Forecast Calls for Great Rodeo Season

Goodwell, Okla. — New and returning members of the Oklahoma Panhandle State University rodeo team are hard at work preparing once again to dominate the Central Plains Region of the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association. With over 600 active members in the Central Plains Region, OPSU has come out on top for 3 of the past 4 years – the men’s team with 3 first places and the women with 3 second places. When asked about the upcoming season, Latham’s response remains, “I hate to make predictions. And he refuses to do so except to say that he has “a great bunch of kids.” As the first fall rodeo in Colby, Kansas approaches September 18-20, OPSU looks forward to a great year with several top cowboys and cowgirls returning as well as some recruits who have potential in their respective events.

This year, the OPSU family rodeo tradition continues with the addition of Latham’s daughter Chaney, who will also play basketball for the school. Dad Craig won the saddle bronc title at the 1988 College National Finals Rodeo and is a 9-time National Finals Rodeo qualifier. May 2009 OPSU graduate, Seth Schafer, saw his sister, Callie off to his alma mater this fall. Like Chaney, Callie will also compete in roundbend as well as rodeo. Seth was the 2009 Central Plains Region All-Around Cowboy and represented OPSU at the College National Finals Rodeo in saddle bronc riding, steer wrestling, and tie-down roping.

Several returning students bring experience to the team including Ty A. Larsen, the 2009 Central Plains Region saddle bronc title holder and Quirt McDaniel, who earned fourth place in the region in that event. Latham mentioned Weston Taylor, a Perryton, Texas native who has been a tough competitor in the Kansas Professional Rodeo Association and the Texas Cowboys Rodeo Association in steer wrestling.

On the women’s side, Jordan Muncy, 2009 Central Plains Region All-Around Cowgirl and Barrel Racing Champion and Katie Jolly, the reserve goat tying champ in the region, both return for their junior year.

Like other student athletes, rodeo competitors spend plenty of time practicing their sport and staying in shape. In addition to organized practice, Latham sets up regularly scheduled, open competitions commonly called jackpots. Some of the best professionals around events – bull, bareback, and saddle bronc riding followed by calf roping and steer wrestling. On Wednesdays, goat tying, breakaway roping and barrel racing start at 5 p.m. with team roping afterwards. The contests provide practice for the student athletes and it gives them the opportunity to learn from some of the best in the business.

In addition to the jackpots, Latham has set up several schools this fall. Lari Dee Guy held a breakaway roping school in mid-August, and just last weekend, Troy Pruitt, the 1990 World Calf Roping Champion, took students through the fundamentals of the swing and release and tying before letting the men actually rope off their horses. Upcoming schools include the following:

- **Bull Riding** — September 13-14 led by Charles Sampson, 1982 World champion
- **Bareback Riding** — September 14-15 led by Kelly Timberman, 2004 World champion
- **Team Roping** — September 22 led by Matt Sherwood, 2006 and 2008 World champion

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Paper money is not made from wood pulp but from cotton. This means that it will not disintegrate as fast if it is put in the laundry.

Oil tycoon, John D. Rockefeller, was the world’s first billionaire.

The U.S. founding fathers’ name for the American Revolution was “The War with Britain”.

The U.S. government spent $277,000 on pickle research in 1993.

The U.S. government will not allow portraits of living persons to appear on stamps.

The United States has the highest minimum drinking age in the world.

The United States Postal Service handles over forty percent of the world’s mail volume.

What is the strangest thing you have ever eaten?

“Chocolate ice cream with macaroni.”

Eric Hernandez

“Sushi, it just looks messed up.”

Lacy Larsen

“Squid, it’s like a rubberband.”

Carly White

“Only octopus, it tastes like rubber, looks like an octopus, has eyes and tentacles.”

Audrey Whittler

“Blowfish, it was scary because it’s not cooked just right it could kill you.”

Josh Edenborough
Another Centennial Dream-Come-True

Goodwell, Okla.—On Tuesday, August 28, 2009, the OPSU community gathered to watch the dedication of the new Old Homecoming Center, located just east of the Student Center. The building, which will be home to the Student Activities Office, the Outreach and Development Office, and the Student Senate, was dedicated in recognition of the 100th anniversary of Homecoming.

The dedication ceremony, which included a parade and a special performance by the Beer City Girls, was attended by students, faculty, staff, and alumni. The event was part of a larger celebration that included a special performance by the OPSU Choir, which sang popular songs from the 1909 centennial celebration.

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**Heartland Conference and OPSU Sports Weekly Update**

**Volleyball Standings**

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**Football Update**

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Panhandle State University
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ALL OF SATURDAY, OCT. MONDAY, SEPT.

Wooten Field on the OPSU campus:

has announced the Aggie Futures schedule for game conditions. OPSU head coach Mike Wyatt

Games feature Oklahoma Panhandle State Uni-

terviewed with the Aggie Futures football

By Jordan Muncy

Top Roper Shares his Skills

By Josh Edenborough

The Oklahoma Panhandle State football team went to Kiowa, Missouri to take on the Truman State University Bulldogs last Friday. Both Truman State and the Aggies were looking to get their first win of the young season.

Truman got the ball to start the game, and the Aggies had a touchdown pass from Vincent Gay to Tyler Bennett, and with Brian Holmes PAt, made the game 7-0. After that, the Aggies scoring drive, it was all Truman for the remainder of the game largely due to mental mistakes according to Coach Wyatt.

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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!)
You know, I don't think math is a science. I think it's a religion.

Yeah. All these equations are like miracles. You take two numbers and when you add them, they magically become one new number! No one can say how it happens. You either believe it or you don't.

This whole book is full of things that have to be accepted on faith! It's a religion.

And in the public schools, no less. Call a lawyer.

As a math atheist, I should be excused from this.

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**Sudoku Puzzle**

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box accommodates the digits 1-9, without repeating any.
You know what really rubs me wrong? Non-participating voters. I’m not talking about people who are eligible to vote but don’t. No, I’m talking about people who are eligible to vote but don’t. No, I’m talking about people who vote on things that don’t even affect them. Many of you may have noticed that the exhibit section of the cafeteria has been removed. You know, the part where the food is cooked right in front of you. Personally speaking, my favorite section. Yes, it has been removed for efficiency. This particularly doesn’t rub me wrong, it’s the fact that people who don’t eat in the cafeteria removed it. Non-participating voters...rub me wrong...and have ruined my dining routine.