Students Showcase Talents

By Ryan Bramblett

The annual OPSU Winter Talent Show took place on Tuesday, February 9. Many students gathered to show off their musical skills. The competition opened with two singers, Leticia Powers and Michael Guidry. After them, Errian Flanigan and Darryl Brister did a duet on piano and drums. They were followed by another singer, Brian Sutherland. Next came two songs by Oklahoma South Wind and an amazing performance by Erin Russell, who performed a Miranda Lambert song. Wrusterl Frye followed with an original song titled “A Little Too Soon”. Davina Gricks then blew them away with Whitney Houston’s “I Will Always Love You.” Then show ended after a performance by Jaydin Roseboro and Caleb Clark.

All of the entrants did a wonderful job, and I am sure the judges had a hard time picking the winners. In the end, they managed it. Third place went to Jayden Roseboro and Caleb Clark who performed an original composition. Second place went to the band Oklahoma South Wind for their cover versions of Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers’ “Mary Jane’s Last Dance” and Three Dog Night’s “Never Been to Spain”. First place went to Erin Russell. I would like to take a moment and congratulate those who did not place and wish them the best of luck in the next talent show.

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New Mr. Irresistible Crowned

By Ryan Bramblett

The sixteenth annual Mr. Irresistible competition took place on Wednesday, February 10. For those of you who have never been to the Mr. Irresistible contest, it is a homecoming tradition here at OPSU. It is similar to an amateur, all-male version of the Miss America competition. There were eight contestants in this year’s contest. They were Michael Guidry, Patrick Bean, Clint Horton, Anthony Ortiz, Merton Van Fredenberg, Josh Avery, Skyler Watson, and Tom Perkins.

Contestants competed in four categories: including evening wear, swimwear, a talent competition, and a question and answer portion. The many talents showcased included singing, a “ventriloquist” act, piano playing, and even juggling on a unicycle (seriously that was Tom’s talent).

After the eveningwear, swimwear, and talent portions, the three finalists were announced. They then had to answer one question each. Those questions included what had they done about the recent earthquake in Haiti, naming one thing they liked and one thing they didn’t about President Obama, and what sports would they like to see added to the OPSU roster.

All three gave good answers. Finally, it was time for the judges to make their decision. The Mr. Congeniality award, which is given to the contestant who was the most friendly and helpful backstage, went to Patrick Bean. The second runner-up was Tom Perkins. OPSU’s new Mr. Irresistible is Clint Horton. Congratulations to Mr. Horton, and to all those who took part in the contest.

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By Scott Poyr of OPSU Sports on 02/14/2010

Goodwell, Okla. — On Thursday night, the Oklahoma Panhandle State men’s basketball team played one of their worst games of the year and lost (at home) to the University of Arkansas-Fort Smith, 80-59. After that game, OPSU coach Jerry Olson made it very clear to his players that he was not only disappointed, but embarrassed as well. Back on their home court on Saturday, the Aggies responded with one of their best performances of the season as they overcame a 14-point second half deficit and defeated a good Dallas Baptist squad, 93-87.

The fast moving Aggies got an 89-point total from four of their guards, led by a dynamite performance from 5'10” Reggie Lassiter. Working on an injured ankle, he played all but four minutes of the game and hit on ten of his 12 shots from the field (including three of his four three-point attempts) and nine of his ten free throw chances for a career high 32 points. The senior from Washington, DC was playing in his final home game for the Aggies, and he made the most of it by being all over the court for most of the contest.

Dallas Baptist, a good Heartland Conference rival, has several big and strong players (especially 6’8” Eddie Gloviak), but the Aggies responded with their quickness and athleticism to earn the victory.

The Aggies led by a single point at halftime (41-40), but DBU came out of the halftime break with purpose and a 16-5 run helped them earn a 14-point advantage (68-54) with 9:05 left in the game. However, less than four minutes later, and thanks to the hot shooting of Lassiter and fellow guards Marcale Marshall, Kevin Geoffroy, and Aaron Ruiz, the Aggies catapulted back into the lead at 73-72 with 5:42 on the clock.

Both teams worked hard in the final minutes, but the Aggies were not to be denied and left the floor owning the 93-87 victory.

DBU had five players score in double figures, led by Jordan McGowan’s 19 and Gloviak’s 18.

In addition to Lassiter, three other OPSU guards, Marcale Marshall (21 points), Kevin Geoffroy (10) and Aaron Ruiz (19) also shot “lights out” on the way to the Aggie win. Aggie inside players Trayvon Williams and Steph Colvin did their part under the boards with nine and eight rebounds (respectively), Chuck Salisbury, a 6’1” junior guard from Beaver, Oklahoma, also showed some fine hustle during the game and scored four points and handed out four assists (the same as Colvin). The cat-quick duo of Lassiter and Marshall also had two steals each.

For the exciting game, both teams shot 50% or better from the field and DBU had a slight edge in rebounding (30-28). Six OPSU steals compared to just one for Dallas Baptist was one of the difference makers, along with 22 Dallas Baptist turnovers compared to 14 for the Aggies.

The Aggies spent most of the game with a four guard lineup and it proved to be a wise and winning decision by OPSU’s Olson. Post game, Olson praised the DBU squad and coaches for their effort. The veteran coach also had plenty of good things to say about the performance and the toughness of Lassiter, who was physically helped off the playing floor near the end of the first half, but came back after the break and performed with everything he could bring.

Olson added that he was quite pleased with the way that Ruiz stepped up. Ruiz is a six-foot junior from Hooker, Oklahoma who nailed four clutch three-point shots in key situations.

The loss dropped DBU to 7-5 in conference play (14-9 overall). The Aggies, still strongly in the hunt for a conference playoff berth, evened their league record at 6-6 and boosted their overall record to 10-13.

It was the last home game of the season for the Aggies who will close the regular season with four consecutive conference road games. Next up is St. Edward’s in Austin, Texas. The Aggies lost the previous meeting between the two teams on January 16th in Goodwell and they will be headed for Texas looking for some payback.
OPSU Drops Two in San Antonio

By Josh Edrenborough

The Oklahoma Panhandle State University men’s basketball team was in San Antonio, Texas this past week taking on conference opponents Incarnate Word and St. Mary’s University.

On February 4 the Aggies faced a very good Incarnate Word team. The Aggies hung tough for a while in the game, but then just did not hit shots and lost the game 55-88. Trayvon Williams and Reggie Lassiter led the way for the Aggies scoring 11 and 10 points, and Williams also grabbed 6 rebounds in the lose.

OPSU would then face St. Mary’s, another very talented team, on the 6th of February. The Aggies played much better in this game, but St. Mary’s made a run in the second half and OPSU just could not quite close the gap falling 79-59. The Aggies were led this game by the guard duo of Marquale Marshall who scored a game high 24 points and Lassiter who chipped in 19. Stephen Colvin also had a strong performance scoring 14 points on 7 for 8 shooting.

For the Aggies to make the conference tournament they need to be in the top 6 teams. At the end of this weekend the Aggies stood at 5-6 in conference and are currently out of the top 6, but are in no way out of the hunt for the conference tournament. OPSU will finish out the season on the road.

Lady Aggies lose two in Conference play

By Josh Edrenborough

The Lady Aggies were in San Antonio last week playing conference foes Incarnate Word and St. Mary’s.

First up for OPSU was the Cardinals from Incarnate Word. The Lady Aggies played hard, but came up just short of the Cardinals falling 65-56. Camille Washington led the way for the OPSU scoring 9 points, and Lauren Cherry also had a very strong performance scoring 8 points and pulling down 8 rebounds.

The Lady Aggies then took on St. Mary’s University. OPSU just never could find the touch on the offensive end falling to the Rattlers 38-56. Washington once again led the way for OPSU scoring 9 points, while Nefertaria Davis and Cassie Wood each chipped in 6 points on the night.

OPSU currently stands at 3-7 in conference play, and will string some victories together as the season comes to a close in hopes of making the conference tournament.

Introducing....

Samuel Moore

Greetings and salutations to all the people out there reading these words on campus or elsewhere. You may have heard that this fine newspaper is under new management. That particular management would just so happen to be me. There’s a new sheriff in town and by sheriff I mean editor and by town I mean newspaper.

I’m not one to talk about myself since it is a subject I know all too well and one I find quite boring but it would not be a very good introduction if I did not do so, so I guess I must. My name is Samuel T. Moore. I’m a twenty year old freshman and I graduated from Guymon High School. In case you missed Guymon, it’s right down the road from Goodwell. I decided to come to this fine institution because of its geographical proximity to home and affordable prices. Also the neighboring people as well. I enjoy writing and computers. The first interest is the reason I applied for this job.

I must admit organizing a whole newspaper is a daunting task. I was told it would be a bit like getting an old car to work. It was only after I took that job that much to my chagrin I discovered I could not get the paper to run by hitting it with a lead pipe while reciting obscenities, and trust me I’ve tried. Oh how I’ve tried.

Now you the reader are probably thinking “what does a new editor mean for me?” and then thinking “how does he know what I’m thinking?” The answer to the first question is that as soon as I get my editor legs planted firmly on the ground that this newspaper will probably start changing for the better. That is as long as you are interested in things that aren’t sports. If sports are your jive de vie, then expect to have somewhat less jive in your jive. I look forward to all the adventures and new things that we might do or discover.

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