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Quick hits with Gregg Doyel

Questions

ONE

Has Oklahoma State done enough to be considered among the top college football programs, and if not, what else do the Cowboys need to do?

TWO

Does the addition of West Virginia and TCU, and subtraction of Texas A&M and Missouri make the Big 12 Conference stronger, weaker, or the same?

THREE

Who are the most underrated and overrated teams in the Big 12 this year?



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Not quite, but they're on the brink. After last year's entire season was spent on the national stage, the exposure for Oklahoma State is at an all-time high. Gundy's teams have amassed a 41-11 record since 2008 and 23 wins in the last two years, but all of that was done with only two generations of quarterbacks. If the Cowboys can prove that they can simply have the next guy step up this year with Wes Lunt, they will solidify themselves in the upper-class of college football.

I think the changes have made the conference slightly weaker, and by slightly I mean fractional. West Virginia has an established following and program, and it's only getting better with Dana Holgorsen at the helm. TCU is still growing, and it seems as though the sky is the limit in Fort Worth. On the flipside, you lost Texas A&M's home strength with Kyle Field and the 12th Man, and lost the death-trap in Missouri where top-ranked teams go to die. Those are two road games that, if won, boost a team's standing with the polls and national crowd, no matter what kind of team the school has. West Virginia is there, but TCU isn't—Yet.

When I think of overrated, I think of Texas. David Ash was finally named the starter at quarterback, but that's the only real change the Longhorns have made from their 7-5 team a year ago. The wild card there is freshman running back Johnathan Gray, who could relieve stress on the quarterback situation. As far as underrated, I'm taking West Virginia. Oklahoma was picked to win the conference, but the Mountaineers have Heisman contenders at quarterback and running back, as well as a stout home field advantage. I think West Virginia wins the Big 12 without a fight from hardly anyone.



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Depends on what you consider "top." The top five? No, of course not. That's the SEC West. Kidding! Sort of ... But anyway, are we talking top 10? Maybe. Two years in a row does not a reputation make, but it comes pretty damn close. Another year or two like the last year or two, and it would be hard to name the top 10 programs in college football and leave OSU off that list.

It's a wash at the moment, but if Dana Holgorsen's first year at West Virginia was no fluke -- and I don't think it was -- then long term it'll be a plus move for the Big 12. For whatever reason Texas A&M just can't be a great football program, and it damn sure can't be great in the SEC. TCU and A&M might be roughly equal -- I need to see TCU go 11-1 in a BCS conference before I get too effusive -- but a good West Virginia program is greater than a good Missouri program. I just re-read this and agree with every last one of you: What I said makes no sense. But I'm too lazy to delete it, so I'll repeat: It's a wash at the moment.

Man, you picked the wrong guy to ask this question. I'm not expert enough to tell you, so let me look real quick at the Top 25 and give you a top-of-the-head, probably wrong answer ... Texas is overrated. Texas seems to have two quarterbacks, which means it has zero quarterbacks. Not a good place to be. And underrated? Oklahoma State, obviously. And not just because this is going in the OSU student paper. Well, maybe.

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Bill Young to miss first two games

By STAFF REPORTS

Oklahoma State announced in a press release on Thursday that defensive coordinator and defensive line coach Bill Young will miss 7-10 days while recovering from a medical procedure.

Young was not present at last Thursday's media luncheon or Tuesday's post-practice media availability.

The department said Young expects to return to the team for its game against Louisiana-Lafayette on Sept. 15.

In Young's absence, co-defensive coordinator and linebackers coach Glenn Spencer will handle the coordinator duties on Saturday and against Arizona on Sept. 8.

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Cowboys to kick season off at home

By JAMES POLING

Senior Sports Reporter

There will be few similarities for Oklahoma State Saturday from past opening nights.

Savannah State does not pose the same intensity as Georgia. It isn't a BCS opponent like Washington State. Even Louisiana-Lafayette, the 2011 season opener, won a bowl game. Savannah State hasn't defeated a team other than North Carolina Central in two years.

Yet the excitement and significance remains at an all-time high. Why? Freshman quarterback Wes Lunt, the heir and prototype of now-school legend Brandon Weeden, is set to make his first start of what could be an illustrious career.

Savannah State wasn't the opponent Mike Gundy necessarily had in mind, but he admitted he has minimal, if any, input in non-conference scheduling. A last second scramble of conference realignment, and the small FCS

school from Georgia was the best of what few options were available.

The matchups greatly favor the deeper, stronger and more experienced Cowboys. From those outside the program, it's a glorified scrimmage to kick-start the year. To the players, at least the veterans who understand how the sport works, the same basic concepts remain.

"A lot of times, people try to put these goals, expectations on you, but really every game is the same," offensive lineman Jonathan Rush said. "If you aren't expecting to win, then you aren't competing. You shouldn't be out there. No matter what their rank is or who they are, you should always go out there to play their best."

"Even after the first quarter, the scores may seem different because you put in new groups, second string and people like that. The mindset should be the same. You are going out there to win and to win well."

If all goes to plan, OSU will be able to give second and third string players valuable playing



FILE PHOTO/O'COLLEGIAN

Cornerback Brodrick Brown leads Oklahoma State onto the field against Missouri in 2011. Brown has been named to numerous award watch lists for the 2012 season.

time as the game progresses, which could provide help later if a mid-season injury shakes up the depth chart. Rotating in freshmen such as cornerback Kevin Peterson and wide receiver Blake Webb and giving backup quarterback J.W. Walsh fourth quarter reps are all part of the advantage of putting the game away early.

The game is also critical for linebackers coach Glen Spencer, who will have com-

plete control of the OSU defensive for the first time with Bill Young missing the first two games for medical reasons. Working out the kinks of calling defensive assignments against Savannah State will help the process move more smoothly the next weekend if the going gets tough against Arizona.

Most importantly, football is back. It seems as if everyone on the team is excited to get

back to the sport they love.

For players like Rush, who didn't get to play or were injured for a majority of last season, Saturday can't come fast enough.

"I'm ready to go out there and eat," Rush said. "It's been a long time since I've played. I'm excited to go out there in front of my fans, in front of my family and play as hard as I can."

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DEAR MR. LUNT...



FILE PHOTO/O'COLLEGIAN

True freshman Wes Lunt will start at quarterback for the Cowboys on Saturday. Can he handle the pressure?

What you should expect

By **DEREK HATRIDGE**
Sports Reporter

You never forget your first time.

Saturday's season opener against Savannah State will be a new experience for freshman Wes Lunt. In his hometown of Rochester, Ill., the population is just more than 3,000. When Lunt charges through the gate in the west end zone, he'll be playing in front of 20 times that number.

Not only is Lunt playing his first game of Division I college football, he'll be doing so as the starting quarterback. Pressure, angst, nervousness and exhilaration are some of the many emotions Lunt will experience and his teammates promise that, like them, it'll be a day he will never forget.

First, a short walk will awaken the adrenal pumps.

Sophomore Josh Stewart said his first Walk was the most memorable part of his first game.

"I had people say 'Do it for your hometown! New Orleans!' and I didn't know people knew where I was from," Stewart said. "It's pretty cool that people like to look up information on me. It's a good feeling about yourself and makes you want to go harder and play hard just because you know people look up to you and little kids look up to you."

Next, as the tunnel fills up with smoke, the heart begins to beat faster. Senior Alex Elkins still gets chills as he thinks about the moment the gate finally opened.

"I remember it was just exhilarating," Elkins said. "Just walking out, coming through the smoke and looking up to see that many people screaming our names and cheering for us is the biggest memory."

Junior Charlie Moore was nervous the first time he ran out onto the field.

Although he was a redshirt and would never play a snap, he said the first time is unforgettable.

"It was something I had never experienced before," Moore said. "I was used to playing in front of 3,000 people at the most, and I ran out in front of 60,000, ran out behind Dez Bryant, ran out against a SEC team Georgia Bulldogs, ran out in the

middle of the day for college football on national television. It's just a blessing."

Now, it's game time. Nerves begin to set in and collect in the bottom of the stomach.

Sweat begins to pour and hands start to shake. But Elkins is quick to advise that even if something goes wrong, just keep at it.

"I remember missing a tackle, then getting back up and running for the guy," he said. "He got taken down and they stripped the ball. There were probably ten guys in the pile and I jumped in last and dug my way down to the bottom and I pulled his fingers all the way back to his wrist and took the ball from him."

The rest of the game becomes a blur of color and noise. The orange clad fans provide an experience that still motivates the players throughout their careers.

"It was very electric. You don't get that feeling a lot anywhere," Stewart said. "It's always exciting, but that first game is always a tone setter. Sometimes, I feel like (the fans) are more into it than us. It's just too exciting."

The clock hits zero. The game is over. The alma mater is sung. Relief and elation wash over the body.

You've done it. Senior Jonathan Rush feels it's at that moment when a player looks back on the day and processes their emotions on the first game.

"It was really surreal. Going from high school to college is a big jump, especially in terms of fan base," he said. "In high school, you always think your stadium is the biggest and a sold out game there is ridiculous. The whole town comes out to watch, but this is different."

Life is going to be different for Wes Lunt after Saturday. People will know his face, give him encouraging words and will want to share in his college football experience. And it's that fan loyalty that Moore says will stick with Lunt forever.

"I know whatever happens on that field, we have some of the best fans in the country and they're going to support us," he said. "That's a thing most universities can't say for themselves. It's a really cool thing we have going here

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What they have said about you

By **KIERAN STECKLEY**
Sports Reporter

For the first time since 1993, the Cowboys will be led by a true freshman at quarterback.

Wes Lunt enrolled in OSU last semester for a chance to win the starting quarterback spot. He faced tough competition from Clint Chelf and J.W. Walsh but progressed enough in practice and outplayed his competitors during the spring game to earn the job.

Since his arrival, his teammates have said how impressed they are with his skills and maturity. Here is what they said about their quarterback going into his first college game.

Josh Stewart, wide receiver.

"Wes got here and got the plays right away. It wasn't that hard of a process to bond with Lunt. It's a good deal, he is on path right now and we are ready to go. He is getting better and better every practice. We aren't worried about him. He is going to do well."

Jeremy Smith, running back.

"He is a great guy. He comes out every day and competes."

Jonathan Rush, offensive lineman.

"He is a mellow kid. Monken expects a lot from everyone, especially his starters. I see Monken lay into him, but he stays mellow. He never changes his demeanor; he is cool and composed. His nickname is Slim Jim because he is tall and lanky. I called him Slim Jim just messing around because he is so gangly. He said, 'That's funny because that's what everybody called me in high school.' I was like OK and it stuck. But I'm pretty sure I am the only one who calls him that."

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JONATHAN RUSH,
offensive lineman

Charlie Moore, wide receiver.

"I have seen him progress since spring practices. In fall camp, from day one the guy looks more comfortable every day. He is growing up, he is maturing. You are seeing a leader in the making. When there is growing pains, hopefully not, but if there are, we are there to support him. That will help him out a lot, because he knows we have his back and it will make him more comfortable."

Justin Gilbert, cornerback.

"He is progressing pretty well. He has made a lot of steps since the spring time. He is out there (in practice) making plays, checking and all that stuff that Weeden used to do. I look forward to seeing him play on Saturday. His decision-making (has improved the most). He isn't forcing the ball where it doesn't need to be or throwing it into double coverage."

Daytawion Lowe, safety.

"He has improved greatly. He is getting better every day. For a young guy, it's really impressive to see how much he has improved."

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OSU Predictions



Record	8-4	9-3	8-4	9-3	8-4
MVP	Joseph Randle	Alex Elkins	Justin Gilbert	Alex Elkins	Justin Gilbert
Toughest Game	vs. West Virginia	@ Oklahoma	@ Kansas State	@ Oklahoma	@ Oklahoma
Trap Game	vs. TCU	@ Baylor	vs. Texas	@ Baylor	@ Kansas State
Conference Finish	Third	Third	Fourth	Third	Third
Breakout Player	WR Josh Stewart	WR Blake Jackson	WR Torrance Carr	S Shamiel Gary	Alex Elkins
Best Name	WR Jhajuan Seales	DE Victor Irokansi	LB Jeremiah Tshimanga	FB Dominic Ramacher	Victor Irokansi

Conference Predictions

Big 12 Champs	West Virginia	Oklahoma	West Virginia	Oklahoma	West Virginia
Worst Team	Kansas	Kansas	Kansas	Kansas	Iowa State
Best Player	Geno Smith (WVU)	Alex Okafor (UT)	Geno Smith	Arthur Brown (KSU)	Geno Smith
Best Name	Suleimon Masumbuko (BU)	Chidoziem Ezemma (WVU)	Hakeem Akinola (KSU)	Kirby Van Der Kamp (ISU)	Olaoluwa Falemi (TT)
Underrated Player	Brandon Carter (TCU)	Quinn Sharp	Casey Pachall (TCU)	Brandon Carter (TCU)	Jonathan Gray (UT)
Best Coach	Mike Gundy	Gary Patterson (TCU)	Dana Holgorsen (WVU)	Paul Rhodes (ISU)	Dana Holgorsen
Heisman	Geno Smith	Knile Davis (ARK)	Montee Ball (UW)	Matt Barkley (USC)	Matt Barkley
National Champion	Southern Cal	Oregon	Southern Cal	LSU	LSU

Bookstore numbers incorrect, misleading

FROM LANCE HINKLE

In an Aug. 29 opinion column, the writer cited that the University Store is selling *Punto Y Aparte* for \$180 and it is available on mcgraw-hill.com at a cost of \$101.25 with a suggested retail of \$135.00.

This leads the reader to believe the University Store is selling the book for \$45 more than the publisher intended. Unfortunately, the writer is incorrect in his comparison.

The prices he quoted are for the book only. This is not what the University Store is selling. The store is selling the package (book and access code to online workbook and lab manual) as directed by the Spanish department.

The package is listed right below the individual textbook on mcgraw-hill.com. The cost of the package is \$143.75 with a publisher's retail price of \$191.67.

The University Store is selling this package for \$11.67 less than the publisher's suggested price. The University Store consciously operates on a 20 percent gross profit margin on new textbooks, which is 5-7 percent lower than the industry standard.

It should also be noted the University Store significantly invests in OSU students by supporting almost 75 percent of the Student Union budget, assisting with keeping student fees to a minimum.

Lance Hinkle is an administrator for the Student Union Bookstore. opinion@ocolly.com

Chick-fil-A does support hate

FROM ZACH REUS

I want to first say that I support freedom of speech and Christianity.

I will be just as likely to get onto someone for degrading a Christian as I would someone for degrading gay people.

However, there was a letter to the editor that recently talked about how Chick-fil-A doesn't support hate groups, and claims that there was a biased term in the O'Colly article because the "hate groups" were never mentioned.

Imagine if there was a drug that was being pushed to cure the common cold. This drug has an 87 percent failure rate, and a 13 percent death rate.

These are the statistics that come from Exodus International, a conversion therapy group that literally tries to change sexual orientation.

There are even several cases where the people who try to change people come back out of the closet.

If you had a child, would you send them to a place where there's a 13 percent chance of

I would find it completely unethical to eat at a place that kills as many people as it cures.

your child committing suicide because of this form of therapy?

As a psychology major, I can't help but look at Chick-

fil-A and think of the \$2 million that has gone to a place like this and feel sick to my stomach that people eat there.

I would find it completely unethical to eat at a place that kills as many people as it cures.

Another group that Chick-fil-A has supported is the Family Research Center, giving roughly \$3 million to them.

For those who don't know the leader, Tony Perkins, he completely supported Rep. Todd Akin (R-MO) on his statement about legitimate

rape, as were several of the people behind Exodus International.

Tony Perkins has also been known to compare the LGBT community to pedophiles and blame them for the shooting at the Aurora, Colo., movie theater during the summer.

I ask you, the next time you go to Chick-fil-A, do you really want your money going to people like this?

Zach Reus is a sophomore. opinion@ocolly.com

Column on vaginas offensive, reinforces stereotypes

FROM KIM HUNTER

I am terribly offended by Bryan Wilson's column, "Enhanced vaginas a revolutionary idea."

An article fueled by the upcoming election, Wilson obviously has no interest in women's reproductive rights.

His opinion on women's bodies is arrogant and incredibly sexist.

In his article, Wilson speaks only to men, basically saying that men are in no way responsible for unexpected pregnancies resulting from "unprotected sex with some girl" while the man is

drunk.

Here's an idea: if you don't want to get "some girl" pregnant, why don't you stop with the ridiculous claim that men who have promiscuous sex are more accepted by society than women.

It is shameful that men are allowed to run around

having sex with anything that moves while women are supposed to be pure and innocent and refrain from promiscuity.

If men like Wilson are so concerned about getting girls pregnant, they should do the human race a favor and get a vasectomy.

It is impossible for a woman's body to shut down a pregnancy at will, but one quick little doctor's appointment will fix everything for these misogynistic men.

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Daily Horoscope

By Nancy Black
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Today's Birthday (08/31/12). Once in a Blue Moon, you're allowed to make extraordinary requests of the universe. Ask for your highest priorities, and let go of trivialities. Your career takes off this year, propelled by your amazing network. Shower them with affection.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) -- Today is a 5 -- Don't worry about the end result; focus on the process right now. Your work is more interesting for the next several weeks. Compromise is required.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- Today is a 7 -- You're naturally attractive and inspiring. Don't get involved in a controversy that you can't resolve right now. Work takes on a spiritual nature. Accept encouragement. Fantasies abound.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) -- Today is a 7 -- Let passion come into full bloom. Your partner has the answer. Balance new work with old responsibilities. Use the energy for your own good. There's no time for gossip.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Your creativity feeds your soul. Inject a good dose of imagination, and the result will speak for itself. Revel in the feeling. Notice the small details that you missed before.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is a 6 -- You're reaching a turning point in your education. Add a touch of your own personality to the project to increase its worth. Take a walk in nature for inspiration.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Turn outdated and broken junk into art, or sell it. One man's trash is another man's treasure. You can do what you set out to accomplish. Get help as needed.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- You can see from a new perspective. Make big changes. Follow your dream. Provide leadership. Conditions are really in your favor, but don't take them for granted. Remember your manners.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is an 8 -- Money is available now. Traveling on foot or riding a bicycle helps you make new friends while getting exercise. There's no need to go crazy while shopping. Access patience.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is an 8 -- Time to reinvent yourself and be surprised by the results. Investigate the improbable, and document your decisions well, but act from the heart. Invest in your business.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is a 7 -- Find the perfect balance between work and play today. There are new opportunities for income, but don't count your chickens yet. Your partner appreciates your effort. All ends well.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is a 6 -- Don't let doubts get in the way. Go the extra mile, with help from your friends. Fantasies abound (for better or worse). Invest cautiously, not impulsively.

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CAMPUS SPORTS REPORT

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Flag football set to start today



COURTESY OF THE COLVIN CENTER

By **KYLE THEDERAHN**
Sports Reporter

Flag football is getting its season started on the Colvin fields with the preseason opener set for Friday, Aug. 31. Among those getting ready to take to the fields this year is sophomore Troy King, who is excited to not only be playing, but also developing new relationships along the way. “This is a great opportunity to work with people and potentially develop bonds and relationships with them,” King said. “It’s a great way to make friends and see the people you play against in different settings off the field.” King, a former high school football player who also plays

basketball, said football is not the only intramural sport that he is interested in playing. “I like to keep an open mind when it comes to sports and not be picky about it,” he said. “Of course knowing some of the people I’m playing with in any sport is an advantage, but every sport is a new opportunity to make relationships so I like to never rule any of them out.” King’s football teammate Brandon Elmore also said he views intramurals as a great opportunity to build new relationships and meet new people. “The competition aspect is great but I love being able to meet people on the field of play and get to know them off the field,” he said. “Whether

it’s football or softball, and other sport I’m interested in, there’s countless opportunities to make friends. Not only does flag football give people like King and Elmore an opportunity to pursue sports as a recreational activity, but it also provides relief from other doldrums of college life. “Doing these events provides a great stress relief from classes and the things that go with it,” King said. “There are just times when a person will feel overwhelmed by their obligations, and these sports and activities provide a mental escape from those things and provide a much needed break.”

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Intramural Signups

Registration Ends:
Archery Sept. 4 – archery is shot at Hall of Fame and Western with a standard long bow, all equipment is provided by Intramurals
Floor Hockey Sept. 4 – is played on feet in the MAC gym

Sign up for Preseason Flag Football Today!

We are having preseason flag football games for our officials training this Friday evening, Aug. 31. We will have games for four hours on four fields starting at 5 p.m. If you would like to get your team some practice and get prepared for the upcoming season in a game setting, come sign up for preseason today! Sign ups are being taken in the intramural sports office in Colvin 104 until Friday.

The Intramural Season Begins After Labor Day

Sept. 4, Quickball and Flag Football officially kick off the Intramural Sports season. Quickball will be played in the newly renovated Colvin Annex located on Farm Road. Make sure to check your schedules online to avoid forfeits.

Equipment Rental

Intramural Sports allows students to check out Intramural equipment based on availability. There is a flat fee of \$20 for any equipment besides field painting. Most of the equipment used in Intramurals is available for rental, a form must be filled out at least one week beforehand and can be found at campusrec.okstate.edu/intramural.

Soccer & Volleyball Signups

Outdoor Soccer & Volleyball are the next large sports taking signups. Signups are currently open online and are filling up so sign up soon to get a good time slot. Volleyball will be played in the newly renovated Colvin Annex, so be the first to help break in the new facility!



COURTESY OF THE COLVIN CENTER

Sport Club Announcements

Triathlon Club: First meeting will be Wednesday, Sept. 5, in Colvin room 176 at 7 p.m. For any questions contact Keith Kotar at OSUTri@gmail.com

Water Polo Club: First meeting Sept. 5, at 9 p.m. in the Indoor Pool in the Colvin

Wakeboard Club: Contact Reid Paxton 817-734-4265 if interested



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Sign-ups beginning for fall intramurals

By **COLVIN STAFF**

The new season of Intramural Sports is almost up and running! Teams are signing up, officials are being trained, and lines are being painted on the fields. If you are interested in participating in one of the most popular programs on campus, please stop by and see us in room 104 at the Colvin Recreation Center or visit us on the web @ campusrec.okstate.edu/intramurals. We offer over 50 leagues or tournaments throughout the year, ranging from flag football to Texas Hold ‘em to archery and many more! All leagues and most tournaments are free to play and we offer leagues at different levels as to match the

diverse skill level of all participants. Don’t have enough people to make a full team? No problem! You can sign up as free agent under what league and time you want to play at. Intramural Sports is not only a great way to play a variety of sports while meeting new people, but also a fun place to work at. We employ over 250 officials and 20 supervisors each year. This semester we still have soccer, volleyball, and floor hockey officiating opportunities. If you have any questions about employment for this year please call us at 405-744-7407. Thanks and hope to see you out at the fields!

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WHITE BOY BOOGIE



CHRIS BROWN/O'COLLEGIAN

Josh Scarbrough, a biochemistry sophomore, displays his talents on campus. He is jokingly referred to as the only white man at OSU who can dance.

Student shows moves on Lawn

• Josh Scarbrough shows real dance moves know no color. He can be found dancing on Library Lawn.

By **KCHRIS GRIFFIN**

Multicultural Reporter

OSU has produced professional athletes and political figures, but never a biochemist who dances.

Sophomore Josh “Casper” Scarbrough loves being known as the only white guy on campus who can dance.

“I started dancing at ‘Welcome Week’ last year,” Scarbrough said. “I saw other people dancing and mimicked them while adding my own flavor to the dances.”

Scarbrough said he dances to anything but especially enjoys the

songs “Cat Daddy,” “Club Rock,” and “White Boy Boogie.”

Students on campus and the Stillwater community have taken notice of Scarbrough’s dancing skills.

Sophomore Kaleb Fuller said Scarbrough always brings his best to the dance floor and constantly thinks about dancing.

“He definitely is the life of the party,” Fuller said. “Josh is energetic, has a lot of charisma and has me saying, ‘Wow,’ every time I see him dance.”

Scarbrough’s moves impressed students Johni Mitchell and Kara Young when they watched him do a dance routine on Library Lawn Wednesday evening.

“I can’t dance like that, but I would go and watch him dance again,” Mitchell said. “He has a ton of courage dancing on Library Lawn like that in front of people.”

Young said she did not really know

why Scarbrough ‘Dougied’ through campus, but she like his routine.

“I was like why is he dancing on Library Lawn? I did think his ‘Dougie’ was pretty neat, though,” Young said.

Scarbrough said that he loves dancing but takes school seriously.

Despite his growing fame, Scarbrough claims he is just an average man.

“I am an ordinary guy who goes to class everyday, studies and hangs with friends,” he said. “I like to workout when I have time. Life is good.”

Scarbrough affiliates himself with a group new Tumbleweed DJ Josh Graves formed called “Def Cub 3000.”

“It’s a group my friends and I do to help promote the other side of the Tumbleweed,” Scarbrough said.

Graves said Scarbrough helps bring a sense of progressiveness to the Def Club 3000 movement, and he definitely helps break down the social bar-

rier.

“He is not the guy that you would expect to get the club hype,” Graves said. “I think that Josh is a great dancer and will help us stay in the mix with what’s current and popular with the kids these days.

Def Club 3000 promoter Jessica Sutton said it is surprising that he is really good dancer, because he is white.

“The way he dresses kind of tips you off that he can dance,” Sutton said. “I think he brings a lot of awareness from different cultures to the movement we want with Def Club 3000.”

Scarbrough said his dancing days are numbered, but he plans to keep doing it for a while.

“Well, I plan on being a brain surgeon after I graduate, and I highly doubt that I should be dancing while I’m in surgery,” Scarbrough said.

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Safety a prime concern for holiday

By **KYLE DUNLAP**

General Assignment Reporter

On the lakes and rivers of Oklahoma, families and friends have come together for decades, bringing the wafting smells of sunblock, gasoline and beer to some of the most timeless recreation areas America has to offer.

With Labor Day a few days away and the opportunities of an extended weekend lying ahead, these lakes and rivers will soon be filled with boaters and swimmers, many of who are unaware of the dangers their time on the water may bring.

According to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, there were 32 drownings in the Tulsa District last year, which encompasses Oklahoma, northern Texas and southern Kansas. This is without including the deaths on non-federally owned lakes and rivers, such as the Illinois River or Stillwater’s own Lake Carl Blackwell.

B.J. Parkey, assistant project manager for Lake Texoma, stressed the need to be mindful and safe while out enjoying the lakes this weekend, especially for college students and young adults.

“Water safety is always present,” Parkey said, “The majority (of drowning victims) are males between the ages of 18 and 26. We have often had a hard time reaching out (to this age group).”

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Payne County Fair brings entertainment to town

By **JONATHAN LACABA**

Residential Life Reporter

The 98th Annual Payne County Free Fair, which the Payne County Expo Center hosts, is much more than funnel cakes and ferris wheels.

It hosts fairs, trade shows, family reunions, corporate meetings, educational programs and livestock shows, according to its website, pcexpocenter.com. The major components of the fair include education, competition and entertainment, according to a fair handbook.

This year’s fair, which started

Monday and will end Saturday, features amusement rides and a variety of vendors that range from selling jewelry and candles to marketing funeral homes and job recruiting.

Also at the fair, the Payne County Democrats and the Payne County Republicans are distributing reading materials about their respective parties and helping people submit voter registration forms, because of the election season.

Other attractions include a petting zoo and an antique tractor parade, which starts at 6:30 p.m. today and Saturday. This year’s fair is supposed to showcase what the area has to

offer, Expo Center assistant secretary Bailey Silvers said on Thursday.

“Every year the county puts on the fair,” Silvers said. “We have animals available to view and we’ve also given Scentys candles to the Strode Funeral Home. No one has to pay to enter the fair or walk around. It’s supposed to be for the fun of the community and is the biggest agricultural activity of the year.”

Silvers added that the fair is also playing host to a livestock show, which has a entry category for different types of beef. To cap off the week’s events, The Ridge, a local red

dirt band, will play Saturday evening.

For those who want to board the amusement rides, tickets are available for purchase at the fair. Single tickets cost \$3.25 each and there are deals for family packs and bulk purchases.

After the official completion of the fair, the amusement rides will be open Sunday from 3-10 p.m.

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Payne County Fair

Address: Highway 51 and Fairgrounds Road, Stillwater, OK 74075

Dates: Sept. 1, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Sept. 2, 3-10 p.m.

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Colvin classes offer more training variety

By ALEXA IVINS
Campus Rec Reporter

Students and staff, don't miss out on all the activities happening at the Colvin in the next few months.

There are several different programs that are being offered through campus recreation. Upcoming programs include: The Biggest User, Cowboy Boot Camp, Women & Weights and The Strongest Cowboy. With all these fun fitness options, there's no reason for anyone not to take advantage of them.

The Biggest User is designed to provide a way to experience several services the Colvin has to offer for free. Once someone completes the program, they will receive: two free fitness assessments, one free goal planning session (\$20 value), three personal training sessions (\$75 value), one free nutrition counseling session (\$30 value), access to free monthly seminars, a free t-shirt and a 10 percent discount on a follow-up personal training or massage therapy during the duration of the program.

A person must be earn 30 points from the following during the program:

- Attending monthly seminar = 1 point
- Attending training session = 1 point
- Completing any Fit First class = 1 point
- Completing ropes course = 2 points
- Logging extra workout hours = 1 point
- Completing weekly challenge = 1 point
- Attending a nutrition class = 1 point

An initial assessment and nutrition counseling must be done within Sept. 4 to 14, before 5 p.m., and a closing assessment must be finished before Nov. 30, at 5 p.m. If all the required tasks aren't completed, there will be a \$50 bursar fee.

Sign up is in the business of-

fice of the Colvin or Serentean Wellness Center. The initial meeting is Tuesday at 5:15 p.m. in the Seretean Wellness Center auditorium.

For more information, contact Akaylah Hanzlicek at 405-744-5510.

Boot Camp is offered from Sept. 5 to Dec. 21, on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 5:45 a.m. or 6:45 a.m. at the intramural fields (west of the Seretean Wellness Center). This is a group class a certified personal trainer conducts. It combines aspects of calisthenics and body weight exercises with interval and strength training. The price for the camp is \$100 per semester or \$30 for a month. It is open to all OSU-Stillwater faculty/staff, students and campus recreation and wellness members. To register, contact Cindy George at 405-744-9355 or Jillian Dunn at 405-744-5510.

If women want to learn to lift correctly, a personal trainer teaches a free class called Women & Weights designed to show people how to properly tone the body and get the most out of a workout.

The deadline to register is Thursday. Sign up is in the Colvin or Seretean Wellness Center. The class is limited to 30 participants. The initial meeting is Thursday at 5:30 p.m. and regular class times are from 5:30-7:30 p.m. For more information, contact Akaylah Hanzlicek at 405-744-5510.

The OSU Strongest Cowboy competition this year is Saturday, Sept. 22, at 8:30 a.m. on the intramural fields. This event is open to all students and faculty/staff. The cost to register is \$10. Competition events will include: tire flip, log clean and press/jerk, farmer's walk, prowler sled push, and a medley of the tire flip, sandbag carry, and prowler sled pull.

There are different male and female weight classes to choose from. All participants will receive a strongest cowboy t-shirt and winners from each weight class will get a prize.

An informational meeting is set for Thurs., Sept. 20, at 7:30 p.m. To register or get more information, contact Akayla Hanzlicek at 405-744-5510.

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Sheridan Spivey (left), an elementary education junior, tutors Phoebe Hundelt, a secondary history education freshman.

LASSO Center offers tutors

By PETE RYAN GUERRA
Student Services Reporter

As the clock moves forward and students start fiddling with their pens or pencils trying to figure out homework, they come to the obvious conclusion they need help and do not understand what they are doing.

Students wonder what they could do to help benefit them and recover from the stress of homework. With all this in mind, students start to realize there is a place that can help.

It is the LASSO Center, a free tutoring center that helps with every subject. From math to science, they are here to help.

Because the LASSO

Center provides free tutoring, it makes it convenient and affordable to every student who needs help.

Before going straight to the LASSO Center, students must sign up for a date when they can meet someone for tutoring.

This helps arrange the student with a personal tutor to help with their problems in a certain subject.

On this note, students must inform the center if any issues come up preventing them from making it to tutoring.

The student must cancel his or her appointment 24 hours before the scheduled time.

If a student does not show up and no one is informed, the student is charged a fee.

The LASSO Center provides many reliable resources.

Students get help from academic facilitators, who help them to find their way around campus.

These facilitators also help students be more organized by helping them arrange their syllabi and schedules best assist them.

The program also provides student academic mentors, which are upperclassmen who have been carefully chosen to create fun and interesting projects for students so they will begin to feel more comfortable transitioning to college.

This is not all that the LASSO Center offers for students. The program also provides advisers who help students select a major or confirm the major they have already.

The LASSO center also helps by having workshops

or academic success courses available for one or two credit hours.

Director of the LASSO Center Cheryl DeVuyst said it provides services to help students build success skills such as time management and also helps students understand what their learning style is and what to do with it.

This helps students learn study skills, get better grades and improve their time management skills.

This is useful because it can help boost students' GPAs and can provide students with academic credit.

For help with homework for a particular class, students can stop by room 214 in the Student Union for more questions.

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News from OSU Communications

OSU police utilize new tools for gameday safety

By MASON WALDVOGEL

Oklahoma State University takes great pride in being one of the safest campuses. The safety and security of students, staff, and visitors is a top priority of the university and the number one priority of the OSU Police Department.

One of the biggest challenges for the department is the influx of fans during a home football game. Plan-

ning for gameday begins months in advance of kickoff, according to OSU Police Chief Mike Robinson.

The department has 31 full-time officers, but due to the increase in population during home OSU football games, officers from Stillwater and other surrounding communities plus additional law enforcement agencies like the Oklahoma Highway Patrol, FBI, and OSBI are utilized.

To further secure the stadium and campus, a command center with representatives from across the state and nation monitor the facilities with over 100 cameras in and around the stadium.

"When we become aware of a situation in a specific area, we can monitor that on video," Robinson said. He added, compared to most of the Big 12 counterparts, this system is more elaborate and more advanced.

Other enhancements to technology and resources have also

been made. OSU Police recently received two portable Skywatch watchtowers that can be lifted to a height of 20 feet above the plaza and tailgating tents. The hydraulically powered towers will be used to monitor crowds outside Boone Pickens Stadium.

With funding provided by the Department of Homeland Security, the police department also purchased three security barricades that will be used to safely shut down Hall of Fame Avenue. Previously, wooden barricades were used to secure the fans attending the block party and other pregame festivities on the north side of the stadium.

As a result of 9/11, venues the size of Boone Pickens Stadium have increased security in and around the facility. OSU officials are on alert and in communication with the Department of Homeland Security, the FBI Joint Terrorism Taskforce, Oklahoma Fusion Center before kickoff to secure the area and to monitor information, Robinson said.

Severe weather and extreme temperatures can dampen the overall experience of the gameday atmosphere. University officials are constantly monitoring weather changes and forecasts from an on-site command post. In addition, OSU's environmental health and safety

officers and police will be monitoring to ensure fans comply with the current statewide burn ban. EHS and LifeNet representatives are also on hand to assist with any health or



The OSU police department held an exposition to demonstrate equipment and tools used by officers. Scan QR code to watch the video.

SOMETHING TO RAVE ABOUT:

OSU has partnered with AT&T RAVE to notify the OSU community in the case of a life-threatening situation.

A voice and/or mobile text will be deployed with information regarding the event and how people should proceed.

To ensure you are signed up for Cowboy Alerts go to <http://safety.okstate.edu/> and click on Alert Sign-up.

On Campus...

► ORANGE TECH

OrangeTech will host its first ever 'Nology Fest in the Student Union Atrium on Wednesday, Sept. 5 from 10 a.m. to 6p.m.. 'Nology Fest is an all-day tech exposition which will showcase a vendor fair with product discounts and giveaways, a series of educational seminars, and several tech-based competitions. For more information call 405-744-5237 or go to <http://okla.st/nol0gY>.



◀ KING JAMES

Manifold Greatness tells the little-known story of the King James Bible—which marked its 400th anniversary in 2011. The exhibit will be on display in the Peggy V. Helmerich Browsing Room in the Edmon Low Library until Sept. 19. For more information call 405-744-9101.



► TEDxOStateU

TEDxOStateU "IGNITE" will take place on Nov. 1, in the Seretean Center Concert Hall. The event will feature live speakers, TEDTalks videos and musical performances. Additional information will be posted to TEDxOStateU.com. Tickets will be available on the website, beginning Sept. 4.



OSU students sing in Italy

OSU students Paige Martin and Mallory Turlington were selected to join 22 other talented young performers and composers for two weeks of contemporary music study and performance in Cortona, Italy, recently.

Martin, a junior vocal performance major and Turlington, a masters candidate in vocal performance, collaborated in multiple world-premiere performances of works composed specifically for the Cortona Sessions for New Music. The students also studied with a faculty of contemporary music specialists, including OSU faculty members Dr. Michael Kirkendoll, assistant professor of piano, and Dr. Jeffrey Loeffert, assistant professor of saxophone.

The Cortona Sessions for New Music has supported the work of nearly 70 young musicians, and has enjoyed the world premieres of over 100 new compositions since it was founded three years ago by Kirkendoll, who also serves as the artistic director. Faculty from the Cortona Sessions have visited OSU on several occasions, and will return to campus in February as part of the second annual OSU Festival of Contemporary Music.

For more information about the Cortona Sessions go to www.cortonasesions.com



OSU students and faculty taught and performed at the Cortona Sessions for New Music in Italy. The annual event brings together top young musicians to collaborate on world-premiere performances. Left to right, Mallory Turlington, Michael Kirkendoll, Paige Martin, and Jeffrey Loeffert.

ASABE recognizes numerous OSU students and staff

By DEBRA SCHLEGEL

The American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers recognized several Oklahoma State University students and professors at its annual international meeting.

Biosystems and agricultural engineering graduate student Jessica J. Lay is the recipient of the 2012 Pharos of Alexandria Global Learning Award in recognition of her scholarly accomplishments and professionalism, outstanding leadership skills, humanitarian service and dedication to her academic department and to ASABE.

Associate professor Garey A. Fox is the recipient of the 2012 A.W. Farrall Young Educator Award for his outstanding contributions to future agricultural and biological engineers through teaching, research, and professional service.

Fox has created a collaborative research atmosphere for his students investigating fundamental and applied

soil and water research areas. His unique approach of combining laboratory, field experiments and modeling has assisted in solving agricultural water quality problems.

Associate professor Mark R. Wilkins received the 2012 Gale A. Hollo-way Professional Development Award for early career involvement and outstanding leadership contributions to the ASABE Biological Engineering division and for service as a role model for pre-professionals.

In addition to teaching food and bioprocessing engineering classes and advising graduate students in bioenergy, Wilkins conducts research focused on methods to produce transportation fuels from cellulosic biomass.

Finalists for the Boyd-Scott Graduate Research Award were OSU graduate students Taber Midgley and Abdul-Sahib Al-Madhachi. The award recognizes excellence in the conduct and

presentation of research to build the knowledge base needed by engineers who design equipment, facilities, and processes for the sustainable operation of a biological system.

Midgley was recognized for his work on "Steambank Erosion and Instability Induced by Seepage: In-Situ Constant-Head Seepage Experiments." Al-Madhachi was recognized for his project "Deriving Parameters of a Fundamental Detachment Model Cohesive Soils from Flume and Jet Erosion Tests."

The AGCO National Student Design Competition's purpose is to encourage undergraduate participation in the design of useful agricultural engineering. The 2012 National Student Design Competition finalists included two OSU students. Scott Clark, a recent OSU graduate, and Eric Lam were recognized for their project "Automated Chemical Injection System N2 Line Solutions." This competition provides experience in peer recognition and practice with design project execution.

Clark also received the Roger R. and Larua M. Yoerger Preprofessional Engineer of the Year Award in recognition of his outstanding promise. He is now employed by John Deere Harvester Works in East Moline, Illinois.

Mikayla M. Marvin was named a finalist for the K.K. Barnes Student Paper Award. Marvin was also recognized as an undergraduate engineering student for her paper on "Escherichia coli Transport to Subsurface Drains through Surface-Connected Macropores."

The Undergraduate Project Poster Competition, held during the annual international meeting, encourages undergraduate students to interact with industry, faculty and fellow students by presenting an engineering project useful to agriculture. The 2012 Poster Competition participants included Peter Storm and Rebecca Purvis of OSU.

The Association of Equipment Manufacturers Trophy Awards recognizes outstanding initiative and accomplishment in ASABE student branch activities. OSU was recognized under the Oklahoma Student Branch.

Finally, the 2012 ASABE Fellows elected during the 2011-2012 Society Year, include OSU's Glenn O. Brown, Regents Professor of biosystems and agricultural engineering, and Daniel L. Thomas, professor and head of the Department of Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering.



MARK WILKINS



GAREY FOX