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News Briefs

Student Senate Begins Work

The Student Senate's first club meeting was held Nov. 15, at 3 in the Student Center room 108. Led by senators made up of RSO student leaders, members of SGA, and students from the general student body, senators can request funding out of the Senate's allocated budget each semester and vote to approve these requests. President Fernanda Sanchez, would like for the club to be where Senators representing their RSOs can advocate for what they need as clubs to successfully involve non-club-affiliated students in student life.

Knowing the West at Crystal Bridges

The Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art is showcasing Knowing the West: Visual Legacies of the American West, a temporary exhibition gallery from now until Jan. 27, 2025. It is the first major traveling exhibition to embrace and examine how people see the American West. As well as, aims to tell a more inclusive story and show the diverse groups who shaped the art and life of the West. Tickets can be bought online at tickets.crystalbridges-themomentary.org and also sold on site. Adult general admission tickets are \$12.

Drawings Desired

Are you an artist in search of a platform to debut your talent? The Eagle View is looking for cartoonists and creative artists to give a touch color to our newspaper. Please stop by the Newsroom-Burns Hall 1021, on Tuesdays or Thursdays from 3 to 6 to talk to our staff. You can also email one of our editors to set up a meeting. No portfolio required but it is requested.

Letters to the Editor

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Pursuing Podcasting

The Eagle View is looking for students to help in our podcast studio. Please stop by the Newsroom-Burns Hall 1021, on Tues or Thurs from 3 to 6. Also email one of our editors to set up a meeting.

NEWS



Finding Food

More people in the Natural State often have no idea where their next meal is coming from.

FORMER FORENSICS GETS A FACELIFT

The Reintroduction of NWACC Forensics Club has now Taken Flight

By Dayanti Arechigu
Reporter

As of Fall 2024, the NWACC Forensics Club has been reintroduced into the school. With a new advisor and professor to coach them into success, Professor Kendrea James is here to reawaken students' passion for speech and debate. James has proven successful in her mission with the recent award won by students in the club. For those who were wondering what forensics could be, forensics is Latin for "standing up in court with evidence" said James herself. Another well-known name for the club is Speech and Debate, which correlates with the Latin name. In the club students find themselves practicing their public speaking skills, debate skills, and exercising their quick thinking abilities. Throughout the sessions, students put their minds to work using real-world scenarios and thinking broadly about ways to apply their critical thinking to many different types of categories.

Professional debates are done between college students and include the many topics and categories that they practice

for, an example of this could be Impromptu and Informative debates. These two are widely debated and were debated by our very own students. In the debates, there are two preliminary rounds and then one final round, after the debates there are judges from different backgrounds to weigh in their opinions. The judges concluded that our students were well put together throughout their performances, giving them their all against the many different contestants. Our students won through their sheer talent and dedication, giving the judges amazing performances. To fully understand how these debates work we would need to look at the technicality of the tournament. To put it simply, there is a point system set in place, and within the point system, the judges assign points based on performances and add them all up. This resulted in an amazing win from our two student representatives, Judah Tate and Isreal Martinez. These two students, once again, gave an outstanding performance showcasing what NWACC's Forensic Club can do. The victory could have not



Courtesy Photo

Isreal Martinez and Judah Tate posing with their trophy for Forensics.

been achieved without Professor Kendra James. James joined NWACC in 2024 and revived our beloved club with a goal in mind: bring in more trophies to accompany our past speech and debate trophies. With fellow students Judah and Isreal helping accomplish this goal in their first tournament this semester, they ended up bringing us the "Top Community College Competitor" award. This was

won from the Border Wars tournament presented by the Tulsa Community College and their co-host, Sterling College, the two were up against 14 other institutes and successfully prevailed. Tate, one of the students, had the chance to talk to me and gave his word of advice for those who are interested but afraid of standing and speaking in front of many: "The hardest part of joining Forensics is to participate at first.

Though the more I do it the more confident I become." The club is open to anyone and everyone and would love to see more faces! The club has meetings every Tuesday at 4:30 in Burns Hall room 1109. If you have any questions you can contact Prof. Kendrea James through her email at k3james@nwacc.edu.

Mary White Schneider Farewell to Jonathan Woods as NWACC's Zone 7 Board Trustee, & Hello to Mary White Schneider

Kay King
Editor-In-Chief

Mary M.W. Schneider ran in the general election for the NorthWest Arkansas Community College Board Trustee Zone 7 on November 5, 2024. Schneider is a domestic relation, family law, litigation, mediation, and ad litem attorney who practices exclusively in Northwest AR.

Past experience include being a part of the Benton County Sunshine School Board, Single Parent Board, having the title of Commissioner for the AR Early Childhood Commission and prior involvement with the NWACC Foundation. "I've always been a promoter of education, particularly if you can get your higher education to do so," said Schneider.

Besides Schneiders obvious experience in higher education brought to the table, our newest incoming board member has also had a thumb in NWACC's pie from the very beginning when we were still just the "College without Walls". Donald E. White, in which the White Auditorium is named, is the father of Mary M.W. White Schneider. "I most definitely do it in respect and paying honorage to my dad," Schneider told the Eagle View. "[NWACC] was his crowning achievement, he was so proud of where it went from when he started it."

Although terms may only be 6 years, Schneider has no plans of stopping when it comes to the responsibilities of being a Board member. "I'm proud



Photo from arkattorneys.com Image of Mary White Schneider

of what the college has become [and] I'm very excited because this continues to grow new challenges... I see it as a challenge from the standpoint that it is certainly going to take a lot of time, that's ok, and I see the challenge as a new direction that is different and good." Schneider's term starts in 2025 and does not plan to stop anytime soon.

FEATURES



Evergreen Mall

NWACC's theatre department hosting "One Christmas Eve at Evergreen Mall."

Thanksgiving Break at NWACC We Asked Our Student for their Plans this Break

Genesis Guerra
Reporter

While NWACC students head off for Thanksgiving break, it's nice to ask questions that are both thoughtful and fun, giving them a chance to share their plans or reflect on their holiday experiences.

One student shares plans for their thanksgiving break this year.

Keani Patrick-Lejkab says "I am most excited about taking a break from assignments, having a little leisure time, and spending time with my kids." During the break Patrick-Lejkab plans include creating new memories all while honoring family, she explained " This is our

first Thanksgiving without our grandma, so I am unsure. However, I plan to make new traditions with my kids and our grandpa. I'm looking forward to that." Staying home and getting cozy can be a part of anyone's to do list this Thanksgiving break. As it will be part of Patrick-Lejkab, she also mentioned "I am staying home this Thanksgiving." Being home cooking all those delicious dishes sparks a question, what is everyone's favorite dish at the Thanksgiving table? Keani Patrick-Lejkab says, "It has to be between a well-cooked turkey with stuffing or candied yams. Both are tied for 1st place, for me."

OPINION



Christmas Nostalgia

Why do we feel emotions such as nostalgia towards the Christmas season?

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Game Drive Underway

The Honors Student Association and the NWACC library are conducting a game drive from Nov. 18 to Dec. 6. Do you have a game you haven't played in a while? A game you love that you'd like others to play? A puzzle you've done that has all its pieces? Donate games and puzzles for NWACC students to enjoy. Boxes are in Burns Hall, WCC, the Shewmaker buildings, the Center for Health Professions, the Student Center, and Brightwater.

Student Veterans Association First Meeting

The new Student Veterans Association of NWACC will hold its foundational meeting on Jan. 16 at 4 p.m. in the Veterans Resource Center located on the first floor of the Becky Paneitz Student Center. This initial gathering aims to connect student veterans and service members, providing a welcoming space for camaraderie, support, and shared experiences. All currently enrolled students who are active duty, National Guard/Reserve or veterans are encouraged to attend and explore the opportunities, resources, and community the association offers.

Gingerbread House Decorating Fun

On Dec. 16 from 5 to 8 p.m., join us for an unforgettable experience filled with laughter, creativity, and holiday cheer! Whether you're a seasoned decorator or a first-time gingerbread enthusiast, this class is perfect for all skill levels. Let the holiday magic begin! Unleash your creativity and join us for a sweet and festive experience of sugary bliss. Get ready to create a winter wonderland that will become the cherished centerpiece for your holiday table. We provide everything you need to bring your gingerbread dreams to life: a perfectly baked gingerbread house, an assortment of colorful and delicious decorating supplies, royal icing to hold everything together, and fondant to add those extra special touches. Expert instructors show you how to use different icing tips for decorating. Children and youth 14 years or younger must be accompanied by an adult. Accompanying adults who are not decorating do not pay. Cost: \$55 Space is limited; enroll today at <https://training.nwacc.edu/> The event will be in the Center for Health Professions, Room CHP 3018 3201 SE NWACC Blvd, Bentonville The classroom is on the third floor, in the southwest corner of the building. The NWACC Music Jazz Band Concert date has changed to Dec. 4 at 7 p.m. in the Shewmaker Center for Workforce Technologies' Walmart Auditorium.



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NWACC Astronomy Club hosts Comet Watch Party

Chelsea Castillo
Managing Editor

NWACC professors and students of the Astronomy club hosted a comet watch party on Oct. 17. for the very significant meteor named Comet C/2023 A3 Tsuchinshan-ATLAS. Katherine Auld, professor and advisor of the astronomy club at NWACC, said "this comet hasn't been by the earth in 80,000 years and won't



NWACC Student observing the sky through a telescope.

come back for another 80,000 after it passes." The astronomy club students had requested to host a watch party due to the rarity of this comet phenomenon and the opportunity to view it before it is gone.

The event was hosted on the top floor of NWACC's parking deck, where many astronomy club students, professors and professional comet observers gathered to watch as the sky got darker. Many telescopes were brought to the watch party and also helped observers view the sky significantly better than their regular eyesight. Byrn Lewis, a NWACC concurrent student and member of the Astronomy Club, said "a lot of us [students] don't have to really know much about

comets in order to come out here and just being able to see it on this nice day is a treat." Lewis also said, "we have been talking about this comet for a while and coming out here and finally being able to see it makes the experience feel very out of paper."

Professor Auld said, "I hope students take away a little bit of wonder about the universe's solar system and the amazing things that are happening right now." The point Astronomy club reaches to discover at NWACC is that there are many more comets' people can see coming and the significance of how big our solar system is. "We get so tied up in the hour every day and sometimes we forget to stop and just look at them [comets] around us

and say wow that's really cool." The Astronomy club hosts their regular meetings on the second Thursday of each month at 4pm in Burns Hall 2323 this semester. The club talks about intriguing things related to astronomy or other interesting subject matters as well.



Photos by Chelsea Castillo
Professor Auld and NWACC student Bryn Lewis observing comets at the watch party.

FUN FACTS ABOUT C/2023

- **Brightest comet in over 27 years**
- **It has an anti-tail which means it points towards the sun instead of other meteors that point away from the sun.**
- **Before making its travel around the earth's surface, it was heading directly towards the sun.**
- **Comet A3 is the brightest comet in 27 years! Don't miss it (earthsky.org)**

Election Eagle Eddie

Kay King
Editor-In-Chief

For special coverage of the Nov. 5, 2024, election night, visit EagleView.News.blog. Voters in Northwest Arkansas decided local, state and national races in the first presidential election since the reallocation of the electoral college votes for the 2020 redistricting cycle. Voters also decided the fate of two constitutional amendment questions.

Cartoon by Samantha McClain



Incumbents Win Re-Election to NWACC Board

Braiden Burton
Reporter

Two incumbent members of the NWACC Board of Trustees won re-election in Nov. 5 general election balloting.

Mark Scott, the incumbent representing Zone 6, and Joe Spivey, the incumbent representing Zone 9, turned back challenges in the races' complete, but unofficial returns.

NWACC is governed by a local board of trustees composed of nine members who are residents and qualified electors of the NWACC taxing district, the Rogers and Bentonville public school districts. Trustees are elected on a nonpartisan basis, meaning they are not affiliated with a specific political party. This year there are three NWACC board seats up for election.

Trustees are elected by zones for terms of up to six years by the qualified electors of each particular NWACC zone at the general election. All nine trustee positions were elected in 2022 due to the decennial census, and trustees drew by lot for two-, four- and

six-year terms.

At the time of filing the statement of candidacy, the candidates file a petition containing the signatures of at least twenty-five (25) qualified electors from their own particular zone.

Scott turned back a challenge from Margaret Mouser. Scott was appointed to the board in 2016 by Gov. Asa Hutchinson. After beginning his career as a journalist at the Morning News of Fayetteville city government, Scott later led media relations at Hendrix College in Conway and public relations at NWACC in addition to other higher education, nonprofit and corporate roles.

Scott told the Democrat Gazette, "NWACC is a dynamic community college, and I've worked with my fellow trustees and the college's leadership to make it as accessible as possible by creating more opportunities for access and student success."

For Zone 7, Mary M.W. Schneider ran unopposed. Spivey defeated challenger

Candice Bright. Spivey has served on the Board for 17 years. Spivey is the former director of UARK's College of Business and Engineering and Student Life program and founded the Student Government Association of NWACC. Spivey dedicates considerable amounts of time to improving campus life and creating opportunities for students.

Spivey said he is supportive of fees where merited but has said that he is uncomfortable with a recent millage increase proposal that was rejected and that then resulted in tuition increases. Spivey also believes that there should be an increase in funding for schools of technology and nursing, as well as supporting increases in faculty pay and benefits, believing that employees should have the best chance possible at leading a healthy balance between work and their personal lives. However, Spivey has expressed opposition to increases in funding for the Athletics Department. "We don't need sports to grow," said Spivey.



Images provided by nwacc.edu
Incumbent Board of Trustees members, Mark Scott and Joe Spivey.

Pink Cocaine Rumors Debunked: No Evidence of the Drug Found in NWA, Authorities Confirm

Jackson Floyd
Opinion Editor

With the recent discovery of the infamous substance “pink cocaine” in Central Texas, NWA residents are questioning whether this dangerous drug might be making its way into their local community.

Last month, the drug mixture was found in Travis and Hays counties in Texas, according to a report on KVUE television’s website, kvue.com. The drug, known as “tuci,” has become infamous not only for its vibrant color but also due to its alleged connection to high-profile incidents, including the death of former One Direction singer Liam Payne and the arrest of music mogul Sean “Diddy” Combs. These sensational headlines have fueled widespread speculation and concern, with many wondering if the substance might pose a local threat. However, authorities in Northwest Arkansas are quick to assure residents that these claims are unfounded.

In an interview on the subject with a Local Narcotics

Anonymous member they said, “I’ve heard about it in the whole Diddy thing but never before that. From what I’ve heard, it’s just a cocktail of random chemicals. I know people who have experimented with other synthetic mixes, and it never ends well.”

What makes synthetic drugs like this so dangerous? This experienced local claims it is “the unpredictability. With pink cocaine, you don’t know what you’re getting. It could be a mix of stimulants, sedatives, or who knows what. One bad batch can kill you, and there is no way to tell what’s in it just by looking at it.”

“What is ‘pink cocaine,’ or ‘tuci’?” Local police officer Lt. Jeff Dolney addresses the mystery, simply saying, “You never know.” While some believe “tuci” to be a slang term for the synthetic psychedelic 2C-B, in reality most samples of “pink cocaine” don’t even contain that specific compound. Lt. Dolney describes it as “a conglomerate of different substances just mixed and dyed pink.”

“From what I’ve heard, it’s just a cocktail of random chemicals. I know people who have experimented with other synthetic mixes, and it never ends well.”

Anonymous

Often falsely marketed as a high-end designer drug, the actual composition of pink cocaine can vary widely, ranging from a mix of stimulants to potentially hazardous downers. “Marijuana is marijuana, cocaine is cocaine,” Dolney explains, but pink cocaine is unpredictable and often more dangerous due to its unknown ingredients. Despite the risks associated with the drug, Dolney reassures residents that local authorities have not found any evidence of pink cocaine in Northwest Arkansas.



Photo courtesy of the Drug Enforcement Administration

Pink cocaine is a new substance that has concerned law enforcement officers across the country,

Sensationalized reports about celebrity cases can often lead to unnecessary panic, overshadowing the facts on the streets. At this point, there is no reason to believe pink cocaine is present in NWA.

Authorities caution, however,

that staying informed and vigilant remains essential as trends in synthetic drugs change rapidly.

The lack of local presence now doesn’t guarantee that the substance won’t appear in the future. Lt. Dolney urges residents to report any suspicious activity

and to educate themselves on the risks associated with substances like pink cocaine. “We always work to protect our community and stay ahead of these trends,” he says.

Finding Food College’s Food Pantry Aids Campus Community

Brett Nichols
Reporter

In 2022, Arkansas rated the highest in food insecurity, according to the USDA. More people in the Natural State often have no idea where their next meal will come from. Imagine a single mother working 12-hour shifts just to provide enough money to pay bills, and what’s left is enough to buy snacks, soda, or foods that require very little effort to cook. Those types of food do not last; today, when someone is paid every two weeks, that little amount of food will drive a wedge the family. Unfortunately, it’s not just families that are impacted. A senior citizen with back issues might have to spend their paychecks on pain medication. It can be the young and the old, the oppressed, or the poor.

A former student of NWACC had this to say when asked about their experience with food insecurity, “When my mother was sick and dying, I was the only person in the house who could take care of her. Her medication was expensive and finding foods she would eat

was just as difficult. Sometimes a big bill would come around and there would only be enough (money) left to get a few cheap meals. Which I made sure she (his mother) would eat.” There was no one around to help them, to guide them when they needed it. They had no idea that there was a food pantry on the other side of town. Why would they? They even mentioned that, had they known it was there, they still might not have used it. “It would be like admitting defeat.” A common mentality.

Megan Parish, an NWACC employee, mentioned that the process of getting food from a food bank can be overwhelming, causing a lot of people who are not familiar with the process to quickly give up. They made a great point when asked about the type of food at pantries, “Local food banks that provide to pantries are fantastic, but for smaller food pantries that rely on donations from individuals the donations are often expired, low quality, or lacking in variety. You get sick of eating canned chicken and PB&J after a while, even

when you’re hungry.” A common occurrence happening is when the pantry receives donations that the more fortunate people will often donate foods they personally don’t like. Foods that they won’t touch.

So how does one combat food insecurity? Can you mitigate it entirely? Is there a way to provide enough food for all families? Helping people find food banks in their city is a crucial step in addressing food insecurity and ensuring that those in need have access to nutritious meals. By providing clear information about local resources, including locations, hours of operation, and eligibility requirements, we can empower individuals and families to seek the assistance they need. Food banks play a vital role in supporting communities, and making these resources more accessible can alleviate the stress and hardship many face. Whether through online directories, community outreach, or word of mouth, fostering awareness of food banks is an important way to help bridge the gap and promote food security for all.



NWACC’s Food Pantry mural, located in Burns Hall near the information commons.



Photos by Otis Leimbach

Inside NWACC’s Food Pantry in Burns Hall.-



Photos By Nadia Moutria
Juanita Franklin, Director of Hispanic and Latino Outreach, speaks to the NWACC Board of Trustees at the board’s October meeting. Franklin gave an update on the college’s LIFE program. Visible on the screen, are this year’s LIFE Mentors. In the photo on the right board members listen to a report from Athletic Director Brooke Brewer. The meeting in November, during which officers were chosen, will be the board’s last meeting in 2024.



Board Hears Report on LIFE Officers chosen for 2025

Staff Report

The NWACC Board of Trustees met in October and heard a report about the LIFE program from Juanita Franklin, Director of Hispanic and Latino Outreach. She talked about the program in existence for the past decade, and its latest initiatives. In November, the board met following a joint meeting with

the NWACC Foundation Board of Directors.

At that November meeting, the trustees selected officers for the upcoming year. Chosen were:

- Todd Schwartz, Chairman
- Rachel Harris, Vice Chair (Harris was re-elected to this post.)
- Amber Latimer, Secretary.

NWACC Theater Prepares for Holiday Cheer

Genesis Guerra
Reporter

The NWACC theater has been preparing to present their holiday show. This year they will be performing "One Christmas Eve at Evergreen Mall." Written by Lynn Halliday, James Hindman, Arlene Hutton and Craig Pospisil. The play sounds like it's shaping up to be a fun and heartwarming holiday produc-

Community College Theatre Program Coordinator/Theatre Professor. The show will be held December 5th, 6th, and 7th. Show times will be starting at 7pm inside the White Auditorium on the Bentonville campus offering a warm setting for the cast to bring the holiday fun to life. Be sure to get tickets early, Student Tickets are \$3. As for General Public



Photos by Stephanie Freeman

The Evergreen Mall company gathers for group photo during one of the rehearsals.

"NWACC Marketplace." Enjoy an opportunity for the community to come together and embrace a heartwarming performance before the holidays. The show is a charming mix of different stories and characters, similar to a warm

and cozy holiday film. It can be touching, funny, and meaningful, as it showcases various characters going through a wide range of feelings. Some moments will make you laugh, while others might make you think.

Cast member Matthew Cornog who plays two roles in the show says "I really hope people just have a good time and laugh with the humor this play has." With a play like Evergreen Mall characters like a lovesick mall Santa, a

well-meaning but overeager mall cop, and a pair of newlyweds, this production is full of heart, humor, perfect for getting into the holiday spirit. Cornog also says "And we hope people enjoy watching it as much as we enjoyed doing it"



Pictured in this publicity photo are Alyson Miller and Andy the Security Guard, played by Dustin Rodriguez.

tion at NWACC! Here's a quick rundown of the important details shared, by the director Stephanie Freeman Northwest Arkansas

(Family and Friends) tickets are \$5 additional fees may apply, so be sure to check the ticketing details when purchasing online at

Honoring our Veterans

College hosts annual Veterans Day program

Kay King
Editor-In-Chief

North West Arkansas Community College held a veterans day program on Nov. 11, 2024, honoring our military. The event had guest speakers, performances by NWACC's Chamber Singers, prayers and refreshments for all.

Welcoming people to the Event was Greg Workman, Director of Veterans Services and former

serviceman for the US Army. The Invocation was given by Pastor Shawn Wallace, the senior Pastor at the First Christian Church in Rogers. Then NWACC's very own College President and Air Force Veteran, Dennis Rittle, introduced guest speaker Captain Lori Frank.

Frank, who is a Trustee on the NWACC Board of Trustees and retired from the US Navy, gave a powerful speech that touched all

who attended.

"Our nation has always been blessed to have strong men and women with exceptional courage," Frank said.

"People willing to take a stand and defend America when we are threatened and they have answered that call to defend our nation time and time again on every front and in every battle," Frank said. "However, it is important to recognize that the call to service does not end when the uniform is hung up. Many of our veterans continue to serve our community contributing in countless ways, as teachers, first responders, business leaders, Walmart employees, [and] volunteers."

She added, "Their spirit of service is an example to us all, but while we celebrate their service we must acknowledge the challenges many veterans face after returning home."

Frank reminded the audience that being a veteran or having any association with the military is no easy feat.

Frank ended the speech by asking the audience to reflect on the importance of the defenders because honoring veterans is not just a holiday to be celebrated



Photos by Alex Diaz

Capt. Lori Frank, US Navy (Retired), and a Board of Trustees member, served as a guest speaker at the annual Veterans Day program on Nov. 11.

once a year but a habit that should be performed daily.



Braxton Kehr, U.S Army veteran and NWACC student, delivered remarks at the Veterans Day ceremony.

Honors students clean up J Street

By Otis Leimbach
Senior Photographer

On Saturday, Nov. 16, members of the NWACC Honors Association met up to pick up trash on J Street. Arriving around 11 a.m., members split into two groups, one starting on the

North side, near 14 th Street, and the other starting at the South side, near Walton Boulevard.

Adorned with bright green vests and wielding grabbers and trash bags, the groups picked up as much trash as possible while slowly progressing down the street towards each other. Once they met in the middle, they moved to the other side of the street and began again. The cleanup crew finished around 2 p.m., and members went their separate ways.

When asked why they had chosen to spend their afternoon

picking up trash on the side of the road, members of the group provided a variety of answers. Judah Tate, a newer member to the Honors Association, saw the event as, "a good opportunity to get out there and get to know everybody in the program," while another member, Taryn Settle, said he was motivated to clean because he simply, "[didn't] like trash on the roads."

The Honors Association adopted the street in 2018, and has held a cleanup annually ever since. Sabrina Chesne, Honors Program Director, said Katelin Johnson had the idea for the street adoption and cleanup project. Johnson, interviewed for an Honors newsletter, said, "I am happy to see that the J Street cleanup [a part of the Bentonville Adopt-AStreet Program] has continued on!"



Photos by Otis Leimbach

Members of the Honors Association picking up trash on J Street near Walton Blvd

NWACC's Benton County campus Celebrates Día de los Muertos



Photos by Nadia Moutria

From left, Maria Tapia, Juanita Franklin, and Miguel Palacios are all smiles as they serve tamales and conchas at the Dia de los Muertos event.

Chelsea Castillo Managing Editor

Benton County NWACC's campus celebrated the Day of the Dead in late October. The event offered live music, ofrendas, and Conchas [Mexican sweet bread].

The Day of the Dead honors the lives of people who have passed over a period of three days. The campus celebrations took place from Oct. 29 through Oct. 30. On campus, there were ofrendas with pictures of students, faculty and staff loved ones who had passed in honor of their memories of lives.

NWACC's LIFE program hosted the event and welcomed many people to celebrate the honorable holiday, regardless of the differences in people's cultures. Along with the celebration, attendees had the opportunity to listen to live mariachi music from Trios Las Hermanitas Alvarez. This is the second time the school has hosted a Día de los Muertos event for its students, faculty and staff and hopefully plan to continue the tradition into the next academic year.



Trios Las Hermanitas Alvarez performs at the October event.



NWACC's Dia de los Muertos drew ofrendas from a number of NWACC groups and individuals.

Turning Pages: NWACC's Book Club

Johan Trejo Contributor

NWACC's Book Club wrapped up a successful fall semester with three books by diverse authors from many different backgrounds. The spring lineup included Cherie Dimaline's "The Marrow Thieves" for February, Melissa Lozada-Olivia's "Peluda" for April and a March selection that will coincide with NWACC's Spring Arts and Culture Festival.

The club read Luis Alberto Urrea's "The Devil's Highway" as October's book of the month. The novel tells the story of 24 immigrants who attempted to

cross the United States border through the Southern Arizona desert from Mexico and unfortunately became a part of an international tragedy as only 12 made it out alive.

"Dr. Sevin Gallo went on a trip to Mexico as part of the study abroad program with some students and recommended the book," said English professor and honors program director Sabrina Chesne, when asked about how the book club came to choose this novel.

This is the second time that the club featured Urrea's novel, with the first time being near the club's commencement in

November of 2011. "The club started because of an innovation grant. You were able to apply and earn up to \$2000 which we got and used to buy copies of the books we'd choose," said Chesne. Both students and faculty are encouraged to join the club and participate in the discussions. Typically, everyone goes around the room and shares their first impressions of the novel, and the discussion moves forward from there. Club attendance ranges anywhere from a handful of students and faculty members to about 15 people. The goal of the book club is to "promote community between students,

faculty, and staff at the college. It is a club where book readers can get together in a communal setting on equal ground. The hope is also to choose books from different genres and that highlight issues that impact us all."

"One of the biggest things I look for in a book club is a sense of community. You aren't always going to enjoy every single book that you read, but you know that someone else might, and if you're in a group of positive outgoing people who are willing to dive deep into conversation and consider others, then it doesn't really matter. And you can't have that, without community," said

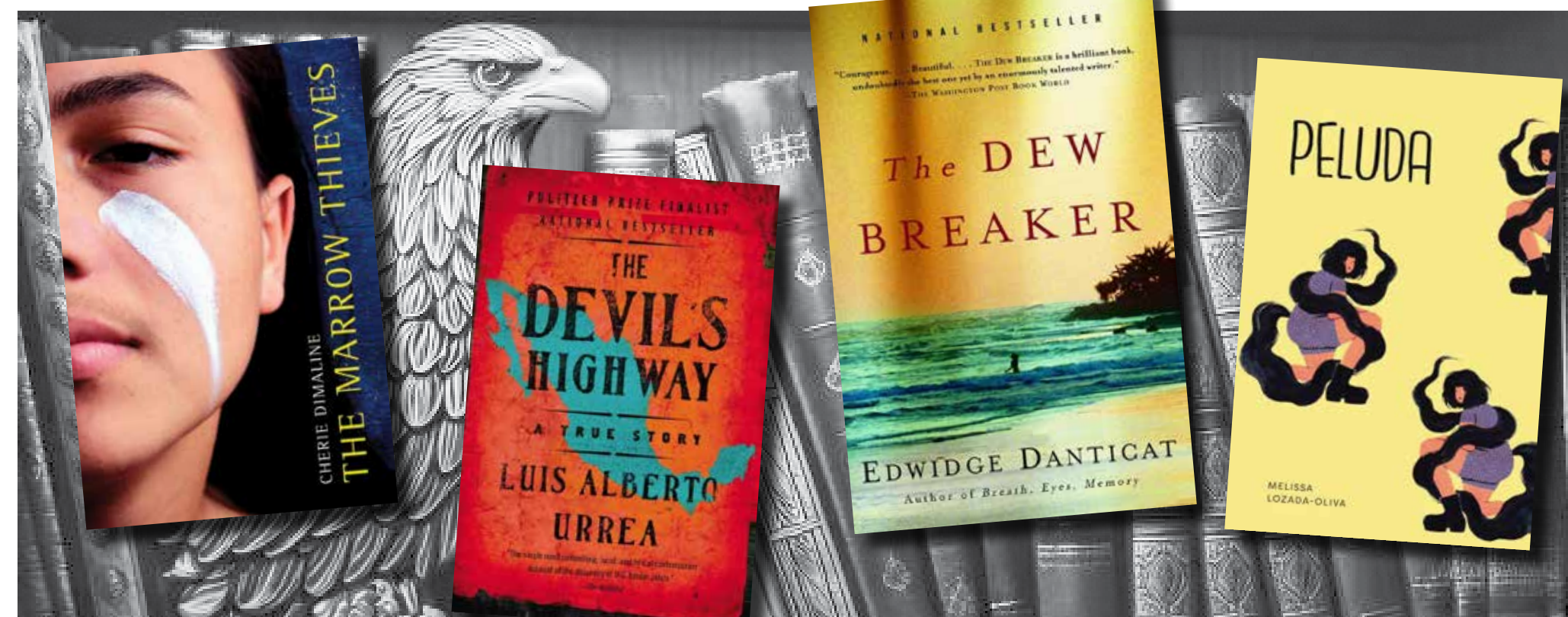
first year student Abigail C. when asked what the most important thing is in a book club.

"The minute a student walks through that door, we're on equal ground. Because I'm reading about things that we're both learning about, we are equals. I'm not worried about teaching. Students aren't worried about being graded. We're just talking," said Chesne when describing the book club.

In November, the club read "The Dew Breaker" by Edwidge Danticat and held their discussion Nov. 20. "If you're looking for some recommendations, I've been writing down every book

I've read since 2004," Chesne said.

When asked to recommend some personal favorites, Chesne said, "I gave 'Stone Blind' by Natalie Haynes 5 stars on Goodreads, it's a contemporary telling of Medusa's life. 'Wandering Stars' by Tommy Orange is also good, it's his second novel and I recommend his work. And I absolutely loved Leigh Bardugo's 'Grishaverse' series, I cannot get enough of it, it is so good!"



NWACC Book Club's reading list for the academic year includes the titles above.

NWACC Athletic Luncheon Celebrating Esports And Cross-Country

Chelsea Castillo
Managing Editor

As the season approached its end, the NWACC's athletic department hosted an athletic luncheon on Nov. 19, recognizing many achievements that NWACC's athletic teams accomplished this season. The teams honored were Cross Country, Esports, and cycling.

The luncheon was hosted by Brooke Brewer, NWACC's Athletic Director. Brewer reflected on the accomplishments the athletics team has managed to complete this season, with one of those being the fundraising event Soups, Salads and Scholarships. NWACC Athletics raised over \$4,000 and has also filled their entire scholarship pledge wall.

Cross-country managed to break new records this season; they were able to send in full team rosters of female and male cross-country athletes, with team members of 8 and 8 in each. The women's cross-country team set a record by placing 15th in the National Junior College Athletic Association national championship, and the men's team placed 8th.

Gabriel Chiney, an NWACC cross-country/track athlete, said, "It impacted my mentality a lot. I would procrastinate a lot and with cross-country/track you must do it first thing or otherwise it catches up to you, which has helped me fight back with procrastinating." Many of the athletes who attended the luncheon shared how their sport impacted this season and hope to continue playing for NWACC next season. Chiney said, "The significance of this luncheon to



Photo by Chelsea Castillo

me was reflecting on how this season has been, and learning what other sports have accomplished this semester is great!"

Esports, an online competitive sport of various video games, was mentioned along with cross-country/track. NWACC esports was recognized by winning 14 out

of 21 games played this season. They offer a variety of games for club members such as Fortnite, Call of Duty, Mario Kart and more. Brewer mentions that most club members in Esports are online students of NWACC. Esports hopes to bring in more attention and participation

regardless of what students' school life looks like. Brewer said, "Many club members don't have on-campus classes, but that doesn't stop them from coming by and playing in the Esports game room and connecting with other members."

As the luncheon ended, many

of the attendees and athletes ended the event with the eagle call-out led by Brewer, NWACC President Dennis Rittle, and Esports Club member Alex Diaz. Brewer is looking forward to the next season as the first track and field events begin. "I can't wait to see what they accomplish,"

Dr. Rittle leading the call of the eagles at Tuesdays Athletic Luncheon

Brewer said, "and I think it is going to be a lot of fun." Brewer also said, "The whole goal as we progress through athletics is to reach out to as many students as possible and build connections."

E-Sports Up and Coming

NWACC program seeks to get more teams playing at a competitive level in NJCAA

By Brett Nichols
Contributor

Our societal understanding of sports, and the sport culture surrounding that, has determined that the very definition of the word must mean that any sport requires physical exertion of some kind. The comradery of team vs. team in a sweaty show of force that says, "We're better and we can show it." For example, football, with its hard hitting, long running games, show the very power and drive that each player has. Or, the other football, which shows the immense stamina these athletes possess. However, in our modern day, 2024, that definition has been stretched and pulled to mean any activity that calls for any competition.

E-sports, or, electronic sports, is a competition that brings together the best video game players from around the county/world to compete for trophies, money, or recognition among peers. A well-known group, headquartered in Los Angeles, California, FaZe Clan, or, simply FaZe, is among the top most popular E-Sports organizations in the world. That alone has allowed other organizations to break into the E-Sports business.

Many colleges and universities have now taken it upon themselves to introduce E-Sports, as a club/curriculum. North West Arkansas Community College is among the many who have taken that step to allowing the organization to form. As it currently stands, the E-Sports team is student run with Jenna Bateman as an advisor.

Jenna Bateman, alongside head coach Carlos Merino, run the E-sports program for NWACC. When asked what her role is in the E-sports world, she replied with, "So I focus most on being here for students when they need assistance since I mainly teach on the Bentonville campus. My role is recruitment and organizing the

"E-Sports requires intense focus, coordination, and skill to participate. Teams run routines and practices; they need to know how to maneuver entire maps together alongside how to use certain abilities if the game requires that."

Jenna Bateman

teams and leagues for competition with Head Coach Merino."

Coach Bateman, upon further conversation about E-sports, reassured others that her main goal would be to help and encourage her students, to craft and to build a safe place for gamers and those alike, and to build up each other and compete in friendly completion. "The main goal with E-Sports is to get more teams playing at a competitive level in the NJCAA and get students engaged with their peers and the community of NWACC. Some of the games we have teams for are Fortnite, Rainbow Six Siege, Call of Duty, Overwatch 2, Mario Kart, and Chess. But the NJCAA offers a lot more that we have teams for! We want to continue to get more teams for competitive play at all tiers."

It's also important to distinguish the difference, or lack thereof, between sports and E-sports. When asked to speak on the difference, Bateman replied with, "I get this question a lot, and I think it's an important question to help shed some light on E-Sports since it is newer. I think there is something to compare,

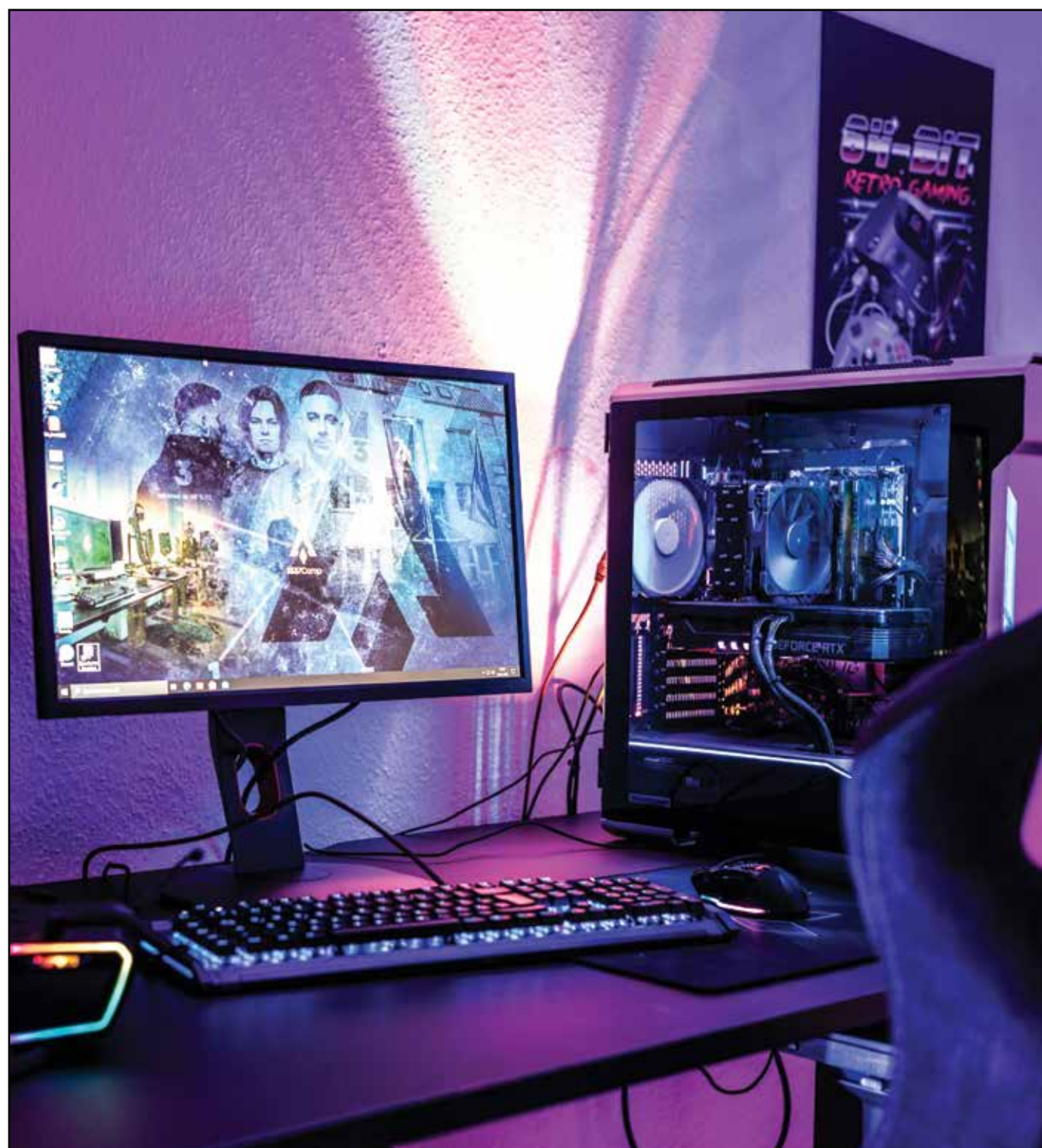


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so when people compare the two it makes sense. Much like with other less physically taxing sports, E-Sports requires intense focus, coordination, and skill to participate. Teams run routines and practices; they need to know how to maneuver entire maps together alongside how to

use certain abilities if the game requires that. Each game is different and requires a different strategy and playstyle. It also has a physical toll on the body. E-Sports can raise the heart rate of players, and recent literature explains that E-Sports has a similar effect on the body as

traditional sports."

With all that being said it's important to realize that at the end of the day, what matters most to those who play, compete, or watch... it's only a game.

A video game set-up is shown in this image.

Current Policies Fall Short of Purpose

A. Smith
Copy Editor

From narrow definitions of bullying to insufficient sanctions, a lack of proactive safety measures, and delays in providing documentation, NWACC’s current policies fall short of their intended purpose. A central issue with NWACC’s conduct policies is their narrow definition of bullying. Restricting the definition of bullying to repeated behaviors fails to account for the psychological and educational harm that a single, intense event can cause. NWACC’s current approach leaves students vulnerable to serious incidents of intimidation that may have long-lasting effects, even if those incidents do not occur more than once.

One of the most concerning gaps in NWACC’s policies is the absence of preventative measures to ensure the ongoing safety of students and faculty who report incidents. While NWACC prohibits retaliation, the current policies do not provide specific protections—such as no-contact orders, restrictions on campus activities, or alternate class enrollment options—to prevent future interactions between the Reporting and Responding Parties. This lack of proactive safety measures leaves those who report bullying or harassment vulnerable to further encounters, exacerbating their sense of insecurity on campus.

For students and faculty who come forward with concerns about intimidation or harassment, the expectation of future safety is paramount. A truly supportive conduct policy would include measures to create a protective boundary between individuals involved in conduct cases, especially in incidents that affect multiple members of the college community.

Transparency is another area where NWACC’s conduct policies fall short. Under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), students have the right to access their educational records, including conduct reports. Timely access to these records is essential for any student navigating the outcomes of a conduct investigation. Without immediate written documentation, affected parties are left to rely on verbal explanations, which can lead to misunderstandings or missed details. Best practices in student conduct processes recommend providing written findings as soon as possible, ensuring that students and faculty have full, documented information to review and prepare questions or responses.

In highlighting a pressing need for policy reform at NWACC, to create a genuinely supportive,

inclusive campus, the college must address these critical gaps in its Student Conduct Violations Due Process policies. Listed are a few key changes that would improve protections for students and faculty and align NWACC’s policies with best practices in student conduct management:

1. Broaden the Definition of Bullying. Recognize that severe one-time incidents can have significant impacts and should not be dismissed as non-bullying simply due to the absence of repeat behavior. Including single impactful incidents in the definition would better protect students and reflect the realities of harassment.

2. Impose Stronger, Protective for conduct violations should consider not only the Responding Party’s behavior but also the need to safeguard the Reporting Party’s well-being. Stronger sanctions, such as restrictions on campus activities or shared classes, are essential to prevent ongoing exposure to individuals found responsible for disruptive or intimidating conduct.

3. Introduce Proactive Safety Measures: Implement specific, enforceable protections for students and faculty who report bullying, harassment, or abuse. Measures like no-contact orders, limitations on class enrollment, or activity restrictions would demonstrate NWACC’s commitment to maintaining a safe and respectful learning environment.

4. Ensure Timely Access to Written Documentation: Providing immediate written findings to Reporting Parties as soon as an investigation concludes is a matter of transparency and fairness. This documentation empowers students and faculty to fully understand and respond to the findings and aligns with FERPA’s principles of timely access to educational records.

Students and faculty deserve to feel safe and valued on their campus, with conduct policies that prioritize their security and well-being.

Implementing reforms to broaden definitions, strengthen sanctions, introduce proactive safety measures, and ensure transparency will not only enhance protections for the college community but also affirm NWACC’s commitment to a campus where everyone has the opportunity to learn and teach without fear or intimidation.

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Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Women’s Rights

Jaden Burgett
Reporter

The preamble to the constitution begins with “We the People of the United States”, such a phrase would suggest an attempt at inclusivity, yet for women throughout history this is simply not the case. The road to equality, at least on paper, began in 1787 with the adoption of the constitution, this document shined a spotlight on exactly what rights a woman could expect not to be made available to her. Oppression continues to occur today, with blatant examples reaching as far as the White House, though the severity has decreased over the years thanks to many prominent female figures and the changes they helped to pass.

Without the right to vote or hold office women had no voice in what the future held. Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Lucretia Mott, Mary Ann M’Clintock, Martha Wright, and Jane Hunt pushed to give women a voice by organizing the first women’s right convention held in Seneca Falls, New York in 1848. This convention produced the Declaration of Sentiments which highlighted the injustices women faced while demanding initiatives such as the right to vote, the right to own property, and the right to receive an education. The women who organized this convention sparked the women’s suffrage movement in the United States creating a foundation for a hopefully much brighter future.

Elizabeth Cady Stanton not only helped to organize the first women’s right convention, but she, alongside Susan B. Anthony, also helped found the National Woman Suffrage Association. Established in 1869 the NWSA had a primary aim of achieving women’s right to vote, while also organizing speeches, other conventions, and lobbying congress. Eventually the NWSA would merge with the American Woman Suffrage Association to form the National American Women Suffrage Association in 1890. The merging of these two associations was a significant step towards unifying the women’s suffrage movement in the United States.

Efforts of the NAWSA paid off with the ratification of the 19th amendment in 1920 allowing women the right to vote. The amendment had been first introduced in 1878 but did not pass the House and Senate until 1919. Tennessee became the 36th state to approve this amendment allowing ratification due to the necessary three fourths state

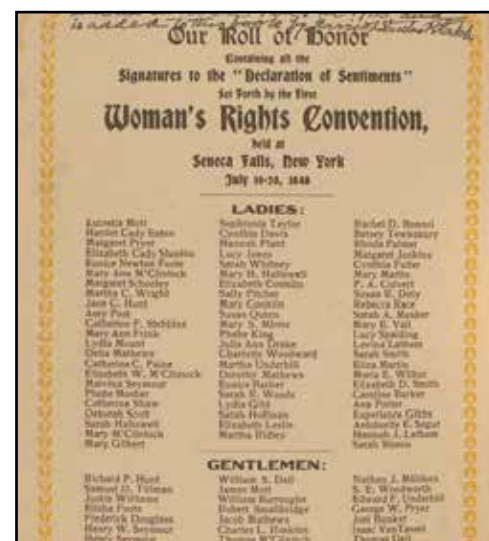


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This photo is from the Womens Rights Convention of 1848.

majority. The campaign for women’s suffrage was by no means over as the struggle to include African American women and other minorities continued.

Four years later the Equal Rights Amendment was introduced into Congress by Alice Paul, a suffragist and advocate for women’s rights. The ERA proposed that regardless of sex all American citizens deserved equal rights. By 1972 the ERA was passed by both houses of Congress and sent onto the states for ratification. The amendment required 38 states’ approval to be adopted, though the amendment fell short of this stipulation by three states. Even with an extension the deadline for ratification proved to be too great, thus the ERA is still debated to this day. Congress continues its attempts at clarification of the Equal Rights Amendment in the hopes of one day incorporating this amendment into the Constitution...

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The Christmas Crisis

Why do we feel emotions such as nostalgia towards the Christmas season?

Dayanti Arechiga
Reporter

You feel your youth leaving your body as you grow up, and this is most prevalent during the Christmas season. Why do we feel this the most throughout the holiday season? Is it the holiday itself, the nostalgia of it all, or both? Practically everyone I have met has experienced this. Some give it more thought than others yet that does not disregard the fact that we have all felt it. I have always loved the holiday and Christmas seasons, which are full of joyful music and colorful lighting with togetherness and the fireplace to keep you warm. Yet, there is the underlying unique sadness to keep company as you grow up. For me, it has not hindered my love for the holiday though it leaves me with a form of residue left on my mind and heart as we get closer to the Christmas days. Once it hit me throughout my teenage years I have always found myself pondering it during the fall season continuing to New Year’s. This time I decided to give it more thought than I ever have and try to get to the bottom of it and wonder: Why do we feel emotions such as nostalgia towards the Christmas season?

agree with is that it is rooted in nostalgia. Nostalgia is a leading factor in the melancholic feeling humans feel when getting older—nostalgia can be felt in a positive light as well as a negative one. Explained by the Merriam-Webster dictionary, the word can be understood as “a wistful or extremely sentimental yearning...” The meaning of the word can be put into two outlooks— There is the fear of losing our childlike outlook on the world or the opposite and instead thinking about the warmth we feel when looking back on our past when we would look at the world with rose-tinted glasses. These two examples can co-exist together and tend to be felt the most by people during the holiday.

Going back to the idea of feeling childlike joy, I agree with the sentiment that Dr. Batcho, who holds a PhD in Psychology and expertly studies nostalgia, poses. Batcho believes that we feel nostalgic due to the remembrance of a simpler time we used to live: “...the sense of the security of childhood or the carefree feelings of being young...” In the back of your mind, you end up comparing the Christmas you had growing up to the ones you experience currently. The carefree feelings of not knowing how the world completely works or the many problems

movie clip that you haven’t seen in ages or a specific song that puts you back in time. It is my personal belief that if you don’t have anything that comes to mind when I am posting this statement, there is always something out there waiting for you to uncover it. Little things tie the bow together in the nostalgia department regarding Christmas. Things such as Christmas music play such a vital role in our minds, most of the time it is the now-older Christmas songs by artists such as Frank Sinatra and Bill Crosby who end up putting us in our Christmas feels. The songs instantly transported us to a time when it was all over the radio and malls. Said once more in an interview with the American Psychology Association regarding the holidays, Batcho believes that music is a powerful tool in our minds and memories. Stating, “Nostalgic song lyrics engage the listener in a reverie and capture the bittersweet feeling of the past’s irretrievability.” This could be a leading cause of why people love to listen to Christmas music during the holidays— giving us something familiar that we do not think about until the time comes.

Sometimes, the feeling gets unbearable. The desire for your past starts hurting you more than usual, and you don’t know what to do. The nostalgic feeling becomes a chain on your legs, giving you a hard time during such a cheery holiday. Giving yourself chances to look around at what could be done rather than looking back and almost grieving who and what you had is beneficial. Throughout my research, I found an interview with the APA and Dr. Routledge, a social psychologist with a PhD in Psychology. In the article, Routledge states, “...the more active and engaged the nostalgic activity, the more likely people are to get a mental health boost from it.”

Alternatively, rather than sitting and pondering about our past, no matter how tempting it is, you can surround yourself with people, and attending or creating events that could make a new but familiar feeling you had when you were younger may be helpful and enlightening. Another point to have across is the idea of not obsessing over what you have. This can create an unhealthy attachment to things like memories or objects. Giving yourself space between obsession and remembrance is a very important detail to keep in mind. It is easy to lose yourself in the emotions or quest of feeling what you felt all those years ago. But the farther you lose yourself, the farther you stray away from how it all began.

The recurring mixture of sadness and yearning during the holiday season is forgettable until it comes back for its annual visit. Though there are only a few things you can do to get yourself out of the hole it leaves you in, it becomes worth it when you find that you have created newer and special memories to accompany the old ones. Having the smaller things to keep you company throughout the Christmas season as a healthy reminder of your past may not be too bad to have. As long as you can reminisce without hurting yourself in the process, I would like to believe that indulging in nostalgia isn’t too bad. Sometimes, we need to be reminded of the things we had experienced knowing we lived a happy and grateful life during the Christmas holidays. So, I urge you to once again think back to your past when you were young and full of childish wonder and think of ways to recreate it once more.



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If you close your eyes and try to imagine the certain feeling that you used to experience during the Christmas season when you were younger, you may find yourself feeling the excitement that you had when looking forward to the special holiday. However, as you grow up you start to feel it fade away. You don’t expect it at first and instead think it may be an off-year for you. But as time continues, you are left with the decaying feeling of childlike joy and wonder. From house to house, there were different ways people celebrated the event, however the other thing that many people had in common was the unadulterated happiness that stemmed from it. No matter what you had, there was the happiness we all had whether it be from the sheer joy that Christmas had surrounding it or the familiar events that came with your family. So why do we feel such peculiar sadness behind a famously happy holiday? The one thing that everyone could almost

that we have throughout society and against each other. Instead, you focused on what you wanted in the latest toy advert, not knowing how money is held in the world and instead to you they are just numbers on paper. These things are gained knowledge and come to hit your Achilles heel during the winter season causing a sigh or a headache when thinking about it more. Many try to recreate the nostalgic feeling they had in hopes of feeling the same way they did before. Wanting to have a warm and blind feeling of the special day with your parents being there for you and tending to you like you were when you were very young. This leaves us to look at it in a tender affection or in a long young pensive way. Nonetheless, coming to terms with the reality of it being hard to recreate ends up affecting us in numerous ways throughout the season.

Continuing with the theme of nostalgia, there are always the little things that get us lost in thought. Maybe a glimpse of a Christmas

In the Eagle's Nest

NWACC's Eagle View is always looking for more students to join and be a part of the award-winning student newspaper. Students of any major may join the Eagle View staff to cover topics of current and lasting interest in various academic fields and in areas of personal interest. Those who volunteer to become staff members often see NWACC in new ways and develop a unique sense of belonging. In fact, the newsroom often becomes staff members' home away from home.

The current staff works hard to provide students with a public forum for responsible news reporting and commentary. Each person in our newsroom holds a commitment to integrity, truth and excellence.

The Eagle View would like to thank all of its hard working staff from this semester for outstanding work in getting reliable and relevant news to the NWACC community.

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The Barbie movie impacts large audience

Benjamin Thompson
Contributor

Barbie has been a female icon across decades, and many of the people my age grew up on her movies and playing with her dolls. Needless to say, Barbie is not someone who is underground. So, the idea of the "Barbie movie" with Ryan Gosling and Margot Robbie was highly anticipated.

I chose this movie because I have many mixed opinions about it. Some good, some not so good, and some ... pretty neutral. I think this recent release is a good contender for conversation about how media affects our society because of how nuanced the ideas are with such a highly regarded character; so, I figured, why not touch on all of these ideas?

The audience that Barbie was meant for was for everyone. People of all ages are familiar with Barbie and Ken. The strategy of hiring very famous actors entices people who might not have gone to see it in theaters originally to maybe buy a ticket. She has been around since early 1959 and has been widely popular since her release; there are very few people who haven't even heard of Barbie. By the early 1990s, over 22 million Barbies had been sold worldwide. Overall, the audience for this movie was meant for all ages and all types of people.

Barbie starts in Barbieland as "stereotypical Barbie," with many other dolls with their own respective names. After stereotypical Barbie becomes "imperfect," she (with Ken) goes on a journey to the real world to try and fix her problems by finding the little girl playing with her. I honestly think that the plot was rather engaging. I can't say that I expected the movie to be something completely different ... but it certainly wasn't what I was expecting. I was enthralled with the way that they get to the real world, how they interact with people, and honestly it just kept getting more bizarre, but in a way I could understand. It didn't seem "out of character" for Barbie, in my opinion. I will say the character development between Barbie and Ken was well done. Barbie learns that the real world is a lot more judgmental and difficult than she thinks, and Ken ... well, he learns what the patriarchy is and begins to understand what it's like to be his own person. While I don't think it was particularly phenomenal plot wise or in the character development, it was definitely noticeable, and I respect it.

The editing, special effects, and audio were all very well done. The script was funny, the music choice was great, and the audio was clear. I expect that from a movie with a big budget such as this one. This was one of the best parts of the movie. The set was insane.

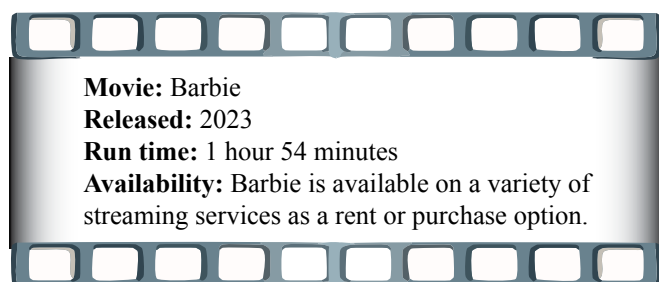
This movie was all about feminism and brought into light the patriarchy and its negative effect on everyone else, so this movie had a ton of representation. There were Barbies of all ethnicities; there even was a Barbie in a wheelchair and a deaf Barbie. While I wouldn't necessarily say this movie was "good" representation purely from the nature of the movie being comedic and fun, there was noticeable representation of at least many races and a few disabilities.

This movie impacted the large audience it catered to. The ending of the movie was more philosophical than the other more comedic parts of it, and when I saw it in theaters, I remember hearing a few people cry. I'm sure there were many women who felt very strongly about it because Barbie is such an icon for women when they are a marginalized group. I also think this movie was either a "love it" or "hate it." Regardless of if you loved it or hated it, it still made a heavy impact on our culture because of the number of American issues it brought to light. I'm sure there were people watching it who didn't know certain perspectives. That's what I love about mass media, anyway – there's opportunities to show people points of view that they might have never thought about before. I believe it makes our society more empathetic.

I think the overall effect of this movie was achieved. Many people saw it and recognized that it mirrors our society and that there are many deep-rooted issues within it. However, I don't believe many people took it seriously (as the plot wanted us to) because of the comedic aspects of the script and the fact that Barbies are dolls. How can dolls have feelings, or be people, right? I fear that is one of the most fatal flaws of it. It was a good idea, executed fairly well, and reached a large audience – but I fear it is not something we as humans can entirely relate to because Barbie (and Ken) are, well, just dolls.

Overall, the movie was good. I liked the opportunity to see it in theaters when it came out. I liked the humor, and I thought it had good ideas with potential for a heavy impact on our culture. It had a fair amount of representation (while not done terribly well, in my opinion), but it probably didn't get the reaction from specifically American society that it wanted because people either hated it or loved it. I think this movie is worth a watch. It's enjoyable, funny, and unexpected. It's just not everything that we hoped it to be, but it's hard to be "all that" when it's been anticipated for so long by so many people.

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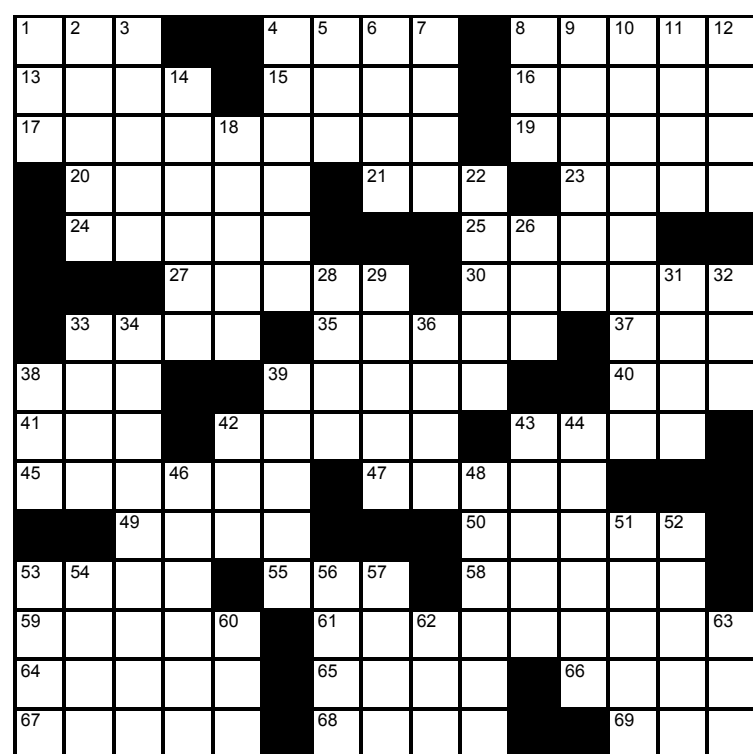
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