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Smile of the Week

Julia Buckingham, Northwestern freshmen and member of ΑΣΑ said having a good time with her friends makes her smile.

If you'd like to be the Smile of the Week, please send in a photo of you smiling and a short description of why you're smiling to nwnews@nwosu.edu!

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MISSION STATEMENT
Northwestern Oklahoma State University provides quality educational and cultural opportunities to learners with diverse needs by cultivating ethical leadership, critical thinking, and fiscal responsibility.

Percefull is complete

By CHRIS AGBOLA
Asst. Editor

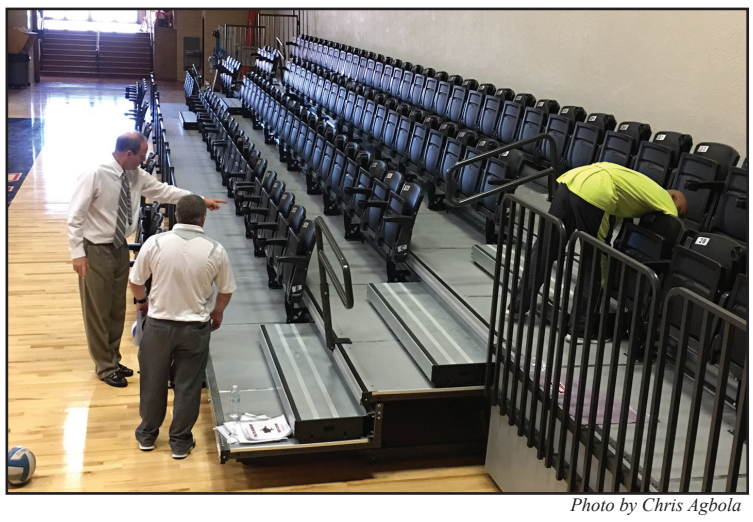

Photo by Chris Agbola
The remodel of Percefull Feildhouse was completed on Monday.

Percefull Fieldhouse's remodel was completed on Monday after five months of rigorous work, according to Brad Franz.

The Northwestern director of athletics, indicated that renovations was needed due to the bad floors, broken seats, worn-out windows and dysfunctional bleachers developed in the Fieldhouse over the course of 32 years since installments.

"There are new floors, new and mobile bleachers, cut out for more sitting space and score board," Franz said.

The colors for the bleachers are now the Northwestern traditional colors—red and black. Franz said the windows were replaced with banners, which enhances the aesthetics of the Percefull Fieldhouse from its prior state.

He also indicated that there is more room from the court to the stands for ease of movement for the Ranger fans.

"I commend the volleyball team for their hard work and cooperation through the renovation process", Franz said.

According to the athletic director, the main challenge has been the numerous games the team had to play on the road.

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University 12th safest

Northwestern Oklahoma State University has been recognized by Backgroundchecks.org as being among the safest colleges in Oklahoma for 2016.

According to the website, Northwestern was ranked as the 12th safest college among all public and private higher education institutions in the state.

The ranking is based on campus crime statistics reported annually by institutions. Federal law requires annual reporting to the Department of Education. Rankings were determined based on the number of crimes per 1,000 residents.

"We consider Northwestern to have safe campuses and the statistics bear that out," Dr. Janet Cunningham, university president, said. "First and foremost, we have great students, but our Campus Police and staff in Student Services do a wonderful job of communicating with students in efforts to prevent unlawful activity, plus take swift and appropriate action when it does occur.

"Northwestern also has invested in student safety by installing security cameras inside and outside of campus buildings, and establishing a campus tip line where students and employees can report suspicious activity or provide information on possible crimes. These actions have proven to be effective deterrent."

Goris envisions glory

By SAMI McGUIRE
Staff Reporter

She fiddles with the worn leather strap on her saddle as she sits anxiously atop her horse.

Her blue eyes are intense with determination. Behind them, millions of thoughts are racing through her mind, the announcer calls out her name, and the thoughts fade away. She picks up her reins and rides down the alley and pushes her horse into the arena to run barrels.

This arena is just at a college rodeo, but one day she dreams of racing in an arena in Las Vegas, and receiving the prestigious title of a world champion barrel racer. This girl is Catherine Goris.

Photo provided
Catherine Goris

Goris is an active member of the Northwestern Oklahoma State University rodeo team. She is from Cottiville, Missouri, which is a suburb of St. Louis, Missouri. She is a fifth year senior at Northwestern majoring in agriculture, and minoring in business. "I chose this major because it was something that I've always been interested in, but didn't know much about," Goris said.

Agriculture has been one of Goris's interests for as long as she can remember. She first was introduced to agriculture by her dad, Steve Goris. He owns a hunting property on which he plants crops. And that inspired Gori's interest in agriculture.

At age 14, Goris's love for horses first started when she watched the movie "*Flicka*". Since then Goris started begging her dad for a horse, and by age 15 she started riding lessons. Her dreams came true at age 16 when she got her own black mare, which resembled Flicka from the movie.

Goris named the young black mare "Miley," and started training her. Goris didn't start with rodeo though. She started with hunter jumper competitions.

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Photo provided
Andrea Lauderdale

5 QUESTIONS

Lauderdale "loves" working with students

1 How long have you been the career services coordinator and transfer recruiter?

"I began as the Career Services Coordinator and Transfer Recruiter on July 5."

2 What do you do as the career services coordinator?

"I try to help students find jobs! Employers contact me when they have openings and I post them on our website. I also assist students with creating resumes and cover letters, as well as interview preparation."

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Multitalented group opens concert series

Northwest Oklahoma Concert Series (NWOCS), an organization that seeks to bring cultural performances and entertainment to northwest Oklahoma, kicks off its lineup with Ball in the House at 7 p.m. in Northwestern Oklahoma State University's Herod Hall Auditorium on Oct. 25.

Season tickets for the concert series are $20 for students and $40 for adults.

Ball in the House is an R&B, soul, pop a cappella group based out of their hometown of Boston, Massachusetts. With their extensive tour schedule—nearly 150 shows a year—

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News

Enrollment for spring opens soon

By NICK VILLALOBOS
Staff Reporter

Spring enrollment is just under a week away, and Calleb Mosburg would like to see full participation from the students on enrollment day.

The dean of student affairs and enrollment management said it is important to enroll early each semester every year because it ensures students that they get into classes they need, but this year is extra important because of the opportunity to enjoy the local and area food trucks that will be on campus on Oct. 18 as well.

Food trucks that will be available for students to buy food from include Vanilla Bean, Papas, 3 Gringo's Grill and Trucking Good BBQ.

Students that have any questions pertaining to enrollment should stop by the student services office in Fine Arts prior to Oct. 18, enrollment day.

"Get on the ball and take care of it," Mosburg said. "If the students make this [enrollment] a priority, then the students are ensuring that they are in the best position to get the classes you need, instructors that they may want and most importantly, graduating on time."

Students will be able to enroll on the morning of Oct. 18, in the registry office located in Herod Hall.

Photo by Haylee Bates

Ezekwesiri Akwari spoke to students about improvements that they could make in their daily routines.

Black Student Alliance sponsors job workshop

By HAYLEE BATES
News Editor

Northwestern's Black Student Alliance held a resume workshop for students on the Alva campus on Monday.

The workshop took place in the Wyatt room, which is located in the student center.

Students were able to come to the workshop from noon to 1 p.m. to learn tips about how to prepare themselves for their future career fields and how to piece together a professional resume.

The workshop had two guest speakers: Ezekwesiri Akwari, admissions counselor and recruiter, and Andrea Lauderdale, career services coordinator and transfer recruiter.

Akwari gave students information on how to have a successful job interview.

"Be yourself," Akwari said. "That's the number one thing in my opinion. Your boss gets to see who you really are in the job market."

Akwari also provided students with tips on how they could improve themselves.

He explained ways that students can improve the small flaws that they might see throughout their day-to-day routines. For example, he gave students tips on how to be punctual if they are continuously running late for class and other activities.

"Some people grow up and want to make a difference, but if you don't make that change in yourself first you won't relate to the world," Akwari said.

Lauderdale gave students information on how to develop resumes that will help set them apart from the competition.

She gave students packets that included lists of what should be included in a resume, resources for online templates to follow and example resumes.

Lauderdale also encouraged students to use the services provided by her office to help create resumes and proof read resumes that students may already have.

Lauderdale also informed students about the teacher fair on Nov. 2 and the career fair on Nov. 16.

For more information about the services offered by the Career Services Office, students can contact Andrea Lauderdale at (580) 327-8606, or email her at amlauderdale@nwosu.edu.

Local bank offers students checking account benefits

By KATELYNN BALL
Staff Reporter

Community Bank has been offering a service to students for years called the Ranger Account.

This checking account is free to students with just a minimum of a $10 balance to get it started.

When students go to Community Bank they get to talk one-on-one with a person who will answer all of their questions about opening their first checking account. Students will also get a free debit card, a book of checks and a free Community Bank T-shirt.

The person students would talk to is Deidra Fraire, customer service representative.

"The only money they would put down is the $10, which is kept in their personal account for them," Fraire said. "A regular checking account would usually run about $100 to open, and of course a debit card, which would usually be $3 and a book of checks sometimes can get a little pricey depending on what that person would want."

In addition to this, they offer free online banking and help every student with setting it up, and they can help answer any questions students may have.

"Of course coming into college some students don't know what a checking account is, so this benefits them as far as knowing what a checking account is, the different types of checking accounts, managing their money and any questions they may have," Fraire said.

Community Bank has been a part of the Alva community since September of 1985. There is no other branch of this bank in the state.

"This is our only branch, there are other Community Banks, but ours is a state compliance bank" said Peggy O'Neil, customer service/relations.

The bank began at its original location, in the building now known as Champs restaurant, with a few bank tellers and loan offers. The current president of the bank, Terry Ross, was even one of the founding fathers of the bank.

"Basically, the bank was brought up by men from the community because they wanted more of a personalization between the bank employees and the community," Fraire said.

For more information on student banking, students can contact Deidra Fraire at (580) 327-5500.

Directors urge more students to compete in local pageant

By HAYLEE BATES
News Editor

The directors of the Miss Northwestern Pageant are encouraging more female students to compete for the title of Miss Northwestern and Miss Northwestern's Outstanding Teen later this month.

The pageant will take place on Oct. 30 at 4 p.m. in the Herod Hall Auditorium.

This pageant has two separate categories: a miss category and a teen category.

Women that are interested in competing in Miss Northwestern have to be a resident of Oklahoma, they cannot turn 25 before Dec. 31 of the year that they would compete at Miss America, and they have to be a full time, enrolled student at any of the Northwestern campuses.

The girls that are interested in competing in Miss Northwestern's Outstanding Teen do not have to live in the Alva area, but they do have to be a resident of Oklahoma. The age qualification for this category is ages 13 to 17.

"This pageant helps the teen contestants develop professional skills," said Catherine Engelken, teen director. "It puts ideas in their heads that they wouldn't normally have at the ages of 13 or 14. It gives them ideas of the type of women they want to be."

The contestants competing for the miss title will be judged on a number of different areas, including talent, interview, on stage question, lifestyle and appearance and poise and appearance.

Each Northwestern student that participates in the pageant will receive a scholarship.

"I think college is about finding yourself, and sometimes you need to get outside of your comfort zone and try something new," said Chesnei Thomas, miss director. "You have no idea the benefits that a system like this could give you."

For more information about how to get involved in the Miss Northwestern Pageant, students can contact Thomas at (580) 695-6767, or students can email her at cdthomas@nwosu.edu. Students can also contact Engelken at (580) 327-8105 or email her at cgkelly@nwosu.edu

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News

News flash

Instructor speaks about Europe quest

By: JORDAN MCLEMORE
Staff Reporter

Dr. Francisco Martinez, who teaches Spanish, is speaking at a presentation about the Way of St. James on Oct. 13.

This event is being held by the Spanish Club and Sigma Delta Pi, and it will be held in the Alabaster Room of Vinson Hall.

The Way of St. James is a grouping of pilgrimage routes through Europe. The routes all lead to the cathedral of Santiago de Compostela, Spain.

Martinez walked 116 miles on his pilgrimage, and he will talk about the experiences that he had on his journey at the presentation.

This event is free and is open to students, staff, faculty and members of the community.

For more information on the presentation, students can contact Martinez at (580) 327-8466, or students can email him at fjmartinez@nwosu.edu.

Alva campus hosts seminar on violence, sexual assault

By: JORDAN MCLEMORE
Staff Reporter

To observe Domestic Violence Awareness Month, which is during October, Northwestern Oklahoma State University is holding a sexual assault seminar.

This event will be on Oct.13 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom.

This event is a community-wide educational event that is open to the public.

The seminar will have a keynote speaker, District Attorney Christopher Boring. Boring is joining forces with Oklahoma District Attorney's Association and Northwest Domestic Crisis Center for this presentation and video screening.

Trained advocates are available by calling the Alva office at 580-327-6648 and after hours by calling the 24-hour crisis hotline at 888-256-1215.

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These groups of students are writing thank you cards to donors during a thank-a-thon in previous years.

Thank-a-Thon approaches more volunteers needed

By NICK VILLALOBOS
Staff Reporter

The 2016 Thank-a-Thon is Oct. 24-26 and the Northwestern Foundation and Alumni Association is still needing volunteers.

In 2015, the Thank-a-Thon had over 200 volunteers participate with the event. This year however, only about 40 has signed up thus far, according to Tandy Keenan, Northwestern Foundation relationship manager.

Volunteers were responsible for thanking just over 1880 donors in 2015 as well.

Keenan considers this event to be the largest and the most important to the foundation.

"Thank-a-Thon goes towards our mission of bridging donors passions with our student's successes," Keenen said. "Not only does it give the donors the appreciation they need for helping the students, but it gives the students the opportunity to come face to face with the donors of their scholarships as well."

The annual event allows students the opportunity to thank donors for their generosity towards the university by sending them handwritten letters or making phone calls.

One Northwestern student that has helped with Thank-a-Thon for many years, and has already committed to helping again this year is Kaci Hansen, senior early childhood education major.

Hanson is a current recipient of the Taylor/Barker scholarship and said she is beyond thankful for it.

"The scholarships are crucial to my success here at Northwestern," Hansen said. "Coming into college, I had no idea these were a possibility, but they have relieved stress from both my family and myself."

Hansen encourages other students that receive scholarships from generous donors to take part in the Thank-a-Thon event as well. "Even if you come for one night, you make a huge impact and leave feeling thankful," Hansen said.

Thank-a-Thon will be 5-8:30 p.m. Oct. 24-27 in the Student Center Ballroom. Any student interested in volunteering should contact Keenan at trkeenan@nwosu.edu or 580-327-8592.

Campus reports on safety

By: VICTORIA SCHNAUFER
Student Reporter

For the third year in a row, Northwestern had at least one forcible rape or sexual assault in 2015.

In fact, the campus saw two such crimes, which are reported yearly in the Fire and Safety Report that is required by law to be completed by Oct. 1. Police made three arrests in connection with those assaults.

The 51-page report also shows one weapon violation and thirty-five administrative acts, situations that have been dealt with by administration such as fights in the dorms, etc., on the Alva campus. There were no fires to report on, each fire drill for the 2015 year was recorded in the report.

Northwestern's Fire and Safety report has 51 pages of requirements for handling incidents of sexual violence and emergency situations and has proved itself to uphold a safe campus community

"We feel strongly that Northwestern campuses are safe and the statistics bear this out. First and foremost, we have great students," said Associate Vice President for University Relations, Steve Valencia. "We also have a climate where Campus Police and personnel in Student Services communicate with students and are made aware of any potential illegal actions."

Each year college campuses across the United States that are associated with Title IX are required, under the Clery Act, to give a detailed report on campus rules, regulations, consequences and actions to be taken on breaking the rules.

The Clery Act is set in place to keep present and future staff, faculty and students aware of what takes place on campus. The Clery Act is named after Jeanne Clery who was sexually abused and murdered by a stranger on April 5, 1986, in her college dorm room. The act was set into place in 1990 and has been amended twice. The last amendment took place in 2013. The act requires public, private and secondary schools participating in Federal Student aid programs to keep on record a daily crime log that is open to the public.

Campus police maintains said log for collecting and preserving crime reports that take place on campus.

"Northwestern has invested in student safety by installing security cameras inside and outside campus buildings and by establishing a confidential tip line where students and employees can anonymously report information on possible unlawful activity," Valencia said. "I believe these actions have aided in deterring crime on campus."

Each year college campuses across the United States that are associated with Title IX are required under the Clery Act, to give a detailed report on campus rules, regulations, consequences and actions.

For more information on the Fire and Safety report contact campus police chief, LeRoy Burks by phone at (580) 327-8511, or Dean of student affairs and enrollment management, Calleb Mosburg, by phone at (580) 327-8415.

Children finding friends using Buddy Bench

By: MEGAN MAHARRY
Student Reporter

Picture this: every child has a friend to play with, at recess, with no child being left out or alone. This image could be made possible if The Buddy Bench was on every playground nationwide.

The Buddy Bench is no ordinary bench. The purpose of the Buddy Bench is to ensure elementary children always have a buddy to play with at recess. The benches are put into elementary school playgrounds. If a child needs a friend or someone to play with, they sit on the bench. As other children notice someone is sitting on the bench, they can invite the child to play with them.

Although the Buddy Benches first originated in Germany, Christian Bucks is credited with sparking the popularity in the Buddy Benches. According to buddybench.org, He was in first grade when his family was planning to move to Germany. He looked into the German schools and saw benches similar to the Buddy Bench. He liked the idea, and later shared it with his school principal at Roundtown Elementary in York, Pennsylvania.

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However, "the community and the college has a great relationship so the Alva Recreational Center facility was the temporal practice venue for the volleyball team and even hosted a home game", Franz said.

According to Franz, the renovations are all in compliance to the NCAA regulations for the colleges. He continued that Faculty, Staff and Students should look forward to a brighter atmosphere and more comfortable sitting during ranger games. Franz also indicated that the paneling in the facility was removed.

On maintaining the changes, Franz indicated that the Maintenance Department does an outstanding job in sustaining the college properties and he was confident that the new Percefull Fieldhouse would be no different.

Franz finally said "Its great to be back home and I look forward to the games over the weekend".

The Way We See It

Editorial Section

Employee of the Week

Photo provided

Savannah Tillman
feature editor

When it comes to managing a feature section of a newspaper, a person must think creatively so that the pages grab the readers attention each and every week.

Our new feature editor for this year, Savannah Tillman, does just that and more.

Each week she is constantly looking for new ways to spice up the feature section, and each week she manages to do just that.

Tillman works incredibly hard on not only the newspaper, but in her classes as well.

She is set to graduate in May of 2017 and we know that she is incredibly thrilled to finally walk across the stage after putting in several years of hardwork here at Northwestern.

Tillman also does whatever she possibly can to help out the other editors as well, and for that we can't thank her enough.

Keep up the hardwork and creativity Savannah! ~Northwestern News

Graphic by Rachel Emerson

Kindness kills crudeness

By SAVANNAH TILLMAN
Feature Editor

Kindness. A term generally defined by the Oxford Dictionaries as- the quality of being friendly, generous and considerate.

Seems pretty self-explanatory right? Well then why is a word that is so easily defined, not easily shown?

The 21st century has turned into a world that is fueled by hate and judgement. We have become so concerned with how to perfect a completely imperfect society, that we step on and put down others.

It takes less energy to be kind to someone than it does to be mean. A simple smile and hello can be the difference in someone's day. Everyone battles their own demons and we as individuals should never be cruel or say hurtful things because it can cause lasting effects.

God gave each of us our own mind and our own thoughts. He allowed us to choose how we express ourselves and when someone chooses to make a nasty comment or judge your person, then they are bashing what makes you, you.

Life is too short to be nothing but kind. By showing someone you care, you are not only boosting their morale, but you are also creating a healthier life for yourself. By being kind, your stress levels lower and feelings of euphoria take over. Putting all that pressure, that comes from anger, on your body, over an extended period of time, can cause mental and physical illnesses.

Promoting acts of kindness in a world that promotes the opposite, can be the positivity that we need to see. From helping someone pick up their books, off the floor, to sticking up for someone getting bullied, these acts can change a life.

We should never let anyone tell us that we are not worth every breath we take. Life is precious and by showing each and every person that they are special, we in turn prove how special we are.

Be the difference you want to see in our world. It all starts with kind thoughts, gentle words and a loving heart.

Ephesians 4:32 says, "Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you."

Six things to look for in a person

By HAYLEE BATES
Columnist

College can be a confusing time with classes, clubs and organizations, homework and trying to have a social life; it can be even more confusing when you try to add relationships into the mix.

In high school I read a book called "And the Bride Wore White." In this book, Dannah Gresh asks the reader to create a list of qualities they want their future husband to have. I created a list after reading the book, and I have changed and updated it many times since.

Here are some of the things that I think are really important to look for when looking for a future spouse. I've learned that it's okay to have high expectations and standards; the right guy will live up to those standards.

Find the person that..

1. Loves God more than he will ever love you.

It is important to find a guy that puts God before anyone else. If he doesn't love God and follow Him faithfully, then he will not be able to love you the way a husband should. We all have to know and love God first because God is love (refer to 1 John 4:8).

2. Doesn't make you feel like a burden.

A relationship shouldn't be arguing and fighting all the time. You need to find someone that you work well with and that doesn't make you feel like a bother or a nuisance.

3. Wants to make a difference.

So many guys in college think that partying and being able to talk to every girl on campus is attractive. Well, in my eyes it's not. If a guy wants to impress me, I want to know how they are impacting their friends and witnessing to others.

5. Makes you laugh.

In my mind, the right guy will be someone that can make me laugh. When I'm having a bad day and things just don't seem to be going right, I want to be able to count on him to make me laugh or smile.

6. Has similar interests.

For me, I like to get out and do things, or go on adventures as I like to call them. I like to do things outside, and I like being active. Don't get me wrong, going to the movies is okay every now and then, but I would much rather be outside going on "adventures."

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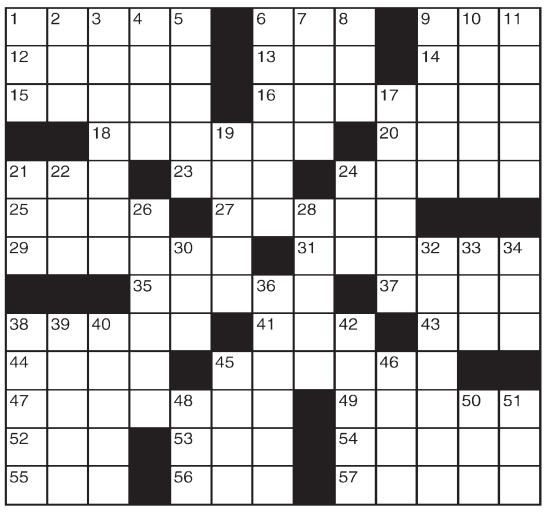

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Correction

In an article we ran last week, we said Dr. Franciso Martinez was the chair of the foreign language and humanities department here at Northwestern, and we were mistaken.

Dr. Kathryn Lane is actually the chair for the foreign language and humanities department.

We at the Northwestern News are truly sorry for our mistake.

Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps

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Your Voice

Attitude determines altitude

By CHRIS AGBOLA
Staff Columnist

How far you go in life is not dependent on knowledge.

Knowledge is vital; one would rather be informed than remain ignorant. The extent of your apex and success in life is incumbent on your attitude.

Talents unearthed, dreams incompletely realized, companies collapse, dismissal of folks from their professions has been the effect of bad attitudes over the centuries. Right attitude involves discipline, integrity and appreciating others.

"Without discipline there is no life at all," Katharine Hepburn said. Discipline is what you do without inspiration. Rising to the top can take a blink of the eye.

The ability to stay on top and make an impact is what would make a successful person. Many folks have fallen prey to temptations of achieving greatness.

The opportunities, finances and freedom to please one's self, having subordinates and other factors, many could not handle as a result of indiscipline. An individual does not become disciplined overnight.

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Having knowledge of an issue is more valuable than being ignorant of an issue. Choose positivity over negativity.

It's a conscious training over a period of time that develops this trait. A disciplined person would go far in life because he or she is resilient. No matter how time changes, the rules bend, freedoms exist--he or she will remain unaffected due to training.

"Integrity has no need of rules," said Albert Camus. Integrity is the quality of being honest, and having strong moral principle.

A global canker is corruption which has caused a lot of harm to humanity. It takes integrity to withstand corruption. Why is integrity relevant?

It gets one to always do the right things with or without supervision. This will always yield success, productivity, progress, development and prevent complications. The status quo is bedeviled with corruption and that has caused a lot of retrogression. To defy this, integrity has to be a way of life.

The value for other people is also a factor for altitude. Networking is a necessary factor for productivity. Voltaire said, ''By appreciation, we make excellence in others our own property." Recommendations from others propel an individual to heights.

The sense of security felt when one values others cannot be overemphasized. A true successful person influences his or her environment to think as he or she does.

This can only happen when everyone's effort is acknowledged. A leader with unsupportive subordinates is analogous to a coalition of lions led by a sheep.The guiding principles of life cannot be done away with!

As last times end, first times begin

By GABRIELLE CAPERO
Columnist

Recently I graduated from my Woodward High School and boy was it feel terrifying.

I remember walking into high school freshman year thinking that the end would never come. I never thought my turn to graduate would come as fast as it did. And when the wheels began turning, they never slowed.

It was almost like they picked up speed and got ridiculously fast then bam, it was all over.

As seniors you walk through the halls of the first day of school talking about how cool it is that your at the top of the food chain and how this is last first day of high school and you're going to make this year the best year ever. But you soon realize that this will be your hardest year.

Times ticking away and you have dozens of papers to complete, scholarships to do and you can't forget about that prefect final essay that your English teacher wants the next morning or the three test you have later this week. Everything is just piling on you and it's only the first nine weeks!! Everyone told you that this would be the easiest year you've ever had!

Soon it's Christmas break and you realize that you've only got a handful of lasts left. You've had your last high school football season, your last marching competition, your last cheer regionals/state and you've had your second to last semester.

Time starts moving even faster and you've gotten accepted to your dream college! You couldn't be more excited because you know that it's finally happening, you're getting older and you're about to be on your own.

Suddenly it's the last spring break and you're going out with your friends to soak up the sun but it's not the same. It's feels weird because you're trying to avoid the topic of college and the different places you'll be going.

Of course you don't want to say anything because you know it will just make it worse so you and your friends are just ignoring the feeling in hopes that it will just go away.

In a blink of an eye, you're at graduation practice joking with your friends about how you're going to accept your diploma. Then your roaming the halls in your cap and gown to your favorite teachers.

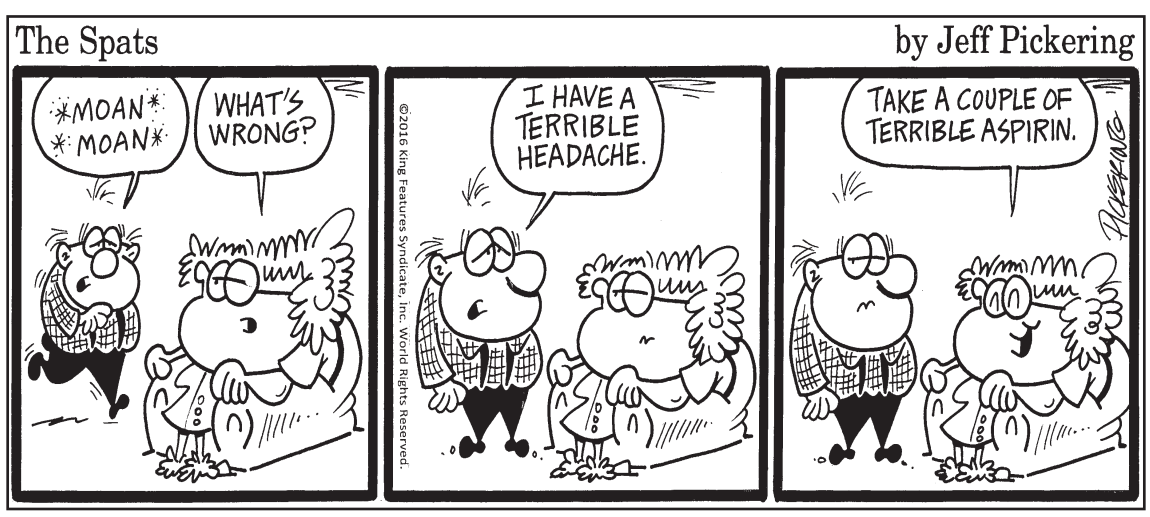
You watch their eyes fill with tears of pride because they always knew you could do it. You're sitting in the principle's office joking about how you're actually not leaving, you've decided to just stay here and make his life a little harder.

Then you make your way to the band room and watch as the shelves become empty from seniors taking their things home (after years of being told it would get thrown into lost and found). You wonder over to cheer practice and watch as the team works on their new competition routine and you couldn't be prouder of how the team has grown.

Finally it's here. You hear the band start up and if you're lucky like I was, you look into one of your best friends eyes, tears streaming and you realize it's all ending.

The years you've spent building relationships, the hours you've spent over that long term project, the tears and sweat you've put into your sport ... it's all ending in less than a day.

You realize that last times become first times because it's not the end just yet, it's just the end of the first book in your series that's still being written.



Feature

Print shop satisfies all

By NICK VILLALOBOS
Editor in Chief

Oftentimes considered to be one of the most mentally, creatively and physically straining jobs on campus, the print shop does so much for Northwestern and Alva.

With a staff of six, made up of two full time workers, one part time workers and three student workers, the print shop offers individuals design services for flyers, posters, brochures, invitations, announcements, Thank You cards and more.

The print shop also offers binding, stapling, hole drilling, folding, trimming, assembling and padding services as well.

Alica Hall, coordinator of the print services has been an employee of the print shop for four years and she said as long as the printing job is nothing political, the print shop will help with any individual's printing needs.

When it comes to placing a number on exactly how many printing jobs the print shop sees each week, Hall said it is too tough to tell.

"August, September and October are crazy months for us with all the different events around the town and campus," Hall said. "After those months

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Museum gives students one of a kind experience

By NICK VILLALOBOS
Editor in Chief

It is considered by some to be the cultural hub of the Northwestern Alva campus.

With numerous exhibits that vary from civil war muskets, to Oklahoma marine life, the museum of natural history on the second floor of Jesse Dunn is not a place for old, outdated artifacts, but instead a place for students to step outside of their comfort zone and walk into the pages of a history, or biology book.

The museum has been a piece of the university for numerous years, and throughout it's time of existence, it has grown substantially with the additions of various exhibits, some of which include mounted birds and mammals, Pleistocene fossils, and geological, anthropological, archeological and natural history displays, as well as historical photographs and articles dealing with the university and northwestern Oklahoma.

Dr. Steven Thompson and Dr. Aaron Place oversee the operations of museum, and student assistant's and museum docent's Tanner Smith and Amanda Harding, help in the maintenance of the area.

"The museum is just a really neat place," Thompson said. "I really enjoy the diversity that we have with the different things within the museum."

Thompson said one unique thing that the museum has is that unlike the other larger museums around the state, the Northwestern Natural History museum allows students with the opportunity to get up close and personal with the exhibits.

Photo by Nick Villalobos

Northwestern's Museum of Natural History features numerous exhibits including this wildlife display above.

The museum does not see much participation from students throughout the week, according to Thompson and Smith, but they believe that with the continuation of adding new exhibits and more publicity, the museum will become a popular place for college students to visit on campus.

In addition, Thompson said area high schools usually stop to visit the museum with its students because it gives the students a new perspective to what Oklahoma has to offer.

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Bench

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Mr. Steve Parkhurst is the superintendent for the Alva School District. When asked about his thoughts on the Buddy Bench, he said it was a good idea. Parkhurst said making sure kids have others to play and interact with is especially important at the elementary level.

He said helping engage isolated kids on the playground will carry over into the classroom. If kids begin including other kids in activities at recess, kids will start to include other kids in activities in the classroom.

Parkhurst thinks the Buddy Benches could help include those isolated kids. He said if the information was presented, he and the Alva School Board would definitely consider installing Buddy Benches in the elementary school playgrounds. "As long as I have been in education, I know kids get left out," Parkhurst said.

According to tolerance.org, there are at least 1,000 elementary schools on six different continents that have installed Buddy Benches on their playgrounds, and the number continues to grow.

Teachers and educators like the idea of the Buddy Benches because the benches address many social aspects. If there are new kids at school, they have a place to go in order to seek companionship. If kids are victim to bullying, the benches provide a safe place for those kids to sit and find other to play with.

The Buddy Benches also provide the chance for kids to develop their social skills. The benches help encourage kids to interact with other kids. These interactions and chances to make new friendships are important.

The Buddy Bench creates a positive place for kids. It provides opportunities for kids who may not have someone to play with, and opportunities for other kids to engage with each other. The Buddy Bench helps ensure every kid has the chance to be connected with someone.

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though, our workload seems to level back off to a reasonable, and less stressful amount."

Managing all the tasks for big events, such as homecoming for example, is what Hall considers to be one of the most demanding jobs for all of the employees.

"We try to get things done as quickly, and efficiently, as we can, so we can get that off our plate and move onto what the next job is," Hall said.

Hall added that picking out the right fonts for designs is a long and tedious process as well, and what she considers to be a challenge as well.

Her and the staff of the print shop work day in and day out on whatever projects come their way, and it takes a full team effort to accomplish each of those.

"It is really important that everyone in the office works as one unit because there is so much that we have to do together," Hall said.

Questions

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3 What do you do as the transfer recruiter?

"I recruit potential transfers, then help them get enrolled. I am happy to be a contact/advisor for all transfer students until they get acclimated and are able to select an advisor in their major."

4 What is the best part about your dual roles?

"I love working with students, whether they are new to Northwestern or job searching on their way out. We have some of the best students in the world!"

5 What is the hardest part about your dual roles?

"Making sure that I am giving 100 percent to each role can be tricky. Each side can get very busy, and it's difficult when both are busy at the same time. I never want a student to feel like I don't have time for him/her."

This Day in History

Cocaine puts another notch in its belt of life

By BRENT LANSDEN

This article originally ran on Oct. 13, 1988 in the Northwestern news.

Cocaine killed another athlete this week.

Atlanta Falcons special teams captain David Croudip was the latest victim Monday as the preliminary examination revealed that cocaine killed the 29-year-old.

Several thoughts went through my mind as I heard the news Monday evening.

I wondered when will this abuse of drugs end in sports?

I also wondered why these overpaid crybabies called professional athletes think they need to use cocaine.

Being a professional athlete would be better than being on top of the world. Why would anyone need a lift from there?

Sure there are pressures and sometime even hardwork, but it sure beats an 8-to-5 job and pays several times as much.

Perhaps the incident that sticks in my mind the most was the death of Len Bias, who was an outstanding basketball player for the University of Maryland signed by the NBA's Boston Celtics only a few days before his cocaine-caused death.

Why does this happen to superstars often?

One of the reasons that it happens is because they literally have more money than they know what to do with.

Is it going to take more deaths to make those athletes realize that the stuff is dangerous or will they continue to abuse it?

I hope most athletes who depend on cocaine come to the conclusion that they don't need it.

If not for them, hopefully they will do it for all the little kids who idolize them and the sportswriters who are tired of writing obituaries.

Somewhere there is a little boy who idolized Croudip, and now his mother and father have to try to explain the unexplainable about why he is gone.

I think there should be an easier way to teach a kid a lesson about drugs than having to lose a life.

But I don't have an easy answer for the problem of drugs in sports.

And, obviously, neither did Croudip.

Goris

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She participated in hunter jumper events and trained Miley to be a hunter jumper horse. However, her interest in barrel racing began when she met some other barrel racers that boarded their horses at where she boarded her horse.

Goris then decided to pursue rodeo in college. After going to a college close to home for two years at St. Charles Community College, she wanted to do something that her family never dreamed of doing.

Goris broke the family mold first by starting to ride horses, and then she broke more of the mold when she decided to come to Oklahoma to pursue rodeoing. "I'd consider my family to be city people," she said. "I've always been the most 'country' in my family, and sometimes it made me feel like the black sheep."

Goris said she simply Googled rodeo schools in Oklahoma. Several colleges with rodeo teams came up, and she and her dad visited colleges throughout Oklahoma.

Northwestern was the college Goris chose. Now she said she couldn't have imagined going anywhere else. "I like Northwestern," she said, "it is affordable and has a good rodeo team. I enjoy my teachers and friends that I've made here."

Now Goris is an involved member of the rodeo team. Not only does she rodeo for the team, but also works as a student coach. As a student coach, she organizes breakaway roping practice, takes care of the rodeo team's Facebook page, helps with advertisements, organizing the Northwestern rodeo coming up in October and helps with other events the rodeo team attends.

Goris has worked extremely hard to try and compensate for her late start in the rodeo world. Some obstacles she said she had to overcome is starting late, not growing up in a rodeo family and finding a horse that she gets along with.

Besides those obstacles, Goris has some medical conditions that she has had to overcome, and learn to deal with. She is a twin, and was born three months premature at only 2.6 pounds. This caused her to get scoliosis and chiari malformation. Scoliosis is the curving of the spine and it causes intense muscle spasms. Chiari malformation is when brain tissue extends into the spinal cord and this causes severe headaches.

"Getting into rodeo has been hard because of these problems," Goris said, "but rodeo has made me a more determined individual and helped me through a lot."

Goris said that rodeo has pushed her to grow as a person. When Goris graduates in May 2017, she plans to pursue her dream of rodeo even further. She said she hopes to start training with professional barrel racers, and learning the ropes of professional rodeo. After she learns all that she can, and finds the right horse, she hopes to start professional barrel racing herself.

"Coming to Northwestern to rodeo was probably the craziest thing I've ever done," Goris said. "I had no clue what I was doing, but I've made great connections and learned a lot. I think coming here was the best choice I've ever made, and now I can't wait to take what I've learned and start pursuing my crazy dreams."

Museum

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The museum is considered to be the second oldest natural history museum in Oklahoma, just behind that of the Sam Noble museum in Oklahoma City.

"It has a really nice concentration of things about northwestern Oklahoma," Thompson said. "It also features a weird variety of animals on display as well, which provides a great level of uniqueness."

Both Smith and Thompson encouraged students to visit the museum when they are available because not only does it provide an opportunity to step away from their studies, but it provides them with a new look into the history of their university as well.

"The museum will provide an experience for students that they probably wouldn't find elsewhere as it would bring them closer to the natural world," Smith said.

Office hours for this semester are 1-5 p.m. Monday-Thursday.

For more information about the museum call the museum at 580-327-8513, or museum directors Dr. Steven Thompson at 580-327-8566 or Dr. Aaron Place at 580-327-8673.

Entertainment

"Every point in your life, even if it's tough, is something to cherish and to be happy about."

- Jared Padalecki

Calendar of Events

October 14

Festival of Lights
7 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Student Center Ballroom

October 18

Spring Enrollment opens

October 19

FCA meeting
8:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Ranger Perk

October 20-21

Fall Break
No classes, Offices Closed

October 25

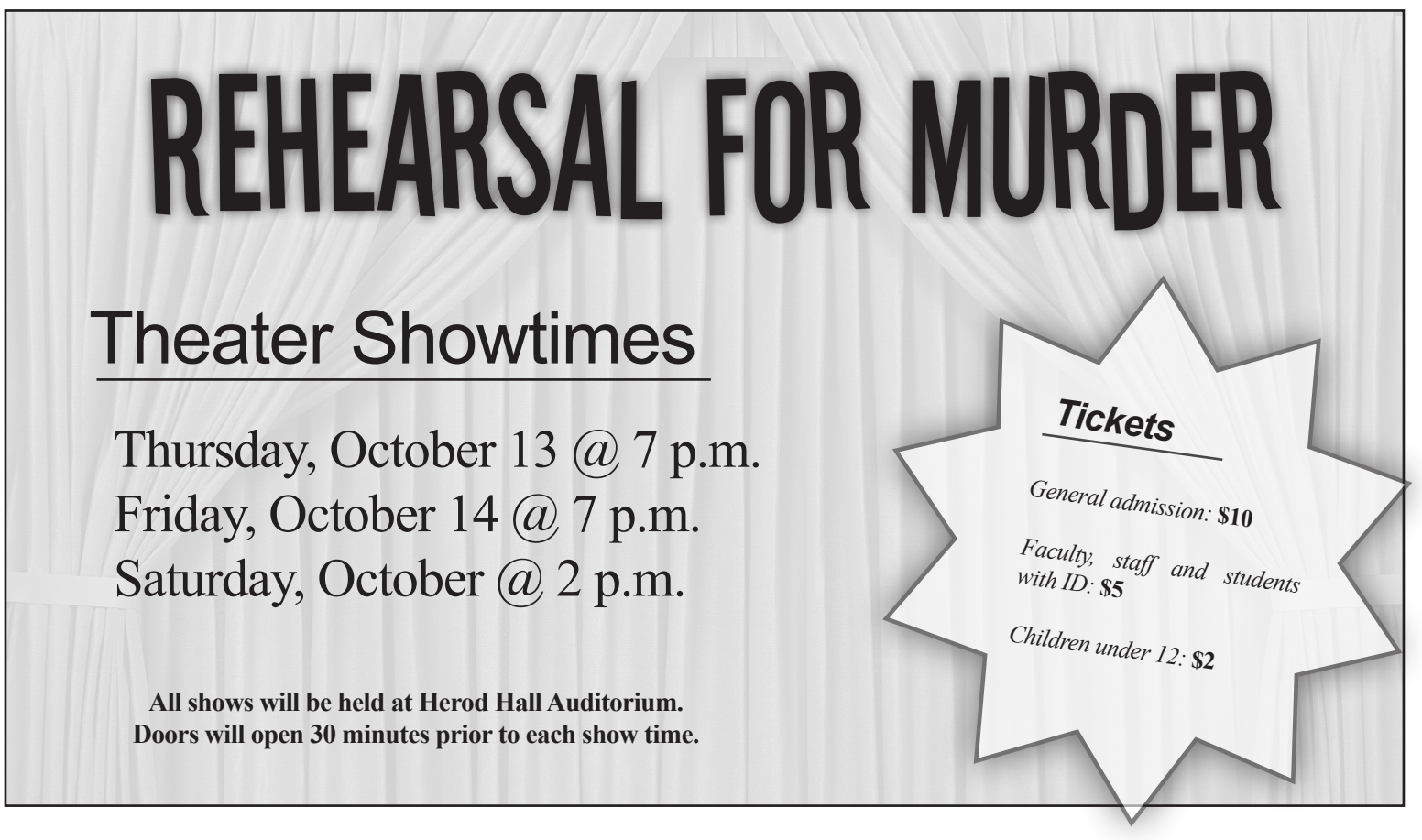
Northwest Oklahoma Concert Series
7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Herod Hall

October 26

Sigma Tau Delta's banned (Horror) book reading
7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Vinson Hall - Alabaster

October 25

Movie Night: Farris Bueller's Day Off
7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Education Center - Room 109



Series

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Ball in the House has performed all over the country at theaters, clubs, schools and festivals.

The group has performed with such artists as The Beach Boys, Fantasia, The Jonas Brothers, Gladys Knight, Lionel Richie, Jessica Simpson, Blondie, The Temptations, Smokey Robinson, KC & The Sunshine Band, and numerous others. For six years Ball in the House members were the voices behind the Kraft Cool Whip commercials. The group has appeared on The TODAY Show, America's Got Talent, The Daily Buzz, and the Philadelphia 4th of July Parade.

The Boston Globe says of the group, "Ball in the House has everything you would expect to find in a successful pop/R&B band...the one thing it doesn't have is instruments."

Band members include vocalists Monty Hill, Dave Guisti, Wallace Thomas, Ben Detty, and Jon J. Ryan, drummer.

This year, seven different contributor packages are being offered, each including season tickets, reserved seating and program advertisements. The sponsorship packages are as follows:

· Member, $150 to $249 contribution—three season tickets, seating in reserved section and name recognition in concert program.

· Partner, $250 to $349 contribution—five season tickets, seating in reserved section and name recognition in concert program.

· Friend, $350 to $499 Contribution—seven season tickets, seating in reserved section, name recognition in concert program and a quarter-page ad in concert program.

· Associate, $500 to $749 contribution—nine season tickets, seating in reserved section, name recognition in concert program and a quarter-page ad in concert program.

· Sustainer, $750 to $999 contribution—11 season tickets, seating in reserved section, name recognition in concert program and a half-page ad in concert program.

· Patron, $1,000 to $4,999 contribution—18 season tickets, seating in reserved section, name recognition in concert program and a full-page ad in concert program.

· Benefactor, $5,000 or more contribution—25 season tickets, seating in reserved section, name recognition in concert program and a full-page ad in concert program.

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Ball in the House, an a capella group from Boston, will be the first performing group in the Northwest Oklahoma Concert Series.

The reserved seating section at each concert will be held until five minutes prior to the performance.

Other performances for the concert series are Link Union, Nov. 29, 2016; Enid Symphony and Northwestern's University Chorale, March 7, 2017; and Bella Donna, April 25, 2017. All concerts will take place at 7 p.m. in Northwestern's Herod Hall Auditorium.

Anyone interested in purchasing a sponsorship package or season tickets should contact Kimberly Weast, professor of theatre arts and chair of the Department of Fine Arts, at kkweast@nwosu.edu or (580) 327-8462.

Season tickets and single event tickets also are available at the door or online at https://nwocs.ticketbud.com/.

Stay up-to-date with NWOCS by liking the Facebook page at www.facebook.com/NorthwestOkCS/ or on Twitter at @NorthwestOkCS. Keep an eye out for the hashtag #NWOCS.

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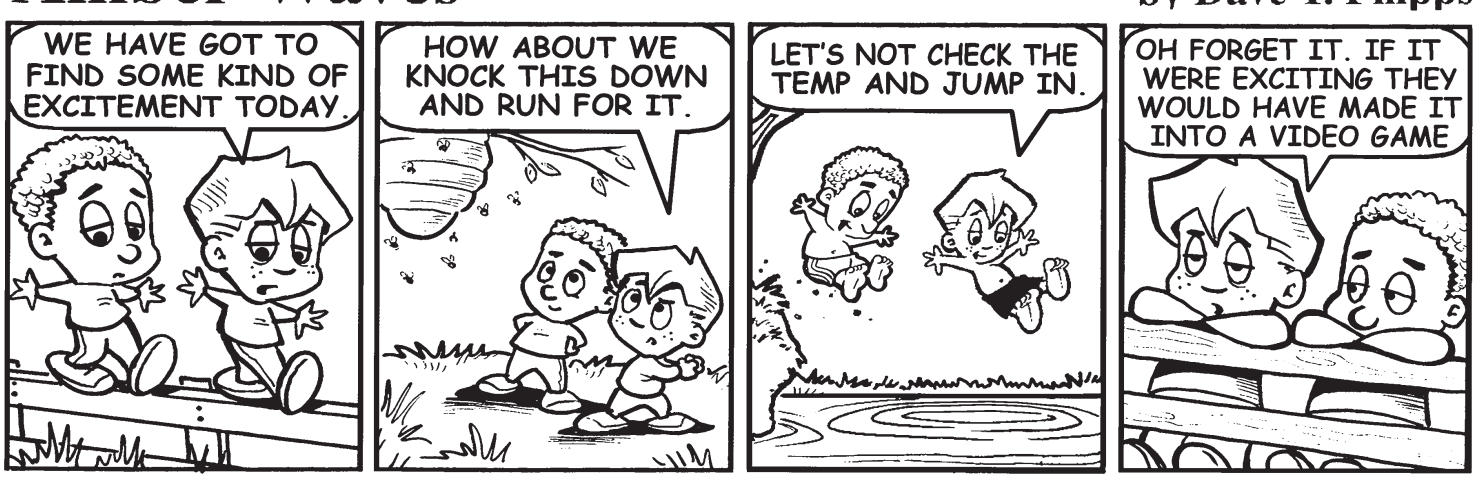
Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



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Answers to Oct. 6 crossword

Sports

Franz brings experience

By KATIE LACKEY
Sports Editor

He is no stranger to leadership.

Brad Franz has been working in college administration for almost 25 years. He had been an athletic director for 14 years at Otero Junior College, but his leadership experience is more than just serving as an athletic director.

He's been the vice president for student affairs, worked in enrollment management, vice president for student services, vice president for instruction, assistant basketball coach and finally was the men's basketball coach at Northwestern when the athletic director position opened up.

"I thought it would be a natural fit," Franz said. "I have a passion for Northwestern and all of its academic and extra-curricular activities that we have so I thought it would be a good opportunity to help a lot of students at Northwestern."

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Brad Franz

As if Franz's experience wasn't enough, he is also a proud graduate of Northwestern. Franz has a bachelors degree in health and physical education as well as a masters in education.

It is not just the formal education and experience that Franz brings to the athletic director role, but his own personal strengths. " I am a good listener and try to bring as many points of view as possible before making decisions," Franz said. "I have a strong work ethic and try to work well with people around me."

Franz strong work ethic is noticed throughout Northwestern. Tim Lauderdale, associate director of athletics, has known Franz for nine years. "Brad will do whatever it takes to make sure people are taken care of and will exhaust every available option to see that it happens.

He is a non-stop, go-getter that pays close attention to details and wants to make sure thing are finished correctly, instead of just finished," Lauderdale said.

Sadiaa Jones, who is the assistant director of athletics for compliance and student services, has only known Franz for a few short months, but she said she expects him to bring hard work, dedication, and loyalty to the position.

As a Northwestern alumna, Franz's support for this school is obvious. "I really believe in the way Northwestern does things," Franz said. "We have strong leadership in our administration starting with our president, Dr. Cunningham. We have a great faculty and staff that cares about our students' growth and success, as well as a great community of Alva and a strong support of all of Northwestern Oklahoma."

Franz looks ahead to any challenges that may present themselves in the future. "There is something to learn every day," he said, "and if you approach it that way you will build upon any weakness that you have."

Franz said he enjoys working behind the scenes and watching success happen for Northwestern's programs. He enjoys working with both coaches and student-athletes.

"His persistence and attention to detail make Brad the perfect choice for Northwestern athletics," Lauderdale said.

Athletic Events

October 14

Womens volleyball

7 p.m. Rangers vs Arkansas Tech University

October 15

Womens soccer

11 a.m. Rangers at East Central University

Womens volleyball

2 p.m. Rangers vs Harding University

Football

2 p.m. Rangers at Oklahoma Baptist University

October 20

Womens soccer

6 p.m. Rangers vs Ouachita Baptist University

Schulenberg's road to success

By RANGERS ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Northwestern Oklahoma State University steer wrestlers, team ropers, and breakaway ropers show their talents in Durant.

A team roping header from Coal Valley, Illinois, Dylan Schulenberg puts his studies to the test this past weekend and passed; he and his heeler, Wyatt Miller, roped two steers in a cumulative time of 15.2 seconds to win the title at the Southeastern Oklahoma State University rodeo in Durant.

"We've been working a lot, and we mapped out a plan of what we wanted to do," Schulenberg said. "We knew the steers, so we made a plan for each steer that we drew."

The two stopped the clock in 8.0 seconds to finish sixth in the opening round, then posted the fastest time of the rodeo with a 7.2-second run in the championship round.

"Coming into the short round, we knew we had a decent steer," said Schulenberg, who transferred this year to Northwestern from Fort Scott (Kan.) Community College. "I tried to set that steer up for him to the best of my ability."

The team first began roping together last year at Fort Scott. Although, Miller is a sophomore there now, they still compete in the Central Plains Region together.

"We actually spent the whole last year trying to get each other figured out," Schulenberg said. "We were trying to understand how we like the steer set up. Now we know how we need to conduct our jobs. He hazes them how I like them, and I try to handle them the way he likes to heel them."

With the victory in Durant, Schulenberg moved up to fifth in the region standings. More importantly, it provided him with the confidence to battle toward his goal – advancing to the College National Finals Rodeo.

"This helps our confidence a lot," he said. "Coming out of the first rodeo, we had a little trouble. We just tried to get back to what we know how to do.

"Both of our horses worked pretty good," Schulenberg said. "I tried to prepare the best I could and prepare my horses and go on with it."

It worked, but Schulenberg wasn't the only Northwestern cowboy to have success in Durant. He was joined in the short round by Tanner Nall, a heeler from Colcord, Okla., who finished fifth.

The biggest success of the weekend came from a crew of steer wrestlers.

Reigning college champion J.D. Struxness of Appleton, Minnesota, blistered a 3.9-second run in the final round to claim the bulldogging title, while Colten Madison of Whiting, Iowa, placed third and Grayson Allred of Kanarraville, Utah, was fifth.

Struxness, who sits third in ProRodeo and is heading to the National Finals Rodeo in December, finished in a two-run cumulative time of 10.0 seconds, three-tenths of a second faster than the runner-up.

All-around cowgirl Tearnee Nelson of Faith, South Dakota, paced the Ranger women by earning points in both goat-tying and breakaway roping. Nelson won the final round in breakaway roping with a 3.6-second run and finished second overall with a two-run cumulative time of 7.4 seconds. She also placed in the opening round of goat-tying.

Breakaway roper Ashlyn Moeder of Oakley, Kansas, was 3.2 seconds to finish sixth in the opening round and qualify for the championship.

With just two events down in the 2016-17 season, the Rangers have eight more opportunities to earn the points needed for region titles and chances to earn spots at the College National Finals Rodeo.

That's exactly where Schulenberg wants to be next June.

"Everybody's goals are to win the region, and I want to make it to the college finals," he said. "I came to Northwestern because I've come to the rodeo here the last two years, and I like the facilities. I like (rodeo coach) Stockton (Graves) a lot, and I know he can help us."

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Dylan Schulenburg

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Sports

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The men's and woman's cross country teams take off at the Fort Hays State University Tiger Open meet.

Cross country team breaks school record

By RANGER ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Both of the men's and women's cross country teams were in action Oct. 8 with the men finishing 19th overall and the women finishing 17th overall.

The women ran a five-kilometer race today, while the men ran a eight-kilometer race. Freshman Seth Maston was the first Ranger to step foot across the finish line with a time of 28:44, which was a new personal record for him.

The next Ranger runner to stride across the finish was Manuel Reyes who clocked in at a time of 30:35.

Coming across the line a place behind Reyes was Brandon Widner, who recorded a time of 31:25.Parker Osborn came in behind Reyes and Widner with a time of 33:18

Ian Licea and Thomas Decker closed things out for the Rangers with Licea being clocked at a time of 34:20, and Decker striding through the line at a time of 34:26.

For the women, Renee Contreras in her third race as a member of the cross country team was the first Ranger to cross the finish line, breaking a Northwestern record time of 19:25.

Following shortly behind Contreras were Clara O'Connor and Rebecca Black. O'Connor glided across the finish line with a time of 21:18, while Black cruised across at a time of 21:45.

Crossing the line behind O'Connor and Black were Lexi Hastings and Capri Gahr.

Hastings completed the race with a time of 22:57, and Gahr clocked a time of 23:59 as she passed the finish line.

Ana Parra-Concha closed things out for Northwestern recording a time of 29:13.

The Rangers will look to build upon this week's results at 9 a.m. on Oct. 22 in Durant at the Great American Conference Championship meet.

Tough loss for Rangers against Savage Storm

By RYAN SHUMAKER
Student Reporter

The Northwestern Oklahoma State football team traveled to Durant this weekend to take on the Savage Storm of Southeastern Oklahoma State University and came away with a tough 55-34 loss.

Runningback Jacob Peyton had a big day where he led the way on the ground for the Rangers, rushing for 136 yards, a personal best so far this season.

Not only did he rush for over 100 yards, he also took it to the house twice on the day.

Reid Miller tossed two touchdown passes on the afternoon, bringing his touchdown count on the season to 20 through six games.

Lorenzo Rosario and Riley Hess each collected touchdown receptions on the day with the other touchdown going to freshman Jalen Williams.

Shane Collins was the leading man on defense as he collected 12 tackles on the afternoon, one of which was for loss.

Seven times during the game, the Savage Storm sacked Miller, making it difficult on the senior quarterback.

Both teams got off to a quick start through the first quarter, they scored a combined 17 points with the Savage Storm gaining the slight advantage, 10-7.

Northwestern Oklahoma State University took a short-lived lead in the second quarter, going up 14-10, but two quick scores by SOSU gave the Savage Storm a 10-point advantage going into the break.

Coming out of halftime, Northwestern Oklahoma State University went for a gutsy onside kick, but was negated on an offside penalty on the Rangers, giving the ball to Southeastern.

The first drive of the hosts took up half of the third quarter and ended in a score, making it 31-14 Savage Storm, but just 44 seconds later, the Rangers were back on the board, to put the score at 31-21.

The two teams traded hits after that, and the third quarter ended at 37-28 in favor of the home team.

Two more back and forth touchdowns by the two teams made it a one-score advantage for Southeastern Oklahoma State University, but that's as close as the Rangers could get it before Southeastern Oklahoma State University took a commanding lead after two more scores, making it 55-34 where the game would finish.

Northwestern Oklahoma State University will hit the road for the second straight week. At 2 p.m on Saturday they will play the Oklahoma Baptist Bison in Shawnee.

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Zach Doyle

Doyle plans for improvement

By KATIE LACKEY
Sports Editor

Zach Doyle, the Rangers strength and conditioning assistant, as well as a recent health and sports graduate from Northwestern, discussed his plans for the upcoming football season.

Q: What are you looking forward to this season?

A: Improving. I want to put Northwestern back on the map. I hope we improve each day, until we get to where we need to be.

Q: What do you bring to the table to help our football team?

A: I bring a positive energy and a good outlook to help move us forward when we are handling adversity.

Q: What does it mean to be a Ranger?

A: It means everything. Northwestern has treated me well. It has been a great place for me to go to school and play football. I was blessed to come up here and decide to be a Ranger.

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National News

Stop clowning around

By COREY SHIREY
Student Writer

When we though 2016 couldn't get any weirder, it did. America has a clown problem. A FREAKING CLOWN PROBLEM.

Last week, on our own Northwestern campus, three creepy clown sightings were reported. These buffoons thought it was a good idea to dress up like clowns in attempt to draw attention actually drew panic all across our community. It was an idiotic prank done in poor taste. Those who perpetrated this prank are lucky that no one was seriously hurt or injured.

It has come to my attention that once the clowns were first spotted; several "posies", with bats, golf clubs and whatever else they could find in their dorms, were formed to "hunt them down". Luckily, for all those involved, the posies were unsuccessful in catching the clowns. If they had caught them, one can only imagine what would have happened.

When thinking about how this all could have happened, we have to start at the beginning.

The whole clown issue first started in Greenville, S.C., where there were reports that "suspicious clowns were attempting to lure children into the woods."

This incident was followed by sightings in Alabama, Georgia, Maryland, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Texas and Kentucky, with arrests made in Alabama and Kentucky. Many sightings were hard to verify, leaving people wondering what were these sightings? Jokes? Hoaxes?

In my eyes, it is more than just a joke or a bad hoax. At Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, there were reports of a clown walking around their campus carrying firearms. Down at Oklahoma University in Norman, there were reports of a couple of clowns slashing people tires.

If this continues, I worry for both the health and wellbeing of both those who the clowns are targeting and the clowns themselves.

So, what I'm getting at is this: for all that is holy, please stop with all this clowning around. It's not funny, and someone is bound to get hurt.

Education

Personal for First Lady

First Lady Michelle Obama: this is a personal issue for me.

For me, education has never been simply a policy issue – it's personal. Neither of my parents and hardly anyone in the neighborhood where I grew up went to college. But thanks to a lot of hard work and plenty of financial aid, I had the opportunity to attend some of the finest universities in this country. That education opened so many doors and gave me the confidence to pursue my ambitions and have a voice in the world. For me, education was power.

And a few years ago, when I had the honor of meeting Malala Yousafzai, who was shot in the head just for trying to go to school, this issue got really personal for me. I saw that the terrorists who nearly killed her were trying silence her voice, snuff out her ambitions, and take away her power.

That's why I decided to work on global girls' education as First Lady: because right now, there are tens of millions of girls like Malala in every corner of the globe who are not in school -- girls who are so bright, hard-working and hungry to learn. And that's really the mission of the Let Girls Learn initiative we launched last year – it's a global effort to give these girls the education they need to fulfill their potential and lift up their families, communities and countries.

Now, as First Lady, I have no budget of my own for programs, and I have no authority to make or pass laws. That's why, when we first launched Let Girls Learn, many folks doubted that we could make a real impact on this global issue.

But over the past year and a half, we've established partnerships with some of the world's largest companies and organizations that are committing money, resources and expertise. We're collaborating with countries like Canada, Mexico and the Nordic countries on girls' education efforts. Countries like Japan, South Korea, and the UK have collectively pledged nearly $600 million.

The United States is investing over a billion dollars through new and ongoing efforts and running Let Girls Learn programs in more than 50 countries. The World Bank Group will be investing $2.5 billion over the next five years. And through social media campaigns, Let Girls Learn has rallied people across America and across the globe to step up and be champions for girls worldwide.

All of this is happening because time and again, whether it's a head of state, a corporate CEO, or a 15-year-old girl here in the U.S., when people hear the stories of girls who aren't in school, they want to help.

That's why CNN's new film on global girls' education, "We Will Rise," airing for the first time this week, is so critically important – because it tells these girls' stories.

This powerful film chronicles the lives of some of the girls I visited this past summer in Liberia and Morocco, two countries in Africa where many girls struggle to get an education. I was joined in my travels by the actors and activists Meryl Streep and Freida Pinto, who are also passionate about girls' education, as well as CNN anchor Isha Sesay.

Together, we sat down with girls in both countries to discuss the barriers they face and the dreams they hold for their futures. Like so many girls around the world, many of these girls come from families struggling with poverty. Some endure dangerous commutes to and from school each day. Others face cultural pressures to drop out, marry young and start having children of their own.

But these girls have big plans for their lives. They want to attend college and become doctors, teachers, engineers, entrepreneurs; and day after day, they do whatever it takes to get the education they need to fulfill their dreams. They get up before dawn, and spend hours harvesting crops, cooking for their families and tending to their younger siblings before heading to class. After school, they work as maids and in factories, and they study for hours late into the night.

I hope you will be as moved by their stories as I was – and I hope you'll visit LetGirlsLearn.Gov to learn more about how you can take action to help girls like them worldwide go to school.

Unlike so many girls around the world, we have a voice. That's why, particularly on this International Day of the Girl, I ask that you use yours to help these girls get the education they deserve. They're counting on us, and I have no intention of letting them down. I plan to keep working on their behalf, not just for the rest of my time as First Lady, but for the rest of my life. I hope you will join me.

Hurricane Matthew hit Haiti last week

By PATRICIA PIXLER
Student Writer

The Caribbean and southeastern portion of the United States were assaulted by Hurricane Matthew last week. Among those countries affected has been Haiti, the disaster-stricken country known as the poorest in the Western Hemisphere.

Hurricane Matthew made landfall as a Category 4 hurricane on the Tiburon Peninsula of southern Haiti on Oct. 4. A category-4 on the Saffir-Simpson hurricane scale means winds of 130-156 mph and severe damage to well-built homes with trees blown over, according to the BBC. Hurricane Matthew has been the strongest hurricane in the Caribbean in a decade. For Haiti, Hurricane Matthew has been the strongest to hit the country since Hurricane Cleo, which was also a category-4 hurricane, in 1964.

Hurricane Matthew is devastating to Haiti in particular, given the country's difficulty in rebuilding after the 7.0-magnitude earthquake that hit Haiti's capital Port-au-Prince in 2010. According to the New York Times, the earthquake leveled Port-au-Prince, killed over 300,000 people, and affected 3 million citizens according to Haitian government estimates.

Humanitarian efforts continue even now, with infrastructure and sanitation needs still struggling to be met. Before Hurricane Matthew, an estimated 55,000 Haitians were still living in shelters six years after the earthquake. That number is expected to climb rapidly.

Only months after the 2010 earthquake, a cholera outbreak hit Port-au-Prince due to the lack of clean water and sanitation needs. Partners in Health, an aid agency in Haiti, told the New York Times that there had been another spike in cholera this year, with 26,000 cases. Already fears of another cholera epidemic after Hurricane Matthew have begun, with a lack of clean water available in the hardest-hit southern part of Haiti.

According to the New York Times, humanitarian efforts have been affected by damage to a bridge connecting the southern part of Haiti to Port-au-Prince. Without the bridge, the power lines and phone lines that have also suffered damage, all reports from the southern area of Haiti have come from air or sea. Relief efforts have to be done in the same matter, limiting how much is able to be transported at once.

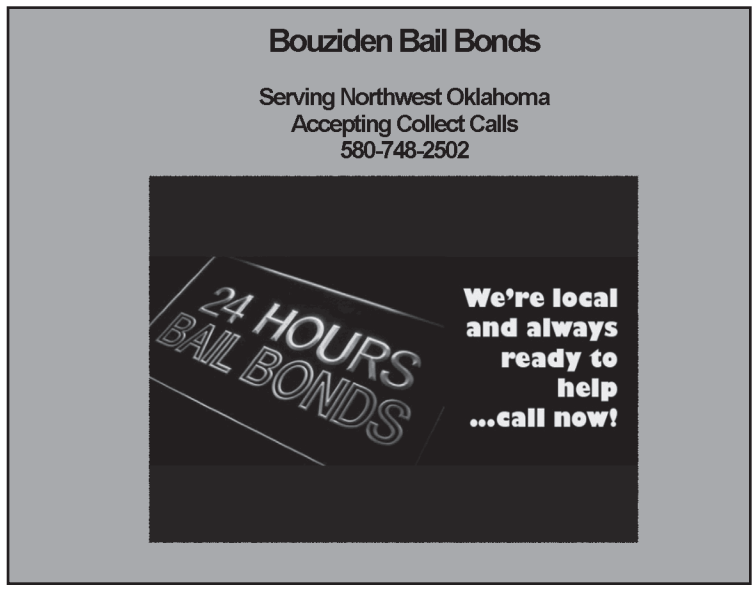
According to the BBC, aerial surveillance has shown that the southern Haitian city of Jeremie has been 80 percent demolished, with a sea of destroyed houses and infrastructure left in the hurricane's path.

The current number of causalities stands at 800 with another 350,000 people in need of assistance but the numbers are expected to jump dramatically when contact is re-established with the southern part of Haiti. It is estimated contact won't be established until the 14th or 15th of October, nearly two weeks after Hurricane Matthew hit the mainland.

Besides the 145 mph winds that hit Haiti and destroyed homes, crops and livelihoods, the country now also has to contend with the flooding. Weather reports had estimates of 40-inches of rain in some places, with most towns having 15 to 25-inches of rain as Hurricane Matthew crossed the country. What crops weren't destroyed in the wind are now expected to struggle to survive through the floods.

Due to the relief efforts after the 2010 earthquake, numerous relief aid organizations are still present in Haiti and they have renewed efforts to assist those in need. The Red Cross has launched an emergency appeal for $6.9 million dollars in relief aid for 50,000 Haitians. The United States has sent the USS Mesa Verde to assist, as well as nine military helicopters to help deliver food and water to southern Haiti.

Other relief organizations in the country include Heifer International, Mercy Corps, and Partners in Health. All are accepting donations.



The Buzz

Club to hold panel for 777

By RACHAEL COOPER
Colomnist

CORE will host a multi-perspective panel composed of farmers, ranchers, and other citizens on Thursday, October 27 at 7 pm.

State Question 777, officially named "Right to Farm," would constitutionally guarantee the following rights to the farming and ranching industries: 1) the right to make use of agricultural technology; 2) the right to make use of livestock procedures and 3) the right to make use of ranching practices.

The irony is that farmers and ranchers already have these rights, or the "Right to Farm." What they do not currently have is the right to harm.

Our local elected officials and municipalities legally make sure of this. The true nature of this very dangerous and misleading state question is granting legal protection to corporate agriculture giving them the right to harm.

The student organization, CORE-Conserving Our Ranger Environment, holds a firm position of "Vote NO on SQ777." Yet, they encourage all voting citizens of Northwest Oklahoma to carefully study the issue.

There are many reasons to question 777. First, if passed, 777 would amend Oklahoma's state constitution. The purpose of a constitution is to organize the basic functions of government and to grant civil liberties to the citizens.

CORE SQ 777 panel:

Thursday, October 27 - 7 p.m.

Enid - Room 225
Alva - Room IE 131
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Ponca City - Room 123

If passed 777 gives the agriculture industry "free reign" in their practices, unless a "compelling state interest" is found.

A "compelling state interest" makes it difficult, if not impossible, to pass laws that challenge the amendment. In fact, a "compelling state interest" is giving the agriculture industry the same status as the basic rights, such as freedom of speech and religion.

Should basic rights be given up by not allowing local elected officials to regulate farming and ranching?

Secondly, water is life. The use of agricultural technology left unchecked could potentially contaminate water sources, making them unsafe to drink.

For instance, examine the history between the large chicken producers in eastern Oklahoma and the drastic water pollution problems that were there just a few years ago.

There is a recent history of big agriculture taking advantage of the citizens of Oklahoma and its natural resources. If SQ 777 passes, Oklahoma residents would experience more examples like this and it would cost tax payers more money.

Thirdly, the potential for environmental degradation is a cause for concern.

Afterall, northwest Oklahoma is arguably the home to the largest man-made natural disaster in the world, The Dust Bowl. Since then Oklahoma has learned sound farming and ranching practices. Why would we want to put these practices and our livelihood at risk?

If 777 is passed, big agriculture might not understand the hard lessons we've learned.

Afterall, China owns over 325,000 acres of Oklahoma farmland.

CORE urges you to think of the future as you vote this November and evaluate who you are and what you stand for.

Even though CORE does not support SQ 777, we are committed to democracy and respectful public discourse.

Please join us Thursday, October 27 at 7 pm. for a multi-perspective panel on all Northwestern Oklahoma State University campuses: Enid room 225, Alva room IE 131, Woodward room 147 and Ponca City room 123. Don't only vote, know before you vote!

Basketball bash to take place in Alva

Northwestern students, as well as the Alva community are invited to meet the Ranger basketball teams at the Ranger Basketball Bash on Thursday, October 27 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Percefull Fieldhouse

Free t-shirts will be given to the first 150 students with a current student ID.

There will be plenty of games and prizes, including the following: Shooting with the Rangers - Gatorade Prize; Basketball Dress Up Race - Rialto Movie Pass; 3 point Shootout - Rialto Movie Pass; Half-court Shot - $100; Ranger Basketball Dunk Contest; Ranger Dance-off - $50 Bookstore Gift Card; Halloween Costume Contest - best college costume wins $50 Bookstore gift card, best kid costume (infants to high school senior) – Ranger Basketball poster signed by players.

Please do not wear inappropriate costumes. Administration may ask that masks be removed at any time for identification if needed.