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College Leaders Weigh Options for Residence Halls

Dorms May Be Getting Closer and Closer

Delaney Reaves
 News Editor

NorthWest Arkansas Community College leaders are investigating the possibility of adding student housing on the college campus.

The renewed interest in dorms on the NWACC campus comes after a significant enrollment increase in the fall 2022 semester and legislation enacted in 2017 opening the door to on-campus housing for two-year colleges. During the fall 2022 semester, the college enrolled 7,839 academic credit students, a 10.7% jump from fall 2021 enrollment numbers.

Dennis Rittle, NWACC's president, said that leaders are having a 2019 updated and expect to use those results to guide their work. After the study's findings are reported, discussions about residential housing will start during the upcoming spring semester.

Vogt Strategic Insights is a firm based in Columbus, Ohio, that specializes in market research and analysis, providing studies for various customers. Vogt conducted the previous study and will now refresh that work to provide more insight into having housing options on campus.

"Based on the input from



Students enjoy some time together at one of the residence halls at Arkansas State University-Beebe. The college's website indicates that the campus has had on-campus residences since 2011. For most Arkansas two-year colleges, it was legislation adopted in 2017 that made student housing a possibility.

Photo from Arkansas State University-Beebe

community members, college employees, students, and the trustees, our college is taking a deep and careful look at incorporating student housing options on the Bentonville campus," Rittle said.

Rittle said college leaders are excited about what student housing options could mean for the success of NWACC students and student life activities on campus.

According to a 2018 article published in the Journal of Student Affairs Research and Practice, researchers found that on-campus residence had small positive effects on some student outcomes in learning and development.

Some prior research suggested that living on campus promotes a variety of desirable academic outcomes by enhancing students' involvement and engagement with their institutions.

Lindsey Meraz, creative writing major at NWACC, said that she would want to look into living on campus if this becomes an option for students. Meraz said she understands that having dorms on a community college campus is not extremely common. However, she added that she thinks it can be very beneficial for students who live farther out from campus.

In 2017, the Arkansas Leg-

islature amended laws then on the books that prevented community colleges from having on-campus housing. That change in state law paved the way for institutions like NWACC to explore the potential for dorms.

Since that time, some two-year colleges have explored their options and moved forward with construction. According to a 2021 article in the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, student housing is available at National Park Community College in Hot Springs, Arkansas State University-Beebe, Southern Arkansas University Tech in Camden and the University

of Arkansas Community College at Rich Mountain.

This fall, North Arkansas College in Harrison began offering leasing options for its new Pioneers Villas, a new two-story, on-campus residence hall, according to the North Arkansas College website, [www.northark.edu](#).

MR, an international student from La Paz, Bolivia, said that he thinks having dorms on campus would be very convenient. He has a two- to three-hour commute four times weekly to the NWACC Bentonville campus from his Fayetteville apartment. Due to the lengthy and pricey process of attaining a driver's license in the United States on an F1 Visa, he has to take the bus for commuting. He said that the buses are very unreliable and being able to stay on campus would be very helpful, especially for international students. MR said that having a closer selection of grocery stores and restaurants would help with his daily routine.

NWACC's Bentonville campus has a lack of available food and drinks options for those attending in person. But this location does have a Walmart Inc. Neighborhood Market, Sam's Club, Slim's Chickens, Kennedy Coffee, Sonic and other options within walking distance.

Sports Programs Could Be Expanding

Morgan Nunley
 Contributor

What do you visualize when you hear college athletics? It might be a packed football stadium, with the student body hollering for their team. It might be the swarming of the March Madness court by the team and its fans. It might even be a particular team or stadium. Whatever the case, college athletics has certainly impacted the lives of many, regardless of if the person is on the field of play. The smaller institutions, however, don't give as much recognition or acknowledgement to athletic endeavors.

Community colleges and smaller universities don't have the same emphasis on athletics as the larger schools. NorthWest Arkansas Community College is the largest community college in the state of Arkansas, yet it doesn't have the largest athletics department. When compared to some other Arkansas community colleges—North Arkansas College, Southern Arkansas University Tech, Cossatot Community College, Arkansas State University Mid-South, National Park College, and

University of Arkansas Rich Mountain—NWACC doesn't have as big of an athletic department.

NWACC may be about to change this. The men's new cross-country team competed in their inaugural 2021 season with great success. In 2022, they won the NJCAA Region 2 Championship and finished 11th in the Division II nationals in Richmond, Virginia.

Head Coach Josphat Boit is a former runner himself and is eager to lead this new program and help it grow. "Now that I'm done with my running, it's giving back to the sport that I love," Boit said.

Boit is a University of Arkansas alum and competed at the highest level of cross country competition. He won two NCAA national titles, six SEC titles, and two SEC Athlete of the Year honors. He also has eight All-American honors and is a ten-time All-SEC performer. His success as a runner translated over to coaching with his impressive first-year performance as the coach of the Eagles. "It was a brand new sport," Boit said. "They have never had a sporting event until they said they were starting with cross

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Are Enrollments Good This Year?

Nationally, undergraduate enrollment declined in fall 2022

Alivia Ogle
 News Editor

State colleges in northwest Arkansas increased enrollment significantly for the fall semester in a departure from some national enrollment trends in 2022.

NorthWest Arkansas Community College's unofficial fall enrollment jumped more than 10%. The college announced an unofficial fall 2022 credit enrollment of 7,839, according to a news release from Liz Kapsner, associate director of communications at NWACC. That figure was up 10.7% from the fall 2021 number of 7,037. The news release also incorporated figures from enrollment in industry and workforce classes and the adult education program. Those additions brought the total number enrolled to 9,475 students.

The University of Arkansas in Fayetteville posted a record enrollment of 30,936 students, an 8.3% increase over the previous academic year. Other state institutions saw mixed results. The Uni-

versity of Arkansas at Little Rock reported an enrollment decrease of nearly 3% compared to last year, according to reporting from the Northwest Arkansas Democrat-Gazette. The University of Arkansas, Fort Smith reported a 1.6% dip in fall enrollment, from 5,447 last fall to 5,360 this year. Phillips Community College of the University of Arkansas reported a 1.5% increase in students this fall, adding 10 students to last fall's enrollment of 663.

Nationwide, undergraduate enrollment continued to decline by 1.1% in fall 2022 compared to 2021, but the decline has slowed to pre-pandemic rates, according to research by the National Student Clearinghouse Research Center.

The NWACC enrollment approaching 8,000 represents a big increase from the early days of the community college.

Known at the time as the "college without walls," NWACC started with holding classes in rented facilities in Benton and Washington counties with more than 1,200 students enrolled for fall semester of 1990, ac-

ording to NWACC's website. Five years later the first permanent building was created later and opened its doors to more than 2,400 students in August of 1995. It was first called the Central Education Facility, but later named Burns Hall after the first NWACC president, Bob Burns.

Becky Paneitz was the institution's second president and early in her tenure, 2003, the college's student enrollment was 4,915. During her time, a Student Center and Center for Health Professions were added. The enrollment during the final academic year of her presidency registered 8,341 students in 2012 fall semester.

Evelyn Jorgenson became NWACC's third president in 2013 and in 2016, NWACC became the largest community college in the state. The Integrated Design Lab opened in 2019. In that fall, academic enrollment was 8,383.

In an article from the Northwest Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, 2020 enrollment dropped 12% because of COVID and 2021 dropped

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Teresa O'Brien Honored with Award

Ken Jeffries
Reporter

Teresa "Tess" O'Brien has worked over 32 years on the NWACC campus. In October, O'Brien was given the honor of Faculty Emerita, the highest honor awarded to a faculty member.

Marvin Galloway, Dean of Science and Mathematics, wrote in his recommendation to the Emeritus Committee that he and O'Brien were 1990 Charter Faculty members at the college. He also stated that O'Brien went from scheduling math courses to become the Lead Faculty for the Department of Math, Science, Physical Education and Aviation in the fall of 1992. She continued in primary leadership roles until 1997, and then continued in a strong supporting role for the Math Department, such as by tutoring and serving as the interim Math Center Director.

According to Galloway, along the way, O'Brien made time to obtain a doctorate in Higher Education, which was awarded in 1993. Her continued commitment to teaching excellence is exemplified by being recognized five times with Gamma Beta Phi Honor and Service Society Halls of Excellence awards for mathematics in 1992, 1997, 2000, 2006, and 2016. O'Brien was recognized in rank as a full professor in 2011.

Galloway wrote that while moving through two years of phased retirement, she continued to support math stu-

dents as a tutor in the Math Center. She is now moving to full retirement, but plans to continue supporting the college as an adjunct professor.

The three criteria required to receive the Emerita honor include teaching excellence, distinguished service to the college beyond teaching, and noteworthy contribution to the Northwest Arkansas community and/or the academic discipline of the nominee, according to a news release from Grant Hodges, executive director of community & government relations and marketing.

Galloway wrote, "I have ... had the honor and privilege of working closely with Tess for her entire career at NWACC. ... Much of the credit for the growth and successful development of mathematics as a discipline is due to her organizing skills and tireless efforts."

Shannon Stage, a former student of O'Brien, was quoted in the news release: "Dr. O'Brien's ability to instruct made all the difference to me. I raised my grade two letters after she became my tutor. It was an incredible experience for me and one I will not forget."

Faculty Emerita status allows for a continued relationship between the college and the honoree during retirement. It allows certain privileges and access to campus services, including the ability to continue teaching courses, along with access to college email and the library.

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6.6% with 7,081 students.

In 2021, NWACC's most popular areas of study were business and health professions, according to the NWACC Fact Book for 2021-22.

The Integrated Design Lab opened in 2019 with 8,383 students, according to the Fact Book. In 2020, the global pandemic sent college instruction nationwide to remote learning.

An article from the Northwest Arkansas Democrat-Gazette notes that 2020 enrollment dropped 12% because of COVID and 2021 enrollment dropped 6.6%. That was similar to some of the trends nationwide. Nearly 1.3 million students disappeared from American colleges during the Covid-19 pandemic, according to an article in the Chronicle of Higher Educa-

tion.

Justin White, NWACC vice president of student services, discussed steps the college took during the semesters when COVID was a significant concern.

"Throughout the pandemic," White said, "NWACC prioritized the health and safety of students, faculty and staff by adjusting course modalities, offering flexible options to connect to student services, and installing a state-of-the-art air filtration system." He added, "We believe these factors have assured and encouraged students to reconnect with the community college that has always been here for them."

NWACC and other schools have adjusted how students take courses to work around student schedules and offer additional distance learning

opportunities.

Delaney Reaves took classes at NWACC during COVID and said the adjustments made it a challenge to be social and be around people as much because of the immediate change to distance learning.

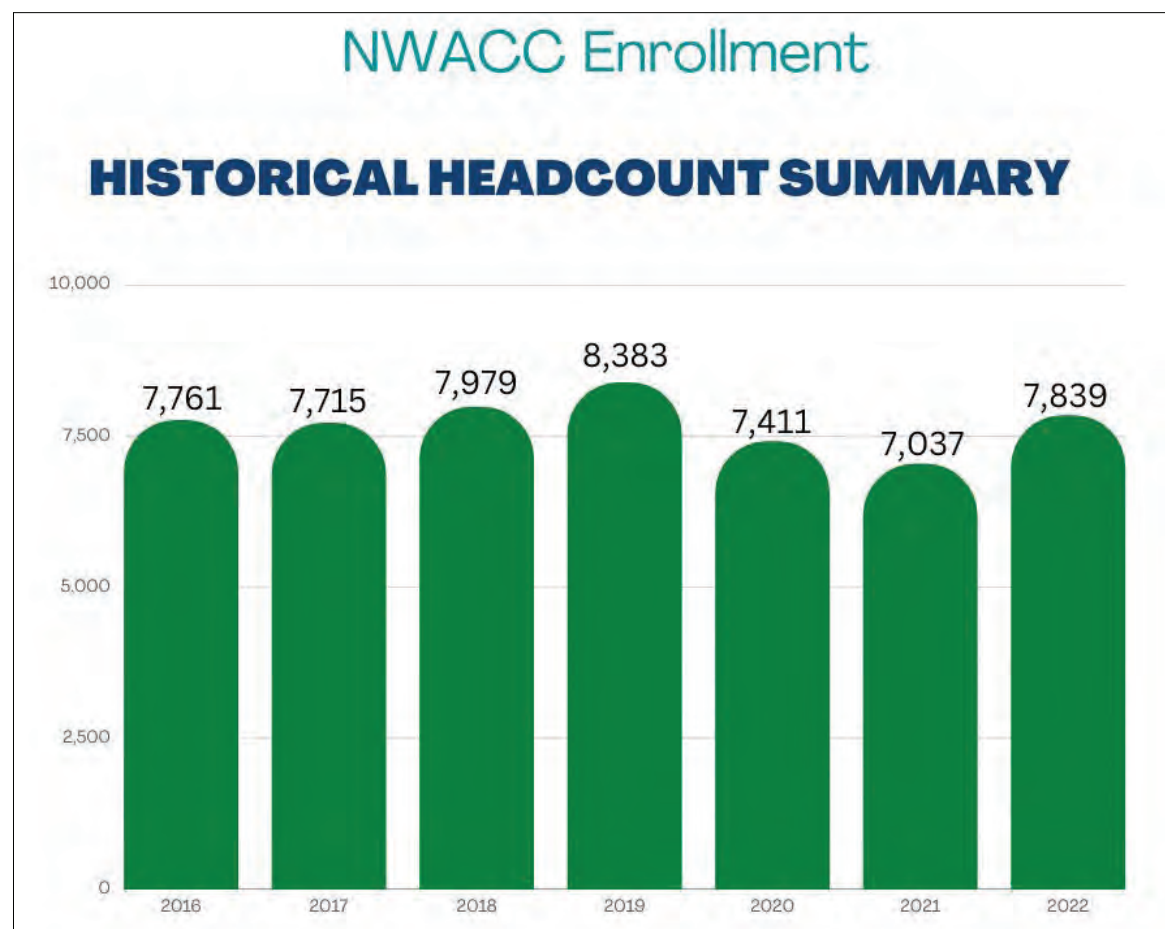
"Going completely virtual was an adjustment; now it is a very big thing to say I can do this online and this in person," says Delaney Reaves, Liberal Arts and Sciences. This fall semester is her second year at NWACC, and she is taking three in-person classes and one online class and says now it feels as if she is taking college all over again.

"NWACC faculty and staff continue to ensure that there is truly a place for everyone at NWACC by meeting them where they are, and success-

fully helping them reach their higher education goals," White said.

Also in the region, Crowder College in Neosho, Missouri, had an increase of 1.12% in fall 2022 student enrollment, which was more than 4,000 students counted on Sept. 14. Crowder College's President, Katricia Pierson, expressed the encouragement and excitement student enrollment increase made.

"It is encouraging to see enrollment increasing with today's environment," said Pierson, "the efforts made by our staff and faculty to create a valuable education while maintaining academic standards is demonstrated through the success of our students as they transfer to the universities or enter the workforce."



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National Park	Rich Mountain			
NorthArk				

country. What a great way to start (the athletic department) and build it from zero to something!" Boit said. "We have a lot of talent around Northwest Arkansas," Boit said.

The expansion of the NWACC athletic department has been a topic of conversation in NWACC board meetings and in conversations on and off campus for a while. The success of the cross country team may have given new urgency to advance the exploration of adding other sports.

Boit mentioned one possible consideration in a growing field. "John Luedtke, who is our assistant coach, is trying to bring Esports to NWACC," he said. "I feel like the more sports events (we have), the more involved the students will be."

Participation in Esports would be new to NWACC, and could bring in new eyes to the gaming community, especially in Northwest Arkansas. It really puts a showcase on the Esports side of competition and it could help in the building of the athletic competition through video game competition.

Boit has the inside experience of being a successful student athlete who is attempting to look at this situation from the athletic point of view. The "boardroom" point of view, so to speak, can come from someone like Justin White, vice president of student services for

NWACC.

White is one of the more prominent voices for the expansion of the athletic department and the continuation of growth opportunities for student athletes at NWACC. He is also not the only one who has seen the potential of expanding sports at NWACC. "The president and the board of trustees have both expressed interest in expanding athletics for the college in the next three to five years," White said.

The first major question would be what sports have the potential to be seen in the next 3-5 years at NWACC. White addressed this when he said, "People are quick to throw out sports that they like. We have heard soccer, volleyball, baseball, and a new one that is growing around the country, which is cheerleading. ... It's all gonna come down to what's best for students and what's being a good financial steward of public funds."

There are, of course, some obstacles that come along with the expansion of sports at colleges. The key things White pointed out were "space and resources." One part of the resources piece is the financial side and ensuring that the numbers work, but there are other contributing factors include, too, such as finding qualified staff and head coaches to run each individual athletic programs, and hiring an athletic director to oversee

the entire operation. In terms of space, White said there is "a possibility" that as NWACC begins to expand the sports department, NWACC could partner with some of the local high schools and fitness areas to provide playing and practicing spaces for the athletes. The facilities vary, depending on the sport, but it could be a partnership that benefits both sides for a short period of time, and it would allow NWACC the time to build a facility(s) for the student athletes and staff.

Housing is also something that could have an impact on sports being brought to the forefront. "It will only support it," White said. "Housing is an issue for Northwest Arkansas residents ... having another opportunity for our students to live on campus, to study on campus, to go to class would be a huge benefit." These two would go hand in hand. The expansion of the athletic department and the building of housing for the students would both be major steps in providing a space for the NWACC students to create the college experience.

To close, White placed the emphasis on the students and getting the feedback from the student body, so the staff understands what is necessary to help the college continue to grow and become a great place to learn. "We really do want to make this the best possible experience," he said.

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The NWACC Eagle View incorrectly reported information about possible runoff elections for two Board of

Trustees seats in its special Nov. 8 edition. Under state law, the top vote-getters for the nonpartisan positions do not have to face a runoff if their percentage of the vote exceeds by 20 percent or more the percentage captured by their closest opponent. This means that incumbent trustee Todd Schwartz was re-elected to the Zone 4 seat, and Lori S. Frank won the Zone 2 seat.

In the story "Coffee that Left

a Bitter Taste," some dates were incorrect. Java Dave's was part of Aramark and it is not clear when it started while Puritan Coffee was from early 2016 to December 2016. Oasis Coffee was at NWACC from March of 2016 and it started a second location in November 2017. Oasis Coffee Shop started out as an NWACC Enactus student group project.

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NorthWest Arkansas Community College Fall Fest

Eddie the Eagle paid a visit to the NWACC Fall Fest 2022. Here, he stands talking to Alex Evans, Devin Freeman, and Hannah Smith (from left) at the nursing booth. Evans and Freeman are nursing majors, and Smith is a local highschooler.



David Mendez, left, runs a fame at the Latin Culture Club for Geek Alliance members Josh Rudd and Josh Elizalde. Mendez is a construction management major and Rudd is an animal science major. Elizalde is a radiology major.

Juana Arajo helps out the Latin Culture Club booth by painting Emily Cornett's face. Around them, other club members mingle, including Lyosi Alvarado (LIFE success coach), Jorge Luna (science and liberal arts major), and Josh Coderro (exercise science major). Arajo is a music major and president of the NWACC's music club. Cornett is a psychology major from the Springdale campus.



Rose Aldana (left) and Karmine Vasquez (right) help out at the Latin Culture Club's booth. They are wearing all black outfits with jewels on their faces and red and orange flower crowns. Aldana is studying mathematics and Vasquez is getting an associate in business.



Victoria Moore (left) and Damia (right) stands behind the Hive magazine's booth. Damia is an author for the Hive and wearing a purple Halloween shirt. Moore, an NWACC faculty member, is wearing traditional Halloween colors with a black dress and orange belt.



Photos by Stephanie Roat

Employers Reach NWACC Students

Delaney Reaves
News Editor

NorthWest Arkansas Community College hosted a career fair for students on Oct. 12 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. with employers from the Northwest Arkansas area. The location was going to be in the lawn behind the Student Center building but due to weather conditions, it was moved to the Wal-Mart Auditorium inside the Shewmaker building.

The fair was set up to provide students opportunities to meet with employers, hand out resumes and gather more knowledge on work available in the Northwest Arkansas area.

Crossland Construction Co. attended to recruit students who might be interested in the commercial construction workforce. They gave information out for job positions they have open and field internships they offer. Brittany Cool, field engineer for Crossland, graduated from NWACC with an associate's degree in construction technology. She said she was excited and willing to come to the career fair and wanted to show students the possibilities that she once worked to have. She was alongside Patricia Arrua, representing the company at one of the booths.

Siloam Springs Division Chief Shawn Hansen was there promoting the fire department. He was excited to be at this event and get students plugged into the first responder workforce. Hansen said that this line of work is looking for individuals



Graphic by Tiffany Sullivan

who are self-motivated, seeking adventure and willing to test the limits of their capabilities. He said going into this service does not have any prior qualifications as long as you can pass the tests and interview process. We are looking for someone "who has a passion to serve" in this line of work Hansen said.

The Soar After School Program was invited by NWACC to come to the event to offer opportunities for students. They said their program fits well with students' school schedules and some NWACC students work with them already. Soar has five locations: four in Springdale and one in Rogers. This program

can teach individuals the knowledge needed for various degrees and career paths. Soar staff are able to gain many skills like classroom management, teaching lessons and a wide range of communication skills needed in this setting. Many education majors, family and life sciences and social workers are gaining experience through this program.

Abigail Salazer, graphic design student at NWACC, and her sister Isabelle Salazer, both attended the career fair. Abigail said that the career fair was easy to navigate, but at the time she was there not as many students attended as she expected. They both said that the fair had more

opportunities for part-time work than degree focused jobs. Something they would both tell students attending in the future is to bring a resume ready to give to employers as well as a bag due to many booths handing a lot of information out.

Amanda Broyles, one of the NWACC staff members who helped organize the event, said NWACC has hopes of the next career fair on the Bentonville campus to be in March 2023. Washington County campus is also open to hosting a fair, but sufficient student interest is needed before this can be established. Students are strongly encouraged to attend these events.

Even if students have a job, it is a good way to gain networking connections, Broyles said.

On Nov. 16 the Washington County campus had an open house event to showcase trade opportunities. This event was in conjunction with the National Apprenticeship Week, held Nov. 14-20. The week is a nationwide event where employers and workers showcase the positives of apprenticeships. The Bentonville campus also held one of these events on Nov. 17 in the Shewmaker Center for Workforce Technologies.

Foundation Hosts Scholarship Breakfast Feast for NWACC Recipients

Samantha McClain
Editor-in-Chief

On Oct. 20, NorthWest Arkansas Community College hosted a scholarship breakfast where scholarship recipients and donors met and ate breakfast. We had breakfast at the Shewmaker Center on campus at 7:30 a.m.

Liz Anderson, Executive Director of the NWACC Foundation, started the event and talked about her experience in college. She talked about staying up late at night to study. Her father-in-law worked at a

pizza place, and her mother-in-law worked at Arby's, and they would bring her food.

Donnie Baker, treasurer of the NWACC Foundation and the board of directors, got on the stage and said that there are over 420 recipients who received financial aid for the semester.

A total of 336 scholarships, granting \$385,214, were given, Treva Kennedy, associate director of advancement, said. In 2017, NWACC hosted a scholarship lunch then changed it to breakfast in 2018 and 2019, Kennedy said. In 2020, there was a virtual celebration in place

of the scholarship breakfast. In the spring of 2022, another scholarship breakfast was held in March to make up for the scholarship recipients of 2021, Kennedy said.

Sammy Massri, vice president of the Student Government Association, received the Ruby B. Matthew Scholarship and gave a speech at the event. He talked about the feeling of receiving the scholarship and the importance of time management. He spoke of stepping back and looking around at those who have encouraged and helped him in his education career.

Massri is studying for a business

degree and is planning to attend the University of Arkansas. "Don't be afraid to apply for scholarships due to a degree," Massri said.

To receive money from a scholarship donor has a different impact that is far more special because a stranger had set aside money to support another stranger, Dennis Rittle, NWACC president, said. Rittle said that scholarships are like the gas stations along the road to help the student go from point A to B, giving the students just enough to reach their destination and become successful.

Rittle said it is valuable for the

college to have students be aware of scholarships and show NWACC the information they need to receive potential grants and scholarships. There are roadblocks, and some students fall into a space called "the donut hole" where the student makes enough money, but it is still financially challenging for the student to attend college, Rittle said. Rittle said that donating to the foundation will help, and there is no gift too small.

Selected Student Artwork Exhibition

Adrien Dye, a visual arts student, shows off the hard work that went into her piece chosen for the Selected Students Works Exhibition that ran from Nov. 14 through Dec. 8.



Karson Weiss, a fine arts student, shows off her work chosen for the exhibition. Faculty, staff, students and community members browsed the selections during a Nov. 16 reception.



Tara Key, a general arts degree student, shows off one of her pieces of art in the Selected Students Works Exhibition.



Keera Kennedy, a fine arts student, shows off one of her pieces chosen for the selected works exhibition.

Photos by Alejandro Diaz

Volunteers' Work Provides Beds for Children

Staff Report

More than 50 volunteers came together Oct. 21 to build beds for children in need.

NWACC's Workforce and Economic Development Division and Service Learning programs partnered with Sleep in Heavenly Peace to construct the beds. Volunteers included staff, faculty, students and the public.

Space in the Evelyn E.

Jorgenson Integrated Design Lab was transformed into a construction site bustling with activity as volunteers sawed and hammered to construct 27 beds in four hours, according to information provided from the workforce division. All building materials and tools were provided, and the project was funded by the NWACC Foundation and private construction donors.

Sleep in Heavenly Peace is a nonprofit organization, and the regional chapter serv-

ing Benton and Washington counties is a 100 percent volunteer organization, according to the website, <https://shpbeds.org/chapter/ar-bentonville/>. Donations stay in the community, and all funds are used to build and deliver our fully furnished beds to children. The organization's expenses include tools, lumber and hardware for Build Days and new mattresses, bedding and pillows for deliveries, according to the website.



Sevin Gallo, a full-time faculty member in social sciences, joins other volunteers in preparing the lumber that will be used to make beds during the build day.

Photo by Debbie Miller

NWACC in Italy Resumes

Christopher Davis Contributor

Professor Miles Fish founded this program in the summer of 2016 when he along with NWACC President Evelyn Jorgenson and 15 other students studied abroad in Sienna, Italy. Professor Fish was first inspired to create this program after years of studying in Sienna as a student himself back in the early 2000s. He had a vision of creating an opportunity for the students to broaden their horizon in terms of education. "The NWACC study abroad program is one of the most cost-efficient programs that any college or university has to offer," Fish said.

COVID prevented the college from offering the study abroad trip for a couple of years, but a group of students

led by Fish, Victor Chalfant, photography professor, and Chef Vince Pianalto, culinary professor, returned to Italy for studies in 2022.

The experience being offered is a five-week trip in Sienna, Italy where students will be in class from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. studying their specific classes and general classes as well. After that, the students become tourists of the country and are allowed to travel as they please. Trips to Florence and Rome are included in the trip, but students are also encouraged to go out and explore other neighboring cities and countries. One of Fish's favorite historical landmarks to take the students to is the breathtaking cathedral known as the Duomo. Students are allowed to attend services there, even if they are not Catholic.

Another highlight that stu-

dents seem to enjoy is attending the highly touted Palio race that is held only two times a year in Sienna, Italy. Fish constructed the trip where the students always end up in Sienna during the time of the prestigious race. He wants students to take care of their studies and learn all they can during this trip, but he also wants them to take advantage of living in a whole new country.

With over 50,000 students traveling from afar to Sienna every summer for study-abroad learning experience, the chances to create meaningful memories and connections are endless. If students have any other questions about the trip being planned for 2024 or simply just want to know more details, they may contact Professor Fish with his email address at mfish@nwacc.edu.

Outside In Art Perspectives

Lilly Orum Contributor

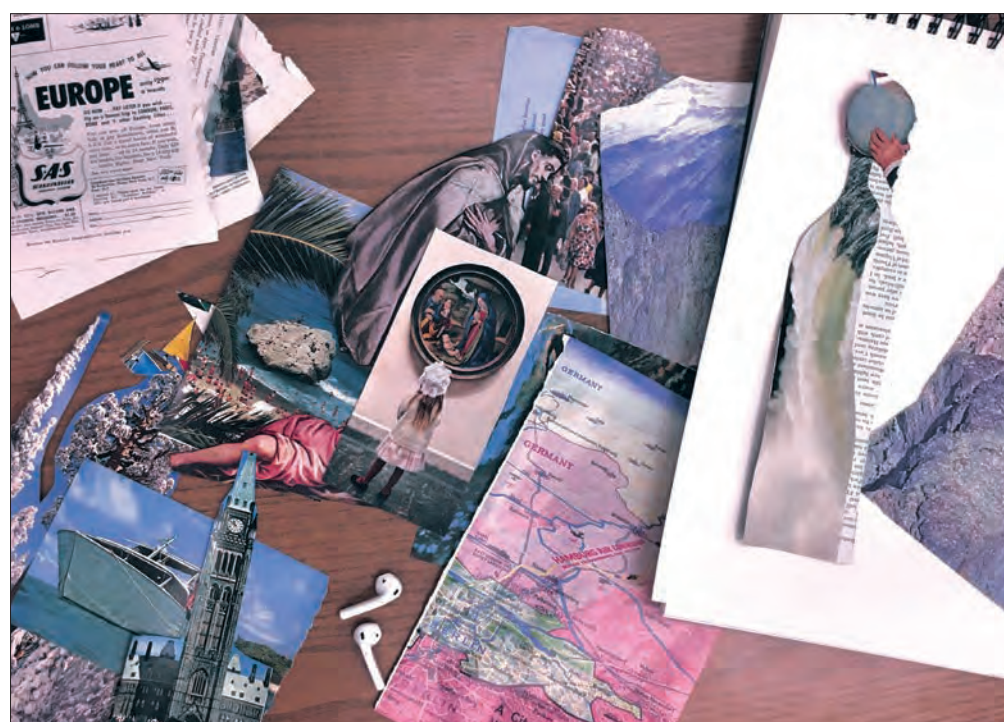
It's her freshman year, and Deseray Bautista is determined to make it count. Two years ago she was on track for a career in health care, taking high school programs and getting certifications for future internships and college classes. So when choosing classes for this semester, "I was hesitant about choosing an introduction to a class," Bautista said. "I knew health-care wasn't for me. Art has always peaked itself into my life." Realizing there was a decision to make, she was put on the spot and forced to confront her true desire. "It's like, Deseray you were meant to create," the artist exclaimed. This summer Bautista traveled extensively. Before visiting Savannah College of Arts and Design, she had believed that art wasn't something successful

people choose for a career. However, "Just being around that environment and seeing that it exists..." a switch had flipped. Bautista knew she "[needed] to do this." Her trip to Florence Italy is evident in the Renaissance inspired prints of magazines that she has chosen for a collage. "This reminds me of Capri, this reminds me of Florence," she smiles, pointing to images she has selected. Bautista feels it is especially important that she approves of every part of what will go in her works of art. Luckily, Bautista has decided who she is and is confident in her personal style when it comes to art. "If something doesn't align with me, I don't like to glue it," she declared.

Tara Key is also a freshman art student at NWACC. When it comes to any assignment, "I set my standards really high," she said. "There's rules and the boundaries we have to stay in to make it look

right and so I do that." The reputation of academic drawing and painting are upheld by Key because to her, rule following is a part of art. The contrasting of color and line, for example, are trusted and shown in her artwork. "I was homeschooled up until eighth grade. It was just me and the tv and my dog and my pringles." Key is somewhat shy, but she has a natural creative spark that shines through. "I don't wanna disappoint anybody I guess. And another part of me is I want to show off my art, but I try to fight myself and stay humble." Key is excited about art class as well as the church youth group that she recently joined in Decatur.

"I guess I'm quiet... I like talking to people face to face." Introduction to studio art is the only in person class Key is taking this semester. "I'm looking forward to making friends and creating," she said.



Top photo is the artwork of Deseray Bautista and bottom photo is the artwork of Tara Key.



In a Family of Military

Samantha McClain
Editor-In-Chief

In late August, I went to visit my grandparents with my dad to attend a meeting about a funeral. This funeral was for John P. Cooper, a member of my family who fought and died in World War II.

A military member came to my grandparent's house and presented my family with a PowerPoint presentation called "Past Conflicts Reparations Branch Identification Briefing." During the briefing, my family and I discussed the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) and what might've happened to Pvt. Cooper.

My grandparents made a personal book with all the DNA analysis documents, John Cooper's historical records, forensic odontology, and anthropology reports. In the DNA reports, two members of my family gave DNA samples: Micheal N. Chestnut, Pvt. Cooper's maternal nephew and Randall C. Cooper, Pvt. Cooper's paternal nephew. A third person donated their DNA; however, since the first two people confirmed the body of John Cooper, there was no need for a third confirmation.

After 77 years of being an unidentified soldier who went missing during World War II, Pvt. John Pickney Cooper was accounted for on 21 June and laid to rest for the final time on 21 Oct.

Pvt. Cooper was born in Athens, TX, on 30 July 1907. In 1942, he tried to join the military at 37 years of age but was denied for being "too old." According to the funeral pamphlet, he was turned down several times until he was finally accepted and joined the Army in 1944.

In March 1945, John P. Cooper was assigned to Company B, 778th Tank Battalion, operat-

ing in Germany as an M4 Sherman Tank crew member. In March 1945, his unit was engaged in the Battle of Lampaden Ridge. According to the briefing, his tank was hit by a German shoulder-fired rocket that struck the driver's compartment. Then a 105 mm high explosive shell struck the left side of the tank.

According to dpaa.mil and the briefing, someone saw Pvt. Cooper and Cpl. William Mates, the tank driver, jumped off the tank and tried to evade the Germans, but they did not know what happened to them after that.

On 8 March 1946, the War Department presumed him dead. Several investigations were conducted in Pellingen, Germany, between 1946 and 1950. At the war's end, the American Graves Registration Command was tasked with investigating and recovering missing American soldiers in Europe, according to dpaa.mil.

In August 1947, the American Graves Registration team recovered an unidentified soldier's remains. Investigators could not positively identify the remains due to a lack of evidence. According to the obituary pamphlet, in Oct. 1951 he was officially declared non-recoverable.

In 2018, a DPAA historical team reviewed documentation related to the unknown soldier, according to their briefing. In June 2022, the remains were identified. After a multidisciplinary analysis, the Department of Defense and American Battle Monuments Commission transferred the remains to the DPAA laboratory, according to the briefing.

On 22 Oct. 2022, he was given a purple heart and a challenge coin. Pvt. Cooper's name was marked with a rosette, indicating that he has been accounted for at the Walls of the Missing in Lorraine American Cemetery at St. Avold, France.



The funeral took place in Oct. 22. Pvt. Cooper is buried in the Fort Smith National Cemetery. Photo by Samantha McClain

Veterans Honor and Remembrance of NWACC

Samantha McClain
Editor-In-Chief

On Nov. 11 at White Hall Auditorium, NWACC hosted a Veterans Day program to honor veterans.

The Veterans Day program started with Dianna Yoakum, the director of veteran services, and NWACC Chamber Singers sing the national anthem.

Carrie Wilks, NWACC veteran alumni, who served in the U.S. Air Force, led in prayer and read out the verse Romans 8:38. "Let every veteran in the armed forces feel truly honored..." Wilks said.

NWACC President Dennis Rittle served in the U.S. Air Force and talked about his experience in the military. He spoke about the theory of servant leadership and humility. "At the end of the day, the military teaches you how to have a healthy amount of humility," Rittle said, "Humility is not about thinking less of yourself..."

Humility is thinking of yourself less of the time." Rittle then received a challenge coin at the end of his speech.

According to customchallengecoins.net, a challenge

coin is a designed coin given to someone to confirm membership in an organization/group. It is also used to honor a person for a notable achievement, an anniversary, or a special event.

"Serve means sacrifice. A sacrifice comes in different forms. From time away from our families, the countless hours of training, to blood, sweat and tears we've all given, even one's own life," said James Peeler, NWACC veterans student assistant who served in the U.S. Marine Corps.

The NWACC Chamber Singers, DJ Bauhaus, Caige Beard, Haley Carter, Jadzia Craft, Helem Gomez-Jimenez, Juana Araujo Martinez, Mercy Morgan, Genaro Reyes, and Kate Thueson, sang "For the Fallen."

The next event that took place was called the White Table Ceremony. The White Table Ceremony is used to remember and symbolize the veterans who were prisoners of war and missing in action. Alex Frann, spouse of Matt Frann, who served eight years in the military, listed off the items on the table onstage and explained each item's symbolism.

There was a chair and a

table on stage to represent different aspects of the solemn ceremony. One chair expressed veterans missing in action. The white tablecloth that covered the table represents the purity of intentions to respond to their country's call to arms, and a vase with a single rose meant for the family and loved ones of the veterans. A yellow ribbon represents the thousands of veterans appropriately accounted for and the everlasting hope for the reunion. The candle light symbolizes the reach of unconquerable spirits. The lemon slices on the bread plate represented the bitter fate of the men, and the salt represented the tears of family members. An inverted wine glass means that there will be no toast, while the empty chair represents an unknown face that is not here with everyone.

After the White Table Ceremony, the trumpet sounded after announcing the members of the military who were no longer with their family and friends.

The closing performance concluded with NWACC chamber singer soloist Thueson, who sang "God Bless America."

Veterans Thanksgiving Bag Event

On Nov. 21, the Ozark Mountains Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution bought food for veterans at NWACC.

Volunteers from the DAR put food items in tote bags such as turkey, instant mashed potatoes, jars of gravy, sweet potatoes, and green beans, with kernel corn cans, boxes of stove top stuffing, dinner rolls, including pies, apple or pumpkin pies. Donations from Home for Dinner gathering and Cargill was gathering the food together for this event.

The DAR was founded on Nov. 11, 1890, by Mary S. Lockwood, Ellen Walworth, Mary Desha, and Eugenia Washington, creating the organization to serve the people who served the military. The goal is to preserve the history of America, education for future American children, and patriotism. To the DAR, patriotism is to give a handout and help those with building funds, scholarships, and food to those who have served, according to www.dar.org.

Photos by Stephanie McClain



Marsha Day, the vice regent of the DAR chapter, instructs Beth Hickman, wearing a yellow floral and black dress shirt, as she adds names to the list of veterans that will be provided meals. Shirley Sutton, center, looks on.



Marsha Day, center, provides instructions to Sue Little, left, and Samantha Mott, right, as they fill plastic bags with extra cans of food for backup.



Veteran Philip McWilliams receives a turkey from Shirley Sutton.



Bethany Tello, a business major who served in the Marines, receives her Thanksgiving meal from Sue Little and Marsha Day.

NWACC Eagle 5K and Fun Run

Event raised funds for nationally ranked cross-country team

Keith Edwards
Reporter

NorthWest Arkansas Community College hosted its second annual Eagle 5K and Fun Run on Nov. 19 at the Bentonville campus on the college's cross-country course beside the Center for Health Professions building. The race was to benefit the nationally ranked NWACC cross-country team.

Aries Burasco, from Rogers and second year NWACC cross-country runner, won first place with a time of 17 minutes, 40.2 seconds, in the men's division and Esmeralda Sandoval, a senior from Rogers High School and Mountie cross-country star, finished first in the women's division with a time of 19:52.85. Burasco, a Computer Information Systems major, was the first signee for the cross-country team.

"The NWACC Eagle 5K and Fun Run is an outstanding event to help promote our outstanding NJCAA cross-country program as well as our college," said John Luedtke, associate head coach. Luedtke is also an NWACC faculty member and administrator who was instrumental in the approval of the school's cross-country program. "We are so proud of how many students, faculty, and staff stepped up to make this event a huge success. We appreciate Signature Bank for being our lead sponsor," added Luedtke.

Luedtke's versatile and impressive career involved coaching baseball at Arkansas, Mississippi State, and Lamar University before heading to NWACC.

"We were thrilled to see so many of our student athletes, community members and NWACC family at the second annual 5K and Fun Run."

- NWACC President Dennis Rittle

In addition, he was also a scout for the Cincinnati Reds. He holds a master's degree from Mississippi State University. This is NWACC's first National Junior College Athletics Association sport.

The race was divided between runners and walkers. Both men's and women's 1st through 10th - place finishers received medals and all participants received a commemorative medal. There was a fund-raiser raffle table of various objects to raise money for scholarships and benefit the NWACC track team.

The men's track team finished fifth in the nation with the women's finishing 18th in the NJCAA DII Cross-Country Championships this year.

"We were thrilled to see so many of our student athletes, community members and NWACC family at the second annual 5K and Fun Run. This is a great event to show our support for the NWACC Cross-Country program, which has seen incredible success in its first two seasons," said NWACC President Dr. Dennis Rittle. "I congratulate Coach Boit and Coach Luedtke and our men and women runners for another amazing season. We are very proud of them."

Second-year Emmanuel Kipchirchir

of Kenya received All-American honors and finished sixth overall. Second-year Dylan Mayberry, of Bentonville, finished third overall with an All-American nod as well. The NJCAA Nationals were held in Tallahassee, Florida on Nov. 12.

On a 7-1 vote in Nov. 2019, the NWACC Board of Trustees, under the leadership of former President Evelyn Jorgenson, approved the addition of the cross-country team. Jorgenson was present at the fundraising event. That 2019 vote also led to the hiring of Head Coach Josphat Boit along with Luedtke.

Boit is a former University of Arkansas athlete and coach. Boit racked up many accolades and remains the second fastest 8K cross-country runner in Arkansas and is one of three Razorbacks to win consecutive SEC individual titles. He was a professional runner for 10 years prior to signing with the college. Under the leadership of Boit and Luedtke, NWACC has been placed on the national cross-country track map in a relatively short period of time and the future is looking bright for the new program. The school currently has 10 scholarships to divide between men and women.



Esmeralda Sandoval (top) won first place and Aries Burasco (bottom) won first place in the second annual Eagle 5K and Run Run.



Men's and Women's Cross Country Team Finishes Strong in the 5K Race

Women's Team Earns Regional Title in Inaugural Season

Morgan Nunley
Contributor

NWACC men's cross-country team earned a regional title and had two runners named All-Americans in just their second year of competition. The women's team, in its inaugural season, captured a regional title and competed in Nationals as well.

Cross country is the first sport the college brought to campus. The department left no stone unturned when they hired former All-American Razorback runner Josphat Boit to coach the team. The men's team's inaugural season was in 2021 and the NWACC harriers had great success that led to extreme optimism for the team's second effort. They appeared to exceed those expectations for Year 2.

The team competed in the National Junior College Athletic Association's Division 2 Region II class. Boit, NWACC's head coach, was named the National Junior College Athletic Association



This picture was taken in front of Sam Walton's world renowned 1979 Ford pick-up truck displayed in the NWA Regional Airport. Coach Boit's cross-country teams competed in the NJCAA D-2 National Championships in Tallahassee, Florida on Nov. 12. NWACC men's team finished 5th in the nation and the women's team 18th nationally.

tion D-2 Midwest Region II Coach of the Year for the 2022 Cross Country Season. Both the men's and women's teams won the championship for the Region II class.

The class included five other region teams with three from Oklahoma - Redlands, Carl Albert State College, and Connor State College -- along with two other Arkan-

sas teams: the University of Arkansas Rich Mountain and National Park College.

The team swept the first four spots and achieved a perfect score of 15. The women also won the regional championship on their end, which meant that both teams were given the opportunity to go to Nationals in Tallahassee, Florida.

The teams had a standout performance at Nationals. The men's team finished fifth with two All-American runners. The two runners who finished in the top 15 in a field of 200 were sophomore Dylan Mayberry and sophomore Emmanuel Kipchirchir, both of whom were named All-Americans.

Entering the national

Courtesy Photo from John Luedtke championships, the NWACC women were ranked 18th in the final U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association poll. They exited the course in that exact spot as the 18th of 28 competing teams, according to information from John Luedtke, assistant cross country coach. Bunched together as if they were on a morning training

run, all five NWACC runners finished within 31 places of each other in the field of 218 runners from across the country, he wrote. Sophomore Sophia Rodriguez led the way with her best-ever 5,000-meter time of 21:39.1 and a 74th place.

The outstanding performances by the NWACC Cross Country team over the last two years can only be improved upon. The team is recruiting student-athletes, after the loss of seven sophomores, to join the team and continue to grow the program. The program hopes to be back at Nationals in Birmingham, Alabama, next fall.

The athletic department has been steadily growing at NWACC and with the possibility of an Esports team coming to NWACC, the competition is something that could continue to draw eyes to the college.

Luedtke explained it best when he said, "Sports is your front porch to your college. It's what everybody sees firsthand."

Marathon Runners Suffer 'de Agony of de Feet'

Ken Jeffries
Reporter

Most people have heard that running is good for you, but is it? One would-be marathon runner says the answer is a definitive "YES!"

Although running for health is one of the easiest, cheapest and most available forms of exercise, there are many facets to this activity that might not be readily apparent. For one, some runners don't do it selfishly — they want to inspire others and provide a positive example of achieving a difficult task or goal. People also run to prove to themselves that they can set a goal and stick

with it until they reach it. Of course, one of the most prevalent reasons people run is, in fact, to improve or maintain their health.

Science has proven that running has many measurable health benefits. According to WebMD.com, it improves cardiovascular health, can provide better sleep, improves knee and back health, improves memory, can provide better mood and energy ("Runner's high is real," it states), and lower your risk of colds and upper-respiratory infections by a whopping 43 percent.

You don't need to run marathons to see health benefits, either. Running for as little as at least ten minutes a day can

produce many of the above-mentioned perks.

According to Gravette, Arkansas resident Ben Baker, running long-distance races is more mentally than physically rewarding. "It's nice to have a personal goal and see yourself reach it," he said. He also said that running is appealing to anyone who wants to challenge themselves. Baker's eventual personal running goal is to be able to run a full marathon (26.2 miles), but said he would work up to that. He has run several 5K and 10K races and said he will continue to do these shorter races as training, and won't tackle the full marathon until he can finish a half-marathon race "at a good

pace."

Baker also said that although he spends about one-to-two hours a week running, when training for a marathon, "That's not enough. Ideally that should be about four or five hours a week, and that doesn't include the time for taking care of your feet and the necessary physical therapy." Baker takes ice baths for about 5 minutes after each long run, and often uses a massage gun on his legs and feet.

While Baker is an example of a person who runs for his health, Benjamin Baxter of Bentonville actually had to quit long-distance running because of a weak immune system. He has run a couple

of 5K races in the past, and thinks he could probably walk a 5K, even today. He suffers from symptoms of Severe Intestinal Permeability, and his immune system cannot handle the repairs a running lifestyle demands on the body. "The excess adrenaline can cause anxiety attacks," he said, even though casual running or walking can relieve stress. Baxter said he would like to ease back into it, because it would probably help to fix his illness.

There are myriad resources available on the Internet that show the benefits of running as a lifestyle, and that provide tips for those just beginning to run for health, but here are some from Baker and Baxter:

You need to measure your commitment to making running a part of your lifestyle. It's easy to get excited at first, and then fall away. Take the time to enjoy the time so you don't burn out.

Baker recommends NOT listening to music or other audio while running — motivate yourself rather than relying on external impetus.

Run with a friend or spouse when possible.

When training for a long race, it's important to pace yourself about 90 percent of the time so that you can carry on a conversation. Endurance is what matters most.

Endurance also helps avoid injury.

Interior Chinatown by Charles Yu Book Review

Kyndal Kohl
Reporter



Interior Chinatown is a fictional book about Willis Wu, a small-time Hollywood actor stuck in stereotypical, me-

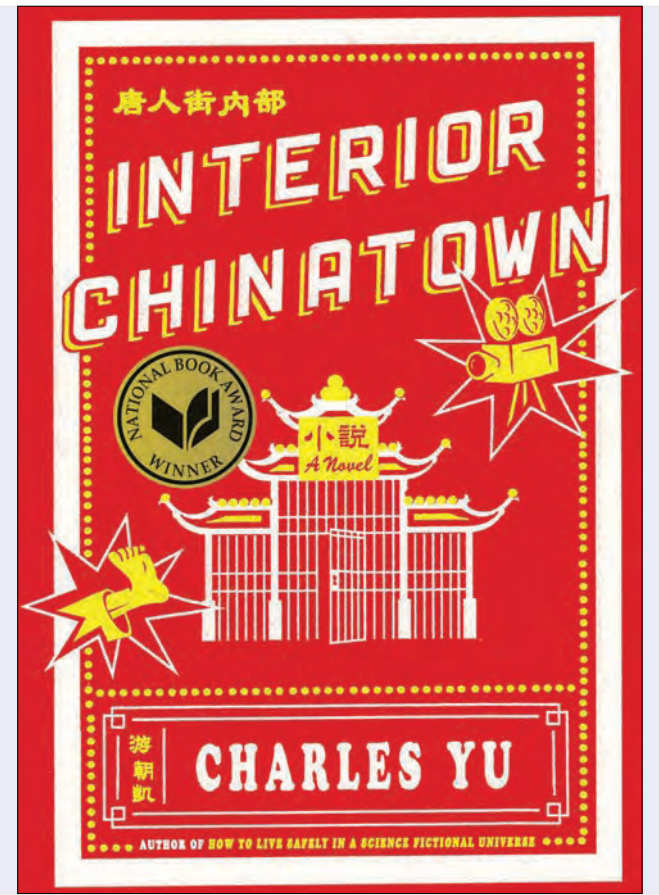
nial roles as an Asian man, while desperately wanting something more than the little apartment he grew up in. Throughout the book, we see Wu struggle with his identity and his goals, two things that had become interwoven. This novel is about race, assimilation, immigration, and breaking away from what we're deemed by society to be. *Interior Chinatown* was featured for the NWACC book club in November.

Willis Wu followed in his parents' footsteps. Both were actors, getting jobs when they could, but still remained poor. Wu's parents, now elderly, work at the Golden Palace restaurant, where a buddy-cop show named *Black and White* is filmed and, coincidentally, where Wu is playing his role as a Ge-

neric Asian Man. We follow Wu's story as he climbs the ranks, falls in love, and even starts a family, but we also get to see Wu's struggles in the acting world as an Asian American.

This book received the National Book Award for Fiction in 2020, the year it was published, and rightfully so. This was a delightful read, chock full of emotions and ambitions that feel tangible, but will always remain out of your grasp. The reader gets to experience disappointment and anger with Willis Wu.

If you enjoyed *Interior Chinatown* and would like to read more of Charles Yu's work, consider picking up *How to Live Safely in a Science Fictional Universe*; *Sorry Please Thank You*; or *Third Class Superhero*.



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Vary the types of your training. Do intervals, hill work, and other workouts to keep your running interesting.

Share your goals and your progress with your peers. This creates accountability.

A final thought from Baker: "Anyone can do it if they just think they can."

Baxter added, "While you still can, definitely do it. You don't know what's coming, and it can be taken away from you. It will probably benefit you a lot and then you won't lose that ability. When you start, you can see the benefits, especially when you push to your limits. You can notice the benefits of it."



Students, scholarship donors, and NWACC faculty listen to NWACC President Dennis Rittle on Oct. 20 during the Scholarship Breakfast Feast at the Shewmaker Center.

Photo by Samantha McClain

Letters from the Editor

Blessed by the Scholarship

Samantha McClain
Editor-In-Chief

I have earned scholarships before, but achieving a scholarship from Eagle View makes me question if I earn the scholarship. At first, I didn't know if I had received a scholarship at the beginning of my college career. Even when I received the money, there was still a little voice in my mind asking if I deserved this scholarship.

The Eagle View has different scholarships, and this semester there are four. I received the Editor-In-Chief scholarship, and Ken Jeffries earned the Managing Editor scholarship, Delaney Reaves and Aliva Ogle each earned a News Editor scholarship.

I was Editor-In-Chief before this semester, but at the time, it was just another way to earn money and go

to school. This semester, however, I am paying for my college. I had lost my scholarships before, and I deeply regret it.

Toward the end of last semester, I learned how much I genuinely love writing about anything. The writing was a way to express my feelings and inform others how powerful our words are in the newspaper.

I am taking one class, a math class, and math is my kryptonite. The check from NWACC nearly paid my entire tuition when I received it. Knowing that my college has been paid almost entirely has lifted an invisible weight off my shoulders.

I am blessed to earn a scholarship from Eagle View, and I can continue with my education and receive my associates for graphic design. Attending the scholarship breakfast and sitting down at a table with another scholar-

ship recipient made me realize how blessed I am. Only some can go to college.

When Sammy Massri talked about taking a step back and looking around you, I thought about my current advisor, Debbie Miller, advisor of the Eagle View. She has encouraged me through my frustration with school and Eagle View and repeatedly told me how appreciative I am, knowing I have earned the scholarship and met the expectations. Now I am proud of being the Editor-In-Chief of the Eagle View Student Newspaper.

I want to say thank you to those who made it possible for me and encouraged me to continue. Thank you, Denise Nemec, for allowing me to apply for the position of Editor-In-Chief and encouraging me to push myself to the limit to unlock my true potential.

Important Information:

NWACC scholarships are open. These scholarships will be available from Oct. 1 to March 1. The requirements are three essay questions (with a 750-word limit for the essay questions), provide two letters of recommendation, and provide answers to general scholarship questions. Apply at www.nwacc.edu/scholarships and submit one scholarship application.

NWACC scholarships are reviewed anonymously. If you choose to write your name in the free-form questions or your name is mentioned in the letters of recommendation, your application may be disqualified.

More Than Just Coffee with Tarsha



Tarsha Shepherd
Reporter

Northwest Arkansas Community College architects must have known that a college student's favorite past-time and daily habit would be to visit a coffee shop and invite others to do the same. On any given day students and staff can find a plethora of coffee venues to the left, right, front, and rear of the college within a 1-to-10-mile radius.

My recent visit would be one that offers the new mantra for the growing population of NWA: coffee, bicycles,

and food. Not just cheesy snacks and over-priced frozen foods that have been microwaved. No way, this month's visit was to a place where everyone can get to know your name and your preferred form of transportation. Come take a ride with me to The Meteor!

The name alone is quite inviting. Who wouldn't want to explore such a fantastic place?

The Meteor in downtown Bentonville describes itself as "an unexpected mash-up of all-day café, natural wine shop, boutique bike "shop." However, I have more to add to that description, starting with the most potent coffee that is indeed rich and delicious. The two amazing baristas greeted me with a smile, meeting me halfway to help me decide my palate's desire for the day: A rich, creamy, and delightful Lavender Oat milk Latte.

Before entering the store, I decided to take a drive loop around and noticed the construction surrounding this awesome meeting place.

Apartments, homes, and new businesses going up on the left and right. I parked a few blocks away to get a wide visual and to snap a few pictures.

I decided to watch as folks entered and exited. Somehow, I was taken by the consistent smiles and laughter. Yes, I would have to admit, not a single frown. Is it the coffee? Is it the atmosphere?

Maybe it's the cool eclectic options in the gift area, or perhaps it's the bicycle

boutique? Regardless, it was unusual and a delight to see.

I walked slowly in, admiring all the specialty items from beer and wines to all sorts of cheeses and jellies – the perfect stop for the holidays.

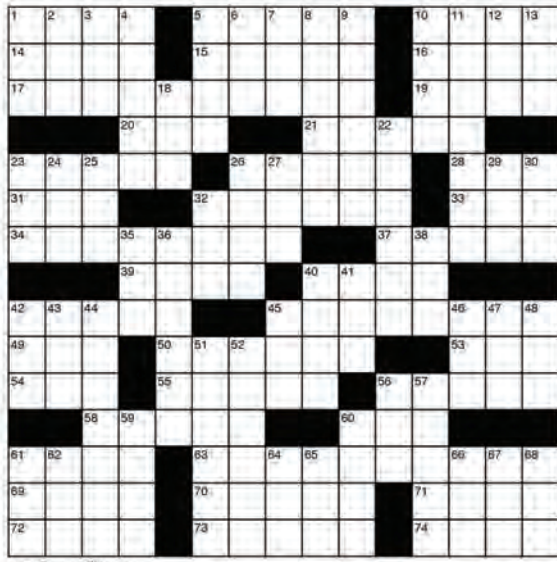
Immediately after, my eyes quickly fell toward the selection of bicycles. It's not just your average small-town bike shop, but a one-stop shop for any avid cyclist, especially one that might want to return for repairs and tune-ups. They have it all. The eclectic boutique offers bar seating where you can sit and watch the mechanics at work. This is my favorite place to sit, as I am mesmerized by the design, upkeep, and accessories available to bicycles today.

The café offers a variety of sandwiches and very popular vegan or non-vegan breakfast tacos. A menu for every palate. My favorite thing about this coffee shop was the monthly events and night cycling rides. I am under the impression that The Meteor exists to bring the community together and make Bentonville a better place to be, right in the middle of an old and new and upcoming community that is striving to bring a diverse population together through coffee beans and more!

Photo by Tarsha Shepherd



Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries
- 5 Aleutian
- 10 Greenish-blue color
- 14 German "Mrs."
- 15 Stitch
- 16 Author, Victor
- 17 Fancy clothes
- 19 Computer "button"
- 20 Climbing vine
- 21 Dye
- 23 Do penitence
- 26 Bored
- 28 Make lace
- 31 Body of water
- 32 Nap
- 33 Flurry
- 34 ___, Connecticut
- 37 Helpful
- 39 Lotion ingredient
- 40 A fox's hole (2 wds.)
- 42 ___ Matisse, painter
- 45 Glass making devise

DOWN

- 49 Kimono sash
- 50 Hand-operated
- 53 Bro.'s sibling
- 54 North by east
- 55 Childrens sliding toys
- 56 Chosen
- 58 Faithful
- 60 Hover
- 61 Permission to enter a foreign country
- 63 Handiness
- 69 Pitcher
- 70 Exits
- 71 Little Mermaid's Sebastian
- 72 Loads
- 73 Orphan ___
- 74 Abhor

- 6 Statute
- 7 Compass point
- 8 Dweller of the Beehive State
- 9 Mother ___
- 10 Jaw point
- 11 Mexican peninsula
- 12 Past
- 13 Not (refix)
- 18 Average (abbr.)
- 22 Brother's son
- 23 Tree
- 24 Beverage
- 25 Paddle
- 26 Severe
- 27 Type of partnership
- 29 Count
- 30 Ball
- 32 Speak softly
- 35 Sticky black substance
- 36 Inferior
- 38 Picnic visitor
- 40 Alack's partner
- 41 Pain unit
- 42 Honey abr.
- 43 Move away
- 44 TV rating
- 45 Start to develop
- 46 Usage
- 47 Pen brand
- 48 Eastern Time
- 51 Genus Alauda
- 52 Mr. Mandella
- 56 Annex
- 57 Type of mob
- 59 Paddles
- 60 Explosive igniter
- 61 Ex-serviceman
- 62 The other half of Jima
- 64 Billion years
- 65 Day of the week (abbr.)
- 66 Time period
- 67 Stood opposite
- 68 South by east



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Solution for Aug./ Sept.'s Crossword Puzzle

Solution:

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B	I	N	G	O	L	E	S	S	F	R	E	T		
S	A	X	O	N	E	A	T	S	L	Y	R	E		

Solution for hard Sudoku Puzzle

7	2	1	3	4	8	6	9	5
6	9	8	5	1	6	7	3	2
5	9	3	6	7	2	4	8	1
8	9	1	2	3	7	4	5	6
2	1	7	8	4	5	6	3	9
3	6	8	9	5	1	4	7	2
4	7	1	4	6	8	2	5	3
1	9	7	6	8	4	3	2	5
3	2	5	1	9	7	6	8	4

Solution for medium Sudoku Puzzle

5	9	7	8	2	1	6	4	3
3	6	1	4	9	7	8	5	2
8	4	2	5	3	9	1	7	9
7	5	6	2	4	2	9	3	8
1	9	6	7	3	6	7	5	9
4	9	1	6	5	7	8	3	2
2	3	9	1	6	5	7	8	3
1	2	6	9	3	5	9	7	4
9	8	5	4	1	7	3	2	6
6	3	2	7	3	2	6	5	1



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