Looking to Improve, Football Attends Seminar

By Josh Edenborough

Having good leadership on a team often is the difference between a winning season and a losing season. After attending a motivational seminar in Oklahoma City, Coach Wyatt decided to implement a program to develop better leadership qualities among his players.

The majority of football players were required to report on Saturday, August 8, but 28 of the 130 football players came in Thursday, August 6, for the leadership seminar that Coach Wyatt put together. The program ran from Thursday through Friday. The players invited to the program all show the potential to become leaders, many are good leaders in one aspect but must develop skills to become an all-around leader. The program was put together to teach players to be leaders in the classroom as well as on the football field, and to set goals for the upcoming season.

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Celebrate the Centennial Corridor!

Article Courtesy of Laura Hays

Goodwell, Okla. — Everyone is invited to join Oklahoma Panhandle State University faculty, staff, and students on Wednesday, August 19, at 5:00 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom to commemorate the designation of the "Oklahoma Panhandle State University Centennial Corridor". Two signs, one outside of Texoma and the other outside of Guymon, will bracket the newly-designated stretch of Highway 54 and will provide a permanent reminder of OPSU’s Centennial Year. Special guests will help celebrate the event, including Charles Michael, an official with the Oklahoma Department of Transportation and State Representative Gus Blackwell. Blackwell provided the support instrumental in getting the markers authorized, designed and installed. Please help us observe this historic occasion and enjoy cookies, ice cream, punch and coffee on Wednesday.

In 2007, tornadoes destroyed several communities in the area. Members of the OPSU men’s basketball team did their part and are shown here loading water for the relief effort in Guymon, Texas. From left, LaChawn Anderson, Fred Durr, Antoine Callum, and head men’s coach Jerry Oden. — Valerie Bosby photo

Manor serves as the event host and several OPSU students (as well as school staff members) will be there to provide valuable assistance.

The Main Library at Indiana University sinks over an inch every year because when it was built, engineers failed to take into account the weight of all the books that would occupy the building.

The world’s longest Coca-Cola truck is in Sweden. It is 79 feet long with a four-axle trailer.

La Paz, the capital city of Bolivia, is the highest capital in the world at over 17,000 feet (5,181 m).

No word in the English language rhymes with month, orange, silver and purple.
You are starting to feel sleepy! These are words you may hear during a comedy hypnosis show at Oklahoma Panhandle State University. "The first person that I hypnotized was at the age of 12. I surprised myself on how fast I was able to hypnotize him. It was probably a little more frightening than interesting," according to Reeves, that first time hypnotizing someone increased his interest in hypnosis and helped him realize that he had a talent that was unique as well as fun for him and all of his friends. Hypnosis comes second nature to Reeves. His grandmother learned hypnosis at the University of Oklahoma for a variety show. His father and his uncle first learned about hypnosis techniques from her, and passed the techniques on to him. Reeves has a Bachelor’s degree in psychology from the University of Tulsa. With more than 20 years experience, Reeves has hypnotized more than 100,000 volunteers. Reeves travels at least two weekends per month and some weekdays. He performs shows at high schools, proms, parties for universities, fraternities and sororities, sports teams, charity organizations, corporate parties, clubs and many other venues. During the show, volunteers will become famous people, movie stars, singers, presidents, etc. “We will even have exotic people from other planets who speak only their own language," Reeves said. "Fortunately, we always have a local person who is fluent in their language who will translate.” And the laughter doesn’t stop there. Some of the volunteers may become a Hawaiian king or queen who will teach other participants the hula and how to surf. "We will have people lose names, numbers, bell buttons and other things," said Reeves. "They may become very warm or very cold. They will sleep on command and will feel great after the show." Of the volunteers that participate, Reeves says that half of them will remember everything they had done and the other half will recall what they have done about a half an hour after the show. For more information about hiring Mr. Reeves or about the upcoming show you can reach his office at 918-494-2031 or the show’s sponsors at Oklahoma Panhandle State University.

Tradition Continues
By Jordan Muncy

One of those talents hails from Bayfield, Colorado—freshman Jesse Suazo, who hopes to help the women’s team nab a title. Also freshmen Chaney Peterson to the Panhandle. “Saddle bronc riding is one of my favorite events,” states the freshman from Torrington, Wyoming. It is no wonder it is his favorite as he was the Wyoming High School Rodeo state champion saddle bronc rider this last year. Peterson has come to the right place; however, he will not only be competing on the team in the saddle bronc, but in the calf roping and team roping as well, a potential All-Around contender.

While many new faces appear on the roster, several returning members are also back. Tyrel Larsen, last year’s Central Plains Region saddle bronc riding champion returns for his junior year. Kurt McDaniel, a sophomore who finished fourth in the regional last year and just missed the NFR, will back with a vengeance in the bareback riding. On the women’s side, Katie Jolly looks forward to the season as a junior after finishing the regional champion breakaway rope her freshman year and reserve champion last year. Becky White, a past CNFR competitor, is a sure women’s All-Around contender and Jordan Muncy returns for a third year as well. With approximately 70 members on the roster this year, Oklahoma Panhandle State University rodeo teams have already begun to prepare for their quest for many prestigious titles. Coach Latham recognizes the hard work the members are willing to set forth, and plans to bring in several professionals at the top of their game to help improve in each event. The start of the season kicks off September 18-20 in Colby, Kansas at Colby Community College. This event and the Aggies strive to continue the winning tradition!
By Chaney Latham

I have grown up in Goodwell (Small Town, USA) all eighteen years of my life. Many of you may not think of it as a great place to grow up, but I love it here and am so glad I stayed. My name is Chaney Latham, and I am a graduate from Goodwell High School. My major is English with a history minor, and eventually I would like to get my master’s degree in teaching. May this year be a great one filled with many lasting memories!

Introducing...

Chaney Latham
New to Collegian Staff

There are many reasons why I love basketball; nothing’s better than shoes squeaking, the ball bouncing, sweat dripping, and the ball swishing as it goes through the net. Basketball is more than air and rubber. It is a state of being, and I have been playing since I could walk. Ever since I can remember I’ve always wanted to play D-1 ball, but Panhandle Basketball is more than air and rubber. It is a state of being, and I have been playing since I could walk. Even though I never had the chance to meet Deke, I know Deke is proud of my dad and current rodeo coach followed Deke’s path down here on a rodeo journey is a thrill. I am looking forward to the upcoming season and the chance or one run until the next performance.

Basketball and rodeo may not seem like they have much in common, but I love both and these two sports are filled with excitement, energy, teamwork, determination, and passion like any sport. They are a major part of my life. Two of my favorite times of the year are March Madness and December when the pro rodeo cowboys and cowgirls head to Las Vegas for the National Finals Rodeo.

Many people don’t know that like basketball players, cowboys and cowgirls need to stay in good shape as well as keep their horses physically fit. Unlike other sports, rodeo is one of a kind because it does not have innings or quarters. Contestants only have one chance or one run until the main performance. I have grown up in Goodwell (Small Town, USA) all eighteen years of my life. Many of you may not think of it as a great place to grow up, but I love it here and am so glad I stayed even though it was a hard choice to make between here and other three schools. OPSU has been a part of my family for almost twenty-five years now, starting with my Uncle Deke who came here to rodeo in 1985. Deke won the All-Around Cowboy and Bull Riding in the West in 1986 shortly before he passed away due to a car accident. Craig Latham, my dad and current rodeo coach followed Deke’s path down here on a rodeo scholarship as well and claimed the Champion CNFR Saddle Bronc title in 1988.

Even though I never had the chance to meet Deke, I know Deke is proud of my dad for his accomplishments and for coaching the OPSU rodeo team. My uncle would have graduated from OPSU like my mom and dad, but since he was unable to I would like to dedicate my college years here at OPSU to him. I believe he is one of my guardian angels, graduated from OPSU like my mom and dad, but since he was unable to I would like to dedicate my college years here at OPSU to him. I believe he is one of my guardian angels, and I know that he helped me decide to stay here. It is my home, and I hope that when I graduate I can become another home to them as well.

My name is Chaney Latham, and I am a graduate from Goodwell High School. My major is English with a history minor, and eventually I would like to get my master’s degree in Mass Communications. I am really looking forward to what my freshman year is going to bring. I have already met many nice people and am very glad each one of you has chosen OPSU. May this year be a great one filled with many lasting memories!

You know what really rubs me wrong? Malfunctioning cell phones. Say your phone decides to freeze up or is loading at a crawl, or maybe your phone just simply doesn’t receive text messages until two days after they were sent. No matter, so you reset your phone or maybe buy a new one but yet again the evil phone fairy takes over and your irritation level boils like lava almost enticing you to bash the phone over the next person’s head you see. Malfunctioning Cell Phones. Rub Me Wrong

Weather Answer: UCLA

“The good life, as I conceive it, is a happy life. I do not mean that if you are good you will be happy. I mean that if you are happy you will be good.”

- Bertrand Russell

Word of the Week

Propitious

Presenting favorable circumstances or conditions. Favorably inclined; gracious; benvolent

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