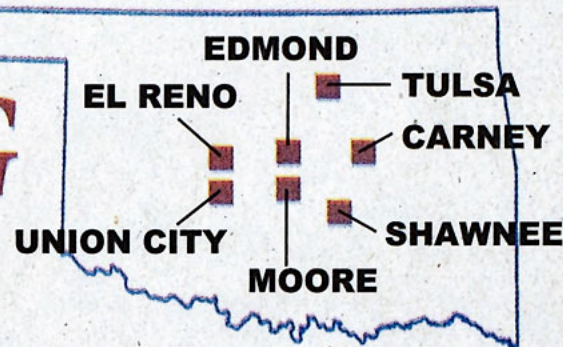




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AND THE WINDS CAME SWEEPING DOWN THE PLAIN:



OKLAHOMA STANDS STRONG AFTER TORNADOES CRASH THROUGH STATE



Top Left: This Tuesday, May 21, 2013 photo shows wreckage of the Briarwood Elementary School in Moore, Okla., as seen from a National Guard helicopter during a tour of tornado damaged areas by Oklahoma Gov. Mary Fallin. (AP Photo/Sue Ogrocki, Pool); Top Right: After torandoes passed over Interstate 35, a number of vehicles were seriously damaged. Photo by Cyn Sheng Ling, The Vista; Right: A neighborhood surrounding Warren Theater in Moore, Okla. was damaged after storms on May 20, 2013. Photo by Cyn Sheng Ling, The Vista.



UCO organizations rally to help those affected by storms

JOSH WALLACE, Staff Writer

The University of Central Oklahoma's Volunteer and Service Learning Center (VSLC) is reaching out to UCO students to help with the recovery efforts from the aftermath of the May 20 tornado that hit Moore.

The VSLC began coordinating a volunteer effort shortly after the EF-5 tornado went through Moore, killing 23 people and destroying a large swath of the city, including residential and commercial areas. Eric Hemphill, VSLC coordinator, spoke on how the department took action, saying, "We started the day it happened, gathering resources and planning what we were going to do in response to that, and we worked with a lot of other departments, the president's office and a lot of other departments. We just thought that since we were the volunteer center we should be kind of the focal point and we actually had a university wide meeting with all the people in charge of different departments, just to kind of plan it."

Hemphill went on to say that since then, the volunteer program has been ongoing, with daily serving opportunities for those wishing to offer their time to help with the recovery effort. Hemphill spoke about the number of volunteers the VSLC has seen, adding, "It's been probably around 150 or 200, that's about how many have served from UCO and probably more than we know of, just because there have been groups who have not gone through UCO so they're not technically UCO sponsored, but they are students. We've got a lot of people expressed interest in getting trained as team leaders."

According to Hemphill, the team leaders take on the role of leading volunteer groups and acting as liaisons for the university and the relief organizations they might be working with. Training takes around 30 to 45 minutes and goes over the logistics of the task. "They're the liaisons, they're in charge to make sure that everyone is being safe and

everyone is doing the things to represent UCO in the proper fashion," Hemphill said.

As for what prospective volunteers will be doing, the majority of it is clean up of debris in neighborhoods and public spaces. Volunteers meet on campus and then are driven to a "home base or hub" where they are assigned to a specific area for duty that day, and then shipped out by bus. In addition to clean up efforts, service work can also include distribution of food or other donated goods.

Hemphill would like volunteers to be prepared with the right safety gear for the job, adding, "A lot of the places we go, they're going to provide gloves and masks and that sort of thing, but it's just better to not have to rely on them to do that especially as the volunteerism keeps going, they're going to run out of those. A pair of gloves is probably \$5 at ACE Hardware, so we're encouraging people if they want to volunteer to go ahead

and purchase those things if they're able to, because we can't rely on the sites to have them every time."

Information on volunteering for the VSLC can be found on their website <http://www.uco.edu/student-affairs/vslc/>, which contains the latest information gathered on volunteer organizations, meeting sites, donation centers, and contact information for the department. Hemphill spoke of the importance of what VSLC and UCO are doing, adding, "We are a metropolitan university, and we have to help out the metro area when it's in need and this is one of the biggest times it is in need, so I think everybody should get out there and participate and if we can help you do that, then great, contact us."

Gov. Fallin provides relief for post-storm Oklahoma



Oklahoma Gov. Mary Fallin looks out the window of a National Guard helicopter as she tours the tornado damage in Moore, Okla., Tuesday, May 21, 2013. (AP Photo/Sue Ogrocki, Pool)

UCO student witnesses tornado sweep through town of Moore

J. Cameron Wise, Contributing Writer

On the afternoon of May 20, 2013, an EF5 tornado with wind speeds that peaked over 200 mph, struck the city of Moore for the second time in 14 years, devastating residents as it flattened the city, but the story from one of its residents puts it in real life perspective.

Whitney Dudzinski, an early childhood education major at the University of Central Oklahoma, and resident of Moore, experienced the entire event from beginning to end at her home.

When asked what her initial reaction was when she heard a possible violent storm could be approaching, she said, "I didn't think it was going to be that big of a deal at the beginning, its Oklahoma, and this is almost a yearly occurrence. It wasn't until I was driving home and I saw the tornado in my rear view mirror that I realized it was serious. I could see a big black circle spinning with debris flying everywhere."

It was not until Dudzinski arrived home that the initial shock left her and she realized

the potential danger the tornado could bring. "Looking at the tornado itself wasn't that scary because it was so big that when it was close it was hard to see, it just looked like a big dark cloud that was moving faster than you could count, the sound was so loud you couldn't hear anything else, it sounded like a freight train over our head and then the ground began shaking violently and that's when reality sank in."

As the tornado swept through the city, it claimed 24 fatalities and injured 377 more. The tornado caused an estimate of more than a billion dollars' worth of damage including a neighborhood a couple of blocks from where Dudzinski lives.

"After it [tornado] passed, it was so dark you couldn't see the initial devastation, just the debris lying everywhere. The reaction of the people around me was shock and everyone had gone into survival mode. It was sheer panic, almost like a bomb had just gone off."

Even though Dudzinski knew the damage

was high, she did not realize the amount of devastation it had caused until she saw the surrounding areas of her neighborhood in Moore.

"Everywhere I looked was destroyed, like bulldozers had flattened the neighborhoods. Unless you were underground when it hit, you would have been flattened along with everything else. There were bodies lying in the street injured, or dead."

Dudzinski was in an underground storm shelter when the tornado hit, and believes it is one of the reasons she made it through unscathed.

"I feel very fortunate after seeing what happened to those around me, and want to encourage others to be prepared in the future if something like this happens again."

Donations and volunteer help to the city of Moore are still being accepted through the Red Cross.

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OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Gov. Mary Fallin has signed a bill that will allow the state to access \$45 million from the state's Rainy Day Fund to help communities recover from tornado damage.

Fallin on Friday [May 24] signed a bill that the House and Senate passed unanimously in the wake of the deadly tornado that raked across the state on Monday [May 20], killing 24 people and injuring hundreds more.

It allows the state to use the money to match federal disaster funds and for other "disaster-related assistance."

The state's Rainy Day Fund, a constitutional reserve fund, currently has a balance of about \$577 million. Up to 25 percent of the money can be accessed to pay for emergency-related expenses. The rest is reserved for when the state experiences budget shortfalls.

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Editorial

Surrealism Strikes the Sooner State

The scariest part about surrealism is their reality.

It's as if the mind cannot grasp the unbearable nature of tragic events, or even those events that we'd never thought would ever happen to any of us.

This week and last week have served up enough surrealism to stir an uneasy swirl throughout my mind.

From experiencing what seemed like relentless storms, to being a victim of a car break-in, to preparing for my first surgery, I've gotten a taste of the surreals that would ever happen to me. And yet, they have. The last few weeks of my teenage years are attempting to give my approaching adulthood a run for its money.

For nearly two decades, I seemed to have escaped the surrealism of major tragic events, simply by be-

ing too young to grasp their concepts.

And now, as I readily near the age of twenty, the final shedding of the suffix "teen," giving way to my twenty-somethings, it seems that the surrealism of the world is finally catching up to me.

Yet, surrealism, in my mind, though bringing fear, also strengthens my joy for humanity.

I am without a car window and I have a dysfunctional organ, but I cannot help but feel increasingly fortunate that my home is intact, my family is still together and my hometown remains.

Many, however, are not so lucky. For the actual surrealism of the last couple of weeks, has been the devastation of the state I hold dear.

I used to want to escape the confines of this state, itching to explore everywhere but my home. But as the

years have passed, I've learned to see the comfort in this state's borders, in our small-town big city, and the familiar things, that make Oklahoma what it is and what we know and love.

Though the recent devastation to our state seems too surreal to grasp, we've all grasped on to something we hold dear. Our pride, our fellow Oklahomans, and our state. Our Oklahoma.

It's been a privilege spending my two decades in Oklahoma, and here's to many more.

In this great state, or what?"

SARAH NEESE

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MOTHER NATURE

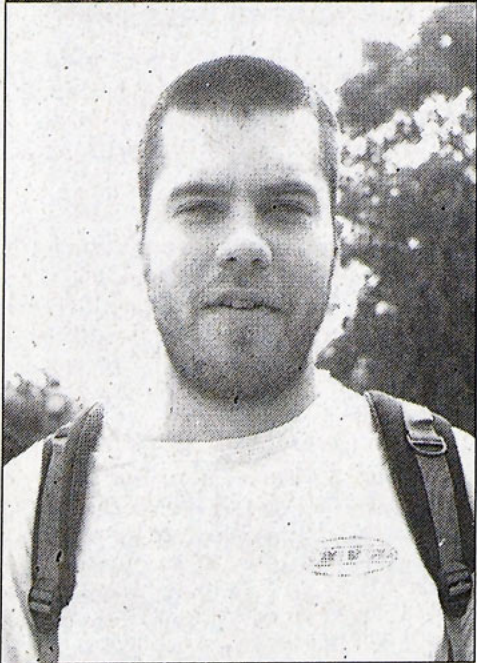


Cartoon by Evan Oldham

CAMPUS QUOTES

Where were you during the latest tornado?

TAYLOR JONES
Music-Senior



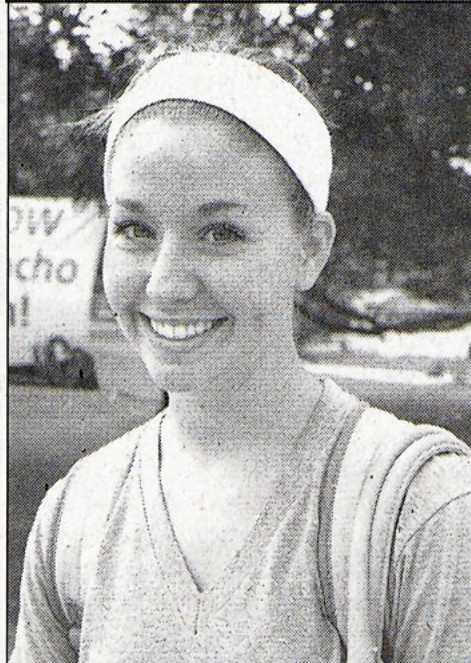
"At my house down the street. We have a shelter."

KYLEE PARGETER
Early Childhood Education- Junior



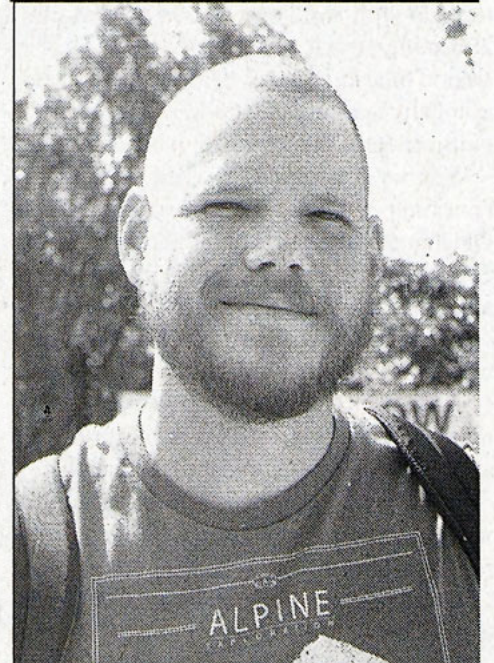
"I was at home. I was really close to it."

RACHEL TESSIER
Photography-Senior



"I got really lucky and I got home just in time. I live in Choctaw, but I work here in Edmond."

BENTON SHRIVER
Masters in Education



"I was at home with my family watching the weather."

UCO announces new Provost and VP of Academic Affairs

Olanrewaju Suleiman

Staff Writer

On July 1, 2013 John Barthell, Ph.D. will take effect as the new Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs for UCO.

Earlier in the year, the current Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. William Radke, announced his retirement from UCO, effective June 28.

After an extensive search, UCO faculty and staff selected Dr. John Barthell to fill Radke's position.

UCO's current president, Don Betz, made the announcement following a series of interviews with numerous qualified contenders.

Barthell is the current dean of the College of Mathematics and Science. He has been a member of the Central community since 1995.

Barthell graduated with a B.A. in Zoology at The University of California,

Berkeley in 1985. In 1992, he earned a Ph.D. in Entomology while still attending the university.

During his 18 years at Central, Barthell went from a faculty member to the associate dean, and finally became the dean of the college.

In a press release sent in May, Barthell said, "It is a genuine honor to follow Provost Radke and advance our mission to help students learn through transformative learning experiences."

He believes that students can greatly benefit from Central's Transformative Six as well as how undergraduate research can be applicable to their studies.

He serves on the board of the National Science Foundation, which gives grants to support research at UCO.

He was also the founder of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math), and UCO's Center for Undergraduate Research.

Over the years, STEM became a model for colleges across the United States

to distribute and encourage scholarships and grants for research projects.

Barthell is also a part of the advisory committee for the Oklahoma Art-Science Prize program. Partnering with Creative Oklahoma, it is aimed towards high school students in the state.

The program would facilitate a learning environment for students who are passionate in art design and science to learn more about the field of study.

Nationally, Barthell serves on The National Council on Undergraduate Research. He heads the Faculty Rewards and Recognition Committee and works as an evaluation facilitator for the universities in the states he visits.

Through the years, Barthell has authored over 50 scholarly articles and has been published in over 20 scientific journals.

He will officially take the position on July 1, 2013 following the retirement of Dr. Radke.



John Barthell, Ph.D. has been named the new Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs. Photo provided.

UCO student remembered

Larisa Leichter, Staff Writer

Funeral services for Madison Kathleen Watts were held on May 30 and 31, after she lost her second battle with cancer.

Watts was diagnosed with metastatic melanoma within the first weeks of starting at UCO. Her diagnosis came after she joined Alpha Gamma Delta and the sorority's members stood behind their sister throughout her struggle.

Her first battle with cancer occurred while Watts was in the eighth grade. However, Watts found herself victorious against the unique case of cancer and carried on with her life.

Watts took regular sunscreen precautions and never tanned, which is what made Watts' case unique.

Watts completed her treatment at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas.

Alpha Gamma Delta contributed as much time as they could to help raise money for the Watts fam-

ily and bring awareness of melanoma to the UCO campus.

The sorority sisters joined together to create and host events like Melanoma Awareness Week, a joint philanthropy concert, and blood drives dedicated to Watts. These efforts to raise money and awareness were part of "Maddy's Mission," a movement created in honor of Maddy's ongoing fight with melanoma.

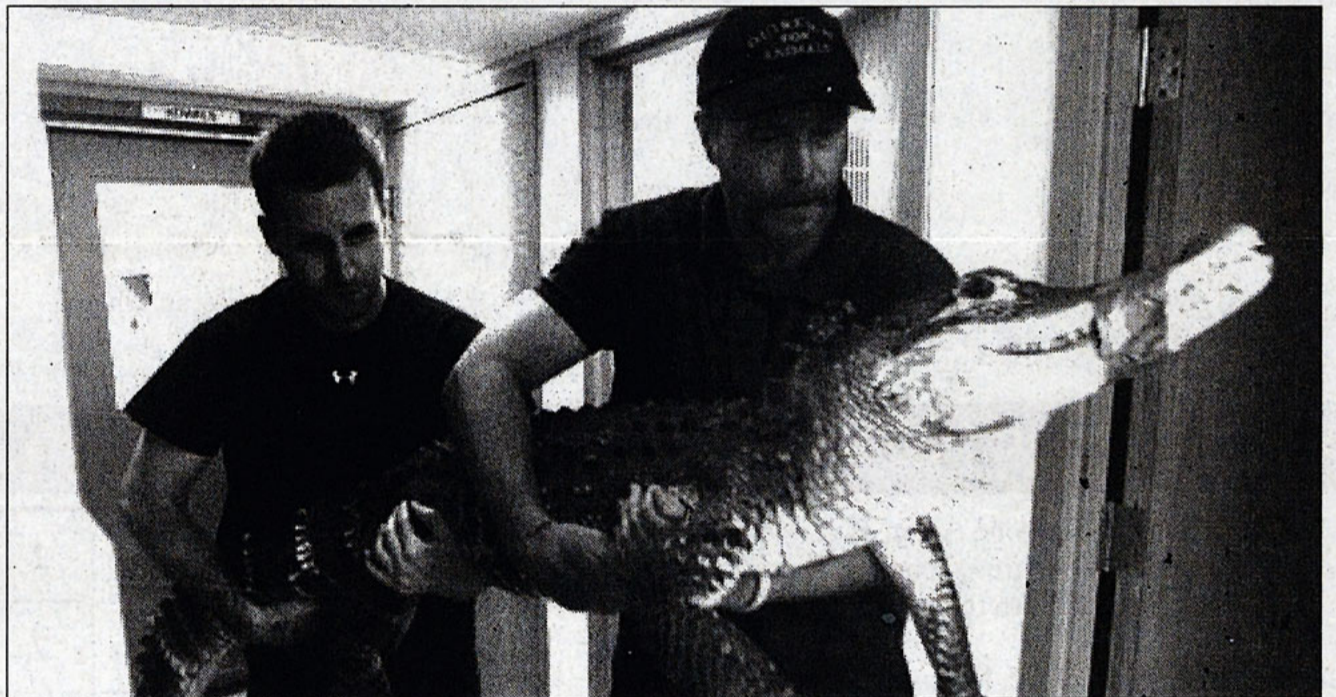
The Mayo Clinic states that melanoma is increasing in people under age 40, especially in women. This cancer is caused when the DNA of skin cells becomes damaged from UV exposure.

The Skin Cancer Foundation estimate 8,790 people are killed from melanoma.

The American Cancer Society estimates about 120,000 new cases of melanoma occur in the U.S. every year.

MAD WORLD

Alligator kept in man's basement



This Monday, June 3, 2013 photo shows Brandon Woods, left to right, an assistant veterinary technician at Dayton South Veterinary Clinic and Tim Harrison, director of Outreach for Animals carrying an alligator to an examination room at the Humane Society of Greater Dayton and Outreach for Animals in Dayton, Ohio. Authorities say animal cruelty charges may be filed against the man who was keeping a 7-foot alligator in his basement in suburban Dayton. (AP Photo/Dayton Daily News, Lisa Powell)

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI (AP) — A 7-foot alligator found in an Ohio man's basement is malnourished, has bone disease from a lack of sun for 15 years and was being taunted by teenagers on a regular basis, authorities said Tuesday.

The Humane Society of Greater Dayton confiscated the 15-year-old gator from its owner on Sunday in the southwestern Ohio home where it was being kept after a video was posted on Facebook showing the reptile being taunted.

The video shows a young man laughing as he throws beer on top of the alligator, which jerks back in surprise and bites the small, hard plastic tub where he was kept in the basement.

Sheila Marquis, cruelty investigator of the Humane Society of Greater Dayton, said the alligator's owner and young men in the video may face charges of animal cruelty in the next couple days as she wraps up her investigation.

Rumors had been coming in for at

least two years about the alligator in the basement. But, authorities could not enter the home and investigate without probable cause to believe it was being subjected to cruelty, which came in the form of the Facebook post of the video, said Tim Harrison, director of Dayton-based Outreach For Animals, which specializes in rescuing wild and exotic animals throughout Ohio.

Harrison, who helped get the malnourished gator out of the home and to a veterinarian, said the reptile's owner had been keeping his back door open and allowing high schoolers to come in and see the alligator, even if he wasn't there.

The man wasn't there when the Facebook video was taken, Harrison said.

The video may not appear to show the alligator being directly harmed physically, but Harrison said the concrete wall next to its tub is covered in teeth marks, showing that it repeat-

edly had jerked its head from previous taunts, knocking out its own teeth or weakening them.

The alligator is missing many teeth, while other teeth in its mouth were broken or infected.

Harrison said the alligator is just under 7 feet long, but should be more like 10 feet long. He said it showed other signs of malnourishment and lack of vitamin D from being kept in a basement for 15 years without sunlight.

"When we brought him out in to the sun, he actually just closed his eyes for a long time. It was really sad," he said.

The alligator, now being allowed out in the sun in Columbus, will be moved to a refuge in Florida this week, where he'll get special care, and be kept in a swampy, outdoor area, Harrison said, adding that an alligator's average life span is about 75 years in captivity.

"He's going to be an alligator the best he can be," he said.

Longest word in German falls victim to law

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BERLIN (AP) — A tweak to state laws in the German state of Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania to conform with current EU regulations has caused an unexpected casualty: the longest word in the German language.

The Rindfleischetikettierungsüberwachungsaufgabenübertragungsgesetz is no more.

The "law delegating beef label monitoring" was introduced by the state in 1999 as part of measures against mad cow disease. But the dpa news agency reported Monday the law was removed

from the books last week because European Union regulations have changed.

German still has words like the very robust Donaudampfschiffahrtsgesellschaftskapitänswitwe fall back on — meaning "widow of a Danube steamboat company captain."

Dpa reports such words have been so rarely used, however, that they're not in the dictionary. There the longest word honor falls to Kraftfahrzeug-Haftpflichtversicherung: automobile liability insurance.

Feline smuggler busted

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MOSCOW (AP) — Inmates at Russia's prisons have been known to bribe guards to obtain cellphones, but this may be the first time they have used a cat as an accomplice.

Guards patrolling a prison colony in Russia's north saw a

cat on the fence and it seemed to be carrying something. On a closer look, they found a few cellphones and chargers taped to the cat's belly.

The federal prison service said Monday that this happened on Friday at the Penal Colony No. 1

near the city of Syktyvkar in the Komi province, 1,000 kilometers (some 600 miles) northeast of Moscow.

It wasn't clear how the cat was supposed to drop off its loot.

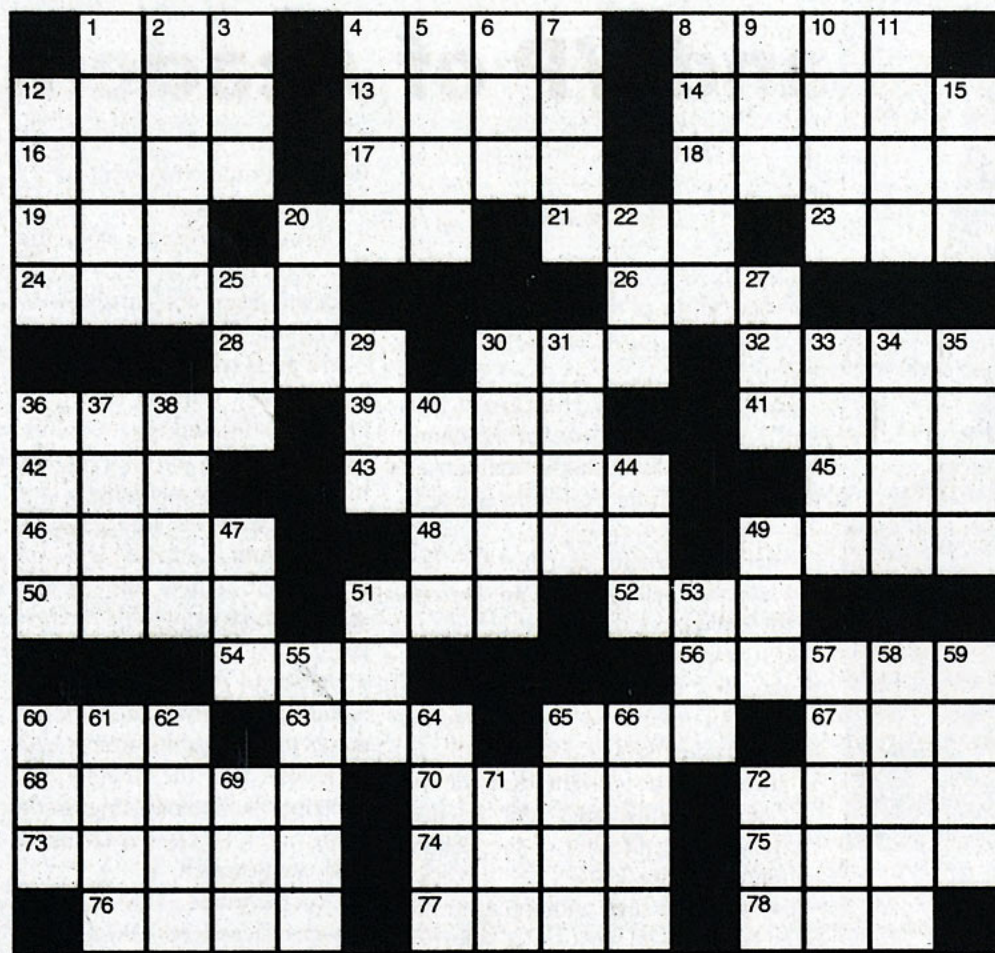


In this handout photo taken on Friday, May 31, 2013 and released by press service of the Russian Federal Penitentiary Service for the Republic of Komi, guards show a cat which they catch on clandestine mission at the Penal Colony No. 1 near the city of Syktyvkar in the Komi province, 1,000 kilometers (some 600 miles) northeast of Moscow, Russia. Guards patrolling a prison colony in Russia's north saw a cat on the fence and it seemed to be carrying something. On a closer look, they found a few cellphones and chargers taped to the cat's belly. (AP Photo/Press service of the Russian Federal Penitentiary Service for the Republic of Komi)

CROSSWORD

Across

1. Aircraft compartment
4. Multiple independently targeted re-entry vehicle
8. Castle part
12. Whimper
13. Handbag
14. Atlas enlargement
16. Animal with a mane
17. On the safe side, at sea
18. Copy
19. "Thank You (Falettinme Be Mice ___ Agin)" (#1 hit of 1970)
20. "Is that ___?"
21. First name?
23. "Are we there ___?"
24. Essential oil obtained from flowers
26. Egg cells
28. "___ De-Lovely"
30. Bug out
32. The Beatles' "___ Leaving Home"
36. Blacken
39. The "O" in S.R.O.
41. Thailand, once
42. Anita Brookner's "Hotel du ___"
43. Freetown currency unit
45. Away
46. Farm call
48. A long, long time
49. Engine knock
50. Certain surgeon's "patient"
51. "That's ___ ..."



52. "___ Cried" (1962 hit)
54. Churchyard tree in "Romeo and Juliet"
56. Codeine source
60. Decide to leave, with "out"
63. Breed
65. Barely get, with "out"
67. ___ lab
68. Beside
70. Dash
72. Radar image
73. Ark contents
74. "___ on Down the Road"
75. "All ___ are off!"
76. Balance sheet item
77. Do, for example
78. Bawl

Down

1. Constructed
2. High up
3. Appetite
4. Breakfast, lunch or dinner
5. "___ be a cold day in hell ..."
6. Morgue, for one
7. Aspect
8. Bolshoi rival
9. Charlotte-to-Raleigh dir.
10. Catch a glimpse of
11. Daughter of Ma'uike
12. "Guilty," e.g.
15. Crib sheet user
20. "If the ___ is concealed, it succeeds": Ovid
22. Today, in Tijuana

25. Balloon filler
27. Beast of burden
29. Costa del ___
30. Kind of insurance
31. Boston suburb
33. LP player
34. Make, as money
35. E.P.A. concern
36. Coagulate
37. "Aquarius" musical
38. Bad marks
40. Call for
44. Cousin of -trix
47. E or G, e.g.
49. Dash
51. Hooter
53. Clod chopper
55. Black billiard ball
57. Do-nothing
58. Accord
59. They may provide relief
60. ___ grass
61. Slog
62. Bolted
64. Astute
65. "___ of Eden"
66. "Trick" joint
69. Apprehend
71. ___-tzu
72. "Monty Python" ainer

RANDOM FACTS

The Flatfish is born with one eye on each side of its head, giving it a grotesque appearance. As it grows, one eye begins to move until both are on the same side, allowing the fish to lie on the ocean floor and scan above for food.

Before the Stooges took off, Moe worked as a licensed realtor in the late 1920s.

RANDOM QUOTE

That which we persist in doing becomes easier, not that the task itself has become easier, but that our ability to perform it has improved.

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

RIDDLE

Can you think of words with all five vowels in them? And what word has all five vowels in alphabetic order?

- Answer in next week's issue.

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WORD SEARCH

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DESK	B	J	K	I	Y	K	J	L	W	V	R	I	T	N	C
GLUE	M	Y	A	I	S	R	F	G	I	P	D	S	X	M	J
MARKER	K	L	A	R	Z	R	E	B	G	C	H	T	H	C	K
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PENCIL	E	M	A	I	V	O	N	S	C	B	H	E	E	N	J
SCISSORS	J	R	K	O	K	X	N	Y	S	A	A	D	P	N	V
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Special

Broncho pitcher takes the cake

UCO junior Kalynn Schrock is awarded post-season MVP



UCO junior left-hander Kalynn Schrock gave up only 15 hits in four Championship Finals games resulting in Schrock earning the tournament's Most Valuable Player honors. Photo provided by Bronchosports.com

Austin Litterell

Contributing Writer

On the road to the lady Bronchos' national championship, there were many performances that stood out, both on offense and defense. One such performance standing out from the rest came from pitcher Kalynn Schrock who was nearly unbeatable from the mound all season.

Schrock finished the season with 34 wins to just six losses. She was nearly unbeatable in MIAA play. In sports, it is hard to win if you

can't score. Many teams experienced this firsthand when going up against Schrock. She finished the season with a one point 69-earned run average on the season. She says that it was a team effort that led to her dominance on the mound this season.

"I was dominant because I had great bats and defense behind me. I can't win games by myself and they had my back every single time. They made my job really easy," Schrock said.

It takes serious work ethic to become great. Schrock put in the work, pitching just over 265 innings, over a hundred more innings than the next pitcher on the team.

She also pitched every single inning from the regional all the way to the national championship game.

Not only is Schrock a National Champion, but she also earned the most valuable player award in the postseason and her play certainly backed up that decision. Schrock went undefeated in the tournament with nine wins and zero losses. Teams struggled just to get hits off of her, let alone score runs against her.

"MVP was definitely an honor. I didn't think I would get something like that," she said.

Being able to overcome adversity and forgetting mistakes is what defines a player of Schrock's caliber.

She showed the mental toughness that is required in the Championship after Kutztown finally broke through and scored the tying runs with two outs in the bottom of the seventh inning. Also helping Schrock was the support that came from her teammates and coaches.

"Honestly it was my team that kept me in there. I didn't want to let them down again and I knew they would have my back like they have all year long," she said.

After giving up two hits with a three-run lead to the Golden Bears, she found herself in a similar predicament that she faced a couple of innings earlier. She managed to claw her way out of the inning by

striking out the side in the bottom of the ninth, giving the Bronchos their first national championship.

Schrock finished the game with 14 strikeouts and proved why she deserved the most valuable player award. For a majority of the game she was able to keep the Bears off balance at the plate.

The Broncho softball team is the first women's team at the University of Central Oklahoma to win a championship. With Schrock returning to the mound next season, along with many other key players, her and her teammates will be looking to repeat on their success from this season.

Opinion

The Rounds: NBA fashion faux-pause



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Welcome to "The Rounds" the sports column that will look at everything sports with a sprinkle of pop culture.

This week we make the rounds to the NBA and cover a subject that I find to be just as troubling as the playoffs have been this year.

Fashion. Or a lack thereof.

Now I understand I may come off a bit hypocritical as I myself am not much of a fashion guru.

If I had my choice I'd take a nice pair of shorts and T-shirt over a suit any day, but these guys are making seven-plus figure contracts and seem to consider themselves more insightful in the fashion world than they really are.

I first blame, but only a little, Commissioner David Stern for the way things have gone when it comes to this fashion faux pas that the NBA is going through.

When he implemented the NBA dress code in 2005 taking out the do-rags, vintage jerseys and sneakers from the players style choice he gave them free reign to take in bright colors, odd patterns and questionable glasses as their fashion wear and allowing many of them to look quite foolish as they make their way to the stadium or show up to All-Star weekend in whatever city was chosen that year.

That leads me to who I put a lot of this blame on and that's the

players. How in the world they decide to walk out of their homes wearing some of those outfits is beyond comprehension to me.

Miami Heat star and two-time world champion Dwyane Wade comes to mind immediately and maybe it's because it just recently happened.

Arriving in Indiana for game three of the Eastern Conference Finals, Wade rocked an all-orange outfit that would make even the biggest Texas Longhorn fans cringe. He was head to ankle in orange pants with an orange polo and cardigan.

His shoe wear choice, much like his play in the Conference Finals, was very disappointing and all over the place. Only, the shoes were more noticeable.

And what's an ugly outfit without the occasional man-purse that many NBA players have now adopted to go with their so-called

fashion sense.

This is just one of the many questionable outfit choices Wade has made during the playoffs, but he isn't alone in the NBA world that need to rethink their wardrobe choices.

Teammate and 4-time MVP LeBron James, Thunders stars Kevin Durant and Russell Westbrook and Knicks forward Carmelo Anthony have all been pulled over by the fashion police for their questionable outfits involving some shirts that looked like stuff I saw kids in elementary school wearing, way too much leather and bow ties.

Why are bow ties so popular? I don't get it, but back to the point.

This is an easy fix though, except for maybe Westbrook. That guy goes by the beat of his own drum, but too each his own I guess.

For others, here's a way to fix these problems. Watch AMCs

Mad Men.

Study the simple suit styles of Don Draper and Roger Sterling and see how they do so much with so little effort going into their suit game.

Another might be, if you have a stylist, fire he or she immediately because they are doing nothing, but making you look like a side-show. If you don't have one, hire one, but be direct in that you want a more simple fashion.

There are so many simple Tom Ford and Armani suits out there that are just dying to be worn. I'm sure that stylist can find them in no time.

These are just a few ways to improve on a fashion gene that so many players seem to be lacking.

Until the players follow these guidelines or get the hint, we are in store for many more clownish getups that unfortunately have people more excited to see than the actual game itself.

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Know your opponent: The Southern Missouri State Lions- Football

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Here at the Vista we're looking forward to the fast approaching next installment of the Broncho football saga.

With fall just around the corner, another hard hitting season of MIAA football starts for the University of Central Oklahoma at Southern Missouri State.

This match up will take place Sep. 5, 2013 at the Lions campus in Joplin Missouri.

The Lions coaching staff is led by coach Daryl Daye. Daye has more than 24 years of college football experience and was named the 11th Head Coach in the history of Missouri Southern Football on December 16, 2011.

In his first season as Lions head coach, Daye led the team to a 6-5 record. This was the first winning season since 2007 and just the third winning season in the prior 20 years.

The Lions ended last years season with a record of 6 wins to 5 losses and beat the bronchos 25-20 in a match up that was both teams 2012 season opener.

While the Bronchos have faced coach Daye before, they won't be facing the same team. Senior defensive lineman Brandon Williams was taken by the Super Bowl Champion Baltimore Ravens in the third round of the 2013 NFL Draft and senior quarterback, Kellen Cox, has also left Southern Missouri State.

The lions have done more than lose players though, they've also added some new names to the roster, over 25 new recruits have joined coach Daye and the Lions this year.

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Softball

Bronchos win National Title

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UCO received its first women's national title Monday after clinching a breathtaking 5-2 victory over the Kutztown Golden Bears.

Head Coach Genny Stidham led her Lady Bronchos softball team to the NCAA Division II National Championship Finals game in Salem, Va. Each player sported a "Pray 4 OK" ribbon in her hair to commemorate all those who were affected by the recent tornadoes in Moore, Okla. The team had to leave the morning after the tornadoes hit.

"It was just their way of saying we're thinking about you," Coach Stidham said.

Broncho's Ally Dziadula led off the first inning of the finals game at the James L. Moyer Sports Complex with a second-pitch double dropping in the left-centerfield gap and advanced to third base on a groundout by Kaylee Brunson. Kacie Edwards scored the first run batted in with a groundout, bringing Dziadula across home plate for an early lead.

Junior southpaw Kalynn Schrock stood tall on the mound, holding the Golden Bears scoreless through three innings, retiring Kutztown's first nine batters. The Golden Bears

did not hesitate to retaliate quickly though, after seeing their lineup get swept once.

Jackie Hetzler led off the fourth for Kutztown with the team's first hit reaching second base on an error. Kutztown advanced Hetzler to



UCO sophomore Kaylee Brunson helped key an 11-hit attack that carried Central Oklahoma to a 7-1 win over Molloy in the second round of the NCAA Division II Championship Finals, Photo provided by Bronchosports.com

third base with a sacrifice bunt and tied the game at 1-1 with a sacrifice fly.

The game was all tied up going into the sixth inning when the Bronchos moved runners to second and third base with two outs and a chance to end the game. Hayley Hudson took an aggressive swing, connecting for a line drive, but Kutztown right fielder Morgan Booth was positioned perfectly to strand the aggressors on base and riab the final out of the side in the bottom of the sixth with strikeouts across the board to send the game to the seventh inning, tied 1-1.

"It was like a roller-coaster ride. We were one strike away from taking it (the game in the seventh) and let them get back in it," Coach Stidham said.

The Bronchos took a one-run lead in the top of the seventh, but it would be short lived with the Golden Bears tying it back up in the bottom of the inning with a two-out two-strike double. Hopes for the Bronchos were at a game-low with the game tied, runners for Kutztown on second and third, and a batter coming to the plate. No surprise though, Schrock responded quickly with a strikeout to force the game into extra innings.

"A good pitcher always puts the team first and when they do that good things happen," Coach Stidham said. "That's the way Kalynn is. She said she wasn't going to let her team down again, even though she really hadn't, and her teammates were going to do whatever they could for her."

Broncho's Dziadula and Brunson

took the momentum from Schrock's dominant grit on the mound and led off the ninth inning with back-to-back singles. Edwards drove a long fly ball deep into the right-centerfield gap for her 16th double of the season and two runs scored, breaking the 2-2 stalemate. Sam Cool connected for a right field double with two outs on the board and brought home Edwards, giving the Bronchos a comfortable 5-2 lead.

The Bronchos three-run lead would prove to be too much for the Kutztown Golden Bears to overcome. Schrock started the bottom of the ninth, allowing a pair of leadoff singles. It wasn't looking too good for the Bronchos with the momentum shifting yet again, but Schrock was not finished. She wrapped up the game with three

consecutive strikeouts of the Golden Bear's 4-5-6 batters and brought the thrilling 5-2 victory home for the Broncho ladies.

Schrock earned the tournament's Most Valuable Player Award, only giving up 15 hits and striking out 40 opponents in four Finals games, including 14 strikeouts in the title win over Kutztown in nine innings. She finished the season 34-6 with an earned run average of 1.69 and set single-season records for strikeouts (312), innings pitched (265.2) and wins (34).

Stidham, who has turned the Bronchos from an annual NCAA Division II national contender to NCAA Division II National Champions, extended a record of her own with the win over Kutztown. Already the most successful softball coach in school history, Stidham earned her 450th career win with the victory over the Golden Bears.

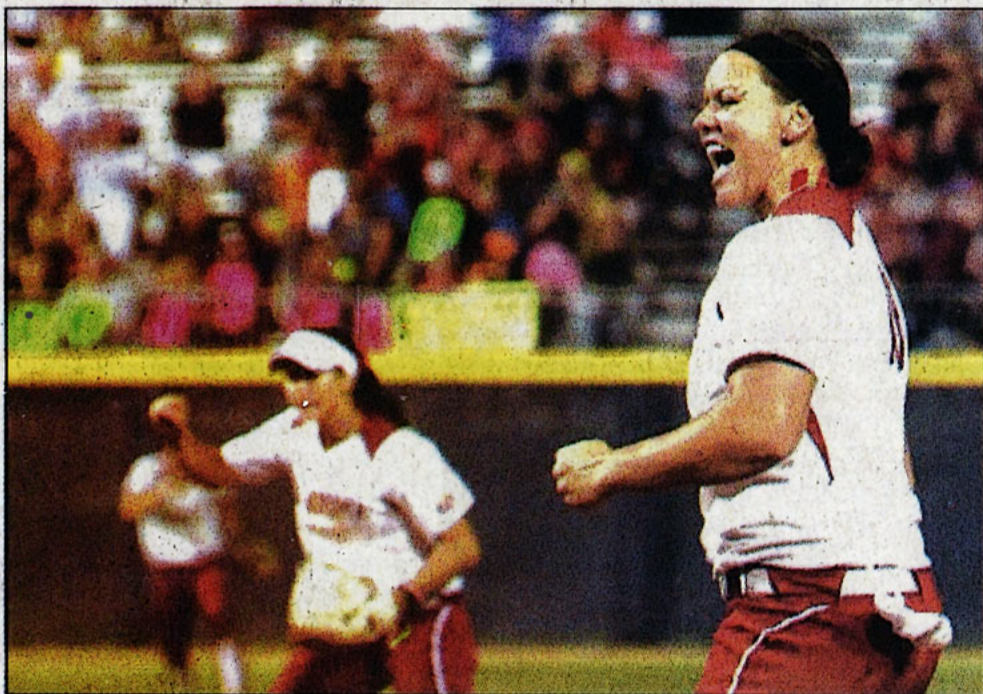
The Bronchos completed a stellar 9-0 run through the post-season to finish with 51 wins and 11 losses. UCO won the Central Regional I Tournament and the Central Super Regional Tournament leading up to dominating the Championship Finals.

The National Fastpitch Coaches Association poll, released Thursday, showed that Stidham's group of champions received a unanimous 16 first-place votes, moving the team from 19th to No. 1 in the nation.

"I don't know if I ever had a team that had as much chemistry to pull this off," Stidham expressed, as she held back tears. "I couldn't ask for a better family than I have had right here for the past 20 years."

Softball

University of Oklahoma brings home softball hardware



Oklahoma pitcher Keilani Ricketts (10) reacts after the top of the 11th inning against Tennessee in the first game of the best of three Women's College World Series NCAA softball championship series in Oklahoma City, Monday, June 3, 2013. Oklahoma won 5-3 in 12 innings. (AP Photo/Sue Ogrocki)



Oklahoma's Third baseman Shelby Pendley and pitcher Keilani Ricketts celebrate between innings at the NCAA Super Regional softball as the University of Oklahoma Sooners defeat Texas A&M 8-0 to advance to the College World Series at Marita Hines Field on Saturday, May 25, 2013, in Norman, Okla. (AP PHOTO/The Oklahoman, Steve Sisney)

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OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Lauren Chamberlain rounded first base waiting, wondering and praying even that her long drive would be a home run and not just a foul ball.

When third-base umpire Christie Cornwell raised her right hand and signaled that it was a home run, she thrust both arms into the air and ran around the bases into a celebration at home plate.

Chamberlain's two-run home run in the bottom of the 12th inning lifted top-seeded Oklahoma to a 5-3 win against Tennessee on Monday night in Game 1 of the Women's College World Series finals. It was her 30th of the season, tying for the most in the nation this season.

"I really couldn't believe it," Chamberlain said. "It was awesome."

The Sooners capitalized on a dropped pop-up to rally from three runs down in the 11th after Tennessee's Madison Shipman broke a scoreless tie with a three-run home run off of national player of the year Keilani Ricketts (35-1).

Ellen Renfroe (19-5) was able to match Ricketts until the end, striking out 13 for seventh-seeded Tennessee (52-11). She threw 180 pressure-packed pitches, eight less than Ricketts.

It ended up as the longest game in the championship round since 1984, when UCLA beat Texas A&M 1-0 in 13 innings back when a single game decided the NCAA softball title.

"There's no break in the Oklahoma lineup. Every single pitch, it's all you've got because if you don't give everything then it's going to get hit out. Something bad's going to happen," Renfroe said. "I think more than anything it's just emotionally draining. Physically, we're trained for this all year."

Game 2 of the best-of-three championship series is Tuesday night.

"I just told our kids that this is not over yet," said Lady Vols co-head coach Ralph Weekly, whose team won the opener in 2007 before losing the next two to Arizona. Oklahoma did the same thing last season, losing Games 2 and 3 — and the national championship — to Alabama.

"We're still very much alive," Weekly said. "We're facing a very, very good opponent but we're ready to move on to tomorrow."

Shipman lined an 0-1 pitch from Ricketts over the 220-foot fence in straightaway center field to break a scoreless tie in a throwback to the pitching duels of World Series from years gone by.

But the Sooners were able to rally in the bottom half of the inning after second baseman Lauren Gibson dropped Ricketts' pop-up along the right-field line to allow her to reach second. Brittany Williams followed with an RBI double and Destinee Martinez had a two-out RBI triple before Callie Parsons tied it on an RBI double to left.

Parsons was thrown out trying to advance to third.

"It was phenomenal how we ended up tying that game with just some clutch hits, and it all came in one inning," Sooners coach Patty Gasso said. "Sometimes that's all you need. ... That was one of the most amazing comebacks I've ever seen."

Ricketts retired the Lady Vols in order in the 12th, striking out national player of the year finalist Raven Chavanne to end the inning, before the Sooners struck again. Brianna Turang chopped a double down the left-field line before Chamberlain's blast.

"This is a team on a mission and, man, I've never seen anything like it," Gasso said.

It was the longest outing of Ricketts' career, and she hadn't needed to throw more than seven innings all season as the dominant Sooners had 20 of their games shortened to five innings by the eight-run mercy rule. They led the nation in scoring and earned-run average coming into the World Series and had won five of their first eight NCAA tournament games by the mercy rule while outscoring opponents 82-13.

But they ran into a Tennessee team that had also gone 8-0 in the NCAA tournament to reach the finals. The finals feature all three finalists for national player of the year — Ricketts and Chamberlain for Oklahoma, and Chavanne for the Lady Vols.

Chavanne, a .455 hitter, struck out four times and went 0 for 6. Chamberlain was 2 for 6 and also had a double and Ricketts was 2 for 5, with the 11th-inning pop-up being

officially scored as a double.

The teams combined for just three hits through seven innings, and then both started threatening in the extra frames.

"The key for us, and we're going to spend all night if we have to, is figure out how to do better at the plate," Weekly said. "I think that's the key for us. And I'm sure Patty's doing the same thing."

The Lady Vols got the leadoff runner on in the eighth when shortstop Jessica Vest misfielded Melissa Davin's grounder for an error. She was sacrificed to second before Hannah Akamine drew a four-pitch walk, but Ricketts struck out pinch-hitter Rainey Gaffin before Chavanne lined out to Vest for the third out.

Renfroe then got herself into and out of a tight spot in the ninth, giving up Georgia Casey's leadoff single before throwing into the dirt on Shelby Pendley's sacrifice bunt. She struck out Ricketts before a wild pitch allowed both runners to advance with one out, then walked Brittany Williams to load the bases.

First baseman Melissa Brown fielded Jessica Shults' grounder and got the force at home, then Renfroe struck out Martinez to send the game to the 10th.

"I don't even know what to say," Gasso said, "except I think that was the greatest game I've ever been a part of."