Art Auction A Success

By Samuel Moore

Last Friday was the annual Paul Farell Art Auction. The auction is an event where handpicked pieces are sold to patrons of art only after a fair of fine cuisine and a thirty dollar ticket to get past the door. Though the thirty dollars is a paltry amount to pay for an evening of such regalement.

The evening began with an assortment of delectable hors d’oeuvres, such as what appeared to be peanut butter crackers covered in frosting, strawberries covered in the aforementioned frosting, an assortment of delicious sandwiches with ambiguous contents and several vegetables. All of which were very strategically placed next to the artist’s exhibits, and strategically placed next to the exhibits were the artists themselves. Each piece was a deep insight into the thoughts and personality of each of its creators. From African hunters who display the strife and hardships of life to tributes to Salvador Dali to precious moments of innocence caught forever in canvas; a multitude of feelings thoughts and perhaps even the very soul of the artist himself was present, and on sale to the highest bidder!

There weren’t only paintings; there was also pottery, and photography. A stunning photo of a waterfall by Hector Cobos, and a beautiful pottery serving set with a tree bark texture template were two big highlights of the non painting crowd.

Each artist hoped to get at least enough to cover the cost of framing the painting, and most hoped to get at least 200 dollars, with some of the more lofty goals being about around the million dollar mark. Feelings about how their piece would do were generally optimistic with some understandable trepidation. The general awary of the bids was higher for more traditional pieces with the more abstract pieces going for less.

Also pottery was particularly popular as well, but the crown jewels of the show were Bryan Test’s piece which was a wildlife painting going for 505 dollars. Clay Jackson’s piece of a horse with a cynical look on its face going for 1080 dollars and Yvonne Sangster’s piece of a Native American girl’s first dance going for 3000 dollars. That last piece is the highest grossing piece in the entire auction’s history. When asked why these people would spend such a huge sum on an art piece there response was that it was going to a good cause and they were buying it from good people is what they generally said. All in all it was a great night of food and culture. Also it had some really good steak.

Hard Work Pays Off

By Ryan Bramblett

The OPSU Band and Choir Concert took place in Centennial Theatre on Thursday, March 10, 2010. The concert featured the talents of the Concert choir, the Chamber Singers, and the Concert Band. The three groups performed songs ranging from Haydn and Bach to African-American spirituals. In my opinion, the most interesting piece was the world première of a song titled “In Triumph to the World, the Youthful Spring” which was composed by Molly Ferber. The bands at OPSU work hard and they showed us that all of that practice has paid off.
**Campus Quotes**

“If you could be trapped in a T.V. show for a month what would it be and why?”

All photos by Jordan Muncy

Amber Gorham: “*The Jetsons* so I could ride in a spaceship

Trevor Cox: “*The Bachelor*

John Schmidt: “*The Girls Next Door, so I could live in the Playboy mansion.*”

Carolyn McCargish: “*NCISLA* cause Mark Harmon is a hot old guy.”

Trevin Lawson: “If I could live in a T.V. show I would live in the local news because from one day to the...

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**Women’s Rodeo Two for Two**

By Jordan Muncy

Garden City, Kansas — With the spring season well underway, the Oklahoma Panhandle State University rodeo teams are wasting no time in their quest for a team championship. However, this spring season seems a bit different. Throughout the past, the Aggie men’s team has left a huge impact on the college rodeo world. Winning multiple collegiate team and individual national titles, it’s safe to say that the men’s team is well-known. However, it’s all about the women’s team so far this spring season. First, they won the team title at the Kansas State University rodeo, and have now brought home the team title from the Garden City Community College rodeo. The women have started what could be an undefeated spring season.

The beautiful weather over the weekend in Garden City proved to be an excellent atmosphere for a rodeo. With the number of contestants sky high, the Central Plains region cowboys and cowgirls kicked the weekend off with a bang early Friday morning and continued until the short round on Sunday afternoon.

Two Aggie women qualified for the championship round of the goat tying, held at the Finney County Fairgrounds. First to perform was Becky White, a senior from Craig, Colorado. White’s 7.7 second time in the long round slipped her into Sunday’s performance with a three way split for ninth, tenth and eleventh. White was riding her great horse, Whiz.

Also making the short go was Jordan Muncy, who tied for first and second in the long round with a 6.8 second run and ended up first in the average. Muncy also qualified in the barrel racing event, where she took a second place finish in the average, helping her claim the women’s All-Around title.

Several Aggies men qualified for the championship round of action. Ryan Hinton, who seems to be making his name known in the steer wrestling event, once again posted a great run in the long round. On Sunday, Ryan came back with a blistering run of 4.9 seconds, giving him a total of 10.1 on two, good enough for fourth place finish in the average and a third place finish in the short go.

Steve Lassen put on a bull riding clinic during Sunday’s performance as anyone watching could have learned just how a fantastic bull ride should look. After qualifying for the short go in sixth place, Lassen’s outstanding short go performance flew him up to a second and third place tie for the average.

No big surprise that the OPSU cowboys finished in first, second, and third in the long round of the saddle bronc. Winning the long round with a 77 was Seth Glause. Next, in second, was Troy Crowser, who managed to perform on his re-ride horse after taking a terrifying spill on his original horse, causing the crowd considerable suspense. In third, it was Tyrel Larsen, the Canadian native. Crowser walked away with the average title and Larsen ended up the reserve champion.

The teams do not have much time to regroup before making their way to the opposite side of Kansas this weekend for the Fort Scott Community College rodeo. Expectations remain high for both the men’s and women’s teams in their quest to qualify for the College National Finals Rodeo in June. Keep watching for more rodeo updates — Go Aggies!
OPSU Student to Attend Nigh Leadership Academy

By Ryan Bramblett

Every year, OSU Church of Christ University Center hosts Campus Encounters, a three-day event for various campus Church of Christ organizations. The event drew over two hundred students from Oklahoma, Texas, Kansas, and Arkansas to Stillwater for three days of fellowship and learning. Sam Collins, the Church of Christ Student Center’s campus minister, was only able to muster two students, myself and Tiffany Lietz, to attend this year.

This year’s theme was “Run to the Darkness” and the classes and sermons focused on ways to bring the message of Christ to others. For instance, Sam’s lesson focused on adapting the message to an audience without changing the core of the message. The lesson by Shane Koffman, another speaker, focused on how to get the most out of a worship service. The opportunity to learn about spreading the message of Christ and meet new people was worth spending about twelve hours crammed in the backseat of Sam’s car.

OPSU Basketball Season Wrap Up

By Josh Edenborough

The Oklahoma Panhandle State University men’s basketball team entered the season looking to dramatically improve from the previous seasons efforts. The Aggies had kind of a roller coaster season, but showed tons of improvement and also maybe most importantly showed how much better they can be in the seasons to come.

OPSU started the season slowly losing its first three games one of which to a division 1 team. The Aggies then found their stride beating rival West Texas A&M 77-71 in overtime and winning 2 more games in a row making their record 3-3 going in the first conference game. OPSU would go 1-2 by beating St. Mary’s, falling to UTPB, and Incarnate Word in the three game conference stretch that was played in early December. The Aggies played 2 more division 1 opponents, falling both times, over Christmas break before getting back into the heart of conference play. OPSU would then win 5 out of their next 7 games making them 5-4 in conference, and looking like a team that make some noise in the remaining games and possibly even in the conference tournament. Unfortunately for the Aggies they could not put it together in the final 8 games losing 7 of them and only beating Dallas Baptist for the second time that season in this stretch.

Although the Aggies faltered down the stretch and came up just short of the conference tournament there is a great deal of positive that can be taken from this season. The Aggies showed great improvement from the previous season finishing the year out 10-17 overall and 6-10 in conference. OPSU also showed that they could compete in the tough Heartland conference after being picked second to last in preseason polls.

The Aggies should be even stronger next year as they return all but 2 players from their roster. OPSU will without a doubt bring in a strong recruiting class to go along with 2nd team all conference performer Marcale Marshall, and many other very talented Aggies that are returning. The future looks very bright for OPSU men’s basketball.
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