

Science

GOING ON

A study confirms brain cells transplanted from one organism to another take on the lifespan of the host.



JOSH WALLACE, Staff Writer

The findings from a study published in January reveal that brain cells are limited in lifespan only to the lifespan of the host they reside in.

The study, published in Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of American (PNAS), tested the effects of transplanting brain cells from one organism to a longer lived organism to see how the cells reacted. The initial cells were taken from embryonic mice, which have an average lifespan of 18 months, and transplanted to young Wistar rats, who can live as long as 36 months.

Typically, the cells within the body are regulated and have a predetermined lifespan, but the study revealed that cells from the brain don't have the same regulations. Instead of the transplanted cells dying off at the 18 month point, they continued to live within their new host the full span of its life.

The study describes the findings, "Neurons in mammals do not undergo replicative aging, and, in absence of pathologic conditions, their lifespan is limited only by the maximum lifespan of the organism. Whether neuronal lifespan is determined by the strain-specific lifetime or can be extended beyond this limit is unknown. Thus, the lifespan of neurons is not limited by the maximum lifespan of the donor organ-

ism, but continues when transplanted in a longer-living host."

Speculation about these findings have suggested that they may one day have an impact on longevity, and may have application in treating neurological diseases, such as Alzheimer's and Parkinson's. UCO Biology Professor, Dr. Mel Vaughan, cautions comparing the data found in the study on rodents with humans, because of specific biological aspects.

One specific difference between the two is the length of telomeres, which protect the chromosomes during cell division. Rodents have longer telomeres than humans, but aren't designed to live as long.

Our shorter telomere length brings about the effects of aging, with Vaughan describing the process, "Humans seemed to evolve this mechanism of having cells that can divide and make more cells, but just long enough for a normal human lifespan, so in order to regulate that, the ends of the chromosomes are short, they're long enough to where every time a cell divides it loses a tiny bit of the chromosome and so it gets shorter and shorter and at some point it's too short. We now know that molecular mechanisms that regulate the cell say it's too short and we can not undergo any more cell divisions, or we

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may actually say 'we've got to kill ourselves.'"

Vaughan describes that the longer telomeres found in rodents were once thought of as a way to possibly extend the lifespan of humans, but due to exposure to environmental factors, the odds of cancer would accompany a longer lifespan. He added, "If you live long enough you'll get some random event in one tiny little cell of the trillions in your body that will transform it, and it will no longer be under the same kind of rules and regulations that normal cells undergo, so that one cell will turn into this massive tumor. Sooner or later a rogue cell is going to have some damage to it and it's going to mutate it to a cancer cell and then nothing will stop it at that point. Because now that you've got these chromosomes that don't shorten, your cells will just take your body over and it's a nasty concept. So, you either die of old age or of cancer. Take your pick."

Vaughan does see some potential in

the treatment of neurological diseases, with the possibility of transplanting healthy cells to the body of someone afflicted, but isn't sure how long it would fix the problem before another issue arises. He believes the next step is to perform trials in species closer to humans, such as monkeys, and see what problems might be expressed, and then to work out those problems before going into human trials.

He believes there might be potential to expand life to a certain point, but adds that there will always be a problem when it comes to organic matter and environmental issues, but stated, "I will say that recently there have been some studies where a group is working, again with rodents, but what they did was over express tumor suppressors in addition to having a mouse with cells of immortality and it tended to lower the risk of these cancers that pop up, so there might be some way to fend off some of those effects of cancer by up regulating tumor suppressors."

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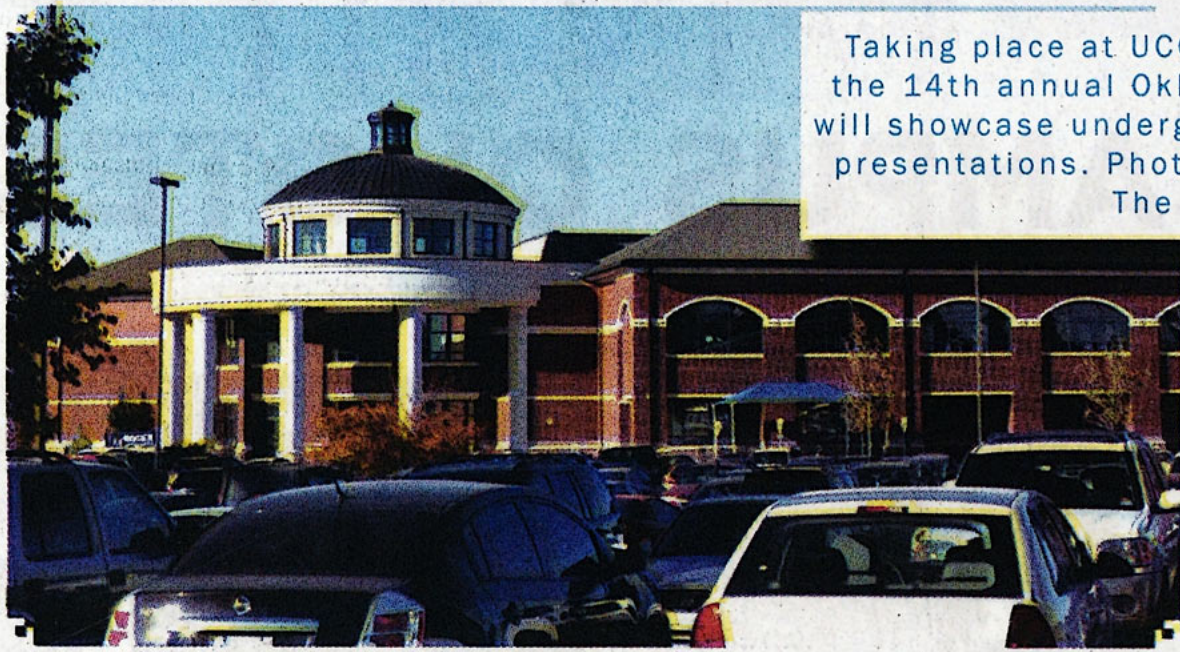
CENTRAL TO HOLD RESEARCH DAY

ALEX CIFUENTES, Contributing Writer

The University of Central Oklahoma will host the 14th annual Oklahoma Research Day Friday in the Wellness Center at 8 a.m. Oklahoma Research Day is an event hosted to celebrate and encourage undergraduate research, and has 1100 students participating in this year's presentation.

"It's a celebration of creativity, and research. It's an opportunity for students to showcase all the hard work they've invested into their project, and present it in a way that is meaningful and informative for others to learn from. You get to not only meet and interact with your peers from your university, but you also get to meet and interact with your peers from other universities, and find out what's going on across the state," said Dr. Gregory Wilson, Assistant Vice President to the Office of Research and Grants.

Oklahoma Research Day



Taking place at UCO's Wellness Center, the 14th annual Oklahoma Research Day will showcase undergraduate research and presentations. Photo by Cyn Sheng Ling, The Vista

allows undergraduate students, faculty members, and pairs of the two, to submit posters of their research findings. The event is open to any undergraduate student in the state, with students from nearly all of the universities in the state participating.

Oklahoma Research Day is not simply a stage to display research, but also a way for undergraduate students to network with other students,

faculty, and even other universities. Many universities set up tables advertising their graduate programs, and even allow students to speak to someone one-on-one regarding their graduate program.

"It's not only finding out information about specific graduate programs at other universities, as well as UCO, but also meeting individuals. Having someone you can contact to answer specific

questions about graduate programs, getting connected with other graduate students, and learning through them about the graduate program is a great benefit," said Wilson.

Posters shown at Oklahoma Research Day are not solely from the field of math and science, but also include business, education, liberal arts, and fine arts and music. The diversity represented in

the presentations allows students to see many different ideas. In an article released in the Council on Undergraduate Research's Quarterly, many students listed that the variety in research represented was very eye opening, and gave them ideas for their own research.

Additionally Oklahoma Research Day provides students the ability to present their research on a statewide scale, so that they may prepare it for a national or regional level conference. Many students use Oklahoma Research Day as an indicator for what they made need to alter in the presentation in order to have it ready for a national level conference.

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THE JUNK FOOD OF AWARDS SHOWS

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Buried under a secondhand comforter and a quilt with competing patterns of dog paw tracks and circus animals as they were in the 1920s, I survey the room. Jagged edges of Doritos jut haphazardly from tufts of my carpeted floor. There's a box of cereal, half-gone. Empty bowl. Lonely spoon. A gallon of warm milk, growing warmer, sits adjacent to the bowl. The lamp is off. But the room is lit by the glow of the plasma screen, and yes, I'm yet again in the pangs of a Saturday afternoon Netflix marathon.

Of course, I'm not alone. Binge viewing of entire seasons, of a director's filmography, or a fascination with Spaghetti Westerns can all be indulged easily, instantly on video streaming services. In celebration of this trend, Netflix is offering up its own award show, The Flixies.

Finally, an award show without sexy categories like Best Actor and Best Cinematography. In the spirit of Netflix viewers' habits, Flixies categories include such gems as Best Guilty Pleasure Movie and Best Bro-

This awards program is important. The Flixies is not concerned with timeliness. It's about discovery. The Flixies is not concerned with high art. It's concerned with consumption.

With nearly 28 million subscribers, Netflix and similar video streaming services have shifted the way we watch television. Viewers consume entire seasons of a show in a day and live Tweet along the way. Debuting the entire first season of *House of Cards* created a particularly gnarly social media blitzkrieg (Don't worry, the Netflix original is only nominated for one award).

Aside from the curious absence of *Troll 2* from the Best Guilty Pleasure category, the nominees represent the spectrum of taste. And by taste, I mean that in the way one tortilla chip is better than another. Not taste in the sense that Mozart writes a meaner piano concerto than Beethoven.

Viewers may cast their votes for their favorites until March 10. Winners will be unveiled March 11.

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• American Horror Story - S & C
• Breaking Bad - J & B

COMMUTE SHRTNER
• Shark Week - S & C
• Louis C.K.: Chewed Up - J & B

BEST GUILTY PLEASURE
• Transformers: Dark Side of the Moon - S
• Hoarding: Buried Alive - B
• Gossip Girl - C
• Teen Wolf - J

BEST HANGOVER CURE
• The Office - B & C
• Family Guy - S
• Arrested Development - J

BEST BROMANCE
• Top Gear - B
• Warrior - S & J
• Rescue Me - C

BEST PMS DRAMA
• Say Yes to the Dress - S
• Grey's Anatomy - C
• Sleepless in Seattle - B
• Breakfast at Tiffany's - J

BEST TANTRUM TAMER
• Phineas and Ferb - S
• Sesame Street - J, B, & C

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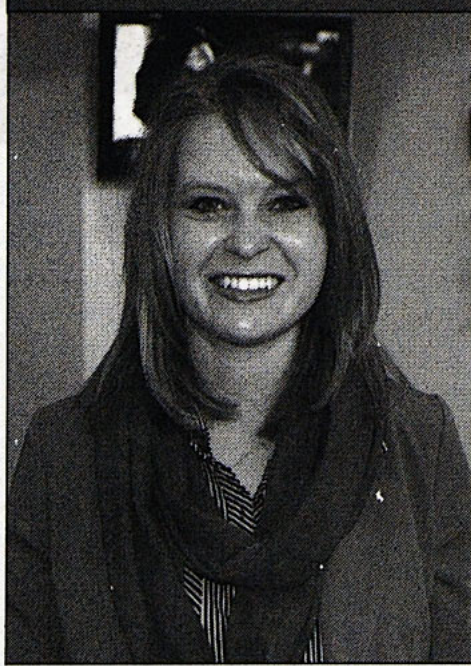
What is your guilty pleasure television show or movie?

CHLOE FARMER
Broadcasting - Senior



“Definitely Dr. Who on Netflix. It's kinda corny but it's just the right amount of corny and awesome sci-fi stuff.”

MEREDITH MARMEY
Professional Media - Junior



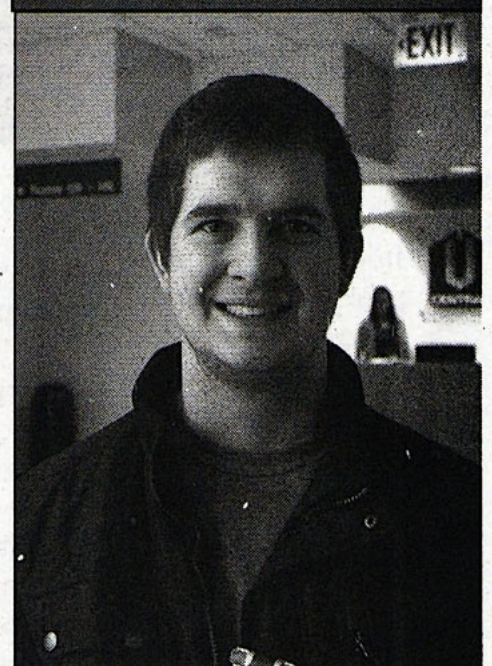
“My guilty pleasure TV show is The Big Bang Theory. It makes me laugh every time I watch it.”

VERONIQUE PARKER
Broadcast - Senior



“Vampire Diaries... once I watched it I fell in love with it so I watch it religiously now.”

MARK WOOD
Broadcast - Senior



“My favorite guilty pleasure TV shows would be Korean TV shows... and I also watch a lot of French movies.”

Opinion

Little Miss



SUNSHINE

By Kara Stewart

College Kryptonite

Hey, you. You're pretty awesome. I know this because the majority of you aren't just a full-time student. You're working full-time, too, regardless if that's answering phones, delivering pizzas, or an office job, you're still putting in more than forty hours a week. You get to deal with angry customers and the terror that is time management.

Chances are, you're working so hard for a reason. It could be to fund that Spring Break getaway trip, or to pay off your DUI fine, but you're not doing it because you want to. In fact, you're probably doing it because you have to.

You certainly don't enjoy hav-

ing multiple bills every month. It's the mark of a grownup, paying bills and worrying over taxes. When you were growing up, you never pictured yourself this way, sucking down caffeine and plowing into piles of homework instead of sleeping.

Don't let mama know, but sometimes you forget to sit down and take a break. You're forgotten to grab breakfast more than once, but it probably isn't that big of a deal. After all, after work and school you still have all of your club meetings to attend and paperwork to fill out for the charity fundraiser next week.

As much as you might hate to admit it, you're settling into a routine. You like to tell yourself (and friends, and family)

that you really aren't that busy, that you probably have enough space to schedule in one more activity (if you give up sleep entirely). You don't even realize how tired, stressed, and hungry you are because it has become normal.

But in the middle of your work week, the unthinkable happens. A runny nose, a quick sneeze, and you're doomed; sickness has struck.

If most college students can be equated to Superman (or Woman), the common cold is its Kryptonite. After all, we're still stuck in that age where adulthood is within reach, but one good bout of the flu has us cuddling into our blanket fort and refusing anything that isn't juice.

With all of the cold weather upon us, our lovely homestead state isn't about to let the spring go by without a few cases of the cold. Just when you think you're in the clear, the rain will come and kick up allergies and a new round of whining.

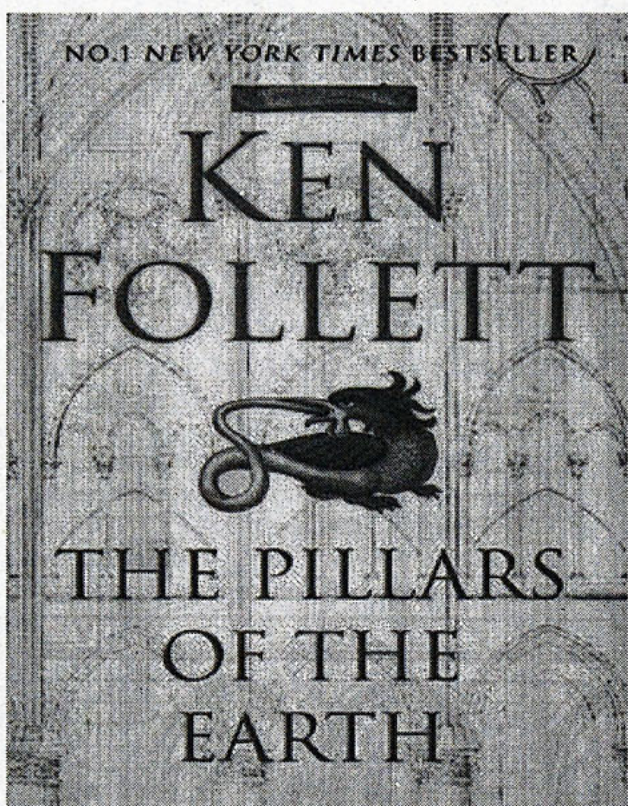
Stock up on juice and tissues, friends. You're all about to be laid out by Kryptonite.

You can try to run and hide. Avoid breathing anyone else's air or touching anything that isn't thoroughly sanitized, and you may stand a chance. However, as college kids we generally only put in the minimum amount of effort.

But don't worry, a week or two of crippling cold and you'll be back to sleepless nights in no time!

Book Review

The Pillars of the Earth



Review by Jana Atkins

The Pillars of the Earth came highly recommended by a group of travelers and travel agents I know. I guess that makes it a good book to carry while traveling. My previous knowledge of Ken Follett was that he writes in the military/action genre, which doesn't interest me. But I love historical fiction, especially when it concerns the world of ordinary people.

Turns out, this book delves into the world of kings, minor nobility, humble monks, everyday Joes, and outlaws. The plot centers on the building of a cathedral in the English village of Kingsbridge. This cathedral weaves together the book's subplots and is where the characters cross paths.

The story begins with Tom and Agnes, a migrant couple looking for work, with two children and a baby on the way. Tom's life's ambition is to build a great cathedral and when he is fired from his job building a home for a young nobleman, he decides it's time to find his cathedral project. He didn't realize when he met outlaw Ellen, that her son Jack would become the central figure that pulls everything and everyone together.

Earl Bartholomew is a benevolent ruler over Shiring, and a benevolent father to Aliena and Richard. Where Aliena is smart and Richard is brave - training to become a knight in his father's Earldom. A rival family, the Hamleighs, led by matriarch Lady Regan, are ruthless and cunning and politically savvy. Through an alliance with King Stephen, they manage to have Earl Bartholomew's title revoked and given to the Hamleigh family. Son William Hamleigh has a vicious streak that causes havoc for everyone. He has his eye on Aliena, but Aliena is not interested, finding

her tastes more in line with a benevolent leader - Jack. The spurned William spends his time trying to make sure Aliena and Jack are separate and unhappy, and his schemes often create significant problems for everyone around them.

After losing his title and being sent to prison, Aliena goes into business as a wool merchant to support her brother Richard's quest for knighthood, which now has the singular purpose of getting revenge on the Hamleigh family and reclaiming his father's title as Earl of Shiring. As a businesswoman, Aliena is quite successful, while back at the Cathedral, Jack is busy as Tom's apprentice, something for which he turns out to have a natural talent.

The Pillars of the Earth takes place over many years; we first meet Jack as a child, and we see how he grows and adapts throughout adulthood. As with all of the characters, we see how the successes and failures, the happy times and the hard times affect each of them, and how they change as a result. We see how the government, the Catholic Church, with good intentions, and rampant corruption filter down and touches every person. If nothing else, you'll gain an understanding of the medieval Catholic Church - not just the organization, but also its architecture. And in the end...well...there is not so much an ending as an opening, with hope for the future. It makes you want to run out and read the sequel "World Without End," which picks up two centuries later, at the dawn of the Black Death. I highly recommend that book as well. But definitely start with "The Pillars of the Earth." I have never met anyone who read Pillars and didn't love it.

On Campus

Modern dance coming to UCO



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•OLANREWAJU SULEIMAN, Contributing Writer •

The modern dance company Pilobolus is coming to UCO. The performance is part of the College of Fine Arts Broadway Tonight.

Pilobolus was started in 1971 at Dartmouth College by dance professor Alison Becker Chase. Chase wanted a way for her students to express themselves through dance and body movements.

By 1977, Pilobolus made its limited engagement performance on Broadway. It received positive reviews and began a national tour in 1978.

The revolutionary dance company creates images and stories using their bodies and a few props.

Pilobolus is made up of a diverse group of people whose main goal is to show a collaborative use of the human imagination.

According to the company's website, "Using the human body as a medium for expression, Pilobolus makes art to build community."

Pilobolus also lends its talents to other forms of media. They have been featured in films, television shows, commercials, and other forms of advertising.

In 2007, they appeared as performers during

the 79th Academy Awards. They took the shape of the Oscar statuette and performed scenes from various nominated movies.

Pilobolus is split into three parts. There is the touring dance company, the educational programming institute, and creative services for advertising, publishing and corporate events.

Even though they are based in Connecticut, they perform for audiences across the world. Many of their performances have been broadcast live on television and online.

Pilobolus has been described as a once in a lifetime opportunity.

Reviews include, "Pilobolus will delight you with their unique brand of dance!" Another goes on to say, "seeing them defies description."

This will be the first time that the dance company has come to Oklahoma. The performance will be one of their last stops in their 41st anniversary tour.

The performance will take place Mar. 12 at 7:30 p.m. in The Mitchell Hall Theater. Tickets can be purchased by calling the Mitchell Hall box office at (405) 974-3375.

Around the World

A LEADER IS LOST



Supporters of Venezuela's late President Hugo Chavez walk behind his coffin as it is paraded through the street from the hospital, where he died on Tuesday, to a military academy in Caracas, Venezuela, Wednesday, March 6, 2013. Seven days of mourning were declared, all schools were suspended for the week and friendly heads of state were expected for an elaborate funeral Friday. (AP Photo/Rodrigo Abd)

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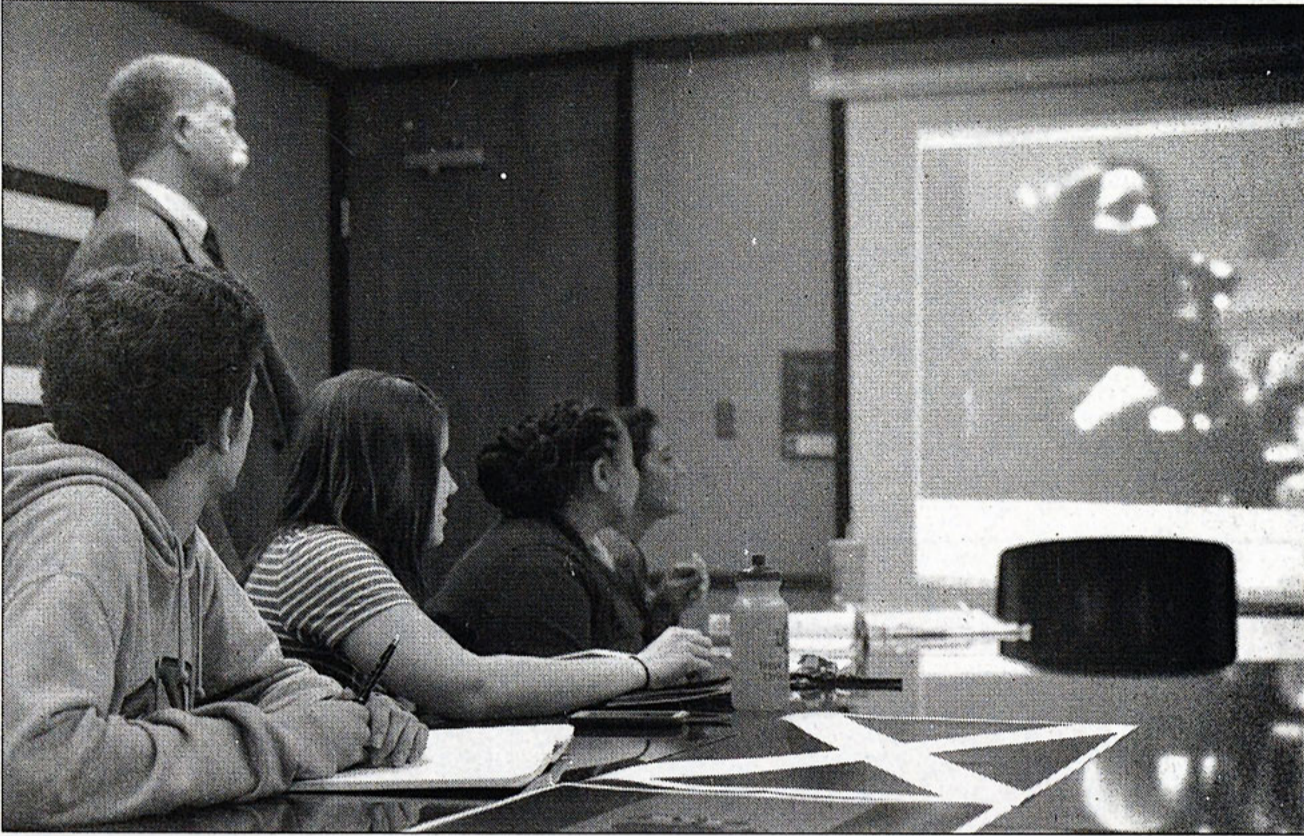
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SPANISH CLASS SKYPES ACROSS THE GLOBE



Dr. Diana Pardo's Spanish II class Skype with Escuela Oficial de Idiomas, a language school in the Canary Islands on Tuesday, March 5, 2013. Photo by Cyn Sheng Ling, The Vista

••••• MERVYN CHUA, Staff Writer •••••

University of Central Oklahoma students from the Intermediate Spanish II had a video conferencing session via Skype with Escuela Oficial de Idiomas, a language school in the Canary Islands, Spain last Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. in room 115 of the Liberal Arts building.

The students in Spain are in the process of learning English.

Dr. Diana Pardo, UCO's Spanish professor collaborated with one of her colleagues, an English professor in the Canary Islands.

"We often call to discuss teaching methods and ways for our students to practice the language. We thought of this idea and have been talking about doing this Skype session since last semester. Finally, we are doing it."

The call lasted an hour with two segments. The first-half had students from the language school ask questions in English and UCO students got a chance in the second half to converse in Spanish. Questions asked were mainly regarding the school systems and culture.

Dr. Pardo has been encouraging her students to be bold and speak the language as much as possible. She explains how this session will help them greatly.

"It is no longer the book. Now they are faced with real life situations and have to pretty much survive and handle themselves. People will be asking questions. They will make mistakes but they will find out that it is better to communicate with mistakes than not to communicate at all."

Spencer Brodrick, a forensic science and Spanish junior thinks that this is an effective way to learning Spanish.

"Video conferencing with students in the Canary Islands is an interesting way to learn their culture and different dia-

lects. It also makes learning more exciting."

Dr. Rudi Nollent, Chairman of the Department of Modern Languages, was present at the conference and exchanged greetings with the director of the language school at the start of the call. He agrees to the idea of taking advantage of technology.

"Well, we look for opportunities for students to interact with the cultures and languages that they are interested in. Of course we can do that by travel or by looking at books but it's really great if we can do this by direct communication especially with other folks who are in our situation; students who are learning. And softwares like Skype make it very convenient to do that."

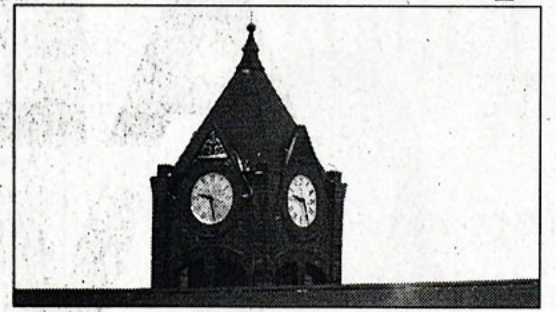
"We're going to meet foreign students and I'm curious to know what questions they will ask and how they will respond to our questions, David Stegu, a bilingual education exchange student from Slovenia said. "I would also like to know how they would respond to our knowledge of Spanish."

Dr. Pardo stresses the importance of learning to speak a second language.

"It's important to learn a second language because you cannot live in the 21st century and not know another language. You just can't, not with globalization. There's nothing better than speaking someone's language. It is the highest form of a compliment that you can give someone."

The time difference between The Canary Islands and Oklahoma is six hours. UCO Spanish 2223 class normally meets at 5:30 p.m. but was moved to accommodate the students in Spain.

UCO hoping to become a top-notch metro campus



Vista Photo Archives

• LINDSEY RICKARDS, Staff Writer •

Over the course of the next seven years, a strategic plan for the University of Central Oklahoma, titled Vision 2020, will emerge.

"The specific objectives are really coming from the mission statement and the vision statement that we have from the institution," Mark Kinders, Vice President of Government Relations, said.

UCO's mission is to help students learn through transformative educational experiences so they may become productive, creative, ethical, and engaged citizens and leaders.

"Everything that we do is going to be oriented toward how do we provide the kinds of learning that students need?" Kinders said.

The vision is that UCO will be one of the nation's top metropolitan universities.

"We're looking at it from the lens of all the various organizations out there, and how they identify what they think the metro needs in the next five to 10 to 25 years," Kinders said.

Five hundred and seventy two participants, ranging from President's Council to faculty, staff, students, and community stakeholders were asked in fifteen Practical Vision sessions what they wanted to see take place at UCO in the next seven years.

"By that consensus we saw some very specific things that we think we need to explore," Kinders said.

Some of the reiterated ideas desired attention toward student focused culture, organizational well-being, institutional perception, resource sufficiency and facilities.

"It's a top down bottom up process," Kinders said.

Four strategic direction teams were set up to facilitate the process and ensure the implementation of objectives.

"We have uppers of 60 people from across the institution divided into 4 teams who are doing all the work," Kinders said. They are the ones turning over every stone looking for what are the issues, answers, opportunities, challenges, and how will we respond?"

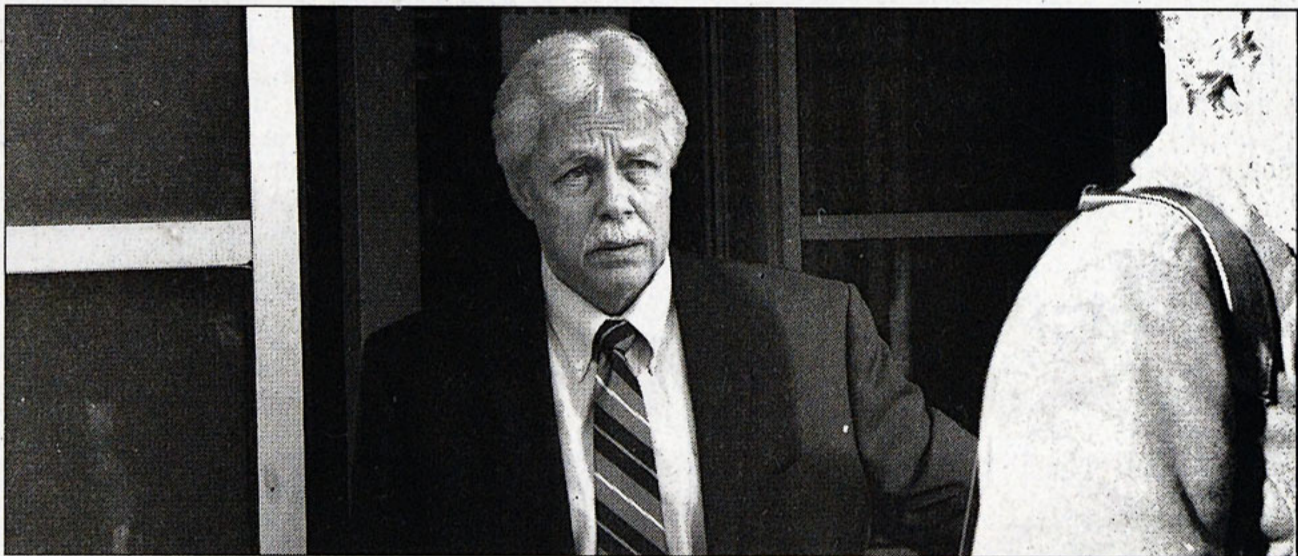
According to Kinders, the teams make recommendations to the President's Council, the council to the President's Cabinet; the cabinet will review them and make recommendations to the President, and the President will then decide what he's going to do.

"What he's going to adopt, or what he's going to send back down and say adjust this or answer my questions," Kinders said.

Kinders said that the strategic planning process is the best practice.

"It's challenging and it's rewarding from the standpoint of, what can we do to provide greater opportunities for our students how do we meet societies needs that's why we're here," Kinders said.

Man convicted in Zumba prostitution case



Mark Strong Sr., leaves the Cumberland County Court House in Portland, Maine. The jury in Strong's trial watched a video Thursday, Feb. 28, 2013, showing a sexual encounter between Zumba fitness instructor Alexis Wright and a man who left cash on her massage table. (AP Photo/Robert F. Bukaty, File)

••••• Associated Press •••••

ALFRED, Maine (AP) — An insurance agent was convicted Wednesday of promoting a prostitution business centered at a Zumba studio, a scandal that generated a wave of prurient interest in a small coastal town.

Mark Strong Sr. was a full partner who controlled, supervised and managed Alexis Wright's prostitution business, prosecutors said.

Strong, 57, acknowledged having an affair with Wright and helping her open the studio but contended he didn't profit from her activities. His attorneys said he was a smitten lover who wanted to help the single mother.

Wright is awaiting trial and has pleaded not guilty.

Jurors deliberated for 4 1/2 hours before announcing that they had found Strong guilty of all 13 counts — 12 of promoting prostitution and one of conspiracy. He showed no emotion as the verdict was announced. His wife leaned into his son and cried.

Strong was released on personal recognizance, and his sentencing was set for March 19. He faces a maximum possible prison term of 13 years, but he is unlikely to get that since he has no criminal record.

The scandal in Kennebunk, a seaside village known more for its sea captains' homes and beaches than crime, attracted international attention in the fall after it was reported that Wright's ledgers indicated she had more than 150 clients and made \$150,000 over 18 months.

Authorities then sent the town abuzz with word that they would be charging each of the johns, though residents later grew weary of the media attention.

Strong contends he co-signed for Wright's studio and loaned her money that was repaid. But the defense said he

never recruited johns or profited from Wright's business.

Testimony and videos presented to jurors indicated Strong was familiar with operational details of Wright's prostitution, chatting via Skype before and after her appointments and watching the sexual encounters from his office 100 miles up the coast in Thomaston. Before each tryst, Wright took time to make sure the Skype video camera was hidden and pointed at the massage table where the encounters took place.

Law enforcement officials said the prostitution took place at Wright's home, office and Zumba studio.

But all of the evidence presented during the trial focused on her rented office, where law enforcement officers seized video equipment, computers, condoms and other items.

Even as lurid details emerged in the courtroom, Strong's wife of 30 years and several other family members remained seated several rows behind him to show support.

One thing that was missing from the trial was testimony from Wright's accused clients. Eighteen of them were on the state's list of witnesses, but none of them testified after attorneys stipulated that the encounters took place.

The judge previously dismissed 46 invasion-of-privacy counts that stemmed from videotaping of prostitution clients without their knowledge.

The prostitution charges and ensuing publicity came as a shock in Kennebunk, a town of 10,000 that borders Kennebunkport, home to the Bush family's Walker's Point summer compound.

The verdict in the delay-plagued trial came more than six weeks after the start of jury selection, which was halted twice because of legal action that went to the state supreme court, leaving potential jurors in limbo for weeks.

Poet Jennifer Foerster to visit campus this month

• LARISA MCCLELLIN, Contributing Writer •

The Sherman Chaddlesone Arts & Letters Lecture Series is going to be held Mar. 27-28 with special guest Jennifer Foerster.

The series will allow students and visitors to understand the work of American Indian poets and the different aspects of Generation X. The public reading will give great insight into the completed works of Foerster.

Foerster has recently released a book of her poems, Leaving Tulsa. In the book, Foerster is able to express and mix her multicultural ancestry of Muscogee (Creek), Dutch, and German, which make the poetry even more powerful because of her diversity.

Foerster is an award-winning author whose distinct background allows her to specialize in Native American poetry.

On Mar. 27, Foerster will be visiting an American Indian Poetry class located in the Center for Transformative Learning, room 240 from 5:45 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

The following day, Mar. 28, she will be attending a Generation X class located in the Liberal Arts Building, room 232 from 9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Foerster will also be performing a public reading in the Pegasus Theater at 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Bill asks Okla. voters to expand governor's power

• Associated Press •

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Oklahoma voters could decide whether to expand the governor's power to appoint three currently elected officials under a measure that narrowly passed the Senate.

The Senate voted 26-15 on Wednesday for the resolution that would ask Oklahoma voters to give the governor the authority to select the state superintendent, labor commissioner and insurance commissioner, subject to Senate approval. A bill requires 25 votes for passage in the 48-member Senate.

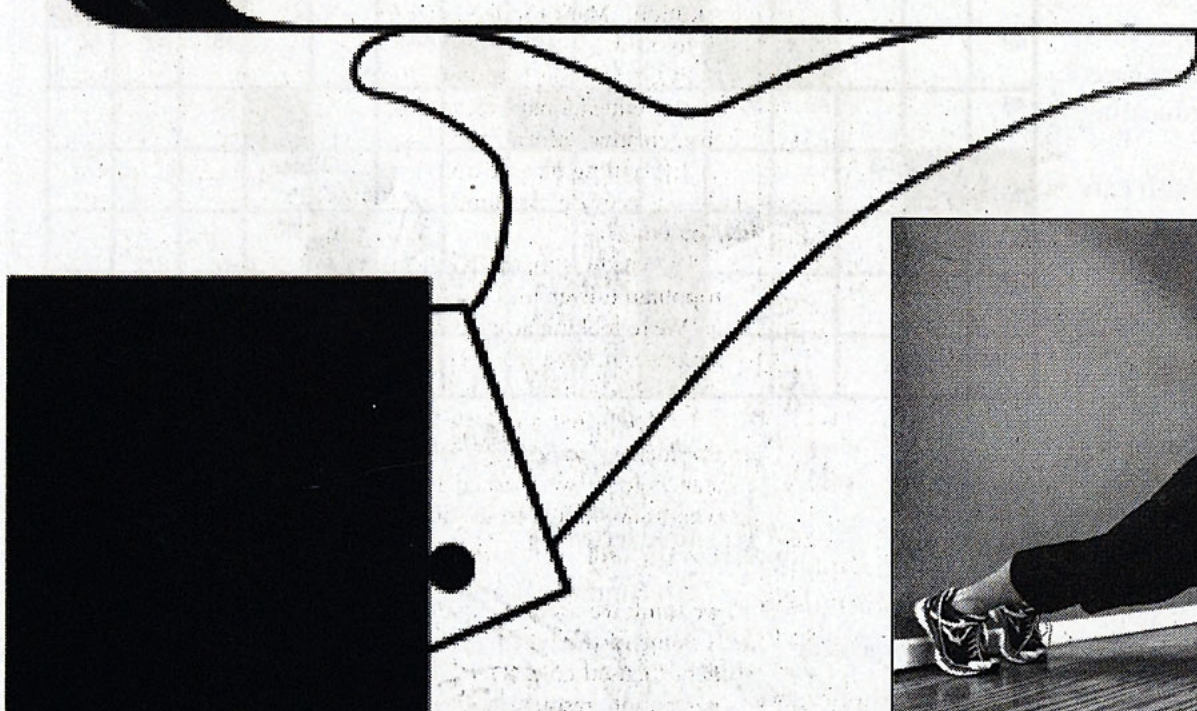
All three positions currently are elected by voters. If approved by voters in the 2014 general election, those three officeholders would complete their four-year terms. The new governor elected in 2018 would then have the authority to appoint people to the posts.

MAD WORLD

HOT AND READY

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In this Feb. 14, 2013 photo, Cindy Rodkin, a member of the K9 Fit Club, works out with her golden retriever, Khaki, looking on during a class held in Chicago. Rodkin has lost 41 pounds since joining the K9 Fit Club in September 2012. (AP Photo/Teresa Crawford)

106-year-old man gets high school diploma

BEVERLY, Mass. (AP) — Fred Butler was married for 65 years, raised five children, served in the Army during World War II and worked for years for the local water department, but the fact he never earned a high school diploma always bothered him.

Not anymore.

The 106-year-old was awarded his honorary diploma Monday during an emotional ceremony attended by school officials, state lawmakers and Beverly Mayor Bill Scanlon.

"I thank everybody who is responsible for this," he said, wearing a mortar board hat and tassel and holding the prized document in his hands. "I certainly appreciate it."

Butler dropped out of school before the ninth-grade to accept a full-time job at a print shop to support his mother and five younger siblings.

Daughter-in-law Cathy Butler says he regretted dropping out and always emphasized the importance of education to his children and grandchildren.

A grandson, Mike Calabro, said Butler gave him \$5 for every A on his report card.

Cathy Butler launched the effort to get her father-in-law his diploma as a way to raise his spirits following the death of his wife, Ruth, last year.

Fred Butler's only concern was that he hadn't earned it.

Scanlon put that concern to rest. "It's a long time to wait for your diploma," Scanlon said, "but you've obviously earned it very well."

NY man gets summonses for laughing loudly

ROCKVILLE CENTRE, N.Y. (AP) — A New York man says he didn't know it was a crime to laugh.

Robert Schiavelli of Rockville Centre, on Long Island, was slapped with two summonses for "disturbing the peace."

Police responded to his home on Feb. 12 and Feb. 13 after receiving complaints from his next-door neighbor that his loud laughs could be heard across the driveway.

The 42-year-old was charged with acting "in such a manner as to annoy, disturb, interfere with, obstruct, or be offensive to others."

At his arraignment Tuesday, a judge declined to dismiss the charges.

Schiavelli tells the New York Post (<http://bit.ly/WPGKHp>) his neighbor often taunts him due to his disability. He deals with it by laughing him off.

Schiavelli suffers from seizures and neurological impairments.

The neighbor didn't respond to requests for comment.

People, pooches team up to fight flab at Ill. gym

CHICAGO — Can't get rid of that paunch?

A Chicago-area gym suggests working out with your pooch.

K9 Fit Club offers bow wow boot camps and other classes for people and their puppies to exercise together in Chicago and nearby Hinsdale, Ill.

The fitness center opened last year after founder Tricia Montgomery exercised with her dog and lost 130 pounds. Montgomery

says her late basset hound, named Louie, lost 22 percent of his body weight.

Fans of the gym say classes are beneficial to both man and man's best friend.

Montgomery says dogs struggle with the same weight issues that people face, including heart problems and diabetes.

People who work out at K9 Fit Club say exercising with their dogs keeps them motivated.

Classes cost about \$20.



(AP Photo/Kia Motors Corp.)

New Kia has controversial name

DUBLIN (AP) — Kia's new concept car, the Provo, is designed to provoke comment. But to many across Britain and Ireland, the name sounds like a celebration of terrorism.

British lawmakers appealed Tuesday in the House of Commons for the South Korean car maker to junk the name of its planned mini sports coupe because "Provo" is the street name for the dominant branch of the outlawed Irish Republican Army. The Provisional IRA killed nearly 1,800 people during its failed 1970-1997 campaign to force Northern Ireland out of the United Kingdom.

Kia insisted the Provo — an experimental prototype unveiled this week for the International Geneva Motor Show and years away from production — was named to suggest "provocative," not IRA bombings and shootings. And in a follow-up statement, Kia said it would be certain not to market any future car as a Provo in the United Kingdom or Republic of Ireland.

"I accept that this was a mistake made by the company and I know that their decisive action will be welcomed by many people, in Northern Ireland and beyond, whose lives have been affected by the murderous actions of the Provisional IRA," said Greg-

ory Campbell, a British lawmaker for the main Northern Ireland party, the Democratic Unionists.

Not everybody took the matter as sternly as Campbell. The idea of a car called the Provo going on sale in Belfast sparked a rapid-fire battle of Ulster wits across the Internet.

On an Irish news aggregator called the Broadsheet, posters noted that the car's detailing was in orange, the favored color of the British Protestant majority. "Does my bomb look big in this?" asked one. Another noted the car needs no satellite navigation system, because the car "already knows where you live."

Kia is hardly the first automaker to stumble when picking model names that don't sound stupid worldwide.

In Spanish, Chevy's Nova meant "doesn't go," Mazda's LaPutta translated as "the whore," and the Nissan Moco as "booger."

The Honda Fitta raised eyebrows across much of Scandinavia, where the word refers to women's private parts. When Toyota launched the MR2, they soon found saying those letters and numbers in French made it sound as though the car smelled of excrement.

EMPLOYMENT

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Nanny wanted in Edmond for boy 10, girl 8. Must be dependable, honest. Hours vary. Please call Kate at 405-833-7443.

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- Cavalry weapon
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- "ER" network
- Plan
- Daniel of Nicaragua
- "Awesome!"
- Oolong, for one
- Small book usually having a paper cover
- Add up
- Injured
- Seventh heaven
- Lose
- Propel, in a way
- "My boy"
- Highly valued lean flesh of marine or freshwater mullet
- Remove an organ
- "Get ___!"

52. "Act your ___!"

- Inquiry into questionable activities
- Hindu princesses
- 5th power of 10
- Mine entrance
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- "Not on ___!" ("No way!")
- Charge
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- Hide well
- Chooses, with "for"

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RANDOM FACTS

The dot of the letter "i" is called a tittle.

Neil Armstrong stepped onto the moon with his left foot first.

DAILY QUOTE

Only the curious will learn and only the resolute overcome the obstacles to learning. The quest quotient has always excited me more than the intelligence quotient.

- Eugene S. Wilson

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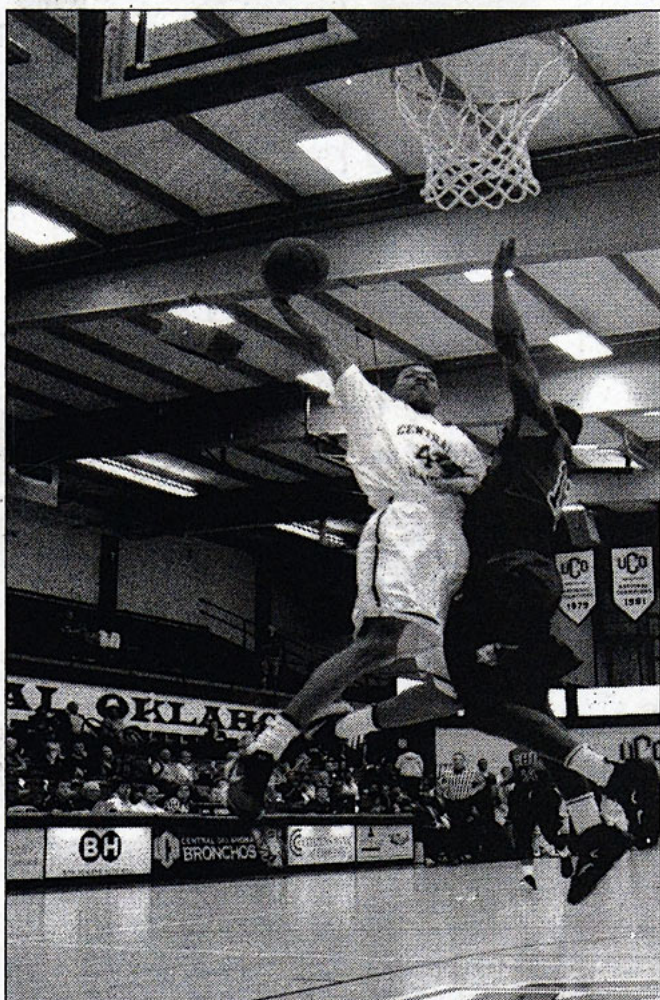
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Basketball

Men's Basketball in conference tourney

Bronchos in Kansas City for weekend portion of MIAA Tournament



UCO junior Christian Huffman dunks over Gilbert Gyamfi of Southwest Baptist on Monday, March 4, 2013. Photo by Kyle Schwab, The Vista

Whitt Carter

Staff Writer

Only eight teams remain, as the MIAA Men's Conference Tournament heads to Kansas City for Thursday-Sunday action at the Municipal Auditorium.

All but one higher seeded team advanced through the opening-round Monday, as #9 Missouri Southern rebounded from a weekend loss in Edmond to UCO, and edged out #8 Emporia State, 68-66, extending their season for at least one more game.

The other three games weren't as close, as #5 Northwest Missouri handily defeated #12 Missouri Western, 66-46, and #6 UCO scorched #11 Southwest Baptist, 103-89, eclipsing the 100-point mark for the first time in two years.

That sets up some intriguing matchups for the weekend portion of the tournament, including a rematch of #3 Washburn-#6 UCO, in which the Bronchos upset the Ichabods in early January and the contest between #4 Northeastern State and #5 Northwest Missouri, who were two of the conference's surprises throughout the year.

Previews for each of this weekend's games are below:

#1 Fort Hays State (19-7, 13-5) vs. #9 Missouri Southern (13-14, 7-11)- Thursday, 12:00 p.m.

This game won't likely be close, as Fort Hays State has been playing good basketball lately, and Missouri Southern looked unimpressive in a 76-65 loss at UCO on Saturday. FHSU is loaded offensively, and has three different options that can beat you, as they love to push the basketball, while Missouri Southern will likely try to slow the game down.

Three guys lead FHSU on offense: Dwayne Brunson (15.5 PPG, 7.7 RPG), Lance Russell (14 PPG, 5 RPG) and MIAA Freshman of the Year, Craig Nicholson, who averages 14 points and a league-leading seven assists per game.

For Missouri Southern, Marquis Addison leads the Lion offense, averaging 17.6 points and five rebounds per game. MSSU also gets solid contributions on a nightly basis from Jordan Talbert, who chips in 13 points and a team-best 7.6 rebounds per contest.

The teams only met once this year, as FHSU comfortably controlled their home floor, defeating Missouri Southern 83-69.

Pick: Fort Hays State 74, Missouri Southern 59

Northeastern State (19-9, 12-6)- Thursday, 2:15 p.m.

This will likely be the best game of the four on Thursday. Each team is very talented, both with highly skilled big men that abuse opponents inside, and quick, shifty guards that are a nightmare in the open floor.

Jermaine Bransford, who was an All-MIAA first team selection, leads NSU offensively, averaging 16 points and 10 rebounds per game. But just as important for the Riverhawks is point guard/shooting guard Bryton Hobbs, who averages a team-high 18 points and five assists per game.

For NWMSU, it's a more balanced effort, led by DeAngelo Hailey, who totals 14 and five rebounds per contest. The Bearcats also feature big man Dillon Starzi, who averages 13 points and five boards per game.

The two teams met once during the regular season and it was a dandy. Northwest Missouri's freshman Connor Cooker hit a game-winning layup with 4.3 seconds, giving the Bearcats a 73-72 victory over NSU.

Pick: Northeastern State 76, Northwest Missouri 71

#2 Central Missouri (19-7, 13-5) vs. #7 Pittsburg State (18-9, 10-8)- Thursday, 6:00 p.m.

Along with the game above, this should be a fantastic game between two really talented teams. Central Missouri is good both inside and out, and Pittsburg State boasts the MIAA's best inside duo. This should be a fun one.

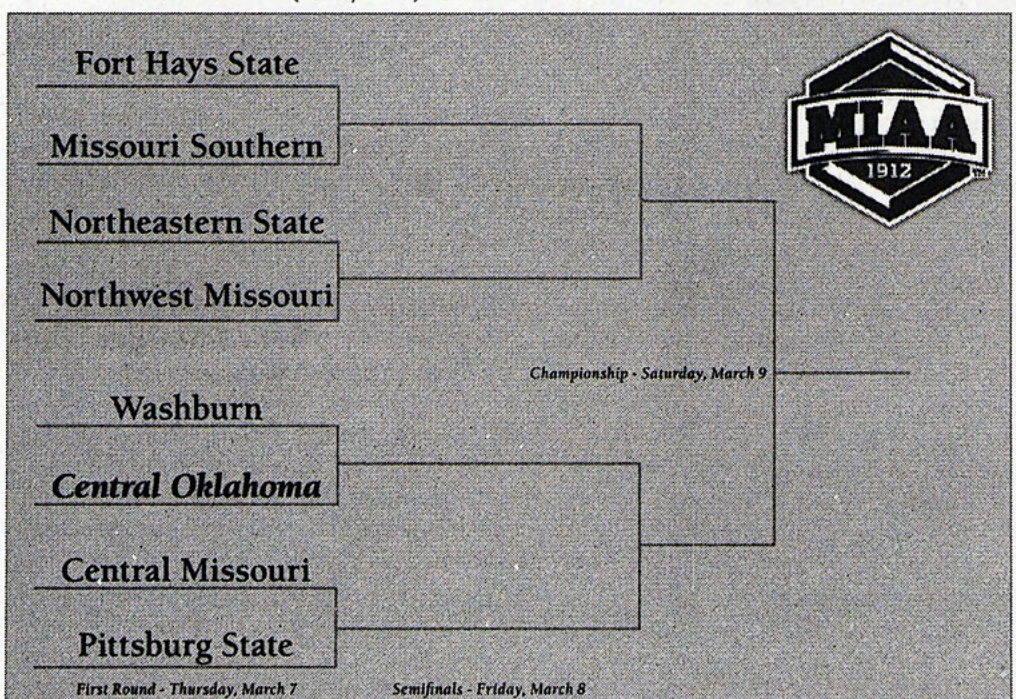
Central Missouri was the conference leader for most of the year, and finished in a tie with Fort Hays State for the #1 spot. The Mules are led by All-MIAA first team selection Dominique Long, who averages 15.5 points and 4.6 rebounds per game. Central Missouri also gets good inside-out production from Widgett Washington (12 PPG, 5 APG) and Charles Hammock (12 PPG, 5 RPG).

Pittsburg State was the most dominant team inside all year long, and the Gorillas will try to do so to UCM. Offensively, Kaleb Porter averages 14.7 points per game to lead the Gorillas in scoring. But the real work is done down low, where JaVon McGee (12 PPG, 6.6 RPG) and MIAA Defensive Player of the Year Marky Nolen (10.4 PPG, 5.5 RPG) make the Gorillas tough to beat.

The teams met only once, as Central Missouri grinded out a 80-73 win on their home floor back in early January.

Pick: Pittsburg State 71, Central Missouri 69

#5 Northwest Missouri (19-9, 11-7) vs. #4



#3 Washburn (19-7, 12-6) vs. #6 Central Oklahoma (14-13, 11-7)- Thursday, 8:15 p.m.

A rematch of one of the top upsets of the year, Washburn gets a chance to eliminate UCO after the Bronchos beat a ranked Ichabods squad at the time. Washburn features some elite-league talent, but the Bronchos have been playing well as of late, winning seven of their last nine games, becoming especially deadly offensively.

For Washburn, it's all about Will McNeill. The senior, MIAA Player of the Year averages 19.5 points and 6.2 rebounds per game. McNeill also ranks six in the country in steals per game (3.08). The Ichabods also get solid contributions from Martin Mitchell (13.5 PPG,

3.4 APG) and Bobby Chipman (9.3 PPG, 7.8 RPG).

The Bronchos have been hot as of late and a good reason for that has been junior Josh Gibbs. The do-it-all forward pours in 17.5 points per game and grabs 6.3 rebounds per game, both a team best. UCO also gets consistent output from senior Spencer Smith (13.4 PPG, 6.1 RPG) and Jamell Cormier (11 PPG, 3.2 APG).

As mentioned earlier, the two teams met on Jan. 5, when the Bronchos opened up a 22-point advantage, before the Ichabods mounted a furious comeback. However, UCO was able to hold on, winning over the pre-season conference favorite, 72-67.

Pick: Central Oklahoma 76, Washburn 74

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Wrestling
Wrestlers eyeing 16th National Title

Cody Johnson

Contributing Writer

The Central Oklahoma wrestling team is headed to the NCAA Division II Wrestling Championship in Birmingham, Ala. The two-day tournament will be March 8-9.

The Bronchos qualified nine wrestlers; 133-pound Casey Rowell, 141-pound Trison Graham, 149-pound Jordan Basks, 157-pound Cory Dauphin, 165-pound Chris Watson, 174-pound Kelly Henderson, 184-pound Tanner Keck, 197-pound Znick Ferrell, and Heavyweight Cody Dauphin.

Going into the tournament, Central Oklahoma as a team, is currently ranked fourth in the national coaching polls with 138 votes, one vote short of No. 3 ranked Nebraska-Kearney.

The Bronchos have five individually ranked wrestlers. At 133 pounds, junior Casey Rowell is ranked first. Rowell is expected to wrestle No. 3 ranked Trevor Franklin, of Upper Iowa, in the second round. In the semi-finals, Rowell is anticipated to meet No. 4 ranked Daniel Deshazer, of Nebraska-Kearney.

Earlier in the season Rowell defeated Deshazer in overtime at the MIAA conference tournament.

Rowell is expected to meet the No. 2 ranked Andrew Porkony, of Saint Cloud State, in the national finals.

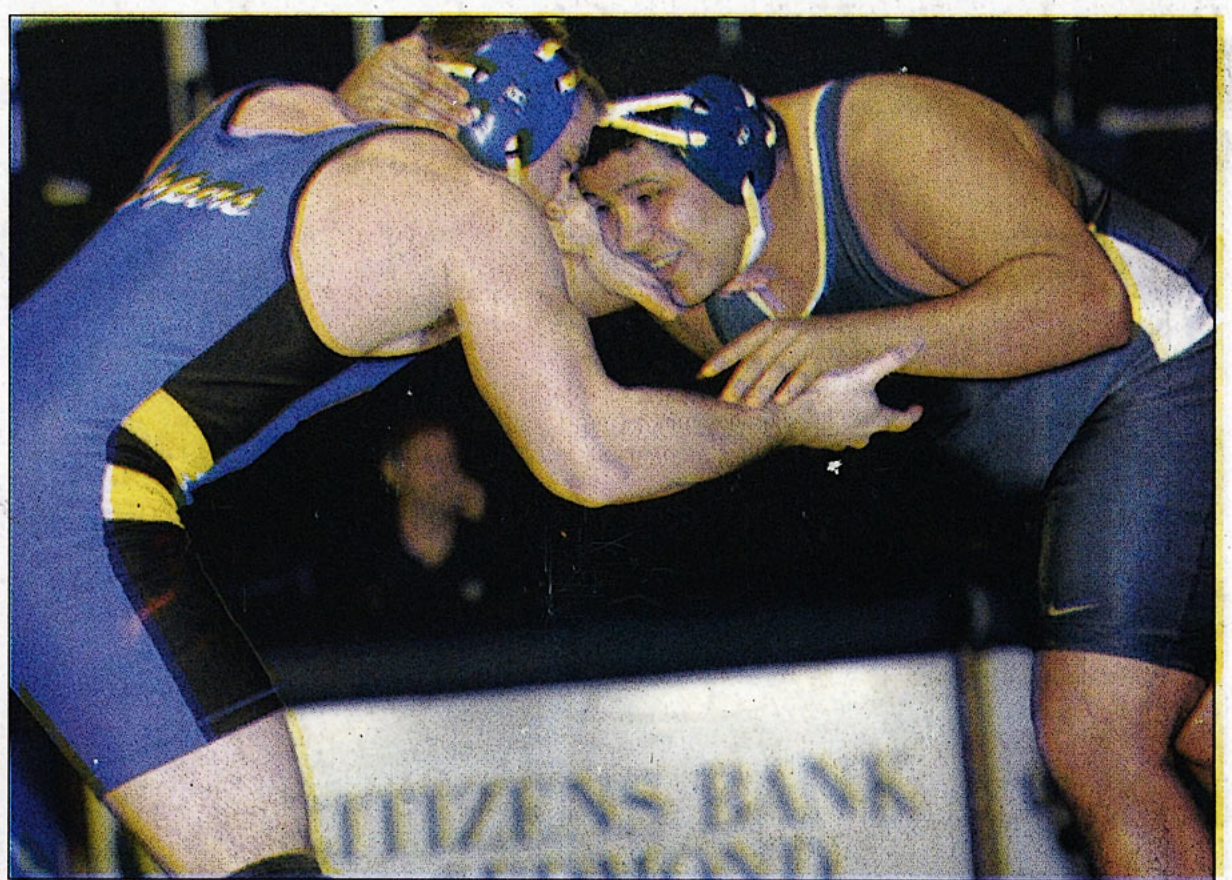
At 157 pounds, junior Cory Dauphin is ranked first. Dauphin only has one other individually ranked wrestler on his half of the bracket, No. 5 ranked Daniel Kelly, of Adams State. They are expected to meet in the semi-finals. Dauphin is anticipated to meet No. 2 ranked Clint Poster, of Saint Cloud State, in the national finals.

At 149 pounds, junior Jordan Basks is ranked second. Basks is expected to wrestle No. 4 ranked Camryn Brady, of Indianapolis, in the second round and No. 1 ranked Raufeon Stots, of Nebraska-Kearney, in the finals.

Earlier in the season, Basks defeated Stots in the dual between Central Oklahoma and Nebraska-Kearney. However Stots defeated Basks at the MIAA conference tournament.

At 174 pounds, Kelly Henderson is ranked third. Henderson is expected to wrestle the No. 2 ranked Patrick Martinez, of Nebraska-Kearney, in the second round of the national tournament. In their last match, Henderson lost to Martinez in a 3-4 decision.

At 197 pounds, Znick Ferrell is ranked seventh. Ferrell will wrestle No. 2 ranked Carl Broghammer, of Upper Iowa, first round. Ferrell is currently 24-12 for the season.



UCO junior wrestler Cody Dauphin. The Vista Archives

The Bronchos have won seven national team titles and 35 individual national champions since they moved from NAIA to Division II in 1990. They have finished as one of the top four teams 22 out of the last 28 seasons at the national tournament.

Coach David James leads Central Oklahoma's wrestling team. He is a seven time National Coach of the Year recipient, and is in his 31 year of leading the Bronchos.

Wrestling will begin at 11 a.m. Friday in the Harris Arena. The quarterfinals and two rounds of

consolations will begin at 6 p.m. Friday night. Saturday at 10 a.m. the semi-finals and the rest of the consolation side will be wrestled out. The national championship matches will begin at 6 p.m. on Saturday night.

Tennis

Three matches in three days for Tennis



UCO senior Antonelli Rossini returns in a match against Southern Nazarene on Saturday, March 2, 2013. Photo by Cyn Sheng Ling, The Vista

Sam Philbeck

Contributing Writer

Central Oklahoma looks to stay perfect as they open up conference play with three matches this week.

The Bronchos (5-0), head on the road today to take on Northeastern State University and then return home for matchups on Friday and Saturday against Emporia State and Washburn University.

Thursdays matchup against rivals Northeastern State will pit the number one team in the MIAA against the number two team with UCO sitting with the second best overall record in MIAA.

"It's always a competitive match," Central Oklahoma coach Natalya Nikitina-Helvey said.

"Right now we're number three in our central region and they're number two, so that gives us a little extra incentive," Helvey said.

NSU (9-1), comes into the matchup with the Bronchos the winners of eight straight including a 9-0 drubbing of Our Lady of the Lake University last Friday. The Riverhawks feature three singles players with 9-1 records on the season — freshman Kristena Savchenkov, sophomore Barbora Jirickova and junior Mar-

tina Bruzikova.

NSU boasts a terrific 47-13 singles team record this season to go along with their terrific 24-6 doubles team record.

Following the tough Thursday matchup versus NSU, the Bronchos return home for matches against Emporia State and Washburn on Friday and Saturday.

The Hornets come into the matchup on Friday only one game into the new year following their match yesterday against Ottawa, but are 5-0 through the second half of 2012. The Bronchos will be the first conference match of 2013.

ESU is led by junior Nicole Jara, who was number one in singles last season at 6-0 and with a 15-5 overall record, but was named to second team All-MIAA.

Closing out the week, the Bronchos face off against the Ichabods of Washburn.

WU (0-5), has had a rough start to this season and look to get in the win column for the first time in weekend matchups against NSU and UCO.

The Ichabods are coming off an 11-8 year last season and are led by freshman Jodie Blackim and sophomore Casyn Buchman. The sophomore Buchman comes off a 13-4 year and has the only winning singles record this season. Blackim is right at .500 at 6-6.

Washburn's singles and doubles re-

cord are less than stellar at 24-54 and 16-26.

UCO come into the matchups this week following a come from behind 7-2 win against Southern Nazarene last Saturday.

"We lost two doubles out of three, but I still felt good because I saw that my girls played the best that they could and that's what I always ask from them," Helvey said.

The Bronchos dropped behind 2-1 following their doubles matchups, but finished SNU off in the singles matchups winning six straight to pull out the victory.

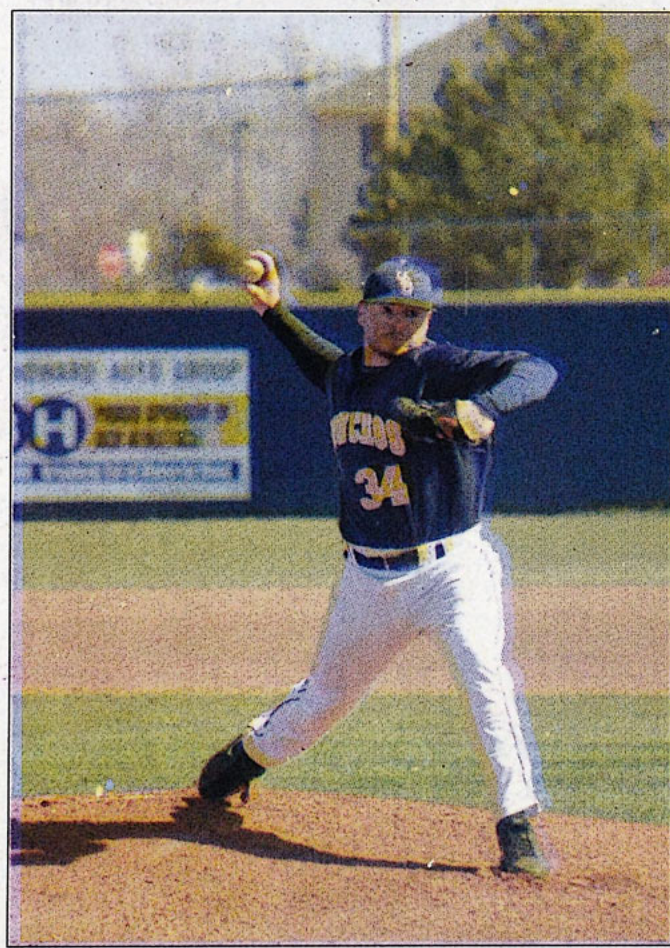
Seniors Antonella Rossini, Rose Cabato and junior Petra Pesic were key in the Bronchos come back with three set victories in three of the first four singles matches.

Freshmen Laura Klingert and Ilga Racika-Racko not only pulled out two set wins for the Bronchos in single matches, but also were the lone victory for UCO in the doubles matchups.

The Bronchos and Riverhawks are up at 2:00 pm in Tahlequah and return home on Friday and Saturday for 2:00 pm and noon matchups against Emporia State and Washburn.

Baseball

Bronchos, with win streak, hit the road



UCO senior pitcher Ryan Miller throws in a game against Fort Hays State on Sunday, Feb. 24, 2013. Photo by Kyle Schwab, The Vista

Chris Brannick

Sports Editor

The UCO Baseball team is traveling to Lindenwood, Mo. to take on the Lions for a three-game series between the conference foes.

The Bronchos are riding a five-game winning streak, all at home and the first three came against Northwest Missouri State last weekend. Central has won five out of the last six games. Lindenwood also swept the Northwest Missouri State on Feb. 24-25 but after beating Emporia State in the first game of a doubleheader last weekend, the Lions lost to the Hornets 5-6 in 12 innings and on the following afternoon, LU lost 11-0.

Emporia State visited Edmond on Wednesday afternoon to take on the Bronchos with UCO taking the first game 9-7 after a four-run seventh inning. Senior outfielder Jared Wright sent a pitch over the rightfield fence in the top half of the inning to put the Bronchos in front. Fellow senior Ethan Sharp sealed the deal for the Bronchos in the bottom of the seventh. UCO took game two 4-2.

"It was a good team effort all the way around. The bullpen came in and did a good job," Dax Leone said. "Ethan Sharp man, first time out this spring and he goes out there and competes like that. That was a good team win." The third year head coach went on to say that Sharp is a big time guy who comes up for the Bronchos in big time situations.

Lindenwood does have the honor of saying the MIAA Conference Pitcher of the Week dons their colors. Sophomore Dylan Terrell earned his third straight victory in the win over Emporia State last weekend and the right-handed pitcher has 20 strikeouts and a 3.46 era in four games played this season.

Bronchos pitcher Edgar Lopez picked up a nomination for the same award. The senior from Yuma, Ariz. boasts a 4.19 era in three games and has 23 strikeouts.

MIAA Hitter of the week went to Nebraska-Kearney's Brian Wuest but Wright also earned a nomination. The senior has played in nine of the Bronchos 12 games this season and is third on the team in hits with 12 however Wright ranks atop the team leaders in homers with six. The rest of the Broncho team combined have four and Lindenwood's entire team total is five.

Lindenwood is led by Mike Wilson who has started in each of the 12 games he has played in. The sophomore catcher is hitting .368 this season with 14 hits and five RBIs. Wilson's nine runs scored are second to only Ryan Light's 11. Light, another sophomore infielder, is hitting .248 for the Lions.

Lindenwood currently sits in fifth place in the MIAA with a 5-8, 5-4 record. The Bronchos are 8-4, 8-4 and in fourth place.

Transfers have been a solid contributing factor for the Broncho offense in the early season. The top three hitters by average for the Bronchos are each juniors coming in from Junior College. Ross Rose leads the team with a .412 average in eight games. Third baseman Matt Johnson and outfielder Tyler Crabtree are second and third in overall batting average. Johnson, .394, comes to UCO from Connors State Junior College in Warner, Okla. Crabtree, .400, comes from Eastern Oklahoma College alongside Rose. Senior catcher Eric Garza is fourth on the team in hitting, one spot ahead of the outfielder Wright. Garza is at .346 with five runs scored after nine hits.

Game one is set for 6:00 p.m. on Friday night and the same time for first pitch on Saturday. The teams meet for their final game on Sunday afternoon at 12:00 p.m.