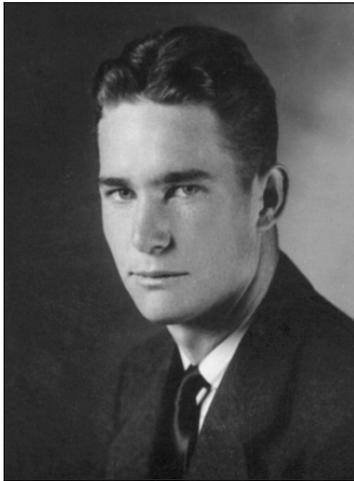




Stillwater Pioneer Athlete Memorial



F. PEYTON GLASS, JR

November 4, 1911 - May 30, 2003

Stillwater High School Class of 1929

9th Annual Memorial Induction Ceremony

September 25, 2004

F. Peyton Glass, Jr. began life in Coyle, Oklahoma, on November 4, 1911. His family then lived for a short time in Fairfax before moving to Stillwater in the early 1920's. With the exception of four years in the Navy during World War II and a slight sojourn to Tucson, Arizona, Mr. Glass, known affectionately as "Junior" and later, "Mr. G.", lived all his life in Stillwater.

Peyton excelled in Track and Field at Stillwater High School but did not hit his stride, so to speak, until he entered Oklahoma A&M. Under coach Roy (Wash) Kenny, Peyton, along with teammate Ira Littlejohn, became two of the premier runners in the nation.

In 1931, Peyton won the one hundred yard dash at the Texas relays in 9.5 seconds. It was a record that stood at Oklahoma State until it was bested in 1958, some twenty-seven years later. In 1932, he won the one hundred meter event at the Fort Worth carnival games with a time of 10.5, only one tenth of a second over the world record. A muscle injury earlier that year hampered Peyton's attempts to qualify for the Olympic team. In 1932, the Cowboy Track and Field team won four dual meets out of five attempts, two tournament first places and the Missouri Valley title. While at A&M, he met his future wife, Margarite (Maggie) and, in 1939, the family was completed with the birth of a son, Peyton Glass, III (Pat).

Peyton joined his father on Main Street at Peyton Glass and Son clothing store and remained there until the store closed in the early 1960's. Shortly thereafter, he opened a small clothing store in the Student Union, Mr. G.'s, which he would manage until the early 1990's.

Generations of college students, some away from home for the first time, were warmly greeted by Mr. G. where they were told they could "use the phone or cash a check" any time. While many of his colleagues loved to hunt and fish, Mr. G. had one and only one hobby: people. A familiar figure in his denim sports coat, brushy moustache and jaunty hat, Mr. G. never met a stranger and, if he did, they quickly became fast friends. He genuinely enjoyed visiting with people and never ceased to find them fascinating. He loved to laugh, and was the world's greatest audience for a joke or a pun, the worse the better. He enthusiastically supported OSU athletics and attended many sports events.

To see him walk was to recognize a former athlete. His fluid motion was such that his feet seemed to be barely touching the ground. It was the same grace that he brought to his relationships with people. He had the ability to leave people feeling better off after spending time with him, be it a minute or an hour. It is rare to have someone like that in one's life. As Peyton himself might have put it, "We should all be so lucky".

We were lucky.

Presenter
David Hargrove