Pioneer Rodeo

By Brittany Shears

Guymon, Oklahoma, known as the “Saddle Bronc Capital of the World” hosted the Pioneer Days rodeo this past weekend April 30 – May 2. The Pro Rodeo attracting thousands of visitors every year and over 900 contestants is the biggest annual economic impact in the Oklahoma Panhandle. It is also the 5 largest outdoor rodeo. Some of the best cowboys and cowgirls around come out to compete with some of the best stock, provided mainly by Carr Pro Rodeo.

Plenty of entertainment was lined up for the whole family. Before each rodeo performance the kids can participate in “mutton bustin’” and get themselves a belt buckle donated by Montana Silversmiths. At one point while the cowboys are preparing for the next event the Diamond Z English Shire Ranch show off their well trained team in the arena. And helping preside over the whole show was barrelman Keith Isley, winner of the 2009 Coors Man in the Can, Clown of the Year and Comedy Act of the Year.

The Panhandle community is a big supporter of Pioneer Days rodeo and has adopted it as a big part of their Pioneer Days celebration which honors the original pioneers who came to settle the west. Businesses and families alike take a great part in the rodeo and its events.

A Year Of Firsts

By Ryan Bramblett

As I am sure you all know, OPSU celebrated its first one hundred years last year. Don’t think that the school has stopped changing though. I would like to take a moment and look back at some of the things that have happened for the first time here on campus.

For the first time, OPSU has offered more than forty online classes. Speaking of online firsts, OPSU was also featured on the website for the American Association of State Colleges and Universities. You can even check lives stats for the basketball teams online. This spring also saw the highest enrollment in twenty years. Some stories that relate to the students a little more include the highest sale of a student’s painting at an art auction and the music departments purchase of a harpsichord.

As you can see, OPSU is continuing to grow and change. After my first semester working here at the Collegian, I can tell you that these are not the only things happening on campus. How any student can complain of boredom when there are usually two or three events every week is beyond me.

OPSU has begun its second century of education by trying to make the educational experience of its students better than ever.

Fun Stuff

By Brittany Shears

Music Dept. juries 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm Wednesday, 05/05/2010 - Thursday, 05/06/2010 Centennial Theatre

Intern and Cooperative Teacher Dinner (Education Dept.) 6:00 pm Wednesday, 05/05/2010 SU Ballroom

COP Convocation 7:00 pm Thursday, 05/06/2010 SU Ballroom

Honors Convocation 7:00 pm Friday, 05/07/2010 Centennial Theatre

Senior Art Exhibit Monday, 05/10/2010 - Friday, 05/14/2010 SU Ballroom

Final Exams Tuesday, 05/11/2010 - Friday, 05/14/2010

Final Day to Return Rental Books Friday, 05/14/2010 SU Book Rental Windows

Paradoxes To Ponder

1. What is better than eternal bliss? Nothing. But a slice of bread is better than nothing. So a slice of bread is better than eternal bliss.

2. Is it possible to give what we don’t have? Yes, greedy man gives his cash with sorrow. However, he doesn’t have the cash with sorrow, so he gives what he doesn’t have. ”

3. “The following statement is false. ” “The previous statement is true. ”

4. Answer truthfully (yes or no) to the following question: Will the next word you say be ‘no’?

5. If the temperature this morning is 0 degrees and the Weather Channel says, “it will be twice as cold tomorrow”, what will the temperature be?

6. Can a man drown in the fountain of eternal life?

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Campus Quotes Wrap Up!

Have you liked the changes we made to the paper and would you like to see anymore changes?

-Rebecca Fellaman
“I like that the paper is more universal and applies to all university activities and not solely athletics.”

-Elizabeth Solis
“I love the changes you guys have done by expanding it.”

-Willie Benson
“I don’t read the paper, so I couldn’t tell you.”

What was the best book, movie, tv show, etc. of the year?

-Rhonda
“Fringe, and if it’s not Fringe, it’s Castle.”

-Shelby Davis
“The Biggest Loser.”

-Leah Foster
“Favorite movie New Moon, favorite video game Dragon Age Origins.”

-Darrel Manis
“Best tv show of the year LOST.”
What was your favorite class this semester?

-Shane Rice
“Internship with the trainer.”

-Hillary Sherwood
“Both my Ag Marketing and Money and Banking classes.”

-Michelle Perky
“Any class with Mr. Mihelic.”

-Jacob Edmond
“Government with Dr. Burgess.”
Commencement Cometh

The 2010 OPSU Commencement Exercises loom on the horizon. Rehearsal for commencement will occur at 5:00 p.m. in the Oscar Williams Field House gymnasium on Friday, May 14. At this rehearsal, students will learn about the senior line-up and entry, complete exit OPSU documents, and walk through the receiving line. Rehearsals usually last from 60 to 90 minutes depending on the cooperation of the graduates. Commencement itself occurs at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 15 in the Oscar Williams Field House. Seniors should arrive no later than 9:30 a.m. and proceed immediately to the location of their entry line-up. The ceremony itself may last 90 minutes during which time approximately 200 graduates will receive their diploma covers. Dr. Glen Johnson, Chancellor of the Oklahoma State System of Higher Education.

Commencement is a time of celebration, but it must be tempered with dignity, an important element of the ceremony. Commencement is the outward recognition of a graduate’s academic accomplishment and is to be shared with family members and friends of the seniors and of OPSU. Students should understand that this very public event has a two-fold purpose: first to honor graduates and second to honor OPSU. Therefore, students should remember that commencement is a solemn and dignified event and that celebrations should occur only outside the gym after commencement ends. Academic regalia is worn at all commencement exercises, and its roots are shrouded in deep medieval, European, scholarly traditions. None of it should be altered for the event. Nothing should occur during commencement to detract from the ceremony itself—no tossed beach balls, no blaring air horns, no shooting silly string to pose problems, embarrassment, and hazards for guests, seniors, or OPSU. Students may throw confetti or streamers, but care should even be given even with those merrymakers.

Students unable to attend commencement should inform the Office of Academic Affairs in writing about their intentions before Friday, May 7. Please note that students cannot reserve seating for guests prior to the ceremony. Seating for guests with disabilities will be provided on the gym floor. Questions about rehearsal and commencement should be directed to Bobby Jenkins (bjenkins@opsu.edu, 580.349.1376, or Sewell 131), Sara Jane Richter (sara@opsu.edu, 580.349.1472, 580.338.2357, 580.651.7357, or Hughes-Strong Hall 109) or Tito Aznar (taznar@opsu.edu, 580.349.1418, or Hughes-Strong Hall 113).

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