



The Way I See It

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Let's journey back to the thrilling days of yesteryear where pearl handled six shots hung on the hips of gunfighters and the bravest of men stood tall behind a tin star.

The sheriff was the most looked upon member of the community. He was there to lead, protect, and run trouble makers out of town or into jail. He practically ran the town. Sometimes he was even run out of that town if his bravery became smaller than his badge.

In the days of Dodge City, residents of that famous 'old West' town were witnesses to many lawmen. The 'rough and tumble' ways of that blood stained city were too much for some sheriffs and deadly to others.

And then, through the dust in the wind and the passing roll of a tumble weed, there came a man. A man unafraid to take responsibility for a "Babylon" in the 'old West. This man wore a star and a square jaw.

He stood for justice and cleaned up the streets of Dodge. He put the guys in the black hats in jail and some of them he put to eternal sleep in a wooden box that was dropped into a six foot hole.

The UWS football program of late can be compared to the days of Dodge. The players play the role of the people that live in Dodge. They are not looking for a safer community or wanting to walk the streets without worry. They want a winning program and want to be able to walk the pavement of this campus with pride.

The 'Jackets posted a 1-17 record in the past two seasons. Back in Dodge that means they wouldn't have taken out too many bad guys. The 'Jackets have also been through two coaches in three years. That is probably longer than a bad sheriff would have lasted in Dodge, but we are living in a more civilized society.

The players at UW-Dodge have been through many a hardship in the past years and again the

sun has gone down with unhappiness in the program.

Another sheriff has ambled on out and left the players to fend for themselves. What will happen now?

Will the townfoke board up their homes and businesses? In today's terms, that means will the players hide from the challenge that has been put before them?

Will the townfoke pack up the buckboard and head back East? That means will the players transfer to another school?

Some player will quit. Some players will transfer. But some will stay and, if they have the right attitude, will work together to build a respectable program.

Just hours after the last sheriff headed out of town, some of the townfoke were working on their shooting abilities. Well not really.

But just hours after 'Jacket players found out their coach had resigned, some of them could be found in the football weight room working out. That has got to prove something.

Yet another question comes to mind: Will there be loud cries in UW-Dodge for the square jawed, Wyatt Earp?

Well he's dead and mostly a legend, so I don't think he'll be riding into town. Who's next?

John Wayne? That would be great but, unfortunately, he's proving he is the best cowboy at the rodeo in the sky.

Well, sooner or later the dust will clear and there will be a new sheriff in town. Who that is at this point is unknown.

But when that new sheriff comes to town he'll have his hands full. A losing program or a dying town is a hard thing to take over, just like the last sheriff found out.

Our football team needs a hero, a sheriff who can clean up the streets, or at least the campuses of the WSUC.

And that's the way I see it.