DORM OF DOOM!

October 28th-31st
8PM

Muller Hall
$7 Admission

HAUNTING OPSU NOW!

On This Day, 1936
US President Franklin D. Roosevelt re dedicates the Statue of Liberty on its 50th anniversary.

INSIDE

Dig Pink

Saturday at 2:00 PM the Lady Aggie Volleyball team takes on Newman University for the “Dig Pink” event. Learn more in Sports.

Goodwell Weather
What does lightning wear under its clothes?

Wednesday October 28
Partly Cloudy
65°-35°

Thursday October 29
Few Showers
48°-30°

Friday October 30
Sunny
50°-36°

Saturday October 31
Sunny
59°-39°

Sunday November 1
Sunny
58°-34°

Monday November 2
Sunny
58°-34°

Tuesday November 3
Sunny
59°-39°

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Get to know your school. As the centennial nears, learn more about the history of OPSU!

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**Things That Make You Go Hmm...**

Random thoughts for random people

The world’s first underwater hotel, Hydropolis, is in Dubai. It contains 220 luxury suites under 66 ft. (20m) of water.

The world’s biggest restaurant hamburger was first sold in 2006, at Pattaya Beach. Fittingly named; Big Bob’s Texas Belt Buster, this hamburger weighs 78 lbs. (35.6kg)!

Henry Wallitich was the first boxer to knock himself out in 1959. He swung a punch, missed, fell through the ropes, and hit his head on the floor.

The first known bird to live as a vampire is the ground finch in the Galapagos Islands. It pecks booby birds and drinks their blood.

9% of the US population visit a Starbucks once a month.

Cats sleep 16 to 18 hours per day.

Diet Coke was only invented in 1982.  

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**Computer Programming Team Competes at Regionals**

By Kim Tuttle

Dallas, Texas - The OPSU Programming Team competed at Regional Competition this past weekend October 22-24 at the University of Texas at Dallas. The crew pulled out of Goodwell early Thursday morning and returned late Saturday evening. Blake Westbrook, President of AITP was awake at 5 a.m. Thursday morning ready to go. “Waking up to leave for AITP contest is like waking up for Christmas,” said Westbrook.

Region 3 for the Association of Information Technology Professionals includes members in six states: New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana and Southern Mississippi. There were approximately 200 students that attended.

The contests featured this year included Application Development, Microsoft Office Solutions, Network Design, Systems Analysis, Database Design, and PC Troubleshooting. The OPSU team placed in four of the six contests:

- Place: 1st Contest: Team Included:
  - 3rd place in Application Development – J. B. Test, Nick Tuttle and Jonathan Faulkner
  - 2nd place Network Design – Blake Davis and Jonathan Faulkner
  - 1st place Network Design – Blake Westbrook and Klay Ruban
  - 3rd place Microsoft Office Solutions – Zane Greene and Lance Shellie
  - 3rd place PC Troubleshooting – Tim Justice and Josh Armstrong

Sponsors of the conference included USAA, Argo, Microsoft, AT&T, Walmart, IBM, NTPUG, Fujitsu and Texas Instruments.

Another member of the team, Tim Justice said, “For CIS Education, AITP is one of the best things you can do for yourself. You get hands on experience, networking opportunities with sponsors and other schools, and build lifetime relationships with colleagues.”

AITP also started up a custom t-shirt fundraiser this year and in doing so, the team made their t-shirts for competition. The t-shirts resembled a jersey style with the team member’s last name on the back; however, to add the computer nerd touch, the number on the shirt was translated to binary code.

The team will travel to Nationals in St. Louis at the end of March 2010.
The History of Hesper

By Renee Dickerson

Did you know that Hesper Hall on campus is not the original Hesper Hall? On May 18, 1910, hundreds of people visited what would soon be a campus and celebrated laying of the cornerstone, enjoyed picnics, and listened to a few speeches. May 18th became a prominent time for the celebration as Halley’s Comet arrived, and people perceived this a favorable omen for the future of the new school. The building opened in August of 1910 and contained six classrooms, the library room, an auditorium, and one room used as gymnasium where students engaged in physical “culture” three times a week.

Hesper Hall was named in honor of the Greek work for the evening star, the leader of all the stars in heaven. This symbolized that the PM served as a beacon for enlightenment and education on the High Plains. In 1935, the state legislature allocated money to remodel the building into a college museum and library. Disrepair caused Hesper Hall’s closure a decade later. Pieces of Hesper Hall have now become part of many college farm buildings, and the No Man’s Land Museum in Goodwell now houses the building’s cornerstone, its contents, and one of the starts from atop the building.

On June 1, 1948, reconstruction of Hesper Hall began on campus. Hesper Hall housed the student union and snack bar on the first floor, the dining hall and cafeteria on the second floor, and the home economics department on the third floor. The second floor of Hesper Hall was remodelled in 1965 as part of the State Regents’ Resolution 1156 to renovate campus.

During its service to the college community, Hesper Hall has hosted the earth science department, journalism classes, the public information office, The Collegian, a photography laboratory and classroom, the ROTC program, art, nursing, and a first-floor firing range.

If you would like to read about a particular topic, please e-mail me at renee.dickerson@students.opsu.edu. I am always looking for topics pertaining to the school. Stay tuned for more interesting stories about Oklahoma Panhandle State University.

- Aggies won the 1946 Homecoming game because the opponent from Connors State never showed up.
- In 1937, history instructor Helen Muller gathered in one day enough dirt from the hallway of the building to replant one of her African violets.
- Married Student Housing was originally barracks at Dalhart, Texas, airfield.

Concert This Thursday Premieres Centennial Music

By Laura Hays

Goodwell, Okla. — Oklahoma Panhandle State University President Dave Bryant invites everyone to attend the Music Department’s Centennial Concert plan this Thursday, October 8 at 7 p.m. in the Centennial Theatre inside Hughes-Strong Hall. The OPSU Bands and Choir will present music from 1909 and from the history of OPSU to celebrate 100 years of higher education in the Panhandle and will premiere the Centennial commissioned music, “Progress Through Knowledge” for band and chorus. The music was written by Dr. Matthew Saunders, Music Dept. Chair with lyrics by Elaina Bell Stewart, Electronic Resources and Systems Librarian. Admission is $5 for Adults, $3 for Seniors ($5 and over), is free for public school and OPSU students, staff and faculty. Plan now to enjoy this historic concert prior to the Homecoming festivities!
**Men's and Women's Basketball**

Catch the action this week as the men's and women's Aggie basketball teams host the first hardwood action of the year. The women scrimmage Wednesday against Lamar Community College then are at Clarendon College on Saturday.

The men are in action against Colby Community College on Thursday following their scrimmage against Garden City Community College. Results were after press time.

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**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 leadership, academic accomplishment, citizenship, and athletic performance.

**EARNING HONORS this week are** volleyball performer Kala Belson along with Zachaeus McCaskill of the Aggie football team.

KALA BELSON is among the many hard-working and dedicated student athletes who make up the OPSU volleyball team. Belson (of Pittsford, Michigan) is a 5’11 junior who also gets the job done with a solid work ethic in the classroom as she pursues her degree in agronomy.

ZACHAEUS MCCASKILL is a talented running back on this year's Aggie football and checks in at a very solid 5’10” tall and 190 pounds. He also works hard and contributes to the special teams. In addition, McCaskill (a junior from Altus, Oklahoma) is a good student, pursuing a degree in psychology.

BELSON and McCaskill are two of the many fine young people participating in intercollegiate athletics at Oklahoma Panhandle State University.
“Dig Pink” and More with OPSU
Sports this Weekend

GOODWELL, OKLA. — The upcoming weekend will be a big one for the Oklahoma Panhandle State University volleyball and football teams. The football team is in high gear after winning four of their last five games, and the volleyball team is preparing for their final home matches of the season and the Friday night match will be a part of the nationwide “Dig Pink” program that benefits breast cancer research.

THIS FALL, thousands of teams from around the country will be participating in the Dig Pink National Breast Cancer Awareness Rally for volleyball. High school and college teams will be promoting breast health education in their respective communities as well as raising funds to help eradicate breast cancer. The OPSU volleyball team will be participating in this event with their match against Newman University on October 30 and the first set is set for 7:00 p.m. with the match open to the general public at no charge.

DIG PINK attendees will watch the student athletes compete on the court while contributing to breast health awareness by making a statement and wearing something pink in the stands. As stated, admission will be free, but for those wearing pink there will be opportunities to win prizes. Official Dig Pink event shirts/apparel can be purchased on-line using this link for various sites: www.side-out.com/news-events/dig_pink/buy_dig_pink.php.

FOR MORE information about the event, fans may contact OPSU’s head volleyball coach, Mike Stephens, at mstephens@opsu.edu or 980-349-1300. The volleyball team will play their final home match of the season on Saturday at 200 p.m. against Newman.

THE AGGIE football team, hot off their 31-26 come-from-behind win at Texas A&M-Commerce on Saturday, will head to Weatherford for a showdown with the Bulldogs of Southwestern Oklahoma State. The Bulldogs are also coming off a big Saturday win over East Central University 14-13, fans in the Goodwell-Gaymon area can listen to all the action live on KPSU radio (91.7 FM). An internet broadcast is also available - log on to www.opsu.edu and click on “Athletics” to find the link. ●

Aggie Peers Are Back!

The OPSU Aggie Peers are back in business. Peer Educators are dedicated to informing their peers about their healthy lifestyle choices, decision making, and making responsible decisions. Topics include drinking responsibly, safe sex, STDs, eating disorders and other health issues that confront college students on campuses everywhere. OPSU currently has 10 certified Peer Educators who have been trained in the skills needed by all peer educators to:
- understand the basics of prevention regardless of a particular health specialty
- become a caring helper to others
- provide awareness on health and safety risks
- make referrals of students at risk to professionals
- conduct educational programs and events
- increase their leadership abilities
- increase awareness of personal wellness
- teach team building

Aggie Peers will be available for students who need someone to talk to about their concerns, relationship issues, academic problems or any of the other troubles that college students find themselves facing. They are NOT counselors, but your peers who have been trained in active listening and being a caring helper. Their office is located in Hamilton Hall, Room 310 and the hours are posted outside the door. Take advantage of having someone to talk to when you feel the need.

Aggie Peers will also be doing educational programming throughout the semesters. Programming may include skits, games, educational presentations or just passing out literature regarding health issues faced by college students.

Watch for us! Your healthy life is our concern!

Aggies Even Record

The Aggie football team was on the road this week in Tyler, Texas facing Texas College. This was a big win for OPSU as they are now 4-4 on the season, and are looking to have the school’s first winning record in a long time.

The Aggies offense came out hungry for a victory, and although they did not win OPSU played well. In the first set the Aggies took advantage of a few Aggie mistakes winning the highly competitive set 25-21. OPSU took the second set 25-23 before losing the next two sets 25-14 and 25-19.

THE AGGIES will be at home once again next Friday and Saturday against Newman University. Friday’s match which starts at 7 p.m. is “Dig Pink” showing recognition for Breast Cancer Research, and on Saturday the match will begin at 2 p.m. ●

“Texas College had not yet given up, and had people thinking de ja vu by scoring on four straight possessions taking the lead 26-24. With the clock winding down Gey once again went Williams’ way on a short pass play, and Williams made a huge play scoring a 62-yard touchdown to put the Aggies back on top 31-26. Texas College however still had time on the clock and put together a nice drive, but Jhael Wright intercepted a pass in the end zone to ensure an OPSU victory.

Quarterback Vincent Gay had another strong afternoon going 16-31 for 223 yards passing and 1 touchdown. The defense held Texas College to only 219 yards on the season. Williams finished the season with 64 catches for a total of 149 yards and 3 touchdowns. Davryl Bristes, even though he didn’t score a touchdown, had 7 catches for 157 yards and 2 touchdowns. Fullback Jose Mendoza added 51 rushing yards and a touchdown. Quinton Green and Jhael Wright each had interceptions in the end zone for the Aggies, and Andrew Walker recorded two sacks on the day.

OPSU will be on the road once again next week taking on Southwestern Oklahoma State University. The game will kick off at 2 p.m. and for those that do not make the trip it will be broadcast on the internet.

OPSU Runners Compete in Heartland Championships

Goodwell, Okla. — Student athletes representing the Oklahoma Panhandle State University men’s and women’s cross country teams were in Dallas over the weekend to participate in the Heartland Conference meet hosted by Dallas Baptist University.

In women’s competition, over sixty runners from nine schools participated over the 6k course and Veronica Lozano was the top finisher for OPSU in 17th place with a time of 28:13. Other OPSU finishers were Rachel Beck (31:29), Amanda Boggs (33:22), Adelina Soto (37:05), and Kayla Jones (37:29).

The men ran an 8k course and over 50 runners from seven schools were in the race. The top finisher for the Aggies was Johana Kipkorir (28:05) in 17th place. The other OPSU finishers were Jesus Gomez and Justo (30:10), Martin Baeza (32:36), Kevin Geoffroy (32:44), and Sharielle Hines (34:03).

Victor Esparza coaches both the men’s and women’s teams, and said the squad continued to improve to their best in the past week and noted that many of them consistently attended cross country workouts and also completed workouts for other sports. Esparza said the men’s team has really been working hard toward their goal of making the Regionals but fell just short, and added that he felt that everyone did a great job. He also looks for bigger things next fall with
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Helpful Info about the Flu

The flu is now widespread throughout the United States. We have had several members of the OPSU campus community report respiratory illnesses, including influenza-like illness (ILI). It is important to remember that the best way to prevent the spread of any type of illness is for the person who is infected to stay home until they are better. If you are sick, especially if you have a fever, stay home.

Contact the OPSU Student Affairs Office at 580-349-1360 or 1362 to notify your instructors. In addition to notification being sent from the Student Affairs Office, you should also contact your instructors by email to submit and receive assignments and to schedule make-up work.

On Campus Residents
If you are sick and your home is near Goodwell, please consider going home until you are healthy. If you cannot return home while you are sick, you will need to notify your resident assistant or resident director. You may contact them by calling or sending a text message to their cell phones. We can make arrangements for meal delivery from the cafeteria and help with supplies such as water, aspirin and disposable thermometers. If you cannot reach the residence hall staff (they get sick too), call the Student Affairs Office at the number above and we will assist you. We want you healthy.

Flu Information
For more information about the flu and what to do if you are sick, visit www.flu.gov. Symptoms of the flu include fever, coughing and/or sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, headaches and/or body aches, chills, fatigue. H1N1 symptoms are the same as the seasonal flu although they may be more severe and it may also include vomiting and diarrhea. Flu prevention techniques: wash your hands regularly with soap for at least 20 seconds or use alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available; cover your cough/sneeze with a tissue or cough/sneeze into your sleeve; avoid touching your face (mouth, nose, eyes); and stay home if you are sick for at least 24 hours after your fever breaks (preferably 3 days after your fever breaks).

Vaccination Information
Both the OPSU Wellness Clinic and the Texas County Health Department are out of the seasonal flu vaccine. Both groups are attempting to obtain more, but there is no definite timeline for receiving more of the vaccine. The Texas County Health Department is receiving shipments of the H1N1 vaccine as it is available, but due to the limited quantity only people in the priority groups are able to receive this vaccination. The priority groups include pregnant women, household contacts and caregivers of children 6 months and younger, healthcare and emergency services personnel, people with an existing medical condition associated with a higher risk of complications from influenza (e.g. asthma), children 6 months-18 years of age. Although young adults, 18-24 years of age, are also considered a priority, the emphasis is currently on the younger children with a less developed immune system. You can call the Texas County Health Department at 580-338-8544 or 338-8544 with any questions you have about the vaccinations.

3rd Annual OPSU Chili Cook-off

Name of chili maker (individual or group):

Contact person (name and phone number):

Anything else you would like to share about your chili?

Submit to:

Jessica Lofland
Student Services Office SL 101
PO Box 430
Goodwell, OK 73939

Getting Involved at Panhandle State

Oklahoma Panhandle State University’s Department of Communication presents An Evening of One-Acts

By Guymon-resident playwright Andrea Menshew-Williams
Directed by Tito Amar

November 6 and 7 @ 7pm
November 8 @ 3pm

Centennial Theatre (Hughes—Strong Hall)

General Admission: $6.00
OPSU Students with ID: FREE

For more information, contact Tito Amar at 580-349-1418 or at tamar@opsu.edu.
More Than A Face

By Chanei Latham

Although OPSU may not have as many faces as OSU or OU, there are still a great number of faces to get to know. This small campus actually gives students an opportunity to meet more people. Sophomore Shannon Smith came to Goodwell from the not so distant town of Tulsa. This graphic art major has a true passion for art and wants to use her talent and skill to become a video game designer. She loves art, writing stories, and playing video games, so this career would suit her well. As a video game designer, she would like to do the character modeling to create the characters for the games.

Shannon says “unique” would have to be the word that describes her the most. She also states that her friends would say she is funny, quirky, and clumsy. This young lady loves Mexican food and seafood, enjoys rock and alternative music, comedy movies and books. One interesting aspect is that she is part Blackfoot Indian. “My great grandma was a full blooded Blackfoot,” she said. If she had to choose one destination in the world Shannon says she would travel to Japan. “I love the arts; including the kimono they wear and architecture over there. The architecture is simple, but very cool.”

I want to develop my skills the best I can to get a career,” she stated of her current goal. As for future plans, Shannon wants to get a job in California. She was born in California and lived in Colorado for awhile before moving to Tulsa in grade school, and she would like to make her way back to the Golden State. She shares one memorable, embarrassing but funny moment that happened while in grade school in Tulsa. She explains that she wore a pretty skirt to school one day and the teacher liked it so much she told Shannon to go up to the front of the class and show the students. Unfortunately, her skirt was not tight enough around her waist because it fell to her ankles. “I was standing in the front of the class with only my underwear on,” she laughs.

Shannon likes Fanhandle because it is quiet, and she has plenty of opportunity to study. She came here for the video game program, and the cost of Fanhandle played a role in her choosing as well. Every student has come to OPSU for different reasons from all different places, and all students need to remember that Shannon, as well as everyone else on campus, is more than face.
**Word of the Week**

**LOQUACIOUS**

adj. Full of excessive talk, wordy.

Webster.com

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**Horoscopes**

You know what really rubs me wrong? Party poopers, buzz killers, high crushers, I find a lack of likeness towards someone or something that dismantles one’s euphoric moment. You try to do something maybe for your own personal reason, maybe to lift the spirit of another, or maybe just for the fun of it, just for the experience and all of a sudden you get shut down. Trying to live a little and ban, somebody shackles your shindig. No fun Katz. Rub Me Wrong.

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