Photojournalists have played an important role in the preservation of Oklahoma history. In effect, they often capture the first draft of history as it unfolds. This exhibition offers an overview of photojournalists’ work at the Daily Oklahoman from 1950 to 2000. Through the work of these talented artists, we discover what was important to the public at that time and glimpse the sweep of Oklahoma history through the lenses of their cameras.

Astronaut Thomas P. Stafford, a native of Weatherford, and his Gemini capsule partner Eugene Cernan were honored with a parade in downtown Oklahoma City after their three day orbit of earth.  

*Photo by Jim Argo*

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Jim Poteet of Duncan leaves the saddle to pounce on a steer during the National Finals Rodeo.

*Staff Photo by Robert Taylor  
December 1971*

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A crowd of over 76,000 attended the opening ceremonies of the 1989 Olympic Festival at the University of Oklahoma’s Memorial Stadium on July 21, 1989.

*Photo by George R. Wilson*