

Betz Awarded for Excellence

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On Friday, Oct. 18, the Cimarron Alliance held its annual gala at the Will Rogers Theatre where University of Central Oklahoma's President Don Betz was awarded for excellence in education.

The Cimarron Alliance touts themselves as "central Oklahoma's preeminent LGBT advocacy and education organization," and holds the gala to recognize people in various fields who have had an impact on the acceptance of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered (LGBT) community.

Betz was specifically honored for being "an individual who has demonstrated extraordinary leadership in education, promoting diversity, and acceptance of and support for LGBT students in Oklahoma."

Betz spoke on why he thought he had

been chosen, adding, "Their interest in selecting me was the attitude that the university has taken toward the quality of opportunity for LGBT persons and the institution is a little more progressive. Well I think in the last couple of years we've taken a look, based on requests by the SAFE group and others, we've taken a look at the listing of non-discrimination clauses in the operation policies and procedures of the university and made sure that those clauses included sexual orientation, etc., so that that particular group was also free from discrimination."

He mentioned that the changes to non-discrimination policy he and other members of the cabinet had made at the time weren't particularly earth shattering for him, as they seemed common sense.

Betz elaborated, "Essentially I'm sort of a first amendment freedom type, and I have a strong belief in holding certain truths to be self evident, and one of them is that we're all equal and we have to walk that talk in our work and in our lives, and it's not a heavy decision or it's not a difficult decision because it's so clear cut. Just like there was a point when slavery was alright, women couldn't vote, people from certain national origins were barred from office and if you didn't own land you couldn't do this and that, it's really just sort of the continuing progression toward a society built on principles of freedom creating the opportunity for those freedoms to be experienced by all."

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UCO set to welcome former U.S. Ambassador



Former U.S. Ambassador John W. Limbert is set to present in Ballroom C of the Nigh University Center on Nov. 4. Photo provided.

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Staff Writer

The University of Central Oklahoma will host former U.S. Ambassador John W. Limbert for a presentation, followed by a question-and-answer session from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Nov. 4 in Ballroom C of the Nigh University Center.

Limbert is the former Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Iran in the State Department's Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, a position he would retire from after only nine months.

In a 2010 interview with Guy Raz of NPR, Limbert would cite the reason for his resignation, stemmed from a growing frustration concerning the prolonged political coldness between the United States and Iran.

Limbert's presentation, titled "Iran and America: Endless Enemies?" will examine the controversial history and possible future relations between the U.S. and Iran.

Limbert has spent an extensive amount of time working in Iran, first traveling to the country in 1962, while his parents were there working for the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

He is a veteran U.S. diplomat, as well as a former official at the U.S. Embassy in Tehran. He is also fluent in Persian.

"As world events and conversations continue to center on the Middle East, it is imperative that we engage with the academic and diplomatic communities that have firsthand knowledge of the complex issues and realities of the region," executive director of UCO's Leadership Central Jarrett Jobe said in a press release.

"Dr. Limbert possesses both academic and practical knowledge of the region. His visit will provide an opportunity for our university community to hear his insights and thoughts on American-Iranian relations for the future."

Limbert was also one of 52 Americans held captive during the Iran hostage crisis, which began on Nov. 4, 1979, when a group of Iranian students supporting the Iranian Revolution took over the embassy. It lasted until Jan. 20, 1981; a total of 444 days.

In a 2009 interview with Radio Free Europe, Limbert discussed his experiences during the crisis, as well as what he learned from it.

"One, I think I got a new appreciation for our own profession -- that is, the profession of diplomacy. And the idea of how do you solve problems between nations and between people?" Limbert said.

"Because at the end of the day, that's what diplomacy is all about and the importance of that process. Because if that process breaks down, you essentially have anarchy of the kind that we encountered in Tehran."

The event is free and open to the public. For additional information or accommodations on the basis of disability, call 405-974-2311.

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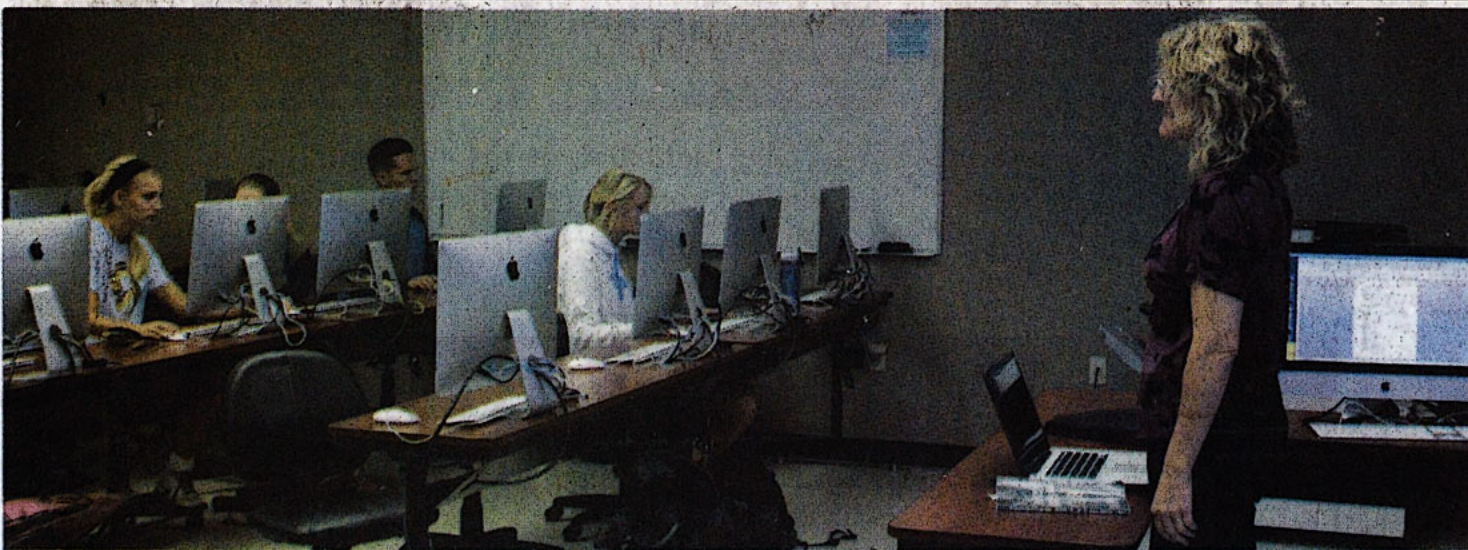


Members of Sigma Spice perform a 1990's throwback at the UCO Homecoming Talent Show on Monday, Oct. 28, 2013. Photo by Alikei Dyer, The Vista.

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President Betz received an award from The Cimarron Alliance on Oct. 18, 2013. Photo by Cyn Sheng Ling, The Vista.



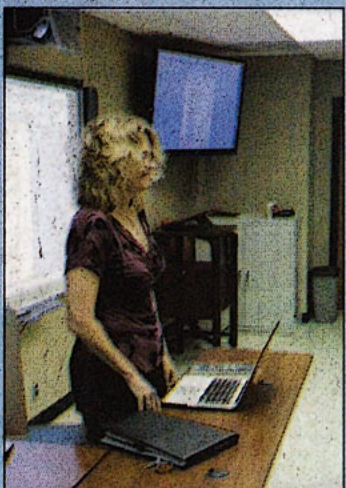
Dr. Sherri Ward, seen her teaching her Specialized Publications class on Oct. 29, 2013, has been chosen for the 2013-14 Outstanding Professors' Academy. Photo by Brooks Nickell, The Vista.

Recognizing 20 Years of Service: Dr. Sherri Ward selected for OPA

Natalie Cartwright

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Seven professors at the University of Central Oklahoma have been



Dr. Sherri Ward, seen her teaching her Specialized Publications class on Oct. 29, 2013, has been chosen for the 2013-14 Outstanding Professors' Academy. Photo by Brooks Nickell, The Vista.

selected for the 2013-14 Outstanding Professors' Academy.

Among the UCO professors recognized is Dr. Sherri Ward. Dr. Ward has been teaching in the Mass Communications De-

partment at UCO for 20 years.

The OPA, established in 1997, is designed for professors recognized for making superior contributions to their institutions and to their disciplines. These selected professors assume leadership roles and responsibilities every day in their multiple relationships with students, peers, administrators and the public.

Ward will attend four OPA sessions that focus on different topics and techniques for teaching and engaging with not only students, but with peers, as well.

"I like to do professional development stuff because I think that I can always be better at whatever I do," said Ward.

Ward applied for the OPA after hearing about the institution from a fellow colleague who attended the event. She was accepted in spring and has already attended one class session.

The OPA recognized professors from universities across the state. Ward has found the interaction with fellow professors helpful.

"I love hearing other people's ideas. It's always good for professors to get out of their department and off their campus,"

said Ward. "You just learn a lot more that way."

Ward hopes that by attending the OPA sessions she will gain a better perspective on changes in education.

"I think as our students change, we need to change with them," said Ward. "We need to reach them wherever they are."

Ward has accrued the Vanderford Distinguished Teaching Award, Liberal Arts Outstanding Teaching Award, Outstanding Faculty Woman and Favorite Professor Award over the years spent teaching at UCO.

"These honors have been very encouraging to me as I strive to be the best teacher I can be," said Ward.

Ward has an extensive history in journalism that dates back to being Newspaper Editor for her high school, as well as her college. She has worked for the Norman Transcript, Private Practice magazine and also has done public relations and consultant work.

Having never expected to be a teacher, Ward found a passion for the continuous change of education while working as a teacher's assistant during her doctorate program at Oklahoma State University.

After 20 years of teaching, it never gets old for Ward. She enjoys what she does and has never lost the enthusiasm for wanting to do more and wanting to be better.

Ward feels privileged to have been selected for the OPA and called it a great highlight for her year.

"It helps ignite excitement in me. It helps me get more into what education is about," said Ward. "Which to me, it's about life lessons. It doesn't matter what I teach, it could be any subject, but I want them to get life lessons. I want them to learn about life."

Ward's decision to apply for the OPA comes down to her bottom line that her students deserve the best that she can give them by being current on everything, including topics, technology and even her students' lives and being able to relate to them.

By attending the OPA, Ward intends to acquire more knowledge on staying current on the changes in education.

"The day I retire, I want to be able to say I was never outdated," said Ward.

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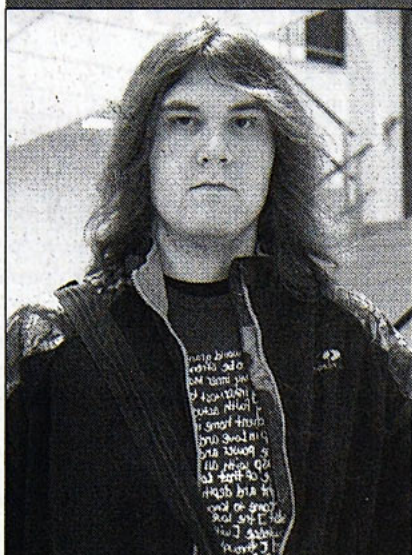
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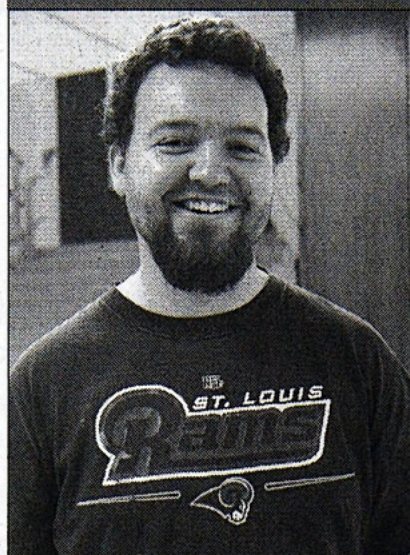
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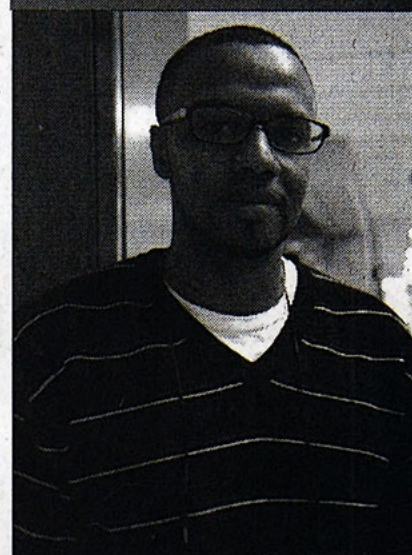
"I believe in spirit and its manifestation."

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"I think it's unlikely but not gonna rule it out all together."

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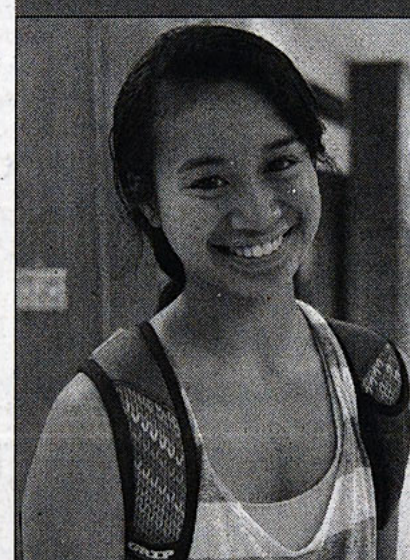
"Yeah, because it's my religion."

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"No. I think ghosts are made up by people in their heads."

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"Yes. One night I went to the kitchen and the refrigerator door opened by itself."

KELLY SIMMS
Sociology - Junior



"I'm undecided about that because, I've heard people seen ghosts but I have not."

Who All's included?

Editorial by: Lindsey Richards (Managing Editor)

All Hallows Eve is an evening full of traditional activities that include trick-or-treating, costume parties, carving pumpkins, and visiting "haunted houses" or haunted locations.

Halloween is a one-night chance to dress up as anyone or anything one's creative mind might construct.

Typically trick-or-treating is an activity reserved for an elementary age group, while the costume parties are reserved for older teens, twenty-somethings and adults.

What does this night hold for those pre-teen youngsters who are stuck in limbo? I'm referring to the age group of individuals who are too old to dress up for candy, yet too young to dress up for booze.

Where do the 12 to 15-year-olds who are not encouraged to celebrate child or adult Halloween celebrations go?

Middle school can be an awkward time in any individual's life for growing.

When I was at the prime pubescent age of 13, a couple of girlfriends and I made up our minds to dress up and trick-or-treat that evening after school.

Many of our middle school peers had made the decision to blow off the holiday.

They were too cool to

hang out with their younger siblings who might have needed help carrying their candy bundles home, and they were not cool enough to hang out with their older siblings who might have needed help being carried home.

While our demotivated friends sat at home searching the Internet and sending messages on AOL, we met at Sarah's house and threw together some of the most hideously, ill-prepared costumes to walk the Oct. 31 streets.

We weren't going out to show off our costumes; we were on a mission to ring doorbells and bring home as many sugary treats as possible.

The question of whether or not we were too old to take part in the trick-or-treating festivities was being answered by the town's people, who did not refuse us candy, but instead embellished our baskets with sweet treats.

We reached the house that ended up as the final stop of our evening.

Old Mrs. Nagatha, whose real name is to remain concealed, answered her door.

"Trick-or-Treat," my friends and I chimed together harmoniously.

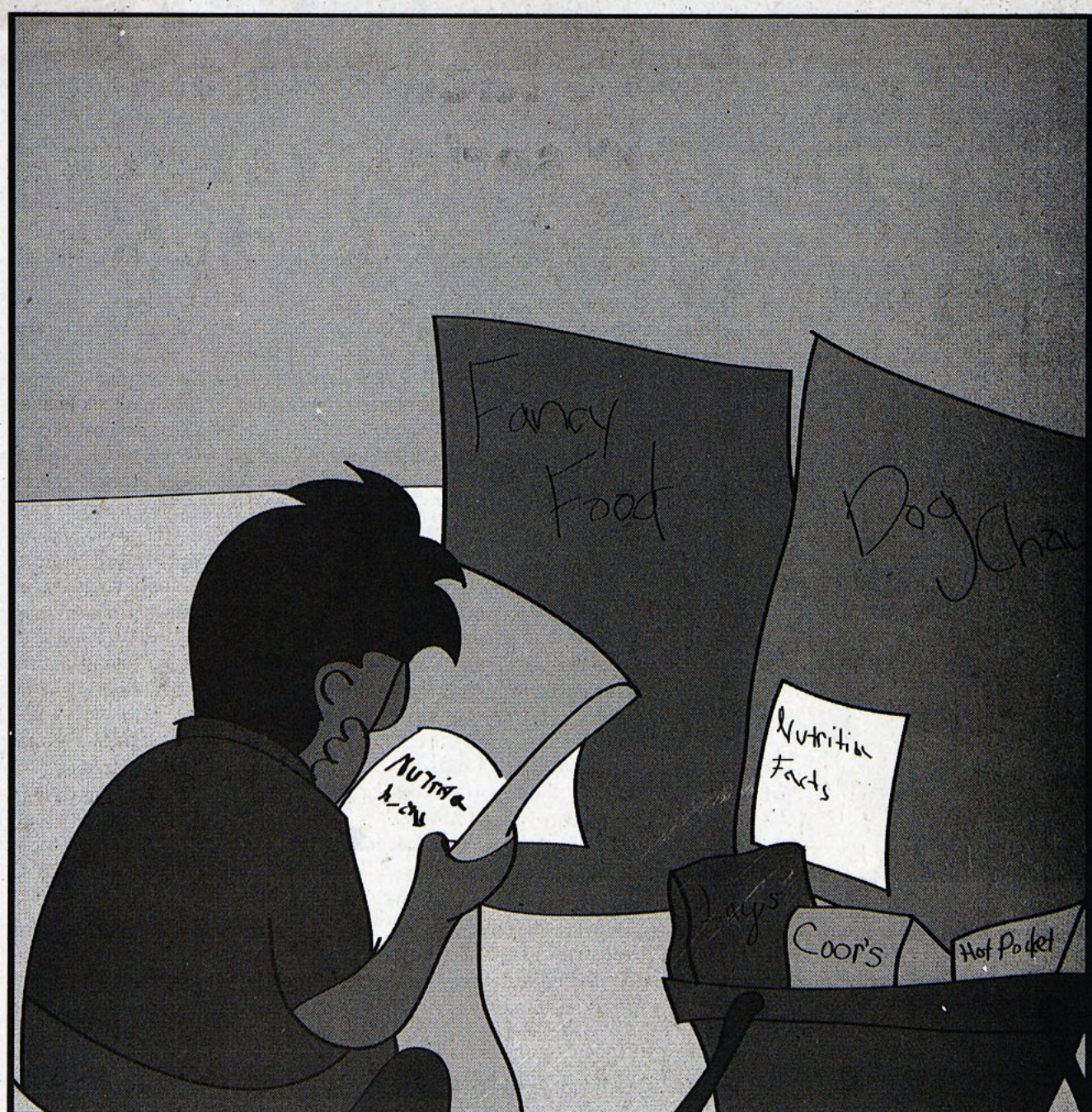
The old woman looked at us and sneered, "If you are old enough to wear a bra, you are too old to trick-or-treat."

"No. I think ghosts are made up by people in their heads."

"Yes. One night I went to the kitchen and the refrigerator door opened by itself."

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CAMPUS CARTOON



Cartoon by Matthew Gossom

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.

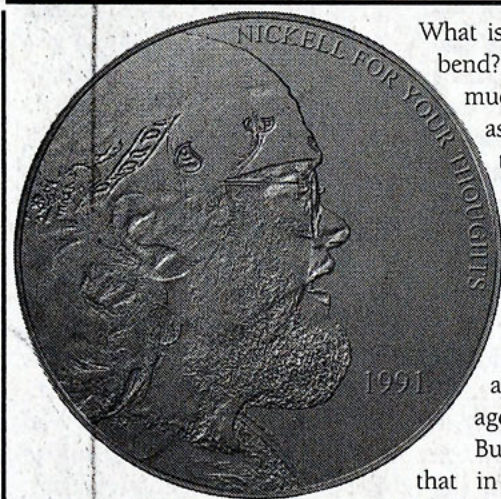
Though for now, pre-teen Halloween remains in limbo, I have hope that one-day old-youngsters all over North America

will once again be invited to join in on Halloween festivities.

Opinion

WHAT'S AROUND THE NEXT BEND?

By Brooks Nickell



What is around the next bend? I haven't seen as much of the world as I would like to. In fact, my exploration of North America was confined to Oklahoma and its neighboring states, until about three years ago. But that's not to say that in these past few years I haven't covered a bit of ground. I took four wheels to Washington D.C. and back, drove through the rolling hills of Missouri and the flat expanse that takes the name, Ohio.

I thought I'd never see beauty again like the stabbing eyes of West Virginia's mountain peaks. And it was the first time I've ever driven through a tunnel.

Arlington Cemetery overwhelmed my sense of honor and I shed a tear for the ghost soldiers of Vietnam. I stood humbly in front of Lincoln on his throne. I took photos of a homeless man that slept under the bridge over the highway, which separated our hotel from the screaming lights of Fri-

day night in the capitol city.

I hugged the highway tight until the skyline painted a picture of Chicago and I couldn't fathom the end of Lake Michigan.

My journey around this rock is without a doubt in its infancy. But the places I've come to see in this short time, have taught me lesson after lesson. Each state or National Park, every highway and hill, they all hold truer words than man could speak.

A few friends and myself took a detour north on a straight shot from Oklahoma to Arizona. The detour destination was the Grand Canyon. I'd never been. I never wanted to leave. I threw my soul into the canyon floor, bought a poncho at a truck stop, rode horses in Flagstaff and soaked in the spiritual energy that abundantly spirals from sand stone giants in Sedona.

I'll never curse someone for being sedentary. Some of us have roots that reach deep. They draw plenty of water and we thrive accordingly in our respected locations, but I encourage exploration. I firmly believe that behind every hill, lake and gas station lies another adventure and another lesson.

The people I've met along these cross sections of American culture and identity have been key factors in my own growth. Without knowing as much as so, all the places and people have a hand in the direction that my path has been laid.

Even with the seemingly unlimited avenues we have developed to connect with each other, it's easy to become stagnant. We forget that outside of our town in our county in our state in our country, that there is always someone else. And that someone is always on a different path.

It's said that experience is the wisest teacher. I would agree.

See, it's when we leave our comfort zone that we learn the most. It's when we see what other people live for, what they fight for, that we are truly humbled within our own tribulations and successes.

Whether you believe in a certain deity or subscribe to the sciences, I think there is a resonate common ground that says we are all one being. It takes every person to perpetuate our collective existence, evolution and enlightenment.

I simply ask that if you are ever afforded the opportunity to go, do so. Branch out and find out what makes our blood flow.

Take it upon yourself to seek out and find exactly what's around the next bend. I promise, you will not be disappointed.

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Central's Passport to Japan program features three final films

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The University of Central Oklahoma's "Passport to Japan" program will offer three final films.

The films are "Ringu" playing Oct. 28, "Late Spring" on Nov. 11 and "Battle Royale" on Nov. 25. All will be at 7:30 p.m. in the Pegasus Theater in the Liberal Arts Building on Central's campus.

Based on Koji Suzuki's novel, "Ringu" became a classic Asian horror film and is best known in the U.S. for its 2002 American remake, "The Ring."

"Ringu" started by two teenagers, Masami and Tomoko, who talk about a videotape that one of them saw.

In this psychological horror story from Japan, a legend circulates among teenagers that if one watches a certain video at a certain time of the night, the telephone will ring right afterward and one week later you will die.

Tomoko and three of her friends decide to watch that movie and receive a scary call. Several days later, an unseen force kills Tomoko. After a few days, a reporter investigates this video and tries her best to solve the mystery. After she watches the video, the phone rings and her seven days begin.

"What if watching a video could kill its viewers?" the film asks.

Ringu sets the standard for modern Japanese horror films and has influenced several of the best and most popular horror films from Japan by bringing ancient spiritual legends to light.

The film is considered the most frightening horror film in Japan, according to a survey by Oricon.

"Late Spring" is a 1949 Japanese drama film based on the short novel, "Father and Daughter."

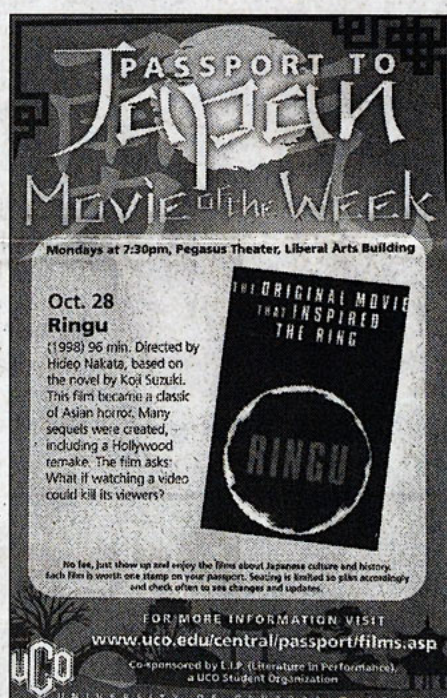
The story is about a girl named Noriko, who is 27 years old and still living with her father, Somyia, a widower.

A question pops up: when will Noriko start thinking about

marriage? Her family and her friends are all talking about this issue with her, but Noriko doesn't want to get married. She wants to stay with her father and take care of him. This film examines the Confucian value of filial piety or respect for one's parents.

"Battle Royale," is a film about a high school student who struggles with the death of his father and is forced by the government to compete in a deadly game, where the students must kill each other in order to win. This film was becoming one of the ten highest grossing films in Japan and was released in 22 countries.

All screenings are free and open to the public.



Left: Passport to Japan's Movie of the Week Poster for Ringu, that was shown at UCO on Oct. 28, 2013. Photo by Phoebe, The Vista.



A hallway in the supposedly haunted basement of the Mass Communications Building. Photo Provided by Tim Jobs.

The Campus Underground; a UCO Documentary Screening

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Many people believe that UCO's campus is haunted and a group of communication students are filming a documentary to see for themselves.

"Initially, we had to think of a documentary and since October was on the horizon, I was thinking of urban legends," said communication student Tim Jobs. "One of our other group members brought up stuff on campus."

UCO has cashed in on the stories, putting on ghost tours of Old North earlier this month. However, Jobs believes the hauntings might not be confined to just one building.

"I'm telling you, when I was up (in the communications building) alone, I heard some weird stuff," says Jobs. "I would get that feeling like I wasn't alone."

Students aren't the only ones who hear about the apparent paranormal events. Campus staff is also familiar with the sightings.

"I've heard about a lot of ghosts in Mitchell Hall," said UCO Chief of Police Jeff Hall. "One, not as popular rumor, about ghosts in the communication building."

According to Hall, the original property for the university was given by the state in 1889. However, he said the university could have expanded over burial grounds since then.

"I know there was a cemetery on the original property, but of course the university has expanded over the years and we've taken up more and more acreage," said Hall. "It's entirely possible there was some burial site."

According to licensed therapist Jennifer Kelly, that burial site was probably more like a mass grave.

"What was found, or believed, is that the government used that land essentially as burial land for Native Americans, for African Americans, indigent people, really almost like a dumping ground," said licensed therapist Jennifer Kelly. "Who knows how many; certainly not paid any respect."

Communication students Trey Trowbridge, Cyn Sheng and Tony Walker have also worked with Jobs on the documentary for over a month. The focus of their project is the basement of the communications building, which has been abandoned for the last few years.

"The funny thing is that I don't really believe in ghosts," said Jobs. "But when I went down there by myself, I was looking for the fastest escape."

The film was done in time for Halloween and will be shown at the Bob Burke Screening Room at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday.

UCO's faculty artist concert series features a collective performance

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Contributing Writer

The Fifth Street Jazz Collective, along with world-renowned trombonist, John Fedchock, is performing Nov. 5 at the Jazz Lab for the faculty artist concert series.

This concert series has been going on for four years and they have performances every semester. The event will start at 7:30 p.m.

Head of the Jazz Studies Division for UCO Brian Gorrell is a part of the faculty jazz combo. "We did a similar faculty artist concert series like this with a very famous jazz trumpet player, named Dave Douglas, who performed with us."

This is the second faculty artist concert series event where they've had a guest artist. "We decide who we want and we seek them out," Gorrell said.

The planning for a guest artists begins anywhere from six months to a year in advance. "These people, like John Fedchock or Dave Douglas who we had last spring, are internationally known jazz artists and they travel all over the world."

The music choice is always different, but a lot of the time they'll play an original composition.

"The most important note to take away from next week's concert, is that just because somebody doesn't know who John Fedchock is, or doesn't know who Dave Douglas is, doesn't negate the fact that these people are world-

renowned artist, not somebody from Muskogee, Okla.," Gorrell said.

For the performances throughout the semesters, there is live music five or six nights a week at the Jazz Lab. The acts are local, regional or national based, so they cater to all sorts of interest levels and the faculty artist concert series is just one event amongst many.

"The event is meant to provide the community and patrons that come to the concert to experience something they would only experience in New York City or a major jazz area," Gorrell said.

Not only is John Fedchock one of the top trombonists in the world, he's also a composer and arranger and has won Grammy awards.

Anytime we bring in guest artists, the artists are also interacting with our students. That Tuesday afternoon, John will be doing a master class with all of the jazz students. "That interaction directly with the students is a really important part of any guest speakers that we bring in, as well."

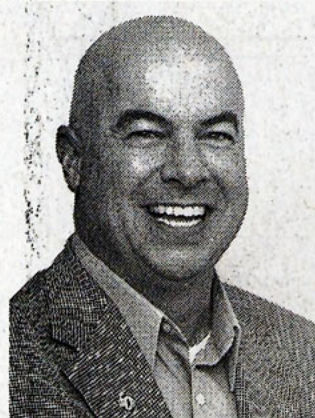
The Fifth Street Jazz Collective started in 2007 and got their name from Fifth Street, here in Edmond.

"All of the faculty who teach in the jazz studies division are all active professional players also, so we've played together in many different contexts over the years from different groups," Gorrell said.

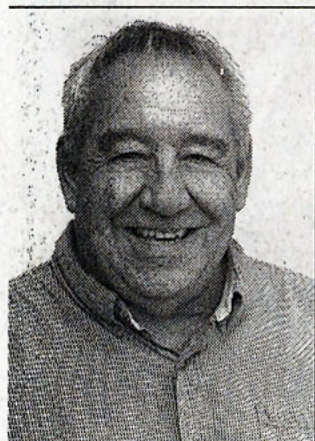
For example, next week is the Oklahoma Hall of Fame Banquet that happens once a year, where there's always a big band on stage and many of them do that. They also play at high schools as a way to interact with the high school students, as well.



Brian Gorrell, Head of Jazz Studies at UCO. Photo provided.



Jeff Kidwell, Assistant Director of Jazz Studies and Jazz Lab Operations.



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UCO students present pseudo science fair



Students present their research during the Pseudo Science Fair on Oct. 28, 2013 in front of Broncho Lake. Photo by Brooks Nickell, The Vista.

Brooks Nickell

Staff Writer

Dr. Caleb W. Lack, assistant professor of psychology and the counseling practicum coordinator in the department of psychology at the University of Central Oklahoma, alongside students from his Science vs. Pseudo Science course, hosted a pseudo science fair adjacent to Broncho Lake Monday Oct. 28, 2013.

Booths were set up along the sidewalk where students presented topical misconceptions within the realm of science.

"We want to help people," Stephanie Menotti, Senior Psychology Major said. "There are booths about climate change and anti vaccination. A lot of people believe things that aren't scientifically based. We want to get facts and information out there for people."

Keia Atkinson, a graduate student in experimental psychology, hosted a booth presenting vaccine denialism. Atkinson displayed information showing the fault in believing vaccines were linked to autism.

Atkinson said that in 1998 a study came out by Andrew Wakefield that stated there was a link between the MMR vaccine and autism. In 2010, after a six year long investigation, it was found out that Wakefield had committed fraud,

manipulating data and working in conjunction with an attorney who was planning on suing the vaccine manufacturers and had a patent on a single pathogen vaccine for each of the pathogens in the MMR vaccine.

"There was actually no causal explanation for why vaccines led to autism in the paper. He just said they did," Atkinson said. "He was totally compromised. The study itself was completely fraudulent, but unfortunately there are people across the globe and especially in the United States, the U.K and in the industrialized world that still believe vaccines have some link to autism. As a result they are delaying vaccination or forgoing it entirely with their children."

Atkinson went on to explain that as a result of the choice to wait or forgo vaccinations, outbreaks of diseases that haven't been seen in the last 50 years, such as measles or whooping cough, were becoming an issue.

"These are diseases that kill children and yet, we haven't had to deal with them in the past 50 or 60 years because of vaccines," Atkinson said. "Now we're seeing pockets of whooping cough in Texas."

As Dr. Lack explained, these pseudo sciences don't follow the scientific method and can't be held as truth. However, the overwhelming amount of people that buy into these beliefs has inspired the class

to not only communicate accurate information to the public, but also try and explain why people believe these charades.

Atkinson spoke as to why he felt people still believed that there was a link to autism hidden within vaccinations.

"Unfortunately, people don't know what causes autism," Atkinson said. "When you don't have an explanation, you try to find one. Because this guy who is a medical doctor said that vaccines lead to autism, it's going to be hard to flush out of the cultural zeitgeist because it wasn't disproved for 12 or so years after it originally came out. He has already had an impact."

Dr. Lack hoped that the public education would help people think about what science was and help them to develop more critical thinking skills.

"Take astrology for example. Thirty percent of people believe in it and it's complete nonsense. I hope people that visit the booths adopt a more critical mindset, not just believing something is true because this person told you, but actually looking at the evidence, weighing that out and then coming to the best decision."

In addition to the booths, students from Lack's class were also required to blog about the pseudo sciences. Those blogs can be found at www.Skepticlnk.com.

New Website Gives Haunting Information About Your Home

Heather Dillingham

Contributing Writer

A new website created by a South Carolina landlord, used to tell if someone has died in a home, reports that no deaths have occurred at the University of Central Oklahoma despite the stories.

Roy Condrey, Co-CEO and President of DiedInHouse.com, partners with multiple companies who provide death records.

"It really touches a lot of people," Condrey said as he explained that his website serves both those who are interested in

the paranormal and those interested in the real estate aspect.

UCO has four buildings that are said to be haunted, according to Jernye Werth, a speech pathology junior at UCO and Issues and Ideas Director of the Student Programming Board, who recently held ghost tours at Old North.

According to Werth, Mitchell Hall reportedly had a maintenance worker named Thorton die on the job. The original owners of the Alumni house died inside and an old wives tale says that UCO's first president, Richard Thatcher,

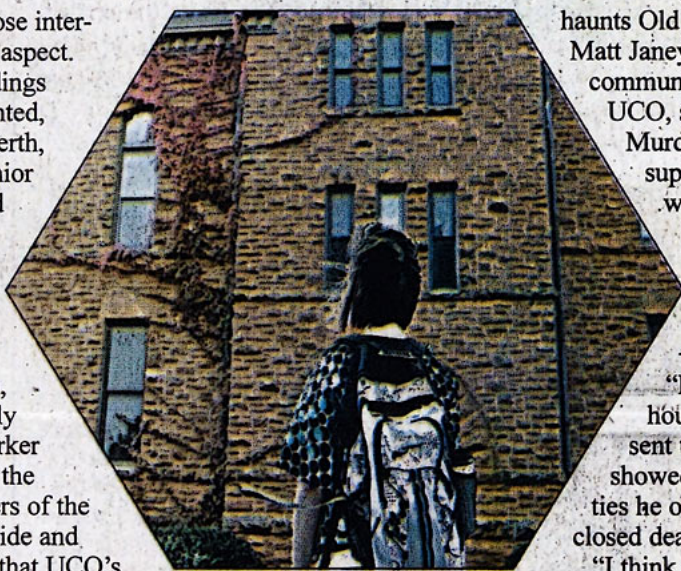


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haunts Old North.

Matt Janey, a senior strategic communications major at UCO, said the fourth is Murdaugh Hall, which is supposedly haunted by a woman who died in the dorms when it was female housing.

Before the creation of this site, a text message reading, "Did you know your house was haunted," was sent to Condrey. Research showed that multiple properties he owned hosted undisclosed deaths.

"I think that information does affect that decision," he said.

A death in a home can lower the sale or rental value. Only California and Alaska have laws of disclosure regarding death in homes. Both are limited laws with time frames and/or exceptions, according to Condrey.

DiedInHouse.com, launched in June, was created as a centralized avenue for customers to find this information for a fee of about \$12.

Research can be done without the website by talking with neighbors, checking online and searching governmental documents, Condrey said.

He stresses that results are not all inclusive since they are constantly updating their records.

Dr. Kole Kleeman, professor of media studies, teaches a course regarding Gays and Lesbians in film and media and believes that the non-discrimination policies taken by Betz and the university have made an important impact towards the progress and acceptance of the LGBT community on campus.

Kleeman went on to stress how important the clauses were, saying, "Well for one you need institutional, legal writing about non-discrimination, and I happened to be a victim of discrimination here over my sexual orientation, it was not fun at all. Fortunately at the time there was something in the student handbook which helped me."

He thinks that UCO has progressed considerably compared to when he began teaching nearly two decades ago, adding, "I think when I first came here we were a group that was probably in the homecoming parade and laughed at, now I think SAFE is one of the biggest student organizations on campus, and under Dr. David Macey they do considerable work for change. I know I come out more in

my classes than I felt comfortable many many years ago, although I don't always come out and I don't always feel comfortable, but I think there has been change over time. I'm not saying that we're totally embraced by any means, but I think the fact that I teach a course on it brings more of a scholarly understanding."

Kleeman echoed Betz's idea that this was an issue of equal rights and freedoms that should be shared by all, adding that there is no "gay agenda," and that it is all about being an equal member of society, and having the same rights across the spectrum, citing gay marriage as a question of civil liberties.

As for how the progress has been towards the acceptance of the LGBT community, Kleeman feels that great strides have been made, adding, "I feel that the students are more accepting, I think this generation has had a lot more personal contact, we're talking about a movement that started in the 1970s, a movement that was underground before then. That's just a little over 40 years."

President Betz



President Betz accepted an award from The Cimarron Alliance on Oct. 18, 2013. Photo by Cyn Sheng Ling, The Vista.

UCO Campus Welcomes in Autumn 2013



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The trees on UCO's campus welcome in fall with a rainbow of colors. Photo by Quang Pho, The Vista.



Students take a walk across campus, passing fall foliage. Photo by Cyn Sheng Ling, The Vista.



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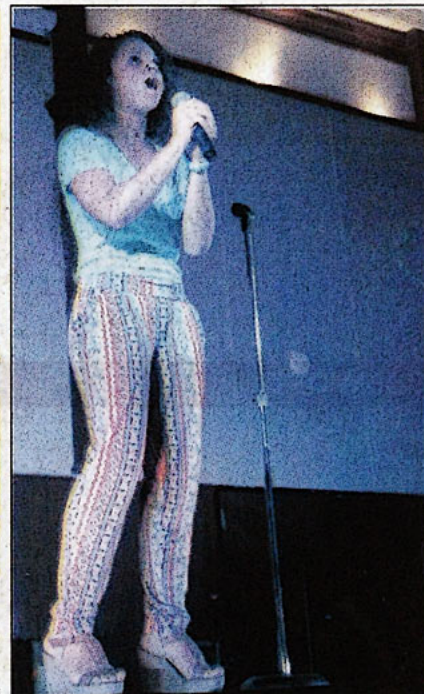
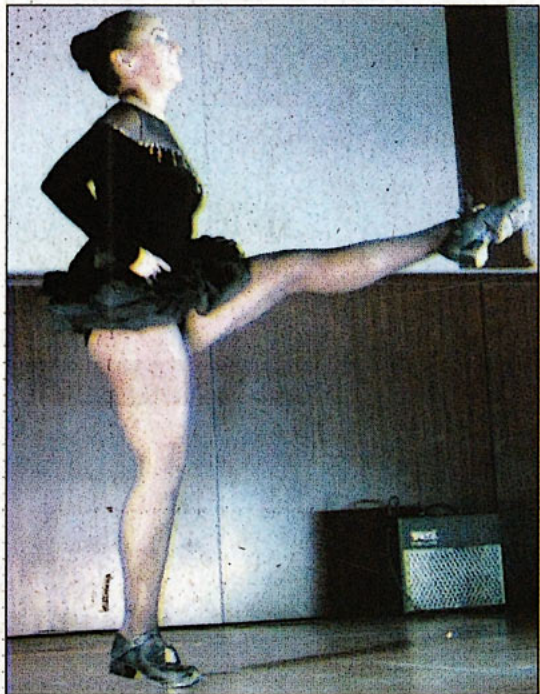
A Glance at Colorful Talent



Members of Lots 'O Flannel, representing Leaders Of Tomorrow, perform during the UCO homecoming talent show on Monday, October 28, 2013. Photo by Alik Dyer, The Vista.



(Right) Jillian Goodman, representing Alpha Gamma Delta, performs "Broncho's Paradise" complete with back up dancers during the UCO homecoming week talent show on Monday, October 28, 2013. Photo by Alik Dyer, The Vista.



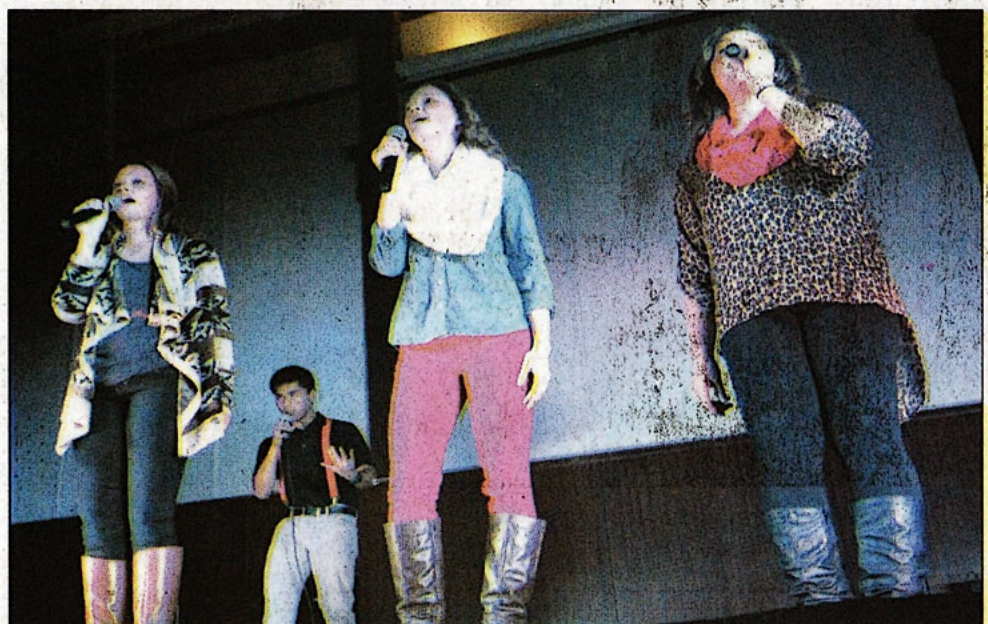
(Left) Olivia Cavazos, representing PLC, performs a dance during the UCO homecoming week talent show on Monday, October 28, 2013. (Center) Runners take off at the start of the UCO Get Moore Color Run 5k on Tuesday, October 29, 2013. (Right) Whitney Cravens, representing Diversity Round Table, performs a song at the UCO homecoming week talent show on Monday, October 28, 2013. Photos by Alik Dyer, The Vista.



From left: Jamie Jekel, Kyle Yeager and Austin Sheehy, representing Alpha Gamma Delta and Pi Kappa Alpha, perform an acoustic "Stand By Me" during the UCO homecoming week talent show on Monday, October 28, 2013. Photo by Alik Dyer, The Vista.



Runners throw their hands up to get bombed with color during UCO Homecoming's Get Moore Color Run 5k on Tuesday, October 29, 2013. Photo by Alik Dyer, The Vista.



(Left) Members of Tetrachord representing Delta Zeta perform a song a capella at the UCO homecoming talent show on Monday, October 28, 2013. (Center) Randi Foreman gets pelted with pink dust while running through UCO Homecoming's Get Moore Color Run 5k on Tuesday, October 29, 2013. Photos by Alik Dyer, The Vista.



Shane Foshee skates through masses of color on roller blades during UCO Homecoming's Get Moore Color Run 5k on Tuesday, October 29, 2013. Photo by Alik Dyer, The Vista.



Homecoming Queen Candidate, Courtney Conrad, runs through clouds of color during UCO Homecoming's Get Moore Color Run 5k on Tuesday, October 29, 2013. Photo by Alik Dyer, The Vista.

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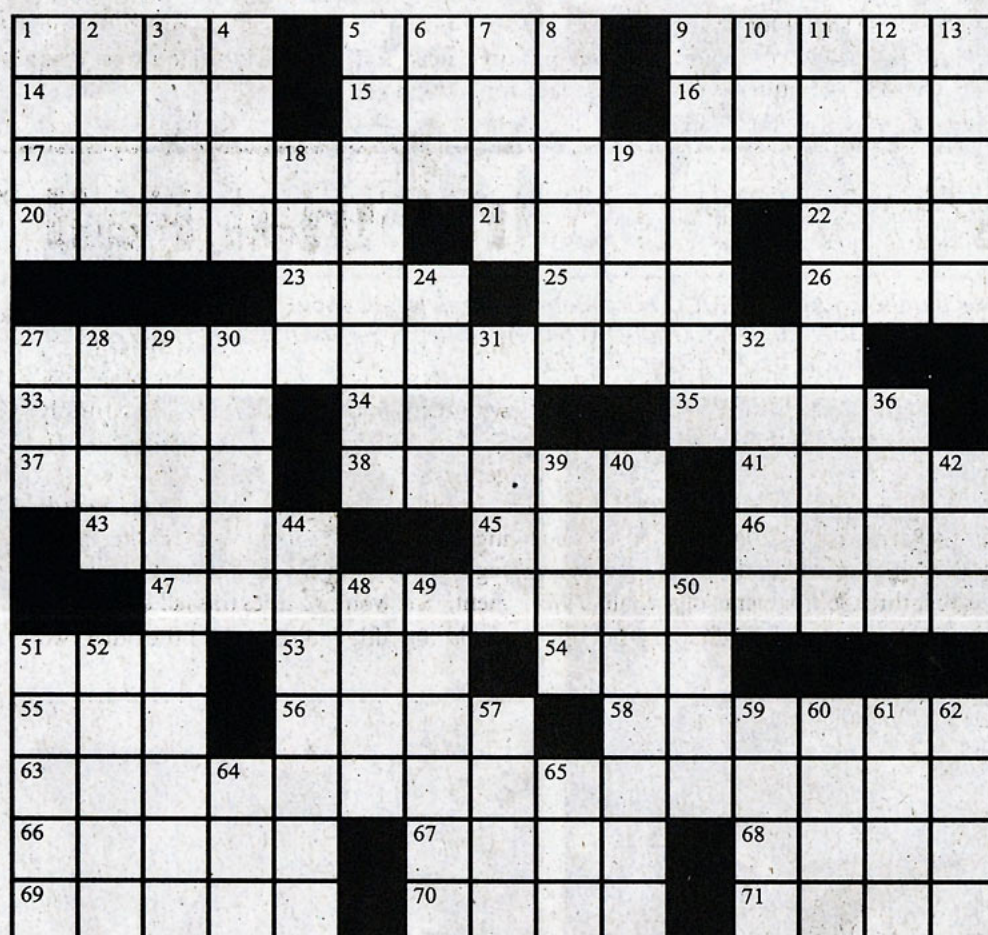
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1. Acquire
5. Caroled
9. Fractional units of Greek currency
14. #1 spot
15. Ticket info, maybe
16. French romance
17. Electronics boards
20. Type of cabbage
21. Bow
22. "The Matrix" hero
23. "___ bad!"
25. ___ few rounds
26. Clinton, e.g.: Abbr.
27. Food source for babies
33. Bang-up
34. "___ say!"
35. Beanery sign
37. The "A" of ABM
38. Choppers, so to speak
41. House
43. "Roots," e.g.
45. "___ Cried" (1962 hit)
46. Cork's country
47. Rude
51. Newspaper div.
53. Nod, maybe



54. "___ any drop to drink":

Coleridge

55. Branch

56. One of the armed forces

58. Snacks

63. Not prone to wrinkles

66. Door part

67. Flight data, briefly

68. Sunburn relief

69. Banana oil, e.g.

70. Bluster

71. Canine cry

Down

1. Absorbed
2. Almond
3. Gulf V.I.P.
4. ___ Station
5. "Hurry up!"
6. A hand
7. Adam's apple spot
8. Foreigner
9. Produce milk
10. Australian runner
11. Christmas flower
12. Student getting one-on-one help
13. Bad lighting?

18. South American monkey
19. Carrot, e.g.
24. Eye
27. J.F.K. overseer
28. A long, long time
29. Inclusion of
30. Condescend
31. Grace word
32. ___-guided
36. Breed
39. Dilute
40. Person dedicated to pursuit of pleasure
42. ___ bit
44. Plaintiff
48. Yorkshire river
49. Closer
50. "Aeneid" figure
51. Secret store
52. Gold braid
57. Greek cheese
59. "Don't go!"
60. Fit
61. Carbon compound
62. Increase, with "up"
64. "Act your ___!"
65. Gabriel, for one

RANDOM FACTS

Google, the 1998 Internet search company founded by Larry Page and Sergey Brin, got its name from the word Googol, which represents number 1 followed by one hundred zeros after it.

In early drafts of the Back to the Future script, the time machine was built out of an old refrigerator.

Sweaters were originally knitted from unwashed wool because the natural oils made the garment more waterproof.

Grey Poupon wasn't given its name because of the color of the mustard. The moniker actually comes from the names of two 18th century mustard firms from Dijon, run by Maurice Grey and Antoine Poupon.

Opossums are the only marsupials native to North America.

RANDOM QUOTES

A man without ambition is dead. A man with ambition but no love is dead. A man with ambition and love for his blessings here on earth is ever so alive. Having been alive, it won't be so hard in the end to lie down and rest.
- Pearl Bailey

I look forward to an America in which commands respect throughout the world, not only for its strength, but for its civilization as well. And I look forward to a world in which we will be safe not only for democracy and diversity but also for personal distinction
- John F. Kennedy

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Wrestling

Associated Press

UCO Picked Second In MIAA Mat Poll

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (Oct. 30) -- Defending Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association dual champion Central Oklahoma is picked No. 2 in the preseason coaches' poll, the league office announced Wednesday.

The Bronchos, who went 5-0 in winning last year's dual title, earned two first-place votes and 32 points in finishing three points behind Nebraska-Kearney. The Lopers, who won the conference tournament title by a slim margin over UCO en route to winning the national championship, earned five first-place votes.

UNK was ranked No. 2 and the Bronchos No. 3 in the pre-season NCAA Division II national rankings that came out last week.

Rounding out the MIAA poll was Fort Hays State, Lindenwood, Central Missouri, Truman State and Newman.

The conference crowns both a dual and tournament champion.

MIAA Preseason Coaches' Poll

1. Nebraska-Kearney (35 points)
2. Central Oklahoma (32)
3. Fort Hays State (23)
4. Lindenwood (22)
5. Truman State (11)
6. Newman (10)

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Golf

Heat get rings, then hold off Bulls 107-95

MIAMI (AP) — They got their rings before the game, then a challenge as it was winding down.

The Miami Heat responded to both.

Shane Battier went 4 for 4 from 3-point range, including a critical one from the right corner with 1:33 remaining, and the Heat wasted most of what was a 25-point lead before holding off Derrick Rose and the Chicago Bulls 107-95 on Tuesday night in the season-opener for both teams.

LeBron James scored 17 points for Miami, which got its 2013 NBA championship rings in a pregame ceremony. The Heat trailed 9-2 early, then outscored Chicago 52-24 over the remainder of the first half.

Rose finished with 12 points in 34 minutes in his first game since a serious knee injury in April 2012. Carlos Boozer had 31 points and seven rebounds for Chicago, which got within eight points in the final minutes.

But Battier's right-corner 3 — a staple for the Heat — snuffed out the comeback, and Miami wasn't in trouble again.

Chris Bosh scored 16 points, Battier finished with 14 and Dwyane Wade and Mario Chalmers each had 13 for Miami, which had seven players score in double figures.

Ray Allen and Norris Cole each scored 11 for Miami.

Rose shot 4 for 15 for the Bulls.

By halftime, Miami was rolling, up 54-33 — putting the game on pace for

a 108-66 final, which would have exactly matched the score of the game, in 2006 when Chicago came into Miami and spoiled the Heat franchise's first ring night.

Not this time, though the Bulls made it plenty interesting down the stretch.

A layup by Butler with 5:34 left got the Bulls within 15, and after he missed the ensuing free throw, the rebound made its way to Kirk Hinrich — who made a 3-pointer that cut Miami's lead to 91-79.

Hinrich fouled out on the ensuing Miami possession, and Rose checked back in with 5:14 left after spending the entire fourth quarter to that point on the bench. Wade scored seconds later, the Heat followed that with a stop, and James simply overpowered Luol Deng in the post on the next trip to restore the 16-point lead.

But again, the Bulls weren't done, cutting the lead to 95-87 on a drive by Boozer with 2:47 left. They would get no closer, and Miami held on despite giving up 37 points in the final quarter.

Rose's start was promising early, with two early drives for impressive scores. The Bulls led 15-10 when Rose checked out for the first time with 3:36 left in the opening quarter.

When he returned, the lead was gone for good. The Heat outscored the Bulls 13-3 in Rose's first stint on the bench, turning a five-point lead into a five-point deficit, and by then the Heat were off and running.

Over a 4-minute stretch of the second quarter, everything changed.

Rose's surgically repaired knee might be fine, but in the basketball vernacular, Cole broke the ankles of the 2011 NBA MVP — starting a run that turned what was a tight game into a romp. Cole faked out Rose on the dribble, causing the Bulls' star to tumble over, and the Heat reserve connected on an 18-foot jumper that sent the Miami bench leaping from its seats.

That began the 17-0 run. The Bulls missed nine straight shots, Rose getting blocked by Bosh on one, and the Heat went to work. Miami shot 7 for 10 during the burst, which was capped by a driving layup by James with 4:23 left, and suddenly the Heat led 41-20.

It was a runaway, and became a grind-it-out win.

NOTES: Since the Heat entered the league, reigning NBA champions are 21-5 in their opening game of the ensuing season. ... The Heat visit the Philadelphia 76ers on Wednesday. Chicago's next game is Thursday, its home opener against the New York Knicks. ... Going back to last season's Eastern Conference semifinals, Miami has won five straight games over the Bulls. ... James is 31 points shy of 25,000 for his career, if including regular-season and playoff games. He would be the 28th player in NBA history to reach that milestone.

UCO Finishes Third In Final Fall Tourney

CONOVER, N.C. (Oct. 29) — Central Oklahoma ended its fall season with another impressive outing here Tuesday as the Bronchos finished third in the Rock Barn Collegiate Invitational.

Taylor Neidy shot a one-over-par 72 to pace UCO, which closed with a 294 on the par-71 Rock Barn Golf Club — site of the 2014 NCAA Division II Championships — to end the two-day, 36-hole tournament at 592.

The 14th-ranked Bronchos trailed just No.

3 Lynn (565) and No. 6 Tarleton State (573) in the 14-team tourney while finishing three shots ahead of No. 12 Dallas Baptist. UCO made up a six-stroke deficit to DBU in moving up from fourth to third in the final standings.

"We played pretty well today and I was happy that we got past Dallas Baptist," said head coach Michael Bond, whose team won their first three tournaments of the fall. "We had a bad back nine on the first day, but other

than that it was a good tournament for us and we did a lot of good things this fall."

Neidy's 72 was UCO's low score of the day, with the Bronchos also getting 73s from Aly Seng and Bethany Darrough while June Tigest shot 76 and Katie Bensch 77.

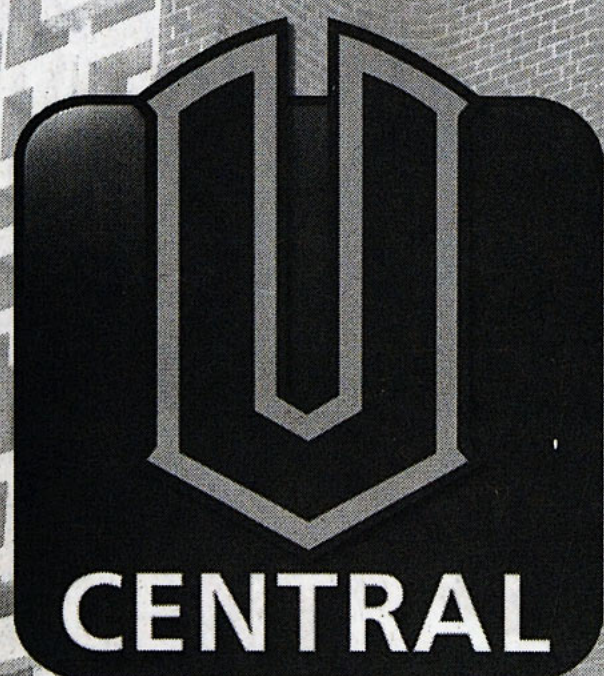
Darrough was fifth in the individual standings with an even-par 142 total after playing the par-5s in five-under for the tournament. She won two titles this fall in addition to placing fifth and seventh in the other two

meets.

Neidy tied for seventh at two-over-par 144 and made 26 pars in the two days. She also ended the fall with four top-seven finishes, coming in second twice and seventh twice.

UCO will resume the 2013-14 season March 3-4 in the Diffe Invitational at the Greens Country Club in Oklahoma City.

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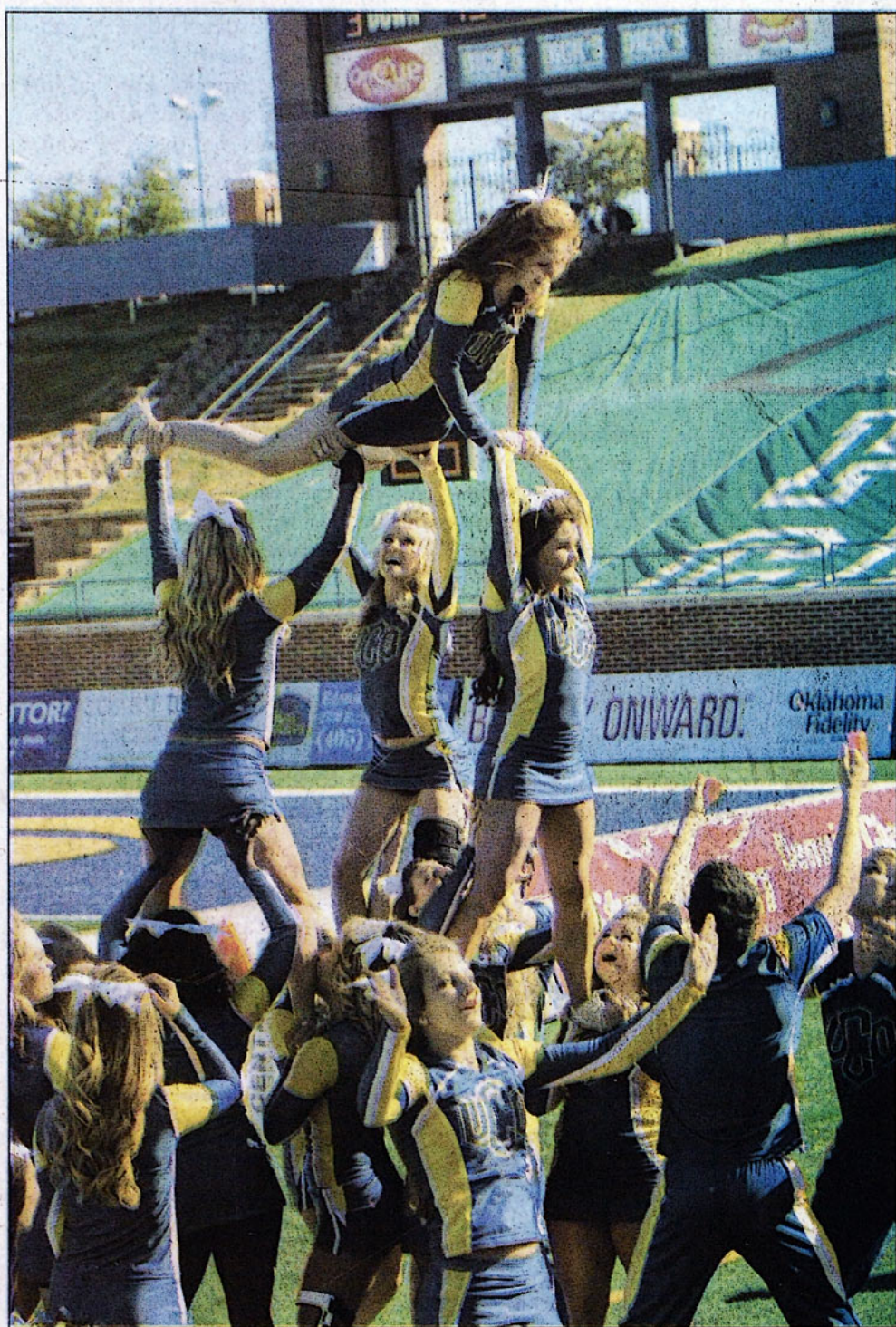
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Central Oklahoma prepares for homecoming



UCO cheerleaders build a pyramid during the game against Central Missouri on Oct. 19, 2013. Photo by Cyn Sheng Ling, The Vista.

Women's Basketball

Austin Litterell

Sports Reporter

UCO football returns to action this weekend after having a bye last Saturday. UCO will face the Lincoln Blue Tigers this Saturday for homecoming at 2 p.m. This will also be the last home game of the season, as they try to finish with three straight victories.

Saturday will be the last home appearance for 10 seniors. Joshua Birmingham, Adrian Nelson, Devoris Dozier, Adrian Shoecraft, Cameron Pound, Sterling Koons, Rakin Dawkins, C.J. Carson, Christian Bobo and Antonio Jenkins will sport a UCO home uniform for their final time.

Wins have been hard to come by this season, for both teams. The two foes will come into this game with a combined 1-14 record. Lincoln's one win came against Grambling State out of Missouri.

The two teams have met only once in their history. UCO earned a big 56-25 win over the Blue Tigers last year in Jefferson, City. UCO was able to dominate on the ground last season, piling up 365 yards rushing, 272 from Joshua Birmingham. The Broncos will need to continue that success on Saturday.

When head coach Nick Bobeck was asked about his opinion on Lincoln, he said, "They got some big kids. Obviously, they're gonna be a pretty good looking football team, but they've struggled this year. You know these last three teams that we play have struggled and many of them in much the same way that we have."

He feels that the matchups in these last

three games are better for the Broncos than the first part of the season. He is confident the team will be able to compete on a higher level with these teams.

For both schools, it has been a tough year on the defensive side of the ball. Keeping teams from scoring has been a struggle.

Lincoln gives up 44 points per game while UCO is giving up 54 points per game. For UCO, though, Lincoln is the only team they will face who is not averaging over 30 points per game.

The defense will have to worry about the balance from Lincoln's offense. Lincoln only has 36 more rushing attempts than pass attempts on the season.

On offense, UCO will need to attack the rush defense of the Blue Tigers. Lincoln ranks 13th in the MIAA in rush defense, giving up 267 yards on average.

If in best shape, expect a heavy dose of carriers from Joshua Birmingham, who has been hampered with an ankle injury and Jake Gandara, who has played well when he has been on the field this year.

Being able to have success on the ground, should open up the play action game for the Broncos and whichever quarterback plays.

Bobeck talked about the health of Adrian Nelson by saying, "He'll practice tomorrow and we'll see where he is as far as being able to play or not. He feels good, the pain and so forth has subsided quite a bit. He didn't practice at all last week."

After this game, UCO will finish on the road against Southwest Baptist and Northeastern State.

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OBU holds off late Broncos' comeback

Rick Lemon

Contributing Writer

The Lady Broncos basketball team had their first exhibition game against the Oklahoma Baptist Bison, Tuesday night.

Unfortunately, for UCO not much went right. The Broncos could not find their shooting motion and only hit 19.4 percent of their shots in the first half, including 10.3 percent from behind the arc.

You could tell that the game would be a physical contest right off of the first possession, which also included the first foul of the game. That theme would continue throughout the night as the two teams combined for 64 fouls and 85 free throws.

Despite a sizeable height advantage by the Bison in the interior, the Broncos managed to out-rebound OBU 49-44, resulting in a second chance point advantage of 24-4. The Broncos also forced 21 turnovers, while only giving away 16 and were successful at moving the ball all night.

All of these stats show that there is tremendous potential for improvement from the Broncos and if they can find their shooting stroke, they'll be a force to be reckoned with in conference play.

Despite the offensive struggles, UCO had a few different opportunities to take this game over and came close on several occasions.

The Lady Bison took a lead of 39-29 going into halftime, but the Broncos came roar-

ing back in the second and tried to rally.

After a three pointer by the Bison's top scorer, their lead increased to 42-29. Then the Broncos took advantage of an OBU cold streak to go on a 14-4 run and cut the lead to three points.

After that, the Bison were able to re-distance themselves and did not let the Broncos back within five points for the rest of the game.

As far as individual performances for the game, Julia Mason, a sophomore transfer from University of Central Arkansas, led the way in the scoring department with 17 points.

Jill Bryan also had a solid performance, putting up 15 points, nine rebounds and two steals in the start of her senior campaign and Haley Weathers, coming off her redshirt season last year, was able to chip in 14 points with eight rebounds and a couple of steals, as she battles for a starting spot this year.

The Broncos finish their two-game exhibition schedule in Norman next Tuesday, when they face the Sooners at 7 p.m.

UCO then opens their regular season in Austin, Texas on Nov. 8-9 with the St. Edwards Classic.



UCO forward Jill Bryan drives against a Northeastern player in the 2011-2012 season. Photo provided by The Vista Archives.

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