

## UCO Homecoming kicks off with service project

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The University of Central Oklahoma students volunteered at the Oklahoma Regional Food Bank for the tornado relief victims on Saturday to kick off the series of homecoming events.

Erick Silva and Daniel Woods of Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity said their fraternity helped keep food stocked and built boxes to put food in, along with the rest of volunteers.

When asked how it felt to give back, Silva responded, "It feels really good knowing that you are helping someone out."

"It feels awesome, I think it really puts in perspective when you come down here and do something really rewarding for both yourself and its going to directly help somebody," said Woods.

Woods explained that the activities were beneficial to the victims.

When asked about their decision to help others, Silva stated, "I thought it would be opportunity to give back to the community."

Woods said, "It's a great opportunity. It's apart of our homecoming week to come out and support the community."

Upcoming events will follow through Saturday, the UCO website provides a complete schedule.

Some of the events will include UCO's annual 5K Run that will begin at 5 p.m. on Tuesday to raise profits for the Tornado Relief Efforts, the annual Alumni Recognition Ceremony Awards that will start at 11:30 a.m. and the inductions to the UCO Athletic Hall of Fame will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Voting for the homecoming king and queen will end Wednesday at 11:59 p.m.

When asked how it feels to be nominated, homecoming candidate Vincent Burr said, "There is no feeling like it...I felt myself that being apart of homecoming would be a major achievement. Whether I win or lose, it's a major achievement for me."

The week will end with the UCO Annual Cheer and Dance Competition at 9:30 p.m. on Friday in the Hamilton Field House.

On Saturday the Parade will begin at 10 a.m. with the tailgate following at 12 p.m. The football game will start at 2 p.m. against the Lincoln University Blue Tigers.

Members of the fraternity Pi Kappa Alpha participate in community service as a part of the UCO Homecoming Day of Service. Pi Kappa Alpha volunteered at the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma on Oct. 26. Photos by Aliko Dyer, The Vista.

## UCO Library expands with video games



Photo by Aliko Dyer, The Vista.

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Video games and academia grow closer at the University of Central Oklahoma with the recent addition of a small collection of game titles to the Max Chambers Library.

The collection includes titles for Microsoft's XBOX 360 and the Nintendo Wii, including "Halo 4" and "The Legend of Zelda: Twilight Princess."

Luci Seem, Multimedia Specialist at the Max Chambers Library, stated that anyone interested in seeing all of the titles available can do so online.

"Any games in our collection can be found by doing a search in the Central Search on the Library page. On the left side bar, select "Games Collection" to see a current list," Seem said.

The video game section came after the grant requested by UCO Professor Wayne Stein was accepted last February.

"The current video games available in the library are due to a grant I wrote requesting that UCO hold video games. I won a 2013 Faculty Material Grant by the Friends of the Library," Stein said. "I have requested those games be in the library for a number of years. Nice to see the games are in the library."

Stein went on to say that the addition of video games to the library was inevitable, given the medium's rapidly increasing popularity, not just commercially, but academically, as well.

"Video games now outsell DVDs. Universities have been teaching classes about cinema for years," Stein said. "Now is the time to teach classes about video games."

UCO Professor James Darro said he thought the idea to add video games to the library would benefit students not only interested in learning about them, but also financially.

"For research purposes, I do believe students should have access to games they can look at without having to pay for them," Darro said.

Darro, who teaches a class on writing video narratives, admitted that while he does not play many video games, he recognizes and respects the medium's importance, as well as the evolving quality of the stories games are telling.

"The library's decision to loan out video games was very cool, but I only heard about it after the fact," UCO professor Mark Silcox said. "I'd love to see at least a Game Studies minor at UCO, but I think it'll probably take a generation or two, unless we're able to establish much closer ties to the industry so that we can offer vocationally relevant training, as well as just scholarship."

Silcox teaches an upper level Humanities and Philosophies class called "Philosophy of Games." Before he started a career in academics, Silcox worked as a freelance writer in the game industry for companies such as THQ and Westwood studios.

Silcox stated that he was not involved in the recent inclusion of video games to the library's multimedia collection, but that the move did represent a small step in the medium's academic legitimization at Central.

Both Stein's and Silcox's sentiments play into a larger cultural debate that is this: should video games be considered art?

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## Edmond to host Open Streets event

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The Edmond Bicycle Committee, alongside the Edmond City Council, will bring the first Open Streets Project event seen in Oklahoma, to Edmond on Nov. 3, 2013.

Open streets events are aimed at temporarily closing streets to automobile traffic, and allowing people to use them for walking, bicycling, dancing, playing and socializing.

The Open Streets Edmond event will be a celebration of the new road diet that has been implemented along University Drive, adjacent to the University of Central Oklahoma campus and will run from 2-4 p.m.

Edmond City Planner, Jan Fees, allowed that while there are still some Americans with Disabilities Act improvements to be made along University Drive, the grand opening event was something that Edmond, alongside UCO and other community partners, wanted to bring to the public.

"It's this true partnership with the city, with UCO and with the YMCA. We're promoting healthy lifestyles and the benefits of bicycling," Fees said.

University Drive will be shut down from the north side of Ayers St. around to Washington St. during Open Streets Edmond.

The event kicks off at 2 p.m. with a ribbon cutting ceremony. After Edmond City Mayor Charles Lamb cuts the ribbon, a group bike ride will take place along the closed-off street, meeting at the small park to the north of Clergen St. for the unveiling of an "I Love My Bike" sculpture.

"After that it's just a free-for-all to play in the street. We are going to have interactive activities and healthy foods," Fees said. "Flat Tire Burgers is going to do healthy sliders. Gold's Gym will have spin bikes. We are going to have our City Link bus parked in the street so that they can display how to load and unload bikes on the bus."

Fees went on to explain that there would

also be children's activities in the park, a bike handling skills challenge, UCO Outdoor Adventure Recreation info, an ElliptiGo demonstration, outdoor Zumba and much more.

"This is a celebration of the first on-street bicycle facilities in our community," Fees said. "We want to showcase healthy living."

Fees also expressed that planning the



Photo provided.

event to fall on the day after homecoming was in hopes to give students at UCO some downtime after the busy week of events to come out and play.

UCO's Sustainability Coordinator Tim Tillman helped to found the Edmond Bicycle Committee in 2004 and hopes that this event will express to the community the idea of making the shift from a car-centric society to a more shared public space mentality.

"There is a great model that some European countries use. The least vulnerable has the most right of way, starting with pedestrians, and then bicycles, then moving on up the food chain. As you get bigger, your access gets smaller. We kind of do the opposite here in America," Tillman said.

He continued by saying, "When you are in an area as physically dense as the area around campus, you have to take some pretty drastic measures to ensure the safety of your pedestrians and to encourage people to walk and ride their bikes and feel safe doing so."

Tillman allowed that the new road diet and the hopeful insight it would bring to the community, were essential to progress and sustainability.

"A sustainable environment is one that has fewer cars on the road, fewer vehicle emissions. Parking lots are absolutely horrible for the environment. They screw up the water runoff and your storm water quality. If they are paved in black, they create these huge heat sinks, which have very negative effects on the weather as well as utility bills."

Tillman continued by saying, "The whole object of getting fewer cars to come to campus and more bicycles, pedestrians and skateboards greatly impacts the sustainability of the campus environment."

Tillman went on to express that in an ideal world, no more parking would need to be built on campus, only enhancement to the infrastructure. Tillman said that five years ago when the bus route that served campus was under Metro Transit, there was an average of about 40 riders a month. He added that the City Link route, now serving campus, costs the same and serves somewhere around 4,000 riders a month.

"If you build a good system, students are going to use it and they've proven that time and time again," Tillman said.

"Bum-A-Bike's, we started with ten bikes and they said no one would ever use that. Now we have 115 university owned bikes; 50 of them in circulation and within the first two weeks you've got a 70-person waiting list. The programs are popular. Students want it. It's just getting Edmond to kind of catch up. Since we have had these very successful programs, the city can look at it and see that it works and it's what the public wants."

Fees said that consultants were hired to evaluate the master plan and to see what Edmond's next on-street bicycle facilities should be right after this project was finalized.



Fall makes its way to the UCO campus on Oct. 28, 2013. Photo by Quang Pho, The Vista.



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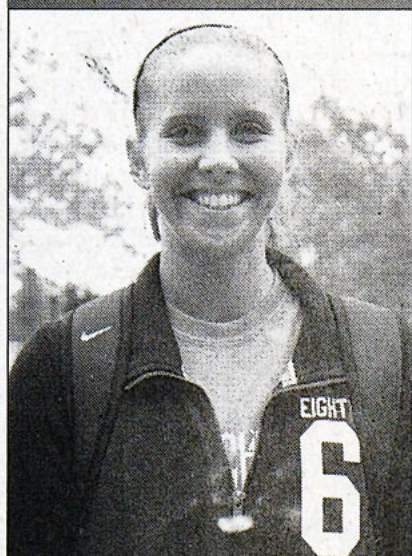
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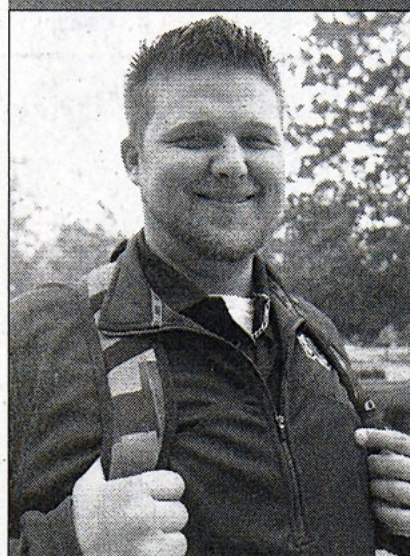
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"Cheer and Dance. It's my first year to be here but I've attended before."

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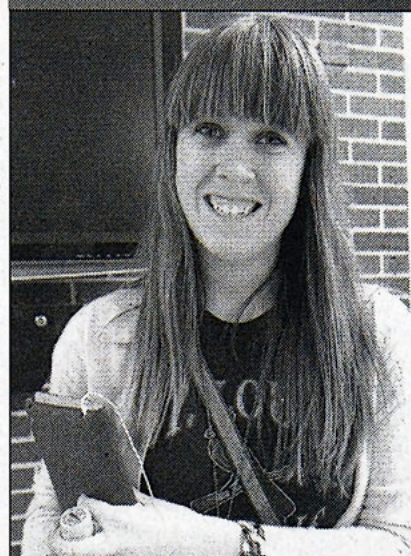
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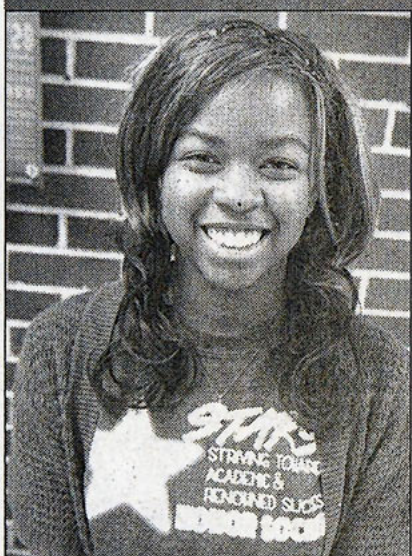
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"I love cheering on my sisters at Cheer and Dance."

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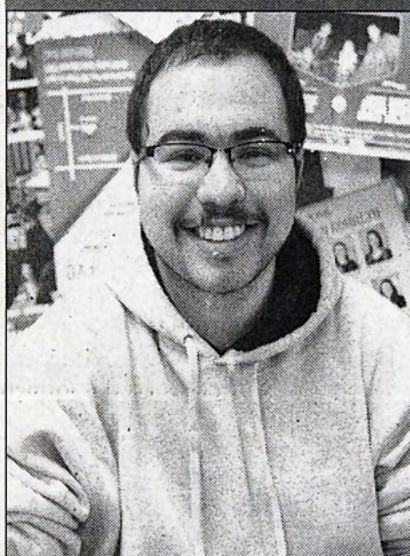
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"Cheer and Dance. It's very fun to watch."

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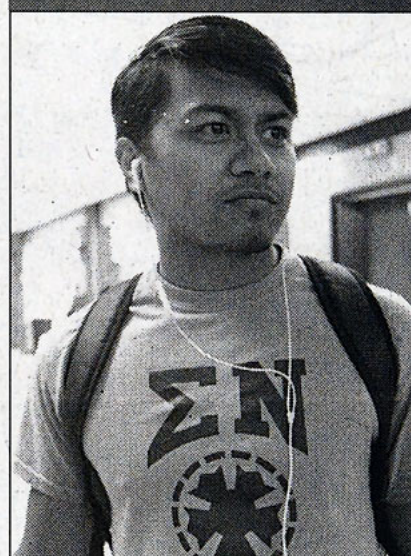
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"I have not attended any events but I look forward to Unity Fest."

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"Cheer and Dance. Mostly because I'm in Cheer and Dance every year. I just like performing in front of a crowd."

## The Season of the Sequel

By: Sarah Neese (Editor-in-Chief)

With a number of long-awaited sequels hitting the big screen this fall and winter, a number of moviegoers and film critics have their tickets purchased for a busy film season.

Kicking off the season with a thundering bang is "Thor: The Dark World," opening in theaters Nov. 8.

Chris Hemsworth, Natalie Portman, Tom Hiddleston and Stellan Skarsgård return to the sequel, which continues The Avengers series of films.

Many die-hard Avengers fans have been anticipating the film since "Thor" made its debut in theaters in 2011.

Only a couple of weeks after the "Thor" premiere comes another sequel.

"The Hunger Games: Catching Fire" premieres in theaters on Nov. 22. The all-star cast returns for the sequel, capturing the story of the second book in the "Hunger Games" series. Philip Seymour Hoffman and Sam Claflin join Jennifer Lawrence, Josh Hutcherson and Liam Hemsworth, adding to the buzz surrounding the film.

On Dec. 13, yet another sequel will hit the box office. "The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug" will open in theaters as the second in the "Lord of the Rings" prequel trilogy. Benedict Cumberbatch and Orlando Bloom join the already star-studded cast as Peter Jackson presents the continuation of J.R.R. Tolkien's "The Hobbit."

The much anticipated "Anchorman 2: The Legend Continues" released its first official movie trailer this week.

Though the movie premiere is a little under two months away, set for Dec. 20, buzz has already started about the movie, its cast and its plot line.

The cast has gained a number of big-name celebrities. These include Harrison Ford, Kristen Wiig, Jim Carrey, Liam Neeson, Kirsten Dunst, Nicole Kidman and Sacha Baron Cohen. Tina Fey, Amy Poehler and John C. Reilly also join the cast.

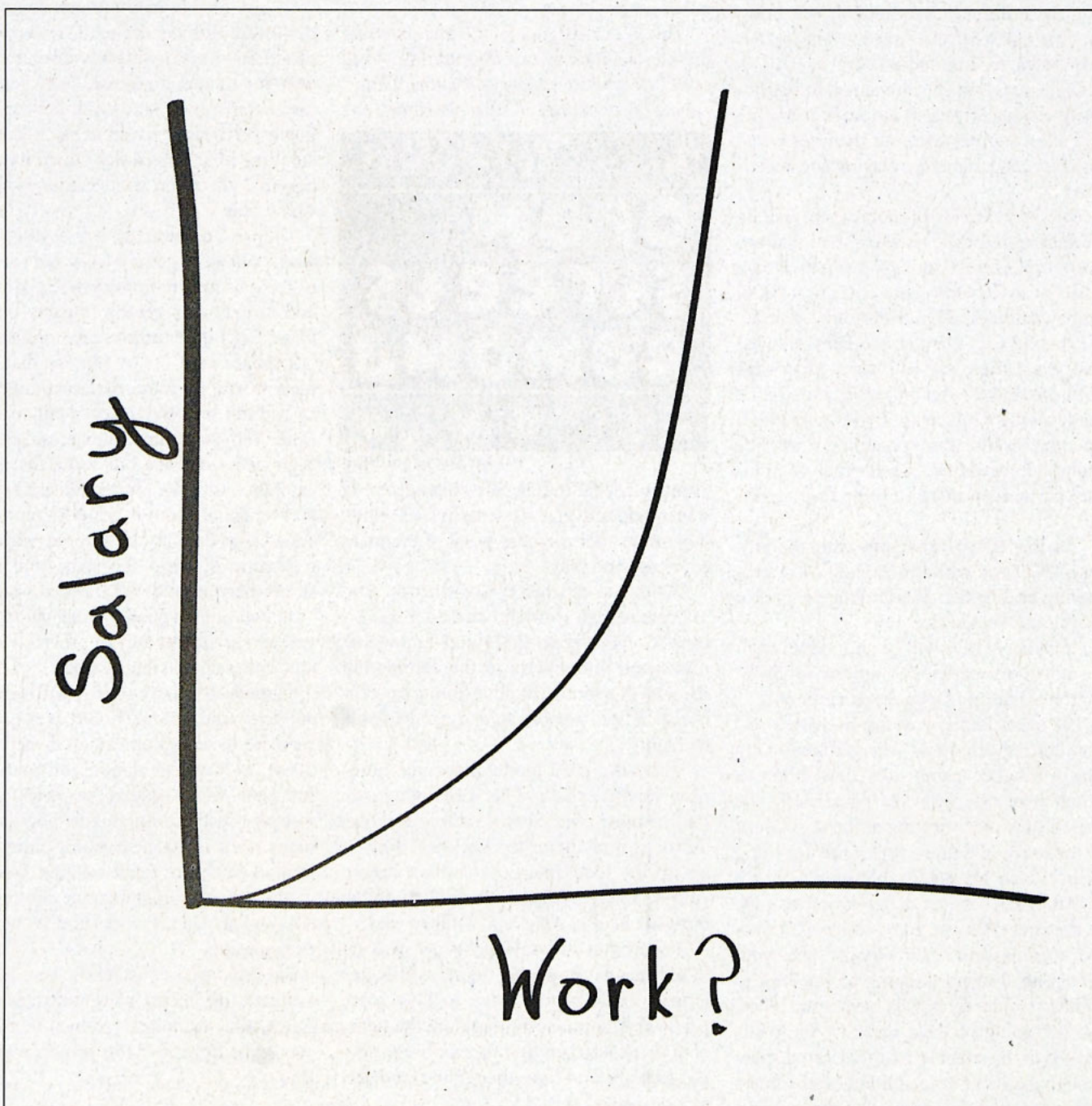
However, perhaps the most talked about appearance in the film is that of Kanye West. Though no one is quite sure what his appearance will entail, West's presence in the film is likely to be calm and collected.

With a jam packed comedic cast, "Anchorman 2" is anticipated to end the year with a bang, potentially collecting the title of comedy of the year.

The box office for the coming season is filled to the brim with sequels.

Grab the popcorn, sip a soda and enjoy the movie.

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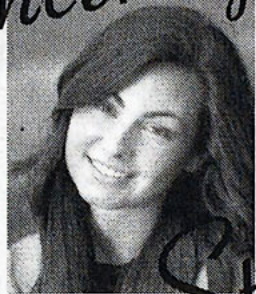


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Opinion

# Sincerely, Stevie Getting Away



By Stevie Armstrong

The foreign turquoise water rushes up to your sandy feet, while the salty air sticks to your skin. The foamy waves sing their hymns as they pull away all your troubles. The sand stuck to your body creates a barrier between you and reality, while the humid ocean air blows through your hair, forcing it to relax and forget the stresses of the world.

Unfortunately, life isn't always as simple as a day on the beach. Life can be quite demanding sometimes, especially as a college student. With all the pressures of succeeding in class, making enough money at the little job you can hardly maintain and constantly plan-

ning the next step of the future, life puts a lot of weight on our shoulders.

Colleges and universities are aware of this. Therefore, they try to set up counseling and seminars in attempt to teach students how to deal with stress. It's simpler than that, though. Sometimes, you just have to get away.

My favorite getaway spot is the ocean and any warm ocean will do. For those of you who know me, this is no surprise. There's something about the marine atmosphere that dissolves all my anxious and suppressed thoughts.

Since I live in landlocked Oklahoma, endless blue water

is not always readily available. So between saltwater visits, I have to find a substitute that will suffice for the meantime.

One of the best places that I've found to get away is Lake Hefner. If you've ever noticed, no one seems to have a negative attitude around that setting. Also, whether alone, with a good friend or accompanied by your canine companion, the surroundings seem to take your mind off of the world's harshness.

Another great place to just get away is simply confiding in someone who makes you see life in a positive light. You don't even have to go a very far distance to get away from reality.

When you're with a close friend who makes you smile until your cheeks hurt and laugh until your abs are in pain, you're as far as you need to go.

Life has its positives and its negatives. Without the negatives, we wouldn't know how good the positive times feel. Unfortunately, it seems as though the negatives build up and weigh us down a lot quicker than the positives do.

When this happens, there's nothing wrong with just getting away.

Sincerely, Stevie

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## Governor's Arts Award Recipient Chosen for Contributions to the Oklahoma Arts Community

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Staff Writer

The Oklahoma Arts Council named Kimberly Powell, from KCSC classical radio, the recipient of the 2013 Governor's Arts Award in the "Media in the Arts" category because of her contributions to the Oklahoma arts community.

Powell serves as KCSC's mid-day host, director of production and syndication and host and producer of KCSC's "Performance Oklahoma."

Powell will be acknowledged mainly for her development of "Performance Oklahoma."

Performance Oklahoma airs each week from 8-10 p.m. on Wednesdays on KCSC 90.1 Edmond Oklahoma City and 91.9 KBCW McAlester and from 8-10 p.m. on Saturdays on Public Radio Tulsa's KWTU 88.7.

It features the Oklahoma City Philharmonic's Classics Series, along with performances from the OK Mozart International Festival, the Armstrong Auditorium series, Brightmusic Society of Oklahoma, Chamber Music in Oklahoma, Canterbury Choral Society, and guest and faculty artist series offered at Oklahoma colleges and universities, including the University of Central Oklahoma, KCSC's licensee.

Powell grew up in Oklahoma City and earned her bachelor and master degrees in music from Northwestern University. She worked for 25 years as a professional col-

laborative pianist and coach, appearing with artists and performers in concerts across the United States and on American Public Media's "Performance Today."

Powell said, "Radio is truly a surprise, but it makes some sense in hindsight because the thread through my life, fed by enormous passion and drive, centers in reaching people through the expression of great music. That commitment has broadened in scope and I think even deepened as I have moved from a performing and coaching musician to radio host and producer."

She continued to say, "Radio offers captivating possibilities in music presentation because of the inherently intimate character and audio-only dimension of the medium. You feel as if you are just a voice to a listener and there's no visual to distract."

When Powell became the Director of Production and Syndication at KCSC, she was given the responsibility for a weekly two-hour time slot called Community Curtain Call, which was a community revue of recent classical music performances, some of which were actually recorded by a station staff member.

She had been in radio for six months at the time and had to overcome a large technical learning curve of mastering radio production.

After a year of work in production and hours of listening to a variety of national programs they bring to their listeners each week on KCSC/KBCW, Powell formed a plan to re-

invent the show.

Powell said, "I wanted to create a fully produced program showcasing the highest caliber performances I could get my hands on from all across Oklahoma, represented by better quality recordings whenever possible."

She continued by saying, "I wanted to incorporate opening and closing segments, excerpted performance audio beautifully edited and most importantly, insightful commentary from the performing musicians, guest artists and presenters. I also planned to create special programs focused on classical music and youth, community, university and more."

"This strategy took its earliest form rather quickly in my first broadcast series of twelve programs from the 2009 OK Mozart International Festival. Of course, the program had to have a new name, so I christened it Performance Oklahoma," said Powell.

She added that the program lives up to that name certainly now with performances from presenters all across the state.

Within the past year, Powell added concerts from Chamber Music Tulsa and Southeastern Oklahoma State's Musical Arts Series, offered two new breakout series, "OK Youth in Classical" and "Community!" and will host Tulsa Opera's 2013-14 productions in three special broadcasts.

Powell will receive the award with 16 individuals and two organizational recipients at the 38th Annual Governor's Arts Awards ceremony, Nov. 13 at the state Capitol.



Kimberly Powell, the recipient of the 2013 Governor's Arts Award in the "Media in the Arts" category. Photo Provided.

This award is the third Governor's Arts Award to be presented to KCSC 90.1 FM; the region's premiere public radio station offering a classical music format.

For more information about KCSC and "Performance Oklahoma," visit <http://www.kscfm.com>.

KCSC's 2013 Fall Fund Drive begins on Monday, Oct. 28 and runs through Monday, Nov. 4.

For more information about programming and membership at KCSC and to donate online, visit <http://www.kscfm.com>.

## UCO Capstone Exhibit to showcase an evolution of creativity



Photo Provided.

Stevie Armstrong

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The University of Central Oklahoma Department of Art will be showcasing seniors' works in the Senior Capstone Exhibition taking place from Oct. 31 through Nov. 3.

The showcase will be held at the Istan Gallery of Urban Art on 1218 North Western Avenue in Oklahoma City. The gallery is open from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays and 1 to 5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

There will also be a reception at the gallery on Nov. 2 from 6 to 10 p.m. that is free to the public, celebrating the eight UCO art students being showcased. These seniors plan to graduate in December.

Central Associate Professor of Art and Capstone Coordinator Elizabeth Brown,

M.F.A., said, "Each individual's work reflects the evolution of their creative tendencies during their time at Central."

The works will include different artistic styles, such as oil paintings, ceramics, mixed media and more.

This event is meant to give the students a realistic feel of what it is like to showcase their work as professionals. This includes the excitement, hard work and effort, along with the stress that is involved when being showcased in a professional art exhibit.

Brown said, "The purpose of the art department is to prepare students for a professional career in the arts, and this capstone exhibit exposes them to all the nitty-gritty aspects of showcasing your work professionally."

Along with the challenges involved in the Senior Capstone Exhibition, the eight seniors being featured benefit professionally from the experience.

Besides showcasing their work in public, the students also have to write an artist statement and put together a portfolio.

UCO's College of Fine Arts and Design is the fastest developing arts college in Oklahoma, presenting over 200 performances and visual art displays every year. All of these events are open to UCO students and community members.

UCO art majors are encouraged to have a "vision for the future and cultivate their focus on a contemporary world," according to the College of Fine Arts and Design website. That's one of the goals that the Senior Capstone Exhibition hopes to accomplish.

For more information regarding Central's Art Department visit [www.uco.edu/cfad/academics/art/index.asp](http://www.uco.edu/cfad/academics/art/index.asp). For a complete listing of UCO College of Fine Arts and Design events, visit [www.uco.edu/cfad/events](http://www.uco.edu/cfad/events).

## Video Games

In other words, should video games be studied and compared to other academic mediums, such as literature, music, paintings and film?

While video games have been afforded the same legal protection as other creative works, their legitimacy as a more scholarly and philosophical pursuit are continually called into question.

The commercial success of video games has been proven numerous times as evidenced, most recently by the success of "Grand Theft Auto V" this past September.

Kevin Lynch of Guinness World Records reported that the game shattered several records, perhaps most notably being the fastest entertainment property to gross \$1 billion and the highest revenue generated in 24 hours.

The critical success of games also continues to grow with recent titles, such as "Bioshock: Infinite" and "The Last of Us," garnering praise not only for their gameplay and graphics, but for their respective narratives, as well.

Perhaps, one of the medium's biggest academic detractors was the late film critic Roger Ebert. When asked whether video games should be held to the same standard as more traditional artistic endeavors in a 2005 online discussion for the Chicago Sun-Times, Ebert responded in the negative.

"To my knowledge, no one in or out of the field has ever been able to cite a game worthy of comparison with the great dramatists, poets, filmmakers, novelists and composers. That a game can aspire to artistic importance as a visual experience, I accept. But for most gamers, video games represent a loss of those precious hours we have available to make ourselves more cultured, civilized and empathetic," Ebert said.

Ebert would later add that video games could never be considered traditional art due to their rules and goal-based incentives.

Silcox said that since Ebert freely admitted to not playing video games, his opinions held little weight in the argument, but admitted that the medium does have its vices as any other would.

"It's really difficult to tell a coherent story in a medium where your

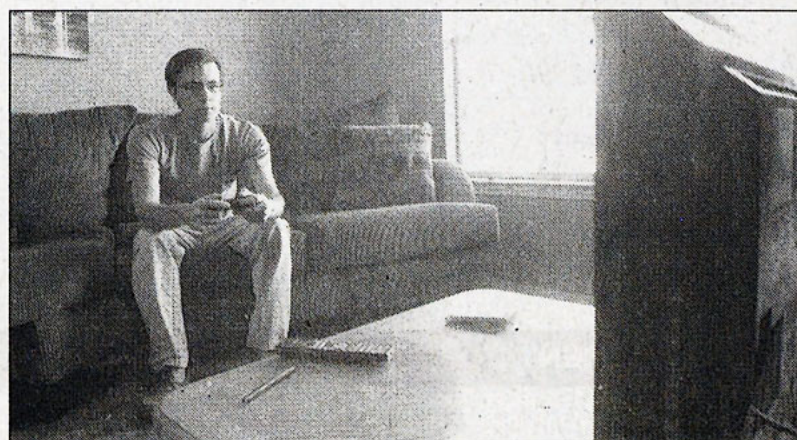
audience will be replaying scenes and puzzles from the same game over and over and over again until they get it right. And too strong an appetite for the winning can blind interesting features of the medium," Silcox said.

Silcox continued by saying, "But other media have similar problems. How come everybody in Hollywood movies, which are often sold to us as realistic depictions of life, is always so fit and sexy? Why are there so many oil paintings of inconsequential rich people dressed in silly clothes? The most worthwhile art forms are able to overcome these sorts of obstacles."

In response to Ebert's opinions, Stein said that art is a much more subjective area in culture that evolves over time.

"Some of the same arguments were used against cinema at one time when it was not considered a serious art form, Stein said. "Art is in the eye of the beholder. There are many bad and boring video games, but there are as many bad films, terrible novels and not very good paintings."

Darro said that he held similar



UCO junior journalism major, Brett Anderson plays video games at his home on Thursday Oct. 21, 2013. Photos by Alike Dyer, The Vista.

thoughts and stressed that while deciding on what defines art is a matter of opinion, dismissing an entire medium as "a waste of time" would be a mistake as the medium must first be given room to evolve.

"Someone said once and I can't remember who, that we have not yet found the Citizen Kane of video games, but it's only a matter of time," Darro said. "It's only a matter of time until we don't think twice about including a video game in the canon of great storytelling."

Darro added that video games represent the natural progression of story-telling, beginning with the

oral storytellers of the past through the introduction of the printing press, which led to an advancement and literacy and popularization of things like newspapers, tracts and novels.

Darro went on to say the invention of the radio, cinema and television in the 20th Century would set the stage for the popularity of video games.

Darro said, "Storytelling very quickly went from just verbal in nature to increasingly visual and verbal. Now it demands to become interactive."



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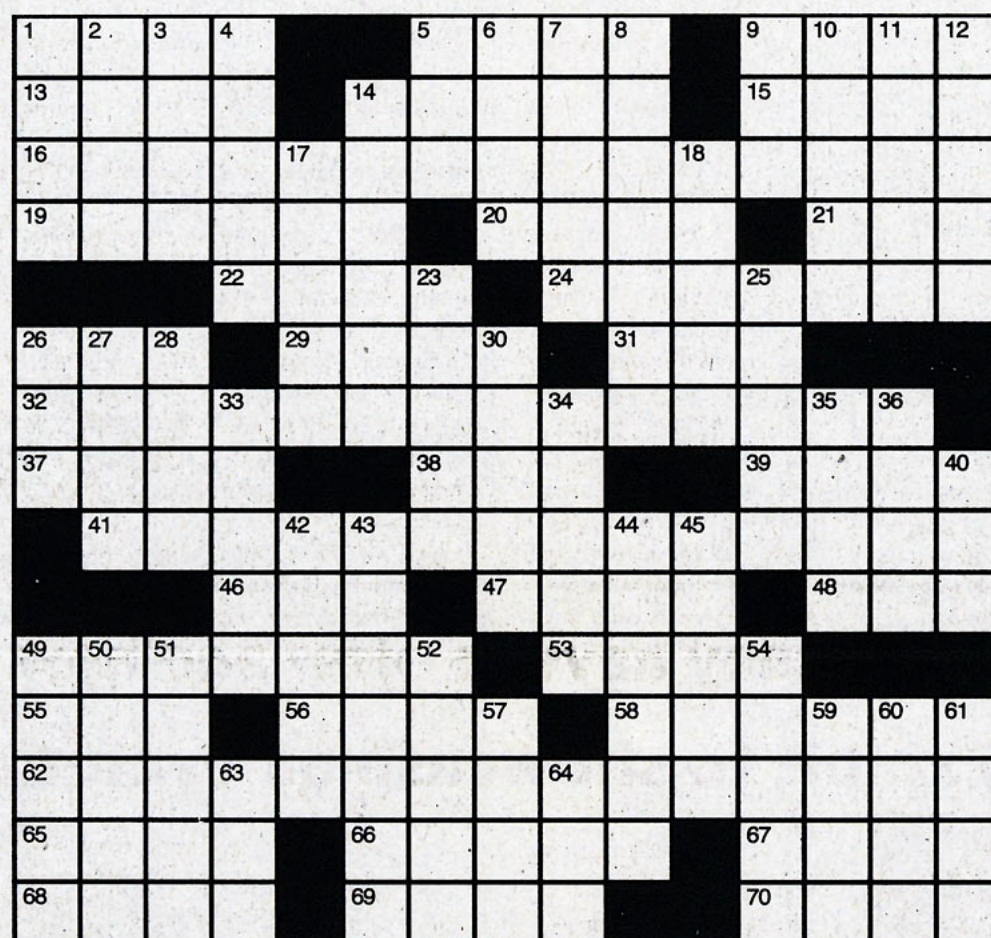
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**Across**

1. Feel pain  
5. Pool site, maybe  
9. "Not to mention ..."  
13. "Hold it right there!"  
14. Swerves  
15. \_\_\_ bread  
16. Atlas showing the distribution of distinctive linguistic features  
19. Enchantments  
20. Drove  
21. On, as a lamp  
22. Ornamental ladies' bag for small articles  
24. Boils slowly at low temperature  
26. Allied Command Europe  
29. Eastern royal  
31. Buzzer  
32. Scientific discipline  
37. U.S. architect  
38. Dusk, to Donne  
39. Attired  
41. Across time  
46. Longest division of geological time  
47. Durable wood  
48. "Didn't I tell you?"  
49. Capital of Kenya  
53. Gab  
55. Appetite



56. Supply available for future use  
58. Organic processes of growing older  
62. Implant  
65. 100 kurus  
66. Fencing action  
67. "Bye now"  
68. Long, long time  
69. Certain surgeon's "patient"  
70. Exile isle

**Down**

1. Cobblers' tools  
2. China problem  
3. Better

4. American symbol  
5. "Amen!"  
6. Methamphetamine hydrochloride  
7. Weeps  
8. Attribute  
9. Appropriate  
10. Charles de Gaulle's birthplace  
11. Flight segment  
12. Kilns  
14. Ocular  
17. The "U" in UHF  
18. Commercial makers  
23. Atlas enlargement  
25. Big drawer?

26. "Don't \_\_\_!"  
27. Black shade  
28. Bounce back, in a way  
30. Freeze  
33. \_\_\_ tube  
34. Branch of the Indo-Iranian family of languages  
35. Extensions at the end and at right angles to the main building  
36. Ad headline  
40. Blonde's secret, maybe  
42. Blow  
43. Existing as an essential constituent  
44. Draw deep into the lungs  
45. Whinny  
49. African antelope  
50. Cliffside dwelling  
51. Foreword, for short  
52. Bring upon oneself  
54. Flower girl, sometimes  
57. Banquet  
59. Hit hard  
60. Seize suddenly  
61. Ancient colonnade  
63. "Jurassic Park" mathematician \_\_\_ Malcolm  
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## RANDOM QUOTES

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# Litterell-y Sports: a one-time exception to my rule



Austin Litterell  
Sports Reporter

Well it is that time of the year where the NBA is just around the corner. That means power ranking.

Sports writers around the country try to give their opinion on which teams they think are the best in the league. I do not usually like to partake in these because they are meaningless, but for this one time I will make an exception. Below are my top five teams in the league, according to no one but myself.

5. Oklahoma City Thunder- I know OKC fans out there, how can I put the Thunder, the hometown team, down at number five? Well, there are a couple of reasons why.

Without Russel Westbrook for a good amount of time, the Thunder will not be at full strength and at their best for a while. The point guard position is a question mark for the Thunder right now. Yes, Kevin Durant can handle some of the ball handling duties, but someone else needs to step up.

I do not believe Derek Fisher can handle the starting position and Jackson is improving, but

still learning. The bench is also a question mark. Jeremy Lamb has potential, but is like many of the bench players, unproven.

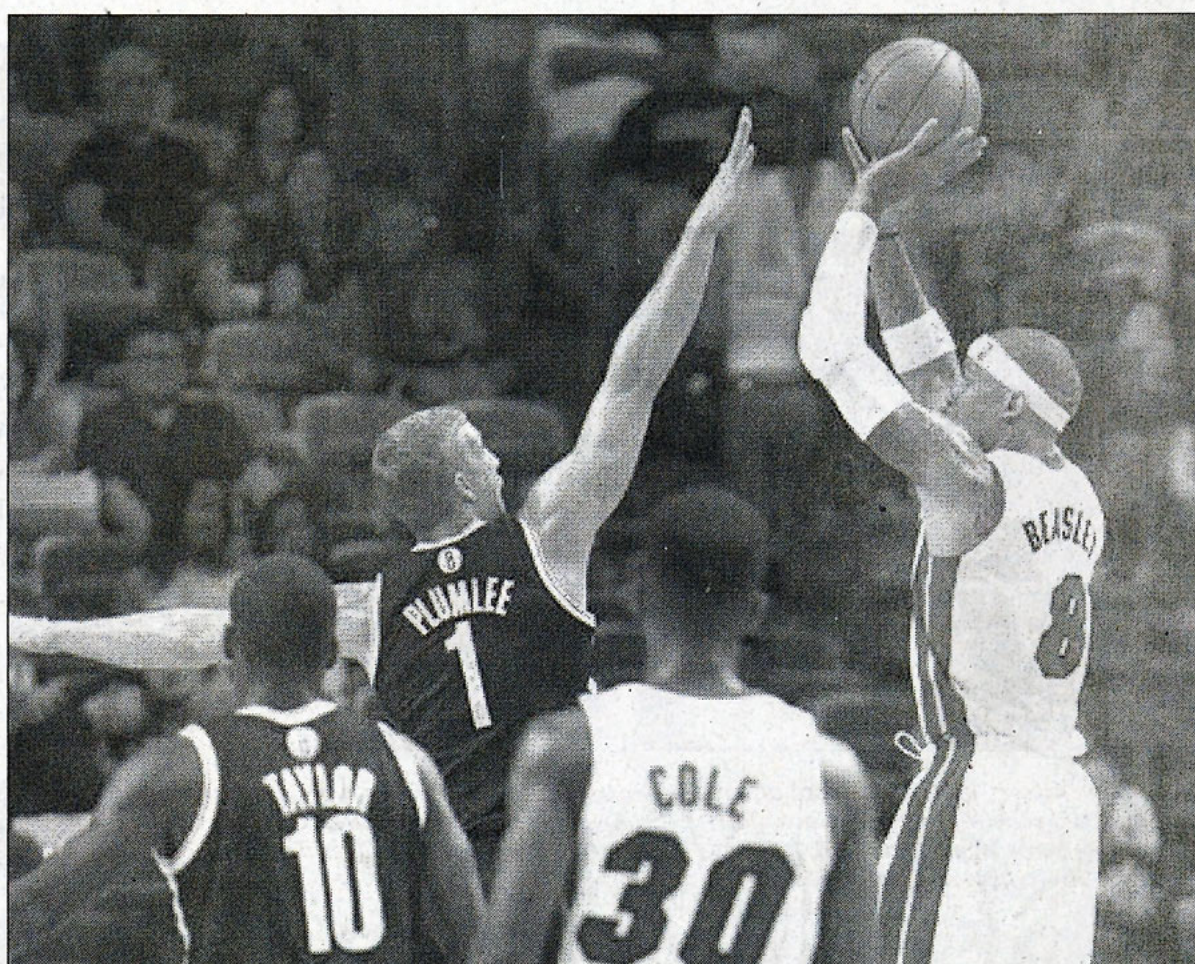
4. San Antonio Spurs- I am finally learning my lesson about the Spurs. I say every year that they will be down and not very good, but they keep proving me wrong. Tim Duncan keeps aging, yet he seems younger.

Don't forget Tony Parker was a serious candidate for MVP last season and if he stays healthy this year, there is no reason he cannot do it again. It's time to stop writing off the Spurs, until age actually catches up to them, which besides Ginobili, it does not look like it will. The Spurs will always be a threat. If Kawhi Leonard and Danny Green are on target, then they should be a threat.

3. Los Angeles Clippers- This is a team that could surprise and win the west. They have added more fire power to the roster and have the best point guard in league. The Clips also made the best move out of any team in the league. They managed to get Doc Rivers as their coach.

Vinny Del Negro I thought was a good coach who did a good job, but he couldn't get the team to the next level. Their success will be dependent on the inside improvement of Blake Griffin and Deandre Jordan. If anybody can help get them to the next level, it is Doc.

2. Indiana Pacers- I believe in the Pacers, maybe too much. Indiana is an intriguing team coming out of the Eastern Conference. They are the best team in the conference to challenge the Heat. They have the size, as seen in last year's



Miami Heat small forward Michael Beasley (8) prepares to take a shot as Brooklyn Nets power forward Mason Plumlee (1) defends in the fourth quarter of an NBA preseason basketball game, Friday, Oct. 25, 2013, in Miami. The Nets won 108-87. (AP Photo/Alan Diaz)

playoffs, which can give Miami a run for their money.

David West and Roy Hibbert can pretty much do all they want in the paint, if healthy. I do not see Greg Oden or Michael Beasley being able to help that much. Paul George has become a threat and if healthy Danny Granger can play as well. Point Guard play will determine how far the Pacers go this season.

1. Miami Heat- This should come as no surprise. With LeBron still there the Heat will be number one. The Heat added Oden and Beasley this summer which does give them some strength on the inside, maybe not enough to stop the Pacers but possibly slow them down. The King has shut up all the critics with his play lately and he should continue to dominate this year. Dwyane Wade is coming in healthy and

if he stays that way there will be no way the Heat will be stopped this season from winning another title.

That is my top five teams entering the NBA season this year. Houston, Chicago, Memphis, and Brooklyn each receive honorable mention.

Intramurals

## Intramural Sports: what they have to offer and how to get involved

Austin Rabon

Contributing Writer

Not every student is fortunate enough to play sports at a college level but that does not mean sports have to come to an end.

UCO offers every student the opportunity to play sports, be apart of a team and to stay active outside of all the studying and extra curricular activities. Intramural sports are a great way for students to be involved and competitive outside of school. Keifer Hood, assistant director of intramural sports at UCO, said, "Intramural sports are designed to get athletes or anyone who loves to play the game the opportunity to play and do what they love."

There are two seasons of Intramural sports. During the fall students can play football, kickball, dodgeball, volleyball, softball, handball, table tennis and ultimate frisbee. The spring season offers soccer, basketball, sand volleyball, wrestling, water polo, sitting volleyball, tennis, badminton, softball and disk golf. Micah Gregory, an intramural participant, said, "Being able to play sports is awesome. I love the competitiveness and the ability to be able to do what I love so much."

Intramurals is for both men and women students enrolled at UCO as well as UCO faculty. UCO offers leagues for men only, woman only, and coed play. There is also a league for fraternities and sororities. Hood said, "Intramural sports is for everyone even if you were not involved with a sports

team in prior to college."

Gregory said, "It's the competitiveness that makes me love it. I miss that part of sports and intramural sports puts that feeling back in me." Intramurals is not all competitive. It offers different leagues such as A, AA, Recreational, Co-Rec, and Greek, with A being the most competitive.

The winning team of each league gets a t-shirt and their picture on the wall in the Wellness Center.

Intramurals at UCO is partnered with IMLeagues. IMLeagues is an online sports site that colleges and other intramural leagues can use to completely run their intramural leagues. Students can visit the website at [www.imleagues.com](http://www.imleagues.com), create an account using their UCO email and then can sign

up for the intramural sports offered at UCO and join the team they want. Hood said, "It does not matter if you do not know anyone, you can sign up and will be put on a team as needed." Intramurals at UCO wants to give everyone an opportunity to participate. Hood said, "Our goal is not just competitiveness or the love of the game but also health and wellness. We want students to be active."

Gregory said, "It drives me crazy studying and working all week. I love being able to get out, be active and meet other students who share the same competitive feeling that I feel." UCO intramurals is open to any student with a student card and who is not apart of a sports team at UCO. Intramurals are great way to get involved at UCO and stay healthy.

### Wrestling

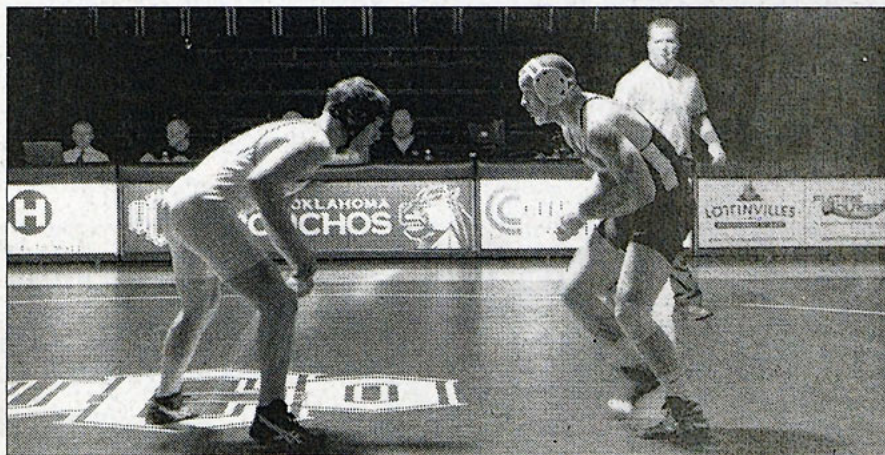
## Wrestlers prepare for Bronze-Blue intrasquad dual

The University of Central Oklahoma's Wrestling team is gearing up for their annual intrasquad Bronze-Blue dual.

The dual will take place on Wednesday at 7 p.m. in Hamilton Field House.

This dual will help the Bronchos prepare for the upcoming 2013-2014 season. The annual dual will also showcase the wrestlers to the public who is welcome to attend.

Entry is free to students with the showing of a valid UCO I.D.



UCO Junior Zhick Ferrell wrestles against Colorado State-Pueblo on Saturday, Feb. 1, 2013. Photo by Cody Johnson, The Vista

### Upcoming Schedule

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SUN, NOVEMBER 17 9:00 A.M.  
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SAT, NOVEMBER 23 9:00 A.M.  
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KEARNEY, NEB.

TUE, NOVEMBER 26 7:00 P.M.  
MISSOURI BAPTIST UNIVERSITY  
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Volleyball

## Central Oklahoma improves to 18-7 this season



Freshman Allison Barr and sophomore Barbara Allison go up for a block (left) during the game against NWOSU on Oct. 26, 2013. Photo by Aliko Dyer, The Vista.



Freshman Allison Barr delivers a hit (right) during the game against NWOSU on Oct. 26, 2013. Photo by Aliko Dyer, The Vista.

Austin Litterell

Sports Reporter

The UCO volleyball team was able to complete a two-game sweep this weekend at Hamilton Field House. The Bronchos defeated Northwestern Oklahoma State University and Mid-American Christian University, both wins coming in straight sets. UCO improved to an impressive 18-7 on the season and are 6-5 in conference play.

"Good wins for our team. The girls have been working hard and we would like to build on the wins for our upcoming matches this coming weekend," head volleyball coach Edgar Miraku said.

The first set against NWOSU was a tight one for about the first half. UCO trailed 12-11 early in the set before taking control with eight straight points to take a commanding lead. The Bronchos won the first set 25-16.

UCO also used a scoring run to take command of the set. Up by one point, they put together a seven-point rally to put the set in their control. Second set went to UCO as well, 25-19. The Bronchos led the entire way in the third set, cruising to a 25-20 set and finishing the sweep of Northwestern Oklahoma State.

The second game that evening was even more successful for UCO. The Bronchos swept the Evangels in what was a rout. UCO also kept standouts Tate Hardaker and Barbara Jackson on the bench for this game. Hardaker is one of the national leaders in digs with 5.64 per set. Jackson is the team leader in kills and is second

on the team in digs.

Other players stepped up, however. Mallory Fox put in 10 kills and Allison Barr chipped in with eight kills of her own. Mikayla Bangasser filled in for Hardaker and had a match high 14 digs.

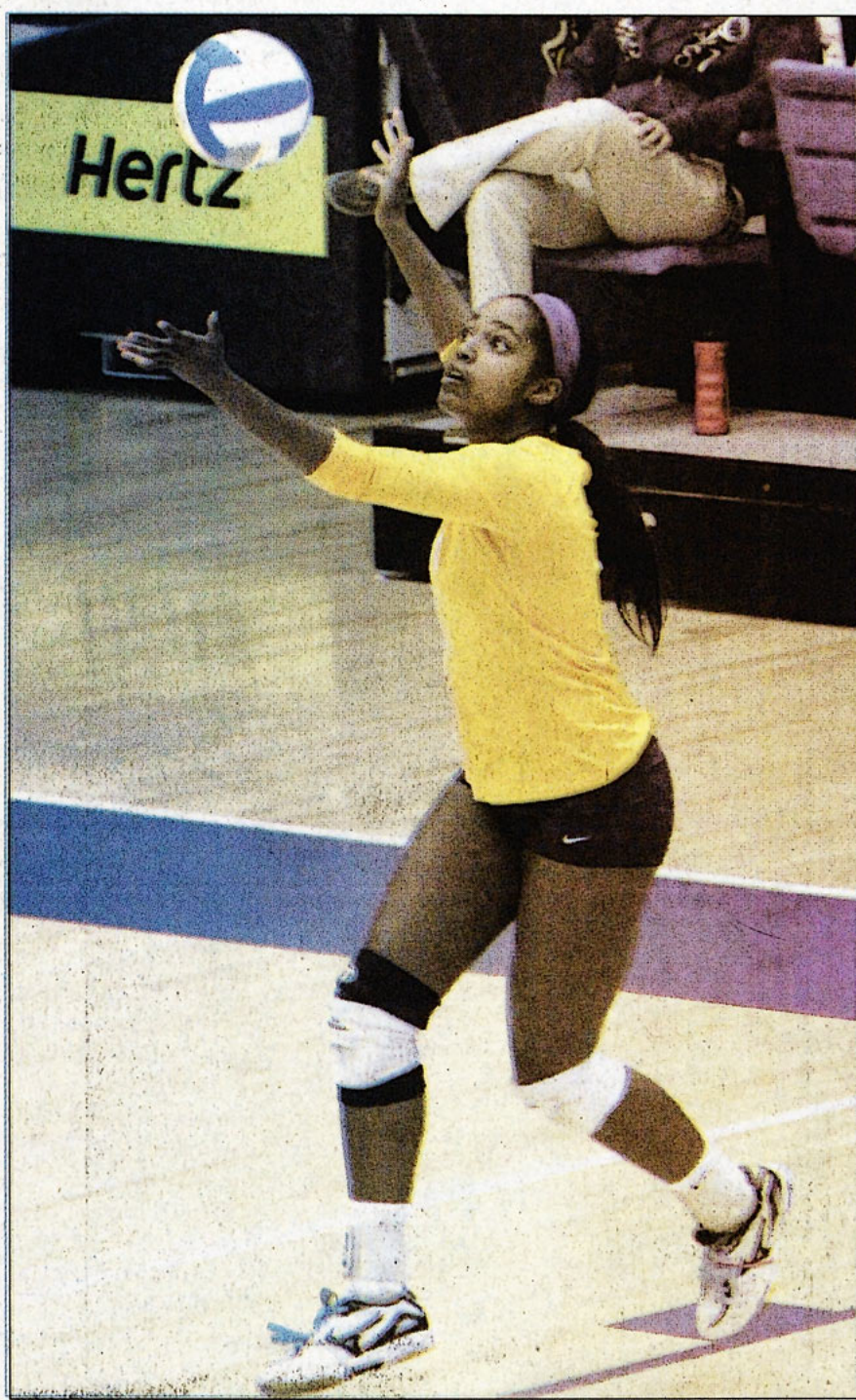
After a back and forth start to the first set, UCO was able to take control like they did in the first set, outscoring MACU 16-8 the rest of the way.

The second set was never in doubt for the Bronchos. Joanna Huckabee started the second set with a couple of kills, helping UCO get out to an early 3-0 lead. UCO cruised 25-13 in the second set. They jumped out quickly in the third. They finished strongly and would not allow a comeback from the Evangels, 6-0 behind service aces from Carissa Ophus. The third set was a routine 25-14 for the squad.

The Volleyball team has had a strong season so far and look for a strong finish in their final seven regular season games.

The Bronchos will be returning to MIAA action this week with home games on Nov. 1-2. They will start with Fort Hays State on the first and host Nebraska-Kearney the next night

Sophomore outside hitter/rightside hitter Barbara Jackson serves the ball against Northwestern Oklahoma State on Oct. 26, 2013. Photo by Alike Dyer, The Vista.



Soccer

## Bronchos left Tahlequah frustrated after 2-0 loss

Rick Lemon

Contributing Writer

Northeastern State University handed the Bronchos' soccer team their third straight Mid-America intercollegiate Athletics Association loss on Friday night. The Riverhawks used a big second half push to beat UCO 2-0.

The Riverhawks' win was the first by the program over UCO since 1999 and clinches a spot in the

MIAA championships for Northeastern State.

The loss pushes the Bronchos back to ninth in the conference standings. The top eight teams in the conference qualify for the season-ending tournament, making the Bronchos' final two games of the season, being played this Friday and Sunday, especially important.

The first half of the game was well played by both sides and ended with the teams tied on the scoreboard, 0-0, as well as in the shot count with five apiece.

You could tell though that NSU was playing aggressively and wanted this win. NSU seemed to be playing overly aggressive during the first period, racking up nine fouls to UCO's three.

In the second half, the Riverhawks just started taking over, getting shots on goal in bunches and limiting UCO to six shots in the period, to their thirteen.

It was a freshman that broke through for the two goals of the game. Freshman Riverhawks forward Anastasia Robinson picked

up the first and second goal of her college career.

This loss puts the Bronchos in a predicament, as with only two games left in the regular season, they find themselves a game back from the final spot in the conference championships and having to face the number two ranked team, Washburn, and the number six ranked team, Emporia State, to get there.

Meanwhile, the team currently in that final playoff spot, Fort Hays, only has one game left on their

schedule, a road game against Nebraska-Kearney this Friday night.

Therefore, as long as the Bronchos win their match Friday against Washburn, then they will know what they have to do to hop over Fort Hays and sneak their way into the post-season.

The Bronchos' game against Washburn, will kick-off at 3 p.m. on Friday. Sunday's game against Emporia state will be held at 1 p.m.

Both will be held on Tom Thompson Field.



Junior forward Sarah Purcell looks to score against Northwest Missouri State on Oct. 6, 2013. Photo by Quang Pho, The Vista

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