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Faculty Spotlight:
Derek Barton
 Cody Godfrey



Derek J. Barton, known by many as the Voice of the Aggies, was born in Buffalo, Wyoming. After moving to Guymon in 2017, to take over as General Manager for KGYN Radio, he began working with staff at Oklahoma Panhandle State University on advertising, and even emceed the Athletic Hall of Fame Induction and a couple football games in 2017.

However, after a short time, he decided the radio station wasn't a good fit, and began searching for a position elsewhere. In Mr. Barton's own words, he "...had already grown to like the Oklahoma Panhandle and Oklahoma State University..." and so when he was approached about joining OPSU as the Voice of the Aggies, the decision was a no-brainer. As the Voice of the Aggies, Mr. Barton not only acts as the announcer at various athletic and school events, but he also is involved in Athletic Sponsorship; in which he helps get businesses involved with athletics here at the school and helps raise money for the athletic programs.

If one were to ask Mr. Barton what his top interests are, there's a very good chance of hearing two things: music and rodeo. Singing in choir and bands as a youngster, Barton even wrote some lyrics that were recorded by small artists. He also is a PRCA (Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association) Gold Card Announcer and has been in the PRCA for over 20 years. Though Mr. Barton is moving away from announcing and working more on sound and music, he still does about 25 to 50 performances a year. He even hosts, and owns and produces, an internet and radio talk show called Talk Rodeo. It is a three minute a day, five days a week, show in which he discusses the biggest names in rodeo.

Barton has two grown daughters living in Missouri and Tennessee, as well as five grandchildren. When asked about his family, Mr. Barton said, "Out of all the things I have done in my life, being a Dad and Grandpa is what I'm most proud of." With family being so important to Mr. Barton, it is no wonder that when asked what his favorite thing about OPSU, he cited the "...family feel of the entire University."



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**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH
CHILI JUDGING AT 11AM
FOOTBALL GAME VS. LYON COLLEGE**

Majors Fair

Will Thiele

This past Friday November 8, 2019 in the ball room of the student union, OPSU held a college majors fair. The event was led by OPSU'S own finest Mackenzie Anderson as chief coordinator you might say. I had the chance to catch up with Mackenzie with a few questions on Friday after the event. When asked about the purpose behind the event, Anderson said that it started with a question from the students, "What I can I do with this major once I'm out of college?". This then led to the desire of wanting to help give students directions that don't have a clue what careers go along with their major. At the "fair", there are tables set up from every major the college has to offer, and students get the chance to walk through and discuss their major with the professors in that field of study. There was also a trophy awarded to the best decorated table of the event, which was taken by the Mathematics department. Anderson was very pleased with the turnout. Not only did the attendents unclude students from OPSU, but there were also juniors and seniors from the high schools of Guymon, Goodwell, and Yarbrough, Oklahoma. The highlight of the day for Anderson was seeing the students interactions with the professors and seeing them hopefully come away with a little more information on a career they could be interested in pursuing. If you weren't at the "Majors Fair" this past Friday, I got to tell you missed out! If you were there, I sincerely hope you came away with more direction for the path of your life.

Veterans Day

Kaley Conner

As most of you are aware, Veterans Day is a holiday celebrated in the United States on November 11. In honor of this day, I am going to share with you five facts you may not know about Veterans Day and the veterans which we honor.

1. Veterans Day, originally called Armistice Day, is celebrated on the anniversary of the armistice signing that ended World War I.
2. There were 18.2 million military veterans in the United States as of 2017. Also, more than 35 percent of all living veterans served during the Vietnam War.
3. Great Britain and the Commonwealth countries also honor Veterans Day by commonly observing two minutes of silence at 11:00 a.m. every November 11.
4. Of the 16 million Americans who served in World War II, approximately 496,777 were still alive as of 2018.
5. Contrary to what many may think, the correct spelling of "Veterans Day" does not include an apostrophe.

While this day is a great opportunity to show our thanks to those who have fought for our freedom, we should honor our veterans year-round. Make sure to show your appreciation to the veterans in your life for the sacrifices they have made, for without them, our country would be much different. Freedom doesn't come free!

Virginia Democrats elect first female Speaker of the House

Annette Gandara

Virginia elected a woman to become the speaker of the House for the first time in its 400-year legislative history. In Tuesday's election, Delegate Eileen Filler-Corn, who also held the current Democratic House leader position, won the race for the spot as speaker. Filler-Corn makes history by being the first Jewish speaker of the House. She beat three other candidates and will serve as the first woman in her current role as minority leader.

"On Tuesday, Virginians spoke and we have listened. It is time to govern and usher in a new era in Virginia. As Speaker-designee of the House of Delegates, I will be ready to work with all of my colleagues toward a better Commonwealth," Filler-Corn commented, ""The firsts are not lost on me - the first woman and the first Jewish person elected Speaker-designee in our 400 year legislative history - but it doesn't define me. When I joined this body less than 10 years ago, I was the only mom serving with school-aged kids. We have come so far since then."

For the first time in over twenty years, the Democratic wins on Tuesday gave the party complete control of the state's government. This means Northam and Democrats in the Legislature are put in a position to pursue a progressive agenda, which includes gun control and higher minimum wage.



It's the 21st century, yet Spanishbooks are still suffering from censorship

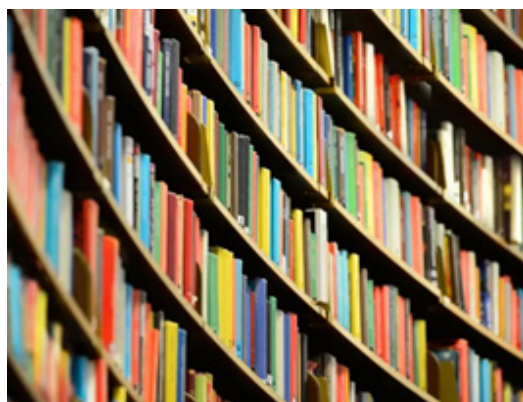
Annette Gandara

During the Spanish Civil War 80 years ago, General Francisco Franco's forces overcame the leftist resistance and pushed the country into a dictatorship. Even decades after his death, Franco still casts a shadow over Spain. One way that people don't realize is affected by Franco's populist forces are books, in Spain and throughout the Spanish-speaking world.

To this day, many classics and Spanish literature are reprinted using different texts approved by the dictator's censors. Publishers nor readers are aware of this injustice. This leaves a chilling effect on freedom of speech for writers and it is a matter that must be addressed with urgency.

From 1936 to 1966, every book that was published was first sent to a national board of censors for examination. The censors would decide if the book should be banned or published, and if it was chosen for publication, necessary changes were stipulated. After 1966, a new law was placed that partly liberalized freedom of speech and gave publishers the choice to voluntarily decide whether a text needed to be submitted for censorship. This, however, didn't revoke authorities' power to withdraw any book from the circulation that didn't deem acceptable.

Even though Franco's forces affect writers today, that doesn't stop them from writing for their freedom and bringing light to the restrict put on their freedom.



Poetry Commentary: "Running Away"

Will Thiele

"Running Away"

By: Hayley Oxborough

I considered running away today,
To leave all my worries behind,
I considered running away today,
Then I changed my mind.

I thought about running away today,
How could I get there fast?
I thought about running away today,
That plan didn't last.

I am going to run away today,
I've had enough of my life here,
Packed my bags to run away today,
Didn't go because of fear.

I got up and ran away today,
Jumped on a train to Waterloo,
But while I was away today,
I realized I missed you.

I won't be coming home today,
I'm starting my life new
Even though I won't be home today,
Remember, I love you!

This poem came across kind of interesting to me because I feel like we're all trying to run away from something at different times in our lives. Maybe not so much run away from it as escape it for a little while, because we all have to come back and face it sooner or later. I mean isn't that what our country sells us escapism? Look at all the movies that get put out every year, don't we go to movies to escape the mundane rhythms of our own lives. And how about people who shoot up or drink too much, aren't they just trying to get away from the reality that they will inevitably have to face when they sober up. Or vacations? Don't a lot of us go to get away more than we go to explore? In my own life, I've moved around a lot, part of it is I got a little bit of wanderlust, another part maybe I like escaping from my current situation, and I'm not sure that is always healthy. There are things to be learned from sometimes seeing things through that we can't always see in the moment, but when we see that situation through and get a little space between the event and where we're at later on, we are able to see what we took away from the experience, and we can see that there was a process that we had to go through to get where we're now at. Nothing good in life hardly ever comes easy, and when we leave that process, we are really only cheating ourselves of that wonderful thing on the other side. Don't get me wrong the process is usually never easy and is not always the most fun, but at the end of the day it's worth it. So, stay hooked, don't give up, and keep hammering!

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Word Search



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ANDY	DWIGHT	MEREDITH	PAM
ANGELA	JIM	MICHAEL	PHYLLIS
CREED	KEVIN	OSCAR	STANLEY

Joke of the Week

I went to the zoo and saw a baguette in a cage...

The zoo keeper said it was bread in captivity.



It's Un-Bee-liveable

Megan Godfrey

Male honeybees don't have fathers, but they do have grandfathers. They also can't have sons, but they can have grandsons. How is this possible? Honeybees are haplodiploid. Haplodiploidy is a sex determination system through which males develop from unfertilized eggs and are haploid (single set of chromosomes), and females develop from fertilized eggs and are diploid (2 sets of chromosomes). This means that male honeybees only create female offspring, while female honeybees can create males or females. Haplodiploidy allows females to control the sex of offspring by controlling fertilization.

Haplodiploidy is important in the evolution of the castes of honeybees; it makes way for the evolution of a worker caste devoted to helping their mother, the queen, produce more sisters. Workers will help lay and raise females, but workers would prefer to lay their own male offspring than help raise their brothers. It isn't uncommon for the queen and worker bees to have conflict regarding who lays male eggs in the nest.



Campus Events

11/13

- 2nd Portfolio Review for Spring '20 Interns HMH 127
- Oklahoma Intercollegiate Legislator 5:30PM SAB 202

11/14

- Game Night 6PM Library

11/15

- Professional Development 12:30PM Library Computer Lab
- Goodwill Football 7PM Anchor D Stadium
- Women's Basketball vs. Northern New Mexico College 8PM Anchor D Arena

11/16

- Football vs. Lyon College – Chili Cook-off/Senior Day 2PM Anchor D Stadium
- Women's Basketball vs. University of the Southwest 8PM Anchor D Arena

11/17

- Spoons Tournament 8PM Cafeteria

11/19

- HALO Meeting 12PM HMH 139
- Noche de Gala 6:30PM Ballroom