

PLAYING IT UP

Members of the Northwestern theater department are getting ready for their rendition of "45 Plays for 45 Presidents." PAGE 8



STILL HAVING A BALL

Even though the team's season has been postponed because of COVID-19, Northwestern's soccer players say they're motivated. PAGE 10



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PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

'It's kind of a mess, honestly'

Students watching debate say they're not 'big on either candidate' in 2020

By JORDAN GREEN
News Editor



Trump



Biden

With her black mask covering her face, Northwestern sophomore Savannah Francis sat in the Student Center ballroom Tuesday night, hoping to learn more about the two men vying for the most powerful political office in the world.

As the debate dragged on, however, the sophomore political science major from Talequah, Oklahoma, said she wasn't hearing what she wanted

to. She took a deep breath.

"It's kind of a mess, honestly," she said. "I'm not really big on either candidate, so I'm trying to formulate my own opinion."

More than 20 Northwestern students gathered in the ballroom Tuesday night to watch a livestream of the first presidential debate of the 2020 election season.

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A CLASSY PLACE



Photo by Jordan Green

The Northwestern Chorale, under the direction of Dr. Karsten Longhurst, rehearses outside the J.W. Martin Library Sept. 23. Because of the coronavirus pandemic, professors are conducting class in a number of dif-

ferent settings, including the outdoors. The Northwestern News has compiled a photo essay showing some of those places. To see the essay, turn to pages 6 and 7 in this edition of the Northwestern News.

Artist brings love of sculpture to Alva



By SEAN DOHERTY
Student Reporter

How do we interact with the environment and the space around us, and how does it interact with us? That is what Ania Garcia Llorente, Northwestern's artist in residence for the fall season, tries to capture.

"I'm interested in the body and making things so you can use it with your body, and the relationship between the object, the body and the architecture," Garcia said.

Unlike like the art that hangs on a wall or stands in a museum, Garcia's sculptures are meant to be used.

"I create objects so your body has to move in a special way to be able to use them," she said. "The body then has to adapt. You have to really synchronize the body to this new system, this new object. They're meant to be touched and manipulated. I'm interested that when you approach, and you don't recognize what it is, how your body behaves with it using your muscle memory and your memory of what you understand about the object."

Garcia realizes that ordinary objects are more than we perceive.

"A chair is not just something that has a particular shape or design," she said. "It creates a whole system on how you behave with your work environment or your home environment. It trains your body to sit in a special way. Because the chair forces you to sit a certain way, then you learn how to

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Ania Garcia Llorente poses for a portrait with one of her wooden sculptures in her studio in this Sept. 22 photo.

Photo by Jordan Green

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MAJOR MATTERS

Find out why these Rangers say their majors are important

THEATER

By **KAYLEA BROWN**
Student Reporter

Want to be involved in a major that has a wide variety of roles to be filled? How about a major that is creative and inspirational? If you want either of those things, theater could be the major for you, according to Shovel Thornbug.

“It’s not just acting, it’s not just building, singing or dancing,” the sophomore theater major from Hooker, Oklahoma, said. “It’s telling stories, it’s writing stories, and it’s bringing people together during hard times.”

After getting involved in hometown productions, Thornbug realized that their attraction to theater came not only from acting, but also from building sets. Once this realization came to be, it stayed, they said.

“I think it’s important because art in general influences people and helps people to have an escape from their troubles and struggles of life,” they said. “Theater helps people be able to go somewhere and just escape from what’s going on in the world.”

Theater allows people to escape from their troubles, and it gives them a chance to feel without fear of being judged. For



Shovel Thornbug

many, this feeling of escaping is the reason they choose this major.

For people that want to be creative and inspire people with what they do, theater is the major Thornbug would recommend to them.

“It’s not just acting or building scenes,” Thornbug said. “It’s reading stories and writing stories. It’s really cool.”

After graduation, a degree in theater offers a wide variety of jobs to choose from. Some examples include being an actor, director, script editor and stage manager. For Thornbug, the goal is to become an actor, although any job in theater will make them happy.

BUSINESS

By **ETHAN EVERSON**
Student Reporter

One of the business majors at Northwestern is Chad McGolden, a sophomore from Fairview, Oklahoma.

He is a 20-year-old football player who is obtaining his bachelor’s degree here.

McGolden was asked why he chose this major. He said he chose it “so I can follow my dad’s footsteps in the Realtor business.”

His father is a real estate agent in Fairview and Major County. McGolden was asked why he thinks the major is important and what makes him want to follow through with it.

He said, “Running your own business and learning how to do it correctly is vital to make ... money.”

McGolden is hoping to take his business degree back home and start his own successful business.

He was also asked what he plans on doing with his degree and what he’s going to do after college.

McGolden said he hopes “to take over my dad’s business and start my own rent house business, so I can start



Chad McGolden

buying houses and letting families and college students rent the house.”

McGolden said he is really enjoying the major because he’s learning a lot, and he’s really excited to be a part of it.

McGolden said he would recommend this major.

“The teachers and all the other students in the class are really nice and know lots of things,” he said. “It’s a great major, and I’m really happy to be a part of it.”

BIOLOGY

By **DESTINY GARDNER**
Student Reporter

Jessalyn Rivet-Tissot is an international student at Northwestern. Her hometown is in Chailou, France. She is 22 years old and is a senior. She is majoring in biology.

She said she is very passionate about her major. She hopes to use what she learns at Northwestern and take it with her to graduate school. She said she is determined to go to graduate from the University of Oklahoma after she graduates from Northwestern.

She chose this major out of a love for science, she said. She wants to use it to do medical research and help people. Rivet-Tissot also said she feels this major is important not only to her, but to others around her. She said it



Jessalyn Rivet-Tissot

is important to her because she knows she is learning everything she needs, and she is forming a solid platform to go toward her career.

She said she feels it will help others around her because with the line of work she’s going into. She will be doing medical research and helping to find cures for illnesses and more.

For her career, she wants to be in a lab doing microbiology, immunology or epidemiology.

As far as recommending the major to someone, Rivet-Tissot says she wouldn’t recommend many people to do it because of how deep the major goes into science.

She feels that the person has to be passionate about it.

She went on to say that she would recommend the major to a nursing or pre-med major. The reason why is because the biology major goes in depth; therefore, the student will take many science and math courses, just like a nursing or pre-med major.

EDUCATION

By **OVELL PATTERSON**
Student Reporter

Brooke Kolanek is an education major. She is a sophomore from Arlington, Texas. She chose education for many reasons. She hopes to give back to the community, guide students, and spread knowledge of life and different topics.

She said she believes education is important because everyone needs a good, quality education. All students deserve to be taught different topics to be successful in life. She said there are so many bad teachers in the teaching world, and she just wants to be that one teacher who goes all out for her students’ academics and lives outside of academics.

Brooke said that, after college, she would like to teach either in a middle school or a high school so she can also be a coach. She wants to teach a class that has to do with health and sports science, though she did not give any specifics. She also said she would like to coach either softball or basketball.

She did make it clear that it has to be one of those two sports. She does not want to coach any other



Brooke Kolanek

sports. Brooke said she strongly recommends being an education major to everyone, especially to those who love to help others and put themselves last when it comes to their students. She also brought up the pay in education.

She said if you are looking for good pay, then education is not for you. You truly are in it for the kids and not the money. Being an education major, Brooke said, makes you feel good about yourself because you are waking up every day to help others and guide them.

COMPUTER SCIENCE

By **DACODA MCDOWELL-WAHPEKECHE**
Student Reporter

If Connor Norman could say one thing to convince a person to major in computer science, it would be this: “Technology is the future.”

Norman is a sophomore computer science major from Red Rock, Oklahoma. He believes that learning more about computers is the key to a more lucrative lifestyle.

“If you have an interest into technology and like to code, then become a computer science major, because it is the future and you will make good money,” Norman said.

At the age of 14, Norman bought his first Xbox. He said it sparked his interest in computers. His love for computers really grew when he got his Dell G3 15” gaming laptop when he turned 18.

“On my laptop, I play League of Legends, Apex Legends, and Call of Duty Warzone,” he said.

Norman is not just a com-



Connor Norman

puter science major. He is also a redshirt freshman on the court for the university’s men’s basketball team this season. He was recruited out of Frontier High School to come play for the Rangers. While at Frontier, he led the team to three state appearances, with one finish as a state runner-up.

He said he is happy being a computer science major because he knows that he will get a job. Norman said he would love to become a software programmer.

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ARTIST: Garcia enjoys working with Northwestern students

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do a lot of activities, to synchronize your body in certain way.”

Garcia was born and raised in Cuba. She graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree from Universidad de Chile in Santiago, Chile, in 2010. She worked as a printmaker at Aguafuerte Taller in Santiago, Chile, and Taller de Gráfica de La Habana in Havana, Cuba.

Starting in 2015, Garcia started teaching classes on drawing, printmaking and lithography, a method of printing from a stone. Garcia got her start in lithography in college.

“When I used to work in the print shop, I didn’t really think too much,” Garcia said. “My professor literally would just give me a stone and sometimes, without even any sketch, I would just draw on the stone directly, just from my imagination.”

Garcia moved to the United States in 2018. She earned a Master of Fine Arts degree in sculpture from Boston University this spring. Then, an old friend of hers – Northwestern art professor Kyle Larson – reached out and offered Garcia a spot as the university’s artist in residence this fall.

Larson and Garcia met in 2017 while Larson was in Santiago for a painting residency.

“He was very passionate,” Garcia said. “He went to work every day. He was doing this amazing amount of paintings in just a short time.”

“I visited Ania’s exhibition at the Centro Cultural Espacio Matta and was impressed by her work,” Larson said. “Ania is a dynamic, multifaceted artist with a vast knowledge of art history and contemporary practices. I knew that Ania would challenge students to think about their roles as artists in new and interesting ways, to become aware of the systems they inhabit, and to expand how they view the work they create in relation to their daily lives and actions.”

Garcia began her residency at Northwestern on Sept. 1. She said she enjoys the town of Alva as a back-drop for her studio.

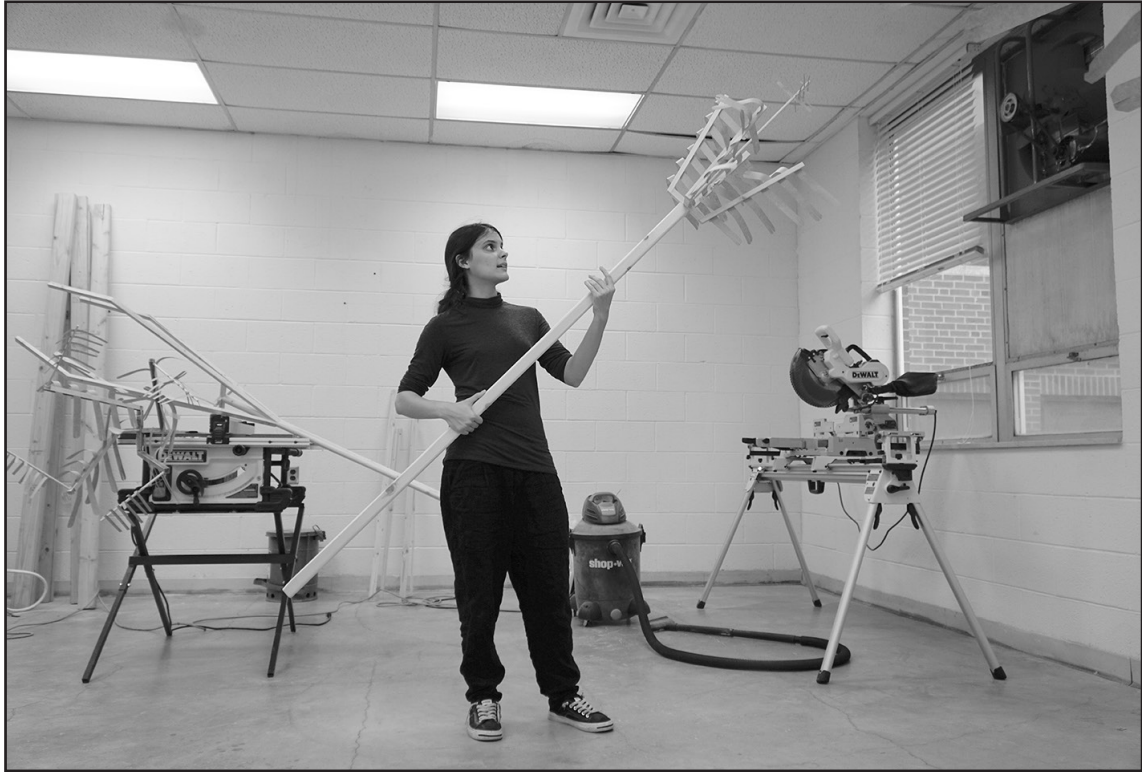
“It’s really quiet,” she said. “I like that a lot. In Boston, there’s a lot of distractions, and people are always coming over to your studio. So, I like that here is quiet. I can focus a lot. Also, I get to see the work of the students and have small conversations with them. Some of them are really good.”

“We are incredibly fortunate to have Ania here at NWOSU,” Larson said. “I know Ania will have a lasting impact on visual arts students and the community. Students have had the unique opportunity to see Ania develop a new body of work from the ground up in her studio, and some have actually participated in the filming of some of Ania’s new video pieces.”

Every Monday this month, Garcia has hosted drawing and



Top: In this Sept. 22 photo, Ania Garcia Llorente poses for a portrait with some of her wooden sculptures in her studio in the Jesse Dunn building. Middle: Garcia explains how she uses power tools, like saws, in her studio. Bottom: Garcia holds one of her wooden sculptures in her studio in the Jesse Dunn building in this photo.



sculpture workshops.

“Ania’s Monday night ‘Crazy Stone’ workshops have provided participants with exceptional insight into the creative process through readings, discussions and

slide lectures revolving around how artists transform material and meaning,” Larson said. “The drawing and sculpture exercises in the workshops have allowed participants to expound on the

ideas and themes Ania presents though their own ingenuity, imagination, and resourcefulness.”

Since the workshops are open to the public, Garcia has had to adjust her lesson plans.

“It’s kind of interesting because we have some students from psychology and from other majors,” Garcia said. “So, I have to build it in a way in which I’m able to work with students that have experience painting or drawing, but also with students that have zero experience, but they’re also interested to learn. Seeing how they solve the problems in class is very refreshing.”

Northwestern does not offer any sculpture classes, so Garcia enjoys sharing her knowledge.

“I think my favorite part is trying to make them think about creating objects and about space when they haven’t had a professor before,” Garcia said. “So, I can see a fresh approach to that.”

Garcia encourages all interested student artists to fill out an application for the art gallery in downtown Alva. The deadline is Oct. 10.

“There’s no one single path you can take. There are many, many paths. It really depends on your personality and your discipline. ... I really think what a young student should do is first get to know yourself and really inquire what you want to do as a professional, and find that path for yourself.”

— Ania Garcia Llorente

“Just apply, even if you just started,” she said. “Something amazing about Oklahoma is that there’s a lot of opportunities, and young artists can really succeed.”

“This career, there’s no one single path you can take. There are many, many paths. It really depends on your personality and your discipline. ... I really think what a young student should do is first get to know yourself and really inquire what you want to do as a professional, and find that path for yourself.”

Garcia believes young artists should travel to meet other artists.

“That’s the reason why our residencies are so important, like this one,” she said.

Garcia is looking forward to the rest of her residency, which ends next month.

“I had some things planned before coming here, and in the end, I didn’t do it,” she said. “I just decided to make a fresh start. I’m just very relaxed, just making things I really wanted to see. It’s fun just waking up and coming here.”



The Northwestern Oklahoma State University Singers, under the direction of Dr. Karsten Longhurst, sings in Ryerson Hall Room 200 on Sept. 28.

Where does learning take place?

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Before the coronavirus pandemic, students sat beside each other in small, stuffy classrooms. But with social distancing measures being enforced, the traditional classroom environment has been disrupted.

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To keep students safe, professors have taken their pupils to places never before used as classrooms. The lesson here is simple: No matter where, Rangers are learning how to have

A TOUCH OF CLASS



The Northwestern Oklahoma State University Chorale, under the direction of Dr. Karsten Longhurst, sings outside of the J.W. Martin Library Sept. 24.



The Northwestern Oklahoma State University Marching Band rehearses on the intramural field near Coronado Hall in this photo taken Monday.

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The Northwestern Oklahoma State University Marching Band rehearses on the intramural field near Coronado Hall in this photo taken Monday.



Students practice social distancing in Dr. James Bell's introduction to film class, which is taking place in Carter Hall Room 108, in this Sept. 24 photo.

Right: Officials in the J.W. Martin Library removed chairs from wooden study tables in the library to ensure that students are sitting at least six feet apart from one another in the library. They stacked the chairs underneath a staircase leading up to the study rooms on the second floor of the building.



Far right: Tables in the library each have a limited number of chairs to allow for social distancing.



Left: Students practice social distancing in Dr. James Bell's introduction to film class, which is taking place in Carter Hall Room 108, in this Sept. 24 photo.

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DEBATE: ‘This is absolutely embarrassing for both sides’

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President Donald Trump faced former Vice President Joe Biden on national television to talk about the coronavirus, a nation-wide mask mandate, economic recovery, and other hot-button political issues.

Some Northwestern students who watched the debate questioned whether the candidates addressed substantive political topics.

Zach Robinson, a freshman health and sports science major from Odessa, Texas, said the candidates failed to answer important questions. Instead, he said, they just attacked one another.

“This is absolutely embarrassing for both sides,” he said. “This is not politics. ... This is just name-calling. It’s 100% embarrassing.”

Robinson said he feels Trump was more articulate than Biden, but he said that neither candidate performed well.

“Neither of them presented what they want to do to make things better,” he said. “They just talked about who’s done what to make things worse. I already know who’s done what bad. I want to know how this is going to get better, not how it’s been bad.

“I don’t think it’s going to change my mind, but I still think it’s pretty embarrassing for both sides.”

Angie Aguilera, a junior vocal performance major from Woodward, said she’s grown tired of the 2020 election’s political divisiveness.

“I feel like either option isn’t a good option,” she said. “Either



Above: Students watch Tuesday night’s presidential debate via livestream in the Student Center ballroom on campus. Below: Students watch Tuesday night’s debate via livestream in the Student Center ballroom.

side that you’re standing on, people are looking for a way to point their finger at the other person rather than acknowledging their differences and trying to come together. I just feel like there’s more divide now the farther that we go into it.”

Aguilera said she feels like she can’t trust some of the nation’s top political figures.

“It makes me feel like, ‘Do they really care about, just like, average people like ourselves?’” she said. “There’s so much hate, and I don’t like that there’s so much hate. ... There’s a way to talk about things, and there’s a way to not talk about things.”



While students said they would listen to the candidates, some said they have already decided who they’ll be voting for.

Lizzie Shephard, a freshman health and sports science major

from Vinita, Oklahoma, said she found the debates interesting.

“Being a first-time voter, it’s nice to know both parties, but I’m definitely for Trump,” she said. “I like his support with the military and police, obviously, because they have impossible jobs.”

Shephard isn’t alone. According to a recent poll conducted by The Wall Street Journal and MSNBC, more than 70% of Americans say they won’t change who they’re voting for after watching presidential debates.

Still, some say the debates are important because they want to learn more about the candidates. Francis said the candidates’ platforms on Native American issues matter to her.

“I’m half Native American, and I want to study Native American law after I graduate from here, and I want to work with, like, Native American relations, tribal relations in the government. And neither one of them have done anything really good for the Native American tribes. I mean, Trump did actually ... he signed that bill to help missing and murdered indigenous women, which, I was happy about that.”

While candidates spoke about a number of issues in the debate, Francis said she isn’t sure whether the debate would sway her vote. But she said she would listen to see which candidate told the truth more.

“It’s all just kind of jumbled together,” she said. “I’m trying to figure it out.”

Northwestern reports 18 active COVID-19 cases

By JORDAN GREEN
News Editor

Northwestern Oklahoma State University has 18 active cases of the coronavirus, university officials said Sept. 25.

One university employee has tested positive for the virus. The other 17 cases are student cases.

The total number of positive COVID-19 cases among Northwestern students and employees includes cases at all of the university’s campuses in Alva, Enid, and Woodward.

Officials did not identify the people who have the virus.

Officials first reported on Aug. 28 the number of students who have COVID-19. At the time, six students had tested positive for it.

University officials report the number of COVID-19 cases each Friday on NWOSU’s website.

To see the number of cases on all campuses, visit <https://www.nwosu.edu/coronavirus/active-covid-19-cases-nwosu>.

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Hello, Fall!

A black and white photograph of a Michell Design Works 'Sweet Pumpkin' candle and soap set. The set includes a large pumpkin-shaped candle, a bar of soap, and a candle warmer, all displayed on a rustic wooden log slice. The background is a stone wall.

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Happy little students

SGA hosts Bob Ross painting event on NWOSU tennis courts



Photos by David Thornton

Above: Luis Mendoza creates a painting during the Student Government Association’s Bob Ross painting event Sept. 24. Top right: Mendoza poses with his completed painting of the state of Arizona. Bottom right: SGA members Ethan Sacket and Dawson Maxwell distribute supplies to students who were in attendance at the event.

