



David Hall visiting NSU

The comedian and magician will entertain students Wednesday.

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Visiting scholar makes impact on campus

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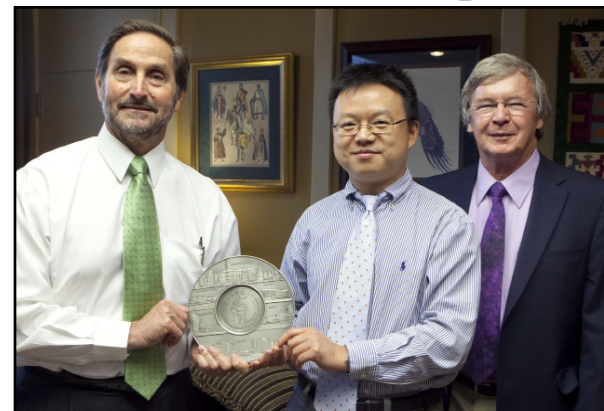
NSU is fortunate this week to have a scholar visiting from China. Guanzhi Zhang is the vice director of the **Department of International Cooperation and Exchange** of Southwest University of Science and Technology, in Mianyang, China. His academic interest is in linguistics. He arrived on the NSU campus Thursday, Aug. 26 and plans to leave Sept. 11.

“The Office of International Programs is primarily responsible for the logistics of the visit (letters of invitation, visa-immigration, housing, schedule of activities) and for insuring that our international visitors have a productive stay at NSU,” said Richard Carhart, executive director of International Programs. “Such visits further internationalize our campus and ultimately provide

additional opportunities for both faculty and students to participate in international exchanges and in a variety of international activities, conferences, meetings abroad, and scholarly meetings, all of which serve to enhance our roles on campus and give NSU a distinctive international profile among a worldwide audience.”

Zhang is visiting NSU for a multitude of reasons, just like any other international visitor to the campus.

“He is visiting here to further the relationship between his university and NSU,” said Dr. Paul Westbrook, dean of Liberal Arts. “His ideas, not all of which we can accomplish, but are ideas to talk about include; SWUST students studying for a semester or longer at NSU. He would also like to have faculty exchanges with our faculty spending a semester there and their faculty coming here. Already we have had one of their professors spend a semester here, and we have sent three different faculty there, Lallie Scott, Andrew Vassar and a *continued on page 2*



Pete Henshaw/ University Photographer
Guanzhi Zhang, deputy director for International Exchange and Cooperation at Southwest University of Science and Technology in Sichuan Province, China. He is here to encourage future faculty and student exchanges.

ROTC offers paintball experience



Lindsey Taylor/TNE

ROTC sponsored a campus-wide paintball course. Students spent all afternoon on the course.

Cherokee National Holiday closes

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The Cherokee National Holiday, which commemorates the signing of the Cherokee National Constitution in 1839, wrapped up its last events Sunday.

The parade kicked off at 9:30 a.m. Saturday.

“I didn’t have a favorite float,” said Kelli Wise, Vinita. “It was a little too

political for me, but other than that it was fine.”

With elections upcoming in November and a large number of people downtown, politicians were in abundance.

“The parade was good, but long,” said Anthony Wilson, Tahlequah. “A lot of politicians in it.”

The parade was just the start of most attendees’ Saturday activities.

“I went to the parade, now

I’m headed to the powwow,” said Wilson. “The men’s dancing is tonight.”

Cherokee Nation Principal Chief Chad Smith made his State of the Nation address Saturday at noon.

“Our kids don’t exercise enough and face food choices that can lead to diabetes, heart disease and cancer,” said Smith.

Chief Smith spoke about healthcare and preserving the Cher- *continued on page 2*

Zhang helps strengthen connection

continued from page 1 graduate student Michele Schmidt. We are talking about as many as ten of their faculty coming here in the summer for teacher training, and those are just some of the ideas we are considering.”

Besides discussing future plans, Zhang has been busy while at NSU. A variety of activities and meetings keep his schedule full.

“He has visited numerous people while he is here,” said Westbrook. “Including Provost Tadlock, all of the Academic Deans, the Director of International Programs, the faculty he hosted in Mianyang and others. He has also had some social events, and has plans to attend the Cherokee Holiday parade and craft fair and the Rentiesville Blues Festival. Next week we will meet with a representative from the State Regents Office.”

This visit is not only beneficial to Zhang, SWUST and NSU; but

to many other people as well.

“It’s important that NSU and its students begin to develop an understanding about the rest of the world,” said Dr. Andrew Vassar, associate professor of humanities. “Mr. Zhang and SWUST could open our eyes to this kind of understanding, not only in terms of sending faculty like myself but also students to see and feel the same kind of thing. Experience is knowledge, and the more travel opportunities for NSU students the better. Also, having Chinese students here might make up for the loss of so many Japanese students on our campus-diversity in any form can only help cultural understanding and education, and the possible agreements between SWUST and NSU could help in this education.”

Education differs in other parts of the world, and learning about different styles of learning is vital to individual student

growth as well as NSU community growth.

“We feel this is an opportunity for our students and faculty to extend their understanding of China and Chinese education,” said Westbrook. “And in that process also to better understand our own culture.”

Visits, such as this by Zhang, have a lasting impact on everyone involved, which is typical of those that are products of the International Programs Department.

“The visits give us an opportunity to engage our colleagues worldwide,” said Carhart. “To share information about our respective institutions with a larger global audience, to expand international opportunities for NSU students, to share respective programs and initiatives for the benefit of our entire campus community, and in a very small way, to welcome the world to NSU.”



Courtesy Photo

Stickball is one event offered this year at the Cherokee National Holiday. Stickball tournaments will be held Sept. 3-4.

Cherokee holiday festivities

continued from page 1 okee language among other things.

With so many events scheduled, locals and tourists were sure to miss something.

“I can’t believe I missed the brisket,” said Tom Tinnin, Tahlequah.

A community meal was held Saturday that featured a barbeque brisket dinner.

“It was held in honor of the late Wilma Mankiller who was the Cherokee Nation principal chief from 1985 to 1995,” said LeeAnn Dreadfulwater, Cherokee Nation Communications Manager.”

Competitions were also a part of the festivities. The Traditional Indian Food Cook-Off was Saturday at 5 p.m.

“It was nerve-racking,” said William Caviness, Tahlequah. “I’d rather cook for 300 people than three judges.”

Caviness, an amateur, took first place preparing fried pork, potatoes, squash, corn, onions and grape dumpings.

“When they announced my name I didn’t know if I should jump up and down or crawl in a hole,” said Caviness.

Also, Brooke Hudson of Claremore was crowned Miss Cherokee 2010-2011 on Saturday.

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