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## Marching Band



## Chief: Lock cars

By ALLI SCHIEBER  
Editor-in-Chief

Last Friday several people around Alva woke up to find their items thrown all around their cars and items taken from them.

Campus Police Chief Dennis Kilmer said that Northwestern's campus had three vehicles broken into that they have confirmed with the owners.

Kilmer received reports of people calling 911 after realizing things were taken from their vehicles. That is when he decided to go check Northwestern's parking lots for anything suspicious as well as check cameras and call the students of the vehicles they suspected were broken into.

Jessica Schieber a sophomore, English major from Okeene said when she got the call from police she was scared at first. She went on to say that she was lucky nothing was broken or stolen from her car. Kilmer said that campus police are actively investigating all the reports alongside Alva Police Department to find the thief.

"Make sure to lock your car doors," Kilmer said. "Don't leave anything of value in your vehicles, because sometimes if people see things of value in the vehicle whether it's locked or not, they can break the windows. They can jimmy the doors open and take your items out of your vehicle."

The Northwestern marching band, above, welcomes the Ranger football team onto the field for the home opener football game on Thursday against Oauchita Baptist. The Rangers lost, 56-2.

At right, the band provides halftime entertainment, playing "Mic Drop" by BTS.

The band is under new leadership this year with Dr. Zachary Tolman as the new band director. The band will perform at the other four home games, with the next game Sept. 28 against Southeastern Oklahoma State University at 6 p.m.

Read more about Thursday's football game on page 10.

University Relations photo

Photo by All Schieber

## Big Cruise and Car Show

# Cruises, drag races, burnouts and more

By DERRICK GALINDO  
Senior Reporter

The 23rd Annual Big Cruise and Car Show is September 20, 21 and 22, with plans to leave marks on the road and sky.

The newest event of the three day event is certainly the drone show, said Joe Phillips, the car show's event coordinator.

After the pro level burnout contest ends at 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, 60 drones will take to the sky and create 15 displays of graphics and advertisements on the Southeast side of the Square above the Alva Beer Co building. Dynamic Skies from Oklahoma City will provide the show.

With plans for a drone show, Phillips said this would be the biggest year he's coordinated af-

ter coordinating for the last 10 years.

In speaking of the scale, they have had approximately 150 pre-registrations to the car show, the most they have ever gotten, he said. Along with this, they have updated the pre-registration process, which he said no doubt increased the number of applicants.

However, not every applicant is from the Oklahoma area. Phil-

lips said that every year, a group from Wichita, Kansas enters 30-to-40 cars, along with some applicants coming from Texas and New Mexico.

They also give out a trophy dedicated to the contestant with the longest travel time, their previous winner coming from Memphis, Tennessee.

While there are certainly those who were recognized for going

the distance, this year there are more than just trophies.

Anyone who enters a vehicle into the car show and is not a member of the Racing And Car Enthusiasts group, known as R.A.C.E, is entered into a giveaway of a 700-r4 transmission due to the support of Muscle Car Overdrives. Along with this, any trophy winners over the weekend  
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# NEWS

## Family Day next weekend

By TARA OWEN  
Senior Reporter

Northwestern Oklahoma State will celebrate family day on Saturday, Sept. 28.

Family day is a time where families have the opportunity to visit Alva for a variety of events.

"Family Day is mostly to just get the students and the families more connected to Northwestern," Janie Rempel, Family Day Student Coordinator said, "Because we are all part of a ranger family."

The festivities will begin on Tuesday, September 24 with the annual shopping for tuition. This event is hosted by over 20 local businesses.

"Students can visit with the store owners; see the different items they sell there and enter to win the different scholarships" said Ethan Sacket, Student Success coordinator.

A \$200, \$300 and a \$500 scholarship will be given out. Families are able to enter one

### Family Day

**Registration:** noon-2 p.m.  
**Soccer game:** noon  
**Lunch:** noon  
**Tailgate:** 4 p.m.  
**Football game:** 6 p.m.

**Starbucks and the Bookstore will also be open.**

name at each of the businesses. Winners must be present at the football game to win. The shopping for tuition event will end on Saturday at 11 a.m.

On Saturday, families can visit the local businesses. Family day registration will be from 12 until 2 p.m. in the Student Center.

Also in the Student Center Ranger Room will be an alumni, Parent, Student lunch at 12 p.m. families must RSVP for the lunch by September 24.

The Ranger Mart will be open from noon until 2 p.m. Families are able to shop for their ranger

gear in the bookstore from 12 until 4 p.m.

Families can also receive free admission to the women's soccer game at noon when they will play OBU at the Ranger Soccer Field.

"Families get to attend two free sporting events and get to feel the Ranger atmosphere that we have," Rempel said.

The gates for the Ranger football game will open at 4 p.m.

On the fourth parking tier, all families are encouraged to attend the Tailgate Party.

"The scholar ambassadors are in charge of putting on the tailgate. We have many different businesses from the community that host that," Sacket said. "Helping with the tailgate is always a joyous time."

Free food and drinks will be served. Kick off will be at 6 p.m. The Rangers will be playing Southeastern Oklahoma State.

For more information regarding Northwestern's Family Day or shopping for tuition head to <https://www.nwosu.edu/family-day>.

### Car Show

## Big Cruise Car Show happening this weekend

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will also earn \$10-100 in Chamber Bucks.

There will also be plenty to eat over the weekend. Friday afternoon will open with a free cook-out.

When the weekend hits, there will be 15 food trucks, five of which are new.

Finally, there'll be a free breakfast service provided by the Extreme Youth Center at the Square on Sunday.

Overall, Phillips said he was hopeful for the event.

Last year, the show had approximately 8,800 individual phone ticks, meaning almost 8,800 people were at the car show.

This was especially prominent because the car show itself is all free to the public thanks to the financial support of sponsors, he said.



Drivers prepare to start the next drag race at the 2023 car show.

In making sure the Car Show continues getting bigger and bigger, Phillips said he had one big hope for the event.

He wanted to see 500 cars registered in the car show.

Their highest was 494, but he wants it to break 500 registered, he said.

Other than just cars there are lots of vendors and other events that happen throughout the weekend.

Saturday morning there is a

sidewalk art contest and there is also a pageant for little miss Big Cruise and Car Show.

Over his 10 years of coordinating the car show, he likes all the events.

However, his favorite of the events is Saturday evening when they present the trophies.

"That is a good time for me," Phillips said, "seeing all the nice vehicles and remembering those who are gone. That Saturday night is a highlight for me."



Photos by Alli Schieber

People take a look at a car at the 2023 Big Cruise and Car Show, which is held annually on the Alva Square.

## WHAT'S UP SEPTEMBER 19-25

**19**  
HALO meeting 6 p.m.- 8 p.m. at Vinson Hall 200  
Freshman Frenzy 6:30-8:30 p.m.

**20**  
R.A.C.E. Big Cruise & Car Show

**21**  
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**22**  
R.A.C.E. Big Cruise and Car Show

**24**  
Uplift Alva fundraiser 6 p.m. Bingo and Spaghetti dinner at Woods County Fair  
Family Day Shopping for Tuition begins

**25**  
O.I.L. Meeting 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. at EC 109

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# NEWS

## Royalty voting starts Monday

### Ranger Queens

Voting for Ranger Royalty will be open Monday and Tuesday for the first round. You can vote by clicking a link that will be sent to your student email Monday morning. Candidates are currently campaigning by putting up signs around campus and handing out candy and other items to students in hopes they will vote for them. There will also be the Ranger Royalty banquet on Wednesday, where they will announce the 2024 Freshman Queen and recognize all candidates.



Cora Beth Taylor

Senior, Business  
Sponsored by Men's Track and Field



Diamond Hilton

Senior, Psychology  
Sponsored by Women's Track and Field



Tara Owen

Senior, Mass Communication  
Sponsored by NWTV-7



Chloe Lehr Bradt

Junior, Elementary Education  
Sponsored by The Wesley House

### Kings



Jalen Ghee

Senior, Business  
Sponsored by Men's Track and Field



Raylen Weve

Junior, Business  
Sponsored by Academic Success Center



Maria Sosa

Junior, Biology Health Sciences  
Sponsored by Medical Sciences Club



Mary "Kate" Foster

Junior, Education  
Sponsored by Cross Country



Estrella Martinez

Sophomore, Nursing  
Sponsored by BCM



Marshal Howard

Senior, Entrepreneurial Business  
Sponsored by Business Club

### Freshman Queens



Ashley Carter

Biology & Chemistry  
Sponsored by Ranger Cheer



Ashlyn Whitely

Elementary Education  
Sponsored by Academic Success Center



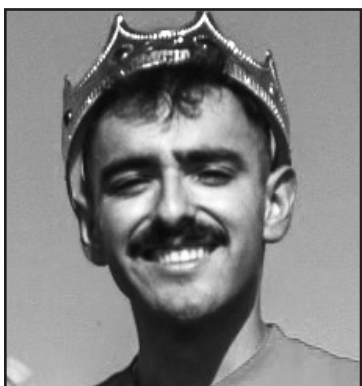
Haley Voelzke

Sophomore, Nursing  
Sponsored by Pre-Nursing Association



Melanie Callaway

Junior, Social Work  
Sponsored by Woodward Leadership Advisory Board



Eldon Walters

Freshman, Nursing  
Sponsored by Chemistry Club



Brenda Lezama

Business  
Sponsored by HALO



Carson Schanbacher

Exercise Science  
Sponsored by Women's Basketball

**Not pictured:**

**Rosa Vargas**, junior instrumental music education major, sponsored by Ranger Band; **Sophie Cummins**, junior political science and history major, sponsored by LASSO.

**Not pictured above:**  
**Chris Perez**, senior instrumental music education major, sponsored by Ranger Band.

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# OPINION

## 'Star Trek,' its impact on TV

By **Anayenci Tena**  
Guest Columnist

I am of the strong belief that  
"Star Trek" (1966) is one of, if  
not, the best TV shows of all time.

Of course, there was good  
television before it came out such  
as "The Twilight Zone," "Bat-  
man" (1966), and "The Addams  
Family."

"Star Trek" just had more  
reach than the rest.

It didn't just impact science  
fiction, but real science.

Nichelle Nichols, who played  
Lt. Nyota Uhura, helped to re-  
cruit women and people of color  
to join NASA.

Famous activist of the civil  
rights movement, Martin Luther  
King Jr., was also a trekkie, ac-  
cording to Nichelle Nichols.

The show also shined a light  
on TV legends Leonard Nimoy,  
William Shatner and eventually,  
Sir Patrick Stewart.

It was a show of a lot of firsts.  
It was one of the first shows to

feature a black woman in a high  
job position. Lt. Nyota Uhura was  
fifth in command of the entire  
USS Enterprise.

The show also had the first  
interracial kiss on television  
(Nichelle Nichols and William  
Shatner).

The show also featured a  
Russian character as an ally and  
prominent character in 1967.

Tensions were high with Rus-  
sian people and American people  
because of the Cold War at the  
time.

Some of the actors also lead  
interesting lives before being on  
the show.

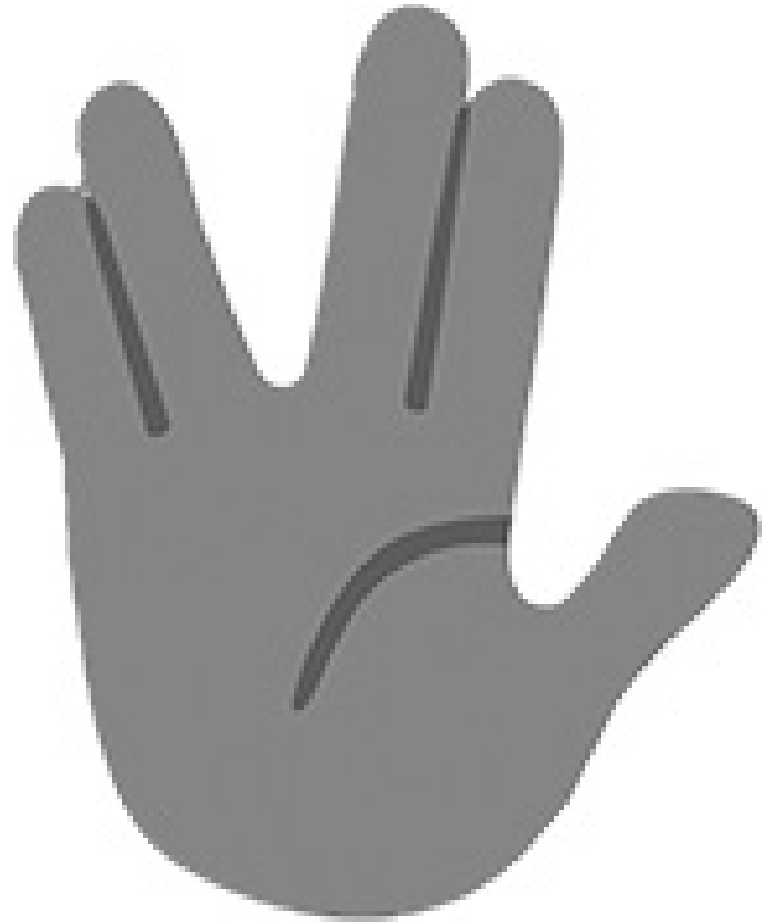
Canadian actor, James Doo-  
han, who plays Scotty, the chief  
engineer, was a WWII veteran. In  
some scenes, he is clearly missing  
a finger. This is because Doohan's  
finger was shot off.

"Star Trek" also had a prom-  
inent Asian character on the  
show. Lt. Hikaru Sulu, played by  
George Takei, was third in com-  
mand of the USS Enterprise.

Takei said he was sent to an  
American Japanese internment  
camp when he was a kid. It's ab-  
solutely inspirational to see him  
captaining the starship from time  
to time.

"Star Trek" made leaps in rep-  
resentation in television media.

Of course it had some prob-



lems like misogyny and conflict-  
ing ideas from episode to episode.

The series has made efforts  
since then to make the show more

progressive in that aspect, but it  
still makes it one of the best and  
unique shows of all the history in  
television.

## Board games still relevant?

By **LEONARDO ROBLES**  
Opinion Editor

Until this day, it is debatable  
whether board games are still rel-  
evant to today's fun activities for  
the public.

Ever since the internet has  
been introduced to us, online  
games have become an important  
factor to current gaming commu-  
nities.

The main users of online  
games are usually teenagers and  
young adults.

I feel like children should not  
focus their fun activities on tech-  
nology and rely on other games  
that push their imaginations to  
their boundaries, but it does not  
mean that online gaming is dan-  
gerous or bad.

online games have demon-

strated to develop groups of peo-  
ple around the globe to meet each  
other and join the videogame  
platforms.

Most of the online games can  
be found in phones, computers,  
tablets, laptops, videogame con-  
soles and other devices.

Online gaming can be one of  
the best ways to join in with your  
friends and spend hours of fun,  
even some of these consoles have  
included famous board games  
on their platforms; for exam-  
ple Monopoly, Uno, battleship,  
checkers, chess and many more.  
That clearly shows how the board  
game community had to adapt to  
the technological change that has  
made an impact in the game com-  
munity.

An important question to ask  
ourselves is: Are board games  
still relevant? the answer is yes.

Even though our gaming com-  
munity is now mainly performed  
in online games, there are still  
groups of people that gather to  
play board games.

Fantasy tabletop role-playing  
games—for example Dungeons  
and Dragons—are the types of  
board games that it is best to only  
play face to face instead of being  
behind a screen.

I strongly think that having  
board games in the videogame in-  
dustry is not a bad idea and they  
are still fun to play, but it is best  
to play them in front of real peo-  
ple how they were supposed to be  
played.

Those who prefer videogames  
over boardgames or vice versa,  
have fair reasons on why one  
is better than the other and how  
does it make it better.

I have played both videog-

ames and board games through-  
out my childhood and I enjoy  
playing both, yet there was one  
thing I learned when I played  
boardgames which was to be pa-  
tient and think deeply on what  
your next move is going to be.

Everyone should give  
boardgames a chance if they have  
not tried to play one before.

Not all board games require  
you to think thoroughly of what  
you have to do, there are games  
with basic rules and do not re-  
quire any skill at all.

I hope that eventually we can  
bring back those fun nights of just  
playing Monopoly at a friend's  
house until either one of us is  
broke, and skip the usual nights  
of joining your friends in online  
videogames so you can instead  
have an old-fashioned game night  
with them.

## Trump, Harris: Who is politician?

By **Diego Martinez**  
Guest Columnist

Donald Trump is not a politi-  
cian.

He stirs the pot to get votes.  
His policies are pipe-dreams and  
his promises are nothing.

The only cares about is se-  
mantics, social justice, and stag-  
ing assassinations. An actor and a  
comedian, not a politician.

I wonder why they want to get  
rid of the department of educa-  
tion? Maybe they need to inspect  
why they believe intelligence is  
anti-Republican.

He is also incredibly transpar-  
ent with his intentions. Did big  
oil pay him to say that wind en-  
ergy "causes cancer"? He is only  
a politician in the sense that he is  
a corporate puppet.

Kamala Harris is actually a  
politician, which is also bad.

She has disproportionately in-

carcerated a lot of black men in  
California.

Cop-mala! She is also a geno-  
cide-monger who likes to pretend  
she isn't.

How does funding the mur-  
derer of brown children overseas  
help Americans?

"We hear you" does nothing.

# OPINION

## What students think of remodeled cafe

By LEONARDO ROBLES  
*Opinion Editor*

There were some renovations made to the cafeteria not so long ago and the students made interesting opinions on how it has improved.

The main improvements of the cafeteria were the space, some of the furniture, the floor, and the menu has been changed a bit.

Honestly, I do not go to the cafeteria at all, but I can notice the appreciation toward the staff who worked hard for this to be done.

It is admirable to see how this project started and ended this summer, and now it is almost like a brand new cafeteria.

The building did not change at all, but you can still notice where the changes and the work has been done.



**Brian Pharies**  
Jesse Dunn custodian

**What do you think about the food?** I love the food here. You can get all you can for under \$8, so when I get 10 meals a week for 80 bucks and it's all you can eat, there's nothing better in the planet for me.

**What do you think about the improvements made?** They actually turned out really well. I like how they brought back hot dogs and stuff like that, and the flooring looks good.

**Were the changes necessary?** They kind of needed it to get renovated.

**Kade Williams**  
Freshman  
Business management major

**What do you think about the food?** I like the food, it's good. It has its highs and lows, but overall, good.

**What do you think about the improvements made?** Renovations look great, it's a good place to come eat.

**Were the changes necessary?** I don't know how it looked before, but I like the way it looks now.

**Drew Scott**  
Freshman  
Business administration major

**What do you think about the food?** The food has been pretty good this year, pretty solid.

**What do you think about the improvements made?** They look good.

**Were the changes necessary?** I think so. I think it made it more popular. the best improvement so far, was the space.

**Landon Wright**  
Freshman  
Accounting major

**What do you think about the food?** It's definitely better than the food in high school, I'll tell you that. The best to get here is in the stir fry or anything in the chipotle bar is good.

**What do you think about the improvements made?** I think they are pretty nice and good.

**Were the changes necessary?** Oh yes, for sure.

**Caleb Deal**  
Sophomore  
Business administration major

**What do you think about the food?** My favorite thing here is the stir fry station and the chicken.

**What do you think about the improvements made?** I like them a lot; it looks very nice.

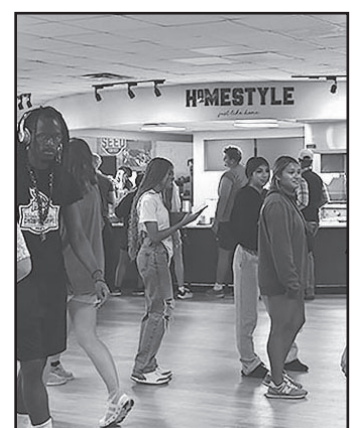
**Were the changes necessary?** Yes, they were. It looks a lot nicer, but the best improvement made to it was the music.

**Keefer Stegman**  
Freshman  
Health and sports science major

**What do you think about the food?** If I could give it a grade scale, it would probably be a B plus. It could be a little bit better, but I enjoy it.

**What do you think about the improvements made?** They're pretty nice and good for what it is. The best thing of the cafeteria is probably the waffle station.

**Were the changes necessary?** I'm not totally sure.

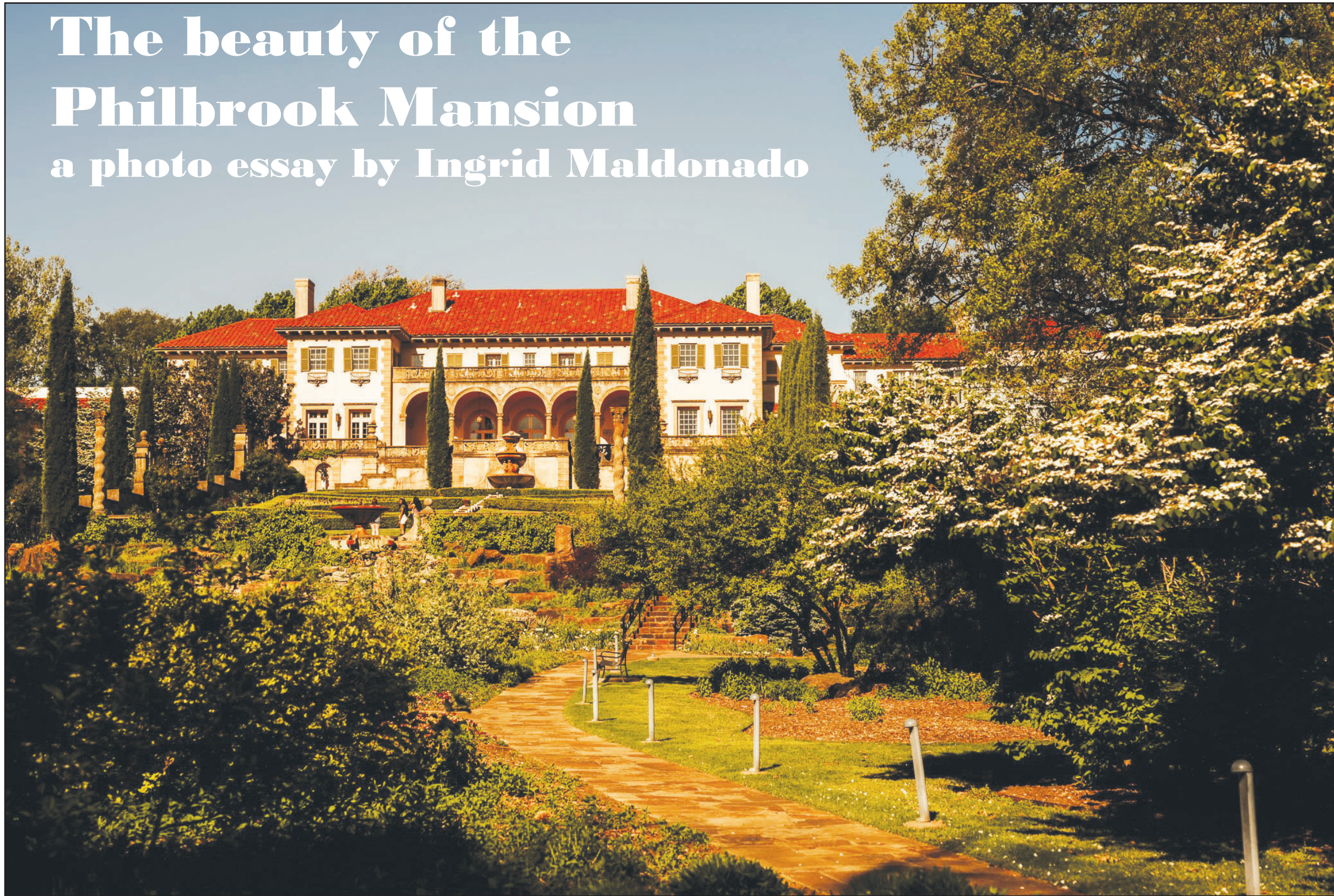


People who love to eat are always the best people.

— Julia Child

# The beauty of the Philbrook Mansion

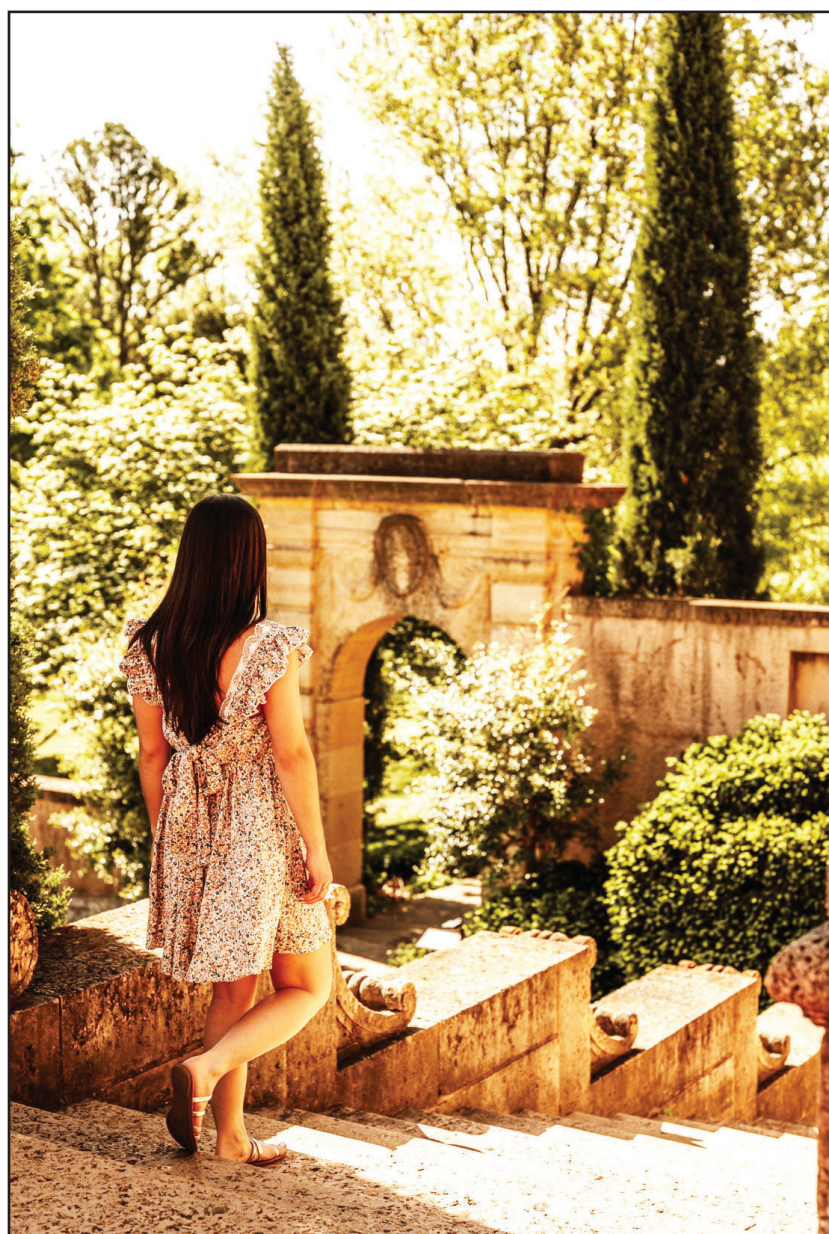
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The garden in front of the museum with fountains, trees and bushes as well as a walk way.



The outside of th museum with steps that lead to a fountain and some trees.



Above: One of the many garden spaces at the Philbrook Museum with a pond and little white tower. Right: A girl walks down the steps at the museum and admires the greenery.



A girl stands on a balcony and looks at a row of trees outside of the Philbrook Museum of Art.

## About the Museum

The Philbrook Museum of Art is located in Tulsa.

The museum opened on October 25, 1939 and added a 70,000 square foot wing in 1990.

In 2004 the museum had some major garden renovations which helped make it the most beautiful place in Oklahoma according to its nickname.

The Philbrook Collection has more than 16,000 objects that focus on American, Native American and European art.

The museum serves over 160,000 visitors each year.

## The Villa

In 1926 Edward Buehler Delk (1885-1956), a Kansas City architect, was hired to design an Italian Renaissance villa on 25 acres by oilman Waite Phillips.

Delk skillfully interpreted Renaissance styles in the most fashionable manner of the day and was hired in a burst of commissions with three major projects at once: Villa Philbrook, Villa Philmonte and the Philtower office building.

This home was completed in 1927.

In 1938 Waite Phillips surprised Tulsans with the announcement of his gift of the 72-room mansion and surrounding 23 acres of grounds as an art center for the city of Tulsa.

The vision first made possible by Waite and Genevieve Phillips is now one of America's finest art museums.

The integrity of the original residence remains intact while later additions to the facility and gardens complete this classic Tulsa attraction.

## Values

The Philbrook Museum of Art also has four core beliefs which are creativity, wellness, relevance and sustainability.

The museum host several events, activities and programs throughout the year that show these core values.

The events, activities and programs allow people to learn creativity and encourage attendees to debate play and experiment.

The museum is open Wednesday through Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Information from Philbrook.org

# FEATURE

## 'Rings' book leaves out key details

During my first week back at Northwestern, I wrote an article where I ranted about the first book in the "Lord of the

Rings" and how Tolkien fans would treat you like someone who huffs paint if you dare to criticize their lord and savior John Ronald Reuel. Looking back on it, I do acknowledge that I spent less time on actually reviewing the book and much more time ranting about the Tolkien fandom. So, in this review, I promise to make the book I'm talking about this week the primary focus of this article.

"The Two Towers" is the second book in the most famous fantasy trilogy in existence. Taking place immediately after the

first one, just minutes after Sam and Frodo leave the group and Boromir, Merry and Pippin get ambushed by orcs.

Just like the first book, however, the main problem of "The Two Towers" is that most of the first act is just three of the main characters walking towards the destination and Tolkien describing the biome around them. I get that Tolkien loved nature and was in awe of its beauty, but when you're over a hundred pages into a book and you're still waiting for something to happen instead of a man, an elf and a dwarf walking, it can get old pretty quickly, no?

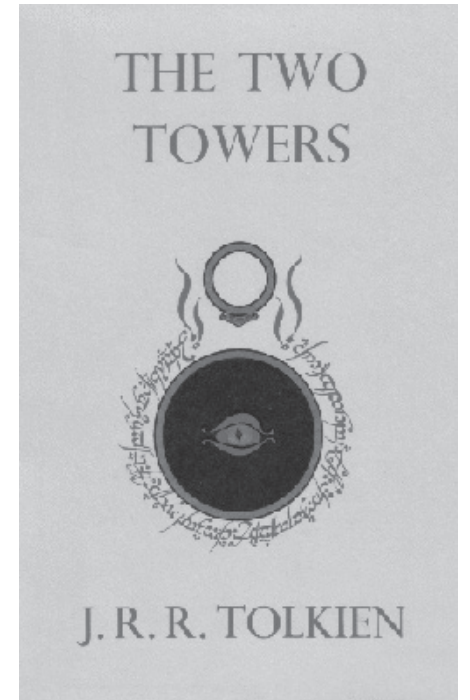
Now, to be fair, it's not like the entire book is a slog to get through. In fact, I did find some good things to point out. Themes of temptation and how power is man's worst enemy. There were, however, moments when Gandalf could do things that are never explained in the book.

Yes, Tolkien clearly states he's a wizard, but most fantasy books also describe what

power or spell a magic user is doing when they do use it. For example: Gandalf is able to yell at an old king who's under a spell where he does everything his corrupted advisor suggests that he's under a spell and, for reasons unexplained, the king is able to free himself from the spell just like that.

I did like Treebeard though, I'll give the book that. The lore of him and the ents were kind of interesting and innovative for a fantasy species. Another thing I enjoyed was how the movie actually expanded on the romance of Arwen and Aragorn while the books don't tell us they're even in love until the end of the third book.

Overall, while I found "The Two Towers" to be a slow, tiring read at first, I soon learned to appreciate Mr. Tolkien's writing style and I even found myself enjoying some of it. I already finished "The Return of The King" and will get on to reviewing it soon because trust me, I have a lot to say about it.



## Martin loves Broadway musicals

By **PIPER GALLAGHER**  
Student Reporter

Sarah Martin earned her bachelor of science in nursing from Oklahoma City University and graduated in 2023 with a Master's of science in nursing education from Northeastern State University. This will be her first formal teaching position. She brings 10 years of nursing experience in various areas. Martin currently lives in Ponca City with her husband and her 10-month-old baby.

**Q: What sold you on coming to NWOSU?**

**A:** Initially when I was considering nursing positions in the area there were a few different universities and nursing programs

to consider in my area, and I actually have a friend who works for Northwestern. She is also one of the nursing instructors. So, I just heard about the stellar reputation of Northwestern and the nurses that Northwestern produces, and so that was my draw. Hearing positive things about the nursing program, both from nursing students as well as other faculty members, and just working with Northwestern nurses as a nurse and seeing that reputation for excellence and knowing that was a program, I wanted to be a part of.

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

**A:** I would say right now my first goal is to grow the nursing program at the university center in Ponca City. Since I've just come into this position in February, I'm

in the process of promoting that Northwestern has a nursing program here available for students in Ponca City. So certainly, right now my goal is to grow this program and create more opportunities to send nurses into the community of Ponca City.

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

**A:** I would say my favorite class to teach is probably Adult Health I. I really enjoy working with nursing students who are just coming into the nursing program, and don't have a lot of background working as a nurse or with patients, so it's really rewarding to see their growth from the beginning of the semester to the end of the semester. And to see their passion for nursing already even just at the beginning of the program, so I just find that really rewarding to teach the first

semester.

**Q: What is your superpower?**

**A:** If I had one, I would say I would like the power to be able to manipulate or control time. It just seems like there's so much I want to be able to do in a day in terms of preparing materials for my students and lecturing and doing the simulation lab and going to clinicals, and I just wish I had more time to do all of the things that I want to do with those things.

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

**A:** One thing that a lot of people don't know about me is that I actually really like Broadway musicals and singing, and I really enjoy singing as a hobby. And I don't sing very much anymore, but singing is something I really enjoy.

Top 10

### Fantasy television

1. Lord of the Rings: Ring of Power
2. Kaos
3. The Umbrella Academy
4. The Boys
5. The House of Dragons
6. A Discovery of Witches
7. Twilight of the Gods
8. Game of Thrones
9. Time Bandits
10. Doctor Who

## Alumni inspires future generations

By **INGRID MALDONADO**  
Student Reporter

Dr. Angela Skousen got her Bachelor of Science and Nursing and Doctorate of Nursing Practice here at Northwestern Oklahoma State University. This is her first teaching job.

**Q: What sold you to coming to NWOSU?**

**A:** I love it there because I got my degrees there, it's my alma mater.

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

**A:** I hope to become a really good teacher

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

**A:** Well right now I've only



Dr. Angela Skousen

proper cares and it's about ethics in nursing so that we are treating all our patients equally

**Q: What do you think is your superpower?**

**A:** I feel like I'm really good at interacting with people and I'm used to interacting with patients so I'm hoping that will relate to students so that I can share some of my passion for nursing and for being a nurse practitioner.

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

**A:** There are several things, but the best thing was my grown son and I went through the doctorate of nursing together. With a 30-year difference between us. So, it was interesting seeing his perspective on things versus my perspective on things. It was very fun.

### Dorm Recipe of the Week

Recipe by Leo Robles  
Plátano y crema (Banana creme)

Ingredients  
2 whole Bananas  
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A spoonful of sugar.

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UNDERSTANDING RODEO

# What are events? How are they scored?

Unless you are a member of the rodeo team, you might not really understand this sport. Here's some information that can help.

Most of the events the Ranger rodeo team competes in require the participants to complete an activity quickly, so the faster the individual is, the more points — and cash — he or she wins.

Three events — saddle bronc riding, bull riding and bareback riding — require the participants to remain atop a bucking animal for eight seconds. The animal and the rider each receive a score, which is combined for the total score for each participant.

**Timed events**

**Tie down calf roping** — rider (usually men) on horseback lassos a calf, then dismounts and ties its legs together.

**Breakaway calf roping** — rider (usually women) on horseback ropes a calf but does not dismount or throw or tie the calf. Instead, when the rope runs out, the rider pulls it tight and a string attaching the rope to the saddle horn breaks, ending the run.

**Steer wrestling/bulldogging** — rider on horseback rides alongside a steer, grabs its horns, slides off the horse and wrestles the steer to the ground.

**Goat tying** — rider (usually women) on horseback gallops to a goat staked on a 10-foot rope about 100 feet away, dismounts, catches the goat, puts it on its side and ties three of its legs together. The goat must stay tied for six seconds to count.

**Team roping** — two riders (men or women) on horseback work together to rope and immobilize a steer. The header ropes the steer first; then the heeler ropes the hind feet.

**Barrell racing** — rider (women) on horseback run a cloverleaf pattern around preset barrels.

**Judged events**



Photo by Ingrid Maldonado

Riders (usually women) in the the breakaway calf roping event must lasso the calf but do not dismount, throw or tie the calf as tie down ropers do.

**Bull riding** — a rider must stay atop the bucking bull for eight seconds, using only one hand to hang on, and then is judged on the quality of his ride. He can receive up to 50 points. That score is combined with a score for the animal's performance (also a possible 50 points) for a total score.

**Saddle bronc riding** — a rider must stay on a bucking, saddled horse for eight seconds, with one hand never touching the horse. The horse and rider are each scored up to 50 points on performance for a combined total score. Judges evaluate the rider's control and spurring as well as the horse's bucking.

**Bareback riding** — similar to saddle bronc, riders must stay on

a bucking horse without a saddle for eight seconds, using only one hand to hold on. Again both the animal and rider are scored by judges for up to 50 points each, which is combined for a total score.

**How rodeo competition works** — Competitors can have multiple chances to win points and money in the events they enter.

**Long go/first go** — This is the first opportunity for each participant to make points during scheduled performances. The fastest times in timed events earns the most points and money with slower times earning fewer points and less or no money. Those who score the highest in saddle bronc, bull riding and bareback riding

also win the most money. Even people who place may win money, depending on how much money is allotted to each event.

**Short go** — The highest placing individuals in the first go can compete again in the short go. Fastest times/highest scores again earn the most points and win more money.

**Average** — This is not an average as typically found in math, but rather a total of the first go and second go times or scores. Fastest total times again earn the most points and even more money.

**Total** — Points earned in the first go, short go and average are added together, and the individual with the most points wins the overall event. Each participant

also takes home all the money won in each round and average regardless of the final placing.

**Slack** — When more contestants are entered than can participate during the scheduled performances, the extra participants compete at other times, often in the morning when the scheduled rodeos are at night. These participants can still win points and money just as if they competed in the regular performances.

**Cost to participate**

Each contestant in the Central Plains Region, which includes Northwestern, must pay entry fees (\$40 per event) plus other charges for stock, timers, secretary/office, director and awards.

—Source: Various online sites

## New professor presents paper at international conference

New faculty in the Northwestern Oklahoma State University Division of Business are already representing the university on an international stage.

Dr. Theresa McBride, associate professor of business, presented a peer-reviewed, developmental paper on Sept. 2 at the 2024 British Academy of Management Conference.

The conference was at the Nottingham Business School at

Nottingham Trent University, United Kingdom. McBride presented the paper virtually. It was titled, "Teaching Leadership: A Collaboration Between Military and Civilian Faculty in the U.S."

She co-authored the paper with other research colleagues. They have presented at both national and international conferences.

— University Relations

## Multitasking is her superpower

By JAXYN CLOUD  
Student Reporter

Dr. Sandra Scott Watson earned her bachelor's and master's degree in nursing at the University of Oklahoma. She later returned to OU and got a master's in nursing education. She went to practitioner school at Frontier Nursing University, becoming a family nurse practitioner in 2017 and earning her doctorate in 2019. She is now an assistant professor of nursing at Northwestern.

**Q: What sold you on coming to Northwestern?**

**A:** The thing about Northwestern that I liked is that it's an in-state school and it offers a combination of online with actual on-campus experiences for students. So I feel like that offers the flexibility and diversity that advanced learners need but it also helps prepare them the best for



Dr. Sandra Scott Watson

clinical experiences. There really aren't that many schools in Oklahoma that offer that. And then when I came to visit the campus, I really fell in love with the home experience.

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

**A:** Being a new faculty member at Northwestern, I'm trying to immerse myself in the culture and trying to be an asset for my students and faculty at Northwestern.

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

**A:** Right now, I'm teaching women's health and that's probably one of my favorite things to teach because I taught women's health for many years and that was my first love in nursing even though I don't currently work in that area. I really enjoy it.

**Q: What is your superpower?**

**A:** Multitasking. I don't even have to think of that one. It's a curse and a superpower.

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

**A:** I am an avid horseback rider.



# SPORTS

## NWOSU defeated in first home game

By **ELY NOBLE**  
Senior Reporter

The Northwestern Oklahoma State Rangers football team fell to Ouachita Baptist in their 2024 season home opener Thursday evening by a score of 56-2.

The Tigers set the tone early, capitalizing on a Rangers punt to open the game, and never looked back, improving to 2-0 on the season while the Rangers drop to 0-2.

The Tigers quickly found their stride on offense with a 22-yard drive to get into Ranger territory before Quarterback Eli Livingston connected on a 35-yard touchdown pass to AJ Jones. The early strike gave Ouachita Baptist a 7-0 lead in the opening minutes, a lead they would continue to build on as the game progressed.

Northwestern's defense fought hard, keeping the score at 7-0 for the remainder of the first quarter. However, the Tigers found the end zone again in the second quarter, putting their lead at 14-0.

A big moment came when the Rangers threw an interception, but a hustle play on defense led to a safety, cutting the deficit to 14-2.

It was a brief moment of momentum for the Rangers, but the Tigers responded with a late drive capped off by a 25-yard touchdown pass from Livingston to Jones just before halftime, pushing their lead to 21-2.

The second half started in disaster for the Rangers with Ouachita Baptist returned the opening kickoff for a touchdown, extending the lead to 28-2, pushing the score out of reach. From there, the Tigers continued to dominate where they eventually win 56-2.



Photot by Alli Schieber

Defensive back Bashu Delco, No. 21, celebrates after catching an interception in the second quarter of the first home game on Thursday night.

The Rangers struggled offensively throughout the game, managing just 61 passing yards. Starting Quarterback Beck Moss completed 12 passes, with Mark Zamora leading the receiving core with 24 yards, followed by Travis Romar with 19 yards. Defensively, Colby Tilman led the squad bringing in 10 tackles, including

a Tackle for loss, While Wilson Cal contributed five tackles. The team's highlight on defense came when Bashu Delco recorded his first interception of the season.

Eli Livingston led the Tigers' attack all game, passing for 171 yards and three touchdowns, While Kendel Givens dominated the ground game with 147 rush-

ing yards and a touchdown.

After the game, Rangers' running backs coach and special teams coordinator Dax Benway, expressed his frustration but remained hopeful. "We have to be better across the board, starting with special teams," Benway said. "The opening kickoff after half hurt us. We'll be back better

next week."

Assistant linebackers coach Bryce Mack highlighted the defensive effort, especially early on. "We came out strong and kept them in check for a bit," Mack said. "You can see the heart. Coby [Tilman] played great for us tonight. We can check the film and build off of it for sure."

## Franklin takes 1st place

The Northwestern men's cross country team won the Muthama-Rogers meet while the women took third. The teams were in Newton, Kansas, Saturday.

Christian Franklin, who beat his own record recently, was the individual winner in the men's race, followed by three others in the Top 10.

Franklin, a junior mass communication major from Las Vegas, led the pack of 84 runners with a 26:90.60 time in the 8k.



Franklin

Ross

Jamaira Ross, a senior from Dallas, placed third in the women's meet with 20:01.11. Two oth-

ers finished in the Top 10.

Other Top 20 results:

### Men's

Riley Herndon, 4th, 27:39.50  
James Fincher, 5th, 27:50.20  
Edward Robledo-Gonzalez, 9th, 28:18.60  
Edgar Reyes, 11th, 28:20.10  
Zachary Cox, 13th, 28:26.20  
Alan Lares, 18th, 28:40.71

### Women's

Cadence Long-Torres, 8th, 20:48.54  
Ava Miller, 9th, 20:48.54

## Ranger soccer loses to Northeastern

Northeastern State soccer beat Northwestern 3-0 on Sunday in Alva, adding another notch to its winning record that is now 4-0-0.

NWOSU sits at 1-2-1.

The Riverhawks scored once in the first half and twice in the second. The Rangers goalie, Ra-

chel Brown, who was named goalie of the week last week, faced 13 shots and saved 10.

Victoria Ruvalcaba and Adriana Gutierrez each had two shots and one shot on goal. The other two shots on goal came from Emerson Curd and Isabella

Memillan.

In the 30th minute, the Riverhawks scored the first goal.

The game remained 1-0 into the halftime break.

Northeastern's Olivia Kucharski scored twice, giving the Riverhawks a 3-0 lead and win.

### Sports this Week

Friday	Cross country @ Joplin, Missouri	5:30 p.m.
Friday	Volleyball vs. Southwestern College	6 p.m.
Saturday	Volleyball vs. William Jewell College	11 a.m.
Saturday	Volleyball vs. Tabor College	3 p.m.
Saturday	Soccer vs. Fort Hays State	2 p.m.
Saturday	Football @ Southern Nazarene	3 p.m.
Mon.-Tues.	Men's Golf @ Monkey Island	
Mon.-Tues.	Women's Golf @ Shawnee	
Tuesday	Volleyball @ Southern Nazarene	6 p.m.
Wed.	Soccer vs. Southern Nazarene	7 p.m.
Thursday	Volleyball vs. Southeastern	6 p.m.

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# SPORTS

## Volleyball opens conference with win

By **KAROLINA JURESIUTE**  
Senior Reporter

Northwestern Lady Rangers opened their GAC conference with a sweep against the East Central Tigers Tuesday at home.

The win moves the Rangers to 4-5 on the season with a 1-0 conference record while the loss drops East Central to 5-4 with a record of 0-1 in conference.

Northwestern Lady Rangers were led by Erika Asencio Soriano in kills with 10, followed by Carmae Jones with seven and Mariela Jimenez with five. Three players finished the game with four blocks: Jones, Ece Ozdemir and Ivanny Blackwood. Hennesys Lalane finished with 21 assists.

All three sets of the game did not seem like the Lady Rangers had a lot of problems shutting the opponent down.

The Rangers started off the first set with a 3-0 lead. ECU caught up to the Lady Rangers after the next three plays, but that wasn't enough for the Tigers to get back into the game as the Lady Rangers kept getting further away.

The Lady Rangers won the first set with a score of 25-14.

The second set of the game was a little bit closer than the first one. The Tigers scored first and at one point had a three-point lead against the Lady Rangers. The Tigers lead did not last for long, and Northwestern came back right into the game, fought until the last point and won the set 25-23.

The third and last set of the game was in the Lady Rangers favor right off the bat, starting with a 5-1 lead. The ECU Tigers tried to fight back by not letting the Lady Rangers score their set point for a straight five plays, but that wasn't enough to earn their first win of the game. The score of the third set was 25-17.

"That was a really good win, and it was just fun to be here at home in front of everybody and take care of business like we did," said Jon Bingesser, head coach of the women's volleyball team.

The Northwestern Lady Rangers have not won against East Central Tigers for three straight games until Tuesday Night.

"We knew what their strong points were, and we triple blocked them every single time,

which I think that threw them off guard because I know for a fact that they have not seen anybody triple block yet this year and that really helped us out a lot, right off the bat and it worked." Bingesser said.

Brianda Diaz finished the game with eight digs and three aces.

"She did really good, and it was nice too because with our blocking, you know all she had to do was mostly worry about the tips and stuff. Her consistency tonight was very well, especially on serve and receive," Bingesser said.

The next home game for the Northwestern Lady Rangers is this Friday against Southwestern College at 6 p.m. while Lady Rangers host the Northwestern Tournament. They will also be playing Saturday against William Jewell College at 11 a.m. and against Tabor College at 3 p.m.

### Playmakers

**Erika Asencio Soriano:** 10 kills, 1 ace

**Carmae Jones:** 7 kills

**Mariela Jimenez:** 5 kills, 1 ace, 3 blocks

**Ece Ozdemir:** 4 kills, 1 ace, 4 blocks

**Hennesys Lalane:** 21 assists



Photo by Ingrid Maldonado

Carmae Jones jumps to spike the ball in Tuesday's win over East Central.

## Ranger rodeo takes 3th, 6th while Traul tops breakaway

NWOSU rodeo men's team placed third and women's took sixth at the Colby, Kansas, Community College Rodeo last weekend.

Jaci Traul, from Fort Scott, Kansas, an MBA student at Northwestern, tied for first in breakaway roping, with 2.5 in the first go, 2.3 in the short go for 4.8 in the average. She amassed 130 points and went home with \$1,391.04 in prize money.



Jaci Traul

Emmett Edler, a senior from State Center, Iowa, majoring in agriculture business, took home second in steer wrestling. He turned in a 5.1 in the first go and 4.5 in the short go for a 9.6 in the average. His 135 points earned him \$343.20 in prize money.

Other results:

Calf Roping	Place	Pts	Earning
Kerry Duvall	5th	70	\$217.60
Emmett Edler	8th	30	\$108.80

Steer Wrestling	Place	Pts	Earning
Hazen Sparks (tied)	4th	60	\$93.60
Grady Aasby	6th	50	\$187.20
Jacob Haren	8th	25	\$31.20

Goat Tying	Place	Pts	Earning
Payton Dingman	3rd	100	\$330.40
Dale Lee Forman	5th	70	\$40.80
Savannah Greenfield	8th		
Morgan Poust	10th		

Team Roping	Place	Pts	Earning
Garrett Novotony (OKSU)/Evan Barrios	6th	40	\$133.92 each

## Rodeo by the numbers

### Central Plains Region standings

Men's team  
6th of 17 teams

Women's team  
3rd of 14 teams

Tie down/calf roping	Place	Points
Kerry Duvall (three-way tie)	3rd	110
Logan Mullin	9th	50
Emmett Edler	10th	30

Team roping—header	Place	Points
Colter Snook	2nd	165

Steer Wrestling	Place	Points
Emmett Edler	1st	250
Hazen Sparks (three-way tie)	5th	60
Tevin Cowan	8th	40
Jacob Haren	9th	25

Breakaway roping	Place	Points
Jaci Traul (tied)	2nd	130
Payton Dingman	8th	70

Goat tying	Place	Points
Payton Dingman	2nd	205

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## Men's golf places 6th in season opener

The men's golf team finished its first fall classic in Muskogee with a sixth place.

The team earned 864 over the two-day event.

Davan Smith, a health and sports science senior from Dodge City, Kansas, finished in 15th overall and was the top Ranger scorer.

He shot a 70 in the first round, followed by two rounds at 71 each for a total of 212. He had 14 birdies and 29 pars.

Pierce Geminden, a business



Davan Smith Pierce Geminden

administration sophomore from Spring, Texas, was second for the rangers and placed 29th overall.

He shot 72, then 70 and finally 74 for a total of 216.

Max Courange, a business administration sophomore from Norman, finished 32nd over with a 217 total (72-71-74).

Matti Zerwin, a business administration sophomore from Lafayette, Colorado, turned in a final 219 (70-75-74) to place 45th.

Magnus Fabian, a business administration sophomore from Stuttgart, Germany, placed 87th with a total of 232 (75-82-75).

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8 p.m.

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**Saturday, Oct. 5**

8 a.m.

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Downtown Alva Square

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9 a.m.

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