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## Highway 281 under construction

By **KEN IRVING**  
Senior Reporter

Construction on Highway 281 on the east side of campus has disrupted water lines, while also bringing delays and challenges for students, businesses and the community.

The project currently underway on Highway 281 will be an extensive project.

The \$9.07 million project will take about a year and a half to grade, drain and resurface 1.44 miles of College Boulevard, the city's name for that section of Highway 281. Oklahoma Department of Transportation is widening the highway while also adding a sidewalk.

Along the way, they will be placing new storm drainage, relocating water and sewer lines and adding new concrete and pavement.

Many residents in Alva have experienced water outages or low water pressure for the last month because of water line relocations that had to take place before the road project could continue.

"The waterlines in the city valve there [along Highway 281] were just getting pretty old," said Kelly Parker, the mayor of Alva. "The existing lines for the city of Alva were over 60 years old. ... We had to replace a significant portion. Probably about 60 feet of that went under the highway."

The issue with the water lines,



Photo by Allison Ruwaldt

Highway 281 being dug up by Volvo excavator repavement in front of the University Apartments complex

despite being 60 years old, is that they would be directly under the highway and running the length of the highway when the widening occurred. If the lines were not relocated then any servicing of the lines would require tearing up the new roadway. To prevent that, the lines were moved up to 50 feet east of where they were originally located, Parker said.

The news of the highway being built came as a surprise to some, but it was in the works for years. Northwestern's Director of Marketing and University Relations Kelsey Martin said that she and a few other staff members at the school were alerted about the

project a few years ago.

BCM Director Miles Harris was one of the people who were not alerted about the project happening.

"ODOT to my knowledge has not sent us a letter or a phone call about them doing either side [of the roadway]," Harris said. "In the middle of the summer, they started tearing up what I'm guessing is the sewer in the back, and I had no idea about it. Even on the lawn by the ditch, I didn't know what was going on either. I get [that] the state may own the sidewalks and electrical lines, so you can't gripe about it. However, I would have liked a heads up

about it."

As the director of a business that is about to be affected by government construction, Harris said he should have been notified so he could better plan for the impact on the BCM's free Wednesday lunch.

"We had been in the 200s [coming for lunch] ... but [now] we had hit about 170 so yea, it was quite a bit less than normal," Harris said.

He noted that it is dangerous for the students to cross the road as well.

Students are not the only ones being affected. Harris said he does feel bad for the various

churches that bring the food on Wednesdays because they have to drive through the construction zone and then end up wasting a lot of food because the numbers attending are lower.

The construction on Highway 281 is also a major hazard for students of Northwestern who cross the road every day, either to park or attend events at the BCM. Campus Police Chief Dennis Kilmer said he alerted Caleb Mosburg, vice president of student affairs, about the situation and had him send a mass email to students to be cautious while crossing the highway.

Kilmer said he has watched a lot of near accidents because the signage about the construction work and the Ranger statue block a clear view to make the turn from Oklahoma Boulevard onto College.

Dr. David Pecha, executive vice president, said the compact parking lot in front of Vinson Hall will be affected whenever construction begins on the west side of the road. This will force people who regularly park there to find parking elsewhere on campus.

In an email on Sept. 24, Mosburg encouraged people to park in the lots south of Shockley Hall and across Eighth Street to the west of Shockley Hall or in the north overflow parking lots across Oklahoma Boulevard from Herod Hall. Everyone should avoid parking around the BCM and College Hill Church of Christ.

## Are presidential pardons an abuse of power by the president?

By **JAXYN CLOUD**  
Senior Reporter



Photo by Victor Kinzie

Dr. Aaron Mason gave the annual NWOSU Constitution Day presentation in the Student Center Ranger Room Monday. This annual event is open to NWOSU students, faculty and the public. It is put on by the NWOSU Institute for Citizenship Studies.

Mason, a professor of political science, discussed what he sees as a current controversy, the

presidential pardons.

He said this topic is consistently brought up by his students in class. Should presidents have the right to pardon criminals? Are there people who are above the law?

The presentation suggested that presidential pardons are just another check on the government. The courts are not the final say of the government and there are limits to the authority of the courts.

"I think the pardon power was

a wise thing for the founders to include in the constitution," Mason said, "It's like every other facet of power. It's not the power itself, it's not the feature of the Constitution, it is how you use it, just like everything else."

While some see presidential pardons as an abuse of power, others see it as just another part of our government systems. They deem it necessary to keep checks on every working part of the U.S. government body.

All but two presidents, Wil-

liam Henry Harrison and James Garfield have given out pardons during their terms. There is a designated office that assists in pardons now.

"I would definitely say I learned a lot. Presidential pardons isn't something I have totally thought about or focused on studying and this presentation was a good way to learn more information about how our past presidents have used it," said Kylee Daugherty, a NWOSU student who attended the event.

# NEWS

## Hot Pickin 57s debut

By **PIPER GALLAGHER**  
Senior Reporter

Hot Pickin 57s is making their Alva debut by joining the 2025-2026 Northwest Concert Series season.

The bluegrass country band based out of Austin, TX will be performing in the Fellers Family Auditorium on October 7th.

Hot Pickin 57s is the second group in the Northwest Concert Series, which aims to bring live musical experiences right to the Alva community.

“There is actually a lot of interest from groups to come here to Alva to perform,” Dr. Eduardo Moreira said.

Every year Moreira and a se-

lection board decide on three or four groups to be a part of the concert series.

These events are open to the public and tickets are available online and in person at locations like Holder Drug and the Graceful Arts Center. General admission is \$20 and student admission is \$5.

Instruments that Hot Pickin 57s typically play involve banjos, guitars, mandolins, bass and other country style instruments to bring a mix of Americana, bluegrass, and classic country music to the stage.

According to their website they play both original songs and covers from popular bands like Johnny Cash, Hank Williams, Bob Dylan and more.

“I think it’s important for students but also for everybody in the Northwest part of Oklahoma,” Moreira said. “There aren’t many opportunities to listen to professional musicians of high quality.”

The concert will begin at 7pm in Herod Hall, and will last about an hour and a half with a 10 minute intermission in the middle. The last performance of the 2025-2026 concert series will be King Cabbage Brass Band.

That event will take place in March and will feature a Tulsa based band.

For more information visit the Northwest Oklahoma Concert series Facebook page, where they post consistent updates and information about upcoming acts and ticket prices.

### NWOSU Hosts E-Sports Tournament



Photo by Corky Hall

E-sports tournament occurred in the Student Center Ballroom on Monday Sept. 29, beginning at noon and ending at 4 p.m. Students came from surrounding northwest Oklahoma schools to play.

### Western Oklahoma Choral auditions



Students of nearby junior highs and high schools wait in line and prepare to audition for the Western Oklahoma Choral Directors Association honor choir on Sept 24. Auditionees are given music weeks before and they prepare the whole song but only audition a small cut of it given to them by WOCDA.

Photo by Oaklee Fielder

## Hard Boiled: A Nursery Crime upcoming auditions in RH 327

The annual children’s show auditions are coming up for the play called “Hard Boiled: A Nursery Crime” by Tracy Wells.

The play is a series of short vignettes set in a 1940’s Police Station. The vignettes are very short. They would like to have a cast of 65 people.

This is so that they don’t have to double cast and they can be creative with costuming and makeup. With a large

cast it will allow for less rehearsal time.

You do not have to have prior experience in acting to audition.

Auditions are October 7 4:00 PM- 6:00 PM and October 8 5:30 PM- 7:30 PM. They are going to be held in Ryerson 327.

There is no need to prepare for the audition however each student should have their work and class schedules.

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## NASA is set to visit NWOSU

By PIPER GALLAGHER  
Senior Reporter

NASA is touching down on Northwestern's campus on October 9th.

They will be visiting campus to talk to students and faculty as part of their new Space for Ag tour, where they will go around to different campuses to connect with students and farmers.

Their visit will involve a lecture at 2pm and then an opportunity for students to talk to the presenters after.

The purpose of these visits and tours is for NASA to gain a better understanding of how agriculturists and farmers are doing business.

This can help them make developments and tools that actually benefit America's farmers.

"Whenever you talk to NASA about what tools they have and what their capabilities are, trust me, that list is long," Dr. Kent Martin said.

Martin is a professor in the agriculture department, but he is also on a committee called NASA FIAT, the Farmer Innovation Ambassador Team, that helps connect them to farmers.

Martin said the main goal of this event is to educate students on NASA's capabilities in Agriculture.

This will also open the door for students interested in future

studying and career opportunities.

"We would like them (students) to come to the lecture, have some time to interact with them, so that this team of people with NASA can determine the excitement level and the interest, and we will determine whether or not there is sufficient interest to look at offering a course that NASA would assist in teaching," Martin said.

Martin wants to pack the science amphitheater with students of all majors, not just agriculture, and FFA students from surrounding schools. These students could be from Alva, Woodward, Cherokee and Waynoka. Just to name a few towns.

The event is open to the public and will last from 2pm to 4pm starting in the science building.

After the interaction period with students, NASA will then go on field tours around Northwest Oklahoma.

If the event goes well, there's a chance NASA could get involved with teaching a class at Northwestern, where the real connections and networking opportunities would be present for students.

If this happens students would have a great opportunity at their hands.

Students from any major are welcomed to this visit and would be welcomed into classes should NASA get involved with teaching a class at NWOSU. This opportunity doesn't come often.



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# OPINION

## Hallelujah, Ryan Walters resigns

By **RENEE O'CONNOR**  
*Opinion Editor*

Regardless of where you lie on the polit-  
ical spectrum, many dislike Ryan Walters.  
Whether it's his insane political legislature,  
or his new methods he has tried to implement  
in every school in the state that's turned you  
away, people have voice many reasons to dis-  
like him.

Ryan Walters, Oklahoma State Superin-  
tendent, has decided that instead of targeting  
public schools, he has a new enemy; teachers'  
unions. According to The Oklahoman, Wal-  
ters is starting a new "professional organiza-  
tion" called the Teacher's Freedom Alliance, a  
far-right anti-labor union think tank.

Now, I could beat the long-dead horse by  
saying that having teachers teach from the bi-  
ble, requiring schools to play a video of him  
praying for Trump, or trying to get schools to  
report the immigration status of students' and  
their families is bad. Which, it is.

Instead, let's discuss this Teacher's "Free-  
dom" Alliance and labor unions. According  
to The Oklahoman, Walters claims that he's  
going to "destroy teachers' unions", and he  
will "build an army of teachers to defeat the

teachers' union once and for all."

As stated by workcenter.gov, unions are a  
group of two or more employees who "join  
together to advance common interests such as  
wages, benefits, schedules and other employ-  
ment terms and conditions." A few examples  
include retirement benefits, liveable wages,  
health insurance, and vacation days.

As I've advanced in my political educa-  
tion, I would have never guessed that the idea  
of a labor union would be considered politi-  
cal. Having a labor union makes employees  
feel as though they can exercise their right to  
freedom of speech, and advocate for liveable  
working conditions.

Walters fighting against these teacher  
unions is a clear example of the extremeist  
far-right being so incredibly out of touch with  
the working class. These unions are essential  
to a work environment.

With costs of living rising, advocating  
for higher wages now, more than ever, is so  
important. All of the causes that unions are  
advocating for are so that these teachers can  
live comfortably. Should advocating for re-  
tirement benefits be political?

I come from a long line of teachers, going  
as far back as my great-grandmother. The idea  
of my family, as well as others, being stripped

from their right to advocate makes me sick.  
My grandfather, Tim O'Connor, is the pres-  
ident of the Central Oklahoma Labor Feder-  
ation. I am so incredibly proud of him and I  
am certain that as long as he is around, labor  
unions will be accessible here in Oklahoma.

Living comfortably, and furthermore,  
fighting for it, should not be up for debate.  
These unions are fighting for basic employee  
rights that they should never be stripped from.

Ryan Walters resigning is a huge step  
for Oklahoma Education, maybe we'll even  
bounce back up to 47th in education. This  
should be celebrated, and the last thing I want  
to do is rain on anyone's parade. Trust me, I  
can hardly contain my joy.

However, Ryan Walters is not disappearing.  
I really hope this so-called Teacher's Freedom  
Alliance is a non-issue and we never have to  
hear from him again. I do know that the next  
State Superintendent can't do anything Wal-  
ters hasn't already done. Right?

With people like Walters, we have to con-  
tinue to fight. In these terrifying times, it is  
crucial to advocate for your rights. Now more  
than ever.

You have a voice, you have to use it. And  
that's exactly what people like Walters are  
afraid of.

## Scary for a reason

# Why readers should watch 'Him'

By **ASH CRITES**  
*Guest Columnist*

Justin Tipping's 2025 film,  
"Him," has been a failure at the  
box office, with a Rotten Toma-  
toes score of only 28%. People  
claim it's disjointed, plotless, and  
even boring!

Most are disappointed that  
Jordan Peele didn't direct the  
movie, due to misleading promos.  
Regardless, I argue that "Him" is  
going to become a cult classic  
film, and I'm so excited to tell  
you why!

First, allow me to introduce  
myself. Hey, I'm Ash Crites. I  
love to talk about horror movies  
in popular culture. I love the hor-  
ror genre because I believe it uses  
fear to comment on contemporary  
society's sensibilities. Now that  
introductions are done, let's get  
started.

I'm sure you're familiar with  
American football games. Every-  
one adorns themselves in team  
merchandise, buys outrageously  
expensive paraphernalia, and

screams at overworked stars.

"Him" takes this to the ex-  
treme, showing audiences what  
it really means to idolize. Justin  
Tipping's film spins the typical  
"God, Family, Football," sports  
movie themes by asking sport  
loving audiences "what really  
comes first?"

Cameron Cade's dream is  
to honor his father by re-  
placing Isaiah White as The  
Savior's quarterback (QB),  
and using the money to care  
for his family.

Through brutal  
body-horror imagery and Chris-  
tian iconography, Cameron's fa-  
milial devotion is consistently  
challenged throughout the film.

"Him" contests football  
against family, thereby challeng-  
ing sport-loving audiences to  
consider what's at the top of their  
implicit hierarchical biases; more  
so, the film questions what God  
is to people who idolize a mate-

rialist empire, like football. To be  
completely honest,

"Him," leaves some audience  
members wanting more in re-  
gards to exploring these themes;  
however, I believe the visuals carry  
the film to a major touchdown.

"Him" reveals American  
sports culture's dirty truth through  
a new cinematic language. Tip-

ping uses ther-  
mal cameras  
and computer  
generated im-  
agery (CGI)—  
an innovative  
combination in  
cinematogra-  
phy—to capture  
"the invisible  
killer."

This is known as football re-  
lated brain injuries, mostly cor-  
relating with concussions. "The  
invisible killer" is a taboo topic  
for American football lovers be-  
cause any talk that could poten-  
tially bring the sport to a halt goes  
against their fanatic beliefs. Tip-  
ping wants audiences to sit with  
that discomfort with a full X-ray

view.

Although Cameron Cade has a  
heartwarming story, that doesn't  
stop him from receiving a poten-  
tially career ending—completely  
visible—injury at the film's begin-  
ning.

"Him" is a game changer be-  
cause it is the first major film to  
show football for what it is. The  
truth is that "Him" is not a sports  
movie critiquing its contemporar-  
ies. "Him" is scary for a reason.

Justin Tipping uses horror as a  
medium for discussing American  
sports culture's dark underbelly.

"Him" blends haunting ma-  
terialism and idol worship with  
horrific fame seamlessly through  
visual metaphors, and sharp vio-  
lence. Currently, there is specula-  
tion that the studio who produced  
the film required cuts.

There are rumors that crucial  
scenes did not make it to theaters.  
Contemporary audiences are not  
receiving "Him" well; howev-  
er, the movie's bold innovation,  
and controversial themes, will be  
enough to make it a staple in hor-  
ror's history.



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# OPINION

## My message to all Democrats

By **RENEE O'CONNOR**  
*Opinion Editor*

So, I'm just wondering how many democrats have to lose before the leaders of this party will wake up to what is going on. When will establishment Democrats realize we don't want centrist candidates and we don't want weak policies.

We want progressive candidates, who are willing to stand up for the working class and fight for LGBTQ+ rights, and want to preserve democracy. It's very basic things that members of the democratic party are asking for. The bare minimum.

We are slipping into facism right now and people are scared, rightfully so. We were told time, and time again that 2024 was the most important election of our lifetime and that democracy was on the line. The stakes couldn't have been higher. And yet, we still lost by not getting the Democratic candidate we needed.

We knew exactly what the republicans planned to do, they published it online, called Project 2025. Instead of giving us a progressive candidate with a clear platform, we got fan-cams of Kamala at rallies set to Beyonce songs.

Which, in itself, I'm not mad at. I love that with other things, not for the most important election of our lifetime. They tried to appeal to Gen Z, but clearly that didn't work. But then, she's going on interviews saying that she supports fracking.

No. We can't do that again, and people are dying as a result. Look at women in red states, look at the people who are not able to get the care they need. Lives are being lost, and lives will continue to be lost due to democrats incompetence.

We have Donald Trump, who is sending the National Guard into our cities, redrawing congressional maps, and I love that Governor of California, Gavin Newsom, is doing something.



If Newsom wants democrats to take him seriously as a presidential candidate, he needs to stop having right-wing influencers on his podcast. Again, bare minimum.

I also thing to win back the progressive democrats, Gavin Newsom needs to change his policies about immagration and the homeless. Newsom is one of the only people standing up to Trump, and he has my respect for that.

I don't think politicians need podcasts—we need you to govern, please. As South Park has proclaimed, "don't be on your phone while being president", or in this case, possibly running for one.

Mayoral candidate of New York City, Zahron Mamdani, won the primary because he has a clear platform and he spoke directly to what voters care about. He won votes in places people said he was never going to win.

Zahron has answers when voters ask how he's actually going to deliver on these things that he says he's going to do. Which, is something that I don't see a lot of establishment Democrats doing these days. Hence, one of the reasons Kamala lost the election.

As Tyra Banks once said, "learn something from this." So, Democratic politi-

cians: stop trying to appeal to Republicans because they are never going to vote for you. Nothing a Republican candidate can do is bad enough to lose, we literally have a rapist in the White House.

We can't do lesser of two evils because that clearly doesn't work, the most evil person won. Stop listening to these consultants who are telling you to appeal to the middle. After the last election, it's not even about winning Republican votes, you have to win back your own party. Your own party didn't vote for you.

If you are a democratic elected official and you want to take money from corrupt foreign governments, become a stand up comedian and go perform at the Saudi Arabia comedy festival. Stop pretending you care about the people you're supposed to be fighting for and representing.

As much as I love Pete Buttigieg, and would love for him to run for office in 2028, if America was not ready for a woman to be president, they are not ready for a gay man. And that's very dissapointing. We need someone to establish their candidacy and we need someone who is guaranteed to win. We cannot lose in 2028.

We are still waiting for a good democratic politician to come forward, stand up to Trump, and say that they will run in 2028. Democrats should have been vetting someone to run in 2024 the minute Joe Biden stepped into the White House. We need change. Democrats, we can't let this happen again.

**“Democrats presented no alternative’: US voters on Trump’s win and where Harris went wrong”**  
*-The Gaurdian*

## Comedians complicit at Festival

By **RENEE O'CONNOR**  
*Opinion Editor*

The Riyadh Comedy Festival, currently being branded as the world's largest comedy event, has drawn global comedic talent to the Saudi capital. From Dave Chappelle and Kevin Hart, to Bill Burr and Pete Davidson, the lineup is undeniably star-studded. Behind all the talk of celebrities, there's an elephant in the room raising discussions about artist integrity and complicity.

The festival is part of Saudi Arabia's Vision 2030 initiative, a plan to diversify the economy and rebrand as a cultural and entertainment hub.

This event is a textbook case of culture washing, which is using entertainment to distract from the country's repressive policies, including the murder of journalist Jamal Khashoggi, the execution of dissidents, and censorship laws.

### Festival Facts

- Runs Sept 26 - Oct 9
- Sponsored by the General Entertainment Authority
- Doing a variety of comedy styles (stand-up, sketch, satire, improv)
- More than 50 global comedians performing

According to Vanity Fair, comedians have allegedly been offered anywhere between 350,000 and 1.6 million dollars. Comedian Tim Dillon jokes Saudi Arabia "bought comedy". Statements like this by Dillon ended up getting him fired from the festival.

Thankfully, there are several comedians who have spoken out

**“From the folks that brought you 9/11. Two weeks of laughter in the desert, don't miss it!”**  
*-Marc Maron*

against the comedians in attendance. Shane Gillis, Marc Maron, and David Cross are a few of my favorites. As Gillis so eloquently put it, "You don't 9/11 your friends." Gillis states he was offered a large sum of money to attend, but turned it down for, in his words, "taking a principled stand."

Out of all the comedians attending, I am most disappointed in Kevin Hart, Whitney Cummings, and Bill Burr for attending. Growing up, these comedians were huge idols for me, and I'm disappointed how easily their morals are swayed.

I believe comedian Atsuko

Okatsuka has a brilliant take on the entire festival, that perfectly sums it all up: "A lot of the 'you can't say anything anymore!' comedians are doing the festival." Yep. Exactly that. The hypocrisy among the comedians in attendance is sickening.

Performing under censorship undermines artistic integrity. Participation legitimizes a regime with a history of human rights abuses, including the execution of journalist Turki al-Jasser and the imprisonment of women's rights advocate Manahel al-Otaibi.

Many of these comedians have built careers defending free speech, making their silence in Riyadh particularly gross. Instead of silence, comedians could use their platforms to amplify calls for justice, highlight abuses, and support detained activists.

These comedians are showing that they care more about money, than free speech and human rights. And that is true complicity.

### Just who shut down government?

Comments from X.com on Wednesday morning.

**Karoline Leavitt:** "Democrats are shutting down the federal government because President Trump won't force taxpayers to pay for free health care for illegal aliens. ... Democrat elected representatives are punishing their own constituents to fight for illegals. Deranged."

**Kamala Harris:** "President Trump and Congressional Republicans just shut down the government because they refused to stop your health care costs from rising. Let me be clear: Republicans are in charge of the White House, House and Senate. This is their shutdown."

# Love for students brought Rose to NWOSU

## Having education-oriented family played key role in her career choice

By Tra'von Johns  
Student Reporter

Alyesa Rose, who is now the Academic Success Center coordinator, thought teaching was going to be her career after she graduated from Northwestern, and it was for a while.

Then teaching didn't feel right any more. "I started to fall out of love with teaching public education," said Rose, who at the time was teaching seventh and eighth grade English in Enid. "I ran into the difficulty of trying to figure out what it was I really needed to do — if it was to stop public ed teaching or if it was to go into something completely different or maybe I just needed to stick it out."

She said she prayed and turned to God to help her find the path she needed to follow. That path led her back to Northwestern. She became the coordinator of the Academic Success Center and also teaches habitus classes.

She said she gets to "work with students and help them grow every day."

Rose lived in La Junta, Colorado, until second grade when she moved to Alva with her family. She graduated from Alva High and earned her bachelor's and master's degrees from Northwestern. Besides living a few others places to teach, she has stayed in Alva most of her life. She married Dalton Rose, who is also from Alva, and is expecting her first child in November.

Her first job teaching was in Kansas in a third-grade class. She also worked in Ponca City for two years teaching fifth grade and then one year in Enid in seventh and eighth grade English.

She said she has always really enjoyed working with students and helping them figure out what they are capable of, what their strengths are and how much they can grow.

Rose said the person who has influenced her the most would probably be her father, Brad Franz, who is the NWOSU athletic director. She said he is student oriented and always puts students first by helping them be successful in any way possible.

And he always follows through with them. "He never lets them slip through the cracks," Rose said, "and his hard work and his determination and seeing how many students really look up to him and how he's made an impact really just showed me that's what I wanted to go into."

She said she grew up with many teachers in her family and many who had education-based jobs. That family influence helped her decide that going into education was where she needed to be as well. But then the feeling came she needed to make a change.

Rose said she decided that if you're questioning something and you still have a love for it, then you're meant to do it.

Going into higher education then became a defining moment: She didn't have to leave education completely; she could just shift. She said that's exactly what she needed.

Another defining moment she said she had was moving away from home and leaving Alva to teach after she graduated college. Rose said the transition was tough because she was away from her family. She said it helped her see how much Alva meant to her.

Rose said the craziest thing she ever did was move 2 1/2 hours away into Kansas where she'd never been before to take her first teaching job.

"I had no idea," she said, "so I kind of just took a leap."

One of her greatest fears is losing the people she loves the most, she said. Her grandmother died of cancer in 2024.

"She was the person closest to me," Rose said. "It's helped me realize how much I cherish my family. Losing them just really takes a piece out of me, and it really did a huge number on me."

She said she goes through life really hoping she never disappointed her grandmother in any way.

Rose said she wouldn't change anything in her life. The challenges, the accomplishments, the losses she's had, the moving, the job changes — they have all made a difference in helping her figure out what she really loves, she said.

She is passionate about helping people figure out who they are, she said, whether that means changing a major, getting a different job, finding the things they're passionate about, letting go of things.

Rose also said she really hopes to travel the world more and get to see more of what she hasn't gotten to see out there because it feels like that really makes a difference.

Her mother Lisa Cline, who is the director of the



Alyesa Rose graduated from NWOSU, taught public school for awhile and then came back as the coordinator of the Academic Success Center. She said she loves still being able to work with students.

LASSO Center, said she is proud of Rose and all the accomplishments she's had. "I think the thing that I admire the most is that she just has a lot of resilience," Cline said. "She's



*"I think the thing that I admire the most is that she just has a lot of resilience. She's gone through a lot of things in her life. She just has the ability to bounce back and pull herself up and continue to persevere."*  
— Lisa Cline, Rose's mother and director of the LASSO Center

gone through a lot of things in her life. She just has the ability to bounce back and pull herself up and continue to persevere. When sometimes I look at some of the things she's done ... she should have been down for the count. Alyesa just really is a very resilient young lady. She was teaching and she enjoyed that, but you know, that wasn't really for her."

Instead of saying she was going to just stay in her teaching job, Rose was determined and courageous to go find that thing that was missing, Cline said.

She said she and Rose have a special relationship and considers Rose a good friend. She said Rose's greatest qualities are being organized and resilient.

Cline said Rose has a positive outlook on life, and she's just able to keep things going.

Kaylen Hansen, the director of assessment and institutional effectiveness, has known Rose for a long time, and said Rose has always been a really hard worker and cares a lot about other people.

"When she was going to look at the job at the Academic Success Center, I knew she would do a very good job there because in her teaching career, she has been all about helping students," Franz said.

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# Family Day



A student signs up for the Family Cornhole tournament on Family Day last Saturday. Families came from all over the country. The Goodfellow family from Arlington, Washington, were honored for coming the farthest.



A student returns from her scavenger hunt after visiting the murals around Alva. Family Day offered many activities, including a football game for visiting families to enjoy.



Bradley Franz, vice president of athletics at NWOSU, is Rose's father. She said he had a big influence in her decision to go into teaching.

## It's time to start preparing for Homecoming

- Theme: "Rowdy Under the Big Top."
- Homecoming buttons are for sale for \$10 and grants access to Miss Cinderella Pageant and Talent Night, the football game. Also provides discounts from Alva merchants during the week. Buy at the business office or the foundation office on campus.
- Homecoming T-shirts will be available in the Foundation and Alumni Association offices until 3 p.m. on Oct. 24, and at the Alumni Tent at the parade Oct. 25.
- Miss Cinderella pageant will take place in the Fellers Family Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 23 and 8 p.m. on Oct. 24.
- Ranger Royalty voting will begin Oct. 10.
- The Ranger Rally will take place at the Percefull Fieldhouse on Oct 24 at noon.
- Red and Black World Series will be on Oct. 24 at the Myers Stadium at 6:30 p.m.
- On Oct. 25 the Ranger run will take place downtown at 8 a.m.
- Homecoming parade will be downtown at 10 s.m. Deadling for float entries is Oct. 22 at noon.
- This year's Parade Marshal is Dr. Ken Brown, a retired NWOSU professor.
- Ranger Lunch on the Square after the parade is \$6.
- Northwestern soccer vs East Central will take place at the Ranger soccer field at noon.
- Massed band performance will be at the Ranger field at 2:40 p.m. It features high school bands performing together before the football game.
- Northwestern football vs Southern Naz-arena will start at 3 p.m. on the Ranger Field.
- Stargazing will take place at 7:30 pm at Northwest Tech Center

# FEATURE

## He's a man, he just got fired

By **JESSICA SCHIEBER**  
Co Editor-in-Chief

Mike Gundy, the Oklahoma State University head coach in football, was fired from his position after holding it for over 20 full seasons. He has coached from 2005-2025.

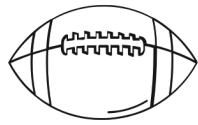
Gundy being fired didn't come as much of a surprise to the fans of OSU, however, due to the decrease in performance for the last few seasons. This event seemed inevitable at this point.

Gundy had a lot of accomplishments as a coach. His overall record was 170-90 in 21 seasons. He had eight 10-win seasons, he held National Coach of the Year awards in 2011 he was given both the Paul "Bear" Bryant Award and the Eddie Robinson Award. He was Big 12 Coach of the Year three times; these took place in 2010, 2021 and 2023. He won the 2011 Big 12 Championship and has finished in the Top 10 ranking 11 times.

Gundy also stood up for his

### Gundy's achievements

- **Overall record: 170-90**
- **Bowls: 12-6**
- **Big 12 Championship: 2011**
- **3x Coach of the Year: 2010, 2021, 2023**
- **Paul "Bear" Bryant Award: 2011**
- **Eddie Robinson Coach of the Year: 2011**
- **Second-team All- Big Eight: 1988**
- **Oklahoma Sports Hall of Fame: 2021**



players, and has gone viral for a certain video of him doing just that.

It was during a press conference and he held up a newspaper about an article that was brought to him. He claims that 3/4 of the article was inaccurate.

In the conference he states "If you want to go after an athlete, one of my athletes, you go

after one that doesn't do the right things. You don't down grade him because he does everything right and may not play as well on Saturday, and you let us make that decision."

After a few comments about the newspaper Gundy then says, "Where are we at in society today? Come after me I'm a man, I'm 40."

Gundy was fired after a loss to Tulsa. This was OSU's first loss to the team since 1951.

According to an article on ESPN athletic director Chad Weiberg said "Cowboy Football reached an unprecedented level of success and national prominence under Coach Gundy's leadership. I believe I speak for OSU fans everywhere when I say that we are grateful for all he did to raise the standard and show us all what is possible for Oklahoma State football."

In the same article on ESPN university president Jim Hess made this statement, "this is a decision about what's best for our football program, our student-athletes and Oklahoma State University and it reflects our unwavering commitment to championship-level football and competing for national success. Coach Gundy dedicated decades of his life to OSU, achieving significant success and positively impacting hundreds of young men who wore the OSU uniform. His contributions to our university, both

as a player and coach, deserve our profound respect and will not be forgotten. We are grateful for his service and wish him and his family the very best."

Offensive coordinator Doug Meacham has been named the OSU interim head coach.

Meacham has been leading under Gundy for roughly 9 years.

According to an article on the Postols Firing blog Meacham claimed "Coaching here in general is an honor because I played here and coached here before, I don't think it's really different for me. I kind of let it slip a few times. I had to communicate to the referees. I've never done that before. But, pretty much, it wasn't that much different to me. It was fun being down on the sidelines." This was after Meacham's first game as interim head coach.

Linebacker Bryan McCoy claimed "He has the will, and that's really all it's about. He got a lot of will in his spirit. He knows how to get us going and what it takes to really bring wins to the table."

### Let's be real

## Small groups aren't a flaw

By **SARAH BRASHEARS**  
Co Editor-in-Chief

For years, we have been pushed into the mindset that the size of our social circle somehow reflects our worth. The more friends you have, the more popular you are.

The more parties you attend, the more fulfilled you'll be.

But, somewhere along the way, many of us have discovered the opposite: the bigger the circle of people around you, there is more noise and less peace in your life.

Social media has made friendship feel like a numbers game. Even I am guilty of this.

Followers, likes, and group selfies create the illusion that happiness is tied to how many people you can call "friend."

But here is the reality: keeping a large circle comes with hidden costs.

It is the cost of stretched energy, shallow connections, and an overload of drama on your plate that leaves little room for actual joy.

Have you ever thought about shrinking your circle?

Not just throwing away friends, but not obsessing over having the most?

When you create a small, genuine circle, something shifts.

With fewer people, there is more space for authenticity.

Your energy goes to those who truly matter – the friends who check in during the quiet times, those who celebrate your wins without competing against you, and those who hold space for the low moments in your life without judgement.



Photo provided

The small circle I choose to surround myself with, showing support most.

Let's get real... your peace is priceless.

Protecting your peace requires boundaries. Not everyone deserves access to your time and energy.

They don't even need access to your heart other than the love of kindness you show to a stranger.

Choosing a smaller circle doesn't mean you are shutting people out. It means you are being mindful about who you let fully in.

It is giving yourself permission to walk away from relationships that are draining you, even if that leaves only a few standing next to you.

How much freedom do you truly feel when you are in a group

of ten or more friends?

With less chaos, you won't feel the pressure to keep up appearances or stretch yourself thin meeting everyone's expectations.

More freedom to be authentically you provides time for rest, reflection, and the kind of friendships that nourish you.

The myth of a big circle is just that – a myth.

True happiness is not determined in the number of people around you, but in the depth of those connections.

Fewer friends, or even a large group of friends with genuine and authentic hearts, mean deeper peace because you are not surrounded by a crowd, but by a chosen group who genuinely want the best for you.

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# ENTERTAINMENT

## Director talks about 'Asylum'

By KEVIN KAUMANS  
Entertainment Editor

Last week, I had the honor of interviewing the student director of Northwestern University's latest play, "Asylum".

Gabe Bussinger is a senior and good friend of my roommate, Zayne.

Before anyone accuses this interview of being biased, however, let me stress that he and I have not had any contact with one another besides basic greetings up until this meeting.

I have no opinion of Gabe, positive or otherwise, that could affect what I am about to write, as I know little to nothing about him.

"Asylum" is a one-act play written by Jerome McDonough sometime in 1975.

It tells the story of a man named Stan

and his fellow patients, all of whom suffer from different mental illnesses.

"The themes of the play," Mr. Bussinger said. "Includes the struggle to adapt to social norms, as well as many other major themes that I don't want to spoil. It is a powerful and almost haunting drama that I want everyone at Northwestern to come and see."

When asked why he chose this play out of the millions of other ones out there, Gabe told me: "This is a challenging and thought-provoking story that has allowed all of my actors to explore how deep their characters can go. My actors themselves are extremely committed and dedicated to what they are doing in order to honor the emotional deepness contained within the play."

Aspen Marshall will be playing the role as the main character in this production.

When questioned as to why he out of all our theater students was chosen, Gabe assured me that he felt Aspen developed the character in his beginning rehearsals to the best that it could be.

He told me that he wanted to see how Aspen could depict Stan's disorders in a gritty and realistic fashion.

Though he is a theater student, Gabe has no intention of becoming an actor or director after he graduates.

Instead, the young man intends to go into interior design. Gabe wants to work on set designs within the theaters many go to see.

"Asylum" by Jerome McDonough is set to perform Oct 2 and 3 in Herod Hall at the Fellers Family Auditorium at 7 PM.

General admission is five dollars. With your student ID, admission is only three dollars.

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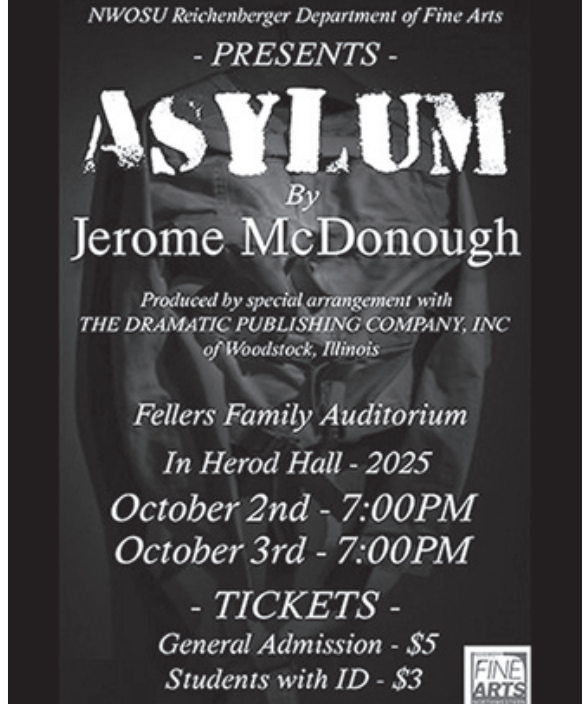


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## CGI fatigue exposes problem with movies

By KEVIN KAUMANS  
Entertainment Editor

It is no secret that CGI and special effects have improved impressively since the 20th Century. Now, that is not to say no movies in the 1900s. After all, movies like "Alien" and "The Thing" that came out before the internet was even invented are praised even today for how realistic the stuff featured in it looked for the time.

That being said, it is clear that most movies nowadays rely on their special effects for making their movies successful.

Granted, I am not saying that all movies in the 21st century are too dependent on CGI. Just look at the "John Wick" movies, for example.

Sure, special effects are obviously used to make sure that the



From thedirect.com

This is the notorious scene from "Thor: Love and Thunder" mentioned in this article. To this day, Marvel fans and critics alike still make fun of how the being in charged made this scene into a joke.

actors do not get hurt, but the movies' main attraction, the reason people go and see them, is because of the action scenes.

But what about films like "Thor: Love and Thunder"? Does anyone remember the floating head scene? Remember when we all widened our eyes in disbelief

at how bad a billion-dollar company could make something look so amateur-like? Seriously, when I first saw that trending online, I thought it was a meme. I thought someone cropped it into the movie to poke fun at how bad Marvel Studios' CGI had gotten.

I know I am going on a bit of

a tangent here, but can you blame me? "Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest" had a smaller budget than this movie, and the CGI was worlds better than it.

Keep in mind, "Thor: Love and Thunder" is almost twenty years older than that movie. There is no excuse other than pure laziness as to why Axl should look like a cheap commercial product for children's toys.

Then you have the 2020 adaptation of "Call of the Wild".

Now, while I personally thought this movie's CGI was pretty good, many people were furious that the people who made the movie used fake dogs instead of real ones.

This caused many people to steer clear of the movie, making it the main reason why it flopped so hard.

In hindsight, it is not hard to

reason that if people are going to see a movie where dogs are the main focus point, then they may want to see actual dogs in the movies instead of just men walking around on all fours pretending to be them.

It is because of examples like these movies that I think modern audiences are starting to come down with what I like to call: CGI Fatigue.

We are finally getting tired of producers and directors putting in the bare minimum for their movies and thinking that they can make their money back just by putting in a few special effects here and there.

If Hollywood wants to stay in business any longer, then they need to acknowledge that instead of blaming the audience who helped payroll their lifestyle in the first place.

### The Twin Thing by Ash Crites

We lived in Anger's house.  
Slamming doors and red faces  
Sang us to sleep.

Another Horror movie

(Freddy's arms stretch wide. His shadow grows wildly.)

tucks us into our restless heads.

We lived on Elm, Main, and Oklahoma Streets splat with "the twin thing."

Another wrestling match

You flip me

I pretend to flip you.

Mom packs her bags again,

("You are all my children now.") We carry them with us

### Flowers by Ash Crites

Another newspaper Clipped to death.

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# SPORTS

## Volleyball gets win, loss at home

By **OAKLEE FIELDER**  
Sports Editor

The NWOSU volleyball team had two home games, one against Southern Nazarene University and the other against Oklahoma Baptist University.

The game against SNU ended in a 0-3 victory for NWOSU.

The first set was a 22-25 victory for the Lady Rangers. Northwestern had the upper hand in the first part of the set, but started to struggle in the middle. The Lady Rangers locked in at the end and ended the set with a point for Northwestern.

The second set ended with a 22-25 victory for NWOSU. It started almost the same as the first, with Northwestern earning points quickly at the start of the set. Eventually, SNU started keeping up with them, although Southern Nazarene was down by multiple points. SNU eventually caught NWOSU, taking the lead 15-14 by winning five points in a row. Northwestern turned around and did the same thing. They won five straight points and put SNU right back where they were in the points deficit. The two teams traded points towards the end, and NWOSU won the second set.

The third set was a definite NWOSU victory, 12-15.

The Lady Rangers started with six straight points to get the momentum rolling early. Southern Nazarene only scored back-to-back twice in the final set. Northwestern seemed to have put the hammer down, and they shut SNU down, destroying them by 13 points in the end.

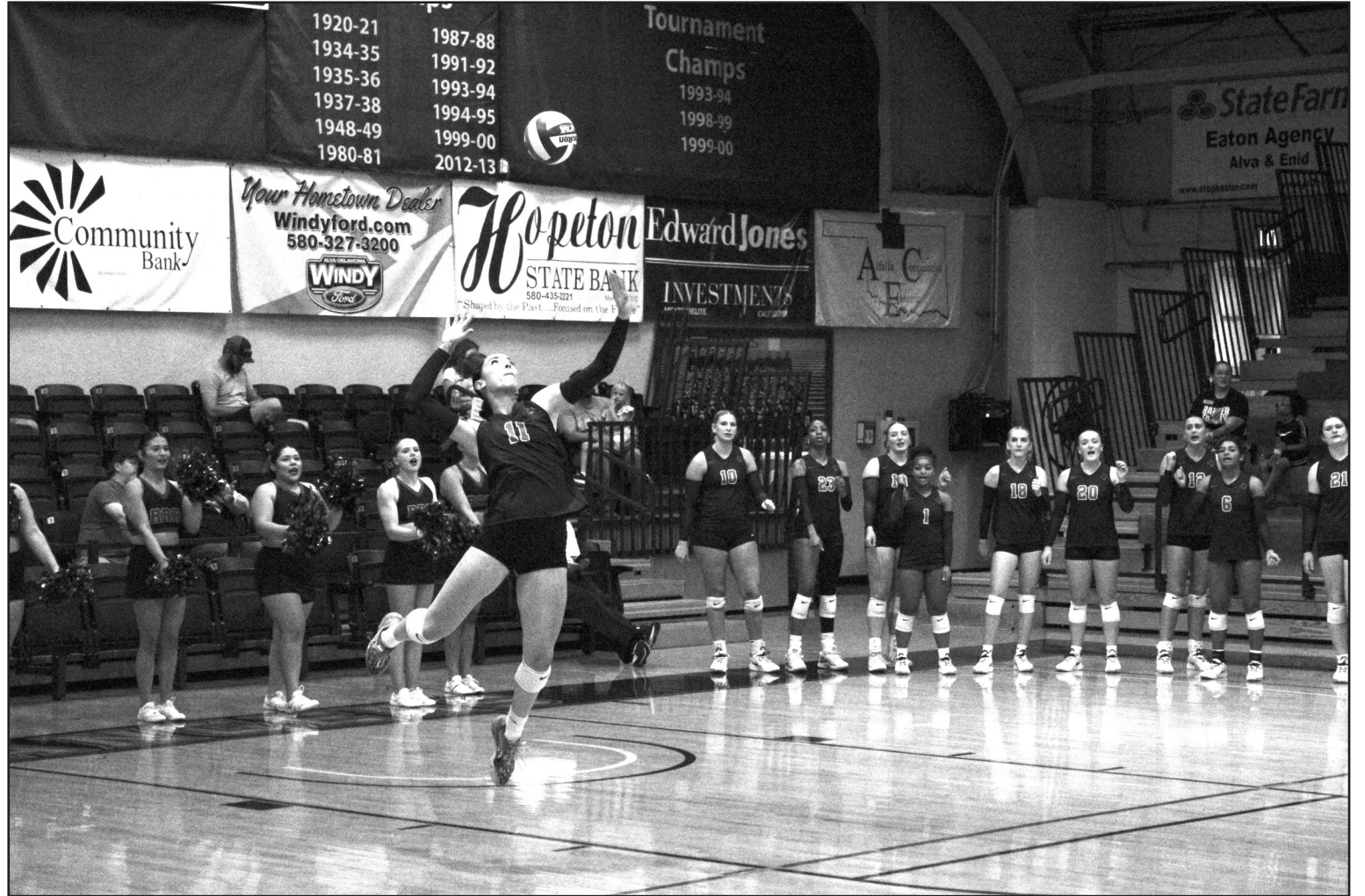


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NWOSU Lady Ranger, No. 11, Ece Ozdemir, jumps to serve the ball in the game against the Oklahoma Baptist University Lady Bison on Tuesday.

Ece Ozdemir was the NWOSU kill leader, with 17. Tess De Zanet had 11. Mikayla White had the most assists, with 30. Jadyn Padilla had the most digs, with 10.

The second game did not go as well for the Lady Rangers. Oklahoma Baptist defeated NWOSU 3 sets to 0.

OBU seemed to have shown their skill early in the first set, as they scored six unanswered

points to start the first set. NWOSU fought back and eventually got within one point of the Lady Bison, and later tied it at 11 and 12. Then, Oklahoma Baptist put their heads down and ran away with the lead and won the first set 25-18.

The second set started better for NWOSU. The two teams battled closely and kept it within one point until, when the two teams were tied 6-6, OBU ran

away again. The Lady Bison got up to six points away from Northwestern, and they didn't stop there. Oklahoma Baptist matched NWOSU's every point, and they won the second set 25-17.

With the momentum in OBU's favor, the Lady Bison looked to close out the third set and win the match.

The Lady Bison and Lady Rangers fought hard at the start, matching each other in points,

and neither team running away. The two teams traded having the lead multiple times in the early and middle parts of the set. Eventually, OBU took the lead by five points and seemingly killed NWOSU's momentum. The Lady Bison won the final set 25-19 and the match 3-0.

NWOSU's next match is against Southwestern Oklahoma State on Thursday. That is their only game of the week.

## Rodeo competes at Southeastern

By **OAKLEE FIELDER**  
Sports Editor

The NWOSU rodeo team was at Southeastern Oklahoma State University in Durant to compete in the Savage Storm Rodeo.

Kerry Duval finished 5th in the tiedown event out of the eight competitors. Duval had 60 points.

In the breakaway event, Kendl Miller placed 2nd with a total of 116 points. Payton Dingman placed 8th with 20 points.

Emmett Edler continues to dominate in the steer wrestling event as he placed 1st with a total of 175 points. Nathan Duvall had 50 points, putting him in 5th. Grady Aasby was 7th with 15 points.

Dingman also competed in the goat tying event, she finished in 5th with 65 points. In 8th place was Trinity Kruse, who had 15 points.

Cooper Mott finished 3rd in the team roping event with 85 points. Sage Bader was 5th with 50 points. Cory Weir and Payton Blank placed 7th together, earning 40 points for NWOSU.

Overall, the men and women finished 5th in their categories out of the seventeen teams that competed, earning a good finish for Northwestern.

The next competition for NWOSU is at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater. After Stillwater, the Rangers and Lady Rangers come home to compete in the NWOSU rodeo and the final 2025 rodeo on Oct 30-Nov 1.

The NWOSU rodeo team will not stop after winter break.

Rodeo competes year round, so there will be many more rodeos that the Rangers and Lady Rangers compete in throughout the year. Although there's only two more rodeos in 2025, there will be more in 2026.

## Golf goes to Newman University

By **OAKLEE FIELDER**  
Sports Editor

The Northwestern golf teams traveled to Newton, Kansas, to compete in the Newman Invitational at Newman University.

Both the men and women finished 4th in their categories.

Chris Xiao finished in 12th with a score of +5. Zac Farmer had a score of +6, putting him in 15th. Pierce Geminden finished 20th with a score of +8. In 32nd was Max Courange with a score of +21. Mathieu Zerwin was 38th

with a score of +21.

Gracie Doke finished 10th with a score of +9. In 13th was Heather Hunkele with a score of +10. Tess Linden was 19th with a score of +12. Manda Lane finished 37th with a score of +19. In 60th was Ava Borne with a score of +39.

The next golf tournament is on Monday and Tuesday at the Uni-

versity of Central Oklahoma in Edmond.

The golf team continues throughout the entire school year. There may only be four more tournaments for the NWOSU golf teams, there will be many more next semester.

The golf teams showed signs of struggle last spring. Will they improve in 2026?

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# SPORTS

## Football loses on Family Day

By **OAKLEE FIELDER**  
Sports Editor

The NWOSU Family Day football game took place on Saturday, where the East Central Tigers faced the Northwestern Rangers in a late-night game.

The game started with the Tigers winning the coin toss and electing to defend to start the first half. NWOSU would start with possession of the ball.

The first drive for the Rangers ended in success. NWOSU was able to drive down the field and get into field goal range. Kale Purvis made the kick and gave Northwestern the first points of the game, making it 0-3.

The Tigers' first drive did not go as well; ECU made three plays and punted. The Rangers' second drive went the same, three plays

then a punt. Almost in a pattern, the Tigers went and did the same thing, three plays, then punted.

To start the second quarter, the Rangers were at a third and three in ECU territory. They were making good gains, making progress, and entered the red zone.

Then a pass was intercepted where the Tigers ran it all the way back to the Rangers' endzone and scored a touchdown, making it 7-3. ECU scored on their next drive to make it 14-3.

With momentum in their favor, the Tigers scored on every drive in the second quarter, putting the Rangers down far. Although at the end of the quarter, Purvis scored another field goal, lessening the Tigers' lead to 31-6.

To start the second half, the Tigers scored a field goal to make it 34-6. The Rangers seemed to have lost all momentum from the



Photo by Victor Kinzie

No. 4 Ben Heidebrecht, tackles an East Central attacker on Sept 27, this was the only tackle he recorded.



Photo by Victor Kinzie

A kickoff from East Central University, ECU would go on to win 41-20.

early points scored, as they were not able to gain any more points in the third quarter, also allowing ECU to score even more points to make a comeback seemingly impossible.

Starting the fourth quarter, NWOSU was down 41-6. With the game practically over, the Rangers had to put their heads down and push hard and not give up. On their second drive of the quarter, NWOSU charged down the field, catching long passes from Jax Bernard. Bernard threw a deep pass to Merric Judd, who caught it and made a 48-yard touchdown, possibly sparking something in NWOSU.

With eight minutes left in the game, the Ranger defense stepped up and stopped the Tigers in their tracks, getting a turnover on downs and giving the Rangers even more time to score.

With just four minutes left, with throws from Bernard and

rushes from Jayden Bridges, the Rangers were able to get to ECU's red zone once again.

Bernard made a short rush to run it into the endzone to get the Rangers a touchdown with just 32 seconds left. A PAT from Purvis made it 41-20. NWOSU attempted an onside kick to get possession, but it was recovered by ECU. The Tigers knelt and ended the game with a score of 41-20.

This was absolutely a great showing for Northwestern. They faced a difficult team that defeated Ouachita Baptist, which was nationally ranked.

Not only did they show up, but they led in the first quarter and had the looks of having a comeback in the fourth, if not for time.

The game against the Southern Arkansas University Muleriders will not be easy, but if the Rangers show up like they did in the first and final quarter, they could stand a chance against SAU.



**Jax Bernard, Freshman**  
5/6 complete, 98 yards, 1 TD



**Meric Judd, Sophomore**  
1 reception, 48 yards, 1 TD

## Cross country continues to perform well

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Saturday, the NWOSU cross country team traveled to Cameron University in Lawton to compete in the Cameron Invitational.

The women finished in 3rd out of four teams. The men finished 2nd out of six.

Cadence Long-Torres was the first Lady Ranger as she finished 6th with a time of 20:03. Ivy Washington was 8th with a time of 20:14. Jessica Myers finished 10th with a time of 20:15, and Harley Woody was just behind her in 11th with a time of 20:25. In 17th was Elizabeth Dorado-Barrera with a time of 21:26. Just behind Dorado-Barrera was Seriah Vess in 19th with a finishing time of 21:32. Elizabeth White, Jamie

Torres-Franco, Raley Hooper, Aubrey Warehime, Elisa Bernardez, and Reina Gonzales all finished 24th through 29th. White had a time of 22:08. Torres-Franco had a time of 22:19. Warehime finished with a 22:28. Bernardez was just barely behind Warehime, finishing just six-tenths of a second behind her. Gonzales had a time of 22:39.

In the men's 8k, Kabelo Maja and Riley Herndon finished separated by less than a second. Maja was 6th with a time of 26:34. Herndon was 7th with a time of 26:35. Cooper Bell was 9th with a time of 26:43. Edward Robledo-Gonzalez was 10th with a time of 26:51. Coy Bullard had a finishing time of 26:59, putting him in 11th. Jordan Pierce was 15th with a time of 27:07. In 23rd was

Basheer Suid with a time of 27:51. Tristan Meeker finished 24th with a time of 28:09. Alan Lares was 26th with a time of 28:18. Daxton Williams finished 30th with a time of 29:06. Royce Henricks ended in 31st with a time of 29:24. Julian Vess finished in 32nd with a

time of 29:46. In 34th was Tyrese Bishop with a time of 29:49. Edmilson Perez finished with a time

of 30:01, putting him in 35th. The next cross-country meet is October 4 in Fort Worth, Texas.

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## NWOSU can't stop winning

By **OAKLEE FIELDER**  
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Coming off two wins against Newman University and New Mexico Highlands University, the Lady Rangers went on the road twice to face Oklahoma Baptist University on September 24 and Southern Nazarene University on Saturday.

The Lady Rangers went into these two games undefeated.

### Game One, NWOSU 2-OBU 1

Taylor Annen was in goal for Northwestern.

There was not a lot of action in the first 10 minutes of the game, that is, until Luana San Miguel scored in the 10th minute, giving the Lady Rangers the early lead. Annen then saved two shots in the twelfth minute, keeping that NWOSU lead alive.

The Lady Rangers and Lady Bison fought hard as the two teams charged down the field in hopes of getting a goal. The first half was eventful for the Northwestern defense, as OBU recorded seven shots and had six corner kicks.

The Northwestern offense was only able to record two shots in the first half.

The second half started with lots of substitutions for Oklahoma Baptist, having six in the first five minutes of the half. The two teams continued to fight into the second half, one hoping to keep, or even better, extend their lead. The other, hoping to equalize the scoring sheet.

Oklahoma Baptist continued to lay on the shots, but Annen wouldn't budge. The shots kept coming until a goal from Eryn Warren allowed NWOSU to practically seal the win in the 67th minute. OBU continued their assault on Annen, hoping for a mistake from the NWOSU goalkeeper.



Photo by Ingrid Maldonado

NWOSU Lady Ranger, No. 25, Emerson Curd, tackles a New Mexico Highlands University attacker in a game on September 20, NWOSU won 2-0.

Eventually, their time came. A goal for OBU came in the 80th minute of the game with just 10 minutes left. After a yellow card on the Rangers, Oklahoma Baptist started another barrage of shots on the goal, hoping that they might be able to tie the game and at least get a tie, but their attempts all failed. The game ended with a NWOSU win 2-1 over the Oklahoma Baptist Lady Bison.

### Game Two, NWOSU 3-SNU 2

Annen was in goal for NWOSU again.

Just like the game before, San Miguel scored early, in the 6th

minute to be exact. This seemed to give Northwestern lots of momentum. The Lady Rangers defended well and turned away every chance that SNU had for a goal. In the 35th minute, Jenna Mills was given a penalty kick. Penalty kicks are amazing chances for a goal for the team that is shooting. Mills executed and scored the second goal for Northwestern early in the game. The first half continued on without any more goals.

The start of the second half mirrored the start of the first. San Miguel scored just under two minutes into the half, giving NWOSU a 3-0 lead. Just one minute later,

Southern Nazarene scored a goal of their own, bringing Northwestern's lead from three back down to two. SNU fired shot after shot, all going wide, until they were awarded a corner kick in the 68th minute. Southern Nazarene got the job done and scored again, making it a 3-2 game with 20 minutes left.

The two teams fought hard, hoping that the game would go in their favor. In the 88th minute, there was a corner kick for Southern Nazarene, just like their last goal. This time, the Lady Rangers did well and stopped any attempt at a goal. The game ended, NWOSU's winning streak continues

and they remain undefeated.

The Lady Rangers' next game is on Wednesday against East Central University. It will be away in Ada. This is also their only game for the week.

The Lady Rangers currently top the GAC standings, the only undefeated team. SWOSU is the closest team, with a record of 6-2. NWOSU faces the third-place team, Harding University, after the game against ECU.

On Tuesday, San Miguel was announced as the Great American Conference Offensive Player of the Week. Her three goals and four shots on goal were credited to her award.

Game 1		Shots	Corner kicks	Fouls
NWOSU	2	5	3	3
OKBU	1	22	8	6

Game 2		Shots	Corner kicks	Fouls
NWOSU	3	10	3	2
SNU	2	16	4	8

## Soccer Playmakers



**Luana San Miguel**  
4 Shots, 4 Shots on goal 3 Goals  
GAC Offensive PotW



**Taylor Annen**  
Goalkeeper  
9 Saves  
3 Goals against allowed



**Jenna Mills**  
Midfielder  
2 Shots, 1 Shot on goal  
1 Goal