

Maddy's Mission: Marching for Melanoma Awareness



The Sept. 21 Broncho football game was dedicated to Maddy Watts. Photo by Cyn Sheng Ling, The Vista.

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The University of Central Oklahoma chapter of Alpha Gamma Delta, along with the UCO Student Programming Board and Panhellenic Council, hosted Maddy's March on Saturday, Sept. 21 at the Alpha Gamma Delta House.

Maddy's March is first and foremost a memorial to Maddy Watts, said Alpha Gamma Delta president and UCO Student Association vice

president Jillian Goodman. "We want the campus to remember what an incredible woman she was."

Maddy's March is an extension of the philanthropic cause, Maddy's Mission, dedicated to Madison Watts.

Watts was a freshman Alpha Gamma Delta member when she was diagnosed with a form of skin cancer known as metastatic melanoma. She lost her battle on May 27, 2013.

Maddy's March is Alpha Gamma Delta's Way of bringing melanoma

awareness to the UCO campus and community.

"Maddy's March is more than just a remembrance to Maddy," Goodman said. "We want to advocate for melanoma awareness."

Goodman hopes that by the end of the day, people will know what melanoma is and how to prevent it. She and the Student Programming Board planned the event over the summer.

"It's a memorial and an educational march," she said. "It's a collaborative effort."

SPB brought the idea to Goodman over the summer and they have been planning Maddy's March since June.

The Sept. 21 Broncho football game was dedicated to Watts. Many students, faculty and staff members were seen wearing the color purple. "Purple is the color we chose for

ple should be aware of melanoma, and we should do as much as we can do for the cause."

Harlee Verrill, a freshman SPB member, was also wearing purple and promoted Maddy's March.

"It makes me feel really good to see our campus come together," she said.

Verrill believes that Maddy's March showed a different side of the Central community and campus.

"We're more than just a campus," she said. "We care about our community, we care about our students."

Angeline Satchell, a senior biology major, was unaware of Maddy's March until the day of.

"I just saw everybody wearing purple and wondered what it was all about," she said.

Satchell supports melanoma awareness and raising funds for research about the cancer.

"I think it's really good that they are spreading awareness for skin cancer," she said. Today really let me know the sense of community UCO has."

"Over 50,000 people a year are diagnosed with some form of skin cancer," Goodman said.

Goodman feels that many people think tanning too much or not using enough sunscreen causes melanoma, but that's not always the case.

"Maddy had never been in a tanning booth and always used sunscreen," she said. "Maddy's melanoma was genetic."

The football game started with a moment of silence in memorial to Maddy Watts. Her family was in attendance.

"Maddy was a great person and we want her story to continue," Goodman said. "We want to remember her and the incredible impact she left on our campus."



Maddy's Mission," Goodman said. "We want the entire campus to be purple."

Balloons were released when the memorial rally began.

Madison Makin, a junior Alpha Gamma Delta member, participated in Maddy's March.

"We wanted everyone to come together in remembrance of Maddy," she said. "We wanted to show how she impacted everybody she knew and how she impacted UCO."

UCO Student Association president Zach Milvo was in attendance at the football game.

"I think Maddy's March is a wonderful way to honor Maddy," he said. "She has been a great symbol for the campus."

Member of the SPB handed out purple Maddy's March bracelets and purple buttons that said "ask me why I'm wearing purple."

"The bracelets and pins are a way for Maddy's Mission to continue," Goodman said.

Milvo wore a pin as well. "I'm a supporter," he said. "Peo-

UCO to host Media Ethics Conference

Brooks Nickell

Staff Writer

The University of Central Oklahoma's Media Ethics Conference 2013 will be held Wednesday, Sept. 25 and Thursday, Sept. 26 in the High University Center on UCO's campus. According to the UCO Media Ethics Conference 2013 website, Ethics 2013 will offer students, teachers and journalism professionals the opportunity to discuss the challenges facing the discipline and chart a course forward.

UCO's Chair of Journalism Ethics, Yvette Walker elaborated on what these challenges and ethical dilemmas entailed.

"Journalism -- no matter the platform -- continues to be faced with ethical dilemmas that reporters must solve," Walker said. "Do you investigate the company that is also an advertiser? Do you show Miley Cyrus twerking? Do you run the offensive ad? Do you represent a client who is morally bankrupt?"

The 2013 conference features speakers Josh Rushing and Doug Mitchell. As stated on the UCO Ethic 2013 website, Rushing is 14-year Marine Corps veteran who resigned from a top job at the Pentagon to go work for the Al Jazeera TV network. His reporting has taken him to Iraq and Afghanistan 10 times, often embedded with soldiers and Marines at the invitation of their commanders.

The website goes on to say that with the recent launch of Al Jazeera America, Rushing's work is very timely indeed. He'll talk about how he performs his job ethically, while seeking out truth and telling stories of people who often are voiceless.

Mitchell, according to the website, is co-director of a start-up camp funded by the Ford Foundation to develop media profession-

als of color into tomorrow's business founders and CEOs. He's a member of two boards, an adjunct instructor at Georgetown University and was recently appointed to the Peer Review Committee for the Fulbright Commission's Senior Specialist Program, as well as a judge for the Start up Chile program through You Noodle.

"Every year brings wonderful speakers. Josh and Doug are very excited to come to campus and chat with students about a variety of subjects," Walker said. "And we've got several local media professionals who will be visiting with us for the first time."

Other panel speakers for the 2013 Media Ethics include, Mike Boettcher, a veteran network news correspondent who has been recognized with journalism's top awards and also helped launch the era of 24-hour live news coverage on June 1, 1980, when he performed the first live satellite report for CNN.

Scott Booker, a music industry veteran and entrepreneur, also joins the conference. He is the Chief Executive Officer of Academy of Contemporary Music at UCO, manager of the Flaming Lips, owner and creator of Hellfire

2013 Media Ethics Conference

Wednesday, Sept. 27 & Thursday, Sept. 28

High University Center Ballrooms

Enterprises, Ltd. and Co-Founder of World's Fair Label Group.

Aside from the guest speakers, Walker said there would be much more going on for students, faculty and staff at UCO to enjoy.

"We've got great speakers, interesting topics and even a workshop on how to pick a job, ethically. Everyone wants a job, right?" Walker said. "It's free, there's food and you can connect with some very cool people."

Students get into the luncheon and conference for free and non-students pay \$25 to attend both.

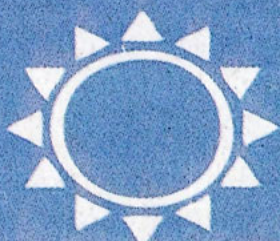


Students take part in the 2012 Media Ethics Conference in the High University Center Ballrooms on Oct. 17, 2013. Photo provided by Vista Archives.

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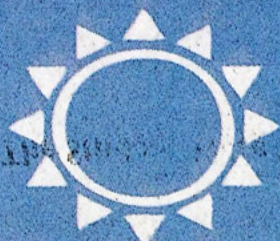
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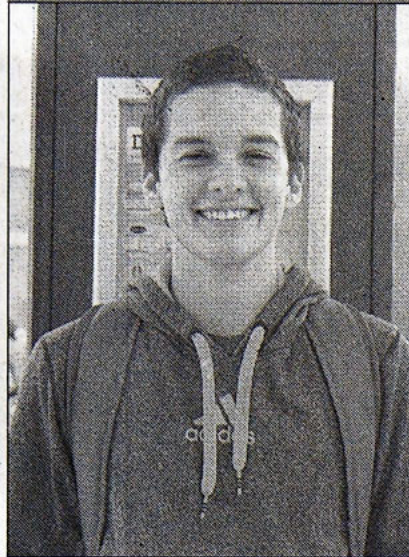
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Do you think Sexual Awareness week is informative or awkward?

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Counseling Psychology - Freshman



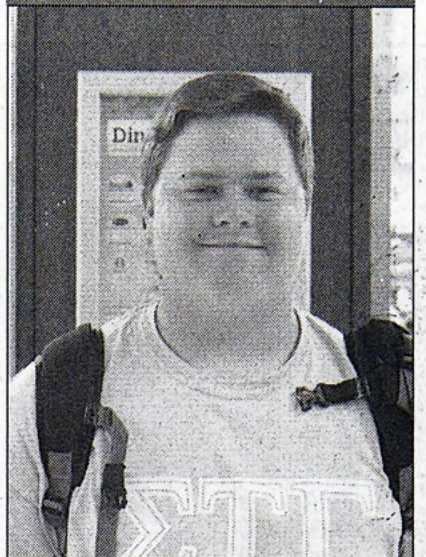
"It's informative. A lot of our parents aren't going to talk to us because they think it's awkward."

GLORIA RENUAE
Strategic Communications - Junior



"It's informative. Some people aren't aware of some of the things being talked about."

TAYLOR YORK
Kinesiology - Sophomore



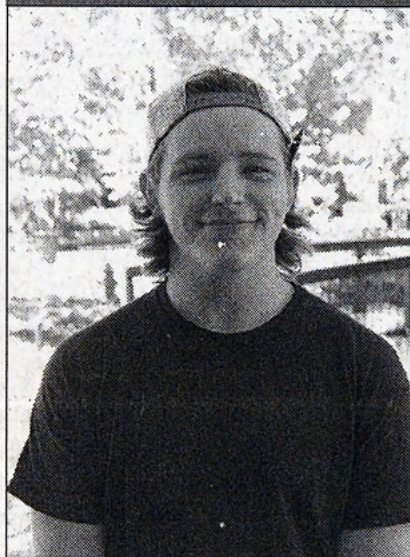
"It's informative. People should actually know what's going on and the diseases that go around."

MEAGAN THOMAS
Professional Media - Sophomore



"It's awkward. I feel like it is really personal. I don't think they need to have it out there."

AARON BLUNDELL
Mass Communication - Sophomore



"Very informative. We should all be informed on sexual awareness."

SABRINA SARKER
Undecided - Freshman



"I actually haven't heard about it, but you should know about that stuff."

The Final Countdown

By: Sarah Neese (Editor-in-Chief)

Among the recent onslaught of tragedies, catastrophes and big events, one largely important news story seems to just now be slipping out from under the radar.

On Oct. 1, the fiscal year for the United States begins.

Why does this matter? It matters because the United States is, once again, faced with the task of scurrying about, in an effort to prevent a government shutdown.

According to CNN.com, the House passed a short-term solution to the governmental crisis. The resolution would allow the government to remain open for the first 11 weeks of the fiscal year.

So, what's the catch?

The Republican-majority House proposed that funds could be acquired, to keep the government open, by eliminating all funds for Obamacare. The problem now, yes, there's still a problem, is that the Democrat-majority Senate is extremely unlikely to pass the resolution.

If Congress cannot agree to a proposal to reduce spending and find additional funds, we will be facing another potential government shutdown.

You might be asking, as I once was, "What exactly does a government shutdown entail?"

According to Andrew Taylor, of The Associated Press, government doesn't really shutdown:

"Here's the truth about a government 'shutdown.' The government doesn't shut down. So the world won't end if a dysfunctional Washington can't find a way to pass a funding bill before the new budget year begins on Oct. 1. Social Security checks will still go out. Troops will remain at their post. Doctors and hospitals will get their Medicare and Medicaid reimbursements. In fact, virtually every essential government agency, like the FBI, the Border Patrol and the Coast Guard, will remain open. Furloughed federal workers probably would get paid, eventually. Transportation Security Administration [TSA] officers would continue to man airport checkpoints."

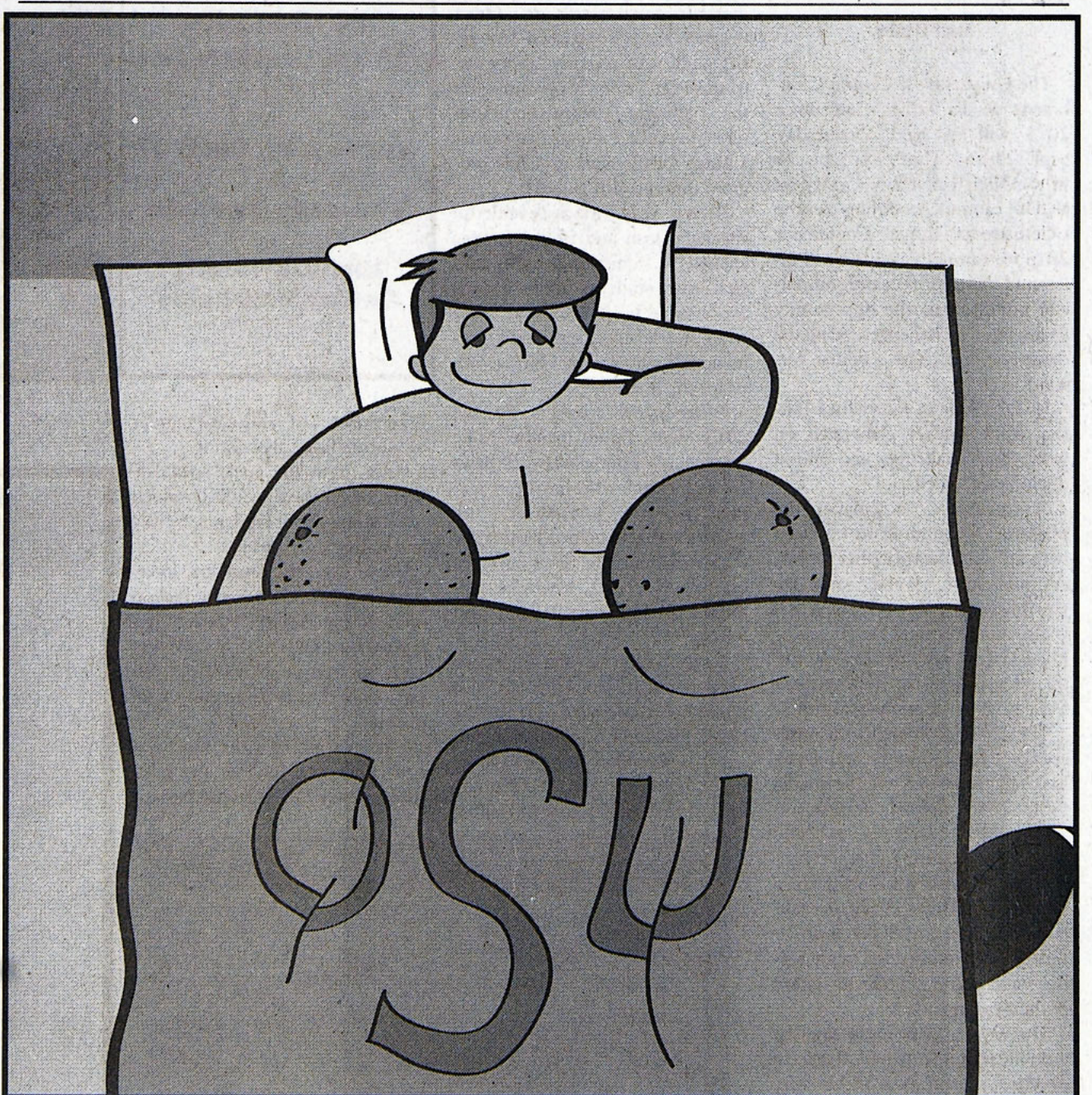
Now, after I read this, I was a bit confused. It didn't really seem like the government was going to shut down after all, but, patience, because the kicker is still to come.

What WILL happen is that the government will run out of money. Not only will they run out of money, they will also run out of money to borrow.

This would mean that the United States of America could not, for the first time in its history, pay all of its bills, either in full or even on time.

And that, folks, is a problem.

As our debt skyrockets to new heights, we are literally



Cartoon by Matthew Gossom

running out of debt capacity.

As a college student, who is actually already in debt to the government, it's easy for me to see how the government could feel a little overwhelmed at the prospect of paying back its enormous debt.

However, with debt, come financial obligations to repay.

As the deadline looms, let's all keep our fingers crossed and our prayers frequent that the United States of America, the greatest country in the world, prevents itself from going bankrupt.

Opinion

Sincerely,



Stevie

Just a Memory

By Stevie Armstrong

The fall semester is in full swing and if you've managed to avoid the stress so far, get ready. Midterms will be here in roughly a month and with all the exciting activities that come along with fall, study motivation becomes harder and harder to find.

Soft scarves, oversized hoodies and pumpkin spiced everything tend to cause a melatonin rush, when what we really need to be doing is staying awake to study. Don't worry too much, though. Try to find a bright side to these stressful rushes.

I like to think of midterms as a reminder that the semester is halfway completed and I'm that much closer to earning my degree...that I may or may not

even use.

I only add that last comment because you really don't know where life is going to take you, what you're going to accomplish, or whom you're going to meet.

I'm in college now, trudging through the workload and going through the motions of tests, essays and procrastination, but that doesn't mean my future is ensured. What could the future offer after our name is put on a degree?

Personally, I've tried getting through college as quickly as possible, in order for me to move onto something I'd rather be spending my time doing.

I've been a student my entire life and being so close to finish-

ing, makes the time feel even slower. But is that the attitude I should have?

Something dawned on me this morning, while pouring my coffee. Someday, college is going to be obvious. I know that may seem a bit obvious, but because I've only ever had the attitude of rushing through it, I guess I haven't acknowledged the fact that someday it will actually be over.

I don't want my only college memories to be of me trying to fight my way out of it. Of course I'd be happy graduating tomorrow, but I do think I should start taking in the memories of college, instead of running through them in order to get to the next.

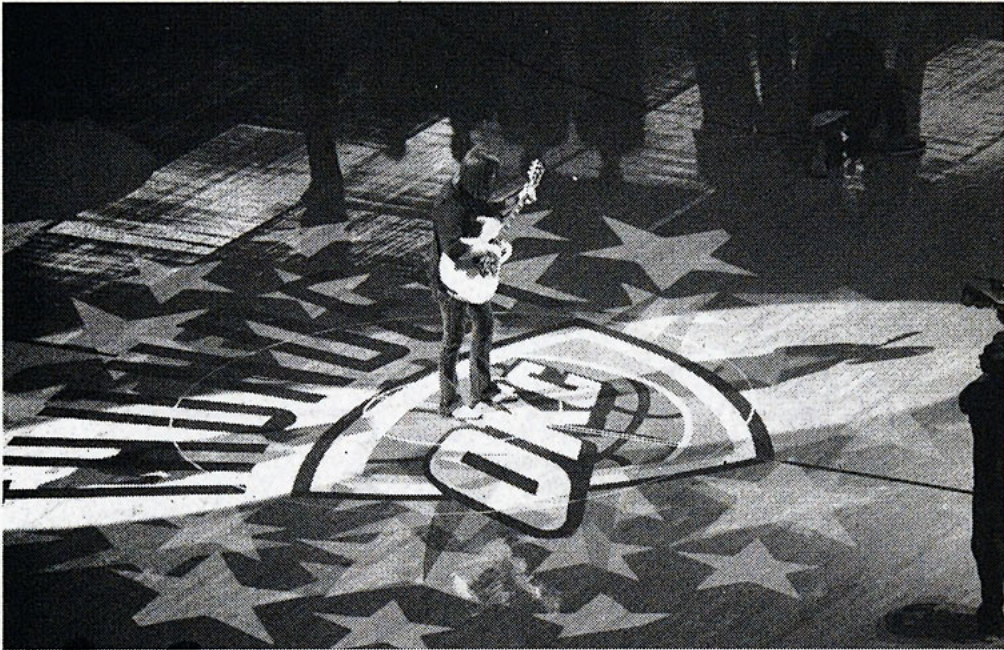
My goal for the rest of the fall semester is to make memories; memories that I'll smile about when my college career is finally complete.

Although that still seems like it'll never become reality, eventually it will happen, and probably much faster than expected.

So while midterms round the corner, be excited that we've made it this far through the semester, but don't forget to take the time to soak in the memories.

Sincerely, Stevie

OKC Thunder VP of Guest Relations to host seminar



The Chesapeake Energy Arena serves as the home of the Oklahoma City Thunder. Senior Vice President of Guest Relations for the Thunder Pete Winemiller will be presenting a seminar in Constitution Hall on Thursday, Sept. 26. Photos by Cyn Sheng Ling, The Vista.

Tyler Talley

Staff Writer

Pete Winemiller will present his customer service seminar, "Moment's Matter!" at 1:30 p.m. on Sept. 26 in Constitution Hall in the Nigh University Center.

"Moment's Matter! Building a Culture that Empowers Employees, Benefits Customers and Creates Loyalty Inside and Out" is a presentation by Winemiller that looks to share his experience in customer relations, as well as his personal philosophy and will kick off a year-long focus on excellence in service at Central.

"Offices all over campus are joining in a quest to evaluate our current service, identify

what our students and employees look for in great service and how we can improve the experience," said Vice President for Information Technology and CIO at UCO Cynthia E. Rolfe.

Winemiller currently serves as Senior Vice President of Guest Relations for the OKC Thunder, Rolfe stated in an email.

Winemiller's position requires him to create repeat customers in a business setting for the Thunder, outside of the basketball court.

Winemiller specializes in customer service and has received numerous awards for his achievements in the field throughout his career. He has written several articles on the subject for various national publications and also consults with other NBA teams, other professional sports leagues and with organi-

zations outside of pro sports regarding their customer service models.

"I asked Pete Winemiller to come talk to us after hearing that he had a strong message and knowing that the Thunder provides such a fun and engaging experience for their fans," Rolfe said. "We thought, 'wouldn't it be fun if our customers' were also our fans? After hearing his message, we thought it would be a great opportunity to open the presentation to the entire campus. After all, a great experience involves the provider and the receiver."

Winemiller's presentation will be followed by two optional breakout sessions that will also take place in the Nigh University Center. Both require registration through the UCO website.

"The purpose of the breakout sessions is to

continue the conversation. To give attendees an opportunity to share their thoughts and suggests," Rolfe said.

Rolfe said the session titled "Attitude of Invitation" will seek to gain ideas, input and feedback for employees at UCO. It will be facilitated by Fran Petties of Human Resources and Employee Relations. The other session, "Exceeding Your Expectations," will focus on more input from UCO students.

"We at UCO, all agree we are here to help students learn and we want to know what students want from us," Rolfe said. "How do we meet, or even exceed students expectations?"

Winemiller's presentation and the breakout sessions are free and open to all UCO faculty, staff and students. Registration for the breakout sessions can be found online.

UCO Holds Strategic Communication Conference

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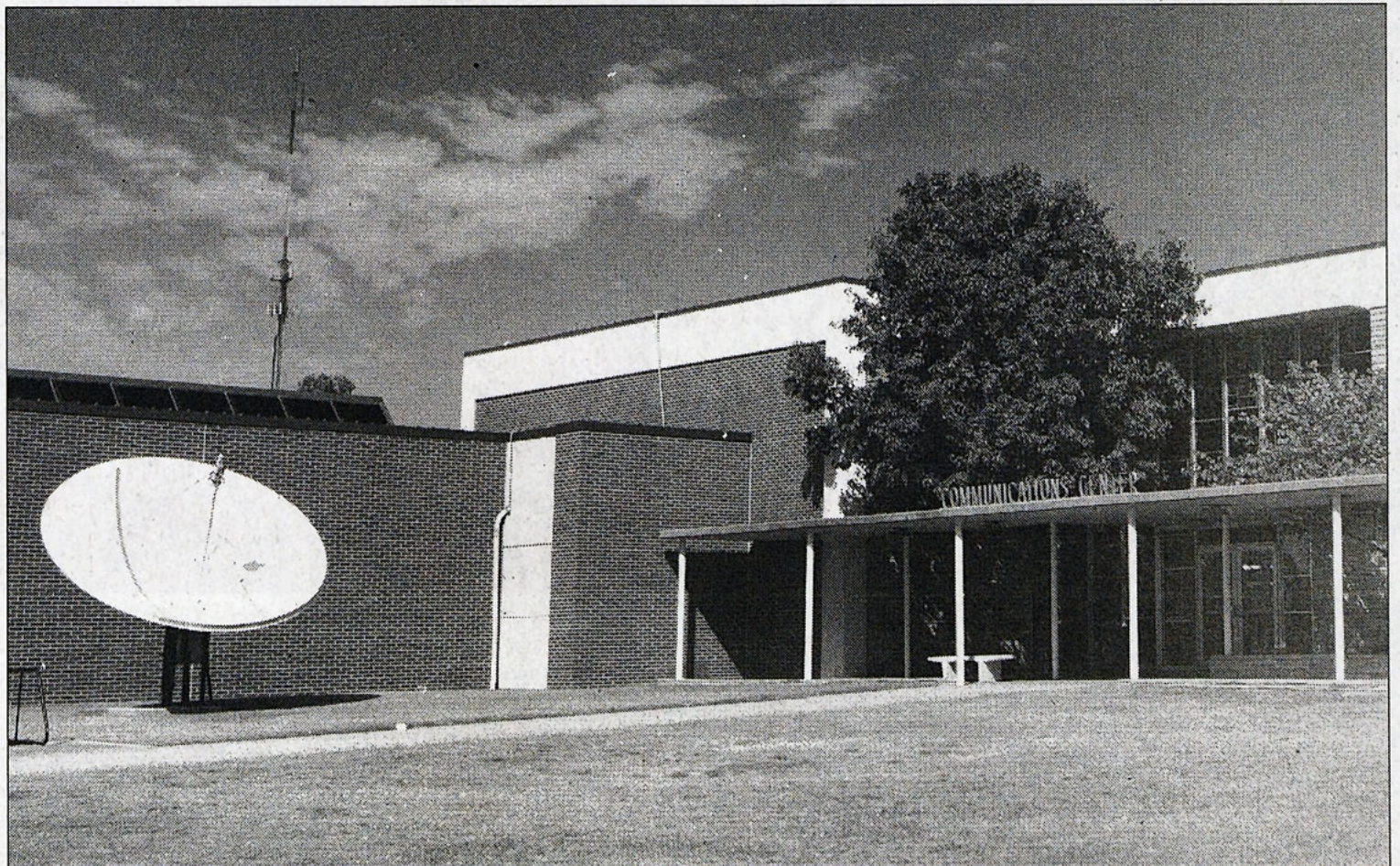
Contributing Writer

The UCO Department of Mass Communication hosted a Strategic Communication Conference on Friday, Sept. 20 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. beginning in the Bob Burke Film Screening Room in the Mass Communications building. The conference was named Fusion because Strategic Communications is three different careers (advertising, public relations, and organizational communication) fused into one. This conference was made to better prepare students for data analysis, strategic execution, and creative development and project execution of integrated communication projects.

"We're marketing it to every level, because the seniors need it the most, it's the most immediate for them. But if they pay attention and start doing this their freshman year, then we think they'll be much better prepared to get a job. Our grads get the jobs," stated Sandy Martin, UCO Faculty.

"What use to be disparate and distinctive career fields, have converged and when they go looking for a job everyone they talk to wants them to be able to do advertising and public relations, both internal and external, which is org. comm. (Organizational Communication). They want them to be able to design, write, edit video, and do it all. The industry has fused again, and it has come back together, so we want them to know that they have to broaden their base of learning and they've got to make a commitment to keep learning the rest of their lives because its not what they know how to do now because it will technically change. The judgment will get better and the ability to make decision will get better but there will be different software and different techniques constantly," Martin said.

"The seed for the idea was planted from members of our advisory board when we met for lunch last spring. During the summer I contacted them to see if they were still interested in doing it and almost all of them were



Professors of the Department of Mass Communication held a Strategic Communications Conference on Friday, Sept. 20, in an effort to prepare students for their careers after college. Photo by Quang Pho, The Vista.

interested in participating," Martin said. The advisory board is to keep UCO faculty up-to-date with the courses to offer and the skills students need for the changing job market. The advisory board wants UCO students to get jobs despite the competitive market and they wanted to meet with the students. "They kept talking about things the students need to learn how to do outside of learning the skills and the material. We put together a list of topics and emailed the advisory board members to ask if they were interested in speaking on a specific subject."

Martin began the conference with an opening session discussing different tactics and things to do now, while students are still in college, to better prepare their selves to get

the job of their dreams.

The next hour there were three different sessions for students to choose from including 'Who are you and what are you doing' with Mike Breslin, UCO Faculty, 'The Hidden Job Market' with Jennifer Arlan, the Director of Marketing and Communication for North-care, and 'Building your resume before you write it' with Dr. Jill Lambeth, UCO Faculty.

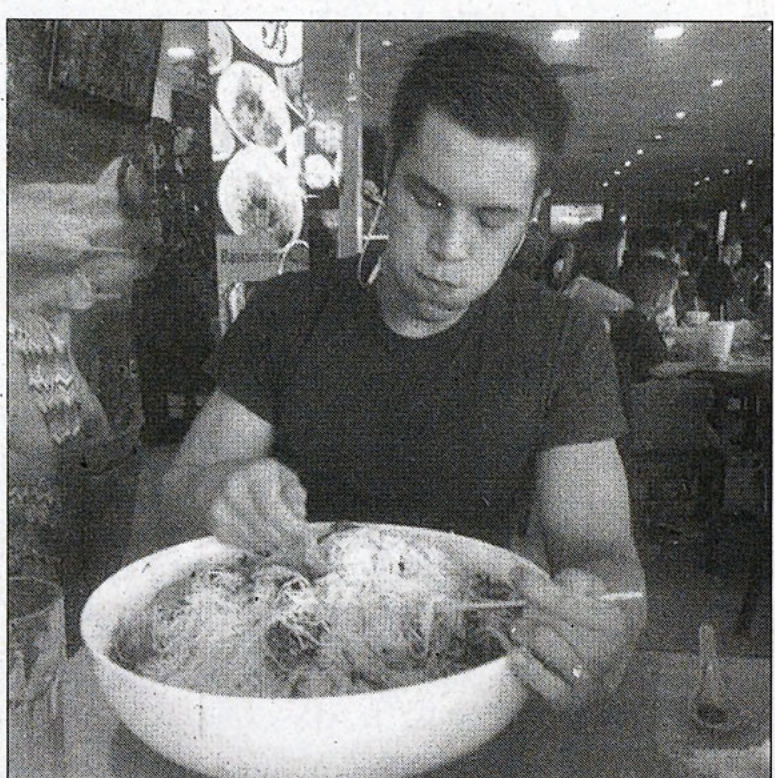
Following an hour lunch break from 11:50 a.m. to 12:50 p.m., session two began with 'What I Know Now About How to Succeed: Lessons of Your Lifetime' with Gean Atkinson, Principle of Atkinson Advertising, 'Building Your Personal Branding Portfolio' with Becky Endicott, Director of Donor Engagement for Integris Foundation, and 'What not to say in a

Job Interview' with Moose Tyler, UCO Faculty.

The last sessions were "Future Casting: Where are the Mass Media headed in the Future?" with David Kimmel, Director of Communications of SandRidge Energy, 'What Do I Really Need to Learn in college?' with Dr. Christy Vincent, UCO Faculty, and 'Selling Yourself in a Resume' with Debby Anglin, Principle of Anglin Public Relations. Dr. Roz Miller concluded the session with more discussion and student Q & A. To end the conference, there was a small reception.

Martin, and the UCO Strategic Communications Advisory Board Members, plan to host this conference every fall, although they may change the format into discussing these topics on panels.

GLOBAL ODDITIES



EATING FOR EDUCATION

The Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — A University of Wisconsin student with a nickname of "Silo" is eating his way through school — competitively. Computer engineering student Eric Dahl now ranks third in the world of competitive eating as determined by All Pro Eating rankings, though he once held the top spot. Dahl has earned more than \$18,000 in prize

money or merchandise to help pay for his education. "I'm eating for my education," he said. "It helps me get through." Dahl was drawn to competitive eating in 2011, at the former Big Red's Steakhouse in Madison. Dahl didn't want to pay for his meal so he signed up for a challenge: eat a three-pound cheesesteak sandwich in less than 10 minutes and skip the bill. He finished in 5 minutes, 50 seconds. "It just started rolling from there," he said. Dahl's first paycheck

came from Dickey's Barbecue Pit in suburban Minneapolis, where he earned \$250 for inhaling nine pulled-pork sandwiches in six minutes. The former high school athlete found the competition and its over-the-top atmosphere reminiscent of professional wrestling. "I really get pumped when the crowd starts cheering," he said. "I'm friendly with other competitive eaters, but once I'm on stage I don't have any friends." The 6-foot-3 Dahl said he lifts a few miles a day, walks weights twice a

week and plays intramural soccer and hockey to maintain his 220-pound weight. The State Journal reports (<http://bit.ly/1dvsVlj>) that he eats no more than 3,100 calories a day, mostly vegetable to avoid increasing his waistline, and stretches his stomach by eating 10 pounds of cabbage or broccoli in a single sitting followed by a lot of water. His next bout is scheduled for Saturday. "Silo" will try to win \$1,000 at a national pizza-eating contest on Library Mall at the University of Wisconsin Madison.

In this undated photo provided by Eric Dahl, Dahl, a University of Wisconsin computer engineering student with a nickname of "Silo," fills up on a 13-pound bowl of Vietnamese noodles known as pho. The competitive eater has become a top-ranked competitor nationally, using prize earnings to help pay for his UW-Madison degree. (AP Photo/Arami Phillip Alvarez)

UNPLANNED PRISONHOOD

The Associated Press

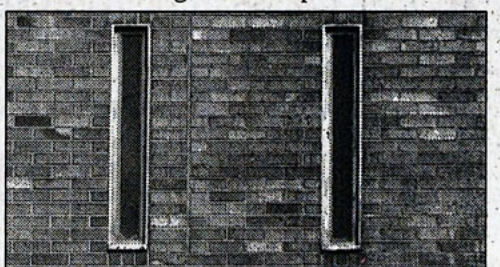
SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A burglar who tried to break into an ATM at a bank in San Francisco was arrested Friday after he hopped onto the roof of a nearby building to escape and fell into an apartment, police said. "There was a hole in the roof where he fell through just as we were ordering him to put his hands up," police Sgt. Wilfred Williams told reporters. "I've responded to several different silent alarm calls at banks, but this is the first time when someone fell through a roof." The suspect, whose name was not released, was not seriously injured. Police said he weighed 230 pounds. Police said he had tried to use a crowbar to break into the ATM inside a Bank of America branch in the Portola neighborhood around 3:45 a.m. The man apparently got into the bank through a ventilation shaft, which triggered a silent alarm. He was spotted by officers as he fled, police Chief Greg Suhr told KPIX-TV. Officers notified the K9 unit after realizing the burglar had fled onto the roof. A Fire Department ladder truck was called in as part of the search. The suspect was spotted on the roof. As he was trying to surrender, he fell into the apartment. Police said no money had been taken.



White film blocks the view through a window from inside a jail cell at the Delaware County Jail, Tuesday, Sept 3, 2013 in Muncie, Ind. The film placed over the Delaware County Jail's windows last week allows daylight into the cells, but prevents inmates from seeing out, Sheriff Mike Scroggins said. It has been a common site since the jail opened in 1992 to see friends and family members of inmates signaling or writing sidewalk messages to them. Inmates have also sometimes made lewd gestures or exposed themselves to passersby in downtown Muncie. Scroggins said the window frosting cost less than \$100 on the dozens of narrow windows for the cells holding up to 275 inmates at a time. "The idea is to keep the inmates from communicating with people outside and also being a nuisance with lewd behavior," he said. (AP Photo/The Star Press, Jordan Kartholl)

The Associated Press

MURRYSVILLE, Pa. (AP) — A western Pennsylvania man has been charged with driving drunk while carrying an open can of beer — on a riding lawn mower. Murrysville police say they found 55-year-old Thomas Marrone driving the mower along a road just before 1:30 a.m. Aug. 30. Police say Marrone smelled of alcohol and had an open can of Coors Light beer in the mower's storage compartment. They say he told them he was driving to his Murrysville home — some 6.4 miles away. Marrone didn't immediately return a phone message left at his home Thursday, and on-line court records don't list an attorney for him. He faces a preliminary hearing Tuesday on charges including driving under the influence and driving with a suspended license.



An outside view of the Delaware County Jail windows. (AP Photo/The Star Press, Jordan Kartholl)

THE END OF THE VOLKSWAGEN VAN

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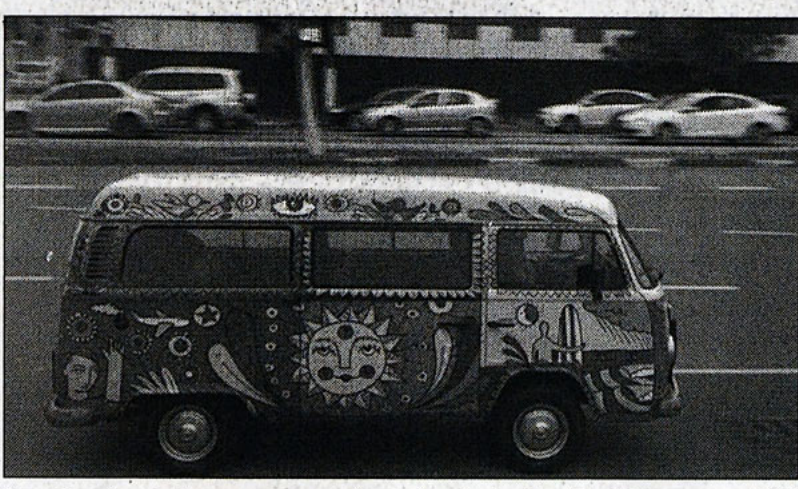
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SAO PAULO (AP) — It carried hippies through the 1960s, hauled surfers in search of killer waves during endless summers and serves as a workhorse across the developing world, but the long, strange trip of the Volkswagen van is ending. Brazil is the last place in the world still producing the iconic vehicle, or "bus" as it's known by aficionados, but VW says production will end Dec. 31. Safety regulations mandate that every vehicle in Brazil must have air bags and anti-lock braking systems starting in 2014, and the company says it cannot change production to meet the law. Although output will halt in Brazil, there should be plenty of VW vans rolling along for decades if only because there are so many, and they are so durable. VW produced more than 10 million Volkswagen Transporter vans globally since the model was introduced 63 years ago in Germany, though not all resemble the

classic hippie machine. More than 1.5 million have been produced in Brazil since 1957. The VW van is so deeply embedded in popular culture, it will likely live on even longer in the imagination. "The van represents freedom," said Damon Ristau, the Missoula, Montana, director of the documentary "The Bus," which follows van fanatics and their affection for the machine. "It has a magic and charm lacking in other vehicles. It's about the open road, about bringing smiles to peoples' faces when they see an old VW van rolling along." Perhaps nothing with a motor has driven itself deeper into American and European pop culture than the VW, known for its durability but also its tendency to break down. Van lovers say its failures only reinforce its charm: Because its engine is so simple, it's easy to fix, imparting a deeper sense of ownership. The van made an appearance on Bob Dylan and Beach Boys record album covers, among many, though in music circles its most closely linked to the Grateful Dead and the legion of touring fans that followed the rock group across the U.S., the machines serving as rolling homes. Steve Jobs is said to have sold his van in the 1970s to buy a circuit



board as he built a computer that helped launch Apple. The vehicle is linked to the California surf scene, its cavernous interior perfect for hauling boards. But in poorer regions like Latin American and the Africa, the vehicle doesn't carry the same romantic appeal. It definitely doesn't hold the cool mystique in Sao Paulo that it does in San Francisco. It's used in Brazil by the postal service to haul mail, by the army to transport soldiers, and by morticians to carry corpses. It serves as a school bus for kids, operates as a group taxi, and delivers construction materials to work sites. Brazilians convert their vans into rolling food carts, setting up on street corners for working-class lunchtime crowds. In Brazil it's known as the "Kombi," an abbreviation for the German "Kombinationsfahrzeug" that loosely translates as "cargo-passenger van." One recent drizzly morning in Sao Paulo, Jorge Hanashiro took a

Kombi while his wife, Anna, served deep fried meat and vegetable pastries to customers at an open-air market. "There may be safer and more modern cars around, but for me the Kombi is the best vehicle to transport my stall and products to the six open air markets I visit each week," the 77-year-old Hanashiro said. "It is the most rugged and easy to repair." The vehicle has found its way into the hearts of Brazilians like Enio Guarnieri, 54, who stood grinning next to the blue-and-white 1972 van he keeps in his cluttered garage in a working-class Sao Paulo neighborhood. Guarnieri bought the vehicle a year ago to stoke childhood memories. When he was 10, his father taught him to drive a van. "Driving a Kombi with your face up against the windshield is a thrilling adventure," he said. "There is no other van like it. There is no other van that is so easy and inexpensive

Left: In this Sept. 18, 2013 photo, advertising executive Marcelo Serpa drives his Volkswagen van, or Kombi, emblazoned with a "rolling mural," that he painted, through the streets of Sao Paulo, Brazil. Serpa said the bus evokes "a spirit of playfulness and happiness," causing people to pause and smile when he drives it down Sao Paulo's chaotic streets. (AP Photo/Andre Penner)

to maintain. Anyone with a minimum amount of knowledge about engines and a few tools can fix a Kombi." A VW plant in Mexico stopped producing the classic version of the van in 1995, leaving a factory on Sao Paulo's outskirts as its last lifeline. Production in Germany was halted in 1979 because the van no longer met European safety requirements. Sao Paulo advertising executive Marcelo Serpa says the van's spirit will live on after its demise. He has a 2007 version meant to have a 1960s American hippie feel. He painted it in bright green, yellow, blue and red colors with cartoon-like drawings of his wife, daughters and himself, surfboard in hand. Serpa said the bus evokes "a spirit of playfulness and happiness," causing people to pause and smile when he drives it down Sao Paulo's chaotic streets. "The Kombi is part of Brazil's cultural and emotional landscape," he said, "and that explains the strong feelings of affection most people have for it."

Mass Shooting in Kenyan Mall

Jason Straziuso and Tom Odula

Associated Press

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — Kenyan officials said security forces controlled nearly all of an upscale mall on Monday, two days after it was seized by members of a Somali terrorist group who invaded with guns blazing, killing at least 62 people.

Four thunderous explosions reverberated through a Nairobi neighborhood in the morning, raising fears for the lives of any remaining hostages still being held by al-Shabab, a Somali armed Islamic group linked with al-Qaida, in the Westgate Mall.

Three attackers had been killed in the fighting Monday, officials said, and more than 10 suspects arrested. Eleven Kenyan soldiers were wounded in the running gun battles. By evening, Kenyan security officials were claiming the upper hand.

"Taken control of all the floors. We're not here to feed the attackers with pastries but to finish and punish them," Police Inspector General David Kimaiyo said on Twitter.

Kenya's interior minister said the evacuation of hostages "has gone very, very well" and that Kenyan officials are "very certain" that there are few if any hostages left in the building.

Interior Minister Joseph Ole Lenku also revised the death toll to 62. Kenyan officials earlier said 59 people have died since the siege on Westgate Mall began on Saturday, while the Red Cross had put the toll at 68, then in a tweet lowered it to 62, saying some bodies had been counted twice.

Dark plumes of smoke rose from the mall for more than an hour after four large explosions rocked the upscale Westlands neighborhood. A person with

knowledge of the rescue operation told The Associated Press that the smoke was rising up and out of a large skylight inside the mall's main department and grocery store, Nakumatt, where goods like mattresses may have been lit on fire.

Kenya Chief of Defense forces Gen. Julius Karangi said fighters from an array of nations participated in the attack claimed by al-Shabab.

"We have an idea who these people are and they are clearly a multinational collection from all over the world," he said.

Karangi said Kenyan forces were in charge of all floors inside the mall, though terrorists could still be hiding inside. Earlier witness reports had indicated that a woman was among the estimated 10 to 15 attackers. Lenku said that instead some male attackers had dressed up like women.

The four explosions were followed by volleys of gunfire, then a thick, dark column of smoke that burned for roughly 90 minutes. Military and police helicopters and one plane circled over the Nairobi mall, giving the upscale neighborhood the feel of a war zone.

On Sunday Kenyan officials announced that "most" hostages had been rescued. But no numbers were given. Kenyan officials have never said how many hostages they thought the attackers had, but have said preserving the hostages' lives is a top priority.

Kenyans and foreigners were among those confirmed dead, including British, French, Canadians, Indians, a Ghanaian, a South African and a Chinese woman. The UK Foreign Office said Monday it has confirmed the deaths of four British nationals.

From neighboring Somalia, spokesman Sheikh Ali Mohamud Rage for al-Shabab — the militant group that claimed responsibility for the attack — said in an audio file posted on a website that the hostage takers had been ordered to "take punitive action against the hostages" if

force was used to try to rescue them.

At the Oshwal Centre next to the mall, the Red Cross was using a squat concrete structure that houses a Hindu temple as a triage center. Medical workers attended to at least two wounded Kenyan soldiers there on Monday.

Al-Shabab said on a Twitter feed, an account that unlike some others appears to be genuine, that the attackers had lots of ammunition. The feed said that Kenya's government would be responsible for any loss of hostages' lives.

As the crisis surpassed the 48-hour mark, video taken by someone inside the mall's main department store when the assault began emerged. The video showed frightened and unsure shoppers crouching as long and loud volleys of gunfire could be heard.

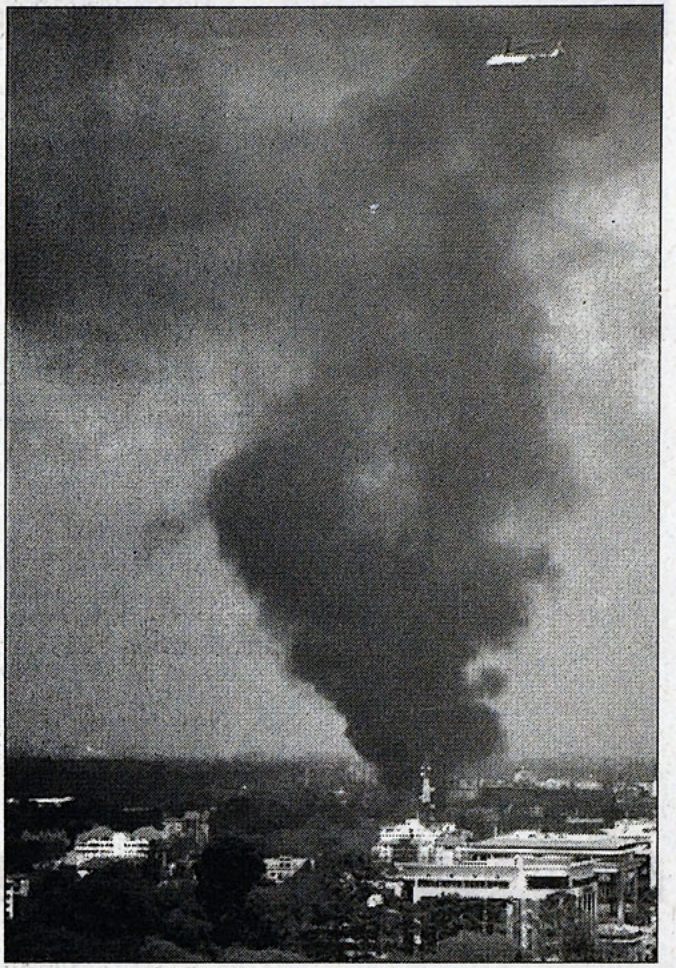
The al-Shabab extremists stormed the mall on Saturday from two sides, throwing grenades and firing on civilians.

Kenya's Red Cross said in a statement, citing police, that 49 people had been reported missing.

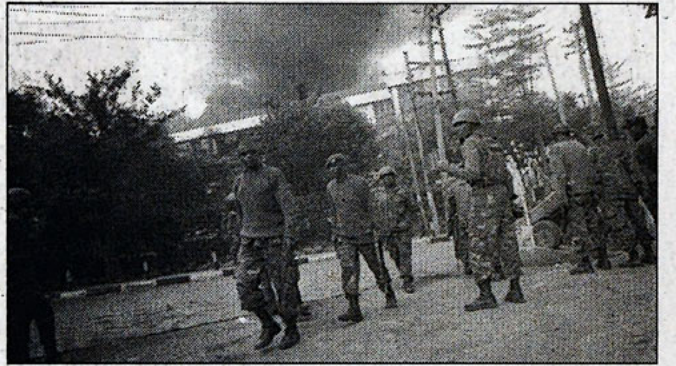
Al-Shabab said the attack, targeting non-Muslims, was in retribution for Kenyan forces' 2011 push into neighboring Somalia.

Al-Shabab is an extremist Islamic terrorist force that grew out of the anarchy that crippled Somalia after warlords ousted a longtime dictator in 1991. Its name means "The Youth" in Arabic, and it was a splinter youth wing of a weak Islamic Courts Union government created in 2006 to establish a fundamentalist Islamic state in the East African nation.

Al-Shabab is estimated to have several thousand fighters, including a few hundred foreign fighters. Some of the insurgents' foreign fighters are from the Middle East with experience in the Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts. Others are young, raw recruits from Somali communities in the United States and Europe.



A helicopter flies above as a plume of black smoke billows over the Westgate Mall, following large explosions and heavy gunfire, in Nairobi, Kenya Monday, Sept. 23, 2013. Four large blasts rocked Kenya's Westgate Mall on Monday, sending large plumes of smoke over an upscale suburb as Kenyan military forces sought to rescue an unknown number of hostages held by al-Qaida-linked militants. (AP Photo/Riccardo Gangale)

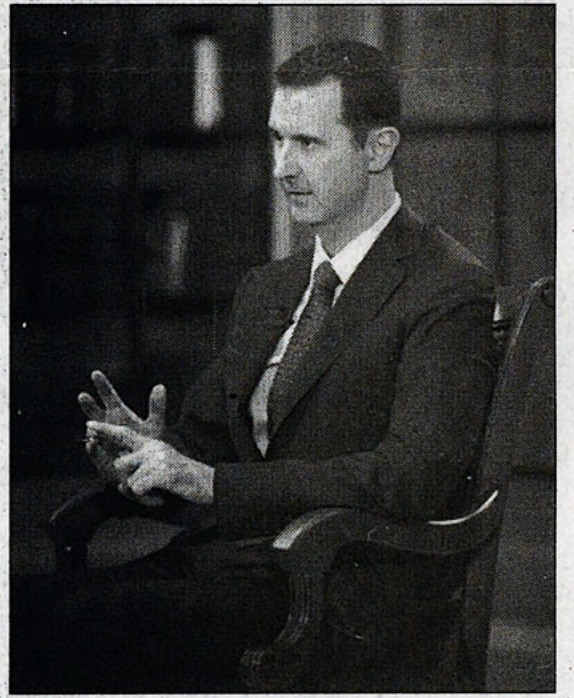


Kenyan security forces walk back from the Westgate Mall as black smoke billows above, following large explosions and heavy gunfire, in Nairobi, Kenya Monday, Sept. 23, 2013. (AP Photo/Jonathan Kalan)

Syria Committed to Honoring Agreement



Left: In this Sunday, Sept. 22, 2013 photo, damages are seen due to fighting between Free Syrian Army fighters and government forces at a village turned into a battlefield in Idlib province, north Syria. (AP Photo)



Right: In this photo released by the Syrian official news agency SANA, Syrian President Bashar Assad speaks during an interview with Chinese state CCTV, in Damascus, Syria, Monday, Sept. 23, 2013. Assad said his government will allow international experts access to its chemical weapons sites but cautioned in an interview broadcast Monday that rebels might block them from reaching some of the locations. (AP Photo/SANA)

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DAMASCUS, Syria (AP) — President Bashar Assad pledged in an interview broadcast Monday to honor an agreement to surrender Syria's stockpile of chemical weapons, but he said that rebels might try to block international arms inspectors from doing their work.

As battles continued across Syria, new Associated Press video of an attack Sunday night showed the regime's helicopters dropping barrel bombs on opposition-held areas, creating chaotic scenes of destruction.

In a sign of worsening infighting among the rebels, a top al-Qaida commander in Syria was killed in an ambush by rival, Western-backed group — an assassination sure to raise tensions among factions seeking to topple the regime.

Assad's comments came as world leaders gathered in New York for the annual U.N. General Assembly, where the use of chemical weapons in Syria's civil war was high on the agenda.

The Syrian leader told Chinese state TV that Damascus is dedicated to implementing the agree-

ment reached between Russia and the U.S. to surrender its chemical weapons to international control. Syria's stockpile, he said, is "in safe areas and locations and under the full control of the Syrian Arab Army."

Assad cautioned, however, that the rebels might block inspectors from reaching some of the locations, in order to frame the government.

"I'm referring to places where gunmen exist. Those gunmen might want to stop the experts' arrival," Assad told CCTV in the interview, which was shot Sunday in Damascus and broadcast Monday.

Under the agreement brokered Sept. 14 in Geneva, inspectors are to be in Syria by November and all components of the chemical weapons program are to be removed from the country or destroyed by the middle of next year.

The revelations of Syria's chemical weapons arsenal became public after an Aug. 21 attack near Damascus that a U.N. report found included the use of the nerve agent sarin. Hundreds of people died in the attack that brought Washington to the brink of military intervention before the accord was struck between the U.S. and Russia.

The U.N. inspectors face enormous challenges, including maneuvering between rebel- and government-controlled territory. Last month, snipers opened fire on a U.N. convoy carrying a team on its way to investigate the Aug. 21 in-

cident.

Opposition fighters have insisted they will also cooperate with any inspectors or experts who come to Syria.

Ralf Trapp, a former chemical arms inspector who is now a disarmament consultant, said Assad was legally obligated to let in inspectors under the chemical weapons treaty. But, he cautioned, "they can use the security situation as an excuse. They can delay things."

Damascus met a first deadline under the Geneva agreement, submitting last week what was supposedly the full list of its chemical weapons and production facilities to the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons so they can be secured and destroyed.

Also Monday, Hezbollah leader Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah categorically denied rebel claims that his group had received chemical weapons from Syria.

The U.S.-Russian deal has dealt a blow to the rebels, who had hoped a U.S.-led military strike would turn the war in their favor. Opposition leaders have warned the regime will continue to wield conventional weapons in the civil war, which has killed more than 100,000 people since the uprising began in March 2011.

Fierce fighting between regime forces and rebels Monday included an airstrike that killed at least six people from the same family in central Hama province.

Exclusive AP video showed a he-

licopter dropping explosives Sunday evening on the village of Habat, followed by pandemonium as civilians and fighters with flashlights searched frantically for survivors in the rubble.

Villagers used a pickaxe and car jacks to try to rescue a man and his son buried under slabs of concrete. The father's face and hands could be seen protruding from the rubble. He did not survive, but his son was saved.

Another AP video showed billowing smoke and destruction after helicopters and warplanes bombed rebel positions in the mostly abandoned village of Kafer Zita, also in the Hama region. Several men appeared to be groggy from the blasts and covered in dust. Hospital officials said they struggled to treat the injured, with scarce medication.

Regime forces are fighting Sunni rebels in the Hama area to keep them from advancing on villages inhabited by Alawites, members of Assad's minority sect, an offshoot of Shiite Islam.

In the latest inter-rebel fighting, the group known as the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, an al-Qaida offshoot, said its commander in Idlib province, Abu Abdullah al-Libi, was killed in an ambush by members of the Free Syrian Army who opened fire on his car near a border crossing with Turkey on Sunday. The statement was posted on a militant website.

Al-Libi, a Libyan national, is a high-profile militant who fought

in Iraq, Libya and most recently in Syria.

Charles Lister, an analyst with IHS Jane's, said the killing underlines the increasingly hostile environment for the ISIL. The group has sought to expand its influence across opposition-held territory in the north and has increasingly clashed with long-existing rebel units affiliated with the FSA.

The killing "will undoubtedly raise the level of tension amid insurgent forces in northern Syria yet further," Lister said, adding that the perception within ISIL militant circles that the FSA is a hostile force will likely increase.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, an activist group monitoring the conflict, confirmed the death of al-Libi, which is a nom de guerre. It said he was killed with 12 other al-Qaida fighters near the village of Hazanu, 10 kilometers (six miles) from the Bab al-Hawa border crossing with Turkey.

Nadim Shehadi, an associate fellow at London's Chatham House, said the story surrounding rebel infighting was being used by the Assad regime to portray the opposition as unstable and dangerous.

"The story is being overblown, not because of the importance of the guy, but because it's seen that he was killed by the FSA," Shehadi said.

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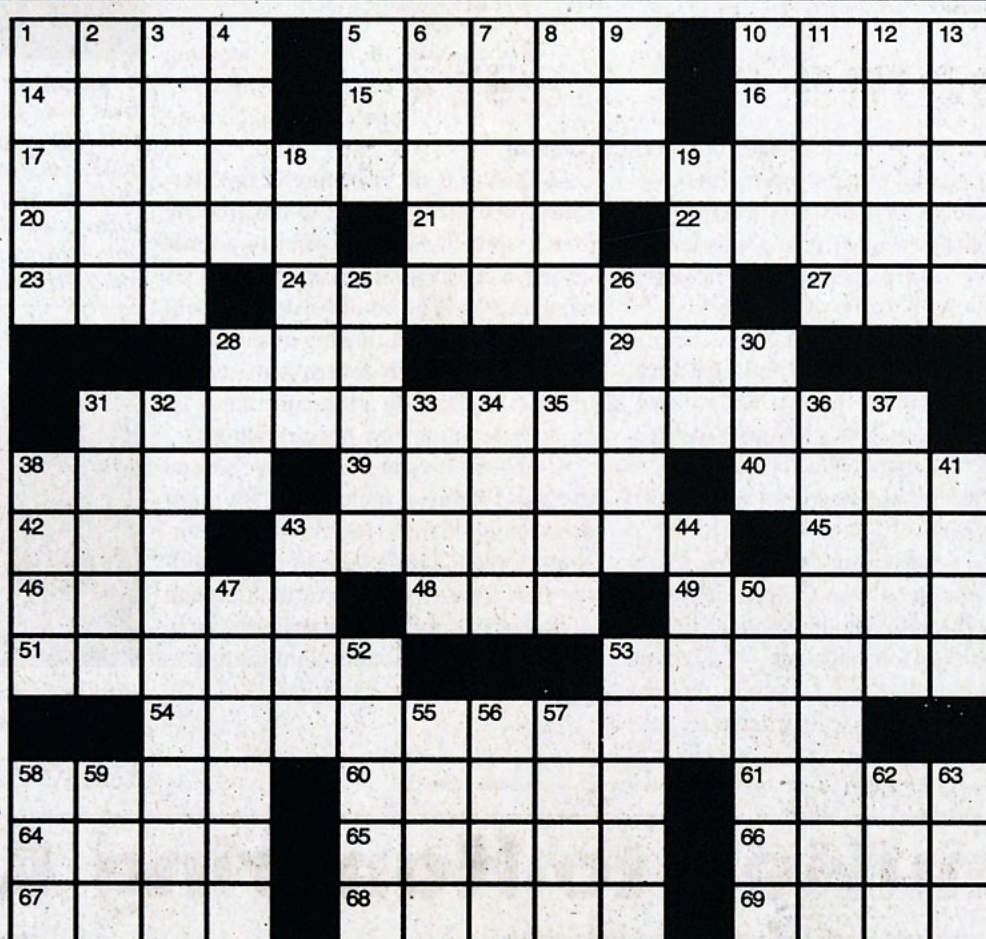
RANDOM QUOTES

I never did, or countenanced, in public life, a single act inconsistent with the strictest good faith; having never believed there was one code of morality for a public, and another for a private man.
- Thomas Jefferson

The reputation of a thousand years may be determined by the conduct of one hour.
- Japanese Proverb

CROSSWORD**Across**

1. Member of a largely pastoral Islamic people who live in Kurdistan
5. Asian capital
10. Door fastener
14. Give sanction to
15. Submersible warship usually armed with torpedoes
16. Bit
17. Carouse
20. Banana oil, e.g.
21. "___ moment"
22. Aquatic mammal
23. Mauna ___
24. Ear membrane that vibrates to sound
27. A pint, maybe
28. Native of Thailand
29. Gangster's gun
31. Genre of art and architecture in reaction against established modernism
38. Pat on the back?
39. Bacteria discovered by Theodor Escherich
40. Flight data, briefly
42. .0000001 joule
43. Slander
45. Crumb
46. Small terrestrial lizard of warm regions of the Old World
48. Costa del ___
49. Social
51. Barbershop quartet members



53. Become assimilated into the body
54. Extraordinarily courageous
58. Succulent
60. Bone-chilling
61. Advertising sign
64. Adroit
65. Black
66. Challenge
67. Government tax on imports or exports
68. Breaks
69. 60's hairdo

Down

1. 100 of equal 1 ruble in Russia
2. Decree
3. Indian side dish of yogurt and chopped cucumbers and spices
4. Fraction of a newton
5. Small crude shelter
6. Dislike, and then some
7. Extremely
8. Horse opera
9. "Am ___ believe ...?"
10. Clue
11. Blood carrier
12. Brace
13. Chaplain in one of the military services
18. Milk-Bone biscuit, e.g.
19. Adult female
25. Archer, at times
26. One of the two branches of the Finno-Ugric family of languages
28. Cooking meas.
30. 20-20, e.g.
31. Rid of impurities
32. Gallery occupied by a church organ
33. Wood sorrels
34. Birdbrain
35. Twelfth month of the civil year
36. Unable to hear anything
37. Made from residue of grapes or apples after pressing
38. Doozy
41. Leave in, as text
43. Hawaiian tuber
44. Cut, maybe
47. One of two basic subdivisions of a tribe
50. "To do" list
52. Contemptuous look
53. Squirrel nests
55. Daughter of Zeus
56. "Aeneid" figure
57. "___ it the truth!"
58. Make sense, with "up"
59. Moldovan monetary unit
62. Bobby of hockey
63. Prefix with classic

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RANDOM FACTS

The first video uploaded to YouTube featured co-founder Jawed Karim discussing elephants at the San Diego Zoo.

The song "Over The Rainbow" nearly didn't make it into The Wizard Of Oz. Songwriter Harold Arlen had to beg for its inclusion in the film.

Frank Neuhouser won the first National Spelling Bee in 1925. His prize: \$500 in gold and a meeting with Calvin Coolidge.

A large percentage of the budget for Monty Python and the Holy Grail was donated by members of Led Zeppelin and Pink Floyd.

A shampoo containing real beer was marketed in the 1970s under the brand name Body On Tap.

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Opinion

Litterell-y Sports: compensation of players



Austin Litterell

Sports Reporter

There has been a lot of talk about the NCAA in recent weeks. Most of the talk has been about the compensation of players.

Football brings in millions of dollars per year for the university, so of course it is a topic of conversation in the sports world.

I have had a tough time making up my mind on this subject. Part of me tends to lean towards the fact that athletes are getting scholarships to play football or any sport in college. Lately though, the question has crossed my mind that if I was an athlete, how would I feel? I wouldn't want to go to work every day and not get paid for it.

Paying football players seems like a good idea; I am for it. But it does bring on a slippery slope for the NCAA. If you pay football players, then what about other sports? If one sport gets paid then all sports have to get some sort of compensation, or the schools and NCAA would have more problems than

when they started.

So many questions begin if one sport gets paid. Do you pay other sports less? Do the men's sports get more than women's sports? These questions are why it does not look like compensation will be coming anytime soon. Also, college presidents are not fans of the idea either.

If players are not allowed to receive money, than they should at least be allowed to sell their own belongings. A.J. Green from Georgia got suspended for four games for selling his jersey. The fact is that the belongings are not the NCAA's but the athletes. Getting suspended for selling your own things is ridiculous.

This is a terrible rule that needs to be changed quickly. They seem to forget that

these kids are still college student. As a college student it is sometimes hard for me to make ends meet. Why not allow them to sell their things to make some cash, because there is not much time for them to have a job? If signing autographs or selling rings or jerseys is the only way for players to make money then let them do it.

The NCAA is not known for being consistent, especially in the handing out of penalties from players. The only noticeable consistency from them seems to be their bad rules. They are just piling up on the players by not allowing this. Maybe someday they will change it, but that is something that we're going to have to be see to be believe.

Volleyball

Central Oklahoma set best opening record (10-0)

Katie Kastl

Contributing Writer

The University of Central Oklahoma Women's Volleyball hit the road this weekend with matches at Fort Hays State University and University of Nebraska-Kearney.

"We would love to push hard against Ft. Hays and maybe steal that match," Head Coach Edgar Miraku said. "We are coming off of several matches where we have competed well."

The Bronchos were able to do just that, with a record-breaking win on Friday versus FHSU, taking their record to 10-0. The 1994

team that went 9-0 at the start of their season, held the previous best opening record.

The Bronchos went 3-1 in the match on Friday, 25-22, 20-25, 25-17, 25-19. Bringing their conference record to 2-0 before Saturday.

Junior Juliet Smith hit .323 in gaining 13 kills against three errors in 31 attacks, while freshman Allison Barr hit .321 in getting 13 kills and seven assisted blocks.

UCO had a rough third match, losing, and the start of the fourth was no better. Falling to 3-1 early in the fourth set, but the Bronchos went on a 6-0 run to gain and keep the lead for the remainder of the game.

"Any time you can go on the road and win

in this conference, it's big and we're excited," coach Miraku said in an interview with Bronchosports. "We got contributions from a lot of different players and I'm happy about where we are, but we've got a big test tomorrow."

Bronchos lost for the first time this season to No. 5-ranked UNK in a 0-3 match in Kearney, Neb.

"It's a tough, tough place to play and I was proud of the way we battled tonight," head coach Miraku said in an interview with Bronchosports. "We're not interested in moral victories, but we hung tough and I think we're continuing to grow as a team."

This loss dropped UCO to 10-1 overall,

and 2-1 in conference play. UCO had the lead for most of the first set, but was defeated in the end with three straight hitting errors.

The Bronchos had a 5-0 lead early in the second set, but the Lopers took the lead and UCO never regained the lead in that set.

The third and final set of the match was the closest. The Bronchos used a late rally to tie the game at 23-all, but the Lopers scored the final two points to shut out the match for a Broncho loss.

The Bronchos will be at Southern Nazarene University at 7 p.m. on Tuesday and host two MIAA conference teams this weekend with Emporia State on Friday and Washburn University on Saturday.

Hockey

Hockey looks to Adrian after sweeping Texas A&M

Cody Johnson

Sports Editor

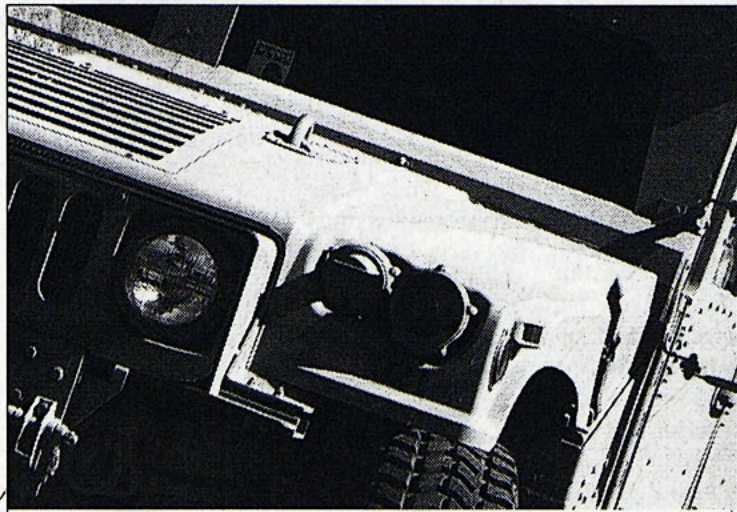
The University of Central Oklahoma Hockey team will face off against the Adrian University Bulldogs on Wednesday at the Arctic Edge in Edmond at 7:30 p.m.

The Bronchos came out strong this 2013-2014 season with a 2-0 record, sweeping Texas A&M 5-0 on Sept. 13 and 8-0 on Sept. 14. They outshot the Aggies 56-13 on Sept. 13 and 64-14 on Sept. 14. The Bronchos have showcased five new defensemen and two new forward this season.

"We just played physical and at the same time we were working on systems to prepare for Adrian. We did the little things right. We did make some big mistakes that we can't make against a better team like Adrian," UCO team captain Shane Khalaf said.

Last season Adrian entered the national tournament ranked No. 1. This season the Bulldogs recently defeated the University of Michigan-Dearborn 8-2 on Sept. 21, with five of their goals being scored in the second period. The Bulldogs also outshot Michigan-Dearborn 46-27.

"We just are trying to get a feel for our team. We never played them last year and they are big, mean, and finished all their hits two years ago. They were ranked top 5 two years ago," Khalaf said.



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Football

UCO and Emporia set records at Wantland on Saturday



Runningback Joshua Birmingham breaks some tackles on Sept. 21, 2013 against Emporia. Photo by Quang Pho, The Vista.



The Broncos huddle up on the stairs chanting before entering Wantland Stadium before the game versus Emporia on Sept. 21, 2013. Photo by Cyn Sheng Ling, The Vista

Austin Litterell

Sports Reporter

There was an offensive show Saturday night at Wantland Stadium as the UCO Broncos took on the Emporia State Hornets. Multiple players for both teams had record setting nights. The Broncos fell short, however, by a final score of 54-38. The teams combined for 59 first downs of over a thousand yards of offense, 800 through the air.

UCO hung around for most of the game, trailing by 10-14 points most of the way. The first quarter was filled with scoring. The Hornets took their opening possession 98 yards for a touchdown.

The Broncos answered with a

70-yard drive of their own, which because of a blocked extra point, allowed them to take their first lead of the season. The lead would not last long, as Brent Wilson found Austin Willis for a 67-yard touchdown pass on their next lie. The Hornets then took advantage of a fumble and made it 20-7 at the end of the first.

The Broncos kept it close with a three-yard touchdown run from Joshua Birmingham. UCO's Seth Hiddink added a 50-yard field goal near the end of the half to make the score 27-17 at halftime. The field goal was the second longest in school history.

The Hornets' offense was just too much in the second half. They scored on all their possessions in the second quarter. Going into the fourth, they lead 51-31. In the

fourth, they would add a field goal while Adrian Nelson scored on a six-yard keeper, making the final score 54-38.

Four different players set records Saturday night. The record setting performances from the Hornets came from Quarterback Brent Wilson and receiver Ray Ray Davis.

Wilson set MIAA records in touchdown passes (7), passing yards (5220) and total yards (571). Ray Ray Davis benefited from Wilson's performance with a stadium record of 16 receptions and MIAA record of five touchdown catches.

Marquez Clark's play will put him down in the school record books. Clark finished with a school record of 13 catches, 236 yards and a touchdown. Despite the loss, it was still a special night for running back Joshua Birmingham.

Birmingham became the school's all-time scoring leader with 306 points in his career. He spoke about the record after the game.

"It means a lot to me. I came a long way and just for that, that accomplishment that goal that I did tonight it, means a lot to me and that's something that you can't really describe. The feeling is great."

Offensively, the Hornets racked up 699 yards on the night. Five hundred and twenty-two of those came through the air and over 177 yards on the ground. Wilson's seven touchdown passes matched his total through the first two games.

Adrian Nelson also put on a show in the game, throwing for 362 yards and rushing for 56 yards, as well. Birmingham finished with 93 yards rushing, but

had three touchdowns. The Broncos finished with 566 yards of offense on the night.

Despite some turnovers and penalties, UCO managed to hang around in the game and put on a good performance.

"Our team's performance overall, I think we can perform a lot better. We were in the game and we still made mistakes, so that just shows how good we can be whenever we execute the right way. I had a couple costly mistakes that were a 14-point swing and that can't happen. I got to be better as a senior and as a football player," said Birmingham.

UCO will be on the road next week against Washburn before returning home Oct. 5.

Soccer

Bronchos able to knock off No. 24-ranked SWOSU



Some Lady Broncos hug after scoring a goal on Sept. 22, 2013 against Southwestern Oklahoma State. Photo by Rick Lemon, The Vista

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Caitlin Bond nailed home what turned out to be the game-winning shot, as the Broncos beat the No. 24-ranked Southwestern Oklahoma State Bulldogs.

With the 1-0 win Sunday, the Broncos get back to their winning ways and improve their record to 3-3-1 on the season. UCO returns to Mid-America conference action next Sunday with a game at Lindenwood.

Going scoreless through the first half, this game had shades of the Broncos' game last Friday against Missouri Southern, which ended in a 0-0 tie. There were good scoring chances for both sides. Especially from both Bond and Emily Precure for the Broncos, but the score remained even at 0-0 heading into the half. It looked like the game was going to be another defensive battle.

With 38:40 left in the second half, Bond finally broke through. Taking a perfect lead pass from Emily Hann, Bond was able to slip the defense and blast home a shot from 15 feet out for her first goal of the season.

After that goal, you could tell that SWOSU tried to turn up the pressure, forcing the ball down the field and trying to push pass the Broncos' defense.

UCO was up for the challenge, though, as Miranda Thorne and Jordan Hutchinson led the way in making the Bulldogs work every time down the field. Good defense by Ashley McDaniel and Chandler Murphy, as well as some impressive saves by Brandi Bartley, helped UCO preserve its fragile lead.

The most tense moment for the Broncos

came with 30 minutes left in the second half, when a SWOSU player was able to slip by the Broncos defenders and get a good shot on net. Bartley was more than capable as she made a one-handed deflection just in time, while diving to the ground.

Afterward, you could tell that UCO was starting to feel good and take over. Their defense was holding strong and every time the Bulldogs were able to advance past the centerline, it seemed that there was a Broncho defender there to punt the ball back and make them work again.

This win should help the Broncos feel good this week, while they are off getting ready for their Conference match against Lindenwood. A win against Lindenwood would put UCO back above .500 and make for a good boost while they are nearing the mid-point of the season.



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The photographs in the Sept. 19 issue of the Vista accompanying the football article were taken by Alik Dyer, The Vista.

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