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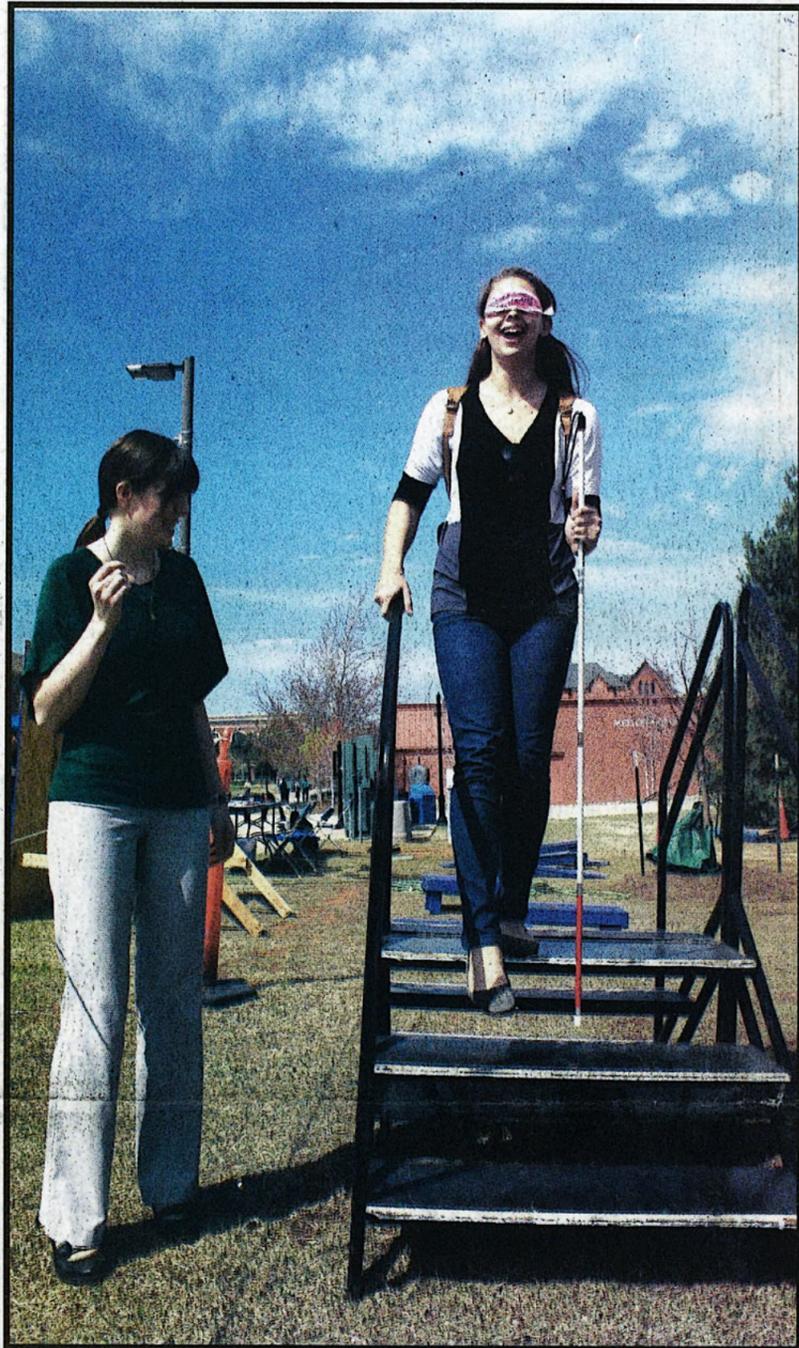


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Thatcher Hall roof construction complete

Official says \$352,000 project without much difficulty

BEFORE



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AFTER



LINDSEY RICKARDS, Staff Writer

The new roof repairs on Thatcher Hall at UCO were substantially completed on March 15, 2013.

The Contractor, Crawford Roofing Inc. has 30 days after reaching Substantial Completion to repair damages made to the roof or its surroundings during the project.

"I don't foresee them having any issue," said Senior Project Manager of Architectural and Engineering Services at UCO, Rudy Garcia, in reference to the corrective work.

UCO accepted the \$352,690 bid from Crawford Roofing Inc. and entered into an agreement for construction.

Garcia had seen a number of five bids or more before Crawford was chosen.

"Any qualifying contractor can submit a bid as long as they meet the requirements," said Garcia.

The decision to reroof Thatcher Hall was relevant; Garcia had heard that the previous roof had been in place since 1937.

"The building was a WPA (Works Progress Administration) project," said Garcia. According to Garcia, both Thatcher and Murdaugh Hall were WPA projects that employed Oklahomans during the Great Depression.

"This roof will probably out live all of us," Garcia said, in reference to Thatcher's new roof.

Garcia suspects that Murdaugh Hall will receive a new roof as well, though he is uncertain as to when that may take place.

The contract between UCO and Crawford stated that the contractor (Crawford) should achieve Substantial Completion of the work no later than 150 consecutive calendar days after Notice to Proceed.

While reroofing Thatcher Hall, there were a few hitches met through weather events, safety and modifications made to the project.

Garcia gave credit to Crawford's performance.

"They were right on the 150 days to the day, with the exception of the

added weather days," said Garcia. "But they really never used them."

A downpour caused some of the old gutters to leak, resulting in water infiltration into spaces in the building.

Crawford took responsibility for the damages due to not taking enough preventative precautions.

"Crawford was very apologetic," said Garcia, "they didn't expect that much rain."

According to Garcia, changes in the work proved necessary when some rafters and sill plates were found to be in dire need of repair.

The rain caused damage over time to the underside of the flat roof on the east side of the building, as well as water damage to the soffit.

"Crawford was already on site," said Garcia, "We requested a proposal from them to replace those flat roofs (on the north side of Thatcher)."

At one point UCO had to address a safety issue with Crawford.

Faculty, A&E Services and UCO's Environmental Health and Safety had observed the initial roofing crew not using their safety harnesses properly.

Garcia said that fall protection had been stressed at pre-construction meetings, so there was no reason for the laps in safety.

"We were concerned if anything compromised workers' safety," said Garcia.

Though UCO would not be held responsible for any injuries to the workers, Garcia explained that the university promotes safety on campus, and this situation was no exception.

"There was never a stoppage of work," Garcia said.

UCO had the right to tell Crawford to stop all work until corrective measures were taken on the unsafe issue.

"We had good lines of communication and a prompt response," Garcia said.

Garcia was proud with the overall product received.

"It was quite an undertaking of that type of roof (Clay Tile), especially one that had lasted that long," Garcia said. "Everybody is proud of the new roof on Thatcher."

New Mr. and Ms. International UCO crowned Friday



Mr. and Ms. UCO International 2013, Benny Tham (left) and Shanta Ghosh (right) pose after they are crowned winners at Constitution Hall on Friday, Mar. 29, 2013. Photo by Cyn Sheng Ling, The Vista

MERVYN CHUA, Staff Writer

The new Mr. and Miss UCO International was crowned Friday at Constitution Hall of the Nigh University Center.

Benny Tham, representing Malaysia, and Shanta Ghosh, from India, took home the crown and \$1000 in scholarships.

"I am super excited that I won. I did my best and put in a lot of hard work. Now, the fruit has finally come. Participating in this pageant has given me so much confidence and has prepared me for the future," the new Miss UCO International said.

Nela Mrchkovska, of Macedonia, and Omer Akhtar, of Pakistan were awarded \$750 each in tuition waivers as first runners-up. A \$400 tuition waiver was given to Vy Tran, Vietnam's representative, and Shibo Wang, from China.

Participants competed in three categories, namely the introduction/traditional wear, display of cultural talent, and the question and answer portion/eveningwear. Plaques were also given to the Mr. and Miss Congeniality and Mr. and Miss Popular.

The contestants voted among themselves for Mr. and Miss Congeniality, Continued Page 3

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THE DAILY MAIL VS. THE NEW YORK TIMES

The Daily Mail, one of the U.K.'s most prominent, most notorious tabloids, is looking to expand into the U.S. The U.K. tabloid took aim at one American media giant, the New York Times.

Michael Roston, New York Times staff social media editor, took to Facebook with a response for the Daily Mail, and yes, it's covered in a thick glaze of annoyance:

"But it's just tiring that the people who run the Daily Mail keep playing like they're involved in some sort of zero-sum game for visitors with our New York Times or our peers at the Wall Street Journal. It's not so serious you say about your web site. No kidding! That's why we're not competing with you. We're deadly serious about the news. We're for the tens of millions of people who don't really want to be friends with people who wouldn't discuss the Arab Spring over lunch."

Calling the Times weighty and dull, The Daily Mail's website publisher, Martin Clarke, boasted that their product supplied "all the news that fits to talk about," a bit of wordplay on the Times' century-old slogan.

"How many of your friends discuss the Arab Spring at lunch?" Clark challenged in an interview with The Guardian. Arguing the Daily Mail brings "what you want to talk about. It's not so serious. And it's never more than you need."

The Daily Mail is popular; there is no denying that. Their website received more than 111 million unique visitors in February. But while the tabloid contends there is room in the U.S. for its product, a quick scan of their website may

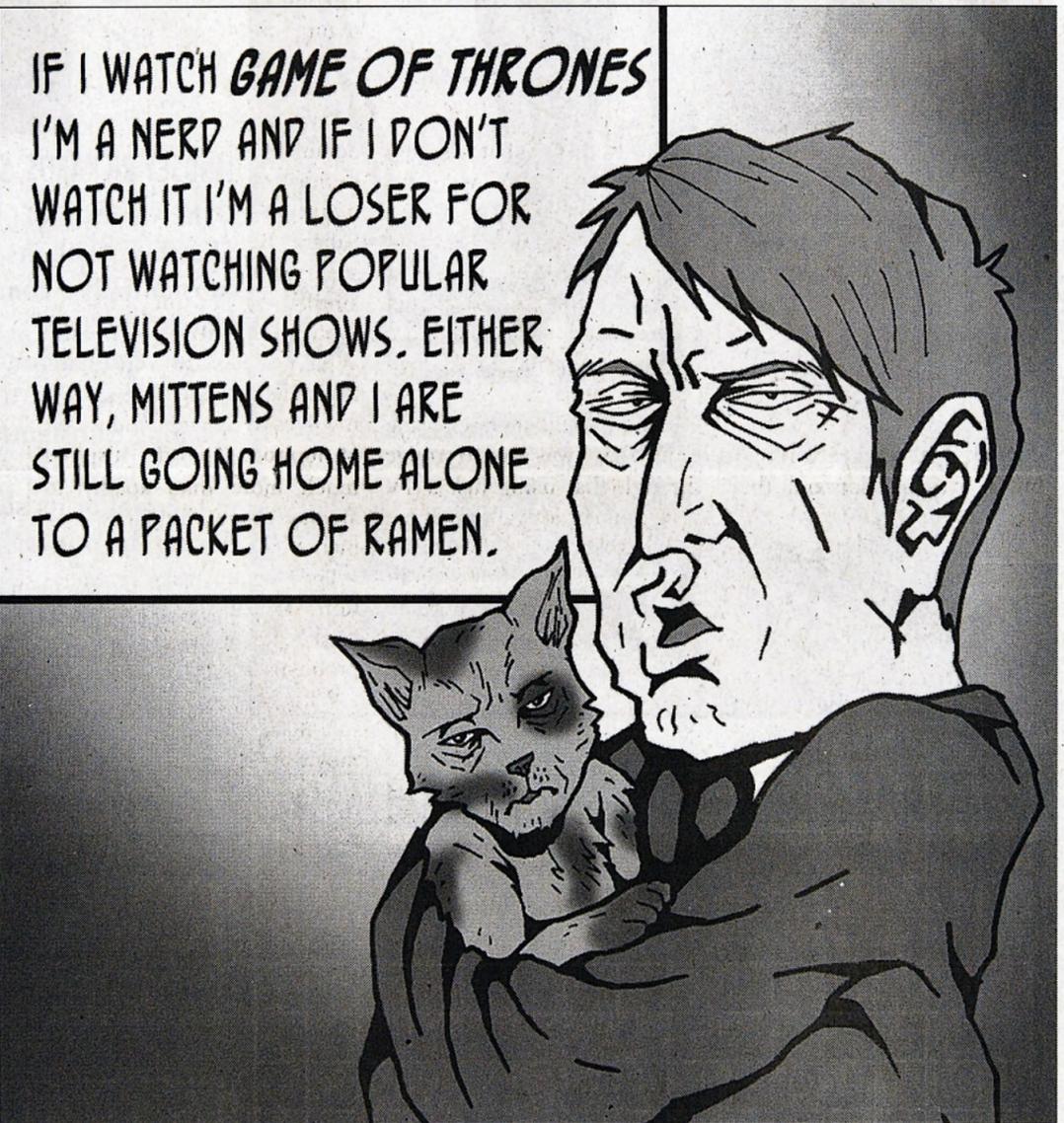
make many Americans feel a dose of déjà vu.

"College student posted Craigslist ads asking for men to 'shoot her and beat her in exchange for sex' before filing a false rape report," "My dad was a serial killer..." and "Confessions of a drug-addled beauty queen" were just a view of the site's headlines at the time this editorial was penned. Sound familiar? The Daily Mail's product is like the weirder, creepier cousin to the Huffington Post.

Arguably, how could you not click on a story about a serial killer dad? It's irresistible. But to say this type of journalism is going to step into the ring, tell the New York Times, "Dukes up," and do substantial damage to the Times' market is absurd.

Well, when these two tap gloves, I'd put my money on the dull, weighty New York Times.

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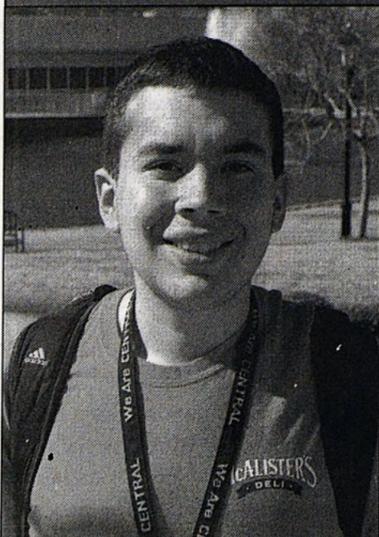


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CAMPUS QUOTES

What blockbuster movie are you looking forward to most?

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Undecided - Freshman



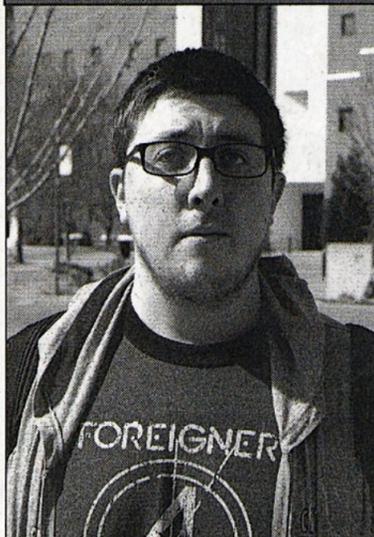
"I'm excited for May when all the Marvel movies come out... Iron Man 3."

DRIESHA RUTLEDGE
Elementary Education - Junior



"I want to see the new Halle Berry movie [The Call]."

CHASE TERRY
Creative Writing - Junior



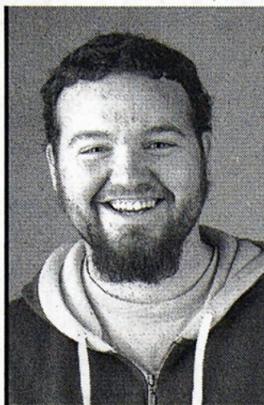
"Iron Man 3 seems to be the big one for me."

DELISA WASHINGTON
Nursing - Junior



"The new Kevin Hart movie coming out in July."

Opinion



BEEN JAMMIN

Motivation

by Ben Luschen

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Over the weekend I saw a documentary on TV about a group of guys who ran across the Sahara desert. All the way across. Width-wise. Just because they could.

It was pretty interesting for a while, but I'll admit that I didn't finish watching it. I mean, there's only so much slow jogging across mounds of sand you can take before things start to get a little repetitive. Still, it interested me enough to look it up online for a few minutes, and think about how cool it would be to experience something like that.

I watched these guys bear unbelievable physical hardship with tremendous personal sacrifice. They would get dehydrated. Delusional. Sick. And you know what? They kept running. In the Sahara, they kept running. They stuck needles in their arms and gave them water intravenously and told them to keep going.

It was a demanding task. They ate like pigs just to have enough fuel to get through, but it was so hot and they were running so much that they were still losing weight at a phenomenal rate. They had to strategically avoid things like abandoned minefields and wars.

Later that day I did a little running of my own. I wasn't in Africa, but I was in The Village. And it was hot out. Not Sahara hot, but it was the hottest day of the year thus far. It was in the 80's! I had to turn the fan in my room up to 3 that night.

I never felt bad enough to stick a needle in my arm, but

my legs did feel a little sore from a physical game of pick-up basketball I played just a day earlier.

So there I was, running in this devilish, unseasonable March heat. Sweat was in my eyes. My stride was shortened significantly because of my sore hips, and I was still suffering through some lingering sinus problems I contracted over spring break.

It was misery. But I kept going.

I could have turned back, gone home, watched Frasier on Netflix. I could have decided that I needed a day to recover from my soreness. That I needed to wait for a day when it wasn't so hot.

But I didn't. What was my pain to those guys who ran across the Sahara? Those guys nearly ran themselves into an early grave in the most merciless climate on planet Earth. I was trying to avoid a little muscle ache in suburban Oklahoma City.

Looking back, it's fascinating to me that I was able to trudge through that using just a TV program as motivation. These runners were guys I've never met and knew nothing about previously. I didn't even know whether they truly even existed, but the simple mental suggestion that they might indeed have been enough fuel to keep me on course.

Where is this magical and potent power of suggestion in the rest of my life? When I'm making the choice between mopping the bathroom floor on Saturday morning or spending another hour twiddling my thumbs on the Inter-

net, where is the voice inside my head telling me not to be such a punk?

Do you know how many classes I've skipped this year? Here's a hint, it rhymes with quarantine. Ben, why have you skipped so many classes, you might be asking. Or maybe you're asking why I haven't skipped more. Either way, there's one simple answer: a lack of motivation.

This is my last full semester at UCO. I still have one more class to take after the spring, but I'm effectively in the last regular month of my college career. And I'm a sloth because of it.

Does someone have a video documentary about a college senior going through his last month of school barefoot at Sahara Desert University? If so, I really need to borrow it. Until then, I'm forced to find motivation within myself. Which is next to impossible. My idea of a good time usually involves Wikipedia and a box of Yoohoo. I haven't inspired much more than apathy in anyone or anything I've ever met.

Then again, maybe motivation is the least of my problems.

Who wants to make a movie?

Recipe

CAMPUS COOK

Zucchini Frittata with Tomato-Onion Sauce by Michael Chiarello

4 servings (1 wedge)

104 Calories

Ingredients

- 1 can (14.5 oz. each) Diced Tomatoes with Sweet
 - Onions, undrained
 - 1 teaspoon Spicy Brown Mustard
 - 1 teaspoon honey
 - No-Stick Cooking Spray
 - 1-1/2 cups finely chopped zucchini
 - 1 cup finely chopped white button mushrooms
 - 1 carton (16 oz. each) Egg Beaters®
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- 2 green onions, chopped

Preparation

1. Combine undrained tomatoes, mustard and honey in medium saucepan. Place over medium-high heat; cook 10 minutes or until thickened and most of juice has cooked away, stirring several times.

2. Spray shallow 10-inch nonstick skillet with cooking spray; heat over medium-high heat. Add zucchini and mushrooms; cook 5 minutes or until starting to brown on edges, stirring several times. Reduce heat to medium-low; pour Egg Beaters over vegetables. Cover skillet. After 6 minutes, lift edge of frittata with spatula and tilt skillet to allow Egg Beaters to flow underneath several times. Cover; continue cooking 4 minutes or until set.

3. Stir green onions into tomato sauce. Cut frittata into 4 wedges. Top each wedge with tomato sauce.



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whom they thought were the most deserving of the titles. From Pakistan and Laura Maroti, of Venezuela won.

The Mr. and Miss Popular awards were given to Tham and Zambia representative Adalaida Tembo, with tabulated scores from the most likes on Facebook on their mug shots, as well as pageant audience voting.

In the first portion, contestants had to come out in their traditional costume and do a traditional bow, as well as introduce themselves using a greeting from their home language. The second portion had them performing a cultural talent that symbolizes their heritage. For section three, contestants paraded in their eveningwear and proceeded to answer a question, drawn by the contestants themselves from a basket.

The question and answer portion had the

heaviest point weightage. The questions were read by Brandon Lehman, one of the advisors of the International Student Council (ISC).

"I really thank God because without his help, I will not be able to do this. Joining this pageant has taught me so much. One of the biggest lessons is to not be afraid to make mistakes," Tham said.

He continued, "I joined the pageant last year but didn't win. This year, I made sure I did not repeat the same mistakes again and worked on my weaknesses. It finally has paid off."

The pageant started at 7 p.m. and crowned the winners at 10 p.m. The pageant was emceed by Blake Samani, current vice president of the Iranian student association and former Miss UCO International 2011, Ashley Sue Lyn.

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SAME-SEX MARRIAGE

SUPREME COURT HEARS ARGUMENTS OVER ISSUES INVOLVING DOMA AND PROP 8



Demonstrators chant outside the Supreme Court in Washington, Tuesday, March 26, 2013, as the court heard arguments on California's voter approved ban on same-sex marriage, Proposition 8. (AP Photo/Pablo Martinez Monsivais)



Kevin Coyne of Washington holds flags in front of the Supreme Court in Washington, Wednesday, March 27, 2013. (AP Photo/Carolyn Kaster)

JOSH WALLACE • STAFF WRITER

On Mar. 20, the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) released a policy statement endorsing same sex marriage and their support of same sex couples regarding raising children.

The AAP's announcement came days before the Supreme Court held hearings on two separate cases pertaining to same sex marriage, a case involving a New York woman subjected to taxation under the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) and the constitutionality of California's Proposition 8.

Proposition 8, a bill passed in 2008, specifically outlines that, "only marriage between a man and a woman is valid or recognized in California." DOMA, signed into law in 1996, doesn't recognize same-sex marriages on a federal level, specifically when it comes to the benefits opposite-sex couples share including social security, housing and welfare assistance, taxes, immigration and other areas.

Citing these specific reasons, AAP's statement targets DOMA, stating, "The AAP has joined with other national organizations in support of the position that the Defense of Marriage Act is unconstitutional."

The statement went on to add, "A core mission of the AAP is to support the best interests of all children, regardless of their home or family," and continued on to outline their view that there is evidence showing no change in the life of a child raised by homosexual or heterosexual parents, stating, "Many studies attest to the normal development of children of same-gender couples when the child is wanted, the parents have a commitment to shared parenting, and the

parents have strong social and economic supports. Indeed, current research has concluded that 'In all, it is now well-established that the adjustment of children and adolescents is best accounted for by variations in the quality of the relationships with their parents, the quality of the relationship between the parents or significant

adults in the children's and adolescents' lives, and the availability of economic and socio-economic resources."

On Mar. 26 and 27, the Supreme Court heard arguments

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on the two cases, with the justices' questions and statements giving insight into how they might lean when it comes to an expected ruling in June.

When responding to Charles Cooper, a lawyer arguing in favor of upholding Proposition 8, Justice Anthony Kennedy spoke of the children who might be affected by the law, adding, "On the other hand, there is an immediate legal injury or legal—what could be a legal injury, and that's the voice of these children. There are some 40,000 children in California, according to the Red Brief, that live with same-sex parents, and they want their parents to have full recognition and full status. The voice of those children is important in

this case, don't you think?"

In a statement regarding DOMA, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg responded to attorney Paul Clement's statements regarding differing benefits, stating they "touch every aspect of life," and went on to add "You are really diminishing what the state has said is marriage. You're saying, no, state said two kinds of marriage; the full marriage, and then this sort of skim-milk marriage"

UCO Mass Communications Professor, Kole Kleeman, who teaches a course on gays and lesbians in the media, agrees with AAP's recent statement, mentioning that research he's done shows the importance of love and stability as being the most pertinent issue when it comes to raising children, whether from a heterosexual or homosexual couple.

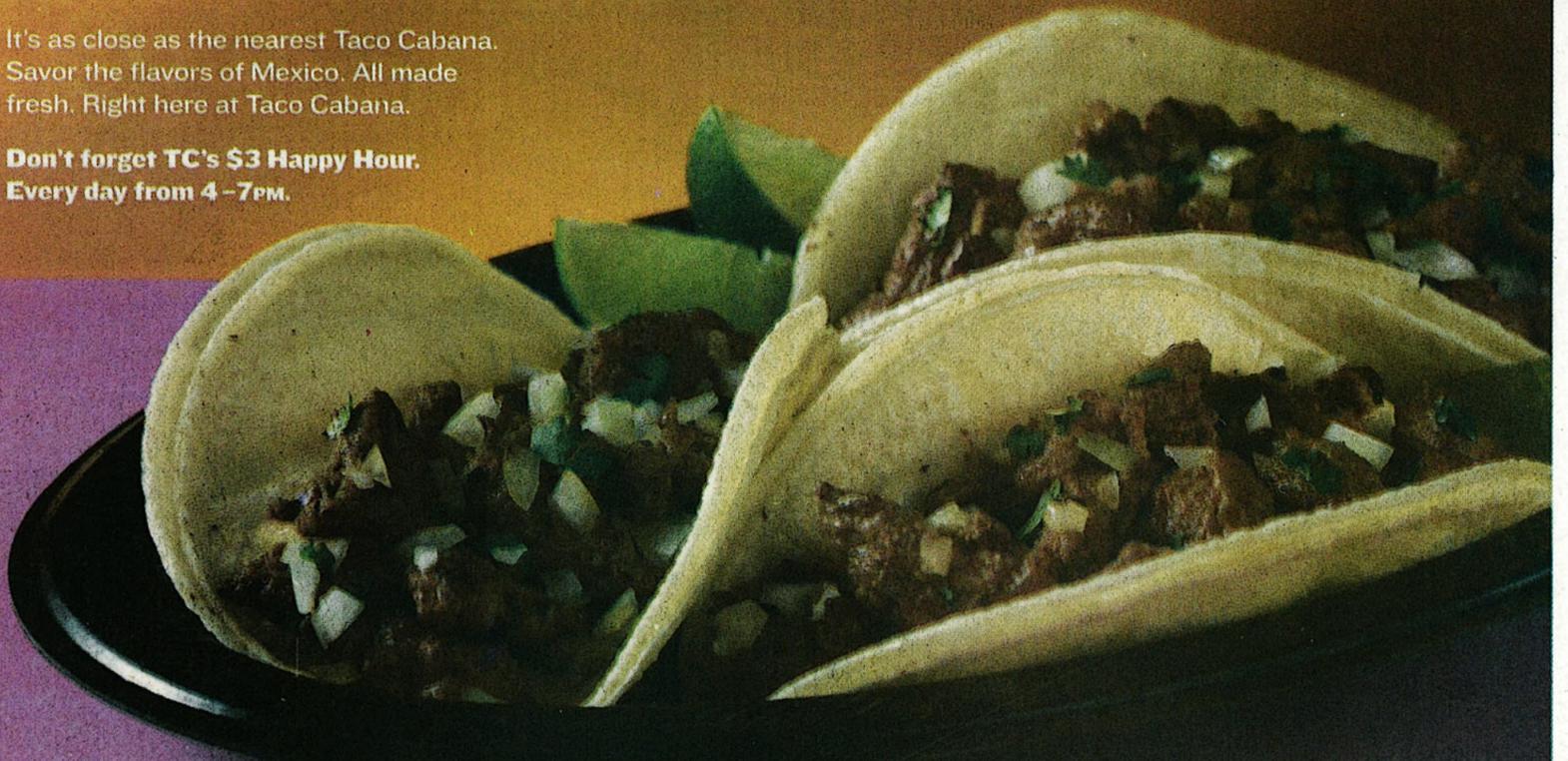
Kleeman also talked about the Supreme Court hearings, adding, "I think just the fact that they're hearing it speaks loudly... I think it's clearly a step in the right direction. It's just simply inequality, I mean you have somebody that goes to the military and they live together whether they're lesbian or a gay man, why can't they receive the benefits? That is a second class treatment."

He went on to add that there's been a drastic change in the way people look at gays and lesbians since DOMA was signed into law, mentioning that younger students in his classes don't consider it "a big deal when I discuss gay and lesbian issues, even when I tell them I'm gay they're not shocked."

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Race

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BROOKS NICKELL, staff writer

Red Bull will host the Land Rush Oklahoma race on Saturday, Apr. 20.

40 teams are expected to sign up for the event, a Red Bull representative said.

Red Bull Land Rush follows a winding, 4.2-mile trek along the Oklahoma River. The event requires teams of three to compete in physical and mental challenges. The first team to cross the finish line stakes their claim to a city suite and Lollapalooza weekend passes.

Among teams already registered are the hopeful University of Central Oklahoma student members of team Beast Mode.

UCO freshman, Gus Olsen feels that team Beast Mode is sure to take home the prize this year.

"Two of our teammates have completed a tough mudder, which is a race of 12 miles and 29 military grade obstacles," Olsen said. "We are really good friends so we work well together."

According to Olsen, experience is not the only advantage team Beast Mode will have. With students from a variety of Oklahoma universities, Olsen says coming out of UCO will prove beneficial for more of the box events during the land rush.

"UCO is a great institution that uses transformative learning and believes in pushing the academic limits of all students," Olsen said.

Beast Mode is preparing for unorthodox ob-

stacles. 2010's Red Bull Land Rush event, won by team Family Force 3 from Oklahoma State University, saw competitors braving the Oklahoma River in kayaks, untangling metal horseshoe puzzles, breaking ice blocks to get at encased Red Bull and hauling teammates in covered wagon gondolas. This year's Land Rush is keeping the featured obstacles secret to keep the competition fair.

Team Beast Mode knows the physical road to Lollapalooza tickets won't be easy, however they feel the toughest obstacle for themselves will be mental.

"We have to stay patient and calm. The key is to not get frustrated," Olsen said.

Olsen said that team Beast Mode feels prepared and excited for Red Bull Land Rush 2013.

"We are really looking forward to the thrill of the race, the adrenaline rush of competing in a competition with a prize as big as tickets to Lollapalooza."

Student teams can sign up until Apr. 15 at Redbulllandrush.com.

Teams must have 3 members who are 18 years of age or older that can present a valid student I.D. at check in. Teams must also provide their own transportation to the starting line in Oklahoma City. Red Bull will provide all other materials needed to participate.

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TURNING YOUR LITERATURE STOCKPILE INTO CASH

JOSH LEWIS, contributing writer

UCO's Friends of the Library is holding a book collection contest this month, with cash prizes given to the winners.



The contest involves creating a bibliography of at least 10 books, DVDs or CDs and writing a short essay detailing the specific theme and purpose of the collection. The contest is open to currently enrolled UCO students.

The first place winner of the contest will receive \$500. Second place will win \$300 and third place receives \$100. The prizes will be given out at a reception on Apr. 24.

Essays can be submitted as a word document to libdev@uco.edu. The deadline for entry is Apr. 12.

"Judging is based primarily on the extent to which the collection represents a well-defined theme or field

of interest," a quote taken from the Friends' website.

Winners also get a chance to enter the National Collegiate Book Collecting Contest, which has a grand prize of \$2500. More information about the national contest can be found at <http://hq.aba.org/books/antiquarian/abapages/contest>.

The Friends of the Chambers Library helps expand the library's collection and sponsors speakers, film showings and other events.

More information about the Friends and the book collection contest can be found at <http://library.uco.edu/giving/>.

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Across

- Fleet
- Cowboy boot attachment
- Small piece
- Bind
- Allocate, with "out"
- Spanish appetizer
- Nickel, e.g.
- Kuwaiti, e.g.
- Impulse transmitter
- Low area
- Former basic unit of money in Austria
- Unable to relax
- Bubkes
- Ammunition whose flight can be observed by a trail of smoke
- Someone who receives advice
- Moray, e.g.
- Aroma
- Hawkeye
- Smartness
- Worse, as excuses go
- Charon's river
- 100 quintars
- Annul
- Rigidly
- An end to sex?
- Era
- Concerned with practical matters

Down

- Jamaican exports
- Again
- ___ bread
- Emphatic, in a way
- Computer key
- #1 song
- U.S. writer whose novels explored human alienation
- Its motto is "Industry"
- Provide with a new binding
- Uncastrated adult male horse
- Checker, perhaps
- Abreast of
- [Just like that!]
- Enraged
- Boast

- 10 kilogauss
- Doctor's order
- "Remember the ___!"
- Affectedly creative
- "Great!"
- Artist's stand
- Exalt to the skies
- Gossip, slangily
- His "4" was retired
- Institution to express belief in a divine power
- Geometrical solid
- Final, e.g.
- Common sense
- Cancel
- Not alert
- Skin problem
- Cake topper
- "Murphy Brown" bar owner
- "Little Caesar" role
- Way, way off
- Old Chinese money
- Crumbs
- Catalan painter Joan
- A-line line

RANDOM QUOTE

You must give some time to your fellow men. Even if it's a little thing, do something for others - something for which you get no pay but the privilege of doing it.

- Albert Schweitzer

RANDOM FACTS

Vanna White is listed in the Guinness Book of World Records as "Television's Most Frequent Clapper."

The only U.S. state that doesn't participate in the Adopt-a-Highway program is Vermont. Their "billboard-free state" policy prevents citizens from posting the signs necessary for the campaign.

In 2003, Dennis Gross set the unofficial record for Most Peeps Eaten in 30 Minutes. He polished off 102 Peeps.

The Hudson's Bay Company (now known as "The Bay" or "HBC") is the oldest commercial corporation in North America, having been incorporated on May 2nd, 1670, by British royal charter under King Charles II.

The world's largest exporter of beef isn't the United States; it's Australia.

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Baseball

Bronchos suffer conference loss to Mules

Cody Johnson

Contributing Writer

The Central Oklahoma Bronchos lost a three-game series to the No. 5-ranked Central Missouri Mules this weekend at Wendell Simmons Field.

"Central Missouri is a really polished and savvy program," Coach Dax Leone said. "Our guys competed well, but we didn't execute on offense when we had chances."

The series started Friday with a 4-3 Bronchos' victory in what was a very close game. The Mules came back to take the second game victory 6-3 later in the afternoon. On Saturday, the Mules closed out the series with a 13-4 victory over the Bronchos.

When Tyler Crabtree went up first to bat on Friday, he was hit by the pitch and walked on base. Crabtree then moved onto second base off of Cesar Wong's sacrifice bunt and scored off of Jared Wright's single play.

In the second inning, both Ross Rose and Eric Garza hit double plays while Cameron Mavroulis made a run scoring sacrifice bunt to put the Bronchos, ahead 3-0. The Mules did not score until the third inning.

In the fifth inning, Mavroulis hit a single play. He followed that up by stealing two bases, and scoring off of Crabtree's single play. The Mules scored one run in the sixth inning and another in the seventh inning to put the first game at its final score of 4-3.

In the second game, the Bronchos were trailing in the fourth inning 4-1, when they



UCO junior Petra Pesic returns a shot in a match against Taylor Smith of Emporia State on Friday, March 8, 2013. Photo by Alikki Dyer, The Vista.

scored two more runs. The Mules secured their win by scoring a run in the seventh inning and another in the eighth inning.

On Saturday, the action continued with the final game of the series. The Bronchos took the lead in the second inning when Cameron Mavroulis reached on a two-out putting him on base. He then went to second base when a pitch hit Tyler Crabtree. Mavroulis scored when Cesar Wong hit a double play.

The Mules didn't respond until the top of the fourth inning when they scored a single run.

The game was tied going into the fifth inning, however the Mules scored five runs in the top of the inning. The Bronchos scored one more run in the bottom of the fifth inning, trying to rally back.

The Mules then closed the game out with three runs in the seventh inning and three more in the eighth inning. The three-time

defending league champions outlit the Bronchos 15-7 in the final game.

The Bronchos are now 17-12 in the overall season and are 14-12 in the Mid-America Athletic Association. They will continue their season Wednesday when they travel to Emporia State for a doubleheader.

Opinion

Vista Sports Column Battle: Tony Romo Whitt-ness This Full Timeout



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Let's talk Romo.

The guy is one of the most polarizing athletes that our generation has ever seen, teasing Dallas fans with glimpses of elite-level play, while giving them just enough reason to dream of a Quincy Carter return.

Sure, he's squandered away some big game opportunities, and that his reputation will never be able to escape some of those late-game performances.

But let's be real with ourselves, which I know can be such a difficult thing for Cowboy fans.

Dallas resigned a top-12 quarterback and they got him for a bargain.

He's 5th all-time in career passer rating (7.9), and 6th all-time in yards per attempt (7.9), along with holding gobs of franchise records that have been encompassed by some pretty historic signal callers.

The six-year extension worth \$108 million (\$55 million guaranteed) wasn't an overpayment. Why?

Think about this.

Here are a list of teams that would gladly pay that amount: Jacksonville, Minnesota, Buffalo, Kansas City, Philadelphia, Tennessee, New York (Jets), Miami- maybe, Houston- I believe, Arizona, Oakland, Cleveland and San Diego.

Most, if not all, of those teams would pay that amount- and probably more- to nail down Romo for five to six years.

And the only reason some wouldn't jump at an opportunity similar to that is because they have a young guy, who has a really bright future.

The guy is a three-time Pro Bowler (2006, 2007, 2009), and he should have been four. In 2011, he completed 66 percent of his passes, threw for 4,184 yards and 31 touchdowns to only 10 interceptions.

He's doing his job.

Why are the Cowboys struggling, to which Romo is taking the blame?

Dallas hasn't had a 1,000 yard rusher since 2006, when Julius Jones broke the century mark. That's six years in a row without a consistent back to offset what has become a first- and sometimes second and third- throw offense.

Romo is a career 10-4 with a "healthy"

DeMarco Murray and since that 2006 season, Dallas has fared in the bottom half of the league in total rushing yards every year except 2009.

In 2006, Dallas ranked seventh in total rushing yards, and led the Cowboys playoff victory Philadelphia. Not good enough for you?

Let's look at the Dallas defense. In the last three years, Dallas has ranked 19th, 14th and 23rd in total defense. In 2012, the Cowboy defense only forced 16 turnovers, ranking ahead of only Indianapolis, Kansas City and Philadelphia.

He's not getting a lot of help from that side, or his offensive line. In each of the last three seasons- excluding 2010 when he broke his collarbone, Romo has wound up in the top ten in times sacked. That's also the same group of five guys that line up to run block, as well.

Look, you can point your finger at his sometimes careless decision making in games and you can talk all you want about his apparent lack of passion for the game.

But the guy is a gun-slinger, and he's one of the best in the league at what he does- throwing the football.

The deal was the right move, because Romo showed that he can perform like an elite-level quarterback in this league.

It's not time to part ways with Romo; he'll keep doing what he does: producing.

It's time to quit blaming Romo, because the last time I checked, there are plenty of other guys dressed in silver and blue that play every Sunday, too.

Timeout. Tony Romo got a new contract and it totals \$119.5 million. Yes you heard that right. Yes you're reaction following the news is the same all around whether you agree with it or disagree with it. Romo has been a star for the team with the big star so questioning his new deal is something that should not happen, right? Wrong.

Let's start the questioning with the man who writes the check. A one Mr. Jerry Jones. Some say Jones is a great owner. Speaking in terms of what he has done with a franchise those some are correct. It's a business and every member of that business has the same goal to win. Win is what hasn't happened in Dallas in almost 20 years. Why?

Tony Romo. In seven years of ball for the quarterback from Eastern Illinois, Romo has won all of one game in the playoffs for the Cowboys. This is the glaring stat that jumps off the paper when mentioning the quarterback and arguing whether or not he is worth all of that money. Romo is in a tie for 134th place with his .250 career playoff win percentage joined by the likes of Steve DeBerg and Joe Ferguson. Romo is slightly ahead of Harry Newman and Bernie Masterson and Tuffy Lewis.

I'm not trying to bash Romo for getting his money. I'm also not trying to bash him for not succeeding in the NFL so far. I understand reasons why a team loses. But, when you have a plethora of analysts talking about how great your defense is and how good the weapons you have to throw to are then losing becomes less excusable.

The interceptions when his team needed him the most have come to frequently for the man to get 120 million. Coming off of career high in picks thrown in one season with 19, now doesn't seem like the time to give a guy more money than any other player in the pros. A quarterback has won six of the last seven Super Bowl MVPs and Romo will be making more money than all of them as he totes around his one career playoff win.

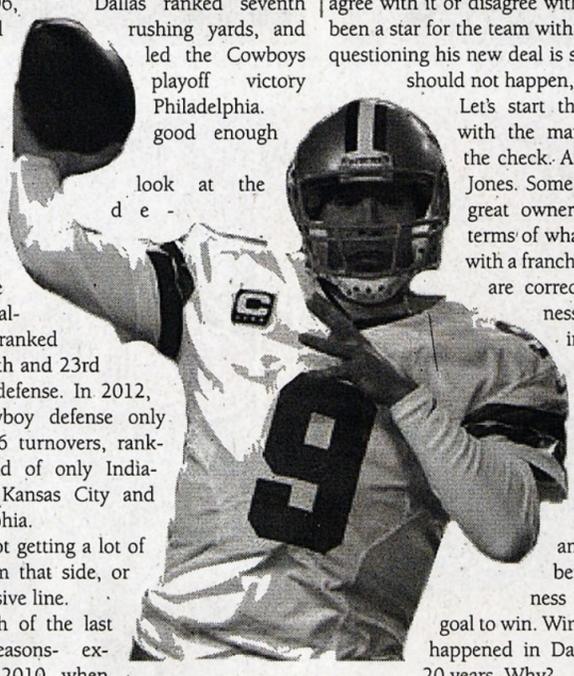
The Dallas Cowboys have seven MVP's in the big game and in 47 games 26 times there has been a quarterback win. What do these stats mean, to a guy who hasn't been able to figure out how to get over the hump in the playoffs? What are the expectations going to be like for the already heavily expected to win star?

I expect the QB to have to win every game just to appease his critics. So why give this guy this much money? I understand making the reigning Super Bowl MVP the highest paid player in the league. But why are we giving this much money to individuals in a sport where they cannot win without the right pieces around them?

The resolution should have been to resign Romo to a normal quarterback's contract and spend the money you have on other big free agents to fill the holes that you have. Saying the reason you aren't winning is because of everyone not named Romo. Dwight Freene, Richard Seymour, Nnamdi Asomugha and then there is that James Harrison guy. All of this would greatly increase the chances of winning for the Cowboys in the future.

Why pour all your money into a guy because he puts up the numbers? If you want to win a Super Bowl you are going to have to build a team.

We shall see how this plays out, I'm just afraid that every Monday's headline is going to be something or another about how Romo isn't playing up to his contract and all that headache and mundane reporting could've been avoided by not signing this contract at this moment in the game.



Softball

Softball sweeps weekend

Bronchos win four conference games

Sam Philbeck

Contributing Writer

Ninth-ranked Central Oklahoma swept both home doubleheaders over the holiday weekend with wins over Southwest Baptist and conference foe Central Missouri.

"Four out of four's not bad," Central Oklahoma head coach Genny Stidham said of the team's weekend.

"We needed that to rebound after some disappointing Midwestern games," Stidham said.

UCO (24-7) bounced back after being swept last week against Midwestern State in Wichita Falls. The sweep was the first time the Bronchos have lost back to back games since losing back to backs in the NFCA Leadoff Classic earlier this season and the first time they've been swept this season.

The Bronchos pitching dominated three of the four games of the weekend, while the offense was as solid as it has been all season.

On Friday, UCO took care of business against the less than stellar Bearcats, winning both games by a combined score of 17-1.

Junior Kalynn Schrock and freshman Nicole Brady got the starts, with both going the distance in each game. Schrock gave up the only run of the day, while giving up only three hits and striking out five. Brady in her second

start of her Broncho career dominated SBU for her first career shutout and her best performance to date.

The offense was led by senior Kacie Edwards and sophomore Nicole Workman, who combined to go 8-14 knocking in seven of the Bronchos 17 runs. Edwards knocked her ninth home run of the season, while Workman just added to her team lead in RBIs finishing with five on the day.

The Saturday matchup against Central Oklahoma featured some flair of the dramatics as the Bronchos took care of the Jennies.

Schrock once again dominated the opposition in game one going all seven innings giving up just one run and four hits, while striking out ten hitters. Central Missouri never really made it interesting until the seventh, when they loaded the bases against Schrock, but the junior pitcher calmed any possible nerves and closed the game out.

The Jennies (14-12) closed the gap to 2-1 against UCO, but Workman came up in the sixth and blasted her eighth home run of the season over the left field fence for a two-run shot to give the Bronchos the breathing room the Bronchos needed.

The finale on Saturday was also the best game of the weekend, with both teams going back and forth early, scoring runs in the first three innings and coming up with



UCO freshman second baseman Ally Dziadula watches her ball after a hit in a game against Oklahoma Christian on Monday, April 5, 2013. Photo by Aliko Dyer, The Vista

clutch hits late in the game.

Central Missouri got the scoreboard first with an early first inning run, but the Bronchos scored eight runs over the first three innings to take an early 8-4 lead. Workman blasted her second home run of the day to right center during the stretch.

The Jennies never gave up though, and over the next three innings, held the Bronchos in check, while cutting the lead to 8-7 going into the seventh. UCO brought Schrock into shut the game down, but CMU's Ali Jo Rog-

ers tied it 8-8 with one swing for her third home run of the season.

The Bronchos got the final say, though, with a Tori Collet game-winning RBI single in the eighth her tenth RBI of the season.

Brady got the start for UCO, but only went 4 1/3 giving up 11 hits and seven runs, which five were earned before being relieved by junior Amanda McClelland and Schrock, who picked up the win, her 14th of the season.

Edwards and Workman were the workhorses once

again for the offense, knocking in a combined five of the nine Broncho runs.

"I have to give kudos our catcher (Collet) for the last two games, she came up with some big plays and it was fun to watch," Stidham said, of Collet's Saturday performance.

The Bronchos were an absolute terror on the base paths this past weekend, stealing 17 bases in the four games. UCO only stole 29 bases in the first 27 games of the season.

"We decided we were go-

ing to have to use our assets a little more wisely and if we steal and you can't throw us out, we're going to continue to do that," Stidham said.

The Bronchos stay home through the week with a game yesterday against OCU and then a doubleheader against rival and conference opponent Northeastern State tomorrow, before heading back on the road to take on Lincoln this Saturday.

UCO and NSU square off at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday at Broncho Field.



UCO sophomore outfielder Kaylee Brunson gets a hit in a game against Oklahoma Christian on Monday, April 1, 2013. Photo by Aliko Dyer, The Vista



UCO junior first baseman Hayley Hudson after a hit in a game against Oklahoma Christian on Monday, April 1, 2013. Photo by Aliko Dyer, The Vista

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