Aggie Football Comes Out on Top

By Josh Edelenborough

OPSU took on Southwestern College in Kansas this past Saturday for the annual Homecoming game. On what was a downright miserable day, OPSU claimed the victory 35-14 to make their record 2-4.

The Aggies took the lead early in the first quarter and never looked back. The first score came off of a 23-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Vincent Gay to Doug Williams. OPSU found their way into the end zone one more time in the quarter on a short touchdown run by Darryl Brister to make the game 14-0.

In the second quarter Southwestern College got a taste of the end zone on a 75-yard touchdown run. That was really the only mistake the OPSU defense made all day. Gay and the Aggie offense would answer in a big way when Gay hooked up with Tyler Northcutt for a 50-yard touchdown pass which made the game 21-7.

In the third quarter both teams went scoreless largely due to solid defense from both teams. Scoring resumed in the fourth quarter with a Southwestern College touchdown to make the game 21-14, and people started seeing deja vu. The Aggies, however, were determined to win the game without any overtime, and with a little under ten minutes left on the clock, Gay found Shea Tarbet for a 17-yard touchdown pass to make the score 28-14. The Aggies sealed the deal on a 93-yard screen pass from Gay to Williams making the game 35-14.

Gay had a big day for the Aggies despite the cold, passing for 317 yards and 4 touchdowns with 2 going to Williams. Brister also had another very strong performance, rushing for over 100 yards and a touchdown. The Aggie defense as a whole had a strong day only allowing that one big play.

OPSU will be at home again next week as they take on Bacone University.
Things that make you go Hmm...
Random thoughts for random people

Over 10,000 birds a year die from smashing into windows!

Cat urine glows under a black-light!

The sentence “The quick brown fox jumps over a lazy dog,” uses every letter of the alphabet!

A ‘jiffy’ is an actual unit of time for 1/100th of a second!

If you counted 24 hours a day, it would take 31,688 years to reach one trillion!

A group of geese on the ground is a gaggle, a group of geese in the air is a skein!

There are 18 different animal shapes in the Animal Crackers cookie zoo!

In Tokyo, a bicycle is faster than a car for most trips of less than 50 minutes!

The most popular first name in the world is Muhammad!

Courtesy of RandomFunFacts.com

Saunders Leads the Way

A football or basketball game is not complete without the music from

The OPSU Band, led by Dr. Matthew Saunders.

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Wednesday, October 14
OPSU College Fair 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm Noble Center

Thursday, October 15
Musical Rehearsal in H-S Aud. 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm Hugh String Auditorium

Friday, October 16
Volleyball - Tarleton State University Tournament 12:00 PM Stephenville, TX

Saturday, October 17
Volleyball - Tarleton State University Tournament 12:00 PM Stephenville, TX

Sunday, October 18
Women’s Golf - NSU Golf Classic 1:00 PM Tableegah, Ok

Monday, October 19
Concert in H-S Aud. 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm West Texas A&M

Tuesday, October 20
Musical Rehearsal in H-S Aud. 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm West Texas A&M
By Renee Dickens

Being a new member of The Collegian, here is a little information about myself. My name is Renee Dickens and this is my 2nd year at OPSU. I comes from the small town of Goshen, Michigan. Through divine intervention I came across OPSU on a college database and decided to check it out. After driving 2400 miles in 4 days to Oklahoma and back, I knew this is where I needed to be. Since arriving here last fall, I have been amazed in more ways than I ever imagined. The slower pace and friendly people have made the adjustment significantly easier. I have become very active on campus with the involvement of Student Senate, Kappa Sigma, and the Baptist Student Union. I am excited to be writing for The Collegian this semester. I have been given the task of writing about the history of OPSU. If there is something you would like to know more about, I am more than willing to research and find out more about it. I can be contacted at my school e-mail address: renee.dickens@students.opsu.edu or you can find me in the Student Affairs Office Monday through Friday 8:00 am - 10:00 am on a regular basis.

OPSU: The Beginning

How does a college in the middle of the country happen to come about? Heritage of the Panhandle, written by Kathryn Senior, a former associate professor of English at OPSU, compiled a collection of materials taken directly from Panhandle-Colleges (student newspaper), area newspapers, college catalogs, early graduation pamphlets, letters, and other publications. The book tells the story of the college and its students. This compilation of materials makes it possible to uncover the beginnings of OPSU.

In 1907, residents of the Oklahoma Panhandle felt a need for a farmer's institute in the area. In April of 1908 a permanent organization was formed and in October the first meeting was held. In May 1909, Charles P. Barrett, secretary of the State Board of Agriculture, informed members of the Panhandle Farmer's Institute that the Panhandle would have an agricultural institution at high school. All the towns in the Panhandle competed for the location of the school as well as the Texas county seat. One point no one reported but a deal was made in which Gypsum would back Goodwell for the school if Goodwell would back Gypsum for the county seat. Gypsum won the county seat by a 75 majority vote.

Two of the most influential people in establishing OPSU were J. R. P. Sewell, President of the First State Bank, Goodwell, and the First National Bank, Tucumcari; and Representative E. E. Earle. Sewell pledged his own time and funds to construct Franklin Hall and the Methodic Church. Earle was responsible for House Bill No. 368, which proposed to have the fifth judicial district divided into two agricultural districts which would call for the establishment of an Agricultural College of elementary grade.

When the first term began November 1, 1909 class was held in the First State Bank. The bank was located in the southwest portion of the building while in back of the bank were two rooms on second floor: a classroom and president's office combined and the second as a classroom. The north half of the first floor was divided into two rooms. The room facing Main Street was a classroom and assembly room, and the one at the back was a classroom and dormitory science laboratory. The second floor was a hotel where the teachers lived and where students would stay during fall weather. Enrollment fees were $1.50 for in-state students and $2.50 per month for out-of-state students and was payable upon enrollment. Enrollment was 2960 for the entire term and room rent for the dorms ranged from $1.25 to $1.50 per month.

J. W. "Daddy" Black served as the first president of the university. He was perceived as a grandfatherly type and was deeply loved by the students. His fatherly approach was felt and comforted the homeseekers, most being away from home for the first time. It was not uncommon to see the students being picked up for and to them to hear their father say, "Well, I'll probably be back for you at Christmas time, weather permitting."

During his presidency, 1929-1933, he developed and compiled these rules and regulations:

1. The daily life of the student while attending school is subject to the supervision of the Faculty.
2. The use of tobacco on the school grounds and the use of spirituous liquors of all kinds is strictly forbidden. Anyone unwilling to comply with these rules should not apply to the school for admission.

S. W. Black, President
Oklahoma Panhandle State has come a long way since the beginning. It still provides an excellent education for a low cost price with an at home feeling. Stay tuned for more issues on the inside scoop of the early years of OPSU.

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Men's Team Takes First at SEOSU Rodeo.

By Chaney Latham

Two All-Around hands from Oklahoma Panhandle State University's Rodeo Team walked out of the U-Cross indoor arena in Coleman, Oklahoma with two trophy saddles Saturday night. Jordan Muncy won the all around on the women's side by making a stand in both the goat tying and barrel racing competitions, while L.D. Meier made a statement in the calf roping and steer wrestling events.

Meier made a nice run of 9.6 seconds in the first go of the calf roping, and quickened his time to a 9 flat in the second go to secure him a third place finish overall. Placing fourth in the steer wrestling, L.D. completed a fast run of 4.9 seconds in the first go and made another solid run of 5.4 in the short round.

L.D., said, "I'm glad I had a successful rodeo! He had a tough time at the first two rodeos, but this goes to show a person should never give up. About tough luck he said, "You have to keep going and don't get down on yourself." This cowboy's effort paid off this weekend, and now he has a new all around saddle to show for it.

All-Around Cowgirl Jordan Muncy made the short round in the goat tying with a time of 6.1 seconds. In the short round, she completed a smoking run of 7.7 to take third place overall, Jordan took a fifth place finish in the barrel racing competition by running 16.18 seconds in the first go and improving her time even more by making a fast run of 15.98 in the short round.

Jordan stated, "It feels good to have both saddles come home to Panhandle kids."" OPSUS Men's Team had a successful weekend finishing in first. Coach Craig Latham said, "I am really proud of the progress the team is making." Two cowboys competed in the saddle bronc riding in the short round — Seth Glause and Tyrel Larsen. Seth finished a nice ride in the first go and earned 72 points, but was unable to cover his bronc in the short go. Tyrel Larsen became the top cowboy of the weekend in the saddle bronc riding by making two solid rides. He won the first go with a score of 74 points and finished second in the short go with a 71 point score. Along with L.D. Meier, Andrew Taylor competed in the tie down roping in the short round. In the first round, Andrew made a run of 9.5 seconds, and was a little longer than he wanted to be in the short round by making a run of 12.1, but it was still good enough for him to finish in seventh place overall.

Tyler Jolly also made it back to the short go in the steer wrestling with a solid run of 5.0 seconds in the first go and finished with a 6.0 second run in the short round.

The women's team had only two competitors make it back to the short round; all around cowgirl Jordan Muncy and Chaney Latham. Chaney made it back to the short go with a run of 8.1 seconds in the goat tying, but had some tough luck in the final round and finished eighth.

Congratulations to the Men's Team Champions, L.D. Meier, and Jordan Muncy! And good luck to all team members at the last fall rodeo of the season in Alva, Oklahoma on November 5-7. As for all barrel racers that might be interested, NFR Qualifier Tammy Key Fischer will be here on October 24 and 25 to put on a barrel racing clinic. For more information contact Craig Latham.
SPORTS

Volleyball Falls in 3 Home Games
By Josh Edendohburn

OPSU VOLLEYBALL had three home games this week on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday against Eastern New Mexico State, the University of Texas-Panhandle Basin, and Dallas Baptist.

THE FIRST game of the week the Aggies faced a very talented Eastern New Mexico State team. EMNU won the first set of the night 25-11, and it looked like it might be a long night for the Aggies. OPSU came out fired up in the second set, and the teams battled back and forth before the Aggies claimed the victory 26-24. The third and fourth sets were close until the end, but the Aggies had a few break downs that EMNU took advantage of winning the third and fourth set 25-20 to end the match.

IN THE second game of the week against UT-Panhandle Basin, the Aggies fell in 3 straight sets; however, all of the sets were very competitive and could have gone either way. In the first set, OPSU jumped out to an early lead, but UT-PB came back and ended up taking the game 26-24. The second set the Aggies fell 25-18, and in the third set of the night OPSU lost 25-21.

THE AGGIES faced Dallas Baptist Saturday morning. The Aggies lost the game in 3 straight sets to DBU, the Aggies fall to 3-11 on the season.

Another BIG Saturday for OPSU Football
Article Courtesy of Scott Puryear

GOODWILL, OKLA. — It’s going to be another big day on the Oklahoma Panhandle State football field this coming Saturday afternoon. The Aggies will face Bacon College and both teams are coming off victories last weekend. Bacon topped Texas College 35-32 while the Aggies held Southwestern College 35-14 before four touchdown passes from senior quarterback Vincent Gay.

THE GAME will be open to the public at no charge thanks to the sponsorship of Johnny Curtis Realty of Guymon.

LAST WEEK, the Aggies had planned (as part of the Homecoming celebration) to wear “throwback” jerseys and replica leather helmets during their pregame warm-ups. The weather did not cooperate so the squad will don the old-time football attire for their warm-ups for this Saturday’s game. They will change into their regular equipment and be ready to roll for the scheduled 2:00 p.m. kick-off.

FOR THOSE who cannot attend the game, fans in the Goodwell-Guymon area can listen to all the action live on OPSU radio (97.7 FM). An Internet broadcast is also available - log on to www.opsu.edu and click on “Athletics” to find the link.

The young Aggie volleyball team has been going through some growing pains this season, but showed that they have the ability to be a good team during the first two games of the week.

Student Senate Minutes

WHEREAS, the aesthetic appearance of the OPSU community makes a strong visual impression upon prospective, current, and former students, faculty, staff, and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the aesthetics of the city of Goodwell community hold great influence over the success of recruiting and retention efforts by OPSU; and

WHEREAS, OPSU will host its Centennial celebrations in the 2009 – 2010 academic year; and

WHEREAS, prospective, current, and former students, faculty, staff, and visitors have a significant, positive economic impact on the city of Goodwell; and

WHEREAS, a majority of property owners in the city of Goodwell do not effectively maintain the appearance of said property and thereby the aesthetics of the city of Goodwell need to be improved;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE STUDENT SENATE OF OKLAHOMA PANHANDLE STATE UNIVERSITY OF THE 2009 – 2010 ACADEMIC YEAR:

“The current appearance of the city of Goodwell has a detrimental effect on the success of OPSU.”

THAT the current appearance of the city of Goodwell has a detrimental effect on the success of OPSU; and

THAT the city of Goodwell should encourage residents and property owners to better maintain their property by cutting weeds, mowing grass, and improving structures particularly rental property by painting and tearing down dilapidated structures; and

THAT the OPSU Student Senate hereby urges property owners in Goodwell to improve the appearance of their property; and

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Goodwell City Council; and

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the President of Oklahoma Panhandle State University.

Dig Pink
Article Courtesy of Mike Stephens

OPSU Volleyball and the Heartland Conference are participating in the Dig Pink Fundraser sponsored by the Side-Out Foundation. Many of us, including myself, have been affected by breast cancer and this is an opportunity for us to help fight this dreaded disease. The Side-Out Foundations goal is $750,000 over the month of October with over 800 schools participating nationally.

Friday, October 30th we will host Newman University at 7:00pm. This will be our Dig Pink Fundraiser match with raffles, donations and many other avenues to help us raise funds to donate to the Side-Out Foundation. Wear pink to our match to qualify for many prizes during the match. Official Dig Pink gear can be found at http://www.side-out.org/news-events/dig_pink buy_digpink.php

There is an official OPSU Volleyball Dig Pink Website where donations can be made directly and our progress towards our goal of $1,000 can be monitored. It can be found at: https://www.side-out.org/application/teams/ team_page27291

Hope to see you not only at this match but our other 3 remaining home matches.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Pictured here in their pregame attire are (r to l) Jose Mendez, Andrew Walker, Gus Overstreet, and Vincent Gay. They will change into their regular equipment prior to 2:00 p.m. kickoff. — Brandt Wyatt Photo
AND THE WINNER IS...

King - Oleyami Hafeez
Queen - Dee McChesney
Congratulations!

COLLEGIAN’S Caption Contest

Last Week’s Winner
“Seriously, am I really going to use this information in real life?”
Submitted by Maggie Cline

How do you submit your entry?
It’s easy, send your caption to Collegian@opsis.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!)
HOMECOMING

OSPU showed off their talent as the Aggies took the stage. From singing to juggling, they had it covered. Let’s just call them daredevils, we see just what the students on campus had. Photos by Hector Coloss

Centennial Music was premiered by the OSU choir and band. Photos courtesy of Tina Kumar

THAT DIRTY SUSIE DEKINS, SHE’LL BE SORRY IF SHE TRIES TO PASS ANOTHER NOTE.

PSST... CALVIN! PASS THIS SECRET NOTE TO JESSICA, OKAY?

TEACHER! SUSIE’S PASSING NOTES! TAKE THIS AWAY AND READ IT IN FRONT OF THE CLASS!

“DEAR JESSICA, YOU KNOW WHAT I HATE ABOUT CALVIN? HE’S A SQUEALER! SIGNED, SUSIE.

I HOPE YOU FIND A GOOD DENTIST, SUSIE.
You know what really rubs me wrong? Grammatical errors. I know that a lot of people don’t give a hoot about using correct grammar, but nothing drives me quicker to irritation than when I begin to read something and it contains errors in it. I understand that people make mistakes and I’m almost positive that at some point I may have written something that had grammatical errors in it, but I would just like to remind everyone of something called “proof reading.” It’s this amazing action where one goes back over their work and corrects the errors before turning the final project in. Grammatical Errors. Rub me wrong... Especially when they’re in my own work.

Weather Answer: Go outside and look up

“Those are some that only employ words for the purpose of disguising their thoughts.” - Voltaire

Word of the Week

BOURGEOIS
adjective
Middle-class or reflecting middle-class values

Webster.com

You may rub someone the wrong way — but that’s not your fault! Your great energy is just pushing you toward greater honesty, and if someone can’t take the truth, that is their own problem.

Taurus
Show someone how much you care. It may be a new love or someone you’ve known for decades, but your good energy is just right for expressing what’s going on inside your heart right now.

Cancer
Don’t whine today — you’ve got to go whole hog when shopping or planning. It’s just the perfect time to make a bold statement of some kind, and you know just what you want to say with it.

Leo
You’re feeling even more sure of yourself than usual, which may create a snowball effect as one success leads to another. Your friends are sure to get your back in the unlikely event that you have to take a break.

Virgo
Let others hog all the credit today — you’ll get yours soon enough! It’s hard for you to show what you’re capable of when the people around you are looking out for signs of a big ego.

Libra
You’re feeling in over your head — and while that might be somewhat true for the time being, it can’t last for long! Try to just keep poking along and doing what you can until your good energy returns.

Scorpio
Watch out for ego-conflicts — they are coming for sure, and your peace-loving energy isn’t enough to forestall the worst of the collateral damage. Just try to edge away from conflict for now.

Sagittarius
You need to experience something new and different — that shouldn’t be too hard for you! It’s a good time for you to see about getting time off for a trip or meeting someone who’s of your caliber.

Capricorn
It’s one of those days that seems to stretch on for much longer than you want it to — but it’s not impossible to deal with. Just make sure you’ve got all the resources you need before you move.

Aquarius
Show your boss or your best friend that you can go it alone when you must. It’s the perfect day for showing of your independence and taking a stand that leads to a new position.

Pisces
There’s a bit too much going on today for you to focus all your attention on any one project or person, but do your best to avoid distraction as far as you can. That’s the only way to get anything done!