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## Looper Family Scholarship

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The Looper Family Scholarship was established by Lloyd and Doris Looper of Goodwell, OK and their three daughters: Tawn Rundle, Sterrette Coffman and Tiphonie Mathis. Lloyd Looper graduated from PAMC in 1961. He taught school in Gruver, TX and retired in 1997 as High School Principal. He is a lifetime member of the Alumni Association and a long-standing board member of the Panhandle State Foundation. Doris Looper graduated from PAMC in 1962 and taught elementary school until accepting a position as an Instructor of Health and Physical Education at PAMC in 1967. Doris was in charge of the Women's Recreation Association, taught lifeguarding, served as a HPER advisor and was Head of the HPER Department before retiring from OPSU in 1997. Lloyd and Doris were inducted into the Alumni Ambassador Hall of Fame in 1999. She became the Executive Secretary for Panhandle State Foundation in 2001 and still serves in this capacity. All three of their daughters graduated from OPSU.

## **Longtime Goodwell Family to be Honored at Homecoming**

*Panhandle State Association of Alumni and Friends on 10/06/2010*

*Goodwell, Okla.* — This year, the Panhandle State Association of Alumni and Friends selected the Lloyd and Doris Looper family of Goodwell to honor at the Homecoming half-time on October 16. Both Doris and Lloyd are Oklahoma Panhandle State University alumni as are all three daughters: Tawn, Tiphonie and Sterrette. All maintain strong ties to OPSU. Doris serves as the Executive Secretary/Treasurer of the Panhandle State Foundation, and Tawn and Sterrette currently serve elected positions on the Board of Directors of the Alumni Association.

Lloyd Looper graduated from Northern Oklahoma Junior College, and then graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Husbandry from PAMC. While at student in Goodwell, Lloyd participated on the livestock judging team, the Earle Hall Governing Board, and was named Outstanding Animal Science Student. He later earned his Master's of Education from Southwestern Oklahoma State University. Following graduation, Lloyd taught in Amarillo, Spearman, and Gruver, Texas. He retired after 31 years in Gruver, serving first as science teacher and later years as high school principal.

Doris Marie Patterson Looper graduated from PAMC with a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education and minors in Science and HPER. While at PAMC, Doris was very active and participated in a number of campus activities.

Doris and Lloyd married after graduation, and she completed both her master of science and doctoral degree in education at Oklahoma State University. She taught in Amarillo, Spearman, and Gruver, Texas before coming to PAMC as an instructor in 1967. Doris remained on staff for 30 years, moving through the ranks as Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, and Professor, ending as department head of Health, Recreation, and Physical Education Department.

Before the advent of athletics for women, Doris was in charge of the Women's Recreation Association. The women practiced only when the men finished using a facility, and they were responsible for raising their own money for everything. The women would travel to another Oklahoma college and participate in a designated sport all weekend. They played basketball, volleyball, softball, and vied for track and field titles. The women competed against all the four year colleges in Oklahoma and did so because they loved the sport.

With the passage of Title IX, athletics began to be funded and supported for women at the college level. Doris volunteered her time to coach volleyball and softball, mainly because the women wanted to play. Doris feels fortunate that she associated with some wonderful women during her "coaching" years and enjoys keeping in touch with them. Doris also served as advisor to many students majoring in HPER and most became a credit to the department.

Doris and Lloyd were both inducted into the Alumni Ambassador Hall of Fame in 1999, and both remain active in a variety of civic, church, and OPSU activities.

The second generation of Loopers followed in their parents' footsteps by graduating from OPSU. Eldest daughter Tawn graduated from Goodwell High School in 1985 and earned her Bachelor of Arts with specialty in education in 1988. She earned her Master's of Education in counseling from Northwestern Oklahoma State University in 2000 and became a National Board Certified Teacher in 2002. Currently she is counselor at Merritt schools. Tawn married Russ Rundle, who attended OPSU to earn history, science, and physical education endorsements while coaching and teaching at Goodwell High School 1986-1988. Tawn and Russ have two children—Tyka is attending University of Central Oklahoma and Trek attends Merritt High School.

Middle daughter Sterrette graduated from OPSU in 1993 with honors, earning a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education and minors in General Science and

Education. She went on to receive her Master's of Education in Educational Administration and Superintendency at West Texas A&M University. While at OPSU, Sterrette was an SOEA member and officer, Block and Bridle member and officer, participated in OPSU pageant, lifeguard and water safety instructor at campus pool, played intramural basketball and football, won a football championship, and was on the Dean's list. A professional educator, Sterrette currently serves as faculty head with the Abu Dhabi Education Council in the United Arab Emirates and is married to Marlin Coffman. The couple has two daughters, Cashion and Kadence.

Youngest daughter Tiphonie attended OPSU concurrently, and then full-time in the early 1990s, graduating in 1997 with a Bachelor of Science in HPER and natural science, and Bachelor of Business Administration in business administration and business education, with minors in athletic training and chemistry. While at OPSU, Tiphonie was a member of the Lady Aggie basketball team, "O" Club, student senator, student body president, student secretary to Dean of Education, student athletic trainer, and All American Scholar Athlete. Additionally, Tiphonie was a lifeguard, peer counselor, basketball homecoming queen, "O" Club queen candidate, and was admitted to the teacher education program. While attending OPSU, Tiphonie was named Outstanding Science Student, Outstanding Business Student, Outstanding HPER Student, and, upon graduation, received the coveted J.R.P. Sewell Award. Following graduation, Tiphonie received a physical therapy degree from University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center in 1999 and is currently the clinical manager of an Outpatient PT clinic for Community Hospital in Oklahoma City. Tiphonie married Mike Mathis from Boise City and now lives in Edmond. Mike was head athletic trainer, instructor and men's golf coach at OPSU 1996-1997. He is currently the head athletic trainer at Southern Nazarene University and adjunct professor in the Kinesiology Department. They have two

girls—Timmi, 6 and Rhyan, 3. Tiphonie stays busy working and chasing her wild girls, and is an active member of Henderson Hills Baptist Church.

The Looper family has had a wonderful association with PAMC, PSC, and OPSU. They are delighted with the improvements to campus and find it rewarding to be a part of OPSU's history.