

The End of Shack-A-Thon: Why Students Won't Be Seeing Shacks This Season

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Staff Writer

Poverty awareness week started Monday Sep. 30 at the University of Central Oklahoma, but this year the events that aim to inform the university population of issues related to poverty in the Edmond and Oklahoma City metropolitan areas, has gone without its usual key attraction.

Students, sophomores and up, that frequented the sidewalks splitting Broncho Lake and the Human Environmental Sciences building, around this time previous years, can more than likely remember the cardboard and wood pallet huts that accompanied UCO's Shack-A-thon.

This year, the absence of the weeklong ramshackle campus community begs the question; what happened to Shack-A-thon and why?

"I don't really understand why there is no Shack-A-thon this year," Jay Linés, a UCO student majoring in chemistry said. "It's done to raise money to benefit the homeless, so why is it a problem?"

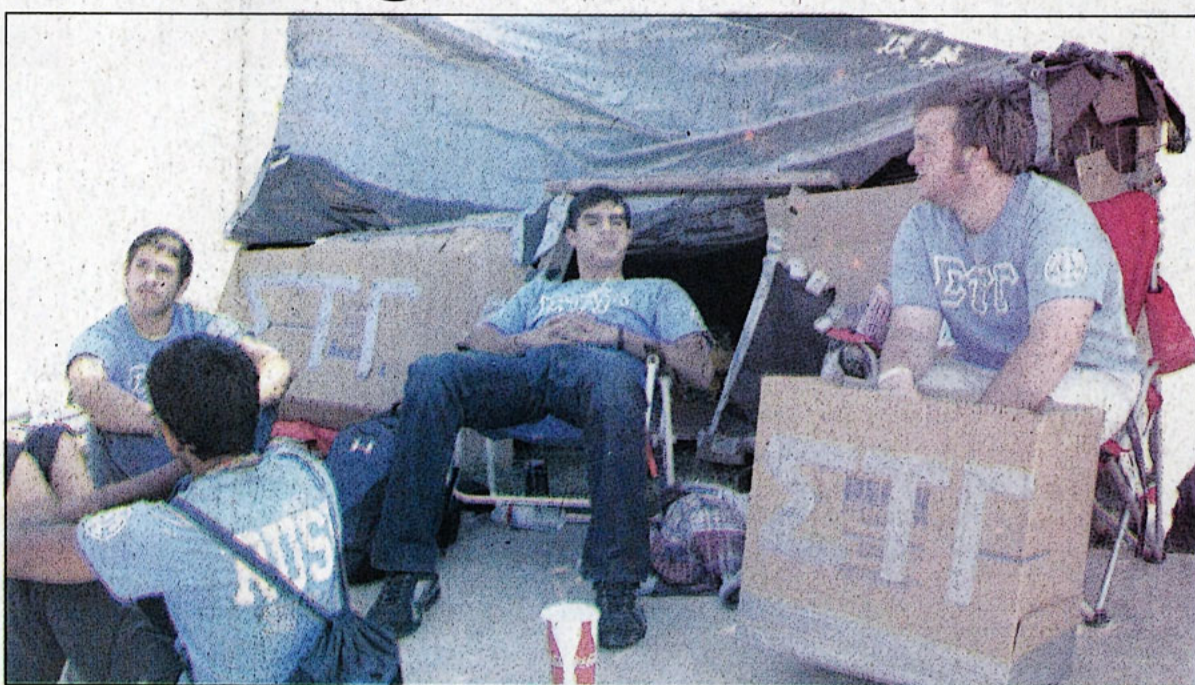
The person with those answers is Director of

UCO's Volunteer and Service Learning Center Dr. Sharra Hynes. The VSLC is responsible for putting on poverty awareness week and made the call to cut Shack-A-thon from this year's list of events.

"During Shack-A-thon, we took students and we put them in a constructed environment, where it wasn't reality. It was something where they had the 'hardship' of staying outside and sleeping in a cardboard or loosely constructed shack, but because they were students at the time, we couldn't control things like the use of electronics, the things that someone living in a shack isn't going to be able to do, like sitting on their MacBook doing homework," Hynes said.

Hynes continued by saying, "It created an almost schizophrenic message. As much as we tried to educate about wanting this to be something that is an experiential thing to help you understand homelessness, it just fell short in our opinion."

Hynes went on to say that she knew this change would bring on criticism, but that when a change was based on good data and principle, she could stand behind it and the



Members of Sigma Tau Gamma participate in the 2012 Shack-A-thon, on Oct. 1, 2012. Photo provided by Vista Archives.

criticism that would come. "I feel as though the things that we have opted to do will be more meaningful," Hynes said.

The events of this week, according to Hynes, are mostly geared toward informing students.

Monday Sep. 30 through Wednesday Oct. 2, the VSLC offered hunger simulations in the Henry Bellmon room on the third floor of the Nigh University Center.

According to the VSLC website, the hunger simulation is an interactive presentation where students are given a profile and are required to try to meet a calorie count using the resources they are given.

Privilege Walks accompanied Tuesday and Wednesday's hunger simulations. Students were asked to participate in certain questions about their upbringing in order to point out how fortunate, or unfortunate, they were in comparison to their peers. The VSLC website underlined the importance in the coupling of these interactive events to help students get the full experience.

The biggest event of the week was Rebuilding Together OKC, which took place Monday and Tuesday of this week from 1 to 5 p.m. at various locations.

Rebuilding Together OKC is an organization that builds houses for needy families in Oklahoma City. Volunteers carpooled to work site locations where they did odd jobs with the organization, such as painting, doing drywall and landscaping.

Volunteers were also able to help out at Hope Center of Edmond, Monday through Wednesday from 2 to 4 p.m. and can still volunteer there this afternoon.

One of the events that Hynes felt most accurately portrayed the vision of raising poverty awareness, is the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) challenge.

The VSLC website said that this is less of an individual event and more of an agreement. Students will agree to live only on the funding that someone who uses SNAP Benefits would receive.

For the VSLC purposes, this is roughly \$4.50 a day. Students could agree to do the challenge for one day, two days, or the whole week if they wished.

"We have students that will go to Starbucks and throw down \$4.50 on a drink, and that's what people who live on SNAP live on everyday," Hynes said. "I think we can all learn a lot."

Hynes continued by saying, "The

CEO of Panera has recently done his own SNAP challenge and he talked about how the first day it really wasn't bad, but then the second day he became very fixated on his food, worrying if he would have enough. Even the mental mindset of how much energy it took for him to think about the limited amount of food that he had is something that so many of us take for granted. This is meant to truly take on the perspective that someone has when that's their reality everyday."

Hynes spoke on the importance of raising awareness and not just money, underlining some key statistics that were presented on posters across campus throughout the week; in 2011, 633,000 Oklahomans lived under the poverty line.

Over one million Oklahomans rely on food stamps, Medicaid, or both. And three out of 10 children in Oklahoma do not have a parent with full time, year-round employment.

Tonight, the VSLC will host a community living panel discussion, again in the Henry Bellmon room of the NUC, which will consist of employees of various community organizations who deal explicitly with poverty and/or hunger and malnutrition in some way.



Isaac Broker, 20, looks for an item in his tent in the "Graffiti Graveyard" on Monday, Sept. 30, 2013, in Duluth, Minn. Broker, who is homeless, said he recently returned from fighting in Afghanistan and set up living quarters in the tent camp with other homeless people. Members of the homeless encampment under a downtown Duluth freeway overpass called on police to back off a threat to break up their settlement, saying they are safer there than if they were forced to scatter around the city. The colorfully painted gathering spot known as "Graffiti Graveyard" has persisted for years. City spokesman Daniel Fanning said no deadline had been set to dismantle the settlement, but rising police calls and a recent violent fight require the city to address the issue. (AP Photo/The Duluth News-Tribune, Bob King)

'Obamacare' launches, affecting millions

Tyler Talley

Staff Writer

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The centerpiece of President Barack Obama's health care reform plan began with the launch of its health insurance exchanges on Tuesday.

Since its inception, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, or as it is colloquially known, "Obamacare," has been a divisive issue, leading to many public debates and national conversations.

It has also led to mass confusion, anxiety and misinformation. A partial government shutdown due to continued opposition by congressional Republicans that coincided with the exchanges, only added to public confusion.

A survey by the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation published in August that fewer than half of Americans think they know enough about the law to understand how it affects them and that more than a third believed they would be worse off.

Conversely, the findings also showed that 23 percent thought they would be better off, while the remaining 37 percent said it would make little difference.

Comedian Conan O'Brien tweeted on Monday night, "Obamacare begins tomorrow, and you know what that means! Wait, actually, no, you probably don't know what that means."

UCO student Caitlyn Gondolf said she blames the political discourse overshadowing actual information about the government reform.

"The only part that seems to be made clear is the political drama, however it seems there aren't any resources or any effort to expose those resources detailing what is supposed to happen," Gondolf said.

Gondolf went on to say that she is currently covered by her mother's insurance, and also lacks the time to research the issue properly, as she is both a full-time worker and student.

Jacqui Duke, another UCO student, faces a similar situation. Duke stated her current plan doesn't cover anything but major medi-

cal problems after a \$5000 deductible. She added that she would consider learning more about the reform if she heard through word of mouth that it was beneficial.

As for the insurance exchanges that took place on Tuesday, Nick Wing of the Huffington Post wrote in a brief summary that they are designed to make it easier for people without insurance, or who must buy insurance separately, to get coverage.

However, to the roughly 240 million Americans that the United States Census states already have coverage through an employer, a parent or a government plan like Medicare will be allowed to remain with their respec-

tive coverage. For the millions of Americans that will be shopping for health insurance online over the coming months, courses of action will vary from state to state along with the actual costs of coverage.

The new law requires most Americans to

companies from raising their rates without justification and to require all insurers to cover people with pre-existing conditions.

However, one of the bigger drawbacks of the new policy will be for the young and healthy people that currently benefit from the dysfunction of the current system, according to Senior Editor of The New Republic Jon Cohn.

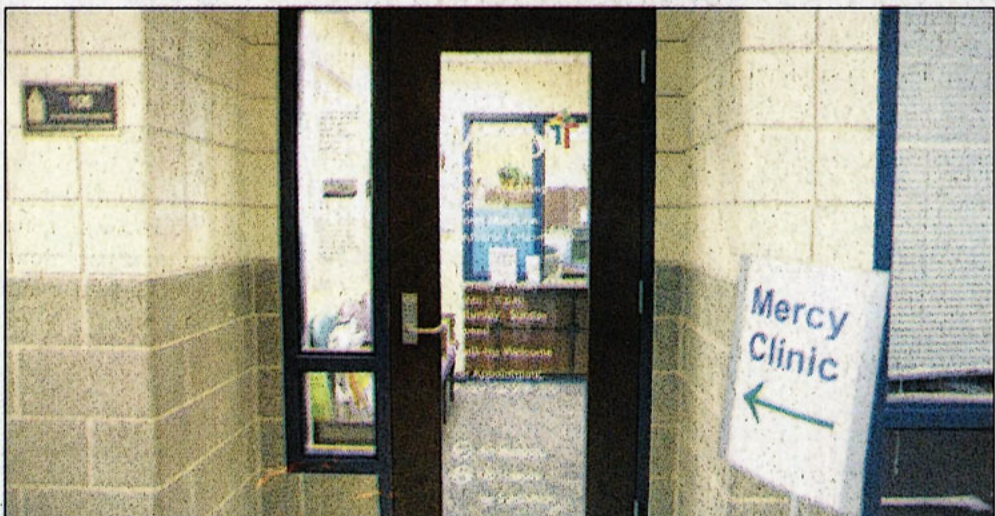
"Today, the insurance industry charges them very low rates because they tend not to have big medical bills and they tend to be content with very skimpy insurance policies," Cohn wrote in an interview on reddit.com.

Cohn went on to write that the new law bans insurers from charging sick people more than healthy people.

Open enrollment for state's marketplaces will continue until March 31, 2014.

For any and all interested in calculating their available rates and subsidies, the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation has provided a premium calculator that is available at kff.org/interactive/subsidy-calculator.

To actually begin the application process for insurance under the Affordable Care Act, to learn more about exceptions or to receive more information about the law, visit <http://www.healthcare.gov>.



The Mercy Clinic at UCO, located in the Wellness Center, offers healthcare services to students. Photo by Cyn Sheng Ling, The Vista.

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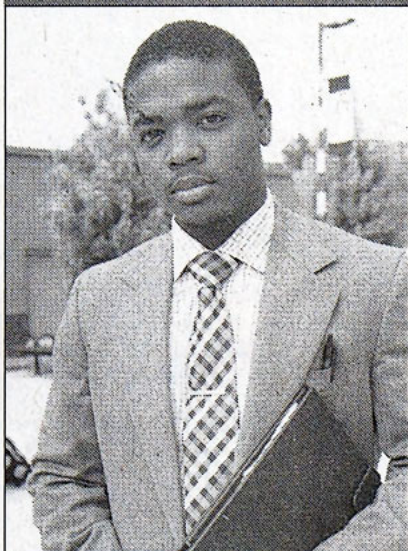
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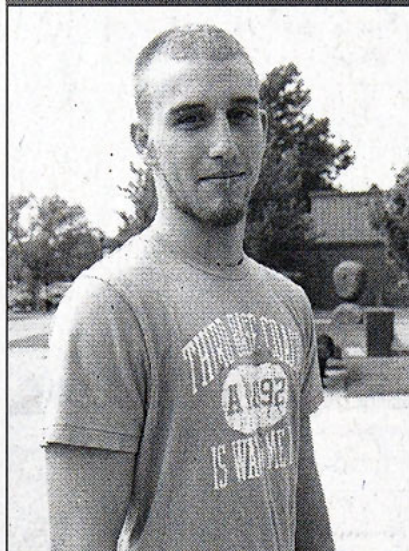
Have you come in contact with a homeless person, and how did you react?

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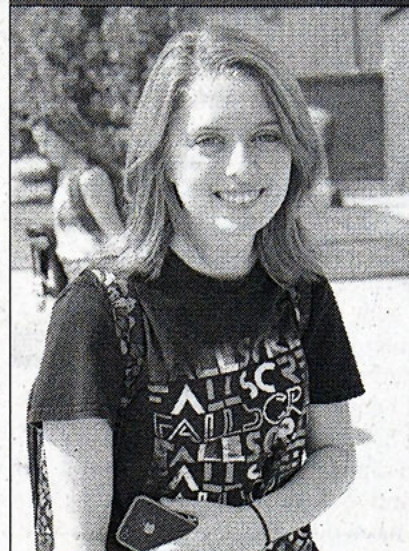
"Not in Oklahoma, I'm from Memphis. There was this guy who asked for money, I told him I'd buy him some food instead."

BLAKE MORRIS
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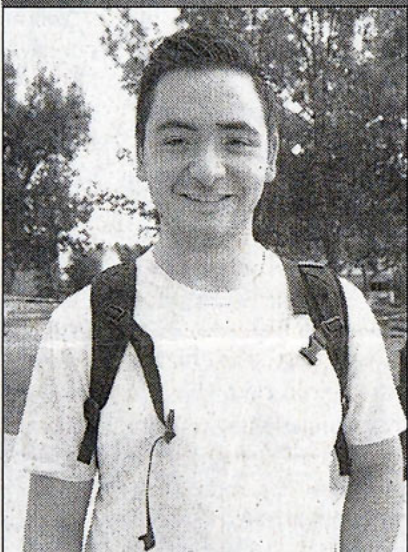
"Yes. I asked him about his story, like how he became homeless."

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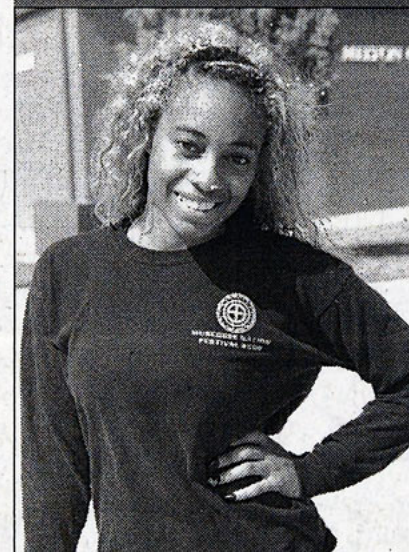
"More one-on-one time with the professors."

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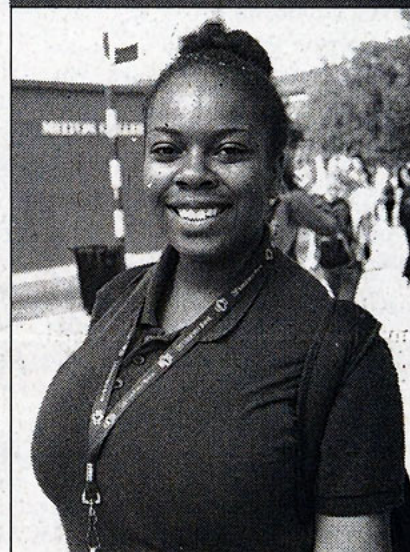
"Yeah, in Seattle. I just talked to him."

CHEYENNE ARMOUR
Nursing - Freshman



"No, I haven't."

MONIQUE ERVIN
Nursing - Freshman



"Not really close. I just gave him some money."

Fight Right

Editorial by: **Lindsay Rickards (Managing Editor)**

"The usual?" I asked. "No, give me the good stuff," Fred replied. I poured Fred a Dewar's "White Label" and water.

I couldn't say what position Fred had held when he had retired from Chesapeake Energy Co. last spring, but I could say that he was happy now as an experienced man, drinking in his well-earned right to relaxation.

Fred was a native Canadian and had once told me the story of his transition to an American citizen.

Fred confirmed that his move to California took place during a time before I was born.

Out of respect for his die-hard Canadian mother, Fred waited for her passing before obtaining American citizenship.

He had lived in California for many years, I believe decades, and had raised an American family before becoming American himself.

I can recall a teary eyed Fred describing the day as beautiful, upon his arrival home to a yard full of American flags and happy neighbors celebrating his personal independence day.

Fred is good and Fred is true. Every now and then, Fred forgets to pay his tab, but we'll tack it up to his grind-free loving spirit.

He doesn't mind that I don't want to talk about The United States federal government shutdown of 2013.

Fred wouldn't mind for me to have a full understanding of the government shutdown before opening an opinionated mouth. He also wouldn't mind explaining components of the situation that I might struggle with.

Fred knows that deep down I have every opinion and none at all, so Fred concedes.

"Tell me again what it is your parents do. Your dad he's a dentist?" Fred knows these details to my life; he just wants me to relive them because he finds it amusing.

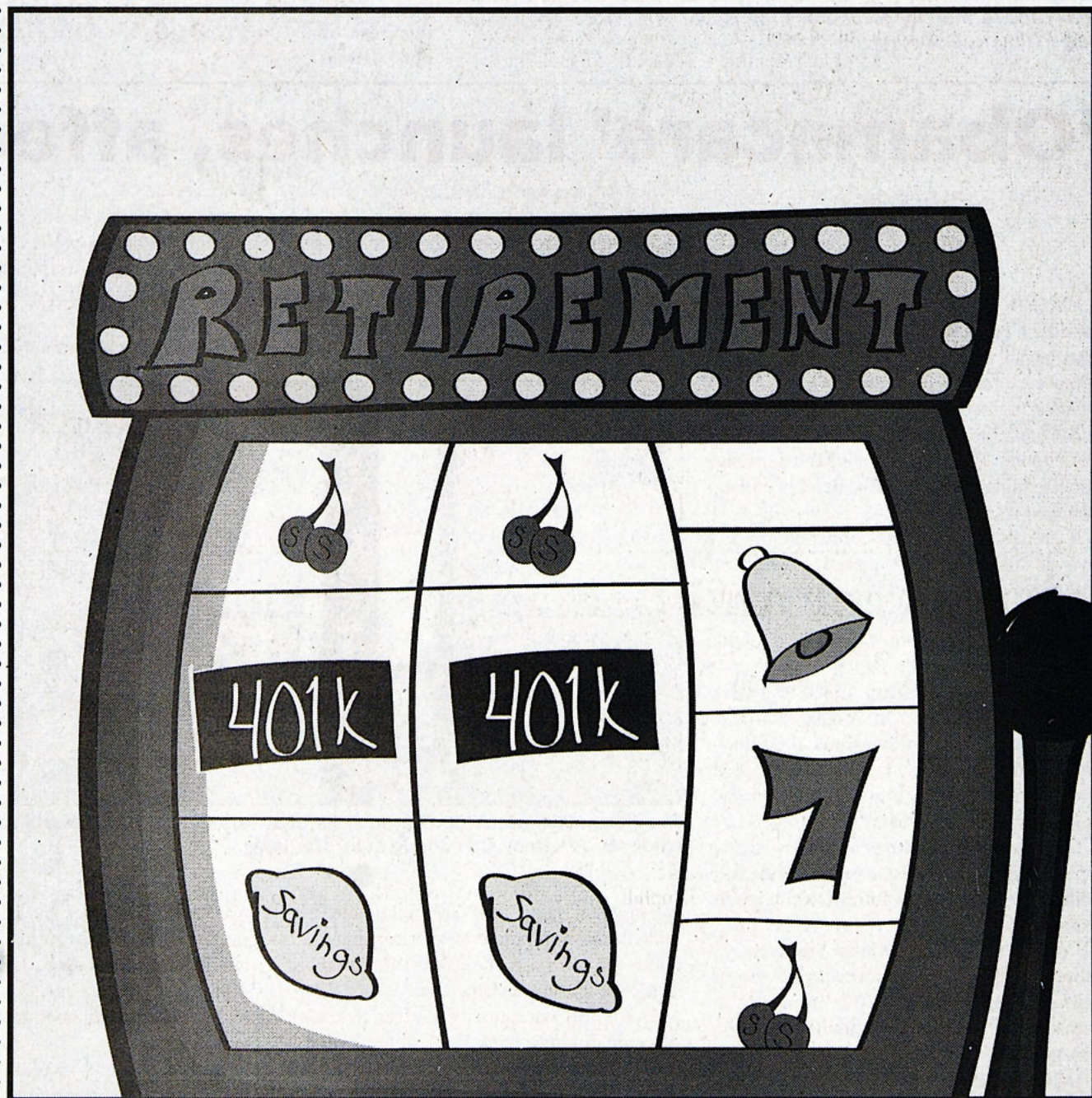
I humor him by retelling my parents' story of how they met at work and how they worked together for twenty-five years; my father, the dentist and my mother, his assistant.

He chuckles, "Murine and I would be at each others' throats if we were together that much."

"Don't get me wrong, at times they have their differences, but they always work them out," I reply.

"Something's wrong if a couple doesn't fight," said an adamant Fred. "You just have to learn to fight right."

I now sit at my expan-



Cartoon by Matthew Gossom

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

right." Multiple links to articles and facts pop up after I type 'fight right government shutdown' into my search bar, though not one

clear common solution seems to be expressed.

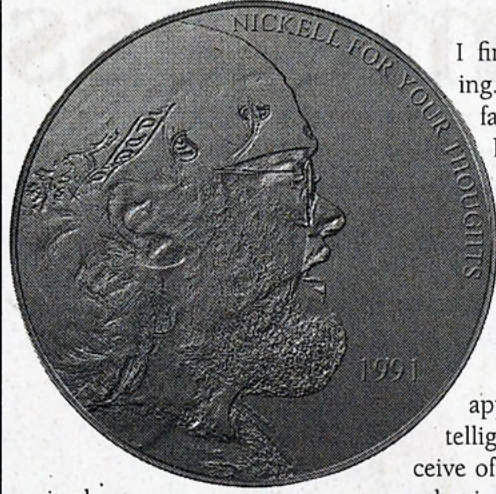
Though learning to fight right is what wise old Fred would suggest to anyone in an argument, we can

only hope that congress will take and implement such advice.

Opinion

STRONG, TOGETHER AND FOR THE WHOLE

By Brooks Nickell



I find ants fascinating. The way they fall into place, each knowing its role, each individual cog working in unison for the betterment of the machine as a whole.

I didn't always appreciate the intelligence I now perceive of the insects. And

to say that in younger states of foolish hate, I poured water down an anthill or two. What's the old adage? "Boys will be boys."

There is more than merit in observing nature's workings and you don't have to be a biologist to take away something meaningful.

Ninety-seven saw a much younger version of myself hovering above a heap of seemingly symmetrical red clay balls, mortared with the sand left from an underground expedition. I watched hundreds, if not thousands, of tiny red earth-moving exoskeletons march out of the ground in unison and across the gravel of my parents' driveway.

Following inquisitively on hands and knees, I pondered the same idea I'm still meditating today; how can so many coexist? How can these tiny little specks accomplish so much?

The reason an ant colony works is simply stated that every ant has a job to do and it does so to the best of its ability, but there's more. Each ant knows that what it does, matters to the group. It may not want to march large distances and cut down blades of grass, but it does so because it knows that's how it best serves the rest of its kind.

As they traced along the driveway, scouts in front, the scent trail must have split. One ant strung off left and the other, right. They stopped, converged in the middle, whisked their antennae and argued over which way to go.

Both scouts had, without a doubt, found a morsel of food to return to the nest and I'm sure each thought its own was the most logical approach to feeding the colony.

The other ants in the procession fidgeted around, eagerly awaiting the decision from up the ranks regarding which direction to march. But as they looked to the two scouts, it was evident that they were in a standoff.

Most of you know by now that the government has shut down for the first time since 1995. And a majority of you knows why, but for those who don't, here is my brief synopsis.

Congress has a constitutional duty to pass spending bills that fund the government. If it doesn't, a majority of government functions come to an abrupt halt.

The government's fiscal year starts Oct. 1, so it was time to pass new spending bills. The holdup arrived when House Republicans insisted that any new spending bill include provisions to defund and derail the Affordable Healthcare Act, aka, Obamacare. The Senate Democrats are just as adamant that the spending bill does the opposite.

Regardless of your stance on Obamacare, you can't deny

the facts. According to a CNN analysis, more than 800,000 government employees will go without pay during the shut-down. Some services like Social Security, air traffic control and active military pay, will continue to be funded, as well as Congress.

My question to our leaders and to those of you who are too set in your ways to compromise, is why should we let our political ideologies and disagreements jeopardize thousands of Americans livelihoods? When did we get to the point where we couldn't sit down, have a discussion and reach a middle ground? And what do we do to get past it?

The two scouts stood and bared their pincers, eyes locked and stubborn minds clouding their judgment. The remainder of the ants split up and marched off in two single file lines, leaving the currently broken cogs behind.

One group was off to the treasure that waited down the left scent trail and the other to the right. As they marched off, the scouts must have caught the message because they toed in line right behind.

I learned something from nature that day. There was a little right in both of those scouts' plans. They met on some middle ground, split up and doubled their contribution to the colony.

I'm not naïve. I know that there are just some aspects of certain issues that we can't compromise our own ideals on. But when our hardheadedness is contributing to the hardship of American citizens, we have to take a step back and reprioritize.

Maybe it's time we start working more like ants; strong, together and for the good of the whole.

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Meth Done the Right Way

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Dr. Donna J. Nelson knows how to cook really good meth.

It was all in a day's work as a science advisor on the Emmy-award winning AMC drama Breaking Bad, which wrapped up on Sunday.

Nelson, who is an organic chemistry professor at the University of Oklahoma, got involved with the show when she read an article about how the show's producers wanted to get the science right.

"I volunteered to help Vince (Gilligan) and he took me up on my offer," Nelson said. "I answered questions about chemical reactions, provided chemical structures

and equations, proofed script and provided background for characters who were scientists or had scientific backgrounds."

Nelson and Gilligan also worked with Drug Enforcement Agency officials to make sure that they weren't teaching the show's audience how to actually make meth. In an interview with National Public Radio, Gilligan said that after the first season of the show, he was in over his head when it came to the chemistry.

"We have a chemist named Dr. Donna Nelson at the University of Oklahoma who is very helpful to us," said Gilligan. "She vets our scripts and makes sure our chemistry dialogue is accurate and up-to-date."

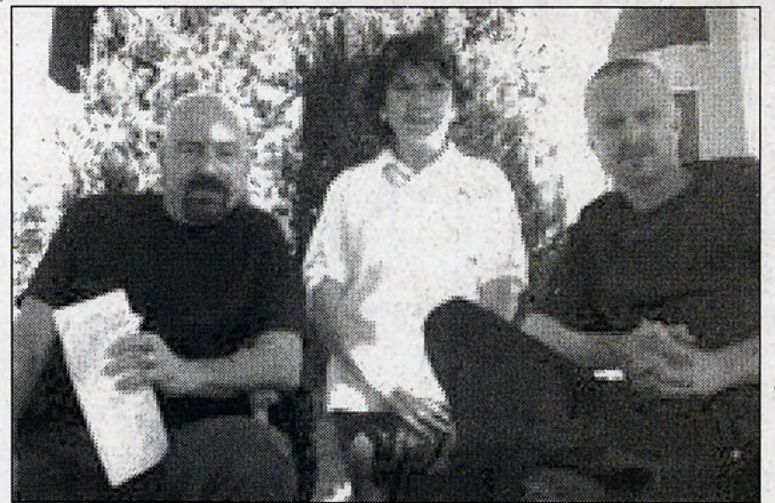
Nelson was able to visit the

show's set in Albuquerque, N.M. twice over its five-season run. She got her first taste of television, acting as an extra in a scene during season two.

"They let me get dressed up like an attendant," she said. "So I got in my costume and waited and waited for someone to come do my makeup. Turns out, the only reason the makeup people were there was to make everyone look like they had big cuts and bruises."

For all the talk about the transformation of the show's main characters, Bryan Cranston and Aaron Paul, Nelson thought their characters didn't have any resemblance to the people playing them.

"Aaron was just the biggest sweetheart," Nelson said. "He and his fiancé were just the nicest peo-



From left to right: Bryan Cranston, Dr. Donna J. Nelson and Aaron Paul

ple in the world."

To be clear, Dr. Nelson doesn't condone producing or using illicit drugs. She simply wants young people to know that science isn't only conducted in a laboratory.

"I considered it a service to the scientific community," she said.

"My activities ensured that the material presented in Breaking Bad were scientifically accurate."

UCO students collaborate with CityRep for "Godspell"

Colore' Lincoln

Staff Writer

Several UCO Students were able to collaborate with the Oklahoma City Repertory Theatre (CityRep) on the production 'Godspell', having made its debut on Sept. 27.

Director of Music Theatre Greg White, Ph. D. said, "CityRep provides a safe place for practical application; a place where our students can put their exceptional Central training to use. While all of our Central Musical Theatre faculty are theater professionals, the CityRep team helps diversify the professional training experience for our students."

White continued by saying, "It's great timing because our Central faculty can help guide and advise students through what may be their first professional theatre experience."

This is the fourth collaboration with CityRep. UCO students auditioned beside other musical theatre professionals, and 16 UCO students were cast in the production.

"CityRep is a professional Equity theatre here in the OKC Metro area. Working at Cit-

yRep, our students have the opportunity to have a professional credit on their resume. Students also become Equity Membership Candidates, and receive points towards their Equity card," said White.

"Godspell" is a musical based on the modern-day version of the Gospel, according to biblical Matthew.

It was originally written in 1971 and



composed by Stephen Schwartz, who also

wrote "Wicked" and "Pippin".

The show ended its revival performance on Broadway this past summer. It has been adapted into a film and received several pop culture credits, including mentions in "The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy" and "Meet the Parents" with Ben Stiller.

"Godspell" will have performances from Sept. 27- Oct. 6 at the

Frederick Little Theatre.

Show times are 7:30 p.m. on Fridays, 1:30 and 7:30 p.m. on Saturdays, and 1:30

p.m. on Sundays.

Matinee performance tickets are \$30 and evening performance tickets are \$35. Student or military personnel tickets are \$8 with a valid I.D.

Tickets can be purchased by calling 405-297-2264 or online at www.myticketoffice.com. Group tickets or City Rep Season FL-EXPASSES are also available.

A preview of "Godspell", including excerpts from the musical performed by UCO student cast members, will be presented as a part of the Melton Gallery Performance Series from 4-6 p.m. Sept. 26 in the Melton Gallery in the Art and Design Building.

All Melton Gallery Performance Series events are free and open to the public.

For a complete list of UCO College of Fine Arts and Design events and performances, visit www.uco.edu/cfad/events.

Photo provided by Director of Music Theatre Greg White, Ph. D.

Volunteer and Learning Services Participates in Rebuilding OKC

Rachel Brocklehurst

Contributing Writer

The Volunteer and Learning Services participated in Rebuilding OKC Sept. 30-Oct. 1 as part of Poverty Awareness Week. Poverty Awareness Week is a week full of events related to poverty in Oklahoma.

Eric Hemphill, originally from Wamego, Kansas, started with VLS last September and is the coordinator of events.

The VLS and Rebuilding Together OKC worked together to paint, install drywall, landscape and participate in general maintenance on homes, as well as perform other tasks. Students carpooled with one another to the event.

Hemphill said, "We wanted to take Shack-a-Thon a different route and thought this way would be more

impactful outside the campus. It also allows for ample opportunity to reach out to the community."

The three main agencies the VLS worked with are Hope Center, the City Rescue Mission and Rebuilding OKC. Hemphill said, "We do all sorts of things with non-profit agencies and have partnerships with over 200 agencies."

When working with one another, students are able to meet different people and make new friends.

Hemphill said, "We also have the fall and spring break work times where students spend a week together. One small group quickly forms into larger ones."

Anyone can volunteer through UCO as long as they are faculty, staff, or a student.

Hemphill said, "We recently did evaluations over the number of students logged over the last few years and there was significantly more, which

tells us they are getting more actively engaged."

To volunteer for UCO-related events, simply go to www.uco.edu/volunteer.

Along with the website, the VLS promotes itself through posters, fliers and E-BLASTS, which are weekly emails that students can sign up for. One may also contact the VLS at 405-974-2621 for further information or questions.

If one wants to volunteer to work with a nonprofit organization, they can call Hope Central or the City Rescue Mission.

Hemphill said, "My favorite part is showing students that UCO is a metropolitan university and being able to help those in need. We try to cater to each student's volunteer experience."

The VLS is located in the Nigh University Center in Room 212, across from the bookstore.

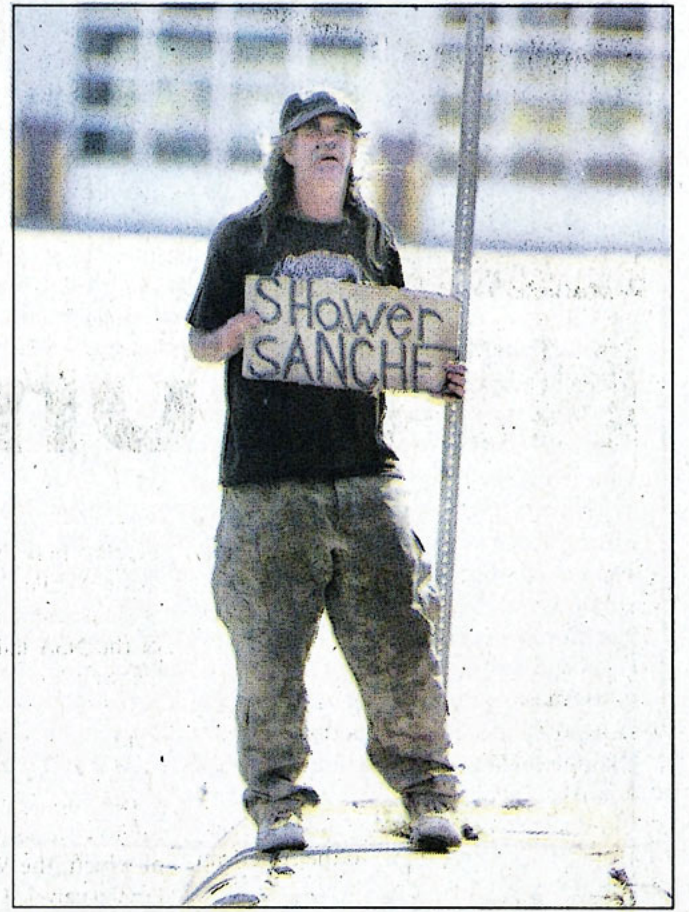


Photo provided by Quang Pho

The Face of the Homeless



During the early morning hours a homeless man traipses around a gas station on W Sheridan Ave, Oklahoma City, Sept. 26. Photo by Quang Pho, The Vista.



Hoping to persuade drivers for generosity at the intersection a homeless man holds up a sign at N Broadway and NW 23rd Street, Oklahoma City. Photo by Quang Pho, The Vista.

In recognition of UCO's Poverty Awareness Week, The Vista wanted to capture a glimpse into the world of Oklahoma City residents who live day-to-day without the comforts that many of us are privileged to enjoy.

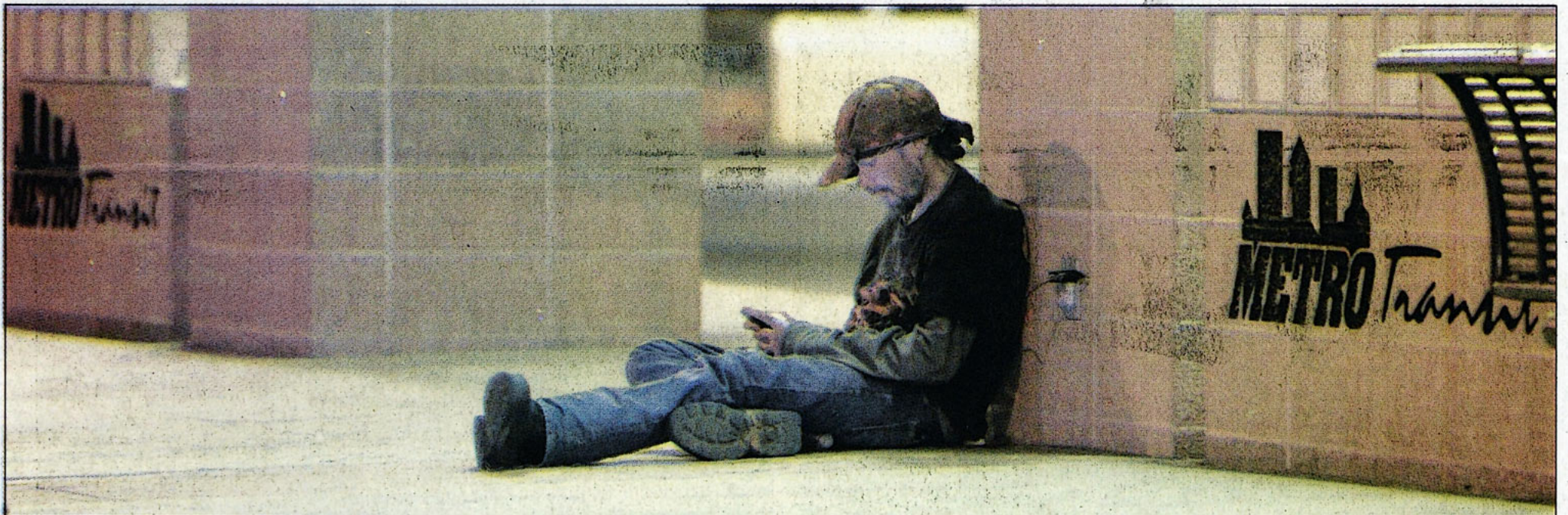
Enduring howling winds, scorching concrete and countless hungry nights, these are a few of the faces of the homeless of Oklahoma City. This is a

cross-section from the overwhelming population of individuals who live without the security of dry shelter on a cold, rainy day. They live without the reassurance of access to medicines when overcome with sickness, or many without even the promise of a pillow to lie down with on another sleepless night.

Many of us decide to look the other direction,

we hurry past in our quest to reach our next destination, or simply lack the empathy or courage to attempt to make a difference. Clinging tight to the out-of-sight out-of-mind understanding it is easy to rest comfortably in the warm comforts of home. However, in doing so doesn't change the fact that these are real people, with real pains and real faces.

Quang Pho, The Vista.



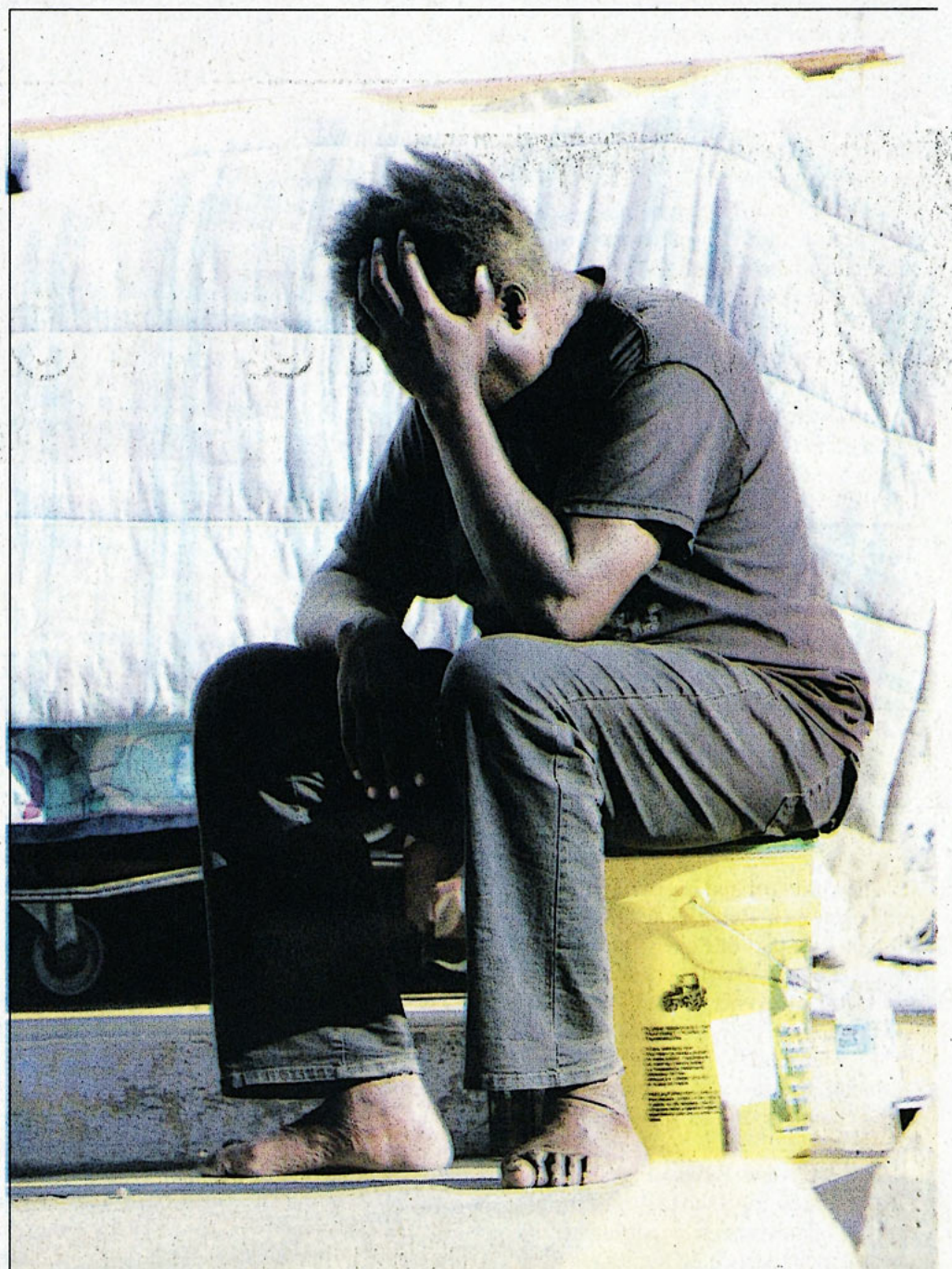
At the METRO Transit in Oklahoma City a homeless man uses an outdoor power outlet to charge his phone, Oct. 1. Photo by Quang Pho, The Vista.



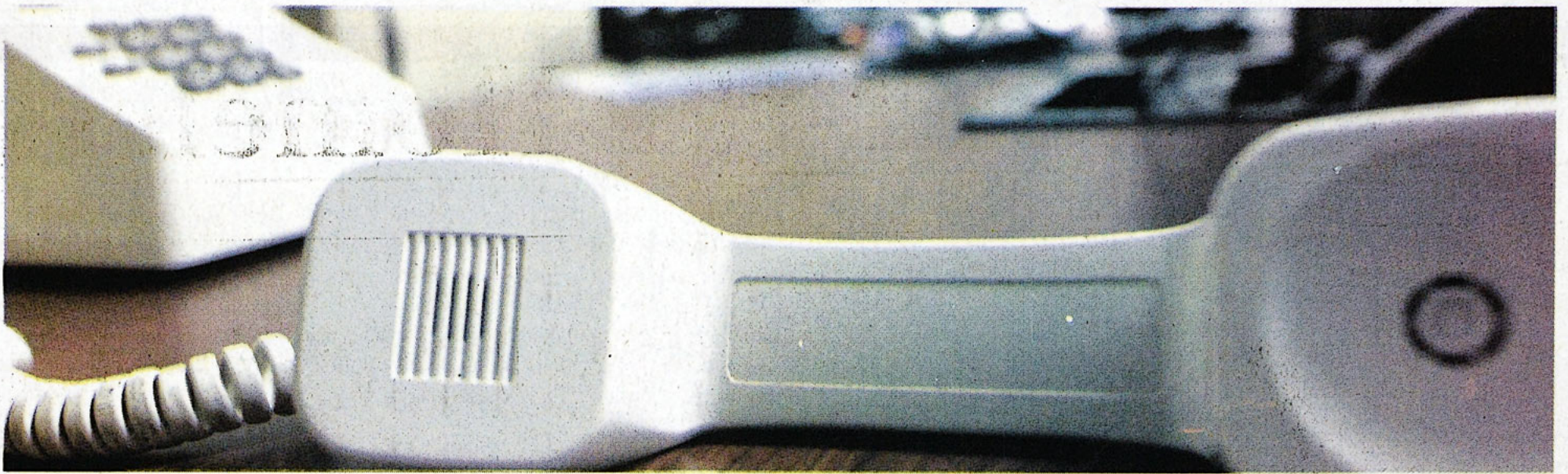
A homeless woman sleeps on a bench in the Myriad Botanical Gardens, Oklahoma City Downtown, Sept. 30. Photo by Quang Pho, The Vista.



Homeless men carry blankets and luggage at the intersection between 5th Street and California Ave, Oklahoma City, Sept. 26. Photo by Quang Pho, The Vista.



An Oklahoma City Metro homeless man sits in thought beside his possessions. Photo by Quang Pho, The Vista.



NSA: Under Surveillance

Josh Wallace

Staff Writer

By now most have heard of the National Security Agency (NSA) leaks by former contractor Edward Snowden, with the initial leaks published by the Guardian in June of this year, but what does the information gleaned from these documents mean to the American public?

While the NSA has deep roots going back to the 1930s, known then as the U.S. Army Signal Intelligence Service, the "National Security Agency" was officially established under the Truman administration in late 1952. The agency was tasked with the "responsibility for the communication intelligence and communications security activities of the government," according to a declassified NSA document. In essence, the agency was to handle the intelligence gathering and cryptology/cryptography for the government.

Little has been known about the NSA outside of the occasional declassified document

here or there, including what its annual budget is. While the majority of the U.S. budget is transparent for the most part, the budget of the NSA falls under what is known as the "black budget," or the Intelligence budget.

While there is a specific dollar amount reported in the Congressional Budget Justification (CBJ) summary, the specific use of funds is not known or itemized. For the 2013 CBJ, the total funding amounted to \$52.6 billion, of which, the Washington Post estimates the NSA receives \$10.8 billion, a 53 percent increase in budget since 2004. The NSA's budget is a substantial portion of the overall Intelligence Budget, second only to the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), at \$14.7 billion.

While the specifics are not broken down and available to justify the increase in budget over the last decade, the authority given to the agency in regards to its intelligence gathering programs, have led to the NSA to expand its operations substantially.

In late 2005, it was reported by the New York Times that the NSA had been listening in on international phone calls without a court order. This led way to the revelation that un-

der the authority of President George W. Bush shortly after Sept. 11, 2001, the NSA was given broad authority to conduct surveillance on international phone calls, essentially the right to wiretap without justification approved by the courts.

In 2006, specifics of the NSA's domestic surveillance program first came to light when a former AT&T technician, Mark Klein, provided the Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF) with specific details of AT&T's cooperation with the agency's intelligence gathering programs.

Klein revealed how AT&T had installed a fiber-optic splitter at one of its facilities in San Francisco. According to the information Klein provided, all internet traffic and communications that AT&T received were also being split off, and funneled through a fiber-optic cable that led to a room, the "SG-3 room," controlled by the NSA.

Key to the information provided by Klein, was the implication that there were multiple sites just like the one in San Francisco, which the EFF highlights the program "involves considerably more locations than would be

required to catch only international traffic."

At the time, the information regarding the NSA's activities weren't disputed by neither AT&T nor the NSA.

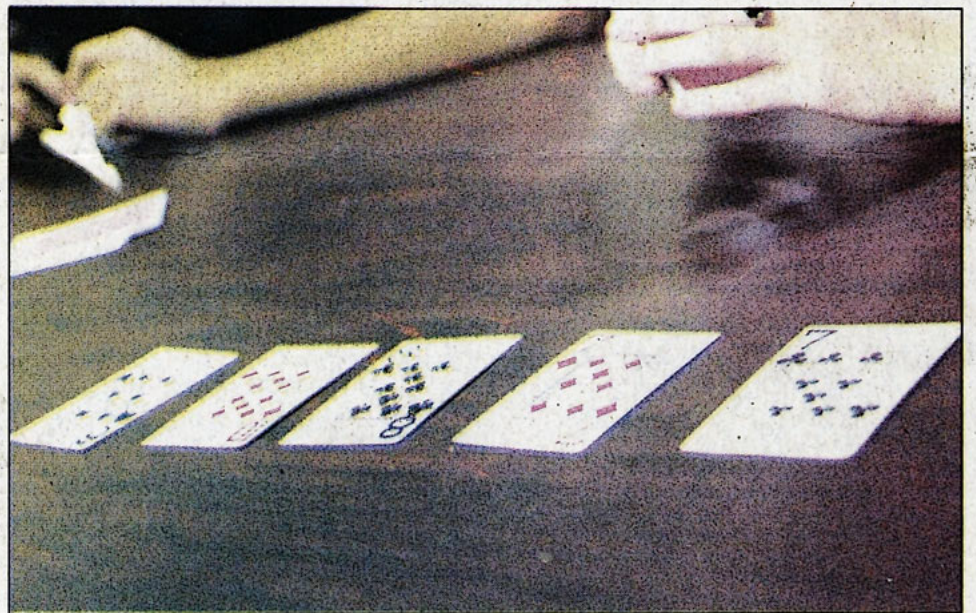
In January 2006, the EFF filed a class action lawsuit against AT&T regarding violations to free speech and privacy, to which the government responded for the case to be dismissed under "the military and state secrets privilege," and ultimately, the lawsuit was struck down in 2009 by a federal judge citing immunity from liability from the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA), an amendment signed by Bush in 2008.

The information that first leaked in 2006 would come full circle in 2013, as the files leaked by Snowden revealed in detail what AT&T and other companies had given the NSA.

Over the next installments on the NSA: A look at the FISA amendment of 2008, a run down of each NSA program revealed through the leaked information, and what information is being collected and how it affects you.



Students playing Black Jack on Oct. 1, 2013, during the Student Programming Board Central Series of Poker at Murdaugh Hall. Photo by Cyn Sheng Ling, The Vista.



Students playing Texas Hold 'Em during the SPB Central Series of Poker at Murdaugh Hall on Oct. 1, 2013. Photo by Cyn Sheng Ling, The Vista.

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Japanese golfers take out insurance policies against scoring an ace while golfing, since a player "lucky" enough to get a hole-in-one is obligated to buy gifts for all his friends.

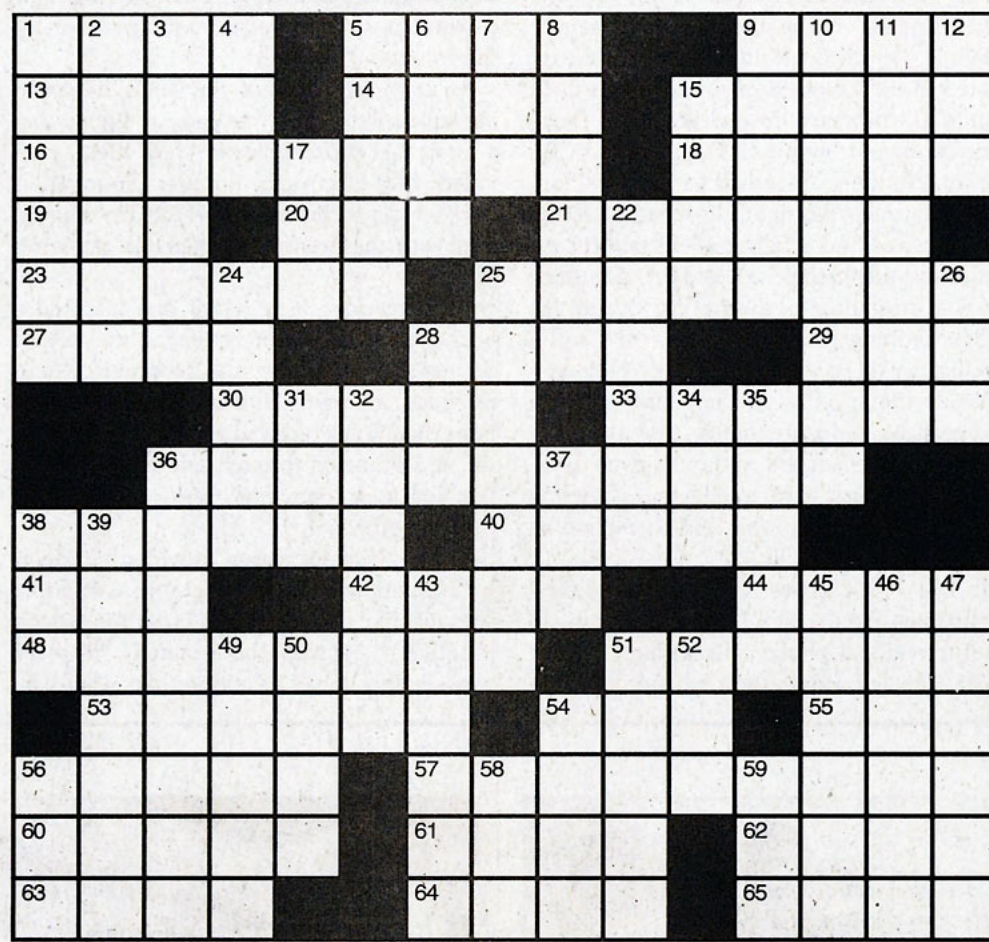
In 2000, a New Jersey man admitted he'd opened 2,417 accounts using 16 PO boxes to fleece Columbia House and BMG out of 26,554 CDs.

In 1914 and 1915, two Boston baseball teams beat two Philadelphia teams in the World Series. In 1914, it was the Boston Braves defeating the Philadelphia Athletics. In 1915, the Boston Red Sox emerged victorious against the Philadelphia Phillies.

CROSSWORD

Across

1. Deteriorate
5. Memorization by repetition
9. Cut short
13. To a remarkable degree
14. Beehive, e.g.
15. Sweet
16. Eastern North American herb whose yellow flowers are used in dyeing
18. Abalone found near the Channel Islands
19. Long, long time
20. Implement used to propel a boat
21. Representative
23. Vail trail
25. Nutlike seed of a South American palm
27. "Rambling Wreck From Georgia ____"
28. Again
29. Attorneys' org.
30. Produce
33. Not as good
36. With regard to emotions
38. Color between blue and yellow in the color spectrum
40. Best
41. Black gold
42. "September ____" (Neil Diamond hit)
44. Deprives of by deceit
48. Tree with showy bracts resembling flowers



51. Hay piled up in a barn for preservation
53. Like the Godhead
54. "At Seventeen" singer Janis
55. Ace
56. Go downhill, maybe
57. Persistent but subordinate motif
60. Maneuvers
61. Catch
62. "____ go brag!"
63. "Back in the ____"
64. Be rude to
65. Flight data, briefly

Down

1. Lacking good manners
2. Unhitch
3. Picturesque
4. Anderson's "High ____"
5. European mountain ash
6. On top of and covering
7. Athletic supporter?
8. Salad green
9. Dull and tiresome but with pretensions of significance or originality
10. Guiding light
11. Used for cooling drinks
12. The "p" in m.p.g.
15. It may get into a jamb
17. Former French coin
22. Fecal matter of a cow
24. Be similar in sound
25. Within a building
26. Dark heavy viscid substance
28. Three-time world heavyweight champion
31. Carbonium, e.g.
32. Root
34. Aged
35. Science
36. Submerged aquatic plant with ribbonlike leaves
37. Religious woman
38. Pan, e.g.
39. Unrestrained by convention or morality
43. Theatres in ancient Greece or Rome
45. Bestow
46. Inner satellite of the planet Uranus
47. Passes out
49. Smarter
50. Failures to reach base safely
51. College living quarters
52. "Gimme ____!" (start of an Iowa State cheer)
54. Wading birds with long, slender, down-curved bills
56. French vineyard
58. Bleat
59. "Gosh!"

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RANDOM QUOTES

A man has to live with himself, and he should see to it that he always has good company.
- Charles Evan Hughes

To know what is right and not do it is the worst cowardice.
- Confucius

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Rowing

Bronchos Rowing Team ready to Start the fall Season

Rick Lemon

Contributing Writer

UCO's rowing team is finally ready to get its fall season underway with the OCU Head of the Oklahoma festival this weekend on the Oklahoma River.

Oklahoma City's premier regatta for the year, will feature a two-and-a-half mile headrace, as well as the ever-popular OG+E Nightsprints.

For the first time ever, the Nightsprints will actually be held under the newly in-

stalled permanent lighting on the river, making Oklahoma City's boathouse district the only course in the world to feature permanent lighting.

The Head of the Oklahoma is the first of three headraces being run this fall season. Headraces are longer format, time-trail based races, where the boat with the fastest time wins.

The Head of the Oklahoma headrace acts as a qualifier for the Nightsprints. You have to qualify as one of the top boats at the festival in the 4000 meter endurance race to be

able to race that night under the lights. This way, the event is even more exciting for both the competitors and spectators and makes for excellent entertainment.

The fall season features three main regattas for the Bronchos. They start with the Head of the Oklahoma this weekend and then will compete in the Jayhawk Jamboree, held in Lawrence, Kansas, and the Frostbite Regatta, held in Wichita, Kansas. These races all feature the headrace format and make up the fall racing season.

Following a break for winter, the spring racing season typically begins around the

middle of March and features regattas around the country in events typically up to 2000 meters in length.

After a successful 2012 campaign, including multiple top finishes and a qualifying for the national meet in Indianapolis, the Bronchos are ready to start the 2013 season on the same note.

With a roster that only included five seniors last year and a growing interest in the sport, continued success for the Bronchos can be something to look forward to for years to come.

Soccer

UCO Falls To Mustangs

WICHITA FALLS, Texas (Oct. 1) – A first-half lead didn't hold up for Central Oklahoma here Tuesday night as the Bronchos dropped a 3-1 non-conference decision to Midwestern State.

Emily Hahn's goal late in the opening half gave UCO a 1-0 lead at the half, but the Mustangs responded with three second-half scores to hand the Bronchos their second straight loss.

UCO, now 3-5-1 on the season, returns to Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association play Friday with a 4 p.m. home game against Missouri Western before hosting Northwest Missouri at 1 p.m. Sunday.

"We had some chances that we didn't convert and then made some defensive mistakes that hurt us," head coach Mike Cook said. "It's a tough loss, but we just need to move on and get ready for two big conference games this weekend."

The Bronchos broke a scoreless tie at the 36:18 mark when Hahn tallied her second goal of the year, taking a pass from Quinn Tookey and knocking in a shot from 18 yards out.

UCO kept that 1-0 advantage until four minutes into the second half when the Mustangs tied it and MSU took the lead

nine minutes later on a penalty kick before adding the clinching score with just over a minute left to play.

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Upcoming Games

- 10/04 - Missouri Western State
4 p.m. Edmond, Okla.
- 10/06 - Northwest Missouri State
6 p.m. Edmond, Okla.
- 10/11 - Fort Hays State
7 p.m. Hays, Kan.
- 10/13 - Nebraska-Kearney
1 p.m. Kearney, Neb.
- 10/18 - Central Missouri
4 p.m. Edmond, Okla.

Freshman midfielder and fullback Kenna Dyess battles for possession of the ball in a game against Texas Women's University on Sept. 15, 2013. Photo by Cyn Sheng Ling.



Volleyball

Bronchos Rowing Team ready to Start the fall Season

JOPLIN, Mo. (Oct. 1) – Joanna Huckabee sparked a late surge that propelled Central Oklahoma to a first-set win and the Bronchos went on sweep Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association rival Missouri Southern here Tuesday night.

Huckabee had a kill and assisted block as UCO broke away from a 20-20 tie in taking a 25-22 victory in the opening set and the Bronchos rolled to 25-11, 25-19 victories in the next two sets to complete their seventh sweep of the season.

Coach Edgar Miraku's crew improved to 12-3 on the season – one win off their total from last year – and 4-2 in the league. UCO goes back on the road Saturday, traveling to Warrensburg, Mo. to take on No. 4-ranked Central Missouri.

"We played pretty well and came out with a good conference road win," Miraku said. "We had a lot of players contribute and I was happy with the way we competed tonight."

The Bronchos had a .304 attack percentage

in the match as four players hit .350 or better.

Barbara Jackson hit .545 with six kills and no errors in 11 attacks to lead the way, while Tyler Gromann hit .462 (seven kills, one error, 13 attacks), Allison Barr .417 (six kills, one error, 12 attacks) and Juliette Smith .357 (eight kills, three errors, 14 attacks). Sabetha Young had a team-high nine kills and Tate Hardaker a match-best 18 digs.

The first set was deadlocked at 20 when a Huckabee kill put UCO on top to stay, with the Bronchos using three MSSU errors and a block by Huckabee and Smith to close out the set.

UCO jumped out to a quick 8-1 lead in running away with the second set and the Lions had a 5-3 lead early in the third before Gromann and Barr had two kills apiece in a 6-0 run that put the Bronchos in control.

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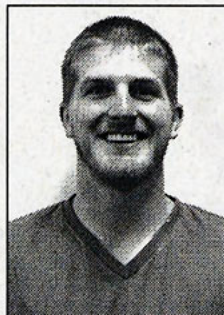
Head coach Edgar Miraku talks strategy with the UCO team at a break during their game against Pittsburg State on Sept. 17, 2013. Photo by Cyn Sheng Ling.

Opinion

Sports Decoded: Blame it on the instincts

Cody Johnson

Sports Editor



Countless hours and money is spent just to watch, cheer on, or participate in sports. When you actually take time to think about that, it is no wonder that some women do not understand the obsession that fills so many men's lives. To many people it is a waste of time and money.

Sports are not simply about the entertainment that they provide. If it were just another distraction to fill our time, then comedy shows, documentaries, or any other form of television would easily replace it. But that does not and will not fulfill the void in men.

You see sports connect with men on a much more instinctual level. It is bred into men, something they cannot help but love. Men want to prove they have dominance over others around them, either their environment or the people around them. To understand this we must look to the past.

In past days, way before society as we know it, men hunted to provide for their families. They needed wit, skill, determination and toughness to be successful. They proved their dominance over the environment around them to survive. It was a matter of life or death.

After society evolved to a level where men domesticated livestock, hunting was no longer necessary. Some men found other ways to use these skills they developed through hunting and had become culturally a part of being a man. They needed to prove their dominance some other way because

they had already conquered their environment.

By this period in time men no longer made the decision to show dominance, it had become a necessity, something instinctual.

Men needed to use this pent up instinct, so they set out conquering other men. They showed dominance by conquering other civilizations through skills, wit, and toughness. Yes these were times of violence, death, and carnage. It was called war.

Again society changed. It was no longer acceptable for men to prove their dominance by means of violence. That was considered "uncivilized." So men developed a less violent way to show dominance. To ensure that society approved, they created set rules to limit the carnage.

The first sport was the sport of wrestling, where men showed their physical dominance over others in hand to hand grappling. Pinning others down where they cannot move was the ultimate way to conquer and show control over other men. Thus sports were born.

Since then sports have evolved to include more skills such as ball control, hand-eye coordination, speed, and strength. But one thing has remained the same throughout hundreds of years of sports; men want to prove their dominance. So when someone asks you "why do you love sports?" Simply say: It's instinctual.

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Hockey

Central Oklahoma goes on the road to the north



Junior forward Nolan Grauer takes on a Lindenwood player on Sept. 28, 2013. Photo by Aliko Dyer, The Vista



Senior forward Nolan Hopkins takes on a pride of Lions versus Lindenwood on Sept. 28, 2013. Photo by Aliko Dyer, The Vista

Football

Football returns home to faces No. 6 ranked Griffons

Austin Litterell

Sports Reporter

The UCO football schedule has not been an easy one. The difficulty will continue this week as they return home to face the No. 6 ranked Missouri Western State Griffons. The game is scheduled for kickoff Saturday at 6 p.m. at Wantland Stadium.

UCO fell to the Griffons last season in St. Joseph, Mo., 45-23. The final score is deceiving, though, as the Broncos trailed by only eight points in the final two minutes.

Missouri Western will definitely be a tough task for the Broncos this week. The Griffons come into this game at second place in the MIAA at 3-0. UCO's opponents, includ-

ing the Griffons, sit high in the MIAA conference. Four out of the five opponents are currently ranked in the top 25 and three are ranked in the top 15.

Missouri Western State is coming in hot, offensively. The Griffons are averaging over 40 points per game. They defeated Fort Hays State last week, 52-21.

Missouri Western returns one of the best quarterbacks in the MIAA. Travis Partridge is a threat through the air and on the ground. Partridge has thrown nine touchdowns and ran for two. He threw for 224 yards and ran for nearly 100 yards against UCO last season.

Defensive Coordinator Russ Pickett talked about the Griffons' quarterback and the challenge he presents.

"Anytime you face a veteran QB, it is tough because they have been through so many

situations through the course of their career. Our guys have to respond and play with great effort," said Pickett.

Partridge is not the only weapon on offense for the Griffons. Raphael Spencer has 113 yards on the ground this season for Missouri Western. The Griffons average over 200 yards on the ground for the year.

The Broncos had their best performance of the season last week. UCO's defense will need another effort like last week to be able to hold down the Griffons' offense.

"I believe the defense took some steps forward last week, we just have to keep perfecting our technique and fundamentals. We look forward to the challenge that Missouri Western presents," said Pickett.

The defense held Washburn, 25 points under their season average and managed to

force their first turnover of the season. The defense needs turnovers to get off the field quickly and give the ball back to the offense.

Missouri Western is ranked in the top five of turnover margin, this season. Head Coach Nick Bobeck mentioned that tackling will need to be better against the Griffons.

UCO's offense has been strong this season. They have been able to move the ball pretty efficiently. Bobeck says the team will need to convert more third-down conversions in this game, to have success. The Broncos' offense converted just four out of their 15 third-down attempts against Washburn on Saturday.

Saturday will be a pink out game, in support of Breast Cancer Awareness month.



Senior linebacker Adrian Shoecraft and senior defensive back Devoris Dozier take down and Ichabod on Sept. 28, 2013 versus Washburn University. Photo by Mike Goehring.



Junior defensive back Jarrett Tyson breaks down to tackle an Ichabod on Sept. 28, 2013 versus Washburn University. Photo by Mike Goehring.

Cody Johnson

Sports Editor

The University of Central Oklahoma Hockey team will hit road this weekend to the north.

On Thursday, the Broncos will take on the North Dakota State University Bisons on their home ice, before moving on to take challenge the Minot State University Beavers in a Friday and Saturday match up.

Central Oklahoma will then return to North Dakota State on Sunday for a rematch with the Bisons.

"We don't know too much about what they [NDSU] do. We don't want to drop to their level. We want to play at our level," team captain Shane Khalaf

The Broncos are sitting at a 4-1 record for their 2013-14 season. This will be the first time they hit the road this season.

On the contrary, this will be the first game of the season, as well as their home opener, for NDSU season.

Last year, UCO beat the Bisons 5-0 and 8-2 with an outstanding performance. Central Oklahoma outshot NDSU 104 to 31, owning the offensive side of the game.

Minot State University has yet to play a game this season, but is ranked No. 1 in the national rankings. Last season, MSU was ranked No. 3 and defeated UCO in the first round of the national tournament with a 5-0 score before continuing on to win the national championship.

"They haven't lost a game since last November. They are really well disciplined," Khalaf said.

Last year was the Beavers first national championship title. They held a season record of 27-4 going into the national tournament.

"We have been trying to keep up our intensity. We had a good weekend, you know, beating two top five teams," Khalaf said.

The Broncos split games with Lindenwood last weekend, losing their first game of the season on Friday, with 4-2 against the Lions.

But UCO came back on Saturday with an unstoppable force to beat the Lions 5-0, shutting them out and keeping them off the scoreboard.

Before their weekend against Lindenwood, the Broncos made a rare Wednesday appearance against Adrian University. Previous to the game, Adrian was ranked No. 4 and UCO was ranked No. 14, but UCO didn't let the rankings speak for themselves, they beat Adrian 3-2.

The Broncos opened their season with a sweeping of Texas A&M on Sept. 13 and Sept. 14. Central Oklahoma shut the Aggies out 5-0 on Friday night and then returned on Saturday to put an even bigger whooping on them, shutting them out again and defeating them 8-0.

"The last thing we want to do is to get away from what we have been doing. Don't get too hyped about Minot being ranked number one," Khalaf said, we want to go there and find out how good we really are."