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## Final rodeo at Alva Fairgrounds

By JAXYN CLOUD  
Senior Reporter

The NWOSU Rodeo Team hosted the annual Ranger Rodeo at the Woods County Fairgrounds Arena, marking the final Ranger Rodeo to be held at the current fairgrounds.

Twenty National Interscholastic Rodeo Association (NIRA) teams from the Central Plains Region competed in the three day event. Over 450 people participated in the rodeo, vying for the top prize in multiple areas of competition.

Calli Griffin, the head rodeo coach, said that the Northwestern Rodeo could not happen without support from the people of Alva, and that the rodeo is also great for local businesses.

"It's so important for our community," said Griffin. "We get 450 outside people and their families to come into town, spend nights in hotels, eat out and go visit businesses."

Griffin said the rodeo team is very lucky to have such a huge support system in Alva, as locals buy ads and sponsorships to help cover

the costs of putting on a rodeo.

The rodeo also brings back fond memories for many locals who have grown up going to the event every year.

"I look forward to going to the Northwestern Rodeo every year to watch our talented rodeo team who always represent us well at the college finals," said Sagelyn Budy, an adult education management administration student.

The Rodeo was a packed house Saturday, and there was talk amongst the crowd of the new fairgrounds being built. Some were happy for the change and others were saddened, feeling like this is the end of an era. It also gave some of the competitors more motivation to be the last titleholder in the current space.

"I think the new fairgrounds will bring a lot of people to Alva for different events, and it will be great for small businesses in the area," said Janie Rempel, an elementary education student.

Another fun bonus to the Ranger Rodeo event is the Match of Champions, where current students have the opportunity to compete against former NWOSU rodeo team standouts. Taylor



Photo by Ingrid Maldonado

Nathan Hall, a member of the Northwestern rodeo team, riding a bull as he competes in the bull riding event.

Munsell, a National Finals Rodeo qualifier, and World Champion Jacob Edler and Shannon Frasch competed for the \$500 prize.

The Ranger Rodeo gives NWOSU rodeo team students an opportunity to compete and provides everyone else with an enter-

taining, exciting evening.

The new fairgrounds will be located on the far east side of Alva.

## Ament Hall shows many signs of disrepair

By KEN IRVING  
Senior Reporter

"I wouldn't wish living in this place to anyone," said Xavier Streeter, a junior student at Northwestern.

What is the place that Streeter is referring to? That would be Ament dorms. Ament hall is a three-story brick building that towers in the middle of campus. Inside those brick walls are tiled floors filled with just over 100 students who have expressed frustrations about their current living situations.

"It's a bad health hazard," said Brandon Dixon Jr., a freshman student at NWOSU. "We have mold coming out of the ceiling. The janitorial system is terrible. The bathroom is always in terrible condition. You can smell

the bathroom, walking through the hallways. Then you have the showers like why do we not have hot water. The wifi goes out, the power goes out like it doesn't make any sense."

Dixon's frustrations stem from a building that has not been remodeled in years. According to Vice President for Student Services Caleb Mosburg, Ament is one of the last dorms and buildings on campus that need to get remodeled.

It has been a while since Ament was last redone and it is in much need of repairs.

Part of the mold problem that is in Ament comes from moisture from the air condition units. The moisture gets stuck to the tile and creates mold. Northwestern has also experienced an unusual amount of rainfall this summer season and that has played a ma-

ajor role in the build up of mold.

"There's mold and gnats in the bathroom and it's seriously a health hazard," said Leonitis Fusarelli a graduate at NWOSU.

Mosburg understands that the students have health concerns about the mold, however he reassures them that the health issues will be addressed. He advises students to get cleaning wipes and to wipe the ceiling and it should be okay. If the situation continues, than the students should put in a maintenance complaint, and they will come in and fix it.

Although Mosburg says students should file a maintenance complaint, many students do not have any faith that they will come fix the issues.

"I feel like the maintenance has not made it a priority to get things done," said Kodie Sanders, a freshman at NWOSU. "I have

been asking to get my door fixed for months and I haven't received a response or had anything come happen yet."

"I feel like we are just second-class citizens," said Sean Wright, a freshman at NWOSU. "It's like they don't care about us."

Assistant Dean of Student Affairs and Recruitment Director of Housing, Matt Adair, has made it a priority to push student maintenance issues. He has been on the record of working tirelessly to get maintenance to fix the students' problems that they have. The problem is that maintenance gets flooded with problems and have to filter out what problems need more attention than others.

"Sometimes students who may have broken blinds will have to wait longer to get that fixed because we may have students who

have electrical problems," Adair said.

Mosburg was obviously irate whenever he heard that an Ament student said he felt like he was treated as a second-class citizen. Immediately after the interview, Mosburg made multiple calls to find out what was taking maintenance so long to fix issues in the dorms.

Many of the students complained about the power going out throughout the dorms. One night the entire dorm was in the dark and out of power. Students were furious about this.

Mosburg was awake at three in the morning making calls and making sure the students were able to get power. The power issues stem from old electric wires that just simply need to be repaired.

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## Ament raises concerns for residents

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In addition to electric lines needing repair, the water tanks are in dire need of repair. Multiple students complained about either not having any water or not having hot water to take a shower with.

“The hot water is on and off,” said Jayden Cervantes, a sophomore at NWOSU. “We have plumbing problems, the water is cold, the water doesn’t turn on, the toilet doesn’t flush correctly sometimes. We have problems with the power going out. The water has been going in and out every other week. We can’t flush the toilets sometimes. I would say the water we have to brush our teeth and face with is unacceptable. It’s murky.”

“The ceilings have mold on them,” said Myles Mays, a junior at NWOSU. “We never know if we’re getting hot water are not. Theirs bugs coming in and out of the building everywhere.”

The students who live in Ament are fed up with the hot water going out.

Zaid Walker, a freshman student at NWOSU said, “I can’t come home from a long day of practice and long meetings to cold or no water. I can’t do my homework if the power is out.”

This is understandable. Most of the residents in Ament are student athletes. For most of the day they are outside, sweating and working their bodies to the brink of exhaustion and some nights they have to come home to either no water or no hot water.

It’s not fair to them that they

have to be a student athlete that represents this school, but they have to live in unjust conditions.

The water not being out dates to the unequipped water tanks in Ament Hall. The water going in and out dates to the City of Alva and thier construction project on Highway 281 just alongside the school. Many residents in Alva are dealing with the water going out, so they should be able to feel empathy for the students living in Ament. In addition to students coming home to no water, they also have to come home to a dirty and filthy environment. There are over 100 boys living in Ament hall. It is thier responsibility to clean up after themselves, but it would be foolish to believe that 100 young men will keep thier dorm nice and tidy.

The hallways in Ament are littered with debris. The hallways smell like urine and sweat. There is mold on the ceilings and some tiles are caved in. There is urine spewing from the bathroom. There is poop sitting in toilets clogged with toilet paper. The stench of Ament Hall is unfathomable. This fully falls back on the janitor who is responsible for cleaning Ament. If that person cannot correctly do the job right, then that person needs to speak up and ask for help.

It is unacceptable that students have to bathe and use the restroom in the same filth that was there the day before. Some students even went on the record to say that they didn’t ever see the janitor.

Mosburg was infuriated once

he heard about this. He immediately took note of this and has had talks and meetings with that janitor behind the scenes. He knows that this is unacceptable. Students should not be living in those conditions whatsoever.

“I feel like the wifi needs to be better,” said Justis Jones, a junior student at NWOSU. “It’s slow and cuts out on me sometimes. The water is on and off and I don’t like how I’m paying all this money for the dorms and the utilities aren’t up to par.”

Jones isn’t the only student who is upset about the issues their having in Ament. Many students were on the record saying they felt like they shouldn’t be paying that much money for dorms that won’t be upkept. They felt like no one ever comes to check on Ament so why should they spend their money in staying there.

Xavier Streeter said, “I wouldn’t wish living in this place to anyone.”

Students are fed up with what they are getting from Ament Hall and they aren’t being shy to speak about it. They are tired with maintenace not coming to fix their problems, they are tired of the janitor being virtually non-existent and not keeping the dorm clean, they are tired of not having hot water or any hot water to take showers in, they are tired of not having Wi-Fi and they are tired of being treated like second class citizens. One student even said they felt like this was a third



Photo by Ken Irving

Ament resident points out mold in the dormatory restroom.

world country.

The faculty at Northwestern has heard the students, in fact they are thankful and encourage them to speak up more about the issues. Adair said that he is thankful for the students to speak up and come to them about their issues. Mosburg has made it a priority to get things right in Ament Hall. He has made numerous calls to get certain things fixed for the students. Reparations will be made to Ament Hall soon. According to Mosburg, sometime next year the dorm will be undergoing a much needed renovation.

In a year, Ament Hall might look brand new, but what about the students who live their now?

They can’t wait a year to be living in a pigsty. Mosburg agrees that they should not be living in those conditions and has had meetings with the janitor and maintenance to make Ament the home the students deserve.

No student should be living like this. Students already have to worry about school, sports, relationships, food to eat, money and family issues. It’s important that they can feel safe to come home to an environment that welcomes them.

Mosburg and Adair have done their part in making the living situation for the students better, but what about the people who everyone is relying on. Will the janitor actually do his job? Will maintenance actually come fix issues in the dorm? Or will this be another situation where the school fixes something temporarily and then after a while things revert back to how they used to be.

The students in Ament Hall are human beings.

Yes, boys might get a little messy but at the end of the day, they deserve the same respect and common decency that any human being on this planet receives.



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## Most Needed Items in Alva

- Chili \* Microwave-Ready Meals \* Juices (apple, orange)
- Breakfast Drinks (chocolate-vanilla-strawberry)
- Canned Meats (chicken, tuna, Vienna sausages)
- Soups (chicken noodle, tomato, vegetable, chicken & rice, etc.)
- Fruit Cups (applesauce, peaches, pineapple, pears, oranges, etc.)
- Canned Pasta (ravioli, spaghetti, spaghetti rings, mac & beef, etc.)
- Veggies (carrots, corn, green beans, mixed, peas, potatoes)
- Jelly \* Peanut Butter (creamy, crunchy) \* Spaghetti Sauces
- Tomatoes (diced, sauce, diced with green chilies)
- Condiments (ketchup, mustard, mayo, cooking oil, salt/pepper)
- Breakfast Bars \* Toaster Pastries \* Peanuts \* Popcorn
- Peanut Butter/Cheese Crackers \* Packaged Dry Rice or Pasta Sides
- Mac & Cheese (bowls/boxes) \* Cereals
- Deodorants \* Shampoo/Conditioner \* Dandruff Shampoo \* Lotion
- Body Wash \* Tampons and Pads \* Facial Tissue \* Toilet Paper
- Bed Pillows (new) \* Sheets \* Blankets
- School Supplies (notebooks, index cards, highlighters, pens)

## Campuses host food drive

On Nov 14, along with Day of Kindness in Northwest Oklahoma, Northwestern Oklahoma State University and surrounding communities are to participate in a project to benefit the Campus Food pantries in Alva, Enid and Woodward.

To register for the contest and participation in Kindness Day, visit [www.nwosu.edu/day-of-kindness-nw-ok](http://www.nwosu.edu/day-of-kindness-nw-ok).

Here, groups can register their intentions for kindness day and how they plan to collect donations. The group that brings in the most pounds will be awarded. The current goal set from the campus food cabinet is to collect 1,000 pounds.

The campus food cabinet coordinator in Alva, Angela Case, stated that with around five weeks left of the semester, there is an average of 156 pounds being distributed each week from the Alva pantry, with some weeks requiring more.

The pantry is spending, on average, \$759 a month to keep the pantry stocked for students and employees in need.

According to Case, at the conclusion of the drive, the registered groups at the Alva campus will

plan a time with her to bring collections to the pantry in Shockley Hall.

For the Enid campus, donations can be brought to the front office at any point during regular office hours. With any questions, contact Kristy Davidson, Enid administrative assistant, at [kldavidson@nwosu.edu](mailto:kldavidson@nwosu.edu) or (580) 213-3101.

For the Woodward campus, schedule a weigh time with Rachel Hopkins, the campus coordinator. You can reach Rachel at [rahopkins@nwosu.edu](mailto:rahopkins@nwosu.edu) or (580) 254-2502. You can also reach out to Dr. Jonathan Thomason, head of the Woodward campus, with any questions. He can be reached at [jethomason@nwosu.edu](mailto:jethomason@nwosu.edu) or (580) 254-2501.

Needs are different at every campus, but with the same goals. The pantry in Alva is in need for shelf-stable foods, personal hygiene items, pillows, coats, gloves and school supplies/

Items that are needed most in Enid and Woodward include canned goods such as fruit or pasta, powdered milk, fruit cups, peanut butter, cheese crackers, hygiene items and diapers.

— University Relations



# What's up

## November 6

- Northwestern Leadership Forum  
10 a.m., Fellers Family Auditorium
- OIL Meeting  
4 p.m., Ranger Perk
- Biology Club PowerPoint Night  
6 p.m., Science 206
- Volleyball vs Southeastern  
6 p.m., Percefull Field House
- Spanish Club & HALO Salsa/Guacamole Contest  
6:30 p.m., Ranger Room
- Art Exhibition  
7 p.m., Jesse Dunn 218

## November 7

- BSU Paint and Sip  
7 p.m.

## November 8

- Soccer vs SNU  
Noon, Ranger Soccer Field
- Football vs Monticello  
2 p.m., Ranger Field

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# OPINION

## You will never be pretty

By **RENEE O'CONNOR**  
Opinion Editor

Growing up, I was always  
seen as the "fat kid."

Standing here, in front of you  
now, I understand that people no  
longer see me that way. I am the  
beauty standard.

I am able-bodied, skinny,  
white, and conventionally attrac-  
tive. In the first draft of my ar-  
ticle, I knew that I was spewing  
the same body positivity message  
that I claimed I was tired of hear-  
ing.

I took a step back, and looked  
at other people's perspectives—  
people that aren't the beauty stan-  
dard.

I am here to relay their mes-  
sage and help you finally see the  
giant scale in the room.

How every single piece of  
media, the male gaze, and euro-  
centrism has contributed to ev-  
eryone here feeling insecure with  
their body and how we can fix it.

I first started thinking about  
my body when I was around 5  
years old, which is an experience  
I know most women can relate to.

With the constant talk of diet  
culture in the 2010s and the "thin  
is in" ideal, it was hard for me to  
feel good about being overweight.

It started innocently. I started  
working out in middle school,  
then I downloaded fitness apps,  
watched 5-minute-ab routines,  
and counted calories on my  
hands.

I didn't recover from anorexia  
until my freshman year of col-  
lege.

With the support of my fam-  
ily, therapists, and medication, I  
was able to finally eat "normally"  
again.

However, while I'm no longer  
having weekly visits to the hospi-  
tal, those unhealthy thoughts are  
still in the back of my mind.

A dinner out with friends used  
to induce an anxiety attack, now  
I can enjoy the dinner while just  
quickly glancing at the calories.

As I've gotten older, I now  
know that every single person has  
a different body type and genetics  
play a huge factor.

You have little control over  
what your body looks like.

However, magazines, televi-  
sion shows, movies and adver-  
tisements make it seem as though  
if you buy supplements, take cer-  
tain medications or even get plas-  
tic surgery that will change your  
biological makeup.

Care Space states they have  
found that genetics impact the  
shape of our body and also how  
we feel about our bodies.

Though genetics play a factor,  
body image issues are not always  
predetermined. They can start at  
any point in life.

Societal expectations, media  
portrayals of idealized bodies,  
peer influence and personal expe-  
riences all shape how we perceive  
ourselves.

Social media, in particular,  
has intensified unrealistic beauty  
standards, making it easy to fall  
into comparison traps.

The biggest contributor to this  
is something called the "male  
gaze".

Men, don't start checking out  
if you haven't already—this affects  
you, too.

When I first learned about the  
male gaze, I couldn't stop notic-  
ing it. I also couldn't stop notic-  
ing how I was subconsciously  
contributing to it.

Coined by film theorist Laura  
Mulvey in her 1975 essay *Visual  
Pleasure and The Narrative Cine-  
ma*, the male gaze in media is an  
illustration of the desires and ide-  
als of men.

Even when women are alone,  
they still feel the need to perform  
for men.

I feel as though we can blame  
this on men being the sole writers  
and directors of television, since  
its birth.

Women are written in a very  
certain way. Oversexualized, given  
a nude scene when not neces-  
sary and always looking dainty  
and beautiful.

I also had to remember that  
men were written for television,  
by men.

According to Number Analyt-  
ics, the male gaze also has impli-  
cations for the representation of  
masculinity.

By portraying men as power-  
ful and dominant, the Male Gaze  
can create unrealistic expecta-

tions around masculinity.

This can lead to toxic mascu-  
linity, where men feel pressure to  
conform to traditional masculine  
norms, such as aggression and  
emotional suppression.

It also affects how you view  
yourself. Men are rarely shown  
with "normal-looking" bodies.

They are always given rock-  
hard abs, especially if they are  
meant to be playing the "hot guy".

Let's touch on something no-  
body wants to talk about: race.

Race and Eurocentric beauty  
standards play a huge role in our  
beauty and body image standards  
here in the United States.

In Khadija Mbowe's video es-  
say titled "Beauty is in The Eye  
of The...Colonizer?" she speaks  
on how the beauty standards in  
America have affected the Black  
community.

Similar to the male gaze, peo-  
ple of color have been condi-  
tioned to view white people as the  
beauty standard.

Up to a few years ago, Black  
women were never featured in  
large ad campaigns.

And now with the rollback of  
Diversity, Equity and Inclusion  
programs, or DEI, we are starting  
to revert back to seeing primarily  
white women in advertisements  
and modeling campaigns.

In Mbowe's essay, she states  
that everyone has a sort of "white  
is right" mentality when it comes  
to beauty.

Thin noses, straight hair, large  
eyes and light skin are considered  
the standard for western beauty.  
These are features that are typi-  
cally ascribed to white people.

As someone who is extremely  
pale, I have first-hand experience  
of this mentality.

When I was 7 years old, a  
Vietnamese woman stopped me  
to tell me how beautiful my skin  
color is and to never tan it.

I remember asking my mom  
why she said this to me.

People had always made fun  
of me for being pale and the stan-  
dard in America is to be tanned.

This is when I learned that  
oppressed cultures have been  
engrained with a "white is right"  
mantra by white people.

I could talk for hours about

how Black people, specifically  
women, are constantly put dowby  
American media.

We now know about all of the  
subconscious ways we contribute  
to the unrealistic beauty standards  
we have today. What can we do  
to fix it?

According to NBC, you have  
already taken the first step: be-  
coming aware.

To overcome societal con-  
ditioning, you need to become  
aware of it.

The hardest part is changing  
the way you think about yourself.  
Once you become aware of the  
ways that you view yourself has  
been engrained in you subcon-  
sciously, you can break free.

Reaching a place of body neu-  
trality is the one of the hardest  
things to do.

Realizing that your worth isn't  
tethered to the way you look can  
be so freeing, but it isn't easy.

I started by choosing to wear  
clothes that feel good, rather than  
force myself to wear clothes other  
people may like.

I find the beauty in little things  
about myself, and I'm grateful  
that I get to wake up everyday  
and experience life.

We are subjected to west-  
ern beauty standards everyday.  
Coming to terms with your own  
internalized standards of beauty,  
and choosing to overlook them,  
can widely improve how you feel  
about yourself.

Accepting and, eventually,  
learning to love every part of  
yourself isn't easy. Especially if  
you aren't considered the beauty  
standard.

Reaching a place of body neu-  
trality is only possible if you look  
around and see how unrealistic  
our standards are, and how much  
they are catered to people outside  
yourself.

When I first tried to love my  
body, I thought it would be a  
speech, a pep talk, a sudden reve-  
lation. It wasn't.

It was a dozen tiny apologies I  
stopped saying to myself. It was  
learning to notice function before  
form.

If I can trade one apology for  
one honest "thank you," you can  
too.



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# OPINION

## Scary for a reason: 'V is for Vendetta'

By **ASH CRITES**  
Guest Columnist

On Tuesday, November 4th, 2025, Dr. Vaughan's Epic Dystopian Worlds class hosted a free showing of James McTeigue's 2005 film *V for Vendetta* at Alva's beloved local theatre, the Rialto.

By now, y'all have come to know me to discuss pure horror in these articles, but there are terrifying things to discuss in thrillers and action movies too.

Alan Moore and David Lloyd's graphic novel, "*V for Vendetta*," was published in 1982. The novel's most vivacious character, and the plot, inspired James McTeigue, Lana Wachowski and Lilly Wachowski to adapt the sto-

### *Vendetta fun facts*

- James Purefoy was originally cast as V, but a month into filming was fired over not having a "dynamic enough presence."
- Based on the 1989 graphic novel by Alan Moore, the *Watchmen* author refused to see the movie, be credited or take any profits from the film adaptation.
- Moore's writing was based on Margaret Thatcher's government.
- *V for Vendetta* was James McTeigue's directorial debut, having first been assistant director on the *Matrix* trilogy and *Star Wars Episode II: Attack of the Clones*.

ry into a film. The movie cut out scenes from the book and presented V (the infamous/famous anti-hero) differently; however, it maintains one idea: fear. McTeigue morphs Moore's rebellious, yet correct, lunatic into

a charming anti-hero, giving the audience a dashing British gentleman to root for.

V's goal in the film is to end his people's suffering. He believes that the ruling fascist government has pacified Britain's people, and that meticulous planning is the only avenue to freeing them.

Audiences see this on an individual level through his interactions with Evey, a production assistant for the British Television Network, but also on a national scale through explosive vigilantism.

V lives in a world where his government is torturing, surveilling and experimenting on its people. This is not pure Alan Moore fiction. That's right folks, *V for Vendetta* is scary for a rea-

son.

Tell me if this sounds familiar: government sanctioned torture, isolation camps for marginalized groups, cops abusing their power, surveillance at every turn, and the rich getting richer while the poor man fights to survive.

It should, if you've seen the movie (or the news). Cinema is literature, and literature responds to the real world.

This dystopian cinema responds to early 1980s British politics by revealing its government's fascistic agendas. McTeigue adapted

Moore's *V for Vendetta* with a more charming V depiction to respond to fears of a rising fascist government with the biggest tool at a people's disposal: hope.

## Hot girls' guide to state and local elections

By **RENEE O'CONNOR**  
Opinion Editor

It's the most wonderful time of the year: election season. With the New York City mayoral election drawing younger audiences to care about politics, it's increasingly more important that we talk about why everyone should care about these elections.

There are four major elections I am currently watching across the country: Maine, NYC, Jersey, and Jersey City. Maine is unlike the other ones listed. The citizens are not voting for a governor or mayor, they are voting for propositions.

The first question touches on voter ID and absentee ballots. This proposition is with the intent to make casting votes more secure, but ultimately is making casting a vote more difficult. It would eliminate absentee voting and also will no longer allow citizens ages 65 and older to automatically

receive a ballot in the mail. Vote NO on prop one.

The second question has been coined the "red flag proposal". This proposition is very straightforward: do you believe that the courts should prohibit someone who is considered to be a threat to themselves or others from purchasing a firearm? Maine currently has a yellow flag law that was passed in 2020, which makes it so that only police officers can make that judgement. Vote YES on prop two.

This next state has also been receiving several endorsements from establishment democrats: New Jersey.

There are several local elections happening across New Jersey, but we will cover that next.

Democrat Mikie Sherrill has already received several messages of support from different political figures, as opposed to her Republican counterpart, Jack Ciattarelli, who recently received a good word from

Donald Trump.

Jersey City is having a mayoral election and Mussab Ali has been standing out as my favorite candidate.

Being coined as the 'Black Zohran Mamdani', he is also a progressive with clear plans and policies. He recently paid for everyone's laundry at a local laundry mat in Jersey City.

Now, of course, the man everyone can't take their eyes off of: Zohran Mamdani. Mamdani has made waves over social media with his campaigning team appealing to Gen Z.

At first, I was worried. We had seen this kind of marketing last year in the presidential election with Kamala Harris.

However, unlike Harris, Mamdani has clear policies, stances, and has realistic plans for how he will make NYC more affordable. He is a socialist, not a centrist, or, as Trump has called him, a communist.

You should care about every single one

of these elections and more. State-wide elections help set a tone for the entire country.

It will determine how states will fight back against the federal government. If Zohran Mamdani wins NYC, this means huge things for the political climate in our country.

He would be the first Muslim mayor of NYC. This is a history making election.

Maine's gun reform propositions will also urge the administration to do the same. Or, at least, draw their attention to it.

The more states that vote blue, the more changes that impact the federal government. These elections right now are some of the most important. We are watching history be made.

November 4, 2025 will be the most anxious I have been in a long time. With my eyes on Maine, Jersey, Jersey City, and NYC, there are so many important elections happening in our country.

## Student newspapers continue to face challenges

### Administrators fire advisers, stop printing to censor press

Indiana University firing the newspaper adviser, as we reported recently, was not something new. Advisers have faced this pressure for decades. If they do not censor the newspaper, will they lose their jobs?

The answer to that is yes, sometimes.

Just ask Jim Rodenbush, the seven-year director of student media at the Indiana University, who was fired in October because he refused to censor the editors.

Indiana University was already listed this year as one of the worst in the country when

it comes to free speech for students. Then it took actions that only further cemented the F given by the Foundation for Individual Rights and Expression.

That's when administrators fired the newspaper's adviser for failing to censor the paper and stopped the publication of the 158-year-old Indiana Daily Student newspaper.

The Associated Press reported that Rodenbush filed a federal lawsuit law week. The suit argues that Rodenbush's free speech and due process rights were violated when he was fired for not making the students print the homecoming edition without news stories in it.

David Tolchinsky, the dean of the university's media school and also the person who stopped the paper from printing, said Rodenbush was dismissed for a "lack of leadership and abil-

ity to work in alignment with the university's direction for the Student Media Plan."

Rodenbush's attorney countered: "The question is if a university doesn't like the content of the student newspaper, can it simply pull the plug on the student newspaper."

Editors of the Indiana Daily Student have reported that the university has rescinded the decision to stop all future printing of the paper.

The university's backtracking on the issue came amid intense public and internal pressure.

Donors threatened to stop giving to the university. Almost 50 faculty members of The Media School at Indiana University signed a letter to the students of the university, criticizing the administration's decision to halt the paper and raising concerns

about further censorship acted.

"Today, it is the IDS, our 158-year-old student newspaper, and one of the most respected in the country. What will it be tomorrow?" the letter asks.

And the faculty were all adamant about one key point: "We will not stop fighting for you. We will not stop innovating in the classroom. We will not stop expanding the opportunities available to you. We will not stop engaging in the challenging conversations that make the college experience so indelible in young people's lives."

Firing the adviser and trying to stop publication are just two of the way student newspapers are facing censorship.

The Stanford Daily is suing Secretary of State Marco Rubio and Secretary of Homeland Security Kristi Noem over the

Trump administration using immigration laws to censor student journalists who criticize U.S. foreign policy. The lawsuit, filed in August 2025, claims the fear of deportation and visa revocation is causing international students to self-censor, which is stifling the newspaper's coverage.

More than 50 student-run news organizations and other professional media organizations have filed amicus briefs in the last couple of weeks, all supporting The Stanford Daily in this cause.

Clearly the fight for student press and speech rights continue.

— Sources: theFIRE.org, Axios Indianapolis, Indiana Daily Student, WRTV.com, IndianaCapitalChronicle.com, AcademeBlog.org

# Elam named next Miss Northwestern



Miss Northwestern candidates line up on stage with their Stars. Pictured left to right Kaia Kann, Jady Chancy, Sawyer Lawrence, Kaylyn Aldrich, Seraphina Hall, Addison Tucker, Hadleigh Duggar, Abbey Elam, Harper Higgins, Jamie Torres Franco, Ellie Vermillion, Jessica Goucher.

By PIPER GALLAGHER  
Senior Reporter

Abbey Elam has started her walk as Miss Northwestern 2026 along with Lauren Thomason who was crowned Miss Northwestern Teen.

Elam, a freshman media and communications major from Shattuck was crowned last Sunday during the annual Miss Northwestern pageant.

"Oh my goodness, when I tell you I immediately started shaking, I was shocked but so excited," Elam said about her crowning moment.

Elam performed a vocal solo to "She Used to Be Mine" as her talent, and she was awarded the Evening Gown Award.

Her Community Service Initiative, or CSI, is something that she already incorporates into her everyday life. It's called Small Victories.

"I knew I wanted to do something that was very inclusive to all people, young and old, boys and girls. I wanted it to be a mental health thing that focused on positivity and positive growth."

Elam has already established a platform for her CSI prior to the Miss Northwestern pageant.

You can find her on Tiktok and Instagram at @

smallvictories\_withabbs where she shares positive messages, fun vlogs, and the daily small victories in her life.

She will also be taking over the Miss Northwestern Instagram page.

Her CSI encourages people to look for the good in every day, even if it's the little things.

She focuses on three main aspects for her CSI, and that's staying accountable, making yourself a little bit better everyday, and focusing on the good.

She plans to go to surrounding schools and community events to share her message and CSI with people of all backgrounds and ages.

Elam has only competed in a few pageants so far, but she has had her eyes on Miss Northwestern since her junior year of high school when Emily Smith, Miss Northwestern 2023, came to her school to speak about her CSI.

Elam said Smith was inspiring and embodied the Miss Northwestern role so well.

"It really left an impression on me and I still remember what she talked about and I could tell you everything she said," Elam said, "Like it just really stuck with me and that's also a big reason that I wanted my community service initiative to be something that wasn't organizational based."

"I am super excited for Abbey," Paige Fischer said. "She has this magnetic personality and I really think she's going to take the title and just run with it." Fischer is the director of the Miss Northwestern pageant, and she will be helping the girls every step of the way to Miss Oklahoma.

According to missoklahoma.org the Miss Oklahoma 2026 pageant will take place during the second week of June. Until then, both Elam and Thomason will spend time making appearances at various events around the state and preparing for Miss Oklahoma.

Elam and Thomason have already hit the ground running with their social appearances as title holders. They went to the Fall Festival together earlier this week to meet and hangout with young kids at the Woods County Fairgrounds.

"Abbey is a leader," Fischer said. "I know that she's involved in the President's Leadership Class and she takes her academics very seriously."

Elam says that being involved in the President's Leadership Class has shaped her as a leader and helped her prepare for Miss Northwestern.

"I'm so thankful that I get to be here and represent and I want to say thank you to Dr. Hannaford and PLC," Elam said.



Olivia Church accepts the Teen People's Choice award.



Jamie Torres Franco accepts the award for First Runner-up.



Kaylyn Aldrich struts out on stage during the evening gown portion of the contest.



Miss Northwestern 2025 and Miss Northwestern Teen 2025 crown Lauren Thomason as Miss Northwestern Teen. Thomason is a student at Burlington High School.



Miss Northwestern 2025 and Miss Northwestern Teen 2025 crown Abbey Elam as Miss Northwestern 2026. Elam is a Freshman Media and Communications major.



Abbey Elam performed a vocal solo of "She Used to be Mine" at the Miss Northwestern talent show.



Jady Chancy accepts the award for People's Choice.



Lauren Thomason performed a vocal solo of "My Man" at the Miss Northwestern talent show.

Photos by Sarah Brashears

# Miss Northwestern

# Miss Northwestern's Teen

# FEATURE

## Let's be real

# Learning to embrace your own path

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

Over the course of the last year, I have often done a lot of reflecting.

To be honest, maybe too much reflecting at times.

When I look back over the part of my college experience that has passed, especially being a year out from graduating, I can't help but feel a quiet ache in my chest.

It feels like I haven't lived it the way everyone says you're "supposed to."

I don't go to the parties, I haven't built a big friend group, and I don't have those spontaneous adventures people talk about years later.

Honestly, most of my days are spent in a quiet routine – studying, working, go to class, go to the gym, come home.

I watch from the sidelines as

other people make memories that look so full of life.

Sometimes I can't help but wonder what is wrong with me.

Why don't I have that story? Why can't I fit in?

That's when the sadness crept in. I convinced myself I have wasted time.

That I have missed out in something I can never get back. That maybe I don't belong anywhere.

And for a while, I have let those thoughts settle into my heart like heavy bricks.

But today, in an unexpected and gentle way, God reminded me that He does not write the same story twice, ever.

He whispered to my heart that my path is mine for a reason.

That while I am sitting here comparing my journey to everyone else's, He is quietly building something deeper in me, something that could never be cap-

tured in photos or social media highlights.

The truth is, God's timing rarely matches our own expectations.

We want things to happen now. We want to feel included now.

We want to see progress now. But God works in the unseen.

He uses the waiting seasons, the quiet seasons, the lonely seasons; not to punish us, but to prepare us.

I realized that in my solitude, God was teaching me how to rely on Him first, not on friends, not on validation, not on experiences.

He was shaping my heart to find peace in His presence before I found it anywhere else.

And maybe that's why things didn't unfold the way I planned.

Because if I had been busy chasing every moment, I might have missed the still, sacred ones.

The ones where I truly heard His voice.

Sometimes, God's "not yet"

isn't a "no." It's His way of saying, "Trust Me. I'm working on something that's going to make sense later."

I think about all the nights I stayed home feeling left out, not realizing that God was using those moments to draw me closer to Him.

I think about how I used to beg Him to change my circumstances, and now I see how He was changing *me* instead.

When I stopped trying to measure my life against someone else's, I finally began to see the beauty in what God was doing in mine.

My story may look different, but it's mine and it's unfolding exactly the way it's meant to.

So, if you're reading this and feeling behind, unseen, or like your life doesn't look the way it's "supposed" to, take a deep breath. You are not late. You are not forgotten.

You are not missing out. You are right where God wants you to be.

The path He's leading you on might not be flashy, but it's holy. It's purposeful.

It's preparing you for things you can't even imagine yet.

Trust His timing. Even when it feels slow.

Even when it feels quiet. Because one day, you'll look back and realize that every delay, every disappointment, and every detour was actually divine direction.

And when that moment comes, when everything finally begins to make sense, you'll thank Him not just for what He gave you, but for what He withheld until you were ready. I'm still learning, still growing, and still trusting.

But today, I'm at peace knowing that my story is unfolding exactly how God intended, one day, one prayer, one step of faith at a time.

## New Jersey Devils player breaks team record

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

Luke Hughes is one of three brothers who plays in the NHL.

He started his career in 2021 when he was the fourth overall pick for the New Jersey Devils.

This was huge for the family, because his older brother Jack Hughes was already playing with the Devils.

Because the draft that year was virtual Luke got to put on his brother's jersey after being drafted.

Since this moment Luke Hughes has been proving himself to not just his team but any hockey fan that will listen.

He has been dealing with many fans telling him that he was

only drafted because of his family name.

Luke just recently hit a milestone in the Devils franchise; he is the fastest defenseman to get 100 career points.

He got this from playing 167 games.

Luke has been working on his success left and right.

Last season he ended it with 47 points he had nine goals and 38 assists.

He hasn't only just done great things on the ice either.

He and his older brother Jack started a reading program called Pucks & Pages.

This program encourages young kids to read.

Books chosen by the two brothers will be given to the Hockey in New Jersey children and other selected children.



Photo by Jessica Schieber

Luke Hughes warming up to play against the Dallas Stars.

This program is made to promote literacy within the state of New Jersey.

Luke is still a young player as well; he is only 22 years old. In his career he has 17 goals and 83 assists.

Luke has played in every game so far this season.

Right now, the Devils stand at nine wins and four losses.

They are number one in their division with a total of 18 points.

The team started their season with the same opponents who ended their last season in the playoffs, the Carolina Hurricanes.

The Devils lost this game and then went on a winning streak.

Beating the two teams that played in the Stanley Cup Finals for the past two seasons.

The New Jersey Devils are led by Sheldon Keefe.

Their captain is Nico Hischier who wears number 13.

Their assistant captains are Jack Hughes who wears number 86 and Ondrej Palat who wears number 18. The team plays their next game Thursday November 6.

Their win streak was won over the Tampa Bay Lightning, the Columbus Blue Jackets, the Florida Panthers, the Edmonton Oilers, the Toronto Maple Leafs and the Minnesota Wild.

Their streak was broken by the San Jose Sharks. This was the longest win streak that the team has had in a few years and it has encouraged fans that their team has not given up yet.

The season is nowhere near over and many fans of the team are excited to see just how far they make it this year.

## Oklahoma City Thunder

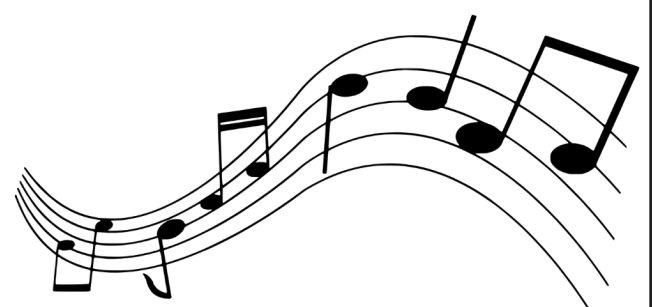
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- Naive by The Kooks
- Eight by Sleeping At Last
- Coal by Dylan Gossett



# ENTERTAINMENT

## Reading banned books together

By KEVIN KAUMANS  
Entertainment Editor

Last week, I went to Northwestern's Banned Book Reading event. I went for three reasons; one, I am the vice-president of both Writer's Roundtable and Sigma Tau Delta, and thus have an obligation to be there. Two, I did a reading at the last two events, so I figured: "Why not do one this year as well?"

Thirdly — and arguably the most important reason — I am a firm believer of free speech. Now, granted, that does not mean I believe in freedom of consequences.

If you say something ignorant or vacuous, it is my belief that society in turn has a right to call you out. That being said, while I may not agree with what one writes, I do believe with confidence that they should be allowed to publish it for the world to see if they so wish.

That is why I am so against libraries banning books. Sure, if the library in question is for a school of elementary school-

ers, I can see why a parent might not want their six-year-old to read something like "The Color Purple." But there is no excuse for a public library accessible by everyone in the town to ban books that consenting adults can check out.

If anyone reading this disagrees with my statement, then tell me: how would you feel if something you worked on for years, something you sacrificed your time and hard work for, was banned just because a group of people with the smallest amount of power possible decide it offends them. That is why the Banned Book Reading is so important: it allows us to bring light onto how absurd the censoring of literature is.

But I digress, now is time for me to discuss what my experience with the night of the event was.

Before the event even began, I went to "McDonald's" and ordered a mocha frappe, as well as a meal. When my coffee came back to me, however, I found that the usual white whip cream instead had a pink complexion to it.

What does this have to do with the

Banned Book Reading? Well, just like that pink-colored whip cream, some of the things that happened that night were not expected.

For example, one of the first things I noticed when the event began is how many people were there. It is a sad but unavoidable truth that people nowadays don't read anymore.

So, when I saw people outside of the English Department come and see my fellow peers read out books that have been challenged for the content in them, you could imagine my surprise.

I'm not going to go over word-for-word what was read, as I feel like you had to be there to truly understand the atmosphere, but I will talk about the books that were read:

I read "Lady Chatterley's Lover," by D.H. Lawrence. The book is about a woman named Constance Chatterley, who is trapped in a marriage that is both loveless and sexless. The plot goes on to explore and question the true meaning of sex and what love is. The book was challenged and banned for its explicit sex scenes and use

of foul language.

Another book that was read at the event was "The Color Purple," by Alice Walker. The book follows the story of Celie, an African-American woman who goes through abuse as a young girl and later endures hardship later in life. It was due to its explicit abuse scenes and homosexuality.

There was also the "Handmaid's Tale," by Margaret Atwood. The book is set in a dystopian society where women have no say over their anatomy. The book was banned and challenged for its themes of religious extremism and violence.

Another novel that was read at the event was "The Giver," by Lois Lowry. It is another dystopian novel, this time told through the eyes of a young boy named Jonas. The society of "The Giver" is one where everyone is expected to be perfect. It was challenged for its themes of infanticide and suicide.

There were a lot of other books there I wish I could cover. However, the Banned Book Reading was an extremely intriguing event, and I recommend that those who can find the time to attend it next year.

## Should books be given ratings like movies do?

By KEVIN KAUMANS  
Entertainment Editor

Have you ever noticed how buying a book is somewhat different than buying a movie or video game?

Obviously, the physical material is different. But so is the whole standard of rating.

See, when you go to a movie theater with an "R" rating, or buy

a "M"-rated video game, what is the first thing you are asked? That's right, your I.D. But with books?

You can check out the most violent, bloody books known to man, and no one bats an eye.

The cashier won't question your age, no one asks to see any identification, nothing.

But why is this?

It's not like books don't contain violence, sex, and other

forms of graphic content.

Despite this, there is no law stopping — say, a third-grader — from walking into a store and purchasing "It," by Stephen King, a book that contains sex and gore in it.

And what about splatterpunk books?

For those of you unaware, splatterpunk is a sub-genre of horror that focuses primarily on being as grotesque and brutal.

Should we not be at least a little bit worried that our country's children can access this kind of material no problem?

That being said, I myself am not so sure that adding a rating system with books would be such a good idea.

Because, while I do agree there are many books out that children shouldn't read, that doesn't necessarily mean that stamping a "R" or "M" rating on the book will solve anything.

My worry is, if a law does indeed get passed to let people know what books do or don't have mature content within them,

what's to say this system won't be abused like many others like it?

First off, who would get a say in what is or isn't too much violence to not qualify for a certain rating?

Would kids books be rated in certain age groups, or would all of them be given one rating for ages 5-through-17?

Because that, I find, would not make any sense.

After all, teen books are a lot more violent than books that were made for elementary schoolers.

Also, in my experience of reading books where the main characters are talking animals, a lot of books targeted towards the younger generation get away with a lot more dark elements than books featuring humans do.

Take "Warrior Cats" by Erin Hunter, for example.

While the series may seem just about a group of stray cats trying to survive in the wild at first, the books regularly feature death, animal fights, and pregnancy complications.

I mean, the second book in the

series literally has a character die while giving both to her kittens.

Yet the book's writing style is too simplistic to be considered an adult book.

So, what would its rating be?

My point is, books are not as easy to distinguish as movies or video games when considering who should or shouldn't get to access it.

So, my solution: Let the parents decide.

After all, why should authors be pressured to make sure a kid they don't know doesn't get exposed to anything too explicit?


My point is, parents need to learn to watch their kids if they don't want them experiencing complicated elements too early.

Stop handing them the Ipad, stop expecting everyone else but you to watch your kids' safety, and do your civic duty as a caregiver.

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**"Speak"**  
By Ash Crites

First they came for our minds, adorning red arm bands,

And we did not speak out  
Because we were not free.

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And we did not speak out  
Because we were not free.

Then they came for our future, adorning red hands,  
And we did not speak out  
Because we were not free.

# SPORTS

## Football falls to Ouachita

By **OAKLEE FIELDER**  
Sports Editor

The NWOSU football team lost to the Ouachita Baptist University Tigers in a game that ended 14-55 and a win for the home team.

This is the eighth loss for the Rangers, putting their current record at 1-8. The Rangers currently sit 11th in the Great American Conference standings, tied with Southern Nazarene University, whom the Rangers defeated the week before.

The Rangers won the coin toss and decided to defend in the first half.

Ouachita took just a single play to score the first touchdown of the game, making it 0-7 just nine seconds into the first quarter. NWOSU's first drive of the game started well. The Rangers started on the 25-yard line and charged their way down the field and into Tiger territory. Unfortunately, the Rangers threw an interception at the Tigers' 23-yard line and lost the ball. The Tigers found a moment of weakness from the Rangers and scored on their drive to make it 0-14 with five minutes left on the clock.

The Rangers' next drive did not go as well as the last one. They slowly marched down the field, but were forced to punt before they got onto Ouachita's side of the field. Ouachita showed its strong arm, scoring on one play

to make it 0-21 at the end of the first quarter.

The second quarter started in NWOSU's possession, but they were not able to do anything with it and punted. Ouachita didn't hold back and scored for the fourth time in four drives and made it a 0-28 game. The Tigers continued their offensive surge and scored again, making it 0-35. The Rangers didn't let Ouachita get to them and put their heads down on their next drive.

The drive started with a long 26-yard pass from Caleb Deal to Royal Kyle to get to Ouachita's 49-yard line. The Rangers continued their drive down the field, gaining yards and pushing towards the endzone. Eventually, the Rangers got into the Tiger red zone.

With small passes and rushes, the Rangers were able to get to the five-yard line. With two short rushes, the Rangers were at the one-yard line. A handoff to Ezequiel Luna ran into the endzone and scored for the Northwestern Rangers. Ouachita responded with a touchdown and made the game 7-42 just before the first half ended.

Northwestern started with the ball in the second half, but was not able to score. However, Ouachita did, and the Tigers made it a 7-49 game. The Tigers kept their feet down and scored once again to make it 7-55. In the fourth quarter, the Rangers had possession at the 28-yard line. Northwestern



Photo by Kate McClure

Northwestern offense prepares to make a play against Southern Nazarene University in a past game on October 25. The Rangers would go on to win their first game of the season, defeating Southern Nazarene 22-33 at home.

charged down the field and got to the Tigers' side of the field.

On a third-and-seven play, Deal chucked one down the field to Isaiah Taylor, who gained 27 yards for the Rangers, and put them in perfect scoring position at the 15-yard line. The Rangers tried a run, but lost a yard doing that. Then, they turned to their QB, who threw a pass to Merric Judd, who ran into the endzone and scored another touchdown for the Rangers.

No more points were scored in

the game against Ouachita, ending in a Tiger win 14-55.

Deal passed for 194 yards, making one touchdown and completing 23 of 35 attempts. Judd caught for 60 yards, making one touchdown and having nine receptions. Luna rushed for 50 yards and had one touchdown. Luna had 17 rushing attempts. Luke Beauchamp was also good in the run game. Beauchamp ran for 46 yards with 12 attempts.

Aiden Lewis had five solo tackles, leading the Rangers in

tackles. Brayden Darrell had four, two solo and two assisted. Nasiim Rhodes-Nelson had three tackles, two solo and one assisted.

The Rangers have two more games on their schedule, and they're both at home. The University of Arkansas at Monticello Boll Weevils will face the Rangers on Saturday. The next game is the final one, and it is against the Southwestern Oklahoma State University Bulldogs. The final game will take place on November 15, next Saturday.

## Football Playmakers



**Caleb Deal QB**  
194 yards, 1 TD, 23 for 35.



**Ezequiel Luna RB**  
50 yards, 1 TD, 17 attempts



**Luke Beauchamp RB**  
46 yards, 12 attempts



**Aiden Lewis LB**  
5 tackles, all solo



**Merric Judd WR**  
60 yards, 1 TD, 9 receptions

## Rangers and Lady Rangers do great at home rodeo

By **OAKLEE FIELDER**  
Sports Editor

The home rodeo for the NWOSU rodeo team took place Thursday through Saturday at the Woods Country Fairgrounds.

The Northwestern Oklahoma State University rodeo is the final rodeo on the Central Plains Region Rodeo's schedule for 2025.

Trista Regner, a Sophomore from placed eighth in the break-away event.

Samuel Daly, a Junior from Tryon, Nebraska, placed fourth in the steer wrestling event.

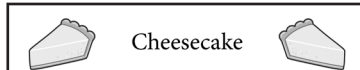
Payton Dingman, a Sophomore from Pryor, placed first in the goat tying event, earning a whopping 165 points for the Lady Rangers.

In the team roping event, Colter Snook, a Junior from Ford, Kansas, placed sixth.

Addey Lawson, a Sophomore from Maysville, Kentucky, placed sixth.

The Lady Rangers placed third

in the standings; all points were earned from Dingman.



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# SPORTS

## Soccer falls in Arkadelphia

By **OAKLEE FIELDER**  
Sports Editor

The Lady Rangers had two away games against Ouachita Baptist University and Harding University, where the Lady Rangers lost both games and added losses to their record.

Northwestern now sits in fourth in the GAC standings. They have 16 points, just two behind SWOSU and three above Southern Nazarene. With just two games left in the season after the trip to Arkadelphia, the pressure is on the Lady Rangers to make the GAC Women's Soccer Championships.

Taylor Annen started in goal for both games.

### NWOSU 0-OUA 1

The game started full of action. A foul against Northwestern in the second minute, a shot from Luana San Miguel in the fourth minute, and another foul for NWOSU in the fifth minute. Then the field slipped, and the Tigers got some action. They gave three shots, two on goal, but Annen turned them away and kept the game even at zero.

The two teams battled hard through the first half, giving it

their all to get the first tally on the board, but neither goalie let one in. In the 41st minute, Ouachita gave two quick shots, but neither entered the net. The first half ended after both teams battled but saw no offensive success as they headed into halftime tied at zero.

The second half started with a lot of corner kicks and fouls. There were five fouls and four corner kicks in twelve minutes. The offensive pushing ramped up, as the corner kick count also ramped up. With all the action going on near the goals, there was bound to be an error from one of the goalies.

In the 83rd minute, the Ouachita Tigers were given a yellow card. Jordan Fawcett gave a kick towards the net, but it was saved by the Ouachita goalkeeper. Just minutes later, San Miguel also gave a shot, but it was also saved. In the 88th minute, only one perfect goalkeeper was left. Ouachita Baptist made a shot, and it went by Annen, giving the Tigers the lead with just two minutes left to play.

Unfortunately, the Lady Rangers failed to respond with the lack of time and lost for just the third time this season.

Fawcett recorded three shots,

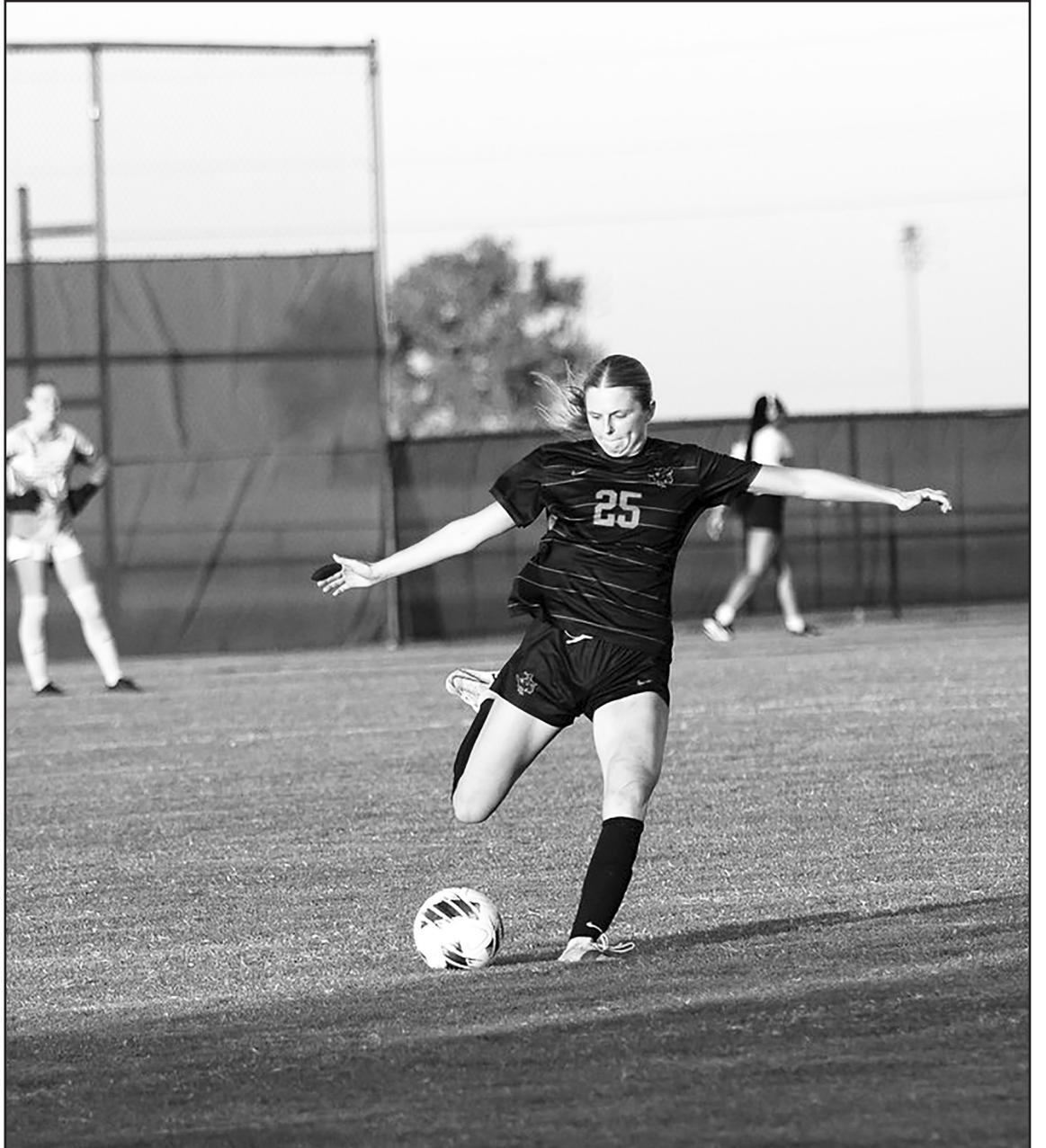


Photo by NWOSU Athletics

NWOSU Lady Ranger No. 25 Emerson Curd, is about to kick the ball in a game against SWOSU on Oct. 15.



Photo by NWOSU Athletics

Lady Rnager, No. 3 Emerson Curd, defending from Harding players in a past game on Oct. 9. The Lady Rangers lost 3-0 in this match.

and two of them on goal against Ouachita. Jenna Mills and San Miguel both had two shots and one on goal. Annen recorded five saves. Ouachita had a jaw-dropping eight corner kicks in the second half. The two teams had a large number of fouls, eight for Northwestern and nine for Ouachita.

### NWOSU 1-HAR 3

Going into the game, it was known that the battle against Harding would be a tough one. In the last meeting against the Bison, Harding defeated Northwestern 3-0 in Alva.

Although the box score says Harding scored three goals, they actually scored four. In the 15th minute, the Bison put the ball into

their own net, handing the Lady Rangers the lead 1-0. The battles continued through the first half, with Harding showing their strength. The Bison had 13 shots in the first half, a large contrast to the Lady Rangers' zero.

In the second half, the Bison showed just how strong their offense was. They scored twice just four minutes apart in the 52nd and 56th minutes. In the 71st minute, the Lady Rangers gave their first shot. MacKenzie Hickman gave a shot towards the net, but it was saved by the Harding goalkeeper. The Bison scored another goal in the 73rd minute, making it a 1-3 game in the closing stages.

There were no more goals in the game, and the Lady Rangers were handed another loss to their

record.

Although they lost the last two games, there are still high hopes for the Lady Rangers. They have been able to put together an amazing season, one that many did not expect. They showed that no matter what happened in the past, all you have to do is push forward, and you can make tomorrow better.

The Lady Rangers also have a great chance to make the GAC Championship. Their next games are against SWOSU and Southern Nazarene.

They tied SWOSU 0-0 in their last meeting and defeated Southern Nazarene 3-2 on September 27. All the Lady Rangers have to do is put their heads down and the future will be bright.

## Volleyball wins one, loses one

By **OAKLEE FIELDER**  
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Volleyball had two games this week against ECU and SNU, one team they defeated and in the other they fell.

The first match was against East Central University.

The Lady Rangers lost the first set 25-20, but they came back

and won the next three straight sets. Set two ended 18-25. Set three was a wild 9-25. The fourth and final set was 16-25, handing NWOSU the win 1-3.

The second match was against Southern Nazarene University.

The Lady Rangers were not able to put it together against SNU, losing all three sets. Just three games remain in the 2025 season.

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# HALLOWEEN

## *SGA hosts trunk-or-treat*



SGA President, Braden Stoner, center, and friends pose before trunk or treat in their Halloween costumes. Trunk or treat was Thursday in the library parking lot.



A student dressed up as Scooby Doo to hand out candy to trick or treaters.



Kate Mann, Mary Flowers and Kaylea Brown dress as "granny's" for the SGA Trunk or Treat.

*Photos by  
Victor Kinzie*



Members of the social science department hand out candy at the SGA Trunk or Treat.



A student dresses up as the Joker for SGA Trunk or Treat.