Goodwell, Okla. — Plopped down in the middle of a country he had never visited, Jeff Flanagan, a 2008 Oklahoma Panhandle State University graduate, recently made a huge cultural, and even global, leap. Growing up on a farm north of nearby Texhoma, the social science education major joined the Peace Corps and recently landed in China to teach English at the university level.
Indoor pollution is 10 times more toxic than outdoor pollution.

The first product that Sony came out with was the rice cooker.

The only king without a moustache in a deck of cards is the king of hearts.

The IRS employees tax manual has instructions for collecting taxes after a nuclear war.

The first toilet being flushed in a motion picture was in the movie Psycho.

To sell your home faster, and for more money, paint it yellow.

‘Vodka’ is Russian for ‘little water’.

Warner Chappel Music owns the copyright to the song “Happy Birthday”. They make over $1 million in royalties every year from the commercial use of the song.

Saunders Leads the Way with OPSU BAND

A football or basketball game is not complete without the music from the OPSU Band, led by Dr. Matthew Saunders.
Jeff said he joined the Peace Corps because he wanted to experience a new culture, gain experience teaching in higher education, and serve people in another country. He looked into similar programs, but learned the Peace Corps has the best reputation for training their Volunteers for new cultures. The young man lived with a host family for two months in China, undergoing intense language and cultural immersion before beginning his job. He currently teaches at Panzhihua University in Panzhihua in the Sichuan Province. The city’s population is about 1 million and is located in the mountains of the southern, central part of the country.

While completing his 27-month assignment in Panzhihua, Jeff teaches English to English majors, many of whom will return to their home towns in the countryside after graduation and teach English at primary and secondary schools. He also organizes extracurricular events and activities for his students designed to help them practice their English skills. Jeff is also responsible for creating a secondary job for himself in the community. The work keeps him fully engaged; in fact, even though he gets 2 vacation days per month, he may only use them on weekends or during the school’s summer and winter breaks. Since he must pay for all his travel, he probably will not come home until his assignment has ended. But, the Oklahoma native is not the lone American in Panzhihua — two other Americans teach at the same university, one also a Peace Corps Volunteer. He encourages others to join the Peace Corps, saying, “It’s hard work and it’s stressful, but it’s an experience you’ll always remember and very few Americans get to have.”

Jeff was a familiar and friendly face on the OPSU campus. He engaged in numerous campus activities such as working as a campus photographer, running on the cross country team, and serving as the Baptist Student Union President and participating in Methodist Student Center activities. The son of Joe and Jeanne Flanagan, Jeff’s brother Josh graduated from OPSU in 2004 and younger brother Jordan is currently a senior at OPSU.

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Shawn Lyle, Assistant Professor of Mathematics at OPSU, started teaching here when she was only 24. Originally from Texhoma, Oklahoma, Lyle graduated from Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) in Weatherford with a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics. She wanted to do more with her degrees, she was torn between teaching mathematics and going on to an engineering school, but she kept her options open. She decided to try student teaching at Weatherford High School for her last semester at college, and she loved it, so she decided to obtain a secondary teaching certificate.

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Hall of Famer Helps OPSU Bull Riders

By Jordan Muncy

At 5’4”, Charles Sampson may not be what most picture when they think of bull riders. But after making 11 trips to the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas, Nevada, Sampson proved himself in a clear way. In 1982, Sampson became the first African-American cowboy to win a world title in the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association in the bull riding. His riding style seemed fearless, which made him one of the most popular cowboys when he rode. His professional career lasted about twenty years and he traveled nearly everywhere imaginable and rode some of the rankest bulls around. In 1983, Sampson was riding in front of Ronald Reagan and shattered his face after an accident while performing and now has a prosthesis for a missing ear, living proof of the dangers of the sport. September 13-14, Sampson was right here in Goodwell as he worked with bull riding members of the Aggie rodeo team, number four of many schools Coach Craig Latham has provided to team members. Other schools included breakaway, calf roping, and bareback riding, each instructed by a professional. Two days of solid bull riding made for some good rides as well as wrecks. Several cowboys were spotted with a limp in their walk as well as many other injuries, luckily nothing too serious. Countless people stood on the back of the bucking chutes at the Doc Gardner Memorial Arena, others were getting ready to ride and many people took the time to help out. Possibly the most important asset to the school, aside from Sampson himself, were the bullfighters, who are there to assist cowboys on the arena floor. Even coach Latham strapped on the protective vest and braved the chute fronts. Showing his true love for his team, he was willing to risk his own life to rescue one of his team members.

With the start of the 2009-2010 Central Plains Region rodeos this very weekend, the special attention came at what seems a perfect time. Last year, two Panhandle cowboys finished in the top ten of the region in the bull riding event, Tyrel Larsen and Ty Clearwater. Larsen is back for another year, and with many new recruits as well, this could be the best season yet for Aggie bull riders, thanks to the help of Sampson. More schools are scheduled for the fall semester, as well as into the spring. Keep watch as the rodeo team works hard in hopes of another successful year. Go Aggies!

Student Athletes of the Week

Article Courtesy of Scott Puryear

Goodwell, Okla. — During the school year, Oklahoma Panhandle State University recognizes Student Athletes of the Week — an honor based upon citizenship, leadership, academic accomplishment, and athletic performance. Earning honors this week are two dedicated young people — Cheryl Coldwell and Quinton Jones.

Coldwell, of the Lady Aggie volleyball team, leads by example both on the court as well as in her work in the classroom. The hardworking 5’6” senior from Norman, Oklahoma, is pushing for another successful year for the team as she also pursues her degree in Biology. She is also one of the nicest young people on the OPSU campus.

Jones is a 6’4”, 300-pound offensive lineman for the OPSU football team. A good bet to repeat the type of post season honors he earned after last season, Jones has been demonstrating senior leadership this season. He has the same good work ethic in the classroom as he works on a double major in Biology and Chemistry. He is a native of Seiling, Oklahoma.

Quinton Jones and Cheryl Coldwell are two of the many examples of the fine young people participating in college athletics as they represent Oklahoma Panhandle State University.

Go Aggies!
**SPORTS**

**Volleyball Vs. Texas A&M Commerce**

By Josh Edenborough

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, the OPSU volleyball team played a very talented Texas A&M Commerce Lions team in a double-header. In the first game, the Lions took the victory in 3 straight sets. The Aggies in both games had way too many mental mistakes, and gave away too many points due to their own errors. The Lions dominated the first set taking it 25-13, and OPSU played much better in the second 2 sets, but a few errors here and there led to Commerce taking them 25-18 and 25-20 to end the match.

The Aggies looked to come out strong in the second match of the double header, but mental errors proved costly once again for OPSU. It seemed like the Lions took advantage of every Aggie mistake during the match and came out with another 3-set sweep. Commerce took the first set 25-15, followed it up in the next set with a 25-14 beating, and in the third and final set of the match took it 25-13.

The Aggies will be back at home September 24 playing against a conference opponent Texas A&M International. They have a few road games between then as they work to improve so they can make a run during their conference schedule.

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**Cross Country at West Texas A&M University**

By Josh Edenborough

The men’s and women’s Cross Country teams were in Canyon, Texas this past Saturday running in a meet hosted by West Texas A&M. For the men, Johana Korir led the way for the Aggies coming in with a time of 29:53 to earn a 34th place finish. Jesus Uribe and Quentin Williams came in shortly after Korir with times of 30:39 and 31:05 to earn them 46th and 49th place, respectively. Martin Baeza and Shaquille Redhair came in with an identical time of 36:15 to earn 64 and 65 place respectively. On the women’s side Veronica Lozana led the way coming in 39th place with a time of 23:47. Amanda Boggs was the next girl in for the Aggies coming in with a time of 28:04 to earn herself 54th place. The next Aggie runner to come in was Rachael Beck who placed 56th, who ran her 5k in 29:25. Kayla Joos and Arlene Soto came in 57th and 58th place, respectively with times of 31:20 and 31:21. Coach Esparza was pleased with how things went, and when asked how he thought they did, he replied, “I thought overall both teams ran well and worked really hard. We will continue practicing hard, and continue to get better as the season goes on, I think.” The teams’ next meet is this coming Saturday in Colorado Springs.

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COLLEGIAN’S Caption Contest

Last Week’s Winner:
“Can you keep a secret? I’m trying to organize a prison break. I’m looking for, like, an accomplice. We have to first get out of this class, then the school, then the town, and then the country. Are you in or you out?”
Submitted by Tobias Metzger

How do you submit your entry?
It’s easy, send your caption to Collegian@opsu.edu with the subject line reading Caption Contest.
Remember, you can’t win if you don’t submit an entry (and sometimes that’s all it takes)
### Night Golf

By Josh Edenborough

Last Tuesday September 8, OPSU Student Activities held a night golf tournament at the par 3, 9-hole course on campus. The tournament was a 2 person scramble and 17 teams participated. Each contestant was given a golf ball with a glow stick in the middle and all of the tee boxes and flags were marked with glow sticks so that the contestants could see where the hole was located on the green.

Todd Surdez and John Crawford came out on top - they shot a 3 over par 30 to bring home the $100 prize. The second place team of Chad Thies and Jacob Clinton came in one stroke behind them (31) to earn $70. Third place belongs to Chuck Salisbury and Cody Jamerson and they won $40, shooting a very respectable round of 32. Those teams all shot very good rounds; however, the team of Daren Randall and Mark Rutlege really won the tournament with an even par round of 27, but were ineligible to win money since they are faculty.

Golf is not an easy game to play in during the day time; playing at night makes it ten times more difficult. The night golf balls that were used don’t fly like a normal golf ball or roll the same on putts. It was a very fun event to play in, and I strongly recommend to everyone who has golf clubs play in the next night golf event held.

### Meet The Teach Pt. 2

By Chaney Latham

A 1999 OPSU graduate, Jennifer Hegwood makes another new addition to the teaching staff this year. Jennifer grew up in Ulysses, Kansas so her journey to Panhandle was considerably short, but the years spent on OPSU campus amount to many, first as a student to recently becoming a professor.

Mrs. Hegwood graduated with a degree in Agronomy in 1999 plus she received a Biology degree in 2008. The years in between were spent working hard on the farm with her sister near Ulysses. Before becoming a professor of Biology I and II, Jennifer planned on being a high school teacher, but enjoyed teaching college kids so much decided to teach at the college level. She said, “It’s just fun to watch students learn.”

Future plans for Jennifer consist of staying at OPSU to teach, and to work at her masters. She is well-qualified already with two degrees in hand, but wants to expand even more by working towards her master’s. She makes a great addition to the teaching staff and students are very lucky to have a professor such as Jennifer who really loves what she teaches.
You know what really rubs me wrong? Narcissistic exercisers. By the way, this applies to participants of both genders and those that are inbetween. I understand if you want to look sexy while you are working out but please waste the workout machines for those of us who wish to actually train for some beneficiary result. Unfortunately it just so happens that I have to work an extreme just to burn off my daily intake of food much less the extra calories that may improve self-image if not. It just cracks my whip when I see someone on the bike or elliptical who is checkin’ their makeup every five seconds or flashing/taking a pose every stride. If you are trying to look sexy while working out go to the club and dance like no other. The gym is for people who wish to obtain a healthy physique, not attract others of the opposite sex as will apparently taking up valuable space. Fake exercisers. Rub Me Wrong.

You need to deal with something today — but you've got nine times as much energy as you need! Find something fun to do afterward, and that's sure to lead to all sorts of other great stuff down the line.

You're feeling more than a little attached to someone today — and that may or may not be a good thing! It's a great time to reconsider your relationships and decide what to do about those you don't like.

Get to work on something new — you've got hot ideas for days! It's a really good time for you to check into something that your friends can get involved in, too, as you need that social element.

You're making a big show out of something that's ordinarily pretty low-key, but that's fine — now is the best time to make a splash! Someone likes what they see, though it may take them a while to say so.

You can stand up to almost anyone today — it's easy! You should see if you can get your boss or cranky neighbor to chill out, if only by showing them that you can take the heat as long as they can dish it.

People are incredibly sensitive to ego today, so do what you can to keep your opinions to yourself. If others seem to be bragging, you can be sure that their efforts will backfire on them.

You can count on one good friend to make life easier today — make sure that you're ready to ask them! It may feel awkward at first, but you know for sure that you can get what you need this time.

Make sure that you're watching out for your own weird behavior today — because everyone else sure is! You may feel unfairly singled out, but you can at least avoid the spotlight.

You're getting more than you expected from a friend or family member today — and your thanks is all the reward they need! It's one of those days when you're glad to be where you are, so show it!

Watch out at work today — or in other fields outside the home. You're not in any real danger, but you might find that others are working against your interest. They should be easy to stop.

You have to be careful not to step in a poodle.

Weather Answer: You have to be careful not to step in a poodle.

Word of the Week

Given to or characterized by gross excess in drinking or eating.

You have to face reality — and that's not much fun! The good news is that you're in the best mind state to do just that, so see if you can get your mind wrapped around your latest mix-up.