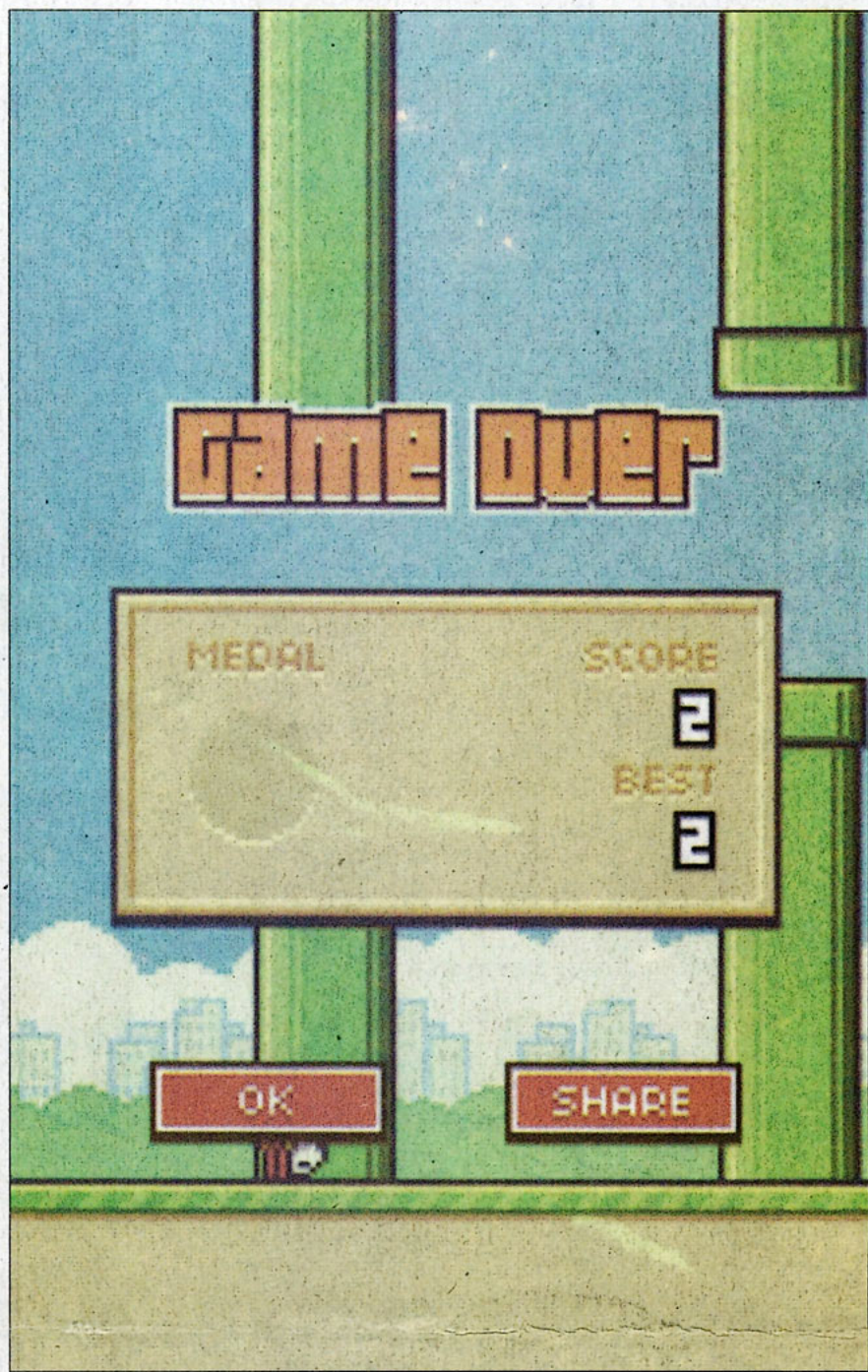
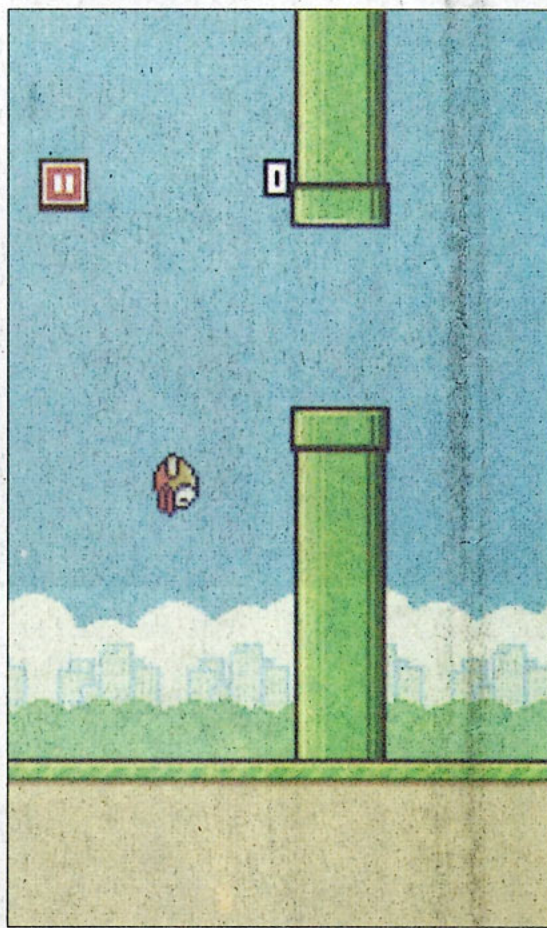
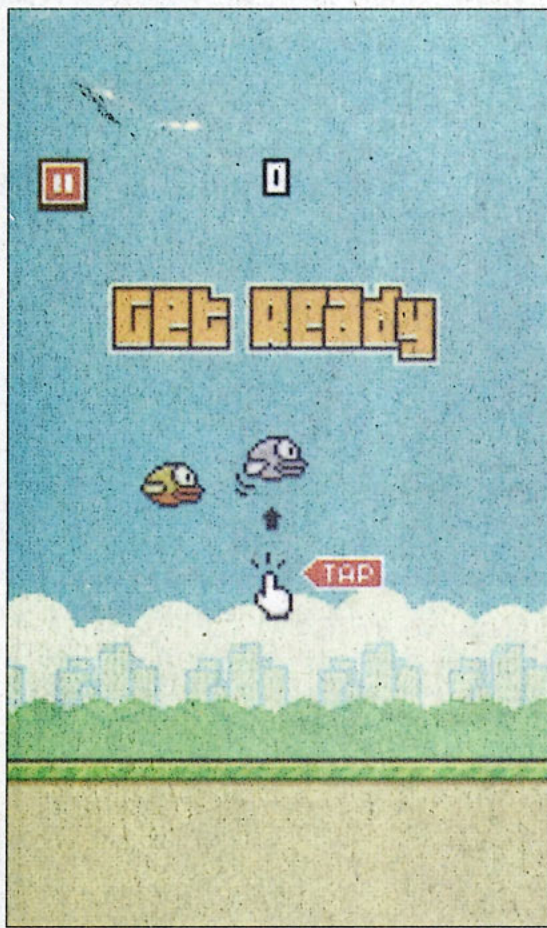


'Flappy Bird' Creator Calls Game Over: Viral game downloaded for the last time



Millions of users downloaded and played "Flappy Bird" before it was removed from Apple and Android app stores on Sunday, Feb. 9. Photo provided.

Dong Nguyen @dongatory · Feb 8
And I still make games.

Dong Nguyen @dongatory · Feb 8
I also don't sell 'Flappy Bird', please don't ask.

Dong Nguyen @dongatory · Feb 8
It is not anything related to legal issues. I just cannot keep it anymore.

Dong Nguyen @dongatory · Feb 8
I am sorry 'Flappy Bird' users, 22 hours from now, I will take 'Flappy Bird' down. I cannot take this anymore.

Dong Nguyen, in a series of tweets, made an announcement on Saturday, Feb. 8, he would be taking the popular game, "Flappy Bird," off of Apple and Android app stores. Photo by Sarah Neese, The Vista.

Sarah Neese
Editor-in-Chief

"Flappy Bird" has taken off for the last time.

The game that swept the nation for multiple weeks is now absent from Apple and Android app stores, after its creator, Dong Nguyen, a Vietnamese developer, removed the game.

On Saturday, Feb. 8, Nguyen tweeted, "I

am sorry 'Flappy Bird' users, 22 hours from now, I will take 'Flappy Bird' down. I cannot take this anymore."

The tweet, seen by thousands, has received over 140,000 retweets and over 40,000 favorites on Twitter.

The removal of the game came as a shock, with little to no reasoning given for the decision.

Nguyen followed his first tweet with three more, stating that he was not taking the game down for legal reasons and that he would not sell "Flappy Bird."

He also tweeted that he will still be making games in the future.

Media outlets, such as The Chicago Tribune, CNN and Fox News, have speculated that Nguyen received a warning letter from Nintendo. However, in an interview with Reuters, Nintendo's media representative said, "It sounds very much like a rumor and if it is, we certainly can't comment on that."

Others believe that Nguyen removed the game due to players' negative reactions after playing the game.

"The major complaint about the game is, well it's frustrating. But its as addicting as Candy Crush, but you're pissed off the whole time," Amber Tardif, a UCO graduate, said.

See 'Flappy Bird' on Page 4



Groups of UCO students, like the ones shown above, will play basketball at 'Hoops for Hearts' on Feb. 13. Photo by Aliko Dyer, The Vista.

'Hoops for Hearts': UCO Club playing ball for a cause

Kanesha Brown

Staff Writer

The Physical Education Majors Club at UCO will be hosting the "Hoops for Heart" event from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Feb. 13 at the Wantland Hall Gymnasium in honor of National Heart Month.

According to www.heart.org, the goal for Hoops for Heart is an event where schools can play basketball and learn how to be heart healthy, while raising money for the American Heart Association.

This year's goal is to receive \$1,000, UCO Kinesiology and Health Instructor Stephanie Canada-Phillips said.

Starting from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., there will be six stations with different basketball games available for participants to play. From 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., there will be three on three games going on, UCO Kinesiology and Health instructor Susan McLemore said.

See 'Hoops for Heart' on Page 4

UCO kicks off Safe Love Week



Photo by Aliko Dyer, The Vista.

Leilei Chen

Staff Writer

From Feb. 10, The University of Central Oklahoma Women's Outreach Center and the Women of Many Ethnic Nationalities Organization will host an annual event, Safe Love Week, to encourage healthy relationships in young adults.

The UCO Women's Outreach Center mainly focuses on honoring women's life. They celebrate women's achievements. And it helps women to explore the role they need play in human experience, and provide resources as they empower themselves and each other.

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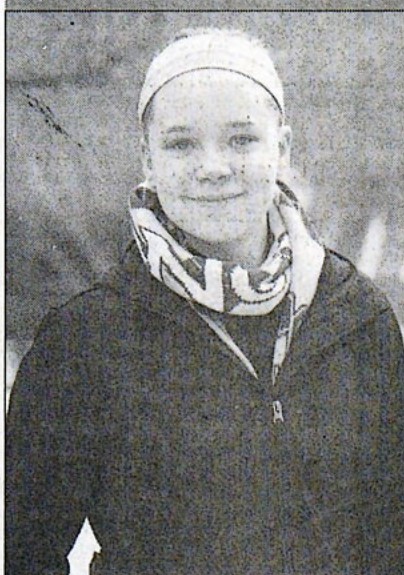
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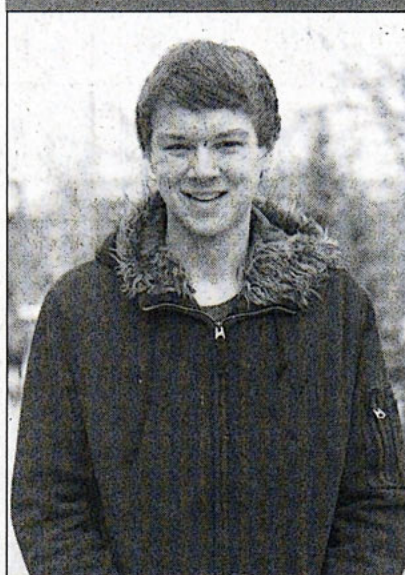
Biology - Freshman



"Germany, that's where my family is residing."

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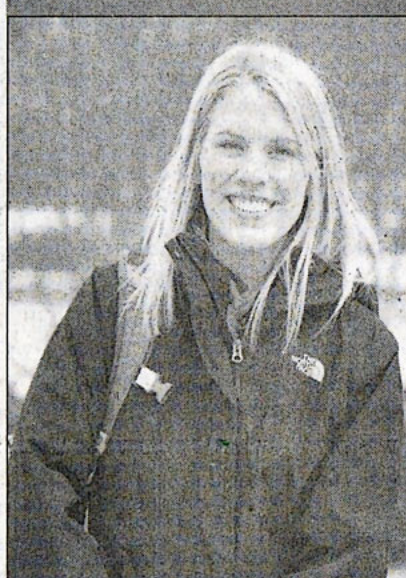
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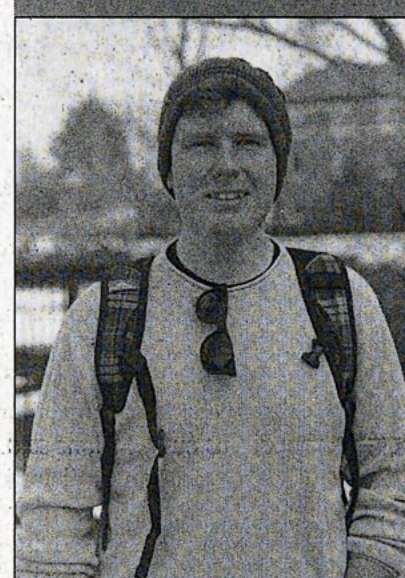
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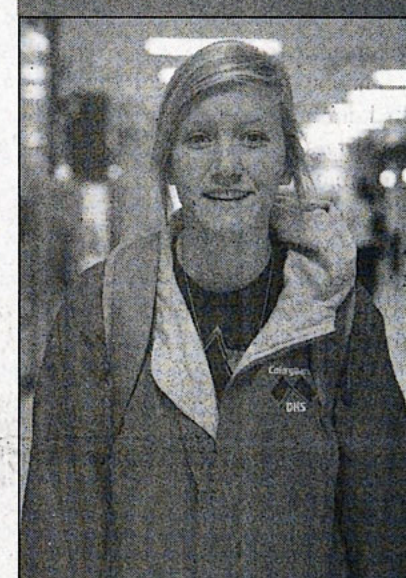
Petroleum Engineering - Freshman



"Mexico, It has always been a dream of mine to live down there and you can't pass up authentic Mexican food."

MEGAN PRATHER

English Education - Freshman



"Africa because I think it would be really interesting where ever I can help out."

A Call to Arms

Editorial by: Brooks Nickell (Managing Editor)

I received two spam-texts from Bryant Place apartment complex in Edmond this last Saturday. Afterwards, I replied stop 185 as prompted in hopes to no longer receive these messages.

I have never applied for an apartment at Bryant Place in Edmond. I have never given the place my phone number and I definitely haven't asked them for more information in regards to leasing an apartment.

I received two more messages from the number on Saturday another on Sunday and as of 1:43 p.m. Monday Feb. 10 I have received one more message.

Now, I'm a little upset about the messages and the fact that my request to stop the spamming was ignored only feeds the flames.

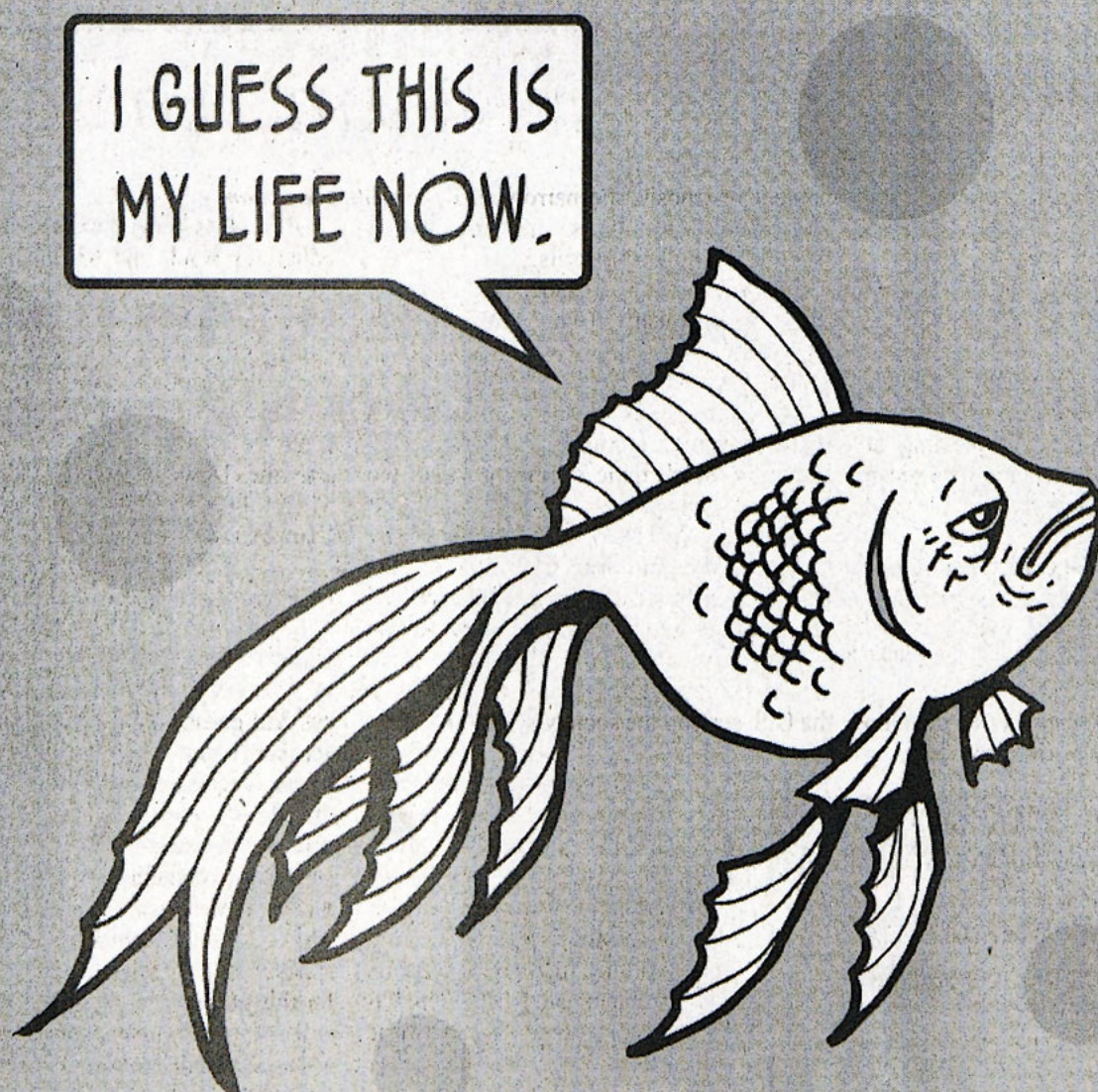
On top of my anger, several other students approached me with complaints about the spam messages from Bryant Place and almost of all of them had stories similar to mine. None of us had asked to receive the spam messages or given Bryant Place our numbers.

I reached out to a few more students and started noticing another small pattern. Like myself, several other students at the University of Central Oklahoma had updated their Central Alert information. In all these cases it was only a few days after updating that information that the Bryant Place spam-texts started happening.

Could it be possible that UCO officials are forwarding our information to Bryant Place so that they can advertise directly to students? And, if they are, does it stop there?

I think it's time for a call to arms. When you get Bryant Place to stop texting you let me know how, but don't just stop there. I think it's time we found out how places like this getting our student information. It's time to ask the tough questions and demand answers.

CAMPUS CARTOON



Opinion

Sincerely,



Stevie

Pen, Paper and Peace
By Stevie Armstrong

As a writer, you put together letters to form words, words to form sentences, and sentences to fill pages. But the real magic is the motivation to puzzle piece thoughts together, making them tangible.

Life, itself, is a big story. Whether it's put on paper or not, your life is your story with its own plot, characters, twists and turns. The most important part of any story is the feeling it gives you.

Whether you realize it or not, everyone you encounter plays a part in your story, causing you to have certain and maybe even unique feelings.

Whether those feelings are of joy, anger, peace, frustration, hatred, love, or maybe they're indescribable, nearly everyone can think of someone who causes them to have a unique emotion.

My specific character wraps specific around me. It doesn't matter what situation I'm in or what the circumstances are, they make me feel as though the bad in the world really isn't so bad. They give me the confidence to believe that I can get through anything.

They are also the only character in my story that I feel as though I can be 100 percent myself with. These

are true feelings of peace.

But as with every story, many characters come and go. This is where my story has a twist and a turn because my character is no longer here.

Therefore, my feelings of peace and the world as not-such-a-bad-place have faded off, along with the character.

Instead of reading my story as an unfortunate circumstance, my plot thickens and I have to decide where to go from here.

Now is the time that I have to learn to be strong and find peace on my own.

I don't expect to be able to accomplish that by tomor-

row, or next week, or even next year. But it's the journey of getting there that's going to eventually grow me strong and bring me peace.

Your story, trials and character may be completely different than mine, but everyone's story is a powerful one.

It may not be written out with pen and paper, but it'll forever be written within you.

Sincerely, Stevie

Follow me on Twitter @StevieArmstrong

UCO named new alumni director

Tyler Talley

Staff Writer

University of Central Oklahoma graduate Lora Malone was named the new alumni director for UCO's Alumni Relations Office, last month.

Malone is an Edmond native and graduated from Central in 1989 with her bachelor's degree in both communications and public relations. In 1994 she graduated with her master's degree in higher education and community service.

She started her career as an academic advisor with the College of Liberal Arts at UCO. She then went on to serve as the vice president and chief programs officer for the Oklahoma State University Alumni Association for 10 years.

Her most recent role was at the University of Texas Arlington Alumni Association where she worked as executive director.

Malone stated that choosing this career tied into her belief in higher education's importance within the United States' infrastructure.

"I am completely sold on higher education," Malone said. "It's the answer to a number of social and economic issues in this country. Higher education can really change the future."



The UCO Alumni House, featured above, is located at 320 E. Hurd St. Photos by Quang Pho, The Vista.

Malone said she was asked to come back to UCO to fill the position of alumni director, since the position was in an interim period.

"I got a call, and they said 'We need you to come home and help us out,'" Malone said. "It was perfect timing. I have a 10 year old, and I've been married about 21 years. God puts everything in perspective."

At the time of this report, Malone has been on the job for just over two weeks. She already has some clear goals in mind for the UCO Alumni organization. She stated that she hopes to instill a sense of philanthropy within all Central graduates through the resources and time at their disposal.

Malone went on to discuss the UCO Alumni Relations Office as a whole, as well as the organization's purpose and goals.

"Our mission is, serve the institution

and its graduates. We do that in a number of ways," Malone said. "We do that through hosting events, programs, fundraising," and getting students involved.

Malone stated that student involvement with the Alumni association begins early when they join the UCO Alumni Student Association, while still attending the university.

According to Malone, the student group awards its members the opportunity to network with alumni. Students also get discounts.

The organization's involvement continues long past graduation, as it hopes to insure that all of Central's graduates' needs are met. She added that the Alumni Association, like many other organizations, is membership driven. This means that members are required to pay yearly dues.

"Students pay \$15 and can charge on their bursar. Recent grads are \$20 and it increments up," Malone said. "An alum that wants to be involved pays a yearly due of \$50."

Malone said the group is heavily involved with numerous activities around campus. They most recently sponsored the Career Fair that was held last week.



Lora Malone was named the new alumni director for UCO's Alumni Relations Office. Photo provided.

"We had multiple recruiters of companies who were UCO grads that came back to recruit. So, it was important for us to be there to welcome them back to campus, and to encourage them to continue to put the good word in for UCO grads to get hired," Malone said.

"What's enduring about this campus is that it really is about the students," Malone said. "Not every university is about the students. We are driven by the needs of our current students and influenced by the folks that came before them."

"What's also driving us is doing the research to ensure the needs of the next generation," Malone said. "So, our leadership is committed to making sure we fulfill what our current students need now."

The UCO Alumni House is located at 320 E. Hurd St. and for any additional information contact the UCO Alumni Relations Office at 405-974-2421.

"Red Wine, Resveratrol and Drug-Eluting Stents"

Rachel Brocklehurst

Staff Writer

Department of Chemistry faculty and students at UCO will host Tammy Dugas, Ph.D., at the Feb. 12 meeting of the Oklahoma Section of the American Chemical Society for a reception, dinner and presentation.

Dugas' talk, "Red Wine, Resveratrol and Drug-Eluting Stents," focuses on polyphenols, groups of chemicals found in red wine, which are known to have vascular-protective effects.

The goal of her research is to develop a stent coating that releases these drugs to

prevent restenosis, the narrowing of blood vessels, and thrombosis, the formation of blood clots in blood vessels.

She holds a B.S. in biochemistry and a Ph.D. in chemistry from Louisiana State University.

She joined the faculty at LSU in 2001 and has pursued diverse research endeavors in the areas of drug metabolism and mechanisms by which toxic chemicals target the cardiovascular system.

Founded in 1876 and chartered by Congress, the American Chemical Society is a nonprofit scientific and educational organization dedicated to the advancement of chemistry in the public interest.

The Oklahoma Section is one of 188 across the U.S. serving the society's 164,000 members.

Chemistry Professor Dr. Cheryl Frech said, "Why should students attend? This is a presentation by a researcher who is part of an interdisciplinary team working to solve a complex problem: can we deliver clot-busting drugs as part of the life-saving stent?"

She is using a compound that happens to be in red wine to coat stents and deliver medication.

Not only is Frech an advocate for professional engagement in chemistry, she also serves as the associate editor for Book and Media Reviews for the *Journal of Chemical*

Education.

As well as being the associate editor for Book and Media Reviews, she is on the Biennial Conference Committee, the Regional Meetings Committee and the New Members Committee of the Division.

The Department of Chemistry has had guest speakers come before because the A.C.S. has monthly meetings around the state during the school year. They usually have a speaker at UCO once a year for this group.

"I'm excited that people can hear about this novel research from a regional toxicologist," Frech said.

On this trip, Dugas is also speaking in Tulsa and other locations in Oklahoma. The Chemistry Department works with chemists in Tulsa, Bartlesville, and Lawton to share speakers such as Dugas.

To RSVP for dinner or Dugas' presentation, contact Carla Supon at 405-974-5732 or csupon@uco.edu. The deadline for dinner reservations is 5 p.m. Feb. 7.



UCO's Department of Chemistry will host Tammy Dugas, Ph.D., featured above. Her presentation will focus on groups of chemicals found in red wine. The presentation will be on Feb. 12. Photo provided.

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'Flappy Bird'

Fans frustration over the game was expressed in a hoax story by Huzler.com, which claimed that a 16-year-old Chicago teen murdered his 17-year-old brother over a high score on "Flappy Bird." Though the story is false, many twitter users and even the International Business Times fell for the hoax and reported it as true.

According to CNN.com, "Flappy Bird" was released in May 2013, but the app did not become popular until December 2013.

The game's popularity spread across the nation, rising up as a topic on social media, late-night talk shows and numerous college campuses, including UCO's campus.

Some students on campus feel that the game is simply a way to pass the time.

"It gives me something to do when I'm bored. I don't have a big deal with it like all the other people do," Tori Barnhouse, a forensic science and biology major, said. "It's whatever."

However, other students have stronger feelings about the game.

"I hate it. It's annoying that I only got one point on it after four days of trying. So, I went ahead and deleted it. I'm over 'Flappy Bird,'" Ryan Young, a

broadcasting major, said.

Though the game was free on both Apple and Android stores, The Chicago Tribune stated that the game was earning an average of \$50,000 per day from advertising, before its removal.

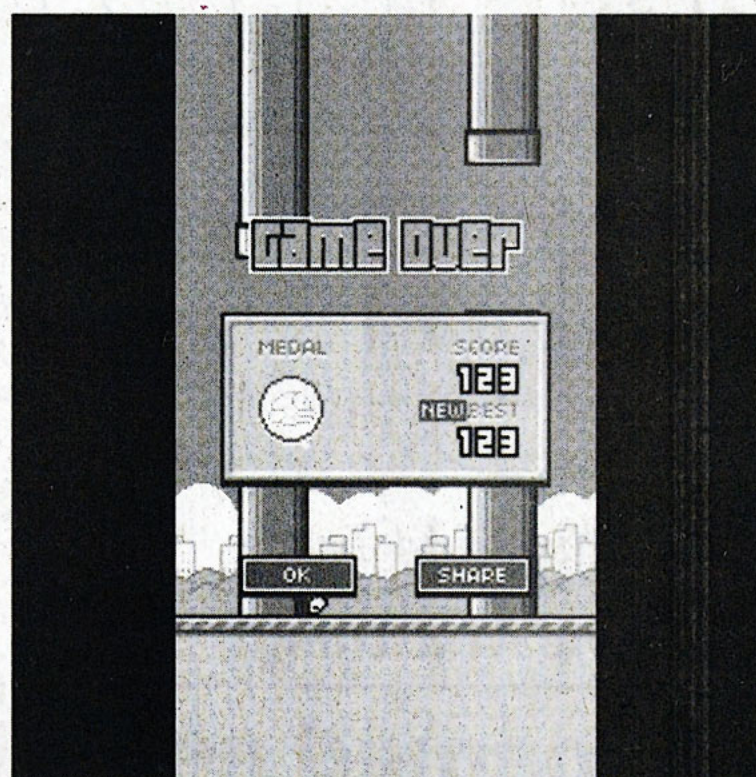
Despite its absence from app stores, users who have already downloaded the game can still continue to play it on their devices. For those who missed out on downloading the game, there is still hope.

CNN.com reported, "Hundreds of phones with 'Flappy Bird' installed have suddenly appeared for sale on eBay at prices up to \$15,000."

The reasons for the removal of "Flappy Bird" are still a mystery. Nguyen has disappeared from the public spotlight since his announcements, declining to participate in interviews and even canceling a scheduled interview with Reuters.

Since his announcement, Nguyen has received a number of death threats via Twitter, including one tweet stating, "YOU BEST NOT BE DELETING FLAPPY BIRD BECAUSE I WILL MURDER YOU IF U DO."

It's not known whether the game will return or how long the game will remain popular.



OMFG LOOK WHAT I JUST GOT ON FLAPPY BIRD pic.twitter.com/THfLizbx9L

One Twitter user tweeted in excitement when they reached a high score of 123 points while playing "Flappy Bird." Photo provided.



Members of W.O.M.E.N. and the Women's Outreach Center, Xavier Jackson and Tess Bromme, work the "Relationships U" table in the Nigh University Center. Photo provided.

Safe Love Week

It provides best opportunities for reflection, engagement, and personal growth of all UCO students with a particular emphasis on honoring women's voices and encouraging the full, active, and equal participation of women in life at UCO.

With the similar purpose, the Women of Many Ethnic Nationalities Organization aim to the positive construction and preservation of all female students' personal and academic lives.

"The week is all about students loving themselves in a happy, healthy way, as well as taking care of one another. Self-esteem is a huge issue for university-aged students and it is important to give everyone the opportunity to love themselves, to discover more about themselves and how we can help each other," said Tess Bromme, student co-

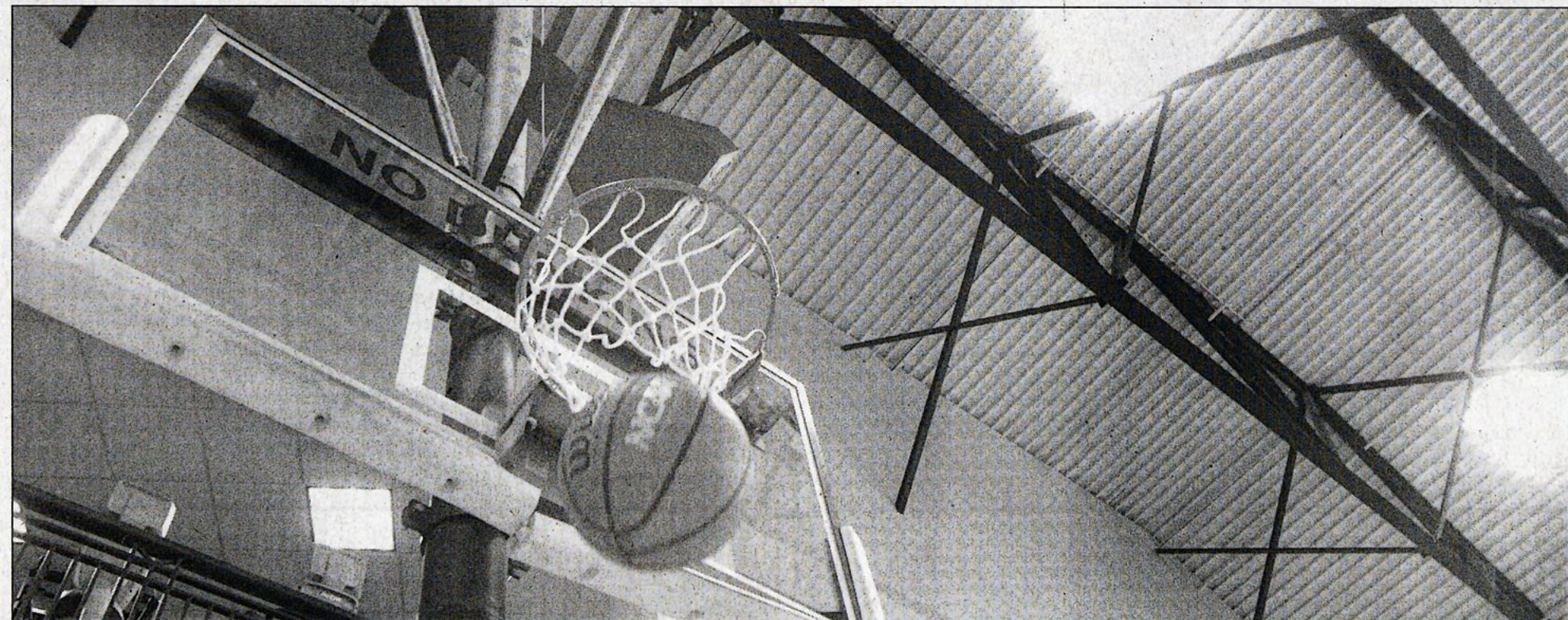
ordinator for Central's WOC. There are four main events during the Safe Love Week. On Love Your Body Day, students are encourage to talk about healthy self-esteem and decorate a free t-shirt in the Nigh University Center from 11a.m to 1p.m on Feb.10.

Feb. 11 is Show Your Love Day. All the attendants will make Valentine's Day cards for local nursing home residents and enjoy complimentary candy in NUC Express Food Court.

Relationship U is Feb. 12. It's a workshop about how personality styles play into relationships. Student Support Services and the Oklahoma Marriage Initiative will present this workshop.

The last day is Safe Love Day. The W.O.M.E.N. will discuss safe sex and the importance of consent.

'Hoops for Hearts': UCO Club Plays for a Cause



'Hoops for Hearts' will take place on Feb. 13 in Wantland Hall Gymnasium. Photo by Ailki Dyer.

Donations will be taken at the event and on an online account, McLemore said. Heart healthy snacks will also be provided, said Canada-Phillips.

This will be the second year Physical Education Majors will host the event. They hope to turn it into an annual event, McLemore said.

Jump Rope for Heart is another event done

nationally at Elementary Schools, McLemore said.

The Facebook website for Hoops for Heart and Jump Rope for Heart states that the program seeks to fight heart disease, stroke and child obesity through school-based fundraising. The programs promote physical activity, heart healthy living and community service to children.

According to www.aahperd.org, Jump for Heart was created by a physical education teacher in Milwaukee, Wis. in 1978.

Hoops for Heart was created in 1989 by two physical educators in Albuquerque, NM.

Hoops for Heart and Jump Rope for Heart are events that are done across schools nationally, McLemore said.

The website, www.heart.org, states that

Hoops for Heart has been going on for almost 20 years. From the donations over the years, the AHA has been able to fund scientists that have won the Nobel Peace Prize.

According to the website, Hoops for Heart has been a contribution for health care providers reducing the number of people dying from heart disease and stroke by 25 percent.

UCO Phone Charging Stations Disappear: Students and Faculty Question Their Fate

Olanrewaju Suleiman

Staff Writer

In the fall 2013 semester, the University of Central Oklahoma installed phone-charging stations across campus.

The stations were meant to be a way for students to charge their phones when the battery began to run out. All of the stations were free.

The Nigh University Center's cafeteria, computer lab, and Starbucks were all charging locations.

Each station had around six cords to charge the various Android smart phones, as well as the Apple iPhone.

When the spring 2014 semester began, many of the charging stations were removed from their respective locations on campus.

Many students and members of the Central community were left wondering why.

UCO sophomore Mercedes Hughes was once such student.

"I go to the Nigh all the time and saw that they weren't there anymore," she said.

Hughes would charge her smart

phone during the periods that she did not have class or work.

"It's been so cold lately that I didn't really want to go to the library to print off my assignments," she said. "So usually I would sit at a computer and put my phone in a spot where I could see it."

Hughes was surprised when the stations were taken down and could not think of a reason why it might have happened.

"I thought maybe people were stealing phones," she said. "Although my phone was never taken, so that probably wasn't it."

UCO freshman Michael Hille-

brand is a student worker at the Information Technology service desk.

Hillebrand had the answer to why the stations were removed.

"They're being repaired," he said. "UCO is taking them down to fix them."

Hillebrand said that many of the cords on the chargers became damaged over time. This led to the Office of Information Technology wanting to fix them, as well as make them better.

"I've seen them being taken down, and now they all have new cords," he said.

Hillebrand himself was curious

as to where the chargers had gone. He visited Starbucks and noticed that the station was not there.

"I wondered myself," he said.

He assures that the stations will be back in working order once they have been upgraded and repaired.

For more information on the Central mobile phone charging stations, contact the UCO Office of Information Technology at 405-974-2255 or by emailing support@uco.edu.

Further questions can be answered by visiting the Central IT help desk on the first floor of the Max Chamber's Library.

UCO Bronchos Prepare For the Future: Career Fair Connects Bronchos with Employers



UCO Career Services hosted the Spring 2014 Career Fair in the Nigh University Center on Wednesday, Feb. 5. Photo by Quang Pho, The Vista.



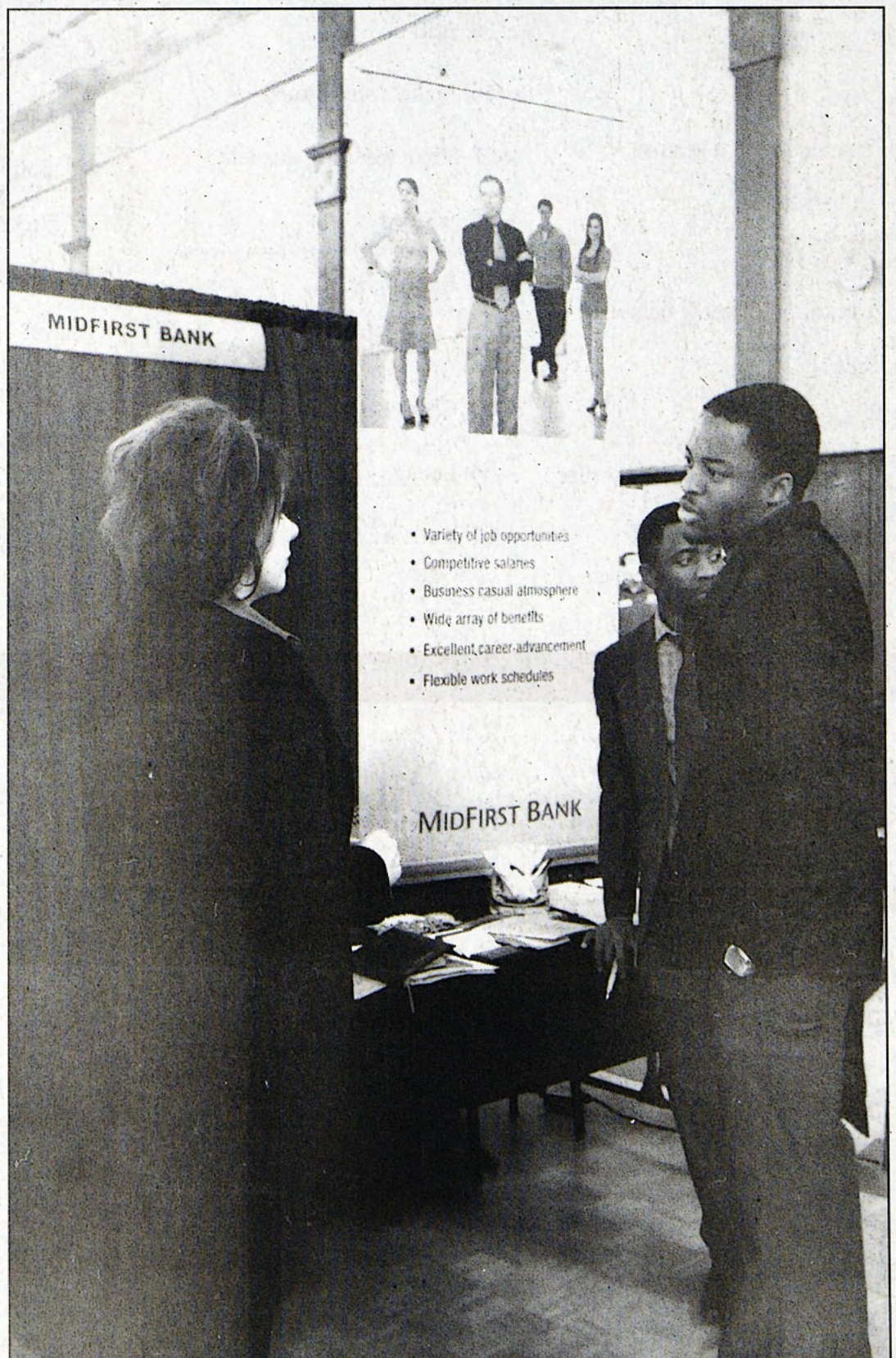
UCO students, required to dress professionally, interact with professionals with Autism Concepts Incorporated during the Spring 2014 Career Fair in the Nigh University Center on Wednesday, Feb. 5. Photo by Quang Pho, The Vista.



UCO Career Services advertising their site hirebronchos.com at the entrance of the Spring 2014 Career Fair on Wednesday, Feb. 5. Photo by Quang Pho, The Vista.



Participants in the Spring 2014 Career Fair pack up after a successful day of interacting with UCO Students on Wednesday, Feb. 5. Photo by Quang Pho, The Vista.



UCO Students speak with a representative from MidFirst Bank at the Spring 2014 Career Fair on Wednesday, Feb. 5. Photo by Quang Pho, The Vista.

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Lady Bronchos go 2-3 in season opener

Trey Winfrey

Contributing Writer

LAS VEGAS—The Lady Bronchos opened up the 2014 season ranked number one in the nation and looked to start defending their national title at the Desert Stinger Tournament in Las Vegas, Nev. The Bronchos opened up against the 22nd ranked Augustana Vikings in the first game of a double header on Friday.

The Bronchos started the day from behind giving up two runs on a 2-run home run by Jenelle Trautman. The Bronchos answered with two runs in the bottom of the frame but found themselves down 6-4 by the bottom of the 6th inning. They tacked on two runs in the bottom to tie the game headed to the 7th. The Vikings answered with the go-ahead and ultimately the game winning RBI single by Emily Heinz.

The Bronchos had little time to mull over their first loss of the season as they played their second game in a double header shortly afterward. They would look to split the day's

games against Saint Mary's University from Texas.

The Bronchos started from behind much like the first game giving up two runs in the 2nd inning. They would later tie the game in the 4th inning behind an RBI double by Brooke Zukerman and a RBI single by Hannah Justus, but that would be all the scoring the Bronchos would do.

St. Mary's opened the bottom of the 4th with a barrage of solo home runs by Alex Rodriguez and Amanda Villa. Laura Benavidez added on a RBI single in the 5th, and another point was added by Nicole Sardelich when she hit another 2-run home run in the bottom of the 6th.

"We knew we had a target on our backs coming out here and that we would be playing a lot of good teams," interim head coach Cody White told bronchosports.com on Friday. "We didn't play well enough to win today and made too many mistakes, both mental and physical. We just have to regroup and come back tomorrow ready to go."

The Lady Bronchos took the field again on Saturday against 8th ranked West Texas

A&M University and started the day much like Friday, playing from behind. Alyssa Lemos opened up the game with a lead off solo home run. Kalynn Schrock then went to work and did not give another run until the 5th inning and left the game after the 6th giving up five earned runs and striking out eight batters, but would take the loss.

The Bronchos did not quit however, they rallied back to load the bases and pinch hitter Ashton Smith delivered with a grand slam to cut the batters lead to just one. The rally fell short and they would lose 5-4 to fall to 0-3 on the early season.

Once again the Bronchos had a quick turnaround following a tough loss but this time would bounce back. The Bronchos got out from behind the 8-ball and struck early and often scoring seven runs in five innings behind home runs by Lindsay Littles and Ally Dziadula.

That run support was more than enough for Amanda McClelland who threw a complete game and allowed three runs, two earned, and three strikeouts. The Bronchos win their first game of the young season 7-3.

"It's good to finally get that first win and maybe that will help us relax," White told bronchosports.com on Saturday following the win.

Headed into Sunday the Bronchos looked to close out the Desert Stinger Tournament with another win and they would do just that in a come from behind thriller.

Things started out slow for the Bronchos and trailed 2-0 after the 2nd inning, and continued to trail all the way into the 7th. After a Kaylee Brunson single Brooke Zukerman delivered a 2-run homerun to tie the game. Three batters later, Emily Ditmore gave the Bronchos the 3-2 win in walk-off fashion.

"We kept battling and found a way to get it done," White told bronchosports.com Sunday. "It wasn't very pretty and we're still hurting ourselves with silly mistakes, but I was proud of the way we kept our heads up. It was a good win for us."

The Bronchos, now 2-3 on the season, will be in action next weekend in the Arkansas-Monticello Invitational in Monticello, Arkansas.

Wrestling

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EDMOND (Feb. 6) – Senior Night was a smashing success for Central Oklahoma Thursday at Hamilton Field House as the No. 5-ranked Bronchos walloped Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association rival Newman 38-4.

UCO used all eight seniors and won nine straight matches after losing the opener at 125 pounds in rolling to its 21st consecutive home victory. The Bronchos improved to 13-4 on the season and 5-1 in the league.

It was the eighth win in a row for UCO, which goes to Arkadelphia, Ark. Saturday afternoon to take on No. 20 Ouachita Baptist in the final dual of the season.

"We found a way to use all eight seniors and I was happy to see that for what those guys have meant to our program," head coach David James said. "I thought we did a good job for the most part and I like the way our guys are working."

Seven of UCO's eight seniors earned wins, with 133 Casey Rowell and 149 Jordan Basks recording technical falls. Cory Dauphin (157), Zach Aylor (174), Nick Ferrell (184) and heavy-weight Cody Dauphin earned decisions and 184 Kasey Wilcox picked up a forfeit.

Rowell had five takedowns and four near-falls in a 19-3 rout, while Basks needed just 3:38 to rack up seven takedowns and three near-falls for a 22-5 romp.

Cory Dauphin won his 43rd consecutive match with an easy 10-3 triumph behind a three-takedown attack, Aylor prevailed 3-0 on a first-period takedown and riding time point and Ferrell used two takedowns in a 5-1 win after bumping up from 184 to 197.

Cody Dauphin ended the night with a tough 4-3 win, edging NU's Lorenzo Serna on a three-second riding-time advantage after the overtime tiebreakers.

UCO's other win came at 141 where Dustin Reed scored a second-period pin, piling up a 15-3 lead before getting his first fall of the season at the 4:48 mark.

Hockey

UCO Bronchos fall to conference rivals OU

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Despite being played on the ice, things got heated Friday night at Arctic Edge Arena. The UCO Bronchos raced off against conference and state rival Oklahoma in a highly contested match up. Friday was the first of a two game home and home series with Sooners, both of which could have seeding implications for the National tournament.

There were definitely no friends made on Friday night, in an electric atmosphere in the arena. It was a classic sports rivalry that turned out to be entertaining and extremely physical. There were multiple fights throughout the game resulting in a good amount of penalty minutes for both teams. At one point it was three on three, with the goalies.

Speaking of goalies, OU's goalie Nick Holmes seemed to be the center of attention from UCO fans, Holmes formerly played for UCO before transferring to OU. Holmes and the fans were going at it the entire game.

Now to what actually happened in the game. UCO looked to be the better team early on in the

game. They came out and attacked quickly and looked sharp. Nolan Hopkins struck first for the Broncho just a couple minutes into the game. Geary had an assist on the goal. UCO would strike again in the period putting UCO up 2-0 at the end of the first.

Momentum though finally started to turn for the Sooners. OU dominated the second period even more than UCO dominated the first. Oklahoma found the back of the net four times in the second period alone to take command of the game for good. Tensions started to rise in the second period as well. Frustration started to come out and the fights began to start.

Oklahoma would score first in the final period despite some opportunities for the Bronchos to pull with in one. The Bronchos eventually broke through and found the back of the net ending the Sooners' scoring streak at five. OU would find a way to score a backbreaker though and seal the victory for OU. The Bronchos added a late goal making the final score 6-4.

The second game did not go as planned for UCO either as the Sooners came out on top once again 4-2.

UCO will now finish the season off on the road against top ten opponent Iowa State.

ARKADELPHIA, Ark. (Feb. 8) -- Cody Dauphin's narrow win in the final match propelled No. 5-ranked Central Oklahoma past No. 20 Ouachita Baptist 19-16 here Saturday afternoon in the final dual of the season.

The Bronchos got consecutive major decisions from Jordan Basks, Cory Dauphin, Chris Watson and Colton Gallo to overcome a 10-0 deficit and take a 16-10 lead before the Tigers won two straight to tie it heading into the heavyweight bout.

Dauphin came through for UCO, pulling out a clutch 4-2 victory to snap the deadlock and give the Bronchos their ninth consecutive win.

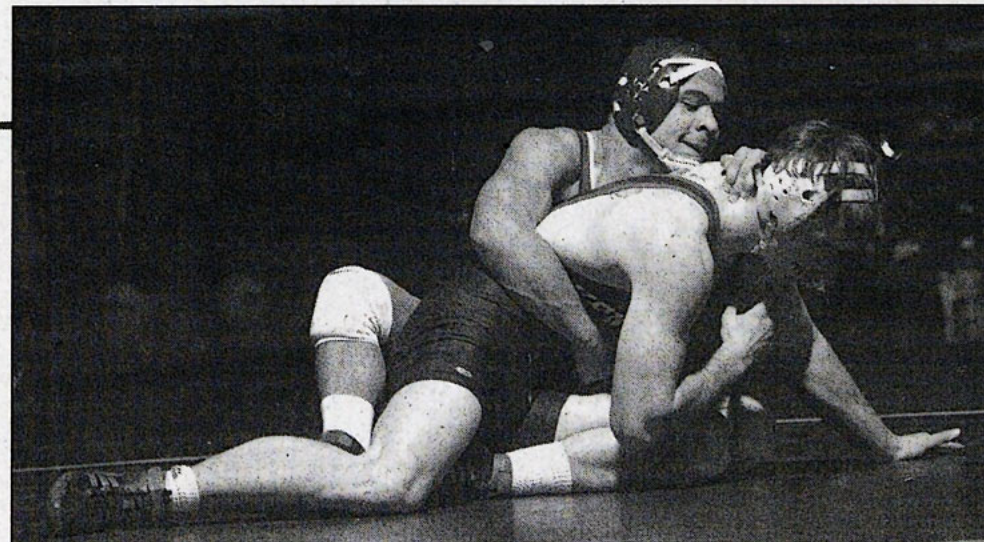
"That was a big win for Cody in a tight situation," said head coach David James, whose team finished 14-4. "We lost a couple of tough matches early, but our guys in the middle did a good job getting us some bonus points and that turned out to be the difference."

OBU took the first three weights to jump out to a 10-0 lead before Basks started the comeback with a dominating 10-0 shutout at 149 pounds and Cory Dauphin followed with his 44th consecutive win, this one an impressive 17-6 rout.

Watson rolled to a 19-7 romp at 165 to put UCO on top and Gallo capped the four-match run with a 12-0 shellacking at 174 in his return to the mat after being out since early January with injury.

The Tigers rebounded to win the next two matches to tie it and set the stage for Cody Dauphin.

The Bronchos return to action Sunday, Feb. 16 at the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association Tournament in Hays, Kan.



Senior 157 lbs Cory Dauphin controls the top position during the dual against Newman University on Feb. 8, 2014. Photo by Alike Dyer, The Vista.



Cyril Meyer surrounded by Oklahoma players during a confrontation at the Feb. 7, 2014 game. Photo by Quang Pho, The Vista.



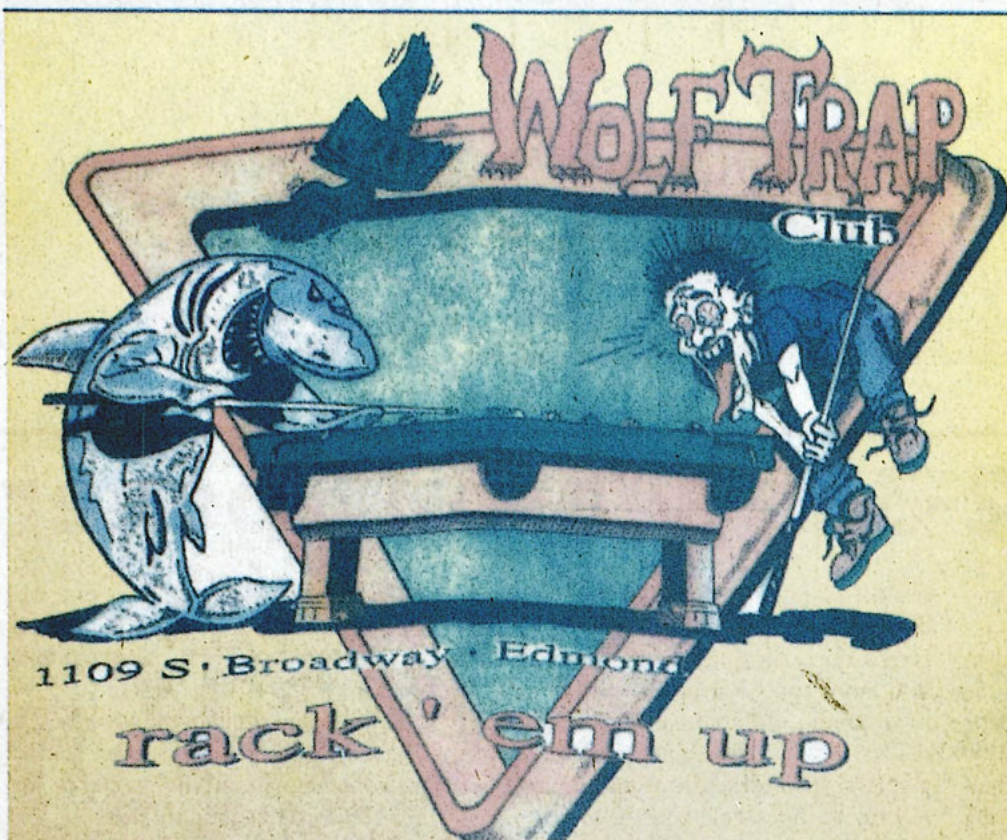
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Men's Basketball

Bronchos claim victories over Eagles and Gorillas

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Spurred on by Coach Terry Evans, the Bronchos clipped the Northeastern State Eagles in a nail-biting victory, 96-94.

Although it took two overtimes, the Bronchos clawed their way to victory after trailing for a majority of the game. The last two games have been brought down to the wire with the Bronchos playing as a team and deciding both by a total of three points.

The Bronchos came into the game riding a big win against Pittsburg State which put their overall record at 12-7 and 6-6 in conference play, while the Eagles took the court with an 11-8 record and also 6-6 in their conference schedule.

The Bronchos remained neck-and-neck with the Eagles for the majority of the first half, but had trouble gaining a lead. With the help of senior guard Bryton Hobbs the Riverhawks went into the break with a 10-point lead at 42-32.

However, the Bronchos started out the second half behind senior Josh Gibbs, who led his team with 24 points. The Bronchos went on a 9-2 run bringing the deficit down to two where it stayed for most of the second half.

The battle continued as the reeling Riverhawks struck back with their own scoring spree, extending their lead to four.

After a plethora of Riverhawk turnovers, the Bronchos seized momentum with two three-pointers from Cal Andrews and Seth Heckart, which reduced the Riverhawk lead to one at, 60-59. With a little over three minutes remaining in regulation, tempers flared and Marcus Sheppard received a technical foul, putting the Bronchos on the line.

The free-throws put the Bronchos ahead

to 65-63, giving them their first since early in the first half. After each team exchanged three-pointers and one free-throw from Heckart, Aaron Anderson put Hobbs on the line with eight seconds left.

Hobbs knocked down all three free-throws to tie the game at 69 and take it into overtime. Hobbs led all scorers with 35 points and went 15-17 from the line.

The Bronchos kept their composure in overtime and continued to feed the ball into Josh Gibbs, who menaced the Riverhawks inside and out. However, Hobbs and junior guard Michael Harmon, would not give in as they attacked the boards and willed their team into a second overtime.

But the Bronchos proved too much to handle as Gibbs and sophomore Jarred Bairstow controlled the boards and the momentum in the second overtime. The Bronchos increase their record to 13-7 on the season and gave the Riverhawks their fifth straight loss.

Josh Gibbs secured a double-double with 24 points and pulled down 14 rebounds, 12 of those coming on the defensive end. Seth Heckart and Aaron Anderson pitched in considerably with 19 points apiece and Cal Andrews assisted with 15 points going 4-8 from three-point range.

The Bronchos continued their road trip by heading to Kansas, where they took on the Gorillas of Pittsburg State.

The Bronchos prevailed against Pittsburg State 80-72 in their third straight Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletic Association win.

Cal Andrews led the Bronchos with a 21-point outing, along with five rebounds. But he was not the only big scorer for Central Oklahoma.

Josh Gibbs had 19 points, 11 rebounds and six assists. Jarred Bairstow and Philip Brown also put up double digit scoring for the Bronchos, 17 points and 14 points respectively.

UCO returns home Thursday to take on the Washburn University Ichabods. This will be one of the last three home games the Bronchos will have this season.

Women's Basketball

Women's Basketball suffers fifth straight loss

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Central Oklahoma fell to their fifth straight loss over the weekend adding losses to Northeastern State University and Pittsburg State University to their record.

The Northeastern State nail biter Thursday night came late in the game with a three pointer by sophomore Haley Weathers to give the Bronchos a one point lead of 61-60. Unfortunately UCO was unable to hold on to the lead as NSU guard, Fontana Tate, hit the game-winning shot with only 9 seconds to spare on the clock, making the final score out of Tablequah 63-61.

This loss was the fourth straight for the Bronchos, as well as the third loss by six points or less.

Senior guard, Jill Bryan led UCO's scoring attack with 16 points, followed closely by

freshman guard, Olivia Mason, who achieved a double-double in Thursday's action with 12 points and a game-best 11 rebounds. However, the Bronchos shot just 33.3 percent, hitting only 19-57 shot attempts.

Olivia Mason's performance in the second half against the Riverhawks was almost enough to end the Lady Bronchos losing streak. UCO lead 38-37 with 10:47 left in competition due to a 3-pointer made by Olivia Mason. NSU then answered with a 15-2 run on the Bronchos making the score 52-40 with 5:49 left in play.

Julia Mason and Bryan added to the final effort by UCO, but the late team effort fell short of victory. The Bronchos fell to 10-10 overall and 5-8 in the MIAA. The Riverhawks improved to 10-10 and 7-6.

The Bronchos then travelled to Pittsburg Kan. to go head-to-head with the 17-6 overall and 10-3 in the conference Lady Gorillas on Saturday.

UCO led Pitt State 50-49 with 10:01 left to play, but did not score again until 1:03 left in the competition. The Gorillas went on a 23-2 run to further the grasp of victory from UCO, with a final score of 72-52 for a Mid-American Intercollegiate Athletics Association victory.

The loss on Saturday added to the devastating streak of losses by UCO over the past 5 games. The Bronchos fell to 10-11 overall and 5-9 in MIAA competitions.

Julia Mason led UCO with 14 points, and Jill Bryan and Britney Morgan followed with 11 points of their own. The shooting percentage of the Bronchos did not improve from Thursday's competition of 33.3 percent, but instead decreased to 29.2 percent, with just 7-24 attempts made in the second half. All eight 3-point attempts fell short.

UCO's largest lead of the game was 5 points with a score of 36-31. This came from a layup by Morgan with 4:07 left to play in the half, followed by four points from the Gorillas to pull themselves within 36-35 at intermission.

UCO will face Washburn University Thursday, Feb. 13 at Hamilton Field House at 5:30 p.m.

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