants and you will probably lose leaves or stalks. Best advice: water BEFORE the plants droop.

Cuttings

Don't have money to buy plants? Ask a friend with a fun plant if you can have a cutting. Then try growing the cutting in water, no soil.

You can use a glass vase or jar. Use clear containers so you can see what's happening in the water. Plants aren't as fun as goldfish, but it can be pleasant to check how much the roots grow in a day.

When you take a cutting from a plant, such as a vining plant like pothos or wandering jew, make sure you have at least one leaf node (where a leaf grew) near the end of the stem you cut. This is where the root will grow.

Place the cutting in water and watch for roots to appear. You can plant the cutting in soil after roots appear or continue to grow in water. Just make sure you keep the roots covered with water.

If you accidentally break off part of a houseplant, don't throw away that stem. Try rooting it in water. Some will take only a few days to produce roots. Others might take weeks, so be patient.

Possibilities: pothos, lucky bamboo, begonia, wandering jew, spider plant, English ivy, Chinese evergreen, coleus.

—Source: Generative AI

Some Labor Day history

By KATELYN FINDLEY
Feature Editor

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, Labor Day is an American holiday selected to be the first Monday of September.

This Holiday is to celebrate and appreciate the hard work of the American people. It first came to light in the late 19th century through laborers who petitioned the government to put in place a holiday to recognizing workers.

The activist Matthew Maguire is believed to be the real person behind creating the day. The more well-known Peter J. McGuire has been awarded credit, but no

one really knows who began the movement.

Before Labor Day was officially established on June 28, 1894, labor activists recognized it. The movement began in 1885-1886 to develop and secure legislation. Oregon was officially the first state to pass legislation on Feb. 21, 1887.

In 1887 four more states had joined Oregon and by the year 1894, 25 states all had legislation recognizing this day. In 1894 the government officially passed legislation to make it a government holiday. The bill was signed by President Grover Cleveland.

NWOSU will be closed for the holiday on Sept. 2.

Dorm Recipe of the Week

Double Take Ramen Noodles

by Katelyn Findley

Ingredients

- Chicken ramen noodles
- Favorite style of salsa
- Salsa con queso
- Half-and-half
- Canned chicken

Step 1. Open ramen noodles and place in a microwave safe dish. Save flavoring for later. Fill dish with water until you can hold noodles right below the water.

Step 2. Microwave for 3 minutes 30 seconds. Mix noodles and place back in the microwave for 1 minute 30 seconds.

Step 3. Stir noodles and place a plate over the bowl of noodles.

Step 4. Place about 2 spoonfuls of cheese in a new bowl. Microwave for 30 seconds. Stir and repeat one more time.

Step 5. Take the warm cheese, mix in

roughly 2 tablespoons of half and half, ramen noodle flavoring packet contents, 1 spoonful of salsa and 1/3 of a large can of chicken. (chicken can be warmed separately).

Step 6. Drain the water from the noodles and mix in the sauce mixture. It is now ready to eat.



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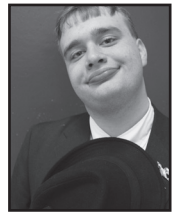
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ENTERTAINMENT

'Rings' author meets fandom criticism

When a new face comes across the fantasy genre, they usually find themselves overwhelmed with all the recommendations on where to start by long-time fans.

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Some recommend C.S. Lewis, whose writing style tended toward children makes him easy to read for newcomers. Others suggest George R.R. Martin due to the mature and dark elements he's brought to the genre. But one of the most common recommendations of fantasy veterans is John Ronald Reuel Tolkien, who is considered by many hardcore readers as "the father of the modern fantasy genre" (though that statement is heavily debated within the fantasy community).

Now, I am by no means a newbie when it comes to fantasy books. Since I was 11, the books I read were those where the protagonist was mostly awkward, Caucasian male teenagers who become entranced by the first girl they see who was not their sister or mother. And they act so dumb that it's a miracle their friends aren't slamming their faces, teeth first, into concrete whenever they went to speak. Well, not so often, that it's a common trope.

But the thought of reading Tolkien's books never crossed my mind till I was 17. This was mostly because I heard how hard they were to read, and when I finally got around to reading his "Lord of the Rings" series after finishing "The Hobbit," I finally realized just what the people who said it meant by that.

You see, as much as Tolkien fanboys

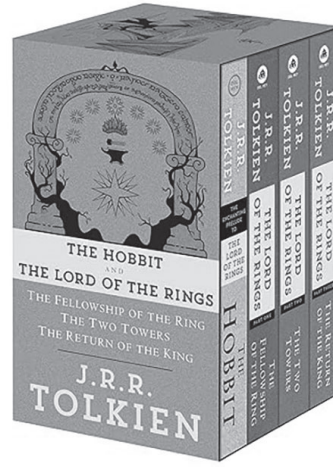
want to paint him as this godly writer with no flaws, the author has a bit of an info dumping problem. For those who do not know, info dumping is where a writer throws multiple pages worth of information about the world that does not really matter in the grand scheme of things.

Before I could even begin the first chapter, I was forced to read a college-level thesis on what hobbits were, where they came from, how the Shire was founded, their culture, and the different breeds of them. Most of this information that was force-fed to me was never once brought up in the story of "Lords of the Rings."

And honestly, that is what I believe to be my main criticism of Tolkien. He spent 90% of his life thinking of ways to explain why the trees of Middle-Earth have branches and why the sky is blue while spending the other 10% on actually making the story.

About 50% of the first book, "The Fellowship of the Ring," is just our main cast of characters walking while Tolkien describes the land around them like a middle-school science teacher on a field trip who makes you walk at a slow pace in a single-file line when all you and your friends want to do is run over to the snack bar and see who can eat the most warheads before your tongue starts bleeding.

Now, I understand what Mr. J.R.R. was trying to do. He was trying to make the readers actually feel like they were walking alongside Frodo and his friends, exploring the world of Middle-Earth in real time. But the info dumping is not the biggest issue. Most of the characters in the books are one-dimensional, lawful good paladins who could never think of doing so much as throwing a candy wrapper on the ground without feeling like the



worst being in the world. The book always tries to make it look like Legolas and Gimli overcome their hatred of each other's species. The most aggressive they ever get toward each other is when the two have an extremely short banter before entering the Black Gate with Frodo and Company. At least the movies actually show more than just one small scene of the two being in disagreement with each other.

One more thing I want to criticize Tolkien on is the fact that in order to fully understand the world of Middle-Earth you have to read like 500 different books that were published posthumously after Tolkien's death.

"Oh, come on, Kevin. Now you're just being dramatic for the sake of comedic purpose because you think having your own column in a small-town newspaper nobody reads makes you the next Yahtzee Crashaw of media journalism."

Okay, fair. But my point still stands. Imagine when "Harry Potter" first came out if Rowling barely explained how the world of magic system worked, and the only way

you can understand how things came to be in the world was to wait decades after the series was published for her to die just so you can read an 800 million-word encyclopedia just to not feel lost. Now imagine the first 200 pages explaining trivial stuff like why Dumbledore's favorite meal is oatmeal and how many times Voldemort went to the loo in his life before the book actually starts explaining the stuff that actually matters.

I'm not by any means saying Tolkien is overrated. He was still far ahead of his time and is one of the main reasons the fantasy genre is as big as it is. His books are filled with more ideas and lore than most authors today barely consider.

All I'm saying is I'm sick of his groupies acting like anyone who doesn't consider his books to be their all-time favorites are paint-drinking Dollard's who just "don't get it."

It's perfectly fine to admit your favorite writer isn't perfect. It doesn't make people think you're dumb or less of a person to enjoy something flawed. What does make them think of you as a loser is when you verbally support a person like your life depends on it and treat any criticism toward them like an attack on your honor.

Trust me, I speak for most people when I say I would rather be friends with someone who can love different things than me versus someone who has all the charm and personality of a box of low-quality pipe-weed.

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

Stay Educated

Top 10 Earning Movies of 2024

1. "Inside out 2" — \$642.1 million
2. "Deadpool and Wolverine" — \$545.8 million
3. "Despicable Me 4" — \$840.4 million
4. "Dune: Part 2" — \$282.1 million
5. "Twisters" — \$238.4 million
6. "Godzilla vs Kong the New Empire" — \$195.8 million
7. "Kung Fu Panda 4" — \$193.5 million
8. "Bad Boy: Ride or Die" — \$193.3 million
9. "Kingdom of the Planet of the Apes" — \$171 m
10. "A Quiet Place: Day One" — \$138.8 million

Source: RottenTomatoes.com

Delta Zeta officers attend leadership conference

By **JESSICA SCHIEBER**
Guest Columnist

After finishing my first year of college I never thought that I'd have the opportunity to go to a college campus in a different state.

With the help of Delta Zeta, I was able to go to Oxford, Ohio, to attend the Norma Minch Leadership Conference. This trip opened my eyes to things that I never would have expected. From learning more about Delta Zeta, where I am the vice president of finance for the NWOSU chapter, to digging deeper into myself to finding out what I wanted out of the organizations I have joined.

I was lucky enough to not have made that trip alone. I had two other girls in Delta Zeta with me. We drove from Enid all the way to Miami University in Oxford.

We all took turns driving to our destination, and driving on the interstate was something new for many of us. We helped each other out and got more comfortable with it as we drove.

We had a ton of laughs on the ride there as well, from listening to our music to just talking with one another. The drive was a lot easier than I thought it would be. On the way back we had just as much fun. The group listened to the same song at least six times.

I had talked their ears off until I fell asleep after seeing, and booing, the Cincinnati Bengals stadium. The girls still laugh at me for it.

I can't speak on their experiences but I will speak on mine. It was life changing for me. I saw places I never would have seen if it weren't for Delta Zeta. The leadership conference taught me a lot about Delta Zeta's core values as well.

I learned how to put myself out there without the fear of being held back. I learned that everyone starts somewhere, and we all are on our own paths, so you should never knock someone down.

I am so grateful for the people I met there as well and their support to help grow Northwestern's Delta Zeta chapter. These people made a huge impact on me while

I was there, and seeing their support even today has meant a lot to me.

I also got to tour the Delta Zeta headquarters, which was amazing. I was able to see things from 1902 to the present day. They're constantly updating the museum at headquarters, and even while we were there, they were talking about putting more stuff up. The museum was a lot larger than you would expect from the outside and I was able to take some cute pictures in their gardens. I loved being able to see it.

I got to see things that all Oklahoma Delta Zeta's donated to the museum. The headquarters museum was definitely the biggest part of the trip and I was lucky enough to get the opportunity to see it. I was able to sign my name in the guest book, forever marking me as Delta Zeta history. I am forever grateful for the experience and memories this trip gave me.

Any women interested in joining the sorority can email Alli Schieber at adschieber37@rang-ers.nwsu.edu.

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NEW FACULTY

Meet some of new faces on campus

Bready takes over NWOSU choirs

By INGRID MALDONADO
Student Reporter

Derrick Bready graduated with a bachelor of music education from University of Texas at San Antonio, Texas. He has a master of music education from the University of Houston. He is currently a doctoral candidate in musical arts at Baylor University. Northwestern Oklahoma State University is his first full time collegiate position.

He was a graduate assistant for the past two years at Baylor while working on his doctorate. Before going to Baylor, he taught for 20 years at a public school in Houston for both choir and private voice.

This semester, Bready teaches all the choir classes as well as aural skills and choral methods and material for the secondary school.

Q: What sold you on coming to NWOSU?

A: It was a whim that I found the position open in early June, and I applied, and within two weeks I was up here for an interview. I love the people. I loved the comradery of the team, the fine arts team. I think, internally, I like small towns even though I've always lived in the city. I have a knack for small towns. I never knew why, and now here I'm not bothered by rural Oklahoma. So I'm here because it was a great position, the choir is a good program, because I'm wanting to jump into academia, into college teaching. That's why I was getting the doctorate, and everything just lined up for me to get here.

Q: What is one of the first goals you hope to accomplish here?

A: First goals is to have a really good fall concert. That's the end

of October. We rehearse songs, we perform songs, and I think that first concert is going to be the real testament of how well has Mr. Bready acclimated to Northwestern, how well have the students acclimated to him, can we prepare a full concert for the end of October?



Derrick Bready

Q: What is your favorite class to teach and why?

A: The natural answer is going to be choir. I'm actually going to say one of my favorite classes is going to be secondary choral methods because that's the class you take if you want to become a

junior high or high school choir director. That's what I did for 20 years. I feel pretty confident in choir conducting, teaching that methods class for our future teachers. I'm just teaching them what I've done in experience as someone who's already teaching, as a teacher. So I hope to just share my experience, share my faults — here's what worked well, here's what didn't — to hopefully prepare the future teachers.

Disney

Q: What is your superpower?

A: My superpower is that I'm a bonafide Disney adult, and I can talk about Walt Disney World all day long. So I know a lot of history about Disney World. I know a lot of tricks and hacks to Disney World, and so I feel like that is my unknown superpower, when people meet other Disney adults.

Q: What is something most people don't know about you?

A: I love working in a church. I love doing church music. I love having a church choir. I love leading worship, traditional worship, in a church.



University Relations Photo

Zachary Tolman, left, the new band director, works with the marching band on the intramural field before school started this semester. The band performs at home football games.

Tolman working to build band

By CHRISTIAN FRANKLIN
Student Reporter

Zachary Tolman recently earned his doctorate from the University of Arizona school of music. He also studied at the University of Wyoming. He has done mobile DJ work since 2017. He plays the saxophone. This semester, he teaches all the band classes, including jazz band, as well as instrumental music literature.

Q: How do you like living in Alva?

A: Coming from a small town in Wyoming that was smaller than Alva, I feel there's something special about small town communities. In contrast, moving to Tucson [for graduate school], we loved it, but it's different from big city versus living in the small town to where everyone waves. Part of coming here to NWOSU is getting back to our roots. My wife was born in Kansas. They are small town folk to where the center of the town revolves around the university events, sporting, fine arts and many others that are the heart of the community in many ways.

Q: What sold you on coming to NWOSU?

A: The potential of the band program has had a lot of director turn over, and it's hard to build traction. However, it has a great history back in the early 2000s and '90s and '80s; the band had over 80 to 90 members. Then getting to chat with alumni that are still in town is nice. Everywhere I go someone says "I used to be in the band." So the band is a strong part of the community, and the potential of what is here is really exciting.



Dr. Zachary Tolman

Q: What is one of the first goals you hope to accomplish here?

A: One of the first things we have been working a lot on is establishing how we operate and how we function. With director turnover, you've seen a lots of style of marching and playing that have been happening over the years. The big part of what we're doing is working with the leadership team to establishing a base line on how they want to operate defining marching fundamentals, defining how the leadership is going to function and their roles within the ensembles.

Q: What is your favorite class to teach and why?

A: That's like asking who's your favorite child. I got into this business to do music. At the moment it is band. From the last couple weeks, the growth and excitement about the band has been great!

Q: What is your superpower?

A: I wish I could control the weather. It would be nice to be able to be able to turn the heat down for band rehearsals. It gets hot out there!

Q: What is something most people don't know about you?

A: Just how much my connection with those around me means to me. I am a people person, and as a musician, for me, music wasn't supposed to be created and played in a vacuum. I don't practice my horn in my room to just play for myself. Let it be shared. The importance of community and sharing what we do with everyone else is so powerful. It makes it all worth it playing under the lights and at events. That power to connect means a lot.

When can you hear the band and choir perform?

Band
All home football games!
See Pg. 12 for schedule

Choir
Thursday
Oct. 24.
More details to come

NEW FACULTY

13 new professors at NWOSU

Cole: Finding humor is key

By PIPER GALLAGHER
Student Reporter

Jared Cole was born in Oklahoma and first studied at Tulsa Community College and began studying public relations at Oklahoma State where he earned his degree in Journalism and Broadcasting.

After college he freelanced for about a year when he then decided the corporate lifestyle was not for him and he got a job at Langston University. This is where he found his passion for teaching, which lead him to pack his bags and go to Virginia Tech to earn his master's degree. After teaching as an adjunct professor in Michigan, he moved back to Oklahoma to be closer to home and continue teaching.

He is "super excited to be here" and has so far been "super impressed with the student body."

Q: What sold you on coming to NWOSU?

A: I don't want to say I wasn't that interested, but I was a little bit hesitant, just as far as it being kind of in the western part of Oklahoma, kind of 70 miles away from civilization, but once I got through the initial online interviews and they invited me on campus, just as I was driving through the small towns and seeing things like the Salt Plains, and then driving to town it just kind of felt right. I can't explain that in any way, shape, or form, other than it felt right.

When I interviewed with everyone in the communications department, it was a really good comradery, and there was a good chemistry among the four of us. It just felt like the right opportunity to be able to teach what I want to teach. A lot of times, other colleges I looked into just had speech communications or interpersonal communication and it was the big schools that needed



Jared Cole

a PhD to teach things like strategic communications. So having that opportunity to teach what I wanted to teach and a really good environment and a healthy professional environment was really what attracted me to Northwestern.

Q: What is one of the first goals you hope to accomplish here?

A: My goal is to establish a baseline relationship with my students in the sense of I want to be known as someone who has the answers to not just the questions in the classroom but who can actually help them with their academic goals outside of the classroom. I want to be able to be the resource to my students to connect them to either the right person or the right information or the right answer I can find to help them achieve something and be ready to accomplish and thrive in whatever industry they decide to work in.

Q: What is your favorite class to teach and why?

A: Right now, it is the intro to speech communication. It's so far the most rewarding because, particularly here, it's a bunch of freshmen with various majors, so

they're not only just barely into their field of study, but barely into college all together, and so being able to see their transformation from day 1. Seeing that growth and seeing that confidence and them grow to be something more than they thought they could be is incredibly rewarding, especially when most of them are there because they have to be. But they can start seeing the benefits of learning how to speak confidently in public and that is very, very rewarding.

Q: What is your "superpower"?

A: I think being able to provide humor in every situation is the catalyst in helping bridge the gap between two people. Being able to identify and understand each other and being able to see things from a different angle, and just kind of having that secret tool of helping. If you can find the humor in things, you can find the relatability in anything. So, if you can laugh at something, if you can laugh at me, laugh at the subject, you can have a deeper understanding, and it kind of breaks down barriers. So, I will always try my hardest to find humor in every single thing."

Q: What is something most people don't know about you?

A: A lot of people don't know that I am actually very, very shy and timid. I'm scared to death of opening my mouth and proving how dumb I think I am. It's an interesting dichotomy, seeing just how much I have to be on, as far as being in front of my students, but in a personal setting where I'm trying to get to know them, and it takes much much longer because I am scared to death of every single student. So I am putting myself out there, especially students and if anyone reads this, the students are knowing now that I am more scared of them than they are of me.

Budy says campus offers personal touch

By JAXY CLOUD
Student Reporter

Danielle Budy graduated with a masters in mathematics from Northwestern Oklahoma State University and taught at Waynoka Public School for five years. Along with teaching math, she coached softball, basketball, and physical education classes.



Danielle Budy

Q: What sold you on coming to Northwestern?

A: Well, I'm a Northwestern alum, and I've always lived in this area and I'm proud of our college. The fact that it provides such a hometown personalized touch, but also offers many amenities and special things that bigger colleges offer as well."

Q: What is one of the first goals you hope to accomplish here?

A: Teaching math is always a trying thing because so many people fear math, so I do always hope to encourage my students to take math on and to not be afraid of it and to just make it a positive experience rather than something that they just have to get through.

Q: What is your favorite class to teach and why?

A: Probably college algebra because it is a gen-ed that everyone has to take so you get a wide variety of students in there with lots of different abil-

ity levels, lots of different backgrounds and experiences so that mixture just makes it a nice climate to take on a fun class.

Q: What is your superpower?

A: would probably say that my superpower is to make any situation into a good one and to stay positive and just to, even when things are looking grim or negative, just to turn it around and to help people to stay positive and encouraged.

Q: What is something most people don't know about you?"

A: I grew up on a farm, driving a tractor and a combine for most of my life. Then I married a farmer, so I continued in that process. Most people don't realize that I've driven a combine and all those other big equipment.

Learn about more new faculty in upcoming issues

Being a success in college this year

• Advice from the internet

Want to be successful in college? Your answer should be a resounding "YES!"

And the internet can offer you some tips. Here's some from Generative AI.

Ask for help:

Asking for help shows that you're aware of your limits and can take advantage of available resources.

Find a study group:

Studying with others can help you stay focused and productive, and break up the monotony of studying.

Set goals:

Setting goals can help you stay on track and meet deadlines. You can set short- and long-term goals, and incorporate time management, good study habits, and resilience.

Stay organized:

You can use a planner to write down important dates for exams and papers, and manage your time across multiple assignments and projects.

Ask questions:

Asking questions in class can help you clarify doubts and learn better. You can write down questions in the margins of your notes so you can remember them.

Develop time management skills:

You'll need to set aside time to

study for tests and quizzes, so you don't have to cram.

Eliminate distractions:

Try to train your brain to disconnect from distractions so you can pay attention in class and in conversations with your professors.

Other tips for succeeding in college include:

- Attending and being present in class
- Building relationships with professors
- Speaking to your advisor
- Using your university's resources
- Getting involved on campus
- Being confident and trying new experiences

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FALL SPORTS

Football opens at Monticello

- Thursday, Sept. 5, 6 p.m. @ UA Monticello
- Thursday, Sept. 12, 6 p.m. vs. Ouachita Baptist**
- Saturday, Sept. 21, 3 p.m. @ Southern Nazarene
- Saturday, Sept. 28 6 p.m. vs. Southeastern**
- Saturday, Oct. 5, 3 p.m. vs. Arkansas Tech**
- Saturday, Oct. 12, 2 p.m. @ Harding
- Saturday, Oct. 19, 3 p.m. @ East Central
- Saturday, Oct. 26, 2 p.m. vs. Oklahoma Baptist**
- Saturday, Nov. 2, 2 p.m. vs. Henderson State**
- Saturday, Nov. 9, 2 p.m. @ Southern Arkansas
- Saturday, Nov. 16, 3 p.m. @SWOSU



Quarterback Caleb Deal, No. 12, manages to hold onto the ball after being tackled in a practice scrimmage on Aug. 24. The Ranger offensive players, wearing red, played the offensive team for the practice at Ranger Field. The first home game will be 6 p.m. on Sept. 12 against Ouachita Baptist. (NWOSU Athletics Photo)

Soccer home opener Saturday

- Saturday, Aug. 31, 7 p.m. vs. Rogers state (exhibition)**
- Thursday, Sept. 5, 3 p.m. @ Wayne State, Wayne, Nebraska
- Sunday, Sept. 8, noon vs. Pittsburg State**
- Wednesday Sept. 11, 7 p.m. @ Southwestern College, Winfield, Kansas
- Sunday, Sept. 15, 1 p.m. vs. Northeastern**
- Wednesday, Sept. 18, 7 p.m. vs. Newman
- Saturday, Sept. 21, 2 p.m. vs. Fort Hays State
- Wednesday, Sept. 25, 7 p.m. vs. Southern Nazarene
- Saturday, Sept. 28, noon vs. Oklahoma Baptist**
- Thursday, Oct. 3, 3 p.m. @Ouachita Baptist, Arkadelphia, Arkansas
- Saturday, Oct. 5, 11 a.m. @ Harding, Searcy, Arkansas
- Saturday, Oct. 12, 11 a.m. @ East Central, Ada
- Wednesday, Oct. 16, 6 p.m. vs. SWOSU**
- Saturday, Oct. 19, 1 p.m. @ Oklahoma Baptist, Shawnee
- Wednesday, Oct. 23, 6 p.m. vs. East Central**
- Thursday, Oct. 31, 6 p.m. vs. Harding**
- Saturday, Nov. 2, 11 a.m. vs. Ouachita Baptist**
- Wednesday, Nov. 6, 3 p.m. @ SWOSU, Weatherford
- Saturday, Nov. 9, 5 p.m. @ Southern Nazarene

Volleyball tournament scheduled Sept. 20-21

- Sept. 6-7 @ Wichita Falls, Texas
- Sept. 13-14 Tiger Classic @ Hays, Kansas
- Tuesday, Sept. 17, 6 p.m. vs. East Central**
- Sept. 20-21 NWOSU Tournament @ Alva**
- Tuesday, Sept. 24, 6 p.m. @Southern Nazarene
- Thursday, Sept. 26, 6 p.m. vs. Southeastern**
- Tuesday, Oct. 1, 6 p.m. vs. SWOSU**
- Thursday, Oct. 3, 7 p.m. @ Oklahoma Baptist
- Thursday, Oct. 10, 6 p.m. vs. UA, Monticello**
- Friday, Oct. 11, 4 p.m. vs. Southern Arkansas**
- Thursday, Oct. 17, 6 p.m. @ Arkansas Tech
- Friday, Oct. 18, 4 p.m. @ Harding
- Thursday, Oct. 24, 6 p.m. vs. Ouachita Baptist**
- Friday, Oct. 25, 4 p.m. vs. Henderson State**
- Tuesday, Oct. 29, 6 p.m. vs. McPherson College**
- Thursday, Oct. 31, 6 p.m. @ East Central
- Monday, Nov. 4, 6 p.m. vs. Southern Nazarene**
- Thursday, Nov. 7, 6 p.m. @ Southeastern
- Tuesday, Nov. 12, 6 p.m. @ SWOSU
- Thursday, Nov. 14, 6 p.m. vs. Oklahoma Baptist**
- Nov. 21-23 GAC tourney, Hot Springs, Arkansas

Cross country starts next week

- Friday, Sept. 6, 8 a.m. Aggie Duels @ Cameron U., Lawton
- Saturday, Sept. 14, 10 a.m. Muthama-Rogers @Bethel College, Newton, Kansas
- Friday, Sept. 20, 5:30 p.m. Missouri Southern Stampede @ Missouri Southern, Joplin, Missouri
- Friday, Sept. 27, 8 a.m. Gans Creek @ U. of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri
- Saturday, Oct. 12, 9 a.m. Great Plains Challenge @ McPherson College, McPherson, Kansas
- Saturday, Oct. 26, 9 a.m. Great American Conference @ Ada
- Saturday, Nov. 9, 9 a.m. NCAA Central Region Championship @ Joplin, Missouri
- Saturday, Nov. 23, 9 a.m. NCAA National Championship @ Sacramento, California

Ranger rodeo will host final semester contest

- Sept. 6-8:**
@ Kansas State, Manhattan, Kansas
- Sept. 12-14:**
@ Colby Community, Colby, Kansas
- Sept. 26-28:**
@ Southeastern, Durant
- Oct. 17-19:**
@ OSU, Stillwater
- Oct. 31-Nov. 2:**
NWOSU, Alva

NWOSU golfers schedule 6 events throughout fall

- Men's Golf**
- Sept. 16-17 NSU Men's Golf Classic @ Muskogee Country
- Sept. 23-24 MSSU Men's Fall Invitational @ Monkey Island
- Sept. 30-Oct. 1 Battle for the Belt @Hot Springs, Arkansas
- Oct. 3 The Perkins Cup @ SWOSU, Weatherford
- Oct. 14-15 Ranger Invite, NWOSU @ Enid, Meadowlake**
- Oct. 28 Tulsa Cup@ Rogers State, Broken Arrow
- Women's Golf**
- Sept. 9-10 NSU Classic @ Northeastern, Muskogee Country
- Sept. 23-24 OBU Fall Invitational @ Shawnee Country Club
- Oct. 3 The Perkins Cup @ SWOSU, Weatherford
- Oct. 7-8 Central Region Preview @ UCO, Edmond Kicking-bird
- Oct. 14-15 Ranger Invite, NWOSU @ Enid, Meadowlake**
- Oct. 28-29 Tulsa Cup@ Rogers State, Broken Arrow