Campus Events

9/12
• SAB Annual Burger Burn 6:00PM-7:00PM in the park across from the Library
• Game night @ 6:00PM-9:30PM in the Library
• Men’s Soccer vs. University of the Southwest 7:00PM in Anchor D Stadium

9/13
• Women’s volleyball @ Central Christian 7:00PM in McPherson, KS
• Women’s soccer @ NWOSU 7:00PM in Alva, OK

9/14
• National ACT 7:00AM-2:00PM in SAB 101
• Women’s Volleyball @ Langston 1:00PM in Langston, OK
• Tumbling Gym Open 2:00PM-4:00PM in Noble Center

9/16
• Women’s Golf @ NWOSU in Enid, OK
• Men’s Golf @ NWOSU in Enid, OK
• Final day to change from Credit to Audit

9/17
• Men’s Soccer @ Barclay College in Havilland, KS
• HALO Meeting 12:00PM-1:00PM in HMH 139
• Women’s Volleyball vs Wayland Baptist 7:00PM in Anchor D Stadium
Literature Column

Annette Gandara

As covered by New York Times, Margaret Atwood is set to release the highly anticipated sequel to the 1985 book “The Handmaid’s Tale”. Michiko Kakutani, the reviewer for the New York Times, writes that Atwood’s “sheer assurance as a storyteller makes for a fast, immersive narrative that’s as propulsive as it is melodramatic.” Atwood shares with a reporter how involved she was in the TV adaptation of “The Handmaid’s Tale” and how she doesn’t have any fear left at the age of 79.

“The Handmaid’s Tale” sequel, “The Testaments” has made it on the shortlist for the Man Booker Prize. The book is set to release Tuesday, September 10th. However, the set release date wasn’t enough to stop Amazon from shipping out some copies of the book early, which led to some angry indie booksellers.

In addition to Atwood’s release, Stephen King has just come out with his 61st book, “The Institute”. The book contains the story of a detention center where intelligent children are kidnapped and forced to medical experiments. King stated, “At some point in the course of working on the book, Trump actually started to lock kids up. That was creepy to me because it was really like what I was writing about.”

New York Times’ very own critic, Dwight Garner, also reviewed “The Institute” and called it, “a big shank of a book that reminded me instantly of many of the reasons I loved (love?) Stephen King.”

The Boy Who Lived

Megan Godfrey

Harry Potter, the boy who lived, the only to survive when he was only a baby he was sent to Privet Drive the only family he had was nothing short of horrible, thinking only that Dudley was adorable. when a letter arrived for Harry the Dursleys were quite wary, but at the sight of the address they were in great distress. uncle Vernon said that it was time for a vacation but all he found there was nothing but frustration. for Hagrid had found them at last and told Harry of his very tragic past. they hurried off to Diagon Alley for they had no time to dilly-dally. to get to platform 9 3/4 Harry followed Mrs. Weasley’s orders off he went on the Hogwarts Express and slowly his presence began to egress. everyone wanted to meet this star and see his lightning bolt shaped scar. but this is only his first year, for the rest you’ll have to wait to hear.

Sniff Test - Self Awareness Confirmed

Megan Godfrey

Dogs have never been considered to be self-aware creatures until in recent years. It has been concluded over multiple studies that dogs are proficient at social cognitive problems and have even passed some meta-cognitive puzzles. However, our intelligent four-legged friends have never been able to pass the supreme mirror test (recognizing themselves in a mirror), proving themselves to be self-aware. Thinking outside the box of testing with the usual method of mirror self-recognition (MSR), Dr. Alexandra Horowitz put Dr. Cazzolla Gatti’s STSR (sniff test of self-recognition) to the test once more and received substantial results, furthering Gatti’s previous evidence. This experiment conducted on 36 canines demonstrated the dogs’ ability to respond not to images, but to odors.

Horowitz and team were able to observe the dogs’ self-awareness of recognizing and distinguishing their own scent from another, especially when another scent had been added to their own. The individual K9s would investigate their scent for longer periods of time if an additional odor had been added, thus bringing about the hypothesis that the dogs were able to distinguish this new scent from what they know as their own, concluding that dogs are able to recognize their own scent and therefore themselves. I believe that thinking outside the box when it comes to measuring intelligence is in and of itself very intelligent. We have a lot to learn from animals and trying to hold them all to one standard just isn’t practical. Why shouldn’t a dog be tested with its strongest sense, as opposed to being tested with a human’s? It seems as though we set up the test for failure before the animals even have a chance to prove themselves. Animal intelligence tests should not be tailor made to humans, we aren’t the ones taking the tests. It seems very close minded to have only one definition of intelligence and if a certain animal doesn’t meet the criteria, then it immediately becomes an ignorant, lowly species. It goes without saying that humans are more intelligent than many other species, but what is the basis of that knowledge? We as humans have created the concept of intelligence and the superiority that comes with thinking. Over the last couple years, the science community has made strides when it comes to animals regarding intelligence and consciousness, but we still have much to learn. If we continue to observe and listen without the barriers of human expectations and standards, I think it is then that we will truly begin to understand the ways in which animals work and think.

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2020 Campaign Polls

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A recent hypothetical poll instigated by the School of Law at Marquette University shows that former Vice President and current presidential candidate, Joe Biden leads President Donald Trump 51% to 42%. Additionally, California Senator Kamal Harris and Massachusetts Senator Elizabeth Warren are tied with Trump at 44% and 45%.

Wisconsin is the only state that leans to the right the most and seeing as how this state was the final shove in Trump’s victory in 2016, it shows that the popular vote is no competition to the electoral vote. This is portrayed perfectly by Wisconsin’s shift from blue in 2012 to red in 2016. The poll proposes that Trump could win in Wisconsin but lose nationally.

The polling also proposes that Biden is the safest bet for Democrats. This statement is encouraged by Biden suggesting he is the “most electable Democrat.” His statement has given many Democrats reassurance, given their prioritizing of electability in this election. Even though these numbers can change, Biden’s unpopularity in Wisconsin doesn’t change the fact that he is the better liked candidate in the Democratic party. His net favorability rating is 0 points as opposed to Harris (-14 points), Sanders (-10 points), or Warren (-6 points).

Compared to Hillary Clinton in the 2016 election, Biden is taking a different route. He is favoring the midterms more than Clinton did. Democrats in the House won 90% of those opposing Trump in 2018 versus Clinton’s 77%. Trump’s approval rating has kept its consistency, which is why Biden is focusing on those opposed of Trump, which has increased his approval rating to 95% of those not in favor of Trump.

Goodwell, OK - In October of 2013, Lori Underwood lost her battle with lymphoma after a brave fight. Lori is survived by her husband, Zac Underwood (currently a teacher at Guymon Junior High School) and her sons, Trae (a freshman at OPSU), and Brett (a senior at Boise City High School).

Lori Underwood had served as the Upward Bound Program Facilitator at Oklahoma Panhandle State University for three years before her passing. In an effort to honor Lori’s life, the Upward Bound students and Teri Mora initiated a “Lymphing for Lori” 5K and Fun Run at Thompson Park in Guymon, OK. The event was a success and the tradition has continued with the 6th Annual “Lymphing for Lori” memorial event being held last October. The proceeds from these annual events have been accumulating and now have reached the level needed to endow a memorial scholarship in Lori’s name through the Panhandle State Foundation. Teri Mora stated, “Lori Underwood was an inspiration to so many of our Upward Bound students and we decided that a 5K in her name would be a great way to honor her memory. I am delighted that due to the generosity of our students and the 5K participants, her love for students will live on through this scholarship.”

The Lori Underwood Memorial Scholarship will be open to graduates of a high school in the Oklahoma panhandle with a 2.5 GPA and need will be considered. Preference will be given to Upward Bound students or graduates of high schools in Cimarron County or graduates of Lomega High School. Applicants will be required to attach a letter stating Upward Bound participation and need. Applications for the inaugural Lori Underwood Memorial Scholarship will be accepted from December 1, 2019 until February 14, 2020. The Lori Underwood Memorial Scholarship will be included in the Panhandle State Foundation Scholarship Program, which currently offers over 250 scholarships each year to students attending Panhandle State. The list of Foundation scholarships available for 2020-2021 and Foundation scholarship application will be available on December 1, 2019 on the Foundation’s web page at www.opsu.edu. For more information about applying for the Lori Underwood Memorial Scholarship or making a donation toward the endowment, contact Panhandle State Foundation at 580-349-1392 or opsufoundation@opsu.edu.
Faculty Spotlight: Mr. Carl Sell  
Annette Gardana

Traveling all the way from Roaring Spring, Pennsylvania, transitioning to Goodwell, Oklahoma has not been an issue for Professor Carl Sell. After sending out over 200 applications, browsing Oklahoma Panhandle State’s website, and extensive research over this area, Sell says he knew this university could quickly become home.

Professor Sell wanted to find a place where teaching came first and being a scholar followed, and after teaching at both Penn State and Penn State Altoona, Sell says he was drawn to Panhandle State because of that. He also mentioned that Panhandle took a chance on him while he worked on acquiring his passionate about teaching, and more specifically, teaching about Medieval Times. His passion for all things King Arthur and Medieval Times started with his grandmother and the amazing stories she introduced him to. Currently, Professor Sell is working on his dissertation on the appropriations of King Arthur myths.

Professor Sell says he’s taken to exploring the Goodwell and Guymon areas on the weekends. Officially moving to Guymon, he says Pub on the Bricks has quickly become a restaurant he will paying frequent visits to. Aside from his wife, Sara, Sell’s passions are comics and hockey. Nonetheless, Sell is excited to build a life in Guymon and at Panhandle State with his wife, two cats, and dog.
College soccer made its debut on the OPSU campus as a sport on August 24 in front of a great crowd of 792 fans. The women’s team won its opener versus Texas College, 1-0, with the first-ever goal (and match winner tallied by Sam Lopez). The men dropped a 4-0 decision to the Steers. However, the Aggie men notched their first victory a few days later by blasting Barclay College, 14-1 at Anchor D Stadium. Manuel DePierola scored the first goal in OPSU men’s soccer history at the 3:47 juncture of the match. However, DePierola was far from through as he added two more goals by halftime- for Panhandle’s first “hat trick”. In the second half, DePierola added two more goals for a total of five goals scored.

The Aggies football team suffered a 40-22 setback on the road vs. Hastings College (Neb.). HC led 29-7 with just 5:35 left until halftime. Yet, Panhandle reeled off 13 unanswered points to climb within a 28-22 score at the intermission. However, OPSU was held scoreless the second half as the Broncos extended their advantage. One bright spot was the Aggies rushing game which had quarterback Tony Brown (155 yards/TD) and George Dominguez (102 yards/TD) both surpass 100 yards. It was the first time that a pair of OPSU backs have both reached the 100-yard plateau in the same game since the Aggies’ October 10, 2015 win at McMurry University (Texas), 36-35. In that contest, OPSU’s Chris McClendon and Shane Truelove galloped over the War Hawks for 119 and 11 rushing yards, respectively.

The volleyball team embarked on the 2019 slate of matches at the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference (KCAC) Fall Fling and went 1-3 in the KCAC event on August 23-24, losing to both Bethany College, 0-3 and McPherson College, 0-3, on Friday, before splitting Saturday’s bouts with a hard-fought win over Avila University, 3-2, and capping the tourney with a loss to Tabor, 1-3. The victory versus Avila was even more special for Panhandle State, as it represented the first career-head coaching win for the Aggies’ Shelby Bartley. On Friday, August 30, the Aggies split their matches at home- losing to University of Southwest (0-3) and defeating Sterling College, 3-1 in their OPSU Tri-Match.

The OPSU cross country teams opened the 2019 season at the Hutchinson Community College/Terry Masterson Twilight Classic. The Aggie women finished fifth out of eight teams, while the men’s squad was the 12th at the Fun Valley course. OPSU newcomer Emilee Westeman- a junior transfer from Colby C.C. and native of Syracuse, Kan. - earned a spot on the women’s awards podium with a 12th place overall finish. Westeman covered the three-mile course in a time of 20:48.7 (6:56.5 per mile average). On the men’s side, the Aggies were led by a pair of former Stratford (Texas) High School runners Justin Duran and sophomore Baruc Ortega. Duran booked a time of 23:56.5 minutes for the four-mile course in his first collegiate meet and earned a 44th place finish, while Ortega’s finish of 26:04.2 put him in 72nd overall.

Oklahoma Panhandle State University’s men’s and women’s golf teams got off to a great start for the 2019-20 season, as both groups participated in the Clash of the Conferences at the Hesston Municipal Golf Course. In match play, the Aggies took top honors, while the OPSU men were second and ladies third in stroke play. On the men’s side, Panhandle State Head Coach Dewayne Mauldin received a tremendous all-around effort from his lineup. His four freshmen among the starting five all finished in the top eight for the tourney. Among Mauldin’s young guns Dawson Frye shot a 74 to tie for second place, four shots off the medalist. Danny Millis and Donald Harper were in a four-way logjam for fourth place with rounds of 75. The Panhandle State ladies had a nice round as well, all finishing within seven shots of each other. Mauldin’s top four women players were all returners, led by sophomore Ashley Branch, who was eight overall with a round of 90. Senior teammate Rylee Higgins was in ninth, one shot behind with a 91, and sophomore Emilee Smith at 92.

This year’s Equestrian Team lineup is:

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