

IS OKLAHOMA READY TO LEGALIZE MARIJUANA?

Brooks Nickell

Managing Editor

Legalization of marijuana for recreational use is again a hot topic in the Oklahoma legislature. State Sen. Constance Johnson has filed a bill that would place the regulation of recreational marijuana under the control of the Oklahoma state health department.

While there are many in support of the bill, like the University of Central Oklahoma's Sustainability coordinator, Tim Tillman, the uphill battle that has been fought for several years now by senator Johnson will continue to be rocky.

Dr. Douglas P. Reed of UCO's Department of Sociology, Gerontology and Substance Abuse Studies outlined why Johnson's bill will more than likely be shot down.



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In this Friday, Dec. 6, 2013 file photo, a partier looks over a marijuana joint, made from a full ounce of pot, before taking a hit on it at a pot party at the Seattle Center, in Seattle. Sales of recreational marijuana are due to start in Washington around late spring, but there's no welcome mat — at least not yet — for pot businesses in dozens of cities around the state. A new Seattle-based marijuana think tank called The Center for the Study of Cannabis and Social Policy surveyed the 75 most populous cities in Washington to look at how local governments are handling Washington's legal pot law, Initiative 502. (AP Photo/Elaine Thompson, File)

Burn bans put into effect in Edmond and Oklahoma City



Firefighter Jeff Newby sprays water as he battles the Colby Fire on Friday, Jan. 17, 2014, near Azusa, Calif. Firefighters were chasing flare-ups Friday morning in a damaging wildfire that was largely tamed but kept thousands of people from their homes in the foothill suburbs northeast of Los Angeles. (AP Photo/Jae C. Hong)

Rachel Brocklehurst

Staff Writer

The Edmond and Oklahoma City fire departments have put out indefinite burn bans.

Outdoor cooking on gas grills, charcoal grills, and in smokers with no unprotected flame is excused from the ban, but any other kind of outdoor burning is forbidden.

There is a fine of up to \$1,200. If a person performs open burning without a permit in Oklahoma City during a burn ban, that individual will face a fine anywhere from \$177 to \$1,200.

Lack of rain and high winds have played a part in the high fire danger lately.

It's been said that most fires are

started by people throwing cigarette butts in the grass. From that thought alone, UCO has a positive mark to its name by having banned smoking. Since UCO is a non-smoking campus, it poses less risk for fires in the community.

There are two stages of burn bans. The first is no burning is allowed in fireplaces and uncertified wood stoves, unless it is your only adequate source of heat. This includes the use of manufactured logs such as Duraflame or Javalogs. You can use pellet stoves, EPA-certified wood stoves and natural gas or propane fireplaces. But no visible smoke is allowed from any solid fuel burning devices beyond a 20 minute start-up period.

For the second stage, no burning is allowed in any fireplace,

pellet stove, or wood stove (certified or not), unless it is your only adequate source of heat. You can use natural gas or propane fireplaces. No visible smoke is allowed from any solid fuel burning device at any time.

The majority of burn bans in differing cities were anywhere between seven and 30 days, although no one can really determine how long the untamable weather will last.

The National Weather Service expects the dry weather to continue throughout the week in Oklahoma City.

Chief of Edmond's fire station located at Covell, and Kelly Mike Barnes said, "UCO's not really involved in anything or doing anything that would start fires. Y'all don't do bonfires or anything like that."

Edmond celebrates benefits of bike lanes around UCO

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Staff Writer

The community has been excited about the new bike lanes that were installed during the Edmond Bicycle Master Plan project on University Drive from August through October, said Director of Transportation and Parking Services of UCO Raul Martinez.

Previously on Nov. 3, 2013 University Drive was closed from Ayers Street to Washington St. for the first Open Streets Edmond event on University Drive, said Martinez.

A ribbon cutting ceremony with Mayor Charles Lamb was held by the city of Edmond. Following the ceremony a group ride was led by the Edmond City Council and the Edmond Bicycle Committee said Martinez.

Afterward, the unveiling of the Love My Bike sculpture occurred in Gossett Park near the university. The children's events, and Bike Rodeo were also held at Gossett Park, said Martinez.

Other activities that were staged during the event included bike education, skills challenge, and fitness, said Martinez.

The idea first came from the Edmond Bicycle Committee along with members of the community. The UCO location was chosen first because it had the highest concentration of cyclists in Edmond, said Martinez.

A local bike shop was also there to tune up bikes, said Martinez.

Trail Development information was also given. Currently, the Edmond Land Conservancy and the Arcadia Lake Trail Coalition are working together to create a multiuse trail around Arcadia Lake for walkers, joggers and cyclists, said Martinez.

According to UCO's centralities website, the goal was to turn University Drive into a street with two bike lanes, two drive lanes and one turn lane.

The purposes of the Edmond Bicycle Master Plan on the EdmondOK website were to:

- Identify the challenges and barriers to bicycling in the city, along with recommended solutions
- Identify opportunities for development of a city-wide, connected and safe bicycle facility network
- Recommend policies, practices and programs to support and promote bicycling as a viable transportation mode for bicyclists of all skill and comfort levels.

Martinez said the benefits of the new bike lanes include:

- Increase safety for motorists and bicyclists by separating them from traffic
- Improvements toward the bicycle safety education
- Promoting exercise and alternative transportation
- Economic development
- Reduces traffic and gas emissions
- Healthier way to commute

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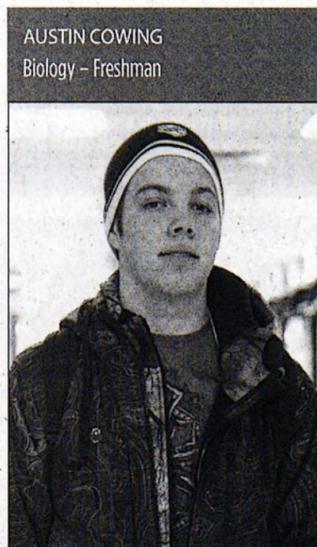
CAMPUS QUOTES

Do you agree with the possible legalization of marijuana for recreational use in Oklahoma?



HAYDEN BINGAMAN
Marketing - Junior

"I do not agree with recreational use of marijuana. I believe that medicinal use would be ok or would be needed, but I don't believe that recreational use should be legalized."



AUSTIN COWING
Biology - Freshman

"I agree that it would take a lot of crime out of the streets."



BRENDA CHAVEZ
Graphic Design - Freshman

"No I don't. I don't think that it's good for society."



JARED WETSEL
Biology - Sophomore

"I agree with it. I do support it because I think that everyone should have the right and prerogative to live their lives however they may chose as long as it's not infringing upon the rights, freedoms, and privileges of other people."



MOJI OGBEIDE
Nursing - Junior

"I support marijuana for medicinal reasons, not recreational."



HARRISON MAUD
Marketing - Freshman

"I agree, why not."

Comfort in the Uncomfortable

Editorial by: Sarah Neese (Editor-in-Chief)

If any of you watched the Grammys last night, you'll know that a handful of people got married during the awards show.

Queen Latifah pronounced 33 couples as married while Macklemore and Ryan Lewis performed their song "Same Love." These couples ranged from gay, lesbian, heterosexual and interracial.

Immediately following Queen Latifah's announcement, Madonna stepped onto the stage and serenaded the newlyweds.

Many say the simultaneous marriages was simply a political and social statement, used by Macklemore, Ryan Lewis and the folks at The Grammys to send a message to the world.

While this may be true, I think people are missing the point. Isn't marriage supposed to be about love?

Not about tax ride-offs, or prenuptial agreements, or even extravagance.

Marriage is about love, which is why it shocked me that so many couples volunteered to get married at The Grammys.

I get wanting the fame and the social buzz, but to share your special day with so many others?

Call me selfish, but I think I'd like my wedding to be about my husband and me, and of course, our unending love.

Though it was quite entertaining, and surprising for that matter, to see so many couples committing to each other on national television, with an array of celebrities surrounding them, serving as witnesses, I find myself wondering just how intimate the couples really felt during that moment.

In my opinion, the perfect way to commit your love to another person is to be surrounded by the ones who love both yourself and your partner.

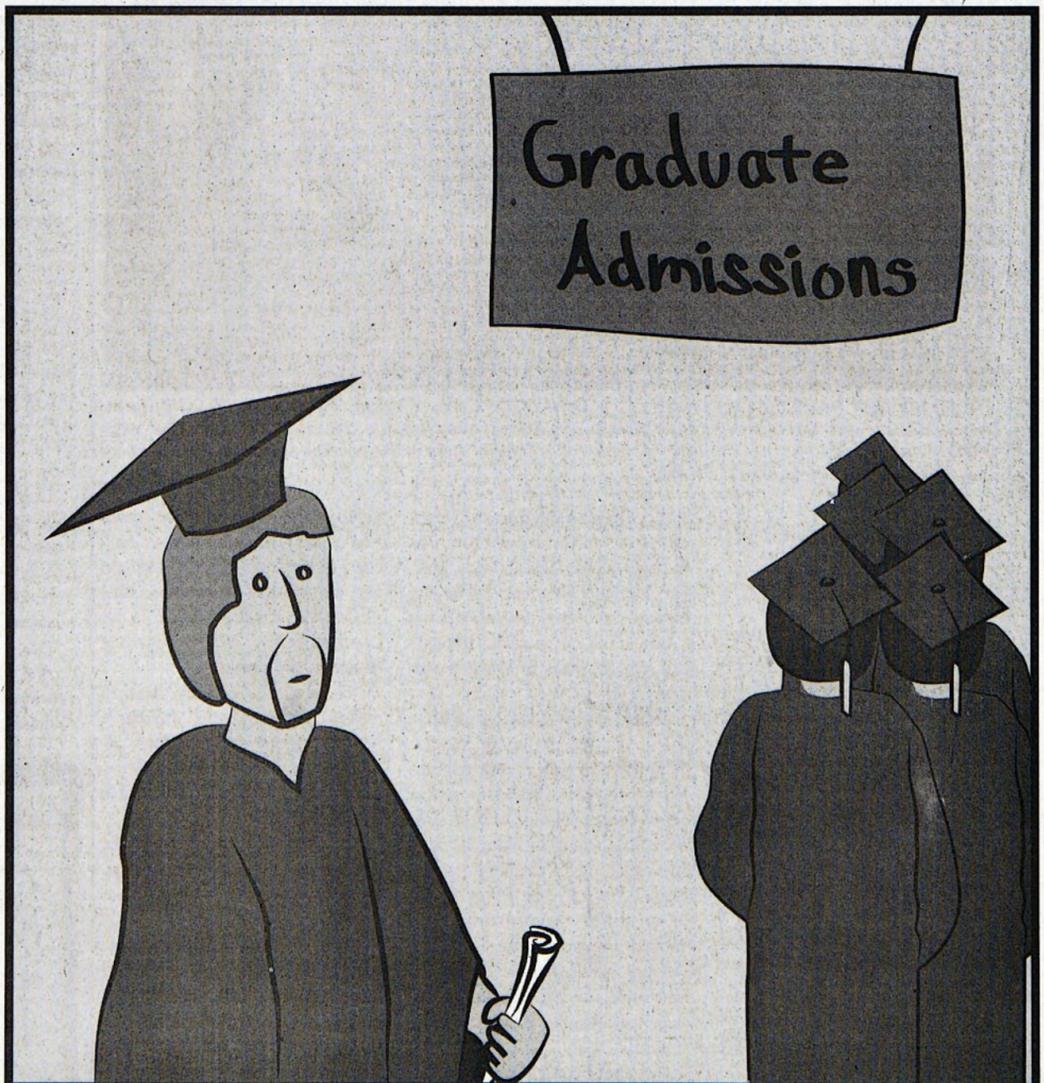
A ceremony of love, surrounded by love, if you will.

Thirty-three couples found themselves surrounded by complete strangers, being watched by complete strangers.

However, maybe it wasn't about the surroundings at all. Maybe the couples didn't care what venue or stage or station was a setting to their ceremony of commitments. Maybe, amidst all of the strangers, lights and cameras, the only thing that really mattered was being held by the person you love.

And maybe, there, in the arms of your loved one, enveloped in uncomfortable surroundings, is where you find true comfort.

CAMPUS CARTOON



Cartoon by Matthew Gossom

Opinion

Sincerely,



Stevie

The Rock

By Stevie Armstrong

The rock was a dark charcoal color, as though it had been burnt. It was only about the size of my two hands put together, but it surprisingly weighed much more than it appeared.

The rock had little holes within it and very rough, jagged edges. It looked as if it had been dropped, kicked and passed by many times. In a way, it reminded me of a person.

The rock was a lava rock. At one point, it was a soft liquid that burned brightly. Now, it is dull, dark and hard. This too, reminded me of a person.

Someone could start off soft, free and bright, but as time passed, life changed their

form. They experienced and endured obstacles that hardened their soft spirit. Perhaps, then they were dropped, kicked and passed by many times, causing holes and jagged edges.

Although they may have had troubles, they still appear fairly light. But the truth is their heart is much heavier than others would expect. At one time, their essence shined brightly. But tribulation after tribulation, they were extinguished.

Every time the temperature within them began to rise and their spirit started glowing again, those who shined brighter quickly scolded them, resulting in deep set-in burns.

"In a way, it reminded me of a person..."

In our society, outer appearance is constantly analyzed and judged. Those with a rough appearance tend to get judged harsher and treated negatively. Yet, those with a rock-like appearance are usually the ones who have endured the most difficult journey.

So, before you fall into society's trap and begin to judge,

based on someone's outside, consider what they've experienced on the inside.

This lava rock that I held in my two hands may have just been a rock. But what had to happen in order for that rock to be what it is today and to look the way it does, transforms its ugly outer appearance into something beautiful.

In a way, it reminded me of a person.

Sincerely, Stevie

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Dining Services' Eco-friendly Plans

Tyler Talley

Staff Writer

The University of Central Oklahoma's Dining Services will begin promoting its existing eco-friendly initiatives this spring.

Senior Director of Central's Dining Services Bruce Barringer said that the new campaign in the sustainability at UCO is due to a recent student survey. The survey revealed that it ranked high on the list of important issues for students.

He then added that a number of sustainability projects have been in place ever since he retooled the entire department after his arrival in the fall of 2010.

One of the initiatives Barringer introduced four years ago was the biodegradable to-go tray. The trays are still in use and have only grown in popularity since their inception, according to Barringer.

"The program has been extremely successful," Barringer said. "When

we first started it in fall 2010, we had around 350 trays. Students liked them so much that we had to order more just to keep up with the demand. Now we have about 500 trays currently in distribution."

Barringer went on to say that the trays are made from recycled plastic in an initiative to reduce the use of foam on the UCO campus.

"They cost about \$5 to make," Barringer said. "We honestly wouldn't charge money for them if they didn't cost so much to manufacture."

Anyone can make use of the plastic to-go trays available at Buddy's. All individuals need to do is submit a \$5 deposit at the front counter of the restaurant. The customer may then fill their container with a meal selection and go to class, work, or wherever they need to go. They then have the option of keeping the tray or bringing it back for a fresh tray or even their \$5 refund.

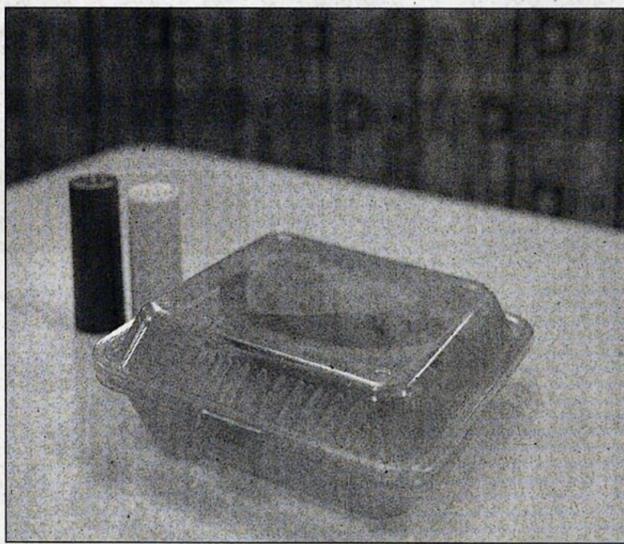
Barringer said that the special trays are only available through Buddy's, and that the retail ser-

vices on campus, such as the food court and Outtakes, still rely on foam containers. It is foam made from the best biodegradable plastic available, though.

Some of the other sustainability projects that UCO Dining Services has implemented include the recycling of all used cardboard, as well as the shorting of oils. These oils are then converted into biodiesel fuel that is utilized by the grounds-keeping workers on campus.

UCO Sustainability Coordinator Tim Tillman, who has worked in conjunction with Barringer and Dining Services for a number of years, stated that the various sustainability projects at Central go through a fairly straightforward process.

"First, take an idea and think through. Ask the hard questions like 'Is this a good use of student dollars?' 'What benefit will UCO gain from this?' and the all-important 'Is this even legal?' Tillman said. "Once you have these answered, the next step is to run it



The trays are made from recycled plastic in an initiative to reduce the use of foam on the UCO campus. Photo by Quang Pho, The Vista.

past smart people, find the funding and then move forward."

UCO's Dining Services is a client of Chartwell Dining Services. Chartwell is a subsidiary of the Compass Group, an international food service based out of the United Kingdom.

Barringer attributed a number

of Dining Services' initiatives to Chartwell's numerous eco-friendly policies. These include, but are not limited to: featuring social and ecological certified coffee, implementing waste reduction practices to minimize environmental impact, and serving seafood that comes from sustainable sources.

Students gained insight at the Winter Student Involvement Fair



UCO students having fun while enduring the chilly weather at the Winter Student Involvement Fair on Jan. 23. Photo by Quang Pho, The Vista.

Olanrewaju Suleiman

Staff Writer

The UCO Office of Student Organizations hosted the winter student involvement fair on Jan. 23.

The fair hosted numerous student organizations that ranged from educational to social. Each organization had a table set up with representatives to speak to interested students.

During the event, the student programming board handed out refreshments to the

attendees.

Jacquelyn Hines, a junior strategic communications major, was at a table during the fair. She was with Women of Many Ethnic Nationalities. Hines is the public relations officer of the organization.

"W.O.M.E.N. is an organization where any race is welcome to be in," she said. "We encourage women empowerment and beauty."

Hines found out about the fair through an email sent on UCO's OrgSync. Her organization signed up when they saw the opportunity.

"There were a limited amount of slots," Hines said. "So we signed up to make sure

we had a slot."

Hines believes that the amount of people at the fair helped to make their table a success.

"We had a really good amount of people stop by," she said. "It was a good traffic area."

Julia Lewis, a freshman general education major, was in attendance at the fair.

"I found out about it through my RA, but I didn't plan on going," she said.

Lewis decided to pay a visit to the fair when she saw how many organizations were present.

"I was on my way to the Nigh and thought that it looked interesting," she said. "I figured it was worth a shot to check it out."

Lewis had a positive experience at the winter student involvement fair.

"I saw that they had a fandom club and a couple of other things I was interested in," she said. "So, I'm glad I went."

Jackson Davis, a sophomore transfer student with an undecided major, went to the fair, as well.

"I thought about majoring in forensic science," he said. "I saw that there was a forensic science table so I thought it might be nice to look into it."

Davis found the table to be very helpful.

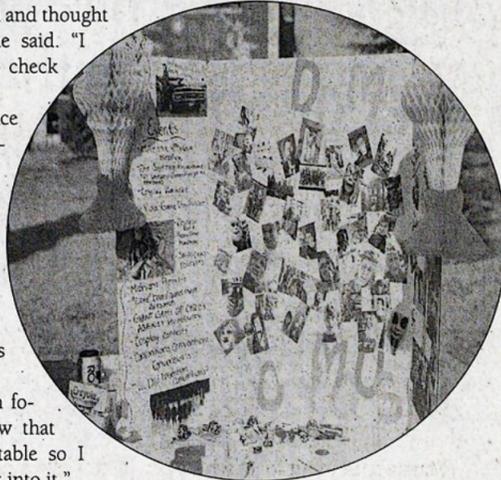
"They were really nice," he said. "The person I talked to told me a lot about the forensic science department and what I might be doing if I changed my major."

The forensic science department was not the only thing Davis enjoyed about the fair.

"I'm not really involved on campus yet, so it was nice to see that I had a lot of options," he said.

The Office of Student Organizations holds two student involvement fairs each semester of the school year.

For more information on the Office of Student Organizations and their events, email studentorgs@uco.edu or visit them at their office in the Nigh University Center, room 414.



A display of students and information about getting involved at the Winter Student Involvement Fair on Jan. 23. Photo by Quang Pho, The Vista.

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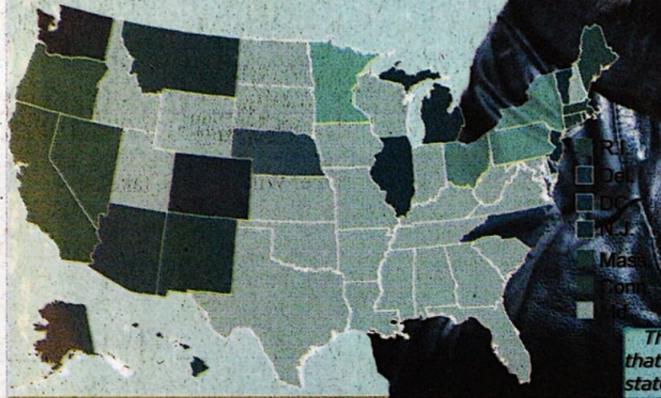
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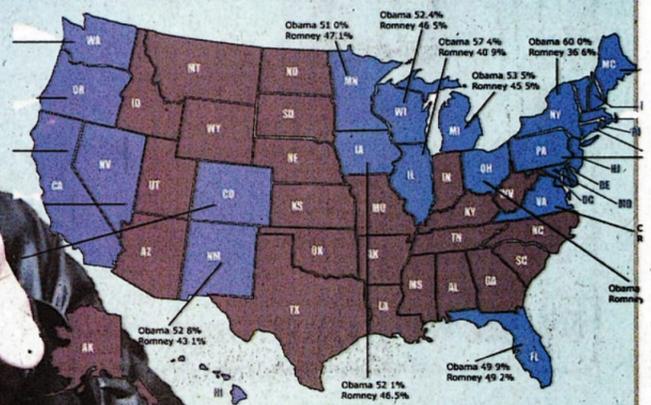
Legal makeovers for marijuana

Colorado, where pot has already been legal for the past year, is unveiling the nation's first legal industry for the drug. Here is a look at state laws across the country.

- Legal for recreational use
- Legal for medical use and decriminalized
- Legal for medical use
- Possession decriminalized
- Proposed legislation
- Marijuana illegal



U.S. ELECTION 2012



This Dec. 6, 2013, file photo shows Toby Tackett lighting a marijuana joint at a pot party at the Seattle Center, in Seattle. Colorado pot stores open Jan. 1 as retailers open their doors to the nation's first legal recreational pot industry. Sales in Washington, which also legalized recreational marijuana, are expected to start later in the year. (AP Photo/Elaine Thompson, File)

The maps above show the correlation between states that voted red (republican) and blue (democrat) and states with new and progressive marijuana legislation.

"The majority of people here in this state would never vote for something like that. Even though there is a vocal minority that are progressive thinkers, right now our state is so much dominated by parochial, traditional attitudes that we will be the last state."

-Dr. Douglas P. Reed-

(Director of Gerontology Graduate Program at UCO)

"I think it's highly unlikely that it is going to pass. Red states reflect a social conservatism that is not afraid to use the power of government to impose their sense of morality. That kind of runs counter to how red states tend to portray themselves as promoting less government, not more government. Be that as it may, that correlation between red and blue states and accepting marijuana, be it for medical or recreational use should not be surprising."

- Dr. Louis Furmanski -
(Department of Political Science Chair)

"I agree with the bill, because I don't think it would cause any harm and that I think it's more of a personal/ethical decision to make. Not a political one."

- Esther Bayles -
(Sophomore at UCO)

"The tax revenue that is going to be coming into the state coffers at a time when we desperately need tax revenue could be huge. At this point, I just can't think of a reason why it's not legalized."

- Tim Tillman -
(UCO Sustainability Coordinator)

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"The majority of people here in this state would never vote for something like that," Reed said. "Even though there is a vocal minority that are progressive thinkers, right now our state is so much dominated by parochial, traditional attitudes that we will be the last state."

Senator Johnson, in an interview with the Oklahoman, said that she believed with our current system of punishment for simple possession we are "burying ourselves into a pit." Johnson argues that these minor offenders contribute to unsustainable costs.

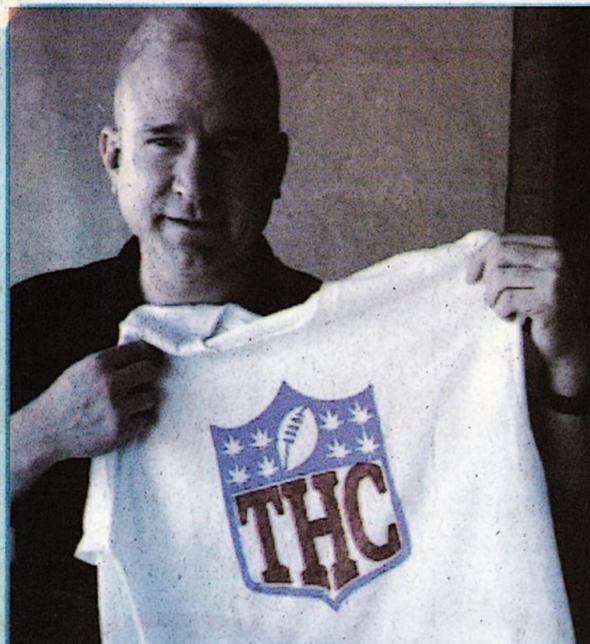
Reed elaborated on Johnson's idea touching on the cost of healthcare for older prisoners and illustrating how minor drug offenses can break down the structure of home-life in specific cases.

"We incarcerate more females than any other state or country in the world and more males per capita than the majority of other states in the country," Reed said. "What that does is causes grandparents to

raise grandchildren, which creates all sorts of complications. Having this attitude towards prison creates a whole bunch of older prisoners. Older prisoners can cost seven times more to keep in a prison situation than a younger prisoner. The way our legislative body approaches prison and non-rehabilitation, but punishment is problematic."

And while Senator Johnson and others argue that legalization for recreational use will aid with cutting prison upkeep costs others, like Tillman, are arguing that the influx of tax revenue from this new crop is an undeniable blessing.

"The tax revenue that is going to be coming into the state coffers, at a time when we desperately need tax revenue could be huge," Tillman said. "At this point, I just can't think of a reason why it's not legalized."



Bryan Weinman is pictured with two of his "Stoner Bowl" T-shirts in southeast Denver on Friday, Jan. 24, 2014. Weinman and a few buddies registered the internet domain www.stonerbowl.org and are using the website to hawk T-shirts and hats celebrating the "Stoner Bowl" between the Seattle Seahawks and Denver Broncos of the NFL teams from the two states that have legalized marijuana. One shirt features the Vince Lombardi Trophy, reserved for the game's victors, refashioned into a bong. Another displays a spoof of the league's logo, with the letters THC replacing NFL. (AP Photo/Ed Andrieski)

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A Look Forward: State of the Union Address



On Jan. 28, 2014, President Barack Obama will deliver the annual State of the Union Address. With the nation facing a variety of global and local problems, there are a few key items expected to be mentioned in these year's address.

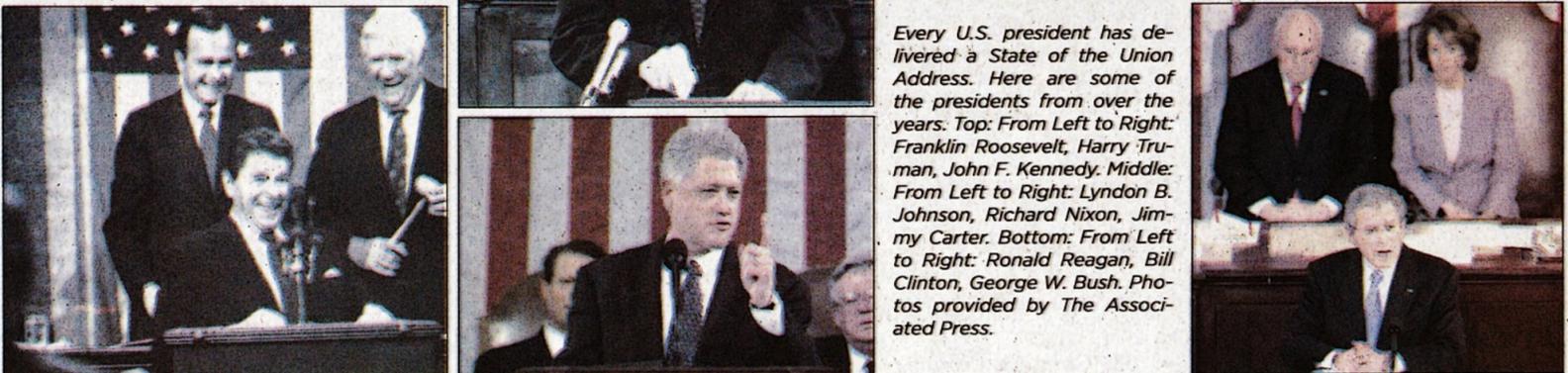
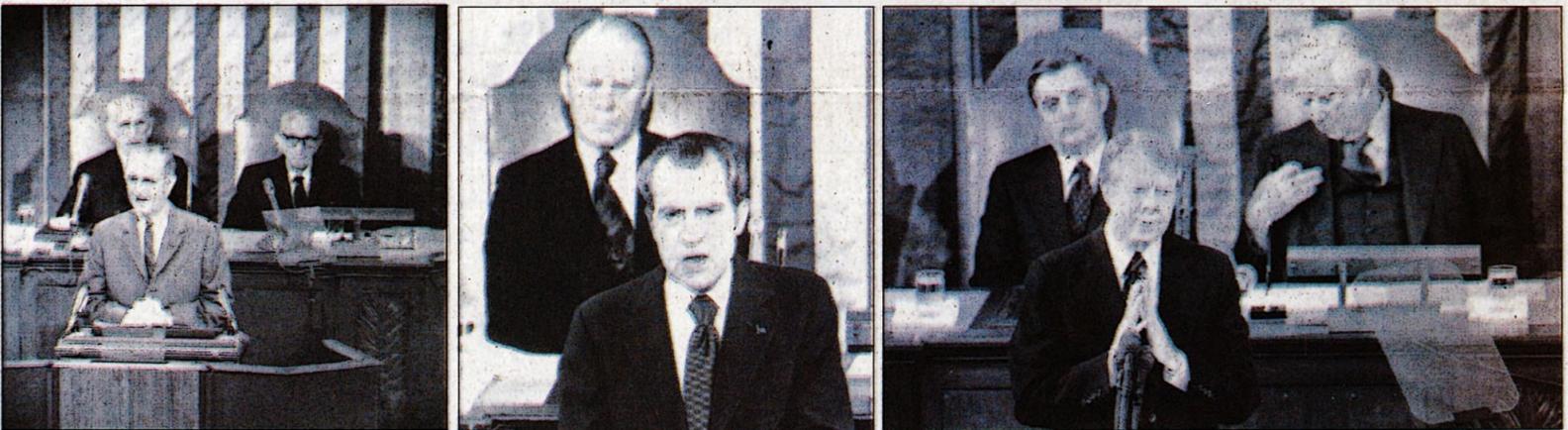
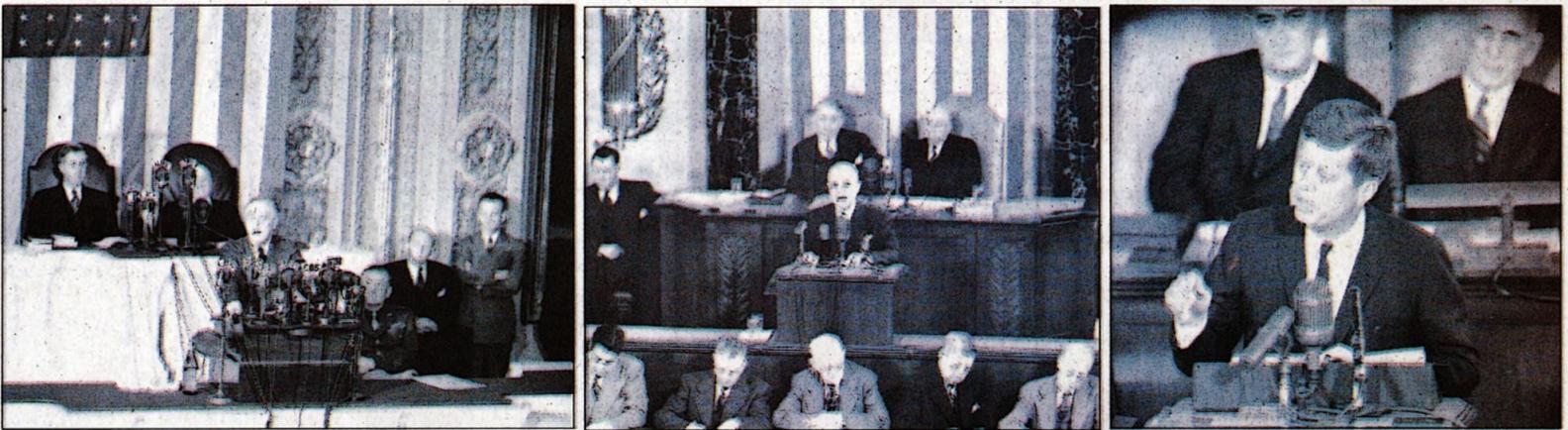
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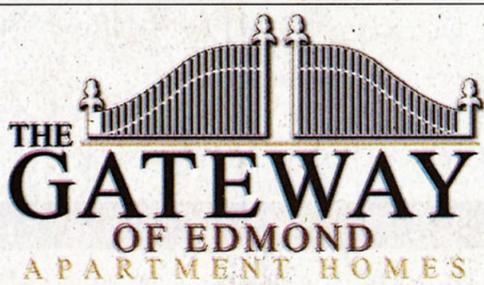
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A Look Back: The U.S. State of the Union Address Over 65 Years of Presidential History



Every U.S. president has delivered a State of the Union Address. Here are some of the presidents from over the years. Top: From Left to Right: Franklin Roosevelt, Harry Truman, John F. Kennedy. Middle: From Left to Right: Lyndon B. Johnson, Richard Nixon, Jimmy Carter. Bottom: From Left to Right: Ronald Reagan, Bill Clinton, George W. Bush. Photos provided by The Associated Press.



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UCOSA Congress Reinvestment Act of 2013 (CB13-101)

An act related to amending the UCO Student Congress Bylaws. Creation of Floor Leader, Sergeant at Arms, and Whip positions with the UCO Student Congress. Creation of the Accountability, Reform, and Transparency Committee. Merging the Public Relations Committee with the External Affairs Committee. Dissolving the Activities and Community Service Committee. Amending the majority needed to change to the UCO Student Congress Bylaws from a 2/3rds majority to a simple majority.

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Student Opportunity and Apportionment Act of 2013 (CB13-102)

An act related to the apportionment of the membership of the UCO Student Congress. Establishing sixteen seats for off campus residents, eight seats for on campus residents, four seats for College of Business majors, six seats for College of Education and Professional Studies majors, two seats for College of Fine Arts and Design majors, three seats for Graduate Students, four seats for College of Liberal Arts majors, and five seats for College of Mathematics and Science majors. Establishing that the Academic Affairs Committee shall review University enrollment data every spring to evaluate whether apportionment should change and make a recommendation to Congress.

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Women's Track and Field

Track and Field shows up big in Norman

Rick Lemon

Sports Reporter

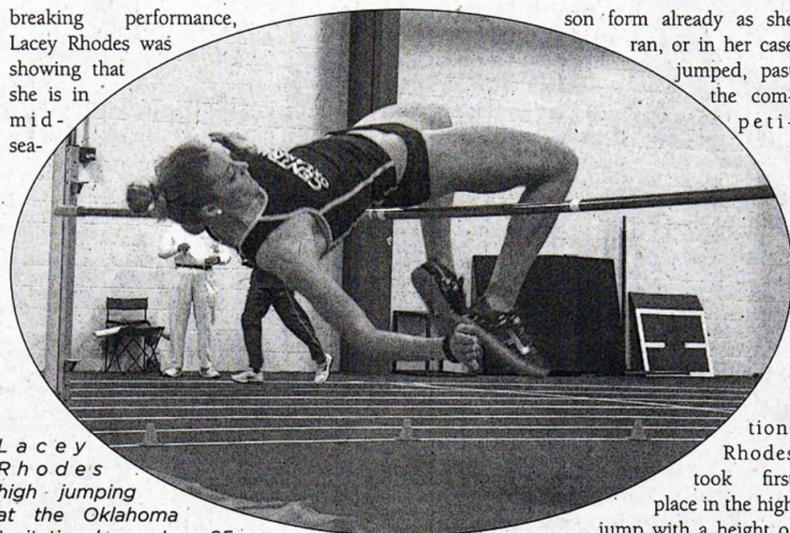
UCO Track and Field spent their second weekend in a row down in Norman, this time at the J.D. Martin Invitational. The second indoor event of the season brought more of the same for the Bronchos, as UCO placed well in many of the events in the Division I-dominated tournament.

One of the biggest highlights came from freshman thrower Ashley Bryant, who broke a couple of school records during her event. First, Bryant shattered the weight throwing record of 39'-2," set by Amy Waters last year, with a throw of 49'-7 3/4," good enough to earn Bryant 8th in the event. She then went on to top the school indoor shot-put record (42'-9 1/2" set by Cathy Williams in 1995) with a throw of 43'-3."

While Bryant was putting up her record

breaking performance, Lacey Rhodes was showing that she is in mid-season

Lacey Rhodes high jumping at the Oklahoma Invitational on Jan. 25, 2014. Photo by Shea Hussey, The Vista.



son form already as she ran, or in her case jumped, past the competi-

claim a silver medal in the triple jump with a jump of 35-9 1/2."

The Bronchos were excelling in more than just the field events. The team had runners place in the 1,000 meter run, 60-meter Hurdles, 400-meter dash, 800-meter run, mile run, as well as having two teams place in the 4x440 yard relay.

The fact that the Bronchos had so many runners score highly in multiple events, especially in such a Division I-laden field, speaks to the level of talent this year for UCO, and what their conditioning is like even so early in the season. The Bronchos had 14 runners finish in the top eight at last weekend's meet. Of those 14, seven were able to place top-8 in more than one event.

UCO will continue the season next weekend in Joplin, Missouri and the Missouri Southern Invitational.

TOP EIGHT FINISHERS

- Weight Throw - (8th) Ashley Bryant, 49'-7 3/4"
- Long Jump - (2nd) Madison Berryman, 17'-4"; (5th) Audrey Price, 16'-9 3/4"; (7th) Dietra Reece, 16'7 1/4"
- High Jump - (1st) Lacey Rhodes, 5'-8 1/2"
- Shot Put - (6th) Ashley Bryant, 43'-3"
- 1000-Meter Run - (4th) Katie Kerns, 3:06.47; (6th) Rachel Davis, 3:15.52; Rebekah Hickman, 3:16.37
- Triple Jump - (2nd) Lacey Rhodes, 35'-9 1/2"
- 60-Meter Hurdles - (6th) Alayna McGee, 1:01.82; (7th) Jasmine Bradley, 1:02.52
- 400-Meter Dash - (6th) Alayna McGee, 1:01.82; (7th) Jasmine Bradley, 1:02.52
- 800-Meter Run - (4th) Destinee Howell, 2:29.13
- Mile Run - (7th) Rebekah Hickman, 5:34.77
- 4x440-Yard Relay - (2nd) UCO "A" (Madison Berryman, Alayna McGee, Jasmine Bradley, Audrey Price), 4:14.45; (4th) UCO "B" (Dietra Reece, Kendall Dunn, Mariah Wicks, Shelby Lee), 4:19.17



Wrestling

Ashlyn Carroll, Lacey Rhodes, Paris Haley jump hurdles at the Oklahoma Invitational on Jan. 25, 2014. Photo Shea Hussey, The Vista.

Central Oklahoma takes down the Lions (19-18)

Cody Johnson

Sports Editor

The No. 5 ranked Bronchos finished a busy week by defeating long time rival Lindenwood in a last 19-18 in the Hamilton Fieldhouse last Saturday.

This was the 19 consecutive home dual win for UCO. The Bronchos went up to a season record of 8-4 with a record of 3-1 in the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletic Association conference.

Against the Lions, 133-lbs Casey Rowell, a senior from Duncan, pulled out a major decision win taking his career wins to 119.

The 157-lbs senior from El Reno, Cory Dauphin pinned Derrick Weller in the third period. That was Dauphin's 39 consecutive win and puts the defending national champion at 21 wins for this season.

All this led up to a match winning victory by 174-lbs senior from Midwest City, Zach Aylor. Aylor defeated the defending national champion Luke Roth in a close 5-3 match. This was the end of a four-match win streak for the Bronchos in the Saturday dual. The Bronchos lost the remaing weight classes but managed

to keep the 19-18 victory over the Lions.

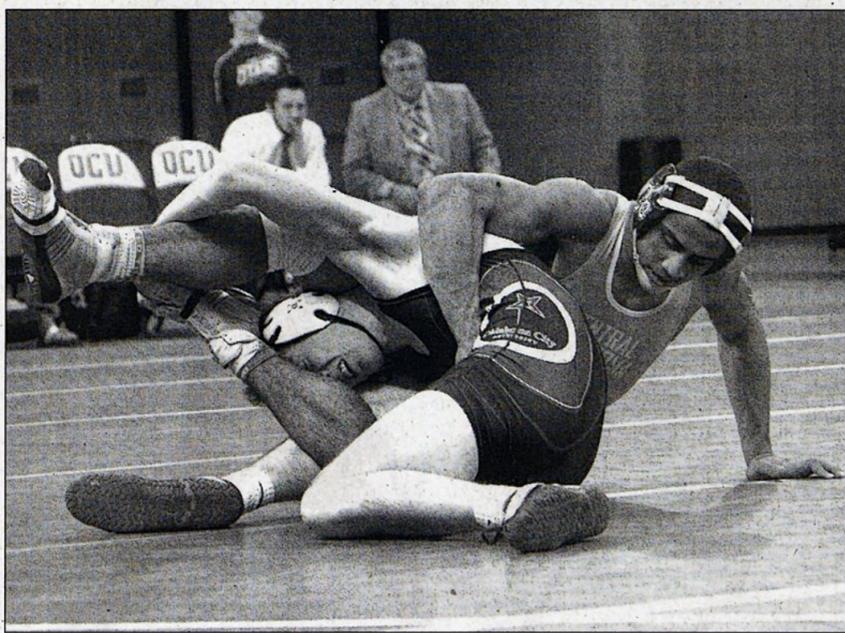
Last Friday the Bronchos took on Truman in the Hamilton Fieldhouse. UCO defeated the Tigers 30-3.

Senior heavyweight Cody Dauphin obtained a first period fall to seal the win for Central Oklahoma. This was Dauphin's fifth fall of the season. The most anticipated match was a Bronchos victory when No. 1 ranked 149-lbs senior Jordan Basks defeated No. 6 ranked Ryan Maus. Cory Dauphin also extended his win streak to 38 consecutive.

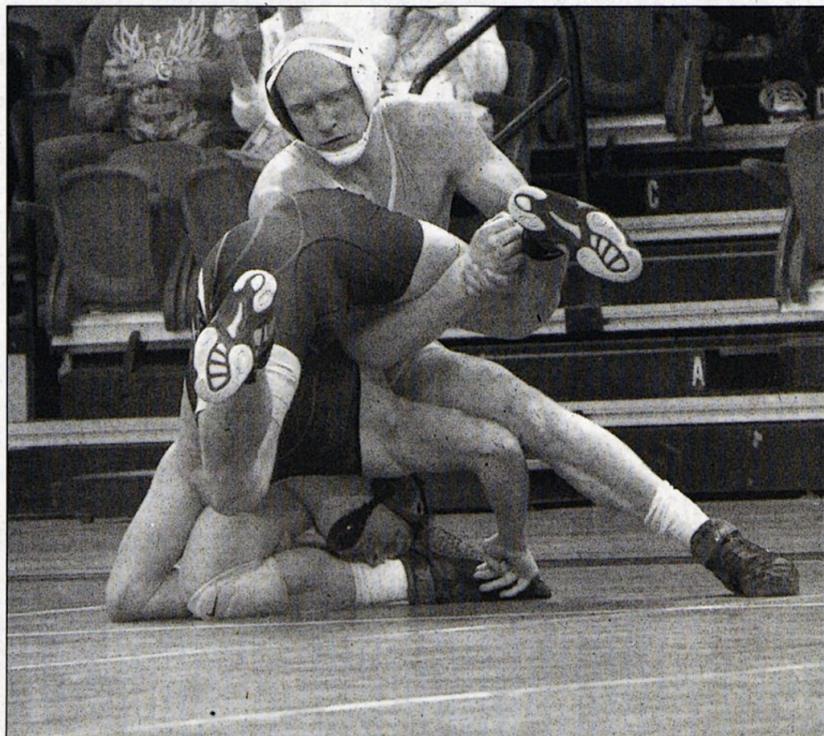
Last Wednesday Central Oklahoma traveled to local rival Oklahoma City University and picked up their 500th win at Abe Lemons Arena. The Bronchos defeated the Stars 30-9.

Central Oklahoma won the first seven matches including a 133-lbs pin by Casey Rowell. The Bronchos were ahead 30-0 when 174-lbs Zach Aylor suffered the first loss with a 3-2 decision. Senior Kasey Wilcox was bumped up to wrestle at 184-lbs and lost a 6-1 decision. The night ended with a 3-2 loss by redshirt freshman Garrett Henshaw.

Central Oklahoma will return to action on Wednesday when they take on Central Missouri at 7 p.m. in Hamilton Fieldhouse.



Jordan Basks wrestling Ricky McCarty of Oklahoma City University on Jan. 22, 2014. Photo by Aliko Dyer, The Vista.



Chris Watson wrestling Hunter Muskrat of Oklahoma City University on Jan. 22, 2014. Photo by Aliko Dyer, The Vista.

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Hockey

UCO gets back to its winning ways

Austin Litterell

Sports Reporter

UCO hockey was trying to get back to its winning ways on Thursday night as they took on WCHL opponent, Colorado. The Broncos have struggled this semester and according to head coach Craig McAlister, are trying to get healthy for the stretch run of the season.

The Broncos started the scoring early with two goals in the first period of the game. UCO was constantly on the attack through the game. Colorado's defense was under pressure and took a solid effort to keep UCO to four goals. Sam Rice started the scoring for the Broncos with the slap shot on the break. Next, freshmen Gaven Hohl scored just a few minutes later, making the Broncos lead 2-0.

UCO's defense continued to lead to offense throughout the second period, which finally would lead to a goal late in the period. Forward Seth Cory got the puck on the break and would finish putting the Broncos up three over the Buffaloes.

Senior forward Seth Cory against Colorado on Jan. 23, 21014. Photo by Quang Pho, The Vista.

The final period was focused on finishing for the Broncos. They played a more defensive quarter than the first two, even though Colorado did finally get on the board. That was as close as UCO would come to a comeback, as the Broncos would score one more time as Colorado took out their goalie.

UCO finished the week off strong as they also took a two-game sweep from the Rams of Colorado State.

These games were important for UCO. The Broncos have struggled since the beginning of the semester, so any wins are important for building confidence and going into the playoffs hot. The win was needed to keep in front of heated rival OU in the WCHL. OU and UCO are neck-and-neck in the standings on the season.

UCO will play the Sooners in a back-to-back next weekend. One game will be played in Norman and the next day they will move to Arctic Edge arena. This match could have seeding at stake for the national tournament.

"We play OU for the big finals at the very end. Then we go to the national tournament, and right now they're seeded a little higher than we are, but hopefully with all the rest of the year and what's going on with the nationals, we'll be able to make our mark," said coach McAlister.

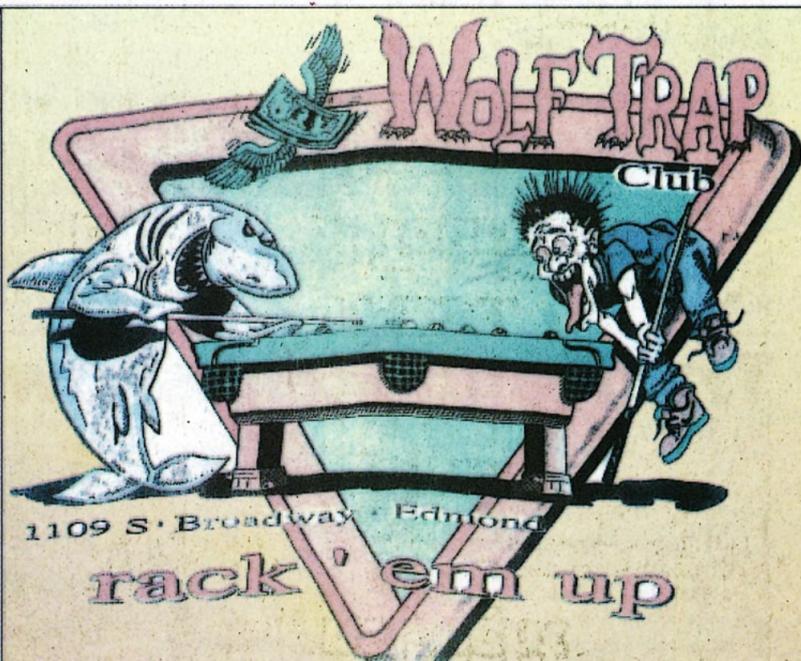
UCO will have two other games to finish off their regular season before Nationals. The Broncos will travel to Ames Iowa to take on the Iowa State Cyclones.



Junior forward Nolan Grauer takes on a Colorado buffalo on Jan. 23, 2014. Photo by Quang Pho, The Vista.



Freshman forward Michael Rivera takes on a Colorado buffalo on Jan. 23, 2014. Photo by Quang Pho, The Vista.



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