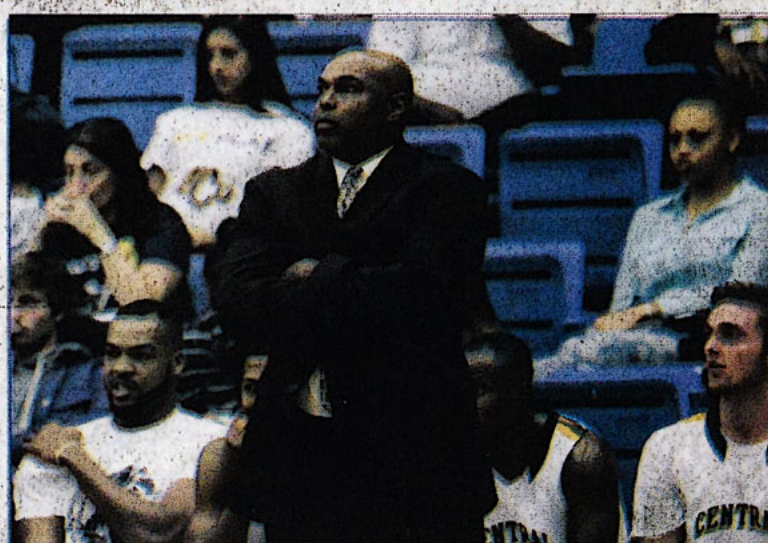
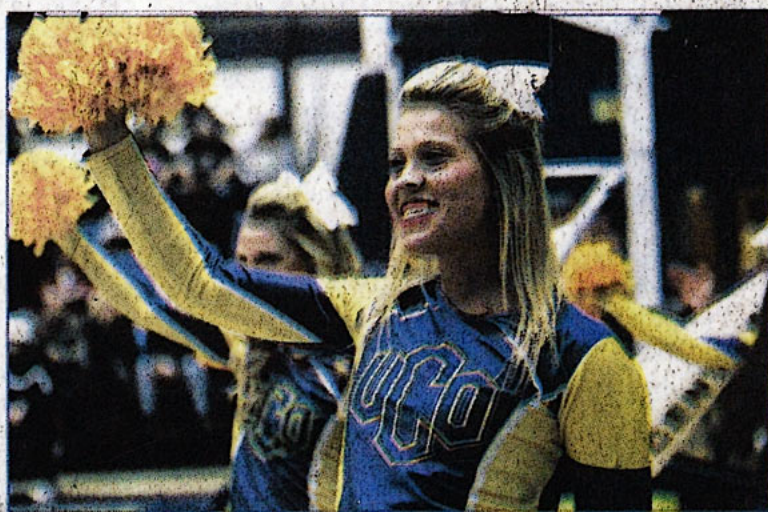


## Bronchos win basketball home opener



(Top) UCO Guard, Aaron Anderson goes for the basket as teammate Philip Brown waits for a possible rebound. (Top right) Aubrey Taylor does a cheer routine after UCO scores a basket. (Right) Coach Terry Evans stands on the sideline as he watches his players. UCO Men Basketball won their first home game 106-93 against Southwest Christian at Hamilton Field House on Nov. 12, 2013. Photo by Cyn Sheng, The Vista.

## Honoring service and sacrifice: UCO VetHERO recognizes veterans

Colore Lincoln

Staff Writer

The University of Central Oklahoma Veteran Higher Education Resource Office honored veterans during a ceremony on Monday, Nov. 11 at 2 p.m. at the Old North Amphitheatre.

The ceremony was free and open to the public. Coffee and hot chocolate was served. The first 100 attendees received a UCO VetHERO fleece ear band, provided by the Wal-Mart Foundation. The ceremony included the UCO Broncho Battalion Pershing Rifles and music from the Central Sound Brass Quintet.

The ceremony began with Beth Adele, director of Career Services and advisor for VetHERO, asking the audience to stand for the Star Spangled Banner. Next, she introduced Al Jones for his invocation. The Central Sound Brass Quintet then played the Armed Forces Medley. After that, Adele welcomed Oklahoma Army National Guard Capt. Brent Weece to deliver the keynote.

Weece is from Miami, Okla. He joined the OKARNG in 2003. In 2005, he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant through Oklahoma State University ROTC in Stillwater. He

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Veterans were honored during a ceremony at UCO held by the University of Central Oklahoma Veteran Higher Education Resource Office (UCOVetHERO), on November 11, 2013. Attendees joined others around the country by paying tribute to Veterans on Veterans Day. Photo by Quang Pho, The Vista.

## Smart Wheel revolutionizing commuting

Brooks Nickell

Staff Writer

FlyKly, a company made up of a team of co-working friends out of New York, NY who are also strong supporters and promoters of utilitarian bicycle culture, is attempting to revolutionize the commuting process with their new invention, the Smart Wheel.

FlyKly's vision is to reshape cities improving citizens' quality of life by providing a more "people-, city- and environmentally-friendly solution to the problem of transportation.

"We try to empower people with tools that will start to reshape the cities with mass use in a way that, again, people, not cars, come first," a spokesperson for FlyKly's website said.

The Smart Wheel is a nine pound, motorized and self-contained bicycle wheel that FlyKly said will universally fit almost any bike. The motor generates 250-watts of power and according to FlyKly, can propel the rider to speeds of 20 mph.

Bill Harpster of the University of Central Oklahoma's Cyclopedia Bicycle Service Center allowed that this invention could help bring cycling to people who otherwise might not be able to ride.

"People with injuries or health issues just can't do it," Harpster said on cycling. "It's sometimes tough for some of the smaller individuals to get a Bum-A-Bike started."

Harpster went on to further the possible benefits of the Smart Wheel, saying that typically an electric motor would propel you through an intersection quicker than pedaling from a complete stop, increasing the safety of crossing for cyclists.

Aside from benefits to the rider, UCO's Sustainability Coordinator Tim Tillman feels that the Smart Wheel could help eliminate some of the problems that arise from a car-centric society, such as traffic congestion, air pollution and the constant need for parking lots. That is, if people can afford the new invention. The Smart Wheel is projected to cost around \$600.

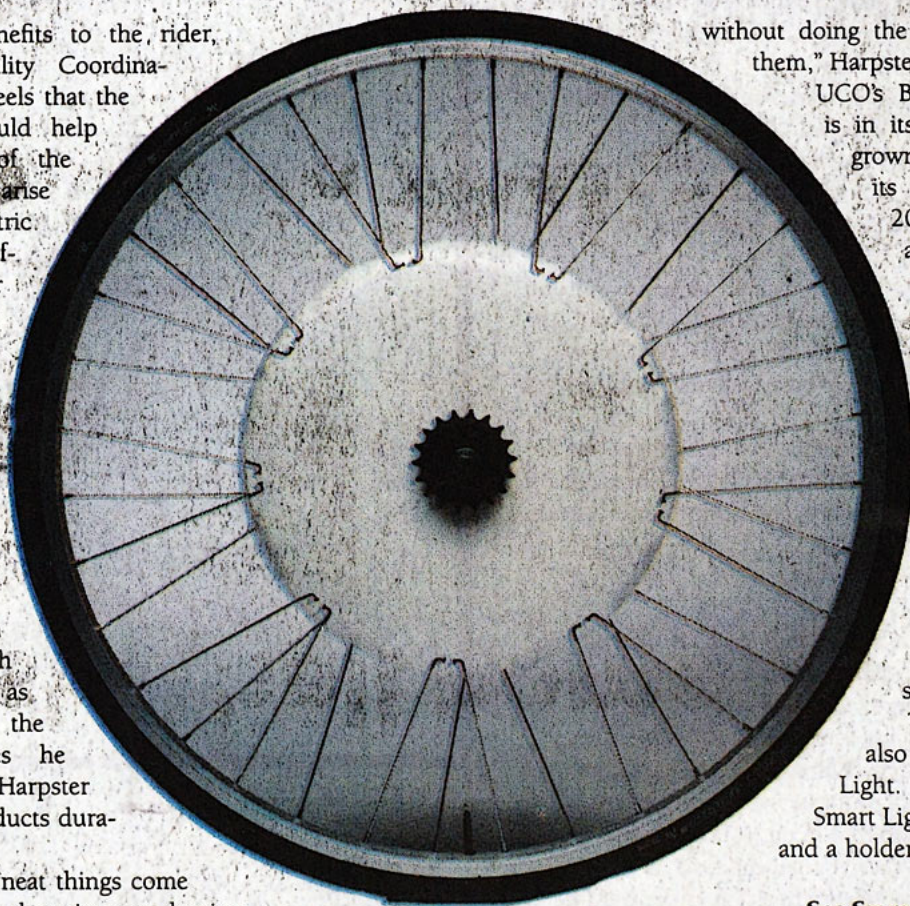
Harpster has a minor issue with the Smart Wheel, as well. Alongside the possible positives he feels it will bring, Harpster questions the products durability.

"So often these neat things come out, but they rush them into production

without doing the engineering behind them," Harpster said.

UCO's Bum-A-Bike program is in its fifth year and has grown exponentially since its implementation in 2008. What started as a ten-bike program, has now evolved into a cornerstone bike share program. It's so popular that a constant influx of students trade places on the waiting list to check out cycles. The growth of the program itself is what brought Harpster to UCO and started Cyclopedia.

The Smart Wheel also comes with a Smart Light. A triple threat, the Smart Light acts as a bike light and a holder for the rider's smart-



FlyKly's Smart Wheel. Photo Provided by FlyKly website.

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## THE VISTA

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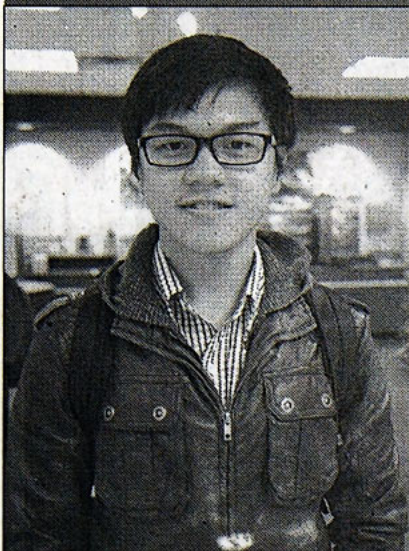
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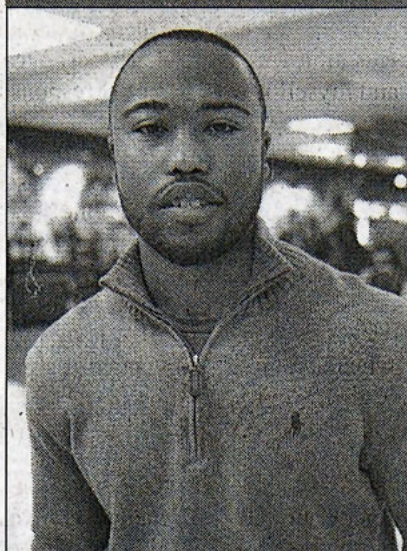
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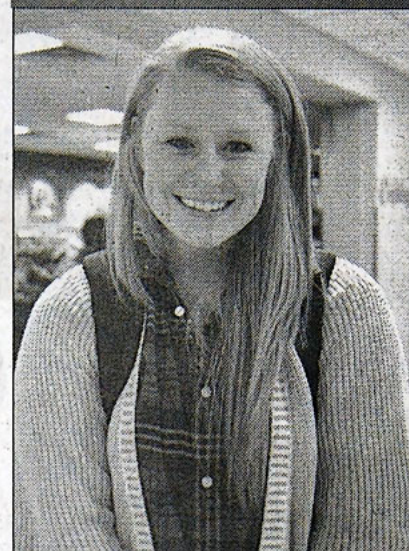
"Dolphin.  
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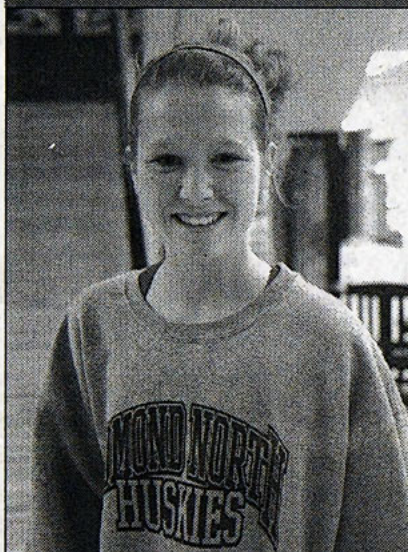
"Giraffe.  
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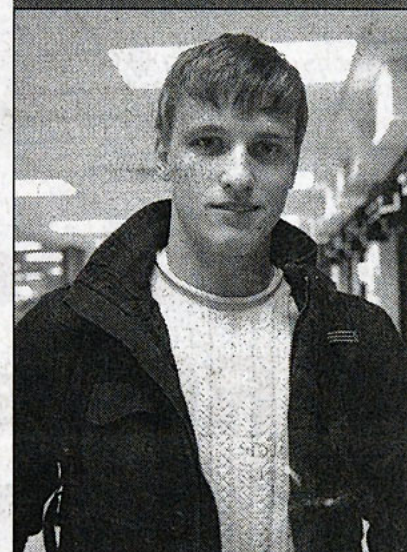
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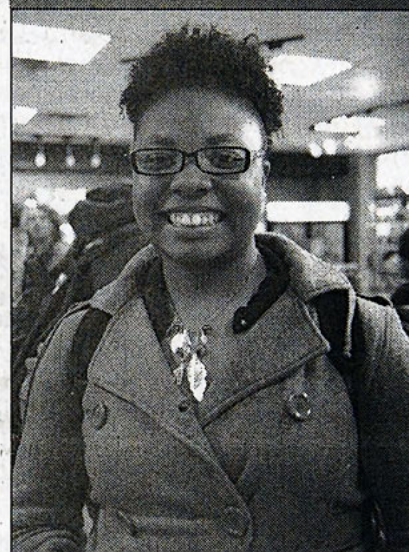
"Giraffe.  
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"Bear.  
Because they're strong."

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"Zebra.  
Because they're really pretty animals."

## Who All's included?

Editorial by: **Lindsey Richards (Managing Editor)**

Poepy, my father's father, turned ninety in October. He is a wonderfully lively grandpa who still invites me to sit on his knee and serenade him with his favorite song, a tradition we've carried on for over twenty years.

I recently heard that at the age of 107, the oldest known United States Veteran from World War II ate breakfast with the president on Veterans Day.

Poepy would love to eat breakfast with the president, and maybe if he were eighteen years older or so, he would have had his chance.

Another long lasting tradition my Poepy has is to tell the tale of the time he encountered a Siberian tiger face to face in Chinese jungle.

The story goes that Poepy and a few buddies were hungry and went searching for wild chickens.

They departed from their vehicle, each taking to a different direction in the thick of the jungle, searching for chicken tracks or any detail that might lead them to their next meaty meal.

According to Poepy, they were not the only ones hunting that day.

After searching for some time, Poepy came up short on the pursuit for a chicken, though a tiger did not come up short on the interest driven pursuit of him.

After staring into said tiger's face, Poepy explains that the tiger simply turned away, fading into the brush.

"He must have been full off of all of those chickens that he caught before we got the chance," I can still hear Poepy say.

Needless to say Poepy and his friends did not eat chicken that night.

After hearing this story, I never wanted to go to war and encounter man-eating beasts, unaware that looking into the eyes of a wild animal was probably the least of his worries.

To preserve innocence Poepy hasn't shared many of his combat stories with me.

Though I am unaware of the details to the sacrifices that Poepy and many other great American Veteran war heroes have made, I still appreciate all that they have done for our country and the people of our country.

Thank you Veterans.

With that she tossed a nickel into each of our baskets, huffed one last time, and adamantly closed her door.

Halloween candy has never tasted as sweet as it had in my younger years previous to my final year of trick-or-treating.

Hope for now, pre-teen Halloween remains in limbo, I have thought that one-day-old youngsters all over North America will once again be invited to join in on Halloween festivities.

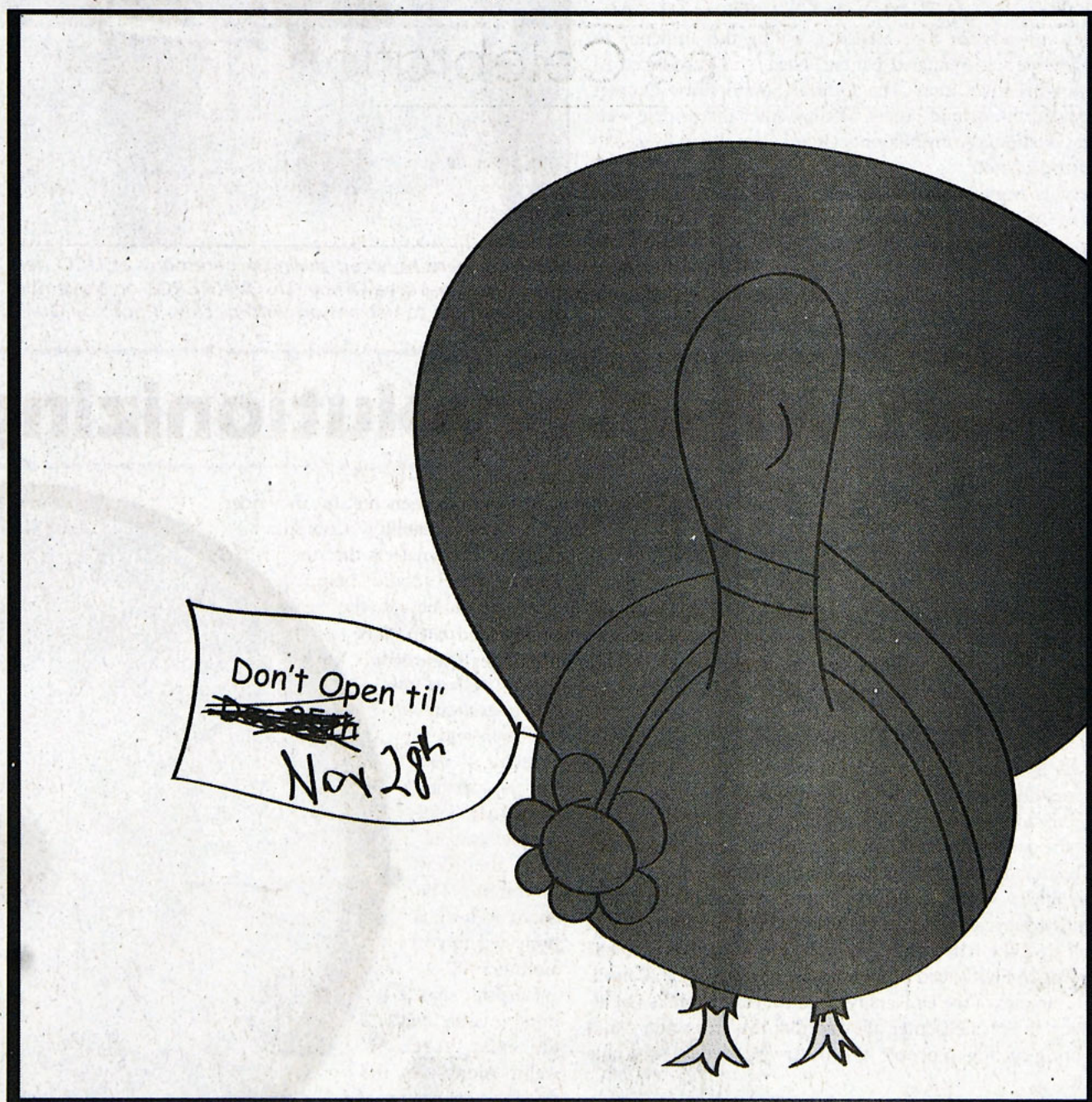
his daughter's names to receive their diploma.

Life is situational, and not every decision is the right decision from person to person.

Life is also beautiful, so let's celebrate the freedom we have to live our beautiful lives the way we see fit.

"Life ain't always beautiful, but it's a beautiful ride," Gary

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Cartoon by Matthew Gossom

Allen 'Life ain't always beautiful.'

sive-knowledge detection-screen (laptop) free of my work obligations and time constraints, pondering through Fred's words; "You have to learn to fight right."

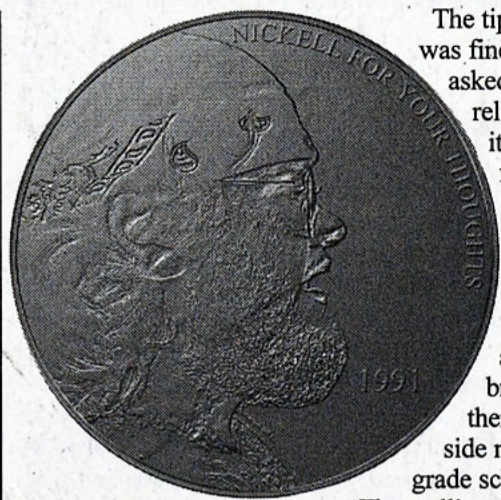
Multiple links to articles and facts pop up after I type 'fight right government shutdown' into my search bar, though not one clear common solution seems to be ex-

pressed.

Though learning to fight right is what wise old Fred would suggest to anyone in an argument, we can only hope that congress will take and implement such advice.

Opinion  
**A CRACK IN THE WALL**

By Brooks Nickell



The tip of my nose was fine, but if you asked I would have relinquished that it was posed to fall off. Resting against the chilling rough concrete mortar that collected individual red and orange bricks, forming them into the outside north wall of my grade school library.

The wall's opposite side formed a border to our playground, just adjacent to the asphalt basketball court. And to many, that's all it was, a boundary. But, to fellow ne'er-do-wells and myself it was a life sentence.

Recess would come around and it was time to tackle each other in the dirt for the sake of saving the pigskin. It was time to chase girls down the slide and nearing the highest point of the swing set arc, jump out and see who could fly the farthest. Recess was all that was goo in life, that's to say the life that existed between those dreadful weekday hours of 8 a.m.-3:15 p.m.

I can remember the fear I would feel when hearing the short whistle. Everyone would stop dead in his or her tracks, knowing that it wasn't time to go back to class yet, waiting in anticipation to here who's name the teacher would call.

More often than not, that name was mine, or one of my pals. Sometimes it was our whole little roving pack of

illusive young. The 3-5 of us, or just myself, would hang heads in shame and drag our feet until we reached the wall. Teachers would take us in and sum up the infractions, walking down the wall and doling out punishments. Minor offenses would land you 5 minutes on the wall; more serious ones would get you multiple recess periods. After that you would start looking at detention, swats or expulsion.

I knew that wall well, and had I been as into Pink Floyd then as I am now, I might have made some connection standing face to hardened clay, listening to the other children frolic. "All in all it's just another brick," I might have said, or "We don't need no education." But in those days I was a rebellious grade school punk simply for the sake of saying so.

There was no punishment worse than being publicly displayed to the rest of the playground, mocked and ridiculed for not being able to join in all the fun, and maybe that's why I learned so much from it. Perhaps it takes partial responsibility for the morality that I embrace in regards to decision making.

As 2013 slowly, but surely turns into 2014, there is no shortage of shocking news and poor decision making in the public spotlight. As it has become a custom for the 24-hour news cycle to overload us with constant controversy period, I find that public figures are scrutinized more and more. And many times it needs to happen. After all, one of journalism's key works is to expose and prevent corruption.

Toronto Mayor Rob Ford was recently asked to step down by Toronto's City Council. Ford admitted, a week before the decision was made, to smoking crack cocaine, "during a drunken stupor" and buying illegal drugs over the last two years. Ford was in office during this time. Where this story really shocks and awes is when Ford

refuses to step down. The council cannot legally remove him, unless he is convicted of a crime.

Ford is on the record saying, "I have made a mistake. I am human," he said. "I apologize, I want to move on." He also said that he had been subjected to a public flogging and that the experience has been the most humiliating in his life.

I think it could be more humiliating. Here you have someone who was democratically elected to serve the people and he is out smoking crack. I've never known a good decision to start by hitting a nerve pipe. Representing the people he was elected by and making good decision politically is what Ford is in office for. What poses him to think this a *slap on the wrist* type of blunder? You got caught smoking crack buddy, you're probably not fit to lead.

Maybe Ford didn't experience what I did growing up. Maybe he wasn't taught the same lessons that I was. In fact, it could be possible that no one told the man about making the right choices period.

But me, I'm reminded of that feeling of humiliation any time the tip of my nose starts to shiver from a cold cross cut of Oklahoma wind. The bricks start to form in front of my face from thin air and I can remember the consequences that rose from shoving a classmate in the dirt or throwing rocks at kids as they crossed the monkey bars. If common sense ever fails me in the Probably shouldn't smoke crack area, I'm sure the wall hold up.

Maybe that's what Ford and other public officials who cant seem to stay the straight and narrow for the people's sake need. Let's sit them on the wall for a while, show them what it's like to be left out. Maybe that will inspire a bit of forethought before they make their next big decision.

**UCO Jazz Lab Hosts Final Operetta Performance**

Tyler Talley

Staff Writer

The University of Central Oklahoma's Opera Division's "Nothin' Betta than Operetta" will conclude Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. at the UCO Jazz Lab at 100 E. Fifth Street in Edmond.

The concert features excerpts from a genre of opera known as operetta.

"They are light because they are all from operetta's, which means 'light' opera," senior vocal major Amber Zuniga said. "Most operettas are comical in nature."

Zuniga will perform in "Street Scene" by Kurt Weill and "The Merry Widow" by Franz Lehar.

Also performing in Lehar's operetta, is senior vocal performance major Tookah Sapper. Sapper stated that most operettas are fun for both the performer and the audience, as well as healthier performance material for young voices.

Other pieces selected from lesser-known operettas include Leonard Bernstein's "Candide" and Johann Strauss's "Die Fledermaus."

UCO's Head of Vocal Arts Division and Director of Opera Kevin Eckard and Assistant Professor of Voice Robert Glaubitz selected each operetta used in the show.

The concert showcases the talents of close to 25 Central students. Some will be veterans of the stage, while others will be stepping into the spotlight for the first time in a college setting.

"It gives students of all levels a chance to learn about performing operatic rep and allows the opportunity to perform in front of an audience," Eckard said. "This also helps to train and develop them for main stage productions. Some of these students have never done a show before, while others are



Griffin La Victoire, Catherin Thomas and Micah Esau perform "La Mariage aux Lanternes" by Jacques Offenbach at the UCO Jazz Lab on Tuesday, November 12, 2013. Photo by Alike Dyer, The Vista

very experienced. They help each other develop and learn."

Eckard went on to say that while the school has done opera scenes for about eight years, this year will mark the first time they have put on an exclusively all operetta production.

"We try and give all students solo moments and work to help them develop and grow as musicians and performers,"

Eckard said. "We have students from all over the world performing in these scenes and working together to put on a good show."

Tickets for the show are \$5 at the door and can be purchased with cash or check, only.

**Years of Service Celebration**

Olanrewaju Suleiman

Staff Writer

On Tuesday, Nov. 12 UCO hosted a celebration for faculty and staff who have been with the college for at least ten years.

The celebration took place in the Nigh University Center ballrooms. Honorees ranged from ten years of service to 45 years at Central.

The Director of the UCO Disability Support Services Sharla Weathers, was one of the honorees. She has been at UCO for 10 years.

She began working at Central as an interpreter for the department. She did that for seven years and then became the coordinator, which in turn led to her becoming the director.

"My time here has been great," Weathers said. "There are ups and downs, but what job doesn't have its challenges?"

Weathers believes that she is fortunate to be in the Disability Support Services and that the DSS is the group she was meant to be in.

The best part of the job for Weathers is her interaction with students and learning about

their lives.

"The best thing is seeing kids graduate, no matter how long it takes," she said.

During her time with the Disability Support Services she has provided support for students, while helping them solve their problems and get through any barriers that life might give them.

Weathers appreciated being honored at the celebration.

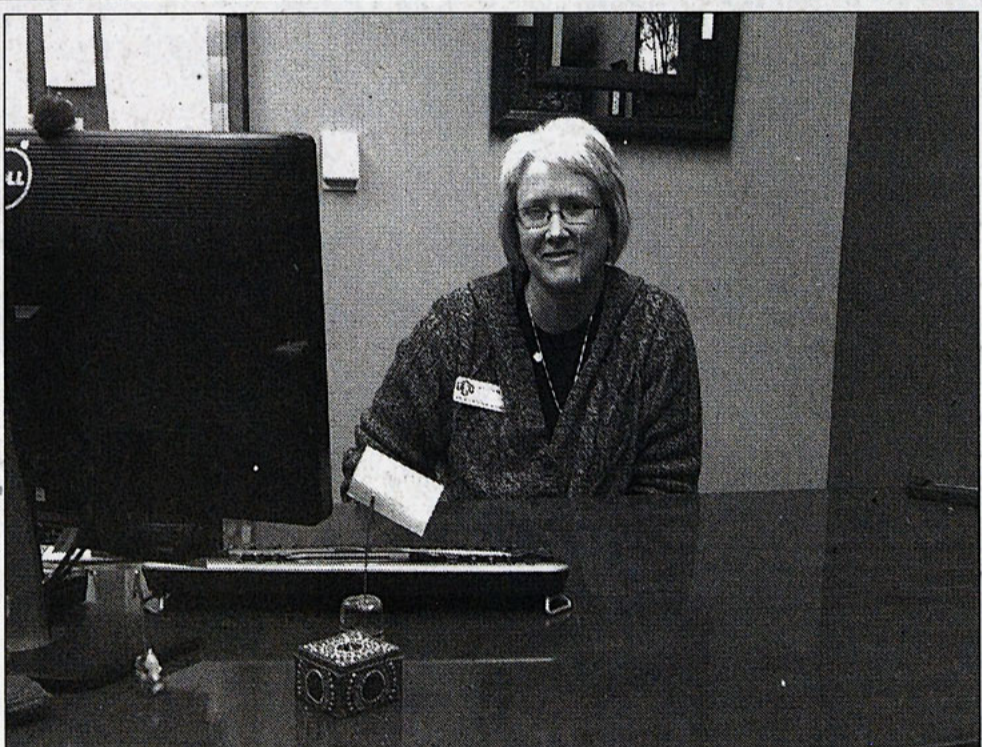
"It is a very nice gesture from the university," she said. "I do a job that I love. That, in itself, is rewarding."

Her reward and service with the UCO Disability Support Services has been very fulfilling throughout her career. Her plans are to stay at Central for as long as she can.

"I have at least another 25 to 30 years," Weathers said. "As long as my vision and my services are being needed, then I'll be here."

Gary Howard, in the department of Kinesiology & Health Studies, was first on the list. He has been at Central for 45 years.

Dr. Randall Jones, in the Liberal Arts Political Science department, was second. Jones has been at Central for 40 years.



Sharla Weathers, the Director of the UCO Disability Support Services, was one of the honorees and has been at UCO for 10 years. Photo provided.

The full list of awards can be found by visiting [uco.edu/administration/human-resources/employee-relations/years-of-service-honorees.asp](http://uco.edu/administration/human-resources/employee-relations/years-of-service-honorees.asp)

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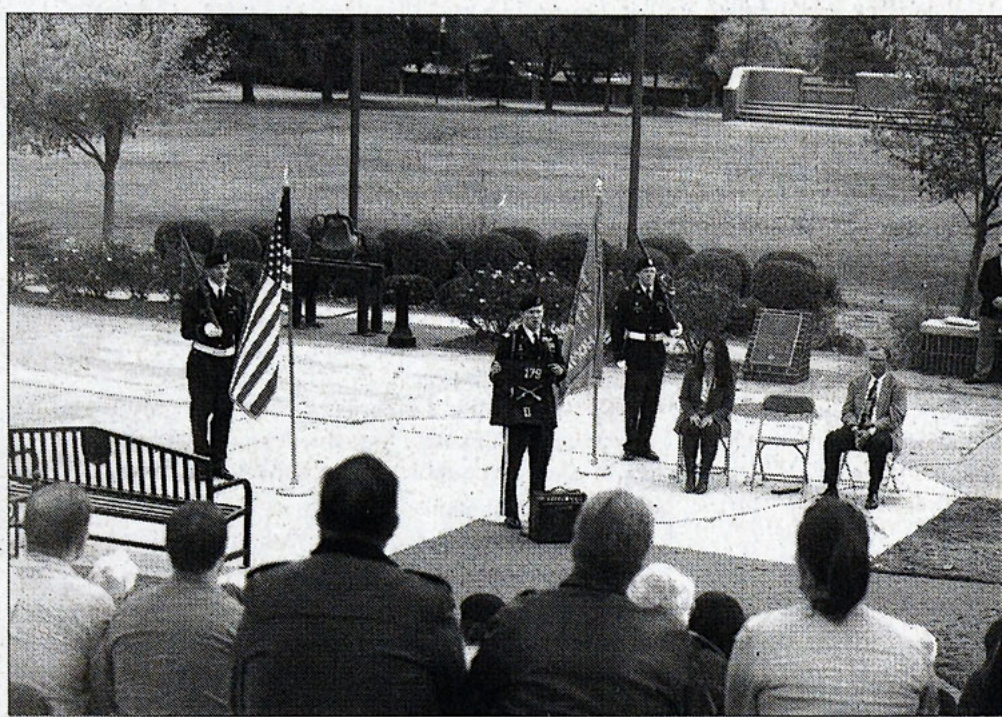
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## Vets



has a bachelor's degree in Marketing from OSU and a master's in Business Administration from Pittsburg State University in Kansas.

Weece has been deployed overseas twice with the OKARNG's 45th Infantry Brigade Combat Team. In 2008, he deployed to Iraq where he served as the aide-de-camp to the Commanding General of the 45th Infantry Brigade at the US Embassy in Baghdad.

In 2011, he was deployed to Afghanistan as the commander of Company D, 1st Battalion,

179th Infantry Regiment, where he was responsible for Combat Outpost Bad Pakh and the Bad Pakh district in the Laghman Province. He works full-time for the OKARNG and resides in Edmond with his wife, Emily, and their daughter, Lily.

"What a great honor to be here. It's great to see the faculty, guests, the students and most importantly, the Veterans," said Weece. "It's very humbling to get the opportunity to speak on the behalf of Veterans, such great history,

so many great individuals. I take advantage of every opportunity I get to talk about the soldiers I got to serve with."

Weece continued by talking about a flag he brought with him that is very special to him.

"It's special to me because it representative of my soldiers. That guide on right there has endured the same excruciating heat, the same snow storms and winter, the heavy wind filled with sand and dust and dirt and anything else flying around that particular day," Weece said.

"And it's endured rocket fire and mortar attacks. In other words, it's endured the same things as many of my soldiers. It will always be a tangible representation of a group of soldiers that answered the call to serve, that didn't waver; it will always remind me of a group of soldiers that I'm honored to be associated with," said Weece. "But today it's not just about me, or just my soldiers, the purpose of today is to honor all of our veterans that answered that call to serve."

Weece continued to talk about a special group of veterans who he felt haven't gotten enough recognition in the past. He explained how the Vietnam Veterans are the most supportive group to the soldiers for the current generation. He stated that every time he gets off a plane coming home, going across seas or at any welcome ceremony, that they are there to say "Thank you." Weece gave a special thank you to them.

He described many sacrifices the veterans have had to make while serving, and how much the families of those veterans make too.

"If you see the family of a veteran today, thank them as well, because they've sacrificed

quiet a bit," said Weece. "I know it may seem like you're not doing enough, but just tell them (the Veterans) thank you and that will be quiet enough."

Weece then quoted President Eisenhower from his 1954 Proclamation of Veterans Day.

"People get wrapped up in so many other things, that they don't realize what our men and women are doing overseas. I think the first step is to just acknowledge," said Weece. "Then help our returning veterans seek help, if they need it, and incorporate back into society as well as they can with the understanding of what they've done for our country."

"Being a veteran, much like many other special or unique characteristics of people, we don't wear badges. We don't walk around wearing something on our sleeve saying 'I served in our military,'" said Adele.

"In the three years that I have been organizing this event, I have been so honored to be able to sit in a position to look at the audience and see who stands up for the arms forces melody and to see those who are touched by our military service men and women," Adele said.

"Those are the moments where I get choked up and realize that we have such commonality among us. It's amazing how many people out there truly identify with the military life. With the millions of veterans now who are living, not even historic, in the United States, that number is just going to grow," said Adele.

For more information about VetHERO, call 405-974-3686, email [vethero@uco.edu](mailto:vethero@uco.edu), or visit [www.uco.edu/central/vethero.com](http://www.uco.edu/central/vethero.com).

## Smart Wheel

ple threat, the Smart Light acts as a bike light and a holder for the rider's smart-phone, as well as a charger for the phone.

The Smart Wheel couples with a smart-phone application to provide riders with a unique cycling experience.

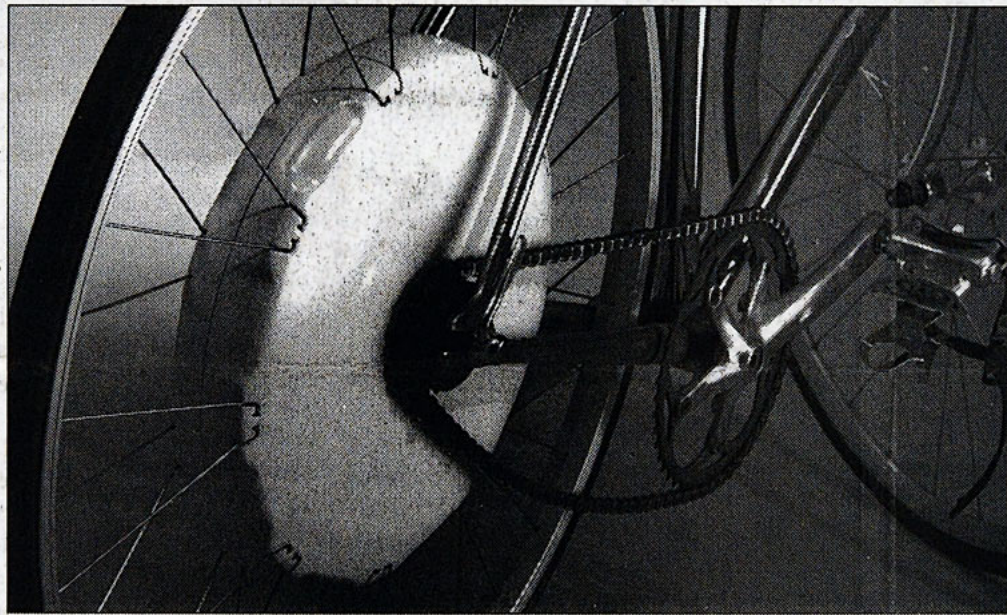
The Smart Wheel connects to your phone through Bluetooth. Riders can set the top speed on the app. Once they start pedaling, Smart Wheel takes over and will do the rest. Riders can monitor their current speed, the distance, the time they have been travelling and Smart Wheel's battery level. It studies the cyclist's riding habits and suggests the safest, most time efficient or the most attractive routes.

Even at the hefty \$600 price tag, the Smart Wheel is relatively cheap in comparison to electric bikes. Even basic model electric bikes

can start at \$1,200 and can quickly climb to the \$2,000 range.

Harper said that purchasing a couple of the Smart Wheels for the Cycology department might be an option in the future, but without dropping in price, the wheels would have to be checked out to ensure that the renting party is held responsible if something were to happen to the wheel. He expressed the benefits a pair of these Smart Wheels might have to students.

"Someone might be thinking they'd really like to commute, but don't want to buy a \$2,000 electric bike. Here, they could rent the Smart Wheel," Harpster said. "People would be able to utilize cutting edge technology through a rental affair with no commitments."



## UCO Omega Delta Phi hosts multicultural conference

Olanrewaju Suleiman

Staff Writer

On Saturday, Nov. 9 the UCO chapter of Omega Delta Phi held a regional conference for their organization.

Omega Delta Phi is a multicultural Greek fraternity. It was founded in 1987 and is open to men of all races.

The UCO chapter is still currently a colony, but they are actively involved in their fraternity.

Omega Delta Phi was founded at UCO in the spring of 2011 after a group of men felt that that there needed to be more multicultural organizations and more Hispanic organizations on campus.

Armando Camacho, a junior international business major, is the president and a founding member of UCO's Omega Delta Phi. He helped plan the conference.

"We all started as 20 people who were interested in starting a multicultural fraternity at UCO," he said.

The chapter was founded by four men and is the first multicultural fraternity at UCO. Omega Delta Phi brothers are also an active group in Central's Multicultural Greek Council.

After two years of dedication to the fraternity, the regional and national board of Omega Delta Phi asked the UCO colony to host the regional conference.

"After only two years, I feel this is really something to be proud of," Camacho said.



Members of the UCO's Omega Delta Phi, a multicultural Greek fraternity, hosted their first regional conference for their organization on Saturday, Nov. 9. Photo by Olanrewaju Suleiman, The Vista.

The UCO colony is also the first Greek organization to host a conference at UCO. In attendance were six chapters in the Central Region.

Camacho and his fraternity brothers have been planning the conference since the summer and continued into the fall semester.

There was a banquet and award ceremony, as well. The UCO hosted conference is the first Omega Delta Phi confer-

ence to hold a banquet.

The Omega Delta Phi Regional Director Willy Morales is proud of how much the organization has grown in the past few years.

As an undergraduate student, Morales saw a need for members to connect with alumni. He decided to be the regional director because he saw a need for leadership.

He said the six entities can get stressful, "but at the end of the day, we're trying to push and encourage them."

Ivan Hugo Chavez was also a founding member of the Central Omega Delta Phi colony.

"Our founding members are known as 'Men of Vision' and I really feel like my vision is expanded through hard work, dedication and brotherhood," he said.

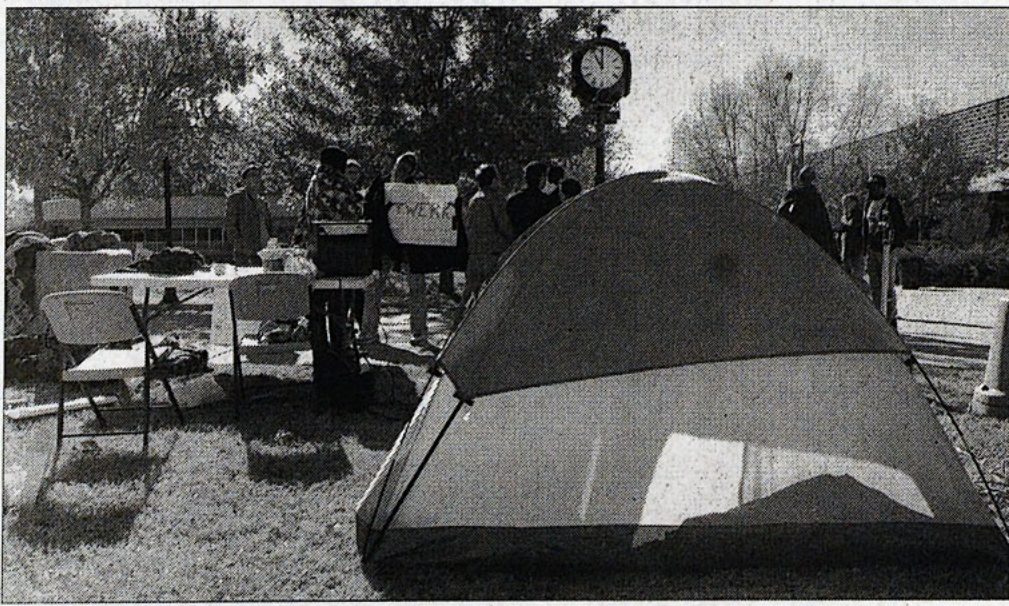
As a UCO founding member, Chavez recognizes the importance of being a good example for future members.

"It feels like we're achieving new standards," he said.

As a multicultural Greek organization, Omega Delta Phi is very diverse. Camacho said that anybody is welcome into the fraternity. One of their mottos is "One culture, any race."

Academics are also important. Last year, the UCO colony was second to last place for grades within the fraternity. This year, they became first in the region.

"I like to see my organization grow. I like to see the alumni come back and help the organization," Camacho said. "Our goals are to graduate our brothers and serve our community."



Members of Sigma Nu fraternity put on their annual Camp Out for Cancer from Tuesday, November 12, 2013, lasting until November 13. The men gave couch rides across campus and took up donations benefitting cancer research at St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Photo by Cyn Sheng Ling, The Vista



The UCO softball field is undergoing construction as of November 14, 2013. Photo by Alikei Dyer, The Vista

# — Man's stolen motorcycle found after 46 years —

Josh Funk

Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Donald DeVault wonders what kind of memories his Triumph motorcycle helped make in the 46 years since it was stolen, and he's looking forward to making more of his own when it's returned.

The 73-year-old Omaha man learned last week that California authorities had recovered his 1953 Triumph Tiger 100 at the Port of Los Angeles. The bike was about to be shipped to Japan when U.S. Customs & Border Protection agents who checked the vehicle identification number discovered the motorcycle had been reported stolen in February 1967.

DeVault said he is eager to get the bike back, but he

thinks investigators may be even more excited than him about the motorcycle's recovery. DeVault had the bike for only a year or two when it was taken from his fenced backyard.

"I really want to protect it this time," DeVault said. "I'm sure there's people out there that would want to take it away."

The bike was valued at \$300 when in 1967. The shipping documents listed its value today at \$9,000.

DeVault already has a Harley-Davidson and a Kawasaki motorcycle in his garage, so he plans to reserve the Triumph for special rides.

DeVault said he's talked about the motorcycle over the years whenever he was around bikers. It had a couple features unusual for Triumphs made in the early 1950s, such

as its hardtail frame.

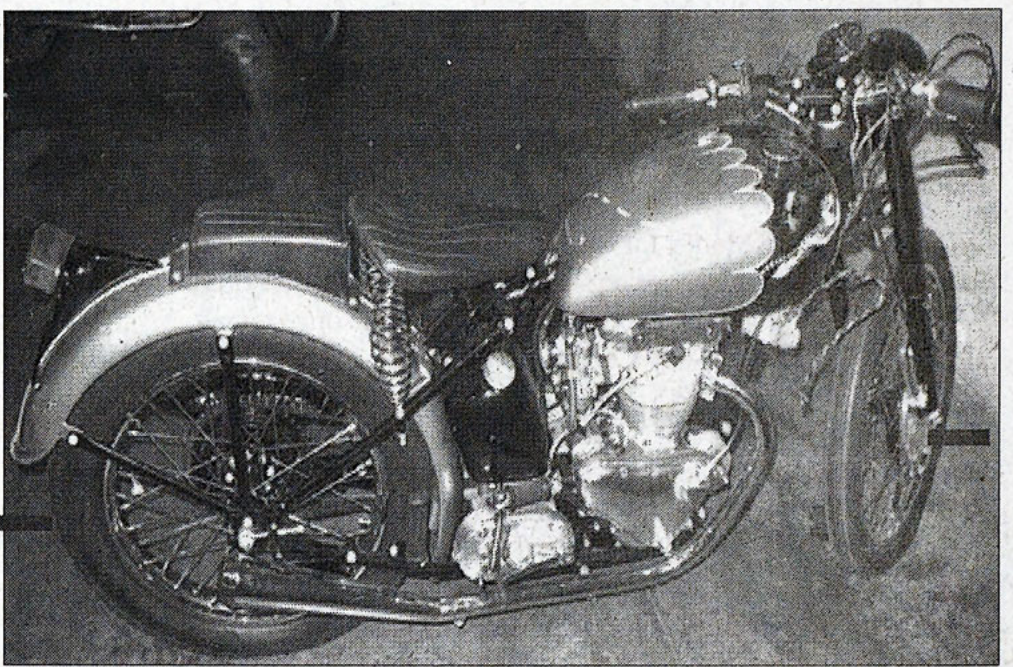
DeVault recalls Marlon Brando riding a similar Triumph bike in the movie "The Wild One," and after that it seemed like everyone wanted to ride a motorcycle.

But DeVault said he was already riding motorcycles by the time the movie came out, and continued riding for much of his life.

What sold him on the Triumph was the blue color and the name "Li'l-Blue Bitch" air-brushed on the side of the gas tank.

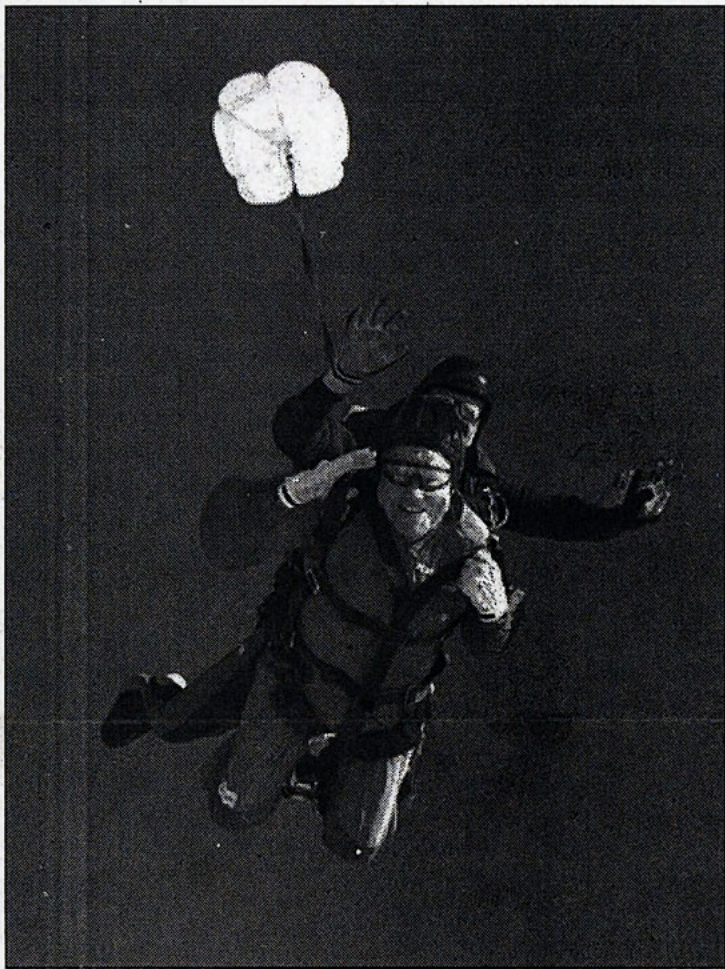
A friend with a trucking company is helping DeVault arrange to ship the motorcycle home from California.

Once he gets it back in a couple weeks, DeVault plans to have someone restore the bike's name and paint "46 Years Later" on the gas tank.



This undated photo provided by the U.S. Customs & Border Protection shows a recently recovered 1953 Triumph motorcycle which was stolen more than 46 years ago from its owner's backyard in Omaha, Nebraska in 1967. On October 30, 2013, CBP seized the vehicle, then turned it over to California Highway Patrol who will return the bike to its original owner, who is in his 70s now and still lives in Omaha. (AP Photo/U.S. Customs & Border Protection)

## Man skydives on 100th birthday



In this photo from Skydive Perris/U.S. Parachute Association, Vernon Maynard, bottom, skydives with instructor James Perez to celebrate his 100th birthday over Perris, Calif., Monday, Nov. 4, 2013. When Vernon Maynard's friends asked him what he wished he had done in his 100 years of life, the Southern California man said he had always wanted to jump from a plane with a parachute. On Monday, the retired car dealer got the chance to mark his centenarian birthday doing just that. (AP Photo/Skydive Perris/U.S. Parachute Association)

PERRIS, Calif. (AP) — When Vernon Maynard's friends asked him what he wished he had done in his 100 years of life, the Southern California man said he had always wanted to jump from a plane with a parachute.

The retired car dealer got the chance to mark his centenarian birthday Monday by

doing just that.

Jean Walcher of the U.S. Parachute Association says Maynard and his two great nephews made their first skydive along with trained instructors from 13,000 feet southeast of Los Angeles.

Skydive Perris manager Dan Brodsky-Chenfeld says Maynard obtained a doctor's

note before making the jump.

Maynard's daughter Linda Hironimus says her father's friends made arrangements for him to skydive after he said he always wanted to try it.

Maynard, who hails from Nebraska, lives in Palm Desert.

## MAN BUSTED FOR SELLING RUSTLED COW COSTUMES



Robert Michael Trytten, 43, of Riverside, Calif. (AP Photo/Redlands Police Department)

REDLANDS, Calif. (AP) — Police in Southern California have busted a cattle costume rustler after he tried to sell the stolen suits online.

Redlands police say the two 7-foot cow costumes created for the Chick-fil-A chain were nabbed in separate restaurant burglaries.

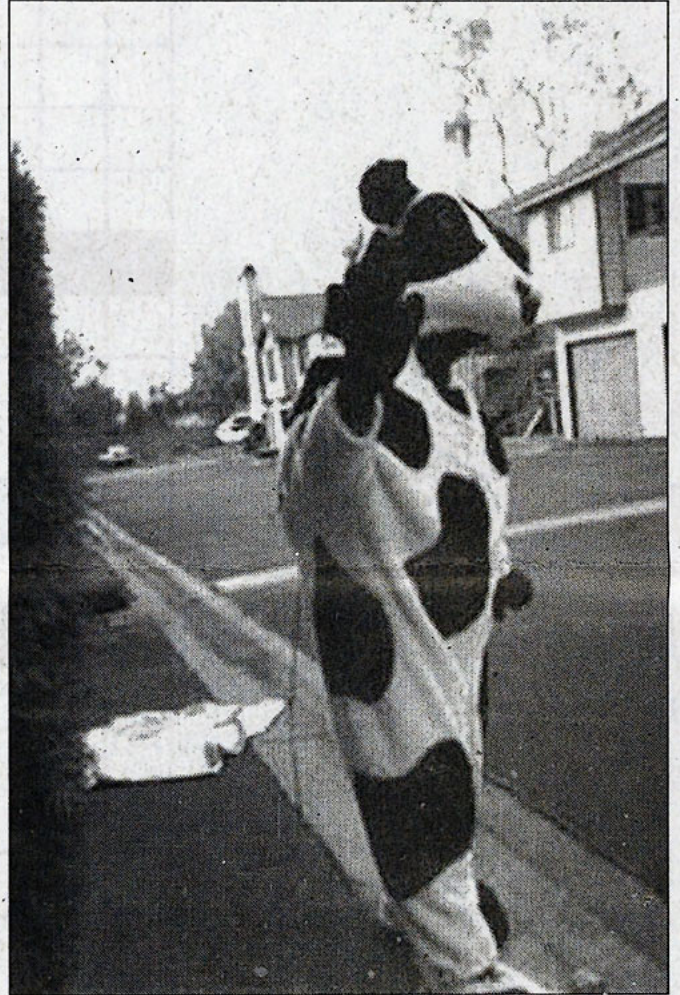
The costumes turned up for sale for \$350 apiece on Craigslist on Oct. 30.

An undercover officer arranged to buy the bovine attire in time for Halloween. When the seller produced the black-and-white outfits, he was arrested.

Forty-three-year-old Robert Michael Trytten, of Riverside, is being held for suspicion of possession of stolen property on \$275,000 bail.

The costumes were valued by the restaurant at \$2,800 apiece.

Police also recovered a pop-up canopy stolen from the restaurant. All the property was returned to Chick-fil-A.



This undated photo released by the Redlands, Calif., Police Department shows an unknown person posing in a stolen cow costume in San Bernardino, Calif., for an ad that was seen by police on Craigslist. Redlands police said two 7-foot cow costumes created for the Chick-fil-A chain were nabbed in separate restaurant burglaries, turned up for sale for \$350 apiece on Craigslist in late October. An undercover officer arranged to buy the bovine attire in time for Halloween, and when the seller produced the black-and-white outfits he was arrested on Oct. 30, 2013. Robert Michael Trytten, 43, of Riverside, is being held on suspicion of possession of the stolen property on \$275,000 bail. (AP Photo/Redlands Police)

## Airport employee finds alligator near baggage claim area

CHICAGO (AP) — After tracking down a small alligator skulking in a baggage claim area at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport, authorities are now hunting for its traveling companion.

The Chicago Transit Authority has released a series of images showing a woman who they believe rode to the airport on a CTA Blue Line train with the 2-foot-long alligator in the early morning hours of Nov. 1.

Thanks to one of the most extensive surveillance systems in the United States, officials know this about the alligator's trip to O'Hare: It boarded a train at the Pulaszki stop — with the woman — at 1:17 a.m. The security camera captured the woman petting her little friend on her knee as she talked on her cellphone.

Blue Line rider Mark Strotman also snapped a picture of the woman and the alligator with his phone.

"Everyone who got on sort of did a double take,

followed by a few expletives because they couldn't believe there was an alligator on the El," Strotman told WMAQ-TV.

"She couldn't have been nicer," Strotman said. "She said she had had it since it was very little. It didn't seem like she was trying to get rid of it."

An hour later, the woman, presumably with the alligator, disembarked the train at the airport. Then, at 2:44 a.m., she is again recorded by the security cameras near the O'Hare stop, but with no reptilian companion.

An airport employee found the alligator later in the day under an escalator near baggage claim No. 3 (Insert alligator bag joke here). Police captured the reptile by trapping it beneath a trash can.

Not only did officials give the alligator a name — Allie — but it was handed over to people who could care for it, just in the nick of time.

"It's not responding well

to food... It hasn't had the proper nutrition. Its growth has been stunted. It has a bent spine, soft bones, soft fingernails and a soft skull,"

Jason Hood, president of the Chicago Herpetological Society, told The Associated Press. The society took custody of the alligator.

Hood said the alligator spotted on the train has the same markings as the animal captured at the airport. It was never a serious threat to the public, too small for its bite to hurt anyone, he said. It's believed to be a 2- or 3-year-old American alligator and its gender is unknown.

Hood says the only way to determine the sex of an alligator is by an internal exam and, he notes, "you want it not to be on death's door before you bother about that."

As for the woman, she could be in trouble because while carrying an alligator bag may be considered stylish, carrying a live alligator is a crime. Hood said the Illinois Dangerous Animals Act

makes it illegal to own an alligator in the state.

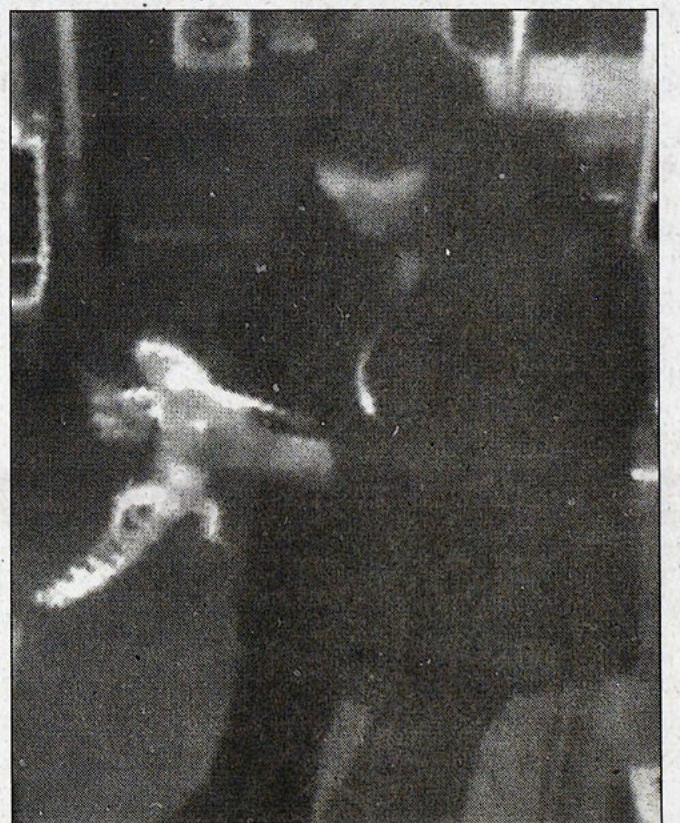
What's more, the CTA said she could be in yet more trouble.

"Those responsible for this act can face a misdemeanor charge of cruel treatment of an animal or face a fine of \$300 to \$1,000 for cruelty to animals for abandoning the animal in a public place," the authority said in a news release.

CTA spokeswoman Lambri Lukidis said releasing the photos provides a good reminder that 3,600 cameras are keeping a close eye on the transit system.

"If a more serious crime is happening in our system," she said, "there are ways for us to work with investigators and the police department."

The decision to release the photos also reflects the public interest in a very unusual sighting, Lukidis said. "We've had deer on train platforms and roosters on buses and trains, but this is the first reptile, at least that I'm aware of."



This security camera image provided by the Chicago Transit Authority on Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2013 shows a woman with a two-foot-long alligator aboard a CTA Blue Line train early in the morning of Nov. 1, 2013 in Chicago. Authorities are searching for the woman, who they believe discarded the reptile at O'Hare International Airport. The two-foot-long alligator was captured hours later after a maintenance worker found it under an escalator in a baggage claim area. (AP Photo/Chicago Transit Authority)

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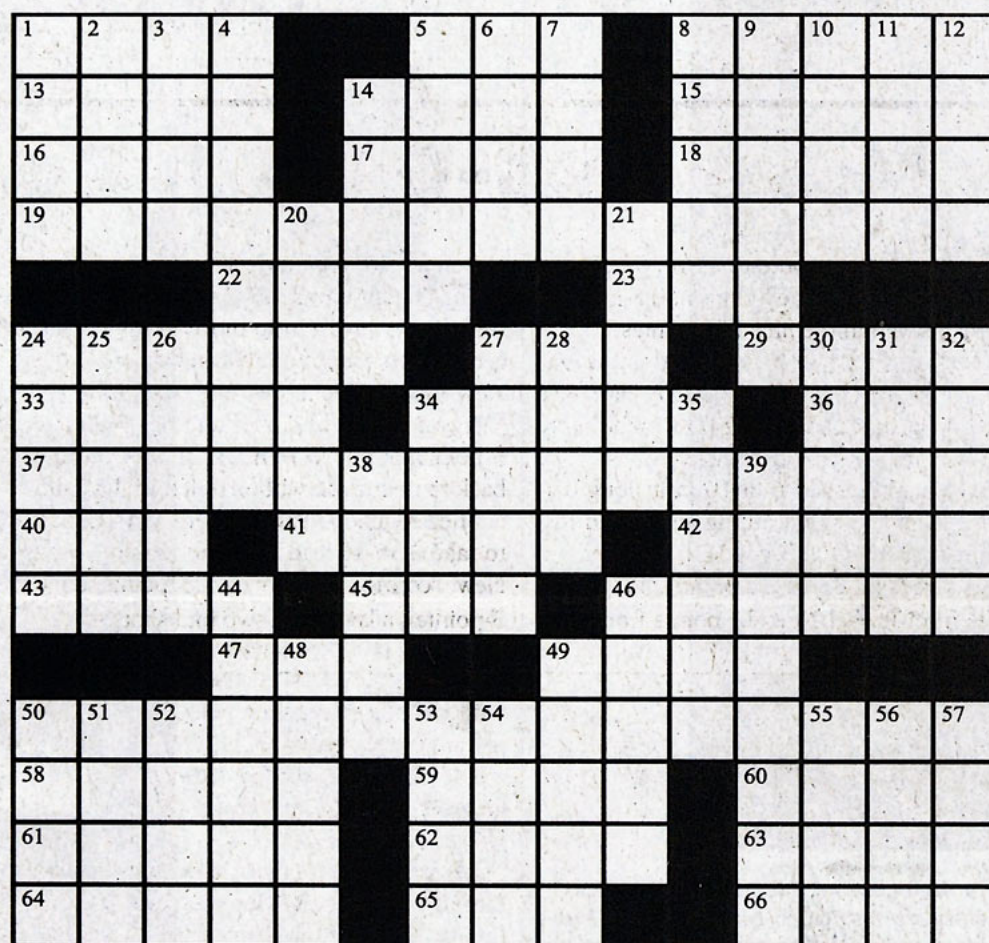
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**Across**

1. "Catch!"  
5. Car accessory  
8. Caribbean cruise stop  
13. "-zoic" things  
14. Been in bed  
15. Curtain fabric  
16. Type of computer  
17. "Not to mention ..."  
18. Reached  
19. Macy's, e.g.  
22. Guinea pigs, maybe  
23. Consumed  
24. On the move  
27. Level of equality  
29. Beef cut  
33. They may have abs of stone  
34. "All kidding \_\_\_\_"  
36. Grassland  
37. Food passageway  
40. Affranchise  
41. Unclear  
42. Eager desires  
43. Cleaning cabinet supplies  
45. Engine speed, for short  
46. At odds with the church  
47. Barbecue site



49. Audition tape  
50. Deprivations of rights  
58. Alpha's opposite  
59. Expert  
60. Halo, e.g.  
61. Append  
62. "By yesterday!"  
63. Type of acid  
64. Be theatrical  
65. Calendar abbr.  
66. Addition column

**Down**

1. Drove  
2. Ashtabula's lake  
3. Coarse file  
4. Avoidance of reality  
5. Lip relief  
6. Acclivity  
7. Soon, to a bard  
8. Anxiety  
9. Water cannon target  
10. "Do \_\_\_\_ others as..."  
11. Big pig  
12. A chip, maybe  
14. Café \_\_\_\_  
20. Look over again  
21. Late  
24. Ever  
25. Type of fish  
26. Hackneyed  
27. Church song  
28. Breezy  
30. Arm bones  
31. Breakfast, lunch and dinner  
32. Buddy-buddy.  
34. Above  
35. Skin problem  
38. Civil War side  
39. Hot air balloon pilot  
44. Faucet  
46. In a lather  
48. Absurd  
49. Theoretical physicist Paul \_\_\_\_  
50. Spoil, with "on"  
51. Mosque V.I.P.  
52. \_\_\_\_ lily  
53. "Good grief!"  
54. Con  
55. Fix  
56. "\_\_\_\_ Brockovich"  
57. Bursae

## RANDOM FACTS

Although the word "earthling" today conjures visions of science-fiction stories, it is actually the Old English word for a farmer.

Back in the 1800s, composer Franz Liszt was worshiped like a rock star. In fact, he received so many requests for locks of his hair that he eventually bought a dog, only to snip off patches of its fur to send to his admirers.

Mozart's "Ah! Vous Dirai-je, Maman" might well be his most popular melody — it's the tune used in both "The Alphabet Song" and "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star."

The Kentucky Derby is also known as the Run for the Roses. But that isn't the only race with a flowery nickname: the Belmont Stakes also goes by the Run for the Carnations, and the Preakness Stakes doubles as the Run for the Black-Eyed Susans.

## RANDOM QUOTES

Regard your good name as the richest jewel you can possibly be possessed of - for credit is like fire; when once you have kindled it you may easily preserve it, but if you once extinguish it, you will find it an arduous task to rekindle it again. The way to gain a good reputation is to endeavor to be what you desire to appear.  
- Socrates

That you may retain your self-respect, it is better to displease the people by doing what you know is right, than to temporarily please them by doing what you know is wrong.  
- William J. H. Boetcker

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Women's Soccer

## Volleyball clinches home court for playoffs

Rick Lemon

Contributing Writer

The Broncos volleyball team might have been playing on the road Tuesday night, but they had one thing on their minds, home-court advantage. With a 3-0 sweep of the Pittsburg State Gorillas to end their conference schedule, UCO accomplished that goal.

Ranked fourth in the Mid-American Intercollegiate Athletics Association, the win Tuesday night guaranteed the Broncos a game on their home-court to start the MIAA tournament, which starts Tuesday.

Overwhelming the Gorillas 25-12, 25-11, 25-17, the Broncos improved their season record to 21-9 and finished conference play, 9-7. The Broncos finish the season with a pair of non-conference games at Northwestern Oklahoma Friday and hosting East Central Saturday afternoon.

All of the usual suspects came to play Tuesday for UCO who used even scoring from all of their weapons to clobber Pittsburg State.

Mallory Fox led the way with 11 kills and only one error on 20 attempts. Barbra Jackson also added nine kills, while Juliette Smith and Allison Barr both added eight. On defense, Tate Hardaker led the way like she has been all season, adding 18 more digs to her league-leading season.

The Gorillas were overmatched from the start of the match and it was evident in the

first set. The Broncos set the tone with three early points and never looked back. PSU didn't even record their first kill in the set until after the Broncos were already leading 7-2, the Gorillas' first two points coming off of UCO serving errors.

The second set was more of the same, as the Broncos once again dominated. After PSU tied the score 1-1, the Broncos ripped off a ten-to-one run that forced the Gorillas to call a timeout. The timeout did little to help their cause, though, as PSU never strung together more than three points in a row and the Broncos pulled away easily to go up two sets to none in the match.

The third set was by far the most dramatic of the match. The set actually featured the Gorillas' one and only lead in the match and was competitive most of the way through.

After PSU took that lead, they battled hard up until the score was 8-10 Broncos. At that point, the Broncos were able to use two four-point runs, the first making the score 8-14 and the second extending that lead, 9-18. From that point on, UCO was able to cruise to the set and match wins.

Tuesday's match marked the 14th sweep of the year for the Broncos, whose 21 wins on the season is the most since 2007, when they won 32 games.

The Broncos finish the regular season with two non-conference games this weekend before starting the MIAA tournament Tuesday.

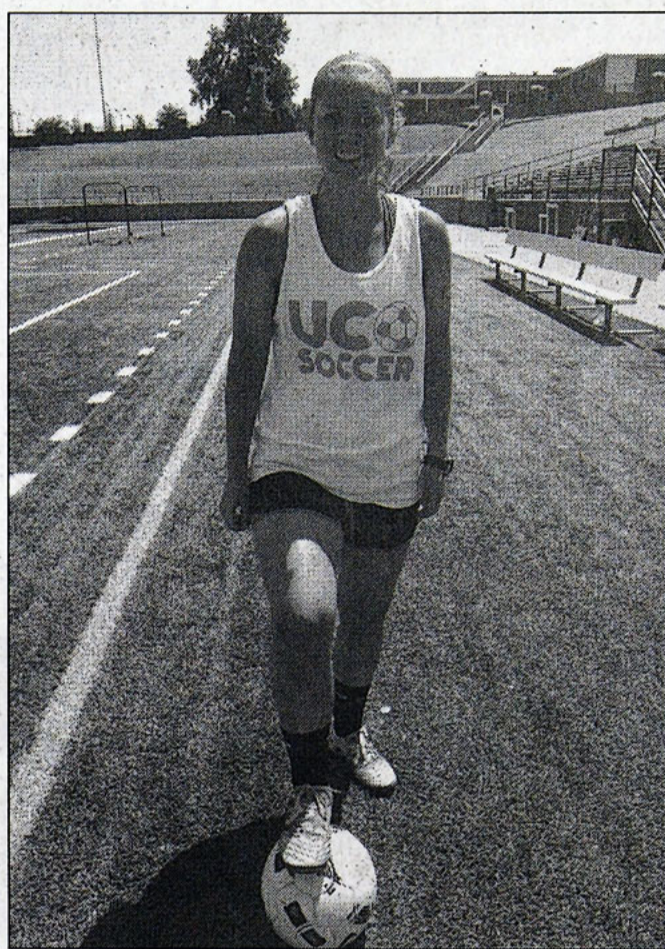
## Eight Earn MIAA Academic Recognition

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (Nov. 13) - Central Oklahoma had eight student-athletes earn Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association women's soccer academic recognition, the league office announced Wednesday.

Senior Jordan Hutchison received the MIAA Scholar-Athlete Award, while juniors Brandi Bartley, Kate Foran and Miranda Thorne and sophomores Tess Barnard, Paislee Hamilton, Paige Matacchiera and Kylee Warne were on the MIAA Academic Honor Roll list.

Student-athletes must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.00 or better and have at least two terms of attendance at the member institution to achieve Academic Honor Roll status. Scholar-Athlete honorees must at least a 3.50 GPA and earn All-MIAA honors.

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Senior fullback Jordan Hutchison poses with her foot on the ball at a practice before the start of their 2013-2014 season. Photo by Alike Dyer, The Vista.

Women's Basketball

## Bronchos Move To 3-0 With Road Win

FORT SMITH, Ark. (Nov. 12) - Haley Weathers scored nine of her game-high 18 points in the first 10 minutes of the game to stake Central Oklahoma to a double-digit lead and the Broncos went on to down Arkansas-Fort Smith 66-57 here Tuesday night.

It was UCO's third straight win to open the season, all on the road. The Broncos are scheduled to make their home debut next Tuesday against Southern Nazarene.

Weathers drained three 3-pointers in her opening-game outburst as UCO jumped out

to a 19-9 lead en route to a 36-28 halftime advantage and the Lady Lions never got closer than seven in the final 20 minutes.

"We had a lot of balance and came out with a good win," head coach Guy Hardaker said. "Haley hit some big shots for us early and we did a good job defensively."

Weathers finished 6-of-10 from long distance in her 18-point outing and added five rebounds. UCO also got 12 points and six assists from Jill Bryan, 12 points and four assists from Rachel New, 11 points from Julia

Mason and 10 rebounds from Hayley Bryan.

The Broncos trailed 4-2 early before UCO went on an 11-0 run to move in front 13-4, getting two treys from Weathers, one from New and two free throws from Hayley Bryan.

It was a 19-9 lead after another Weathers 3-pointer at the 10:16 mark, but UAFS came back to tie it at 26 with 4:11 left in the half.

The Broncos answered with a 10-2 spurt to take a 36-28 lead into intermission, with New scoring seven of those points on a 3-pointer, a layup and two foul shots.

UCO stayed safely in front throughout the second half and its lead peaked at 18 (63-45) with 4:14 remaining on a Julia Mason 3-pointer before the Lady Lions ended the game with a 12-3 run to arrange the final margin.

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Football

## UCO hopes to win out on the 2013 season

Austin Litterell

Sports Reporter

UCO football will try to finish the season on a high note this weekend. The Bronchos travel to Tahlequah, Okla. to face state and conference rival Northeastern State for the President's Cup. The game is scheduled for a 1 p.m. kickoff.

UCO is certainly carrying momentum into this game. They have won two consecutive games for the first time since 2009. They will need to keep up this momentum if they hope to regain the cup. UCO leads the overall series 45-26-2, but have lost the last three

games Northeastern State.

Last year, Northeastern defeated the Bronchos in a close one, 22-20. UCO jumped out to a lead and had a 20-19 lead late in the game last season before the RiverHawks marched down the field and made a field goal to give the win.

Northeastern comes into this game with a 1-9 record and 1-8 in MIAA play this season. The RiverHawks have played a similar schedule to what UCO has played this year. Northeastern has a young team like UCO.

"They are a young football team, they are playing with a lot of true freshman and some guys I don't think are quite ready to play yet," Coach Nick Bobeck said.

He also mentioned their running game.

"They ran the ball really well against Southwest Baptist a couple of weeks ago they did a great job there. They do a lot of stuff formationally and so forth, but we match up pretty well with them."

Northeastern has had trouble on offense this season. They are last in the MIAA in both scoring offense and total offense. They are averaging just 15 points and under 300 yards per game this year. Thor Long has started seven out of the nine games for The RiverHawks and leads the team in passing at 130.3 yards per game. Terrance Dixon leads the team in rushing yards but Joel Rockmore in two games has the highest average for the team.

The RiverHawks also rank last in rushing

defense. UCO's running backs should again be able to have some success in the game. The strength of Northeastern is their pass defense. They rank 4th in the MIAA in this category. Redshirt Freshman T.J. Eckert will need to be solid and avoid turnovers.

The Bronchos also need to cut down on the penalties in this one. UCO had 111 yards worth of penalties, including some key pass interference calls that kept drives alive. UCO cannot afford to extend drives if they want to have success.

Going out with a victory should give the program a great start heading into the off-season.



Junior wide receiver Marquez Clark breaks some tackles on Nov. 2, 2013 against Lincoln University. Photo by Quang Pho, The Vista.



Freshman runningback Jake Gandara makes a tackle on Nov. 2, 2013 against Lincoln University. Photo by Quang Pho, The Vista.

Men's Basketball



Junior forward Josh Gibbs shoots the ball on Nov. 12, 2013 against SCU. Photo by Cyn Sheng Ling, The Vista.

## Successful Start

EDMOND (Nov. 12) – Five different players scored in a frenzied 21-2 run that turned a small deficit into a sizeable lead and sparked Central Oklahoma to a season-opening 106-93 victory over Southwestern Christian Tuesday night at Hamilton Field House.

The Bronchos trailed 23-18 with 11:42 left in the half before Seth Heckart hit a 3-pointer from the wing to start the game-turning scoring spurt. Heckart had six points, Jarrod McDaniel five, Philip Brown four, Josh Gibbs four and Cal Andrews two in a six-minute span that ended with UCO on top 39-25.

Coach Terry Evans' crew kept its high-octane attack going the rest of the half in stretching its lead to 17 (57-40) by intermission and the Bronchos led by as many as 28 in the second half before coasting in.

"We didn't finish the game the way we wanted, but we did a lot of good things and it's always great to start the season with a win," said Evans, whose team won its eighth straight season opener. "We've got two tough games coming up and we need to get ready for those."

UCO stays in the metro area for two road games later this week, going to Oklahoma City to face the Stars Thursday night before traveling to Bethany Saturday to take on Southern Nazarene.

Gibbs and McDaniel both had spectacular individual efforts in UCO's highest-scoring game since a 109-79 rout of East Central late

in the 2009-10 season.

Gibbs finished with 24 points and 21 rebounds – tied for the second-most in school history – in 27 minutes of action. He had 14 boards in the first half alone and hit 7-of-17 shots with three 3-pointers and 7-of-10 free throws.

McDaniel, a key starter on UCO's Sweet 16 team in 2010-11, had a remarkable all-around performance in his first game back after a two-year hiatus. The senior point guard had career highs for points (18), assists (11) and steals (four) in running the offensive attack while also playing disruptive defense.

Cal Andrews made four 3-pointers in scoring 17 points and Philip Brown added 13 points and eight rebounds for the Bronchos.

The game went back-and-forth early before the Eagles established their five-point lead at 23-18, but it was all UCO after that.

The 21-2 run gave the Bronchos a 39-25 advantage and it was a 21-point lead at 54-33 following an Andrews 3-pointer at the 2:07 mark en route to the 57-40 halftime cushion.

UCO's lead peaked at 28 (78-50) on a Gibbs layup with 13:51 left to play and it was still a 23-point game (97-74) at the 4:34 mark before Southwestern Christian made a late run to get within the final 13-point margin of victory.

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Junior forward Philip Brown sets up for a layup on Nov. 12, 2013 against SCU. Photo by Cyn Sheng Ling, The Vista.

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