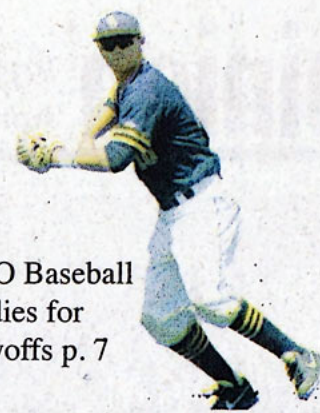


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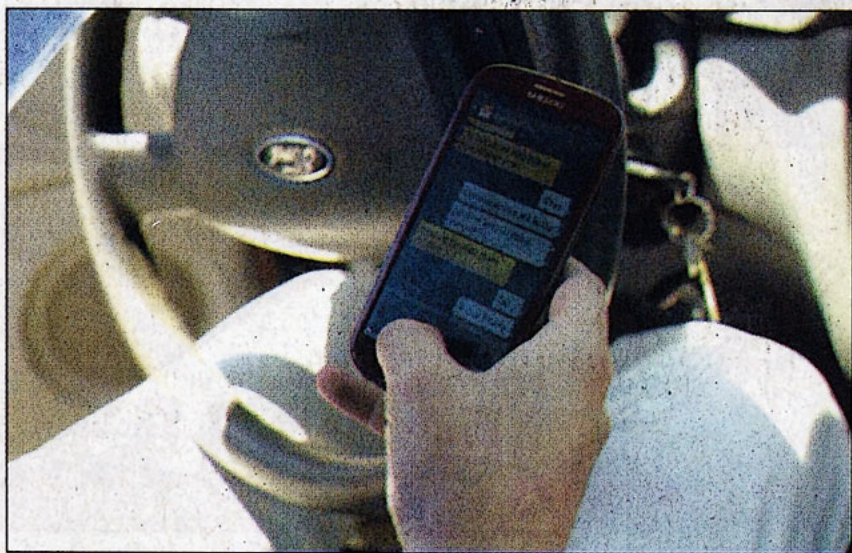


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## SPRING DEPARTURE

A rare view of campus was available as students were offered free hot air balloon rides on Wednesday, April 24. See Page 4 for the story and more photos.

### TEXTING BILL DEFEATED AGAIN



A student texts while in a car. Photo illustration by Cyn Sheng Ling

**JOSH WALLACE, Staff Writer**

Oklahoma lawmakers failed to pass legislation banning texting while driving on April 23.

This was the third attempt this session to implement the ban, and was proposed in the form of an amendment to Senate Bill 924, which dealt with motor vehicle definitions and licensing fees. The amendment was introduced by Democratic Rep. Curtis McDaniel, who had previously failed to get the ban into law in February and in another attempt earlier this month.

McDaniel told the Associated Press the failure to get the ban put into law was aggravating, emphasizing how dangerous texting and driving is, by adding, "this thing is six times more dangerous, six times more dangerous, than drinking and driving."

According to the Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA), 39 states currently have laws against texting while driving, with an additional six states banning texting by "novice drivers," those with learners' permits or newly licensed. A study by the Pew Research Center found the 40 percent of teens admit to being in a car where the driver has been distracted to the point of putting them in danger by using a cell phone.

The Virginia Tech Transportation Institute puts the crash risk for a person texting and driving at 23 times more likely than if not distracted. An alternative to traditional texting, talk to text, which allows the user to speak their message instead of typing it, has

also been found to be dangerous according to a new study.

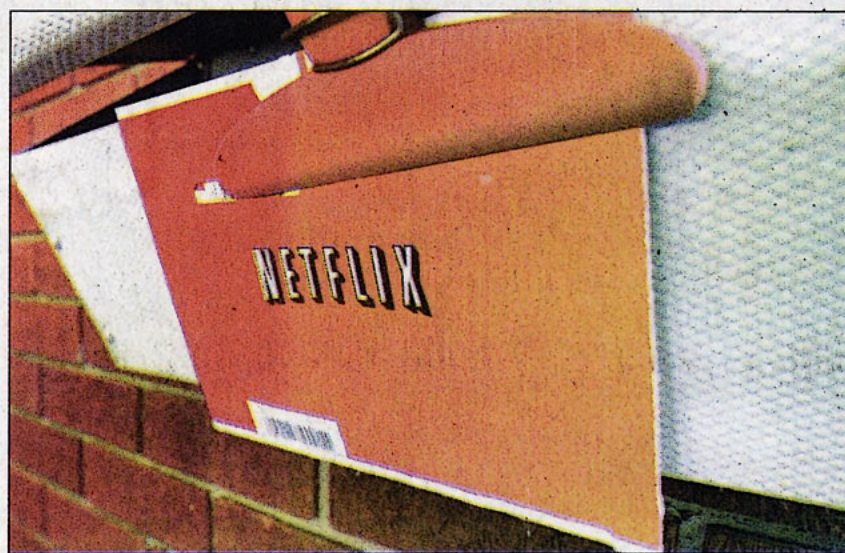
The Texas Transportation Institute at Texas A&M University led a study directly comparing traditional texting to talk-to-text on drivers. They found that drivers felt safer using talk to text while driving rather than traditional texting, but that despite which method was used, their driving performance suffered equally.

The study found little difference between the two types, citing that "driver response times were significantly delayed no matter which texting method was used." It was also found that manual texting took slightly less time to complete than talk-to-text, but driver performance was similar.

The study involved 43 participants who first drove on a course without the use of a cellphone, then were given instructions to manually text, and use talk to text on their next run on the track.

The head of the study, Christine Yager, told Reuters, "In each case, drivers took about twice as long to react as they did when they weren't texting, eye contact to the roadway also decreased, no matter which texting method was used." As for the false sense of safety drivers have with talk to text, Yager adds it's still a distraction, saying, "You're still using your mind to try to think of what you're trying to say, and that by proxy causes some driving impairment, and that decreases your response time."

### NETFLIX FACING FURTHER SCRUTINY



In this Thursday, Aug. 23, 2012, photo, a Netflix envelope containing a DVD to be returned by mail is clipped onto a mailbox, in Springfield, Ill. Monday, April 22, 2013. (AP Photo/Seth Perlman)

**BROOKS NICKELL, Staff Writer**

Netflix may again be finding its way in to hot water with an already on edge customer base. In 2011, Netflix faced losing as many as 2.5 million customers when the company announced that it would be adjusting its monthly rate plan from \$9.99 to around \$15, a proposed 60 percent increase. Users can now pay a rate of \$7.99 a month for streaming services only, or purchase a package deal for more that allows disc rental through the mail alongside streaming services.

However, Netflix is again looking to a possible monthly rate increase as well as "cracking down" on sharing Netflix accounts.

Michael Pachter, an analyst with Wedbush Securities said that as close to 10 million people are accessing Netflix's services without paying, something he says is ultimately hurting Netflix's potential revenue.

"It's time to change," Pachter said in an interview with Bloomberg. "They can say they're cracking down on piracy. They can appeal to fairness."

Currently, Netflix has a policy that limits a single account from streaming more than two videos at the same time. The company, however, does not limit the number of devices that account can be active on. Netflix's streaming service can be used on a variety of DVD and Blu-ray players, as well as gaming consoles, phones, computers and tablets.

On April 22, Netflix chief executive Reed Hastings announced a new family-plan being

offered for \$11.99 a month later on in the 2013. Targeting those individuals who share their streaming accounts with other family members and are inhibited by two device streaming limit, Netflix will allow those subscribing to this service the ability to stream movies television shows and original content on up to four devices simultaneously.

Jaecy Latta, a freshman at the University of Central Oklahoma is just one individual who will be affected by this change in Netflix's streaming policy.

"I think that there will be a decrease in sales," Latta said. "People will just take their business to Redbox or other places."

Latta could be correct in her assumptions. Netflix warned investors during the talks of increasing monthly rate plans in 2011 that the changes could have negative effects on its business in the near terms.

Montana Poorboy, also a freshman at UCO, said that he wasn't surprised at Netflix and their talk of another possible rate change, but, unlike Latta, felt that limiting the amount of devices your allowed to register your Netflix account on would show positive results for the company and their profit margins.

"I think people like and use Netflix enough to pay for it if they're forced to," Poorboy said. "It just depends on what kind of person you are. Some people might not want to share their Netflix information. I personally don't care."



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Editorial

**TRULY A TRAGEDY**

It's hard to ignore tragedy. Especially when it occurs in our own backyard. We like to consider ourselves to be one of the securest countries in the world, the great U.S. of A, land of the free and home of the brave. But we're continuously seeing disaster more and more. You could argue that being exposed to oversaturated information outlets and the vast expansion of social networking is simply shedding more light on these traumatic, but normally occurring, episodes. Some might argue that it's a loss of values and morality forcing more and more troubles on our nation. Whatever your opinion may be, one thing we can all agree on is that when America is the target of a terror attack or the stomping ground of a natural disaster, we band together, stand together, reach out and fight back.

In the wake of the Boston marathon bombings, citizens did just that. Some runners, who finished the 26.2-mile race, were reported to have continued running another two miles to the hospital to donate blood. In the town of West Texas, a massive fertilizer plant explosion

brought volunteers out of their homes to work alongside police and firefighters in a massive search and rescue mission. And the donations flying from the pockets of Americans across the country cannot go unrecognized.

However, the staggering difference between the amounts of money raised for these two disasters is alarming. Blake Ellis of CNNMoney reported on April 26 that more than \$26 million has been raised in the wake of the April 15 Boston blasts. And it appears that donations for West total well under \$1 million.

How is it that those affected by the massive explosion in Texas have only received a small fraction of what those in Boston have seen? No one can label one disaster more of a priority than the other, where as everyone is affected differently by these tragic occurrences. But isn't that what we've seen here?

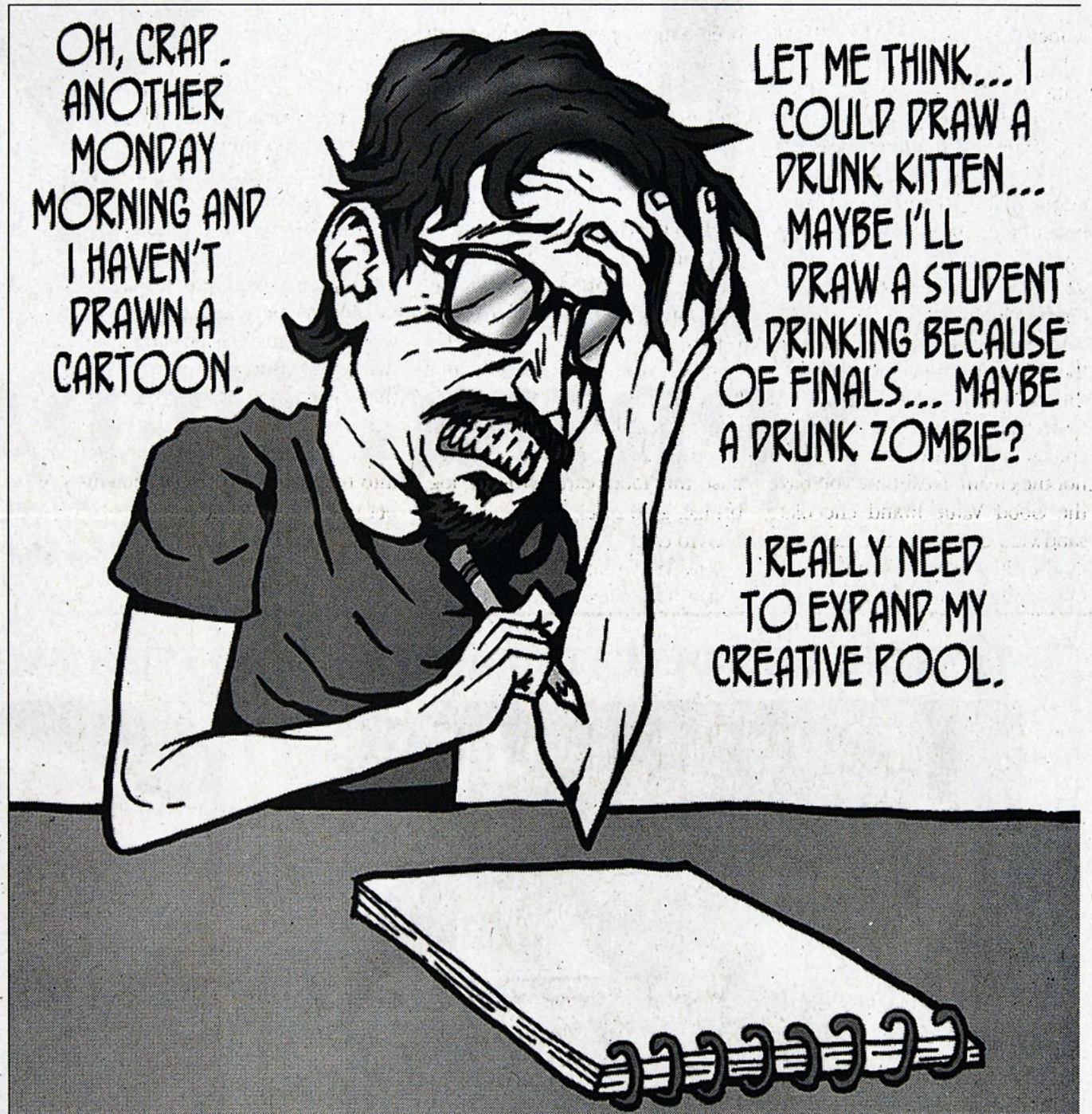
The days following the Boston marathon bombings and the West Texas fertilizer plant explosion are a testament to just how powerful media can be. The constant coverage of Boston events on major news

networks was a fine frenzy of inaccurate information coupled with repetitive reporting and the flashing of grotesque photos every five minutes that truly overshadowed the events in the town of West.

It's the media's job to provide accurate information to citizens as it unfolds. Instead of the misleading phony information, riding on the coat tails of "breaking news," how about letting people know where relief centers are set up, or maybe how citizens in other states can donate to those affected?

The good always outweighs the bad and I believe it always will. What we saw from the American people in response to these tragedies was nothing short of inspiring. Now it's time for the different media outlet of this country to step up. We know that violence and fear sell, but don't we have enough of that already? Take a lesson from your citizens in how to act accordingly in the face of disaster.

**BROOKS NICKELL**  
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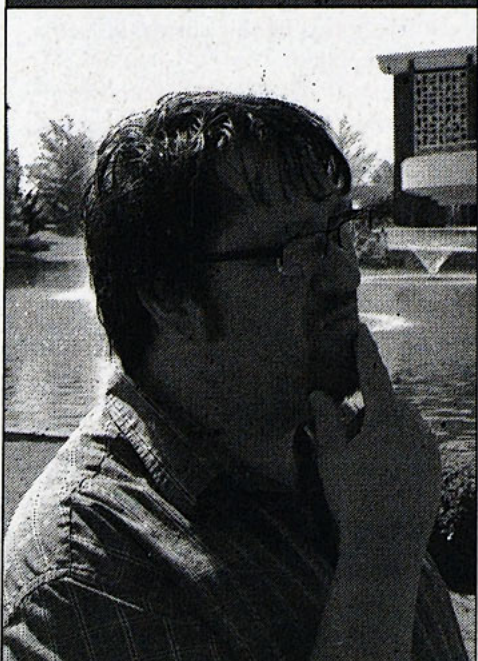


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**“ CAMPUS QUOTES ”**

*If you were to have a bucket list, what would be on it?*

**KEN PLETZ**  
Broadcast-Senior



"I want to go see the Stanley Cup Finals, headline Wrestlemania, and maybe start a blog."

**SARAH ROWTON**  
Psychology- Freshman



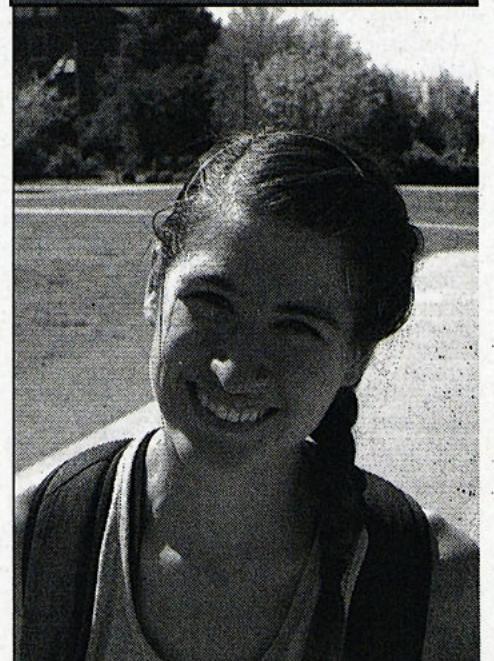
"I wanna own a bed and breakfast and travel to Europe."

**MICHAELA SMITH**  
Interpersonal Mass Comm.- Freshman



"I don't have one. I live my bucket list."

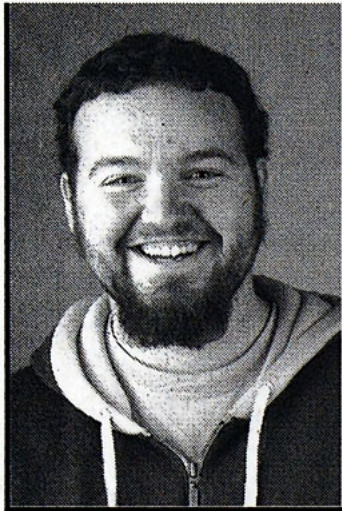
**J.L. MERAZ**  
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"There's a place in Texas called The Narrows. I really want to go there."



Opinion



# BEEN JAMMIN

*PseudOreo*

by Ben Luschen

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When I was about seven, cookies were nearly the death of me.

I was on vacation with my family in Colorado. We went to a lake to do some fishing at some lake—or at least my parents did. I wasn't interested in fishing. I was too young to appreciate the wait, the struggle. I complained to my mother, and she irritably took me back to the car.

Here, she gave me some crappy Scholastic travel and guide books and told me where to find some cookies in case I got hungry. Perhaps not the world's greatest parenting move — stowing a first grader in a van by himself in the middle of the unfamiliar Colorado wilderness.

It probably wasn't five minutes until my willpower broke down. I went over to the cooler where my mom said she kept the cookies. I hoped for Oreos. I prayed for Oreos. But I should have known better, and upon lifting the lid, my suspicions were confirmed. Chocolate sandwich cookies. Not Oreos. Not even close.

I have a long standing beef with the Oreo substitute that transcends this particular event. Unlike most Oreo fans, I actually think it's the cookie that makes the Oreo and not the cream. Next time you have the Good Value brand chocolate sandwich cookie, notice how easily the chocolate cookies crumble. Oreo cookies can keep their shape

when dunked in milk for a long period of time.

Also, I'm not big on the twist-and-lick. Eat and enjoy it as Nabisco intended or don't eat at all, I say.

Anyway, so, seven-year-old me discovers the imposter cookies. I'm insulted at this point. The fact my mom thought she could keep me occupied with the pseudoreo was an insult to my intelligence, taste and free will. It wasn't going to stand for it. Or sit for it. I opened the car door and went on a quest to give my mother a piece of my mind.

Judging from my undeveloped sense of chronology, it had only been 5 minutes since my mom left me in the car, so I should be able to find her easily. But five minutes passed, no luck. I wandered further toward the lake and into the woods. 10 minutes pass. 15. Maybe I should think about going back to the car. 20. 30. 60.

I panicked, raced through the woods. My heart raced with me. I imagined a bear on my trail. I jumped over a log, crossed a bridge, passed a food cart that served gyros (why is there a gyro cart at the lake?). Through the woods, over a log, over the bridge, past the food cart. Woods, log, bridge, gyro cart.

Gyro cart?  
I realized that I had just been going in circles. Judging by the

position of the sun in the sky and my belly telling me it was almost time for dinner (or maybe it was just the smell of gyros), I could tell my parents had probably finished fishing and were looking for me. I figured my best chance of being found was just staying put.

And it worked!  
I still remember rushing into my mom's outstretched arms: It was like the end of the prodigal son parable. Or alternatively, the end of the first Homeward Bound movie.

Since we're talking about parables, I'm going to pull a Jesus and make sure this story has some sort of message. There are a lot of different directions I could go with this story. Listen to your parents. Make sure you know where your kids are. Don't be afraid to ask for help. Stop running the circles in your life. Good things come to those who wait. Don't be picky.

But I like this one the best: don't settle for piece of crap replacements. You're worth the real thing.

You may be graduating in two weeks. You may be graduating in two years. But just promise me this; when you leave this brick and bronze colored campus in the heart of America and venture out into the real world, you'll remember that you ARE the real Oreo.

That, and I love you.

Recipe

## CAMPUS COOK

### Vegetarian Burrito Bowl

by Edin Univer

#### Ingredients

- 1 Pouch of frozen pre-cooked brown rice
- 1 Cup black beans (drained and rinsed)
- 1/2 Cup corn kernels (drained and rinsed)
- 1/4 Cup salsa
- 1/2 Avocado, diced
- 2 Tablespoons reduced-fat cheddar cheese

#### Directions

1. Prepare frozen brown rice according to the box directions.
2. In a medium microwavable bowl, combine black beans, corn, and salsa and microwave for three to five minutes, stirring halfway through.
3. In a large bowl, serve warm black bean mixture over rice and garnish with diced avocado and shredded cheese.



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## GO TO BUILD RESEARCH CENTER IN OKLA.

LAURA LYNCH, contributing writer:

Jeff Immelt, chairman and CEO of General Electric Co., announced April 3 a Global Research Center would be built in Oklahoma in the near future.

The Research Center would create approximately 125 engineering jobs and focus on the production of unconventional oil resources including shale.

Dr. Baha Jassemnejad, chair of the department of Engineering and Physics at the University of Central Oklahoma, said he has contacted GE and wants to partner the engineering program with the development.

"President Betz is pro-collaboration and has made that one of the defining characteristics of UCO," Jassemnejad said.

UCO has a unique niche of mechanical and electrical engineers and GE is looking for problem solvers and inventive thinkers, Jassemnejad said.

"Collaboration is key to leading the unconventional resource revolution," Immelt said in a press release about the new center.

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The Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET) recognized degree program teaches mechanical engineers a foundation of electrical engineering and vice versa.

"We cater to the needs of engineering companies in Oklahoma City making graduates into a specialized task force," Jassemnejad said.

GE is looking at locations between Norman and Oklahoma City. It will link in with other Global Research facilities worldwide.

"As chair, I am so delighted that we can be a resource to provide highly skilled engineers," Jassemnejad said.

## 2012 CRIME REPORT TO BE RELEASED



The Edmond Police Department will release the 2012 crime statistics and compiled data of its department activity. The department and other agencies use the information gathered to compare and reference the establishing trends.

Public Information Specialist for the department, Jenny Monroe, said citizens and businesses use the information as it pertains to their needs and interests. Monroe stated the number one location for an officer to be called to take information is the physical building of the police department at 23 E. First Street in downtown Edmond, where they took 860 walk-in reports for 2012.

After the police department, the number one service request location for 2012 is the Coffee Creek Apartments located in 501 W. 15th Street in Edmond with a total of 347 reports.

OZ PEREZ, contributing writer

Monroe said that traffic congestion is one of the major concerns voiced by

Edmond residents. In an effort to address traffic safety and assist in traffic congestion relief, Monroe said Edmond police officers will monitor traffic activities in the city very closely in 2013. Officers in the patrol division are tasked with conducting traffic enforcement and investigating traffic collisions. Eight officers are specifically assigned to the traffic unit with four assigned to motorcycles and four are collision investigators. The 2012 top collision location is the intersection of Danforth Road and Kelly Avenue with a total of 40 reports.

In an attempt to reduce underage drinking, the Social Host Ordinance was passed in 2007, which made Edmond the first city in the state to pass such an ordinance with many other cities following. In 2012, there were 34 citations issued, which is a decrease from the 38 citations the previous year.

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# Taking students for a ride

**LARISA MCCLELLIN, staff writer**



UCO Student Programming Board organized free hot air balloon rides to faculty and students at East Field on Apr. 24, 2013. Photo by Cyn Sheng Ling, The Vista.



Flames power a hot air balloon on Apr. 24, 2013. Photo by Cyn Sheng Ling, The Vista

Over 300 faculty, staff, and students gathered Wednesday on West Hall Field to ride a hot air balloon.

SPB hosted the hot air balloon rides and Puckett After Dark on the same night. The balloon rides began at 5 and went past 8. Puckett After Dark began about 8 and went on for hours.

Teachers were designated to ride the balloon first and checked in while the balloon was trying to be filled with hot air.

As the teachers were done checking in the student line formed and seemed like an endless line for the student body.

While the hot air balloon had complications with the wind, SPB began serving hot dogs and drinks.

A carnival ride and 4 inflatable games from boxing to a zip line race kept excitement before and after their balloon ride.

Students flocked towards the food table when SPB brought out a cotton candy machine. So many students were in line that SPB ran out of gas that powered the machine. Eventually they got it back to work, apologized for the delay and gave big cotton candy portions in return.

As the sun had set, most of the students migrated to the sound coming from the DJ in Puckett Field.

A DJ and free pizza closed out both events on campus.



Students enjoy free carnival rides while waiting to get onto the balloon on Apr. 24, 2013. Photo by Cyn Sheng Ling, The Vista



UCO students Patty Shaw (right) and Malynda Lesneski (left) react as they take a ride in a hot air balloon, Apr. 23, 2013. Photo by Cyn Sheng Ling, The Vista

Law Enforcement

## Campus police undergo active shooter training

**LAURA LYNCH, contributing writer**

University of Central Oklahoma and Oklahoma Christian University police departments attended a training seminar at UCO April 12 and 13 on learning the ALERRT system for responding to terroristic threats and active shooters.

ALERRT stands for Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Report Training. Homeland Security funds the program. Approximately 12 officers attended the class in the Liberal Arts building.

"Every police officer on every campus needs to be trained to react in an active shooter situation," UCO Chief of Police Jeff Harp said.

James Johnson, an officer at the Oklahoma Christian University police department, said that it was part of a nationwide training opportunity for continuing education.

The class provides uniform training so that as soon as a small group is assembled they can go in, find who is causing injury, and neutralize the threat, whatever it takes, Harp said.

Officers from Oklahoma State University and the University of Oklahoma conducted the training. Day 1 was spent in the classroom learning the material. Day 2 the officers used simulated weapons in scenario based training drills.

When something happens it is not just your agency that is responding," Harp said. "Officers are trained on the same techniques so that they have an instant knowledge of problem resolution no matter what agency they are from."

The sheriff's department and most of the UCO police department have gone through the training. There is training somewhere in the state approximately every two months. Harp said it is required basic training within the first year at the department for UCO.

It is important for the community to know that the police has updated training to react in these kinds of situations, Harp said.

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# Trading tenure for a life of competitive cattle roping

**ADAM HOLT, staff writer**

**"M**y high school counselor told me 'You only have two choices. You can go to welding school in Dallas, or go to the service in Vietnam.'" Dr. Steven Pratt, professor of interpersonal communication at the University of Central Oklahoma, said.

Like much of the United States in 1968, Hominy was rife with racial tension and inequality, said Dr. Pratt, an Osage Indian born and reared on the reservation.

This man with the stature of a middle linebacker, a confident stride and a constant smile was once refused common rights many Americans take for granted.

Dr. Pratt believes the Native Americans who wanted more than they were "allowed" were shunned by white America. No direction or was afforded to his people, he said.

In the minds of those with power, the Native Americans were packaged and processed before they had the chance to speak. They were "Indians," what were we to expect?

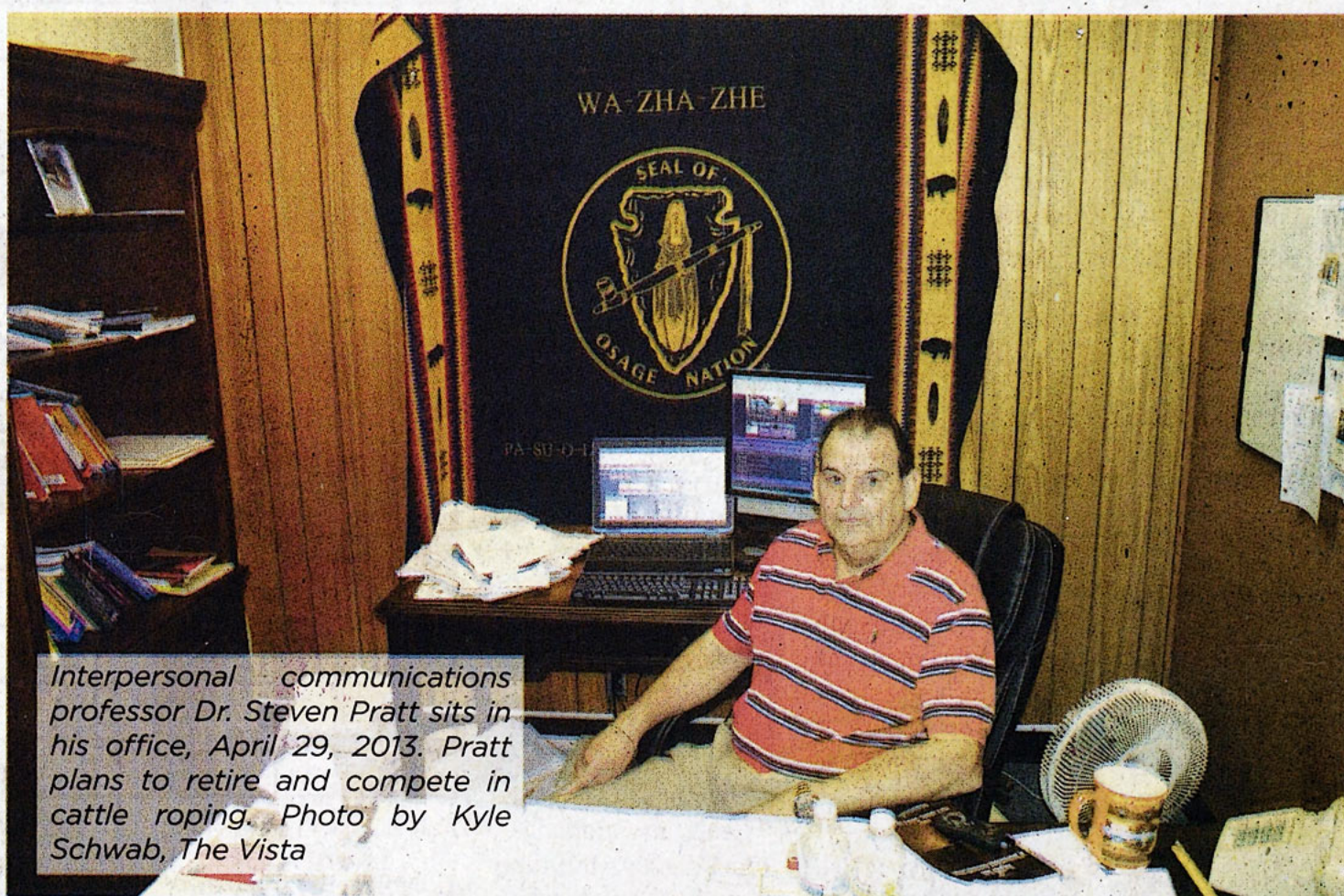
**"On the reservation I was taught that we can do anything we wanted, and here is a high school counselor telling me I only had two choices," he said.**

Through perseverance and recognition of opportunity, Dr. Pratt proved the counselor wrong. His résumé includes a collegiate national championship in football, work with the Osage tribe, a doctorate in communications and educating for just shy of three decades.

But he has one final dream that will soon have his full attention. He is setting aside his tenure as a professor to become a top-class cattle roper.

In Hominy, Dr. Pratt was a poor student. This is not as much a reflection on Dr. Pratt as it is a reflection of American society during the time.

"It was felt that Indian kids shouldn't be allowed or weren't capable of higher education," he said. Dr. Pratt said the school system did not prepare minorities for academic



*Interpersonal communications professor Dr. Steven Pratt sits in his office, April 29, 2013. Pratt plans to retire and compete in cattle roping. Photo by Kyle Schwab, The Vista*

achievement.

"We were not taught how to learn," he said.

Civil rights and the sex revolution brought conservative America face-to-face with the counter culture. Riots and student protests were not an uncommon occurrence on the evening news. Yet small town Oklahoma did not resemble Berkeley, Cali.

After graduating high school, he enrolled at Northeastern Oklahoma A&M Junior College (NEO) in Miami, Okla.

"When I was at NEO, we had to room based on our ethnicity. We were segregated," he said.

Education was not his priority at NEO. "The only reason I went to college was to play football," he said.

Dr. Pratt was not a scholarship athlete. Those trying to walk-on to the football team were not given their own set of pads.

With scrappy leftover equipment, he and other hopefuls worked out for the coaches. He put forth effort, but was unsure of his football future.

Then things changed. One day a coach handed Dr. Pratt a note with a combination for a lock. He was given a locker, and once opened a set pads sat in front of him. They were for him, and him only.

Dr. Pratt sees this as a defining moment in his life.

"If I hadn't gotten that combination, I probably would have been cut from the team," he said. "I probably would of gone back home. I probably wouldn't have the education I have today. I wouldn't be where I am."

He played linebacker and the team went on to win the 1969 national junior college championship finishing 11-0.

After graduating from NEO, Dr. Pratt attended the University of New Mexico and earned a bachelor's in journalism. He spent the next seven years improving the situation of Native Americans by working for the bureau of Indian Affairs, Indian Health Service and teaching at reservation schools.

In 1985, he earned his doctorate degree from the University of Oklahoma and made

his way to UCO in 1987.

Twenty-six years later, Dr. Pratt has made a life-changing decision. The competitive nature that drove him to prove the high school counselor wrong and brought him a national championship in football is producing another itch.

He is now pushing academia aside to enter the world of competitive cattle roping. The lifelong passion will receive his full attention after this final semester.

"As Osage Indians, it is in our DNA," he said. "We're just horsemen." Dr. Pratt has no ceiling for success for roping. His goal is to be nothing less than championship caliber.

"I just want to be the best roper I can be," he said.

He is undaunted by the idea of becoming the best in the land. To him it is unreasonable to not set such a lofty goal. Then again, Dr. Pratt has never been fazed by the limits society has never to impose on him.

"I've never wanted to be mediocre. I've never wanted to be average," he said.

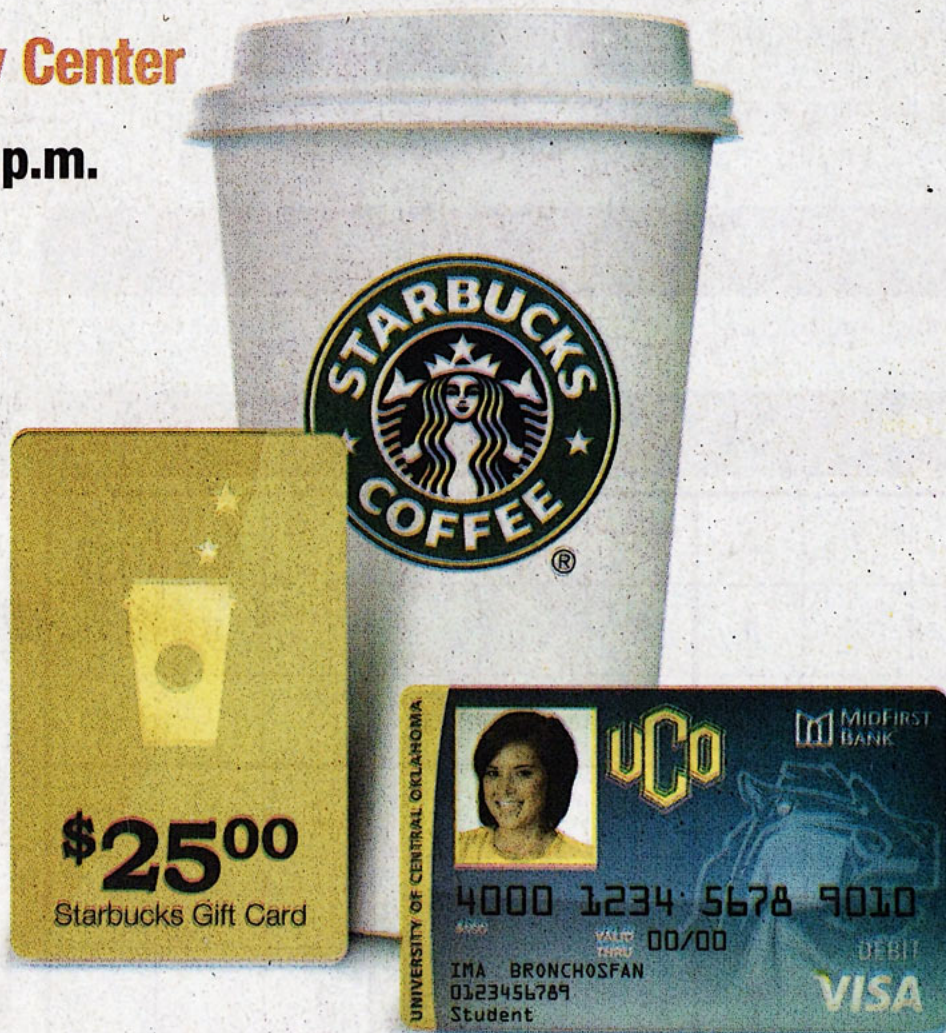
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Across

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- Like a rainbow
- Catch
- United Nations agency concerned with civil aviation
- Rice cooked in well-seasoned broth with onions or celery, poultry, game or shellfish, and sometimes tomatoes
- Bank
- Workout wear
- Mine entrance
- English exam finale, often
- Remedy to stop the effects of a poison
- Long
- "\_\_\_ rang?"
- Drink from a dish
- "So \_\_\_ me!"
- Symbol of thinness
- Attorneys' org.
- Band booking
- Turn red, perhaps
- Human conception without fertilization by a man
- Mint, e.g.
- Beachgoer's goal
- "Rocks"
- Bake, as eggs
- An end to age?
- Back muscle, familiarly

Down

- "You stink!"
- \_\_\_ alcohol
- Teach without challenging
- Dome-shaped shrines erected by Buddhists
- Muslim pilgrimage
- Created to do away with the system of pew rents
- On the safe side, at sea
- Archer, at times
- "Your majesty"
- \_\_\_ Bank
- Permitting the unwanted passage of fluids or gases
- Flightless flock
- "The \_\_\_ have it"
- Hawkeye
- Hand tool for boring holes
- Curb, with "in"
- \_\_\_ lazuli
- Discompose
- Zoroastrian
- Light flintlock musket
- "All My Children" vixen
- Change, as a clock
- Caught
- Responsible person with admirable characteristics
- Type of jet engine
- Graceful bird
- Bearing
- Don't believe it
- Garbage
- Tomato blight
- Spoil, with "up"
- "Heartbreak House" writer
- Far from ruddy
- Horace volume
- Ashtabula's lake
- First part
- Almond
- The Beatles' "\_\_\_ Leaving Home"
- "A rat!"
- Bawl
- Information unit

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While an Oscar is of unnamed value to someone who wins (or loses) one, the actual trophy is estimated to be worth about \$150.

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## RANDOM QUOTE

You are going to let the fear of poverty govern your life and your reward will be that you will eat, but you will not live.

- George Bernard Shaw

## RIDDLE ANSWER

The umpire and catcher.

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Baseball

# Bronchos streak snapped, playoffs ahead

Chris Brannick

Sports Editor

The UCO Baseball team has fought hard to include themselves in the Mid-American Intercollegiate Athletics Association postseason in their inaugural season in the conference. Winning ten of the final eleven games of the season did nothing but help the Bronchos, who have finished the season for a tie for fourth place.

Central rode a ten-game winning streak into Sunday evening's season finale in Kirksville, Mo. but fell to Truman State 2-3. The Bronchos defeated the Bulldogs 6-2 on Saturday and in game two of their doubleheader were tied 5-5 in the top of the fourth inning when the game was suspended due to weather. They resumed play on Sunday and the Bronchos cruised to an easy 12-6 victory, their eleventh in a row.

UCO trailed Truman State on Saturday afternoon in the sixth of a seven-inning contest. The Bronchos senior pitcher Edgar Lopez had given up two runs in three innings but finished strong, striking out four batters and only allowing one walk. Lopez went the distance in the game and earned his seventh win of the season after the Bronchos erupted for six runs in the top of the fifth inning, enough for the victory. Wacey Henderson went 1-3 on the day but his three-run homerun in the fifth sparked the Bronchos. A pitching change by the Bulldogs didn't stop Matt Malloy from doing the same on the next pitch. The two homeruns by the Bronchos were the only hits in the six-run inning.

The second game of the series started far more even with the Bronchos getting five runs across the plate in the first two innings. The Bulldogs had five runs cross after three innings before the suspension. On Sunday, when play resumed, it was the pitchers who took control. Mikel Beltran, who earned the win for the Bronchos threw four innings and allowed four hits but walked no one and also recorded two strikeouts.

It was another six-run inning that sparked the Bronchos. This time, Central nailed eight hits in the top of the eighth. Malloy, and



UCO junior Cesar Wong lays down a bunt in a game against Washburn University on Saturday, April 20, 2013. Photo by Alike Dyer, The Vista

Cameron Mavroulis each knocked in two runs with singles and Henderson also recorded his fifth RBI of the game and UCO led 12-5. Truman State scored one run off of the relief effort from Ethan Sharp in falling the Bronchos 12-6.

In the regular season finale, the Bronchos got out in front of the Bulldogs looking for the twelfth straight win, but Truman State pulled ahead 2-1 in the third inning and went on to hold off the Bronchos ninth inning rally attempt and get the victory.

Next for the Bronchos is the postseason,

Truman State finished 12-34. UCO is tied for fourth place and could reach as high as third place after the season ends for the rest of the league. Central Missouri and Emporia State played last night after press. A UCM win could put the Bronchos in fourth and hosting Emporia State, an ESU victory would drop UCO to fifth and set up a first round series with Missouri Southern. Visit [ucentralmedia.com/sports](http://ucentralmedia.com/sports) for updates on the MIAA Baseball Championships.

## Tennis season ends in Regionals match with rival

Brnchosports.com

TAHLEQUAH, Okla. (April 27) – Another successful season came to a tough end for Central Oklahoma here Saturday when the Bronchos fell to Northeastern State 5-0 in the first round of the NCAA Division II Central Regional.

It was UCO's third loss of the season to the River-Hawks, who improved to 23-3 in advancing to the round of 16 in Surprise, Ariz. Next week. The Bronchos ended up 17-4 while making their fifth appearance in six years in the national tournament.

"I'm disappointed with the loss, but I'm also really proud of the season we had and qualifying for the national tournament again," head coach Natalya Nikitina-Helvey said. "We accomplished a lot this season and I'm grateful to my players, and especially our two seniors, for all their hard work."

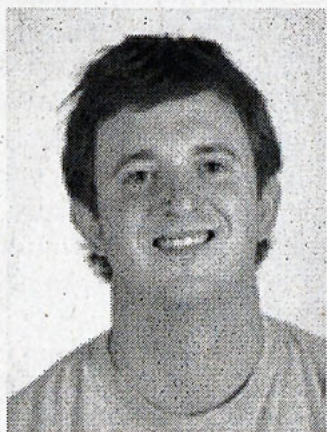
It was the final match for senior standouts Antonella Rossini and Rose Cabato, who combined for 196 singles and doubles wins during their four-year careers with the Bronchos.

NSU took all three doubles matches to seize control of the match and then ended it with wins at No. 3 and 4 singles.

Northeastern State 5, UCO 0

Opinion

# Whitt-ness This: State of the Bronchos



Whitt Carter

Staff Writer

I sit in the living room of the trashed, dirty college house that I've called home for three years, only a week away from graduation and the real world.

Hundreds of thoughts run through my head. What will I do? Where will I go? How will I make an impact?

All of these thoughts seem normal for a senior on the very cusp of finishing school, along with the predetermined mindset of "Man, I wish I could be in college again."

But outweighing all of those thoughts, as I take time to pound out the letters of my final column, is what I've witnessed since 2009.

Numerous memorable events from my time at UCO, many occurring in the realm of athletics, dot my memory of the institution that I can call mine.

In fact, memories from long, long ago fill my mind, stretching all the way back to the late 90s, when UCO football reigned over the Midwest and people talked about them all across the nation.

I can remember Wantland Stadium prior to the addition of an upper deck, before artificial turf and when eight lanes of a blue track outlined the field.

And as I arrived at UCO, I always thought that was how I'd remember being a Broncho.

I will, no doubt, remember those days. Who could forget them? But what I'll also always have are memories from my time as a Broncho.

Memories of my sophomore year in 2011, when Daunte Williams led Terry Evans' squad that was one of the best in school history. Over 2,000 people filled

Hamilton Field House for the NCAA Sweet 16/Regional Final, seeing one of the best college basketball games of their lives.

That year, we saw some of the most impressive dunks, team shooting performances and wins that this school will ever see. It was unforgettable.

Or the time that I covered my first UCO baseball game last spring, when UCO fell to Newman, 18-11, at Wendell Simmons Field. Yes, 18-11.

Eight homeruns, nine doubles and 34 hits in all. It was one of the most entertaining baseball games to watch, much less write about.

The wind was blowing out at nearly 25 mph, which seems to be a regular occurrence at the field aligned south to north, just off of University Drive. Tough place to pitch, right?

Or how about my two favorite memories: 1) the season and home opener for UCO football in 2011, when the Bronchos hosted former rival and D-II power Pittsburg State; and 2) the first win of this past football season under first-year coach Nick Bobeck, when UCO upset No. 9-ranked Washburn in Edmond.

Both a celebration of a school coming together and uniting for one purpose. The 2011 game was a loss, but over 8,000 people came out to cheer on the bronze and blue, the most I've seen since those late 90s, possibly ever. There were throwback uniforms, people in the top row and students everywhere. It was beautiful.

This past season's first win was even more special. A beautiful, clear day surrounded two teams in opposite places, but both with optimism. It was the MIAA TV "Game of the Week." Bobeck's squad had shown improvement, but people were still waiting for them to put it together.

That they did, upsetting the highly ranked Ichabods, 35-20, giving the program not only a signature victory, but also, a program-building triumph.

Those are some of my memories as an undergrad. I definitely have more and that's something I'm proud of.

Because this athletic program is something impressive. It's not just 16 different sports that all play a different schedule. It's 16 sports, united as a program, that come together to support each other in every endeavor.

And just like the university itself, the athletic pro-

gram is going places. New facilities, greater recruiting and overall improved assets are surely on the way.

"Get on our boat," Bobeck said, as he embarked on his first season as leader of the tradition-rich program, encouraging people to get involved and become invested in UCO athletics.

Listen to those words and follow along. I promise, you'll make memories and you won't be disappointed.

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Special

# All hail the Queen

## Broncho star adds finishing touches to career



UCO senior Kacie Edwards poses for a photo in the dugout at the Broncho Softball Field. Photo by Alik Dyer, The Vista

Sam Philbeck

Contributing Writer

"The hitting, I couldn't honestly tell you where that came from."

Wherever it came from, senior Kacie Edwards has turned it into a future hall of fame type career.

"I just started seeing the ball really well and it all of a sudden clicked," Edwards said, standing by the bleachers in front of Broncho Field on a cloudy Friday morning.

A field that could be re-named "Edwards Field" following her stellar career at the university.

The Yukon native became UCO's all-time home run queen this season. She began her senior year tied with former Broncho Alley Roberts for first with 34 home runs, but it didn't take Edwards long to make the record her own as she blasted a home run over center field in her first at-bat of the season against Eastern New Mexico.

The record and career success is something Edwards believes is an example of hard work paying off.

"Everything that's happened to me just shows and gives me positive feedback on my hard work and tells me I'm doing something right," Edwards says with a big smile, that even a cloudy day like Friday couldn't keep away.

The senior was born on May 14th, 1991 and is the daughter of Joe and Tammi Edwards. The family wanted to get their daughter in sports as soon as possible, but softball wasn't the families first option.

"My dad played actually played tennis for Southwestern, so he thought my sister and I were going to be the next Venus and Serena," Edwards said.

The choice became clear when Edwards began softball at a young age. From there, Edwards went through the years honing her talents and following in the footsteps of her sister Jennifer, someone she highly admires.

"I contribute my success a lot to her

and look up to her a lot, she paid her dues in college tremendously and is still one of the best third basemen I've ever seen" Edwards said proudly.

Big sis wasn't the only one helping from the family.

"My dad. He knows my swing better than I know my swing and I can always count on him to give me some constructive criticism," Edwards said, boasting a big smile as she speaks of her family.

"If I didn't have him here I probably wouldn't have done as well as I have," Edwards said.

The accolades began coming in during her career at Yukon High School. There she earned All-Metro conference honors twice and All-Region her senior year when she batted .430 and knocked in 30 runs that season, while leading the team to the state tournament. She was also named Yukon's Female Athlete of the Year.

Now came the tough part. Choosing where she wanted to take her talents to next.

"UCO, Missouri Southern and Seminole State offered me and I almost went to Missouri Southern, but UCO was a lot closer," Edwards said.

This wasn't her first experience with UCO though as her older sister was former Broncho too, which factored into the decision.

"My sister going here kinda helped a little bit."

Edwards was sold on the idea as well when meeting UCO head coach Genny Stidham.

"Coach (Stidham) handled the girls well and was really genuine and didn't try to impress me or promise me things that weren't going to happen, so I appreciated that."

Like her older sister, Edwards decided to become Broncho and instantly made an impact her freshman season leading the team in RBI (39), hits (62) and doubles setting her first of many records with 19, while batting .356 and hitting only five home runs, while earning co-Freshman of the Year honors and was named to the All-LSC North Division

first team.

Her power increased the next season as for the first time in her career she led the team in home runs with ten on the season. She batted .346 and led the team in doubles (11) and RBI (37), while once again earning All-LSC North Division first team honors, but the team was only 25-23 on the season.

Her junior year was one for the record books not only for Edwards, but for the team as well.

The team led by the junior third baseman and senior Natalie Timmermans ran off a school record and NCAA II sixth best 35-game winning streak as they finished with a school record 46 wins and were two outs away from playing the NCAA II College World Series.

During all of it, Edwards played her best ball yet. Hitting .453 with 19 home runs and driving in a nation-best 79 RBIs, Edwards was named the 2012 Division II Player of the Year. She also earned UCO Central Region Player of the Year, first team All-American by Daktronics, second team All-American by NFCA and earned Capital One first-team All-Academic recognition.

She dominated the post-season, even after a knee injury that forced her to miss the first three games of the South Central Regional. She returned to face now MIAA rival Emporia State in the final game and in something even Hollywood couldn't write, belted a home run in her first at-bat and adding a seventh inning 2-run single to give UCO the 8-6 victory and send them to the CWS.

Coming into her senior year, Edwards missed the team's off-season workouts because of knee rehab, so she didn't know what to expect of this year's team that returned only four players including herself.

"I had no idea what we had (coming in), because I wasn't around last semester because of my rehab. I was just hoping we weren't going to suck and of course we don't," Edwards said with the backdrop of Bronchos Field surrounding her and the clouds still dark, but winds letting up a bit.

The team featuring three transfers and six freshman has flourished this season finishing with a 39-9 regular season and clinching their first MIAA title in their first year of joining the conference.

Edwards shined as well this season, not only just breaking the all-time home run record, but finishing the season leading the team in hitting (.439), slugging percentage (.865), on-base percent-

age (.503), hits (68), RBI (53), doubles (12) and home runs with 18.

She also saved her best for last this weekend as she smashed five home runs over the weekend, including a walk-off home run in her final at-bat at Broncho Field to give the Bronchos a 5-4 victory over Northwest Missouri State and helping clinch the MIAA title.

"The weekend was extremely successful and I am so proud of these girls and couldn't have asked for a better finish to the regular season," Edwards said.

This wasn't the first time though an Edwards hit a walk-off home run in their final home appearance.

"My sister on her senior day hit a walk-off home run too, which I think is pretty cool," Edwards said.

The blast was just another highlight to a career that features five school records including home runs (52), RBI (208), doubles (52), hits (254) and batting average at (.400).

So what's next for the all-time UCO great? Well the postseason begins Thursday in the MIAA tournament, but what about after softball? Possible pro dreams on the horizon? Edwards who graduates this year with a bachelor's in biology doesn't think so.

"This is it. Unless some crazy person come and offers me a ton of money to go play in a pro league, I will be done after this," Edwards says confidently.

"I'm ready to find something new and find something else I can be good at."

The legacy Edwards will leave is one that many athletes can look towards and admire.

"I wanted to leave a legacy that challenges people and for others to know it's not the ones who suck up the most, if you put your head down and work hard you can be successful."

A legacy her head coach would agree with.

"She's been outstanding from her freshman year on and this year has been just as good as last year's as I'm concerned and has had to take a lot more on her shoulders and she has just ran with it," Stidham said about her star player.

While still finishing the final touches of her career, she still has two goals left to fulfill at UCO.

"A championship and to be in the hall of fame, which I know isn't a sure thing," Edwards says with a smile across her face, one which she has sported all weekend.

If there was ever a sure thing Kacie, trust us you're it for the hall of fame.



Edwards in a game earlier this season. The Vista Archives

### Kacie Edwards Career

**2012 Division II Player of the Year**

**UCO All-time homerun leader- 52**

**UCO All-time hits leader- 254**

**UCO All-time RBI leader- 208**

**UCO All-time doubles leader- 52**

**UCO single season batting avg. leader- .439**