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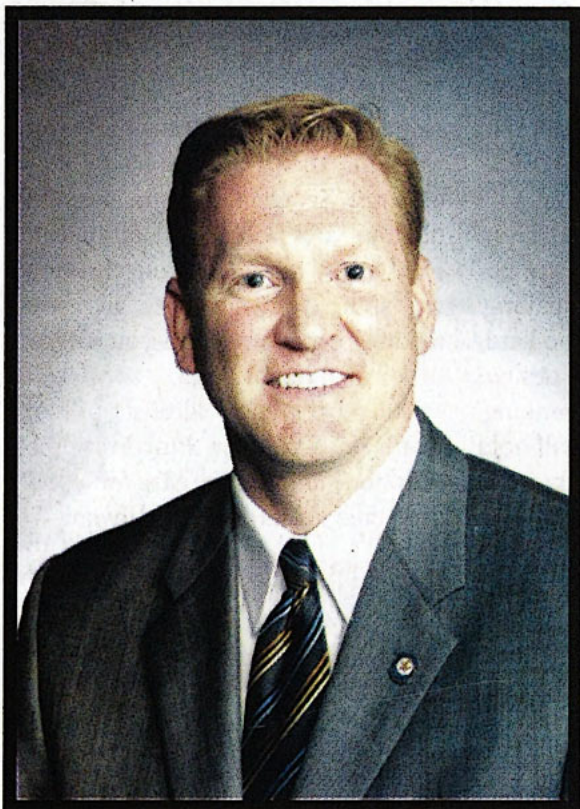
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Local News

## Oklahoma lawmaker tries to limit divorce, save families

**“We’re not here to scold, we’re not here to be a judge — we’re here to say the more the family fails the more government has to get involved, and that’s just the facts.”**

**— Rep. Mark McCullough**

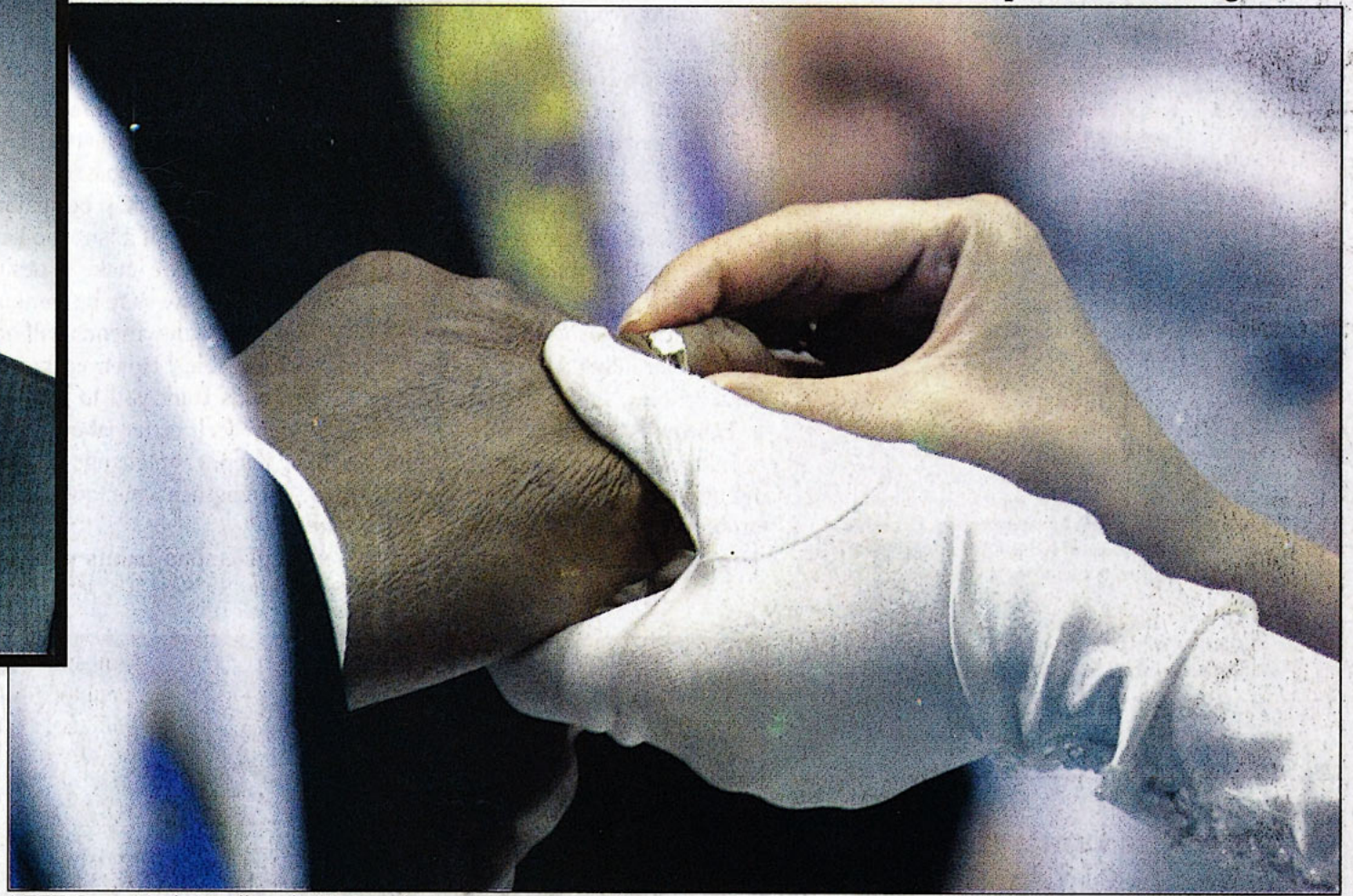


**BRYAN TRUDE, Senior Staff Writer**

A bill introduced last month in the Oklahoma House of Representatives would, among other things, aim to restrict the ability of Oklahoma couples to get a divorce on grounds of incompatibility.

The “Fairness in Fault Act,” introduced by Rep. Mark McCullough (R-Sapulpa) in January, would amend Oklahoma statutes to make it illegal for a married couple to divorce on grounds of incompatibility if there are minor children living in the home, if they have been married more than 10 years, or if either party objects.

“We’re not here to scold, we’re not here to be a judge — we’re here to say the more the family fails the more government has to get involved, and that’s just the facts,” McCullough said at a news conference reported by the Sapulpa Republican. Requests for interviews made by phone by the Vista were declined by the representative’s office, citing McCullough’s schedule.



**LEFT: Rep. Mark McCullough (R-Sapulpa). Photo provided ABOVE: A groom Patrick Sweeting from Bahama, left, exchanges wedding ring with his bride Miki Sasaki from Japan in a mass wedding ceremony at the CheongShim Peace World Center in Gapyeong, South Korea, Sunday, Feb. 17, 2013. (AP Photo/Lee Jin-man)**

The bill would also require both parties in a divorce to cover their own expenses, including attorney’s fees. The act would also allow for judges to award martial property unevenly between the two parties if one of the parties is found to be at fault in the divorce.

“I think they’re just trying to lower the divorce rate,” Cera Perez, junior family life major, said.

According to data compiled by the Oklahoma legislature, the instances of divorce in Oklahoma are falling, yet still remain amongst the highest in the country. Credited as the nationwide leader in divorce in

2011, in 2012 Oklahoma ranked fifth in divorce behind Alabama, Arkansas, Tennessee and Nevada. As of 2012, Oklahoma experiences 5.98 divorces per 1,000 population according to the National Center for Health Statistics.

Perez, however, was also concerned about possible issues with trying to restrict divorce.

“We really don’t get to know the personal lives of couples going through divorce,” Perez said. “In an abusive relationship, one of them may be scared, while the other is in control.”

Currently, Oklahoma law allows 12 rea-

sons to grant a divorce.

They are abandonment for more than one year, adultery, impotency, situations where at the time of the marriage the wife was pregnant by a man not her husband, extreme cruelty, fraud, incompatibility, habitual drunkenness, gross neglect of duty, imprisonment, obtaining a divorce in another state, or being committed to a state insane asylum and being diagnosed as insane for more than five years.

The act would not alter the language for the other 11 reasons for Oklahoma courts to grant a divorce.

## Philosophy of popular role-playing game inspires professor’s new book

**ADAM HOLT, Staff Writer**

A UCO professor and his colleague intertwine deep thought and the quintessential role-playing game as part of a book series about pop culture and philosophy.

Dr. Mark Silcox, associate professor in the department of humanities and philosophy, and Dr. Jon Cogburn, associate professor in the department of philosophy and religious studies at Louisiana State University, co-edited and contributed writing for “Dungeons & Dragons and Philosophy: Raiding the Temple of Wisdom.”

Dungeons & Dragons is an open-ended fantasy, role-playing game that involves the imagination of its participants for the characters, environment and the quests, or campaigns. It was first released in 1974 and is regarded as the first of the genre.

The use of creativity to build new worlds and stories is an example of what Cogburn believes lends Dungeons & Dragons to philosophical study.

“Philosophy is full of thought experiments concerning what might happen in strange possible worlds,” he said. “I think Mark and I both realize that running a good campaign has an awful lot in common with writing a good paper. Once this is grasped, the connections are endless.”

Players base characters on races provided by the game. Dwarves, elves and gnomes are examples of race, though the player decides the personal traits of the character. It is viewing these personas and how the player utilizes them through a philosophical lens that intrigues Silcox the most.

“In role-playing games there is often no face to the character because the first person is you,” he said. “There is no other art form like that.”

Multiple authors discuss the game’s relationship to philosophy. Chris Bateman, a video game design consultant from Manchester, England, contributes the paper “Chaotic Good in the Balance.” Fellow UCO professor of humani-

ties and philosophy, Dr. Eva Dadlez provides thought on the other side of the coin in “Being Evil.”

Both Silcox and Cogburn found Dungeons and Dragons in their youth, though be it in two different areas of North America. Silcox hails from Toronto, Canada while Cogburn is native to Montgomery, Ala.

“I was a fairly traditional nerd in high school,” Silcox said.

The two met in the philosophy PhD program at The Ohio State University. Cogburn remembers an event in the cold of Ohio that solidified them as friends.

“After an unfortunate evening when I went out with wet hair that instantaneously turned into an ice helmet, Mark took me under his wing as far as frozen north type issues were concerned,” he said. “We also started discussing philosophy in heated cafés and over cheap red wine that didn’t taste so bad if you refrigerated it, and the conversation’s continued for the last twenty years.”

Open Court Publishing Company in Chicago, Ill. released the book in October 2012 as part of their “Popular Culture and Philosophy series.” Other selections in the catalogue include “Harry Potter and Philosophy” and “The Rolling Stones and Philosophy.”

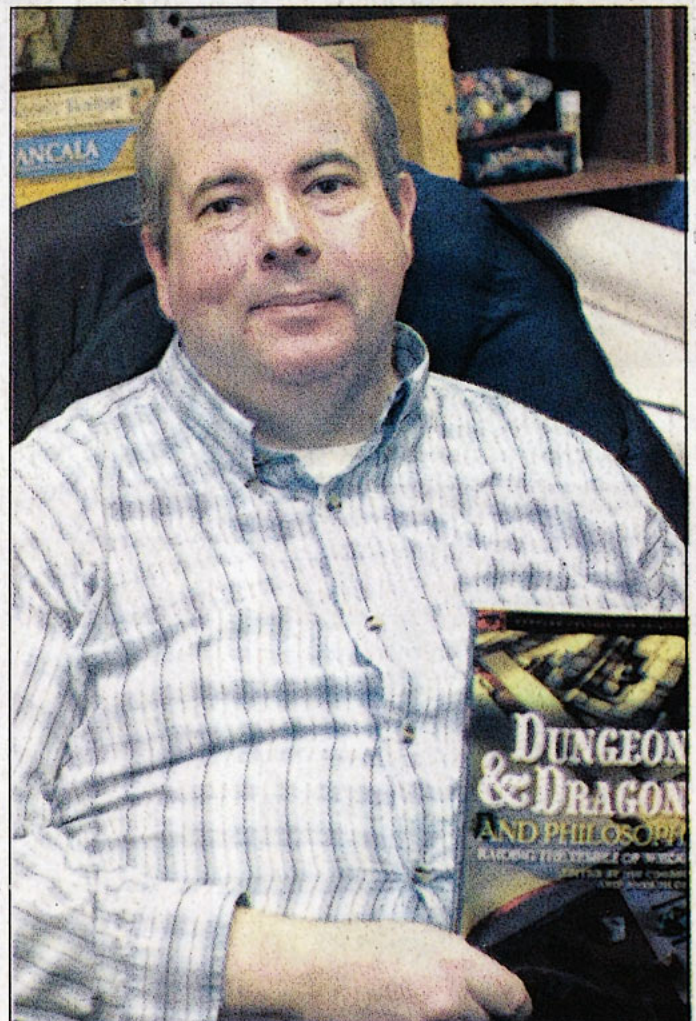
The book is not the duo’s first philosophical look at games. They authored “Philosophy Through Video Games,” which was released in December 2008 through Routledge Publishing.

The book discusses how philosophy ties into the games “World of Warcraft,” “Grand Theft Auto” and “Civilization,” among others.

Silcox was a writer for video games from 1998 to 2002. Two of his credits are the role-playing games “Aidyn Chronicles: The First Mage” for Nintendo 64 and “Earth

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**Dr. Mark Silcox, associate professor of humanities and philosophy, poses with the book he co-authored, “Dungeons & Dragons and Philosophy: Raiding the Temple of Wisdom.” Photo by Ailiki Dyer, The Vista**

••••• & Beyond” for PC.

“Dungeons & Dragons and Philosophy: Raiding the Temple of Wisdom” can be found at the UCO Bookstore and Amazon.com.



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**I COULD TALK ABOUT CHANGING OR I COULD DO IT**

"To know and not to do is to not know," reads the Chinese proverb. And I think of it all the time. I think of it when my friends try to quit smoking by smoking "lighter" cigarettes. I think of it when my friends try to spend less time on Facebook by spending more time on Instagram. My favorite, though, my favorite would have to be diet schemes (e.g., "I am going to eat nothing but ground beef. Low carbs," "I think I'll give Skinny Wraps a try," "I'm taking this pill.")

Everybody could stand some improvement. Heck, I don't want to meet the person who feels they've arrived. But we suck at doing. We are stellar at talking, the absolute best at talking. Doing, however, happens so rarely, I tend to think everyone is a liar.

What can we do? Luckily, I've got five tips for filling the space of words with action.

**1. Stop eating fast food.**

I know it's convenient. I know it's cheap. I know it's clogging your arteries and making you incredibly lazy. Cook a meal. Take the time to

plan ahead. Budget for groceries. Instead of dropping Big Mac special sauce on your pants behind a steering wheel, you could be having a healthy meal at home talking to family or friends.

**2. Exercise without your phone**

Whether you are hitting the gym or going for a run, leave your phone in your gym bag. Disconnect. Texting, checking social networking sites are taking away from the effectiveness of your exercise. It's amazing how much it curbs your dependency and relieves your self-diagnosed ADHD.

**3. Keep your change a secret.**

In the Age of the Interwebz, we think it necessary to boast every potential change, we may be making, in the near future, if it isn't too hard. And each time we make a desired change public; we may be thinking, "Oh good, now my friends will hold me accountable." However, most of your friends want you to fail. That way they feel better about themselves. Keep your change a secret. It will strengthen your own where-withal.

**4. Replace bad habits with new**

**hobbies**

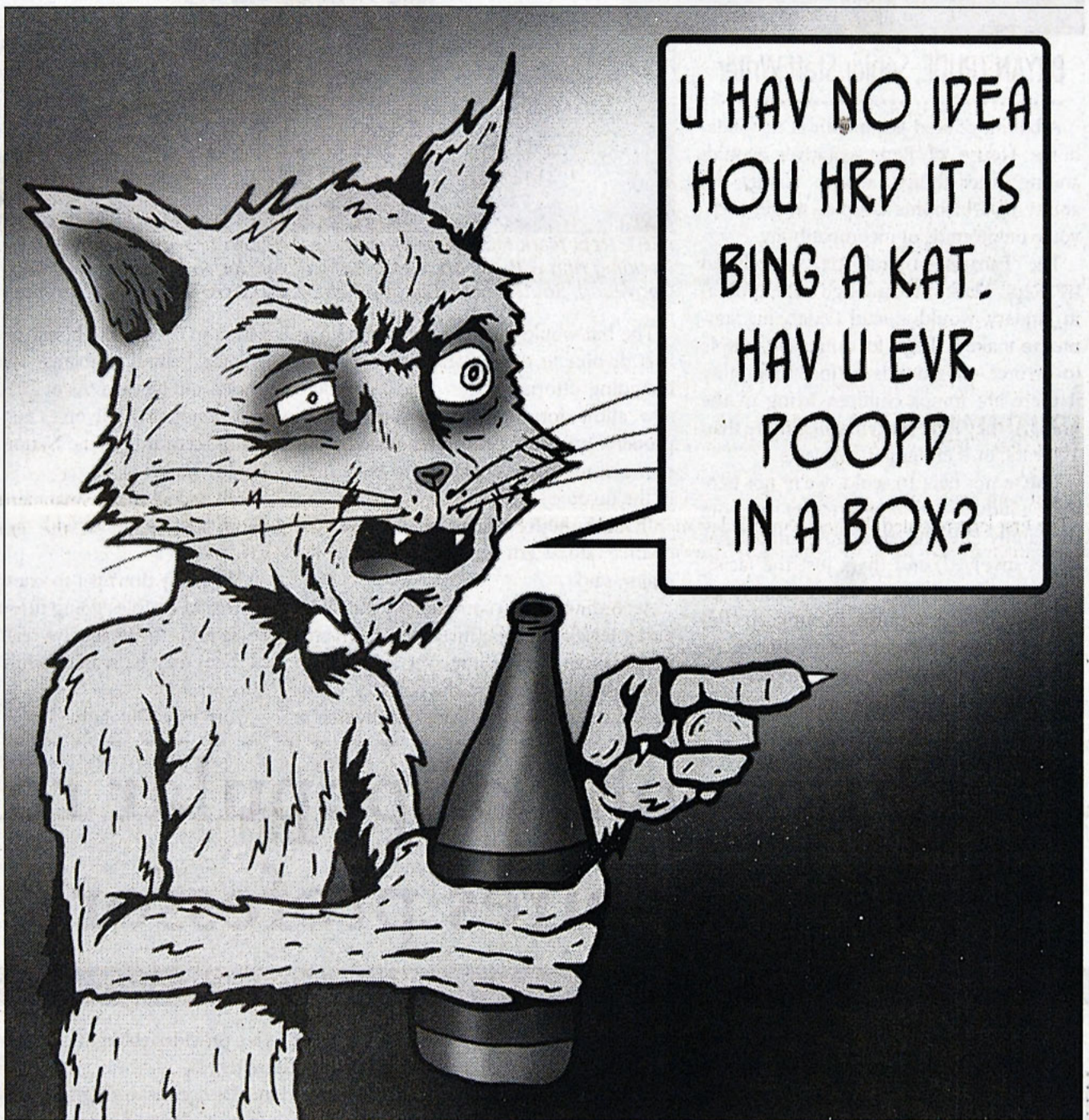
Want to quick smoking? Sign up for a 5K. Avoid places where you tend to indulge your bad behavior, whatever it may be. You know the maxim, "Out of sight, out of mind"? It may be beat to death, but most truths are. Keep busy. Keep mostly moving, like a shark. Immobile sharks smoke cigarettes out of boredom.

**5. Read a book**

A whole book. Not ten pages. Not a short story. Not a poem. Stop watching the "Harlem Shake." Put on some George Gershwin, shut the door to your room, and disappear. New ideas gathered from reading will spurn your creativity, give you talking points, and give you a type of spiritual momentum.

Don't be a hazy idealist, full of words in a recliner. Put down the cellphone and the Big Mac for a second, take inventory, and reinvent.

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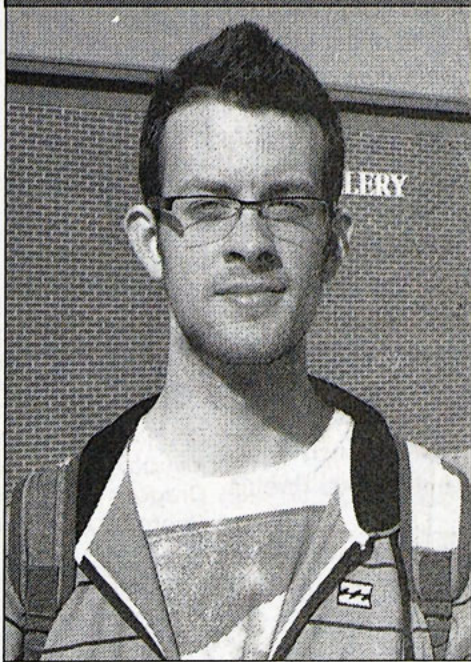
*Do you think teachers should be able to carry guns? Why or why not?*

**CATHERINE HARPHAM**  
Math Education - Junior



"No, because professors can be as crazy as students."

**JOHN HOLDEN**  
Criminal Justice - Junior



"At one point it seems alright, but there could be some pretty bad consequences."

**JEN WALTERS**  
Resource Management - Sophomore



"Yeah, because they have our best interest."

**MARIAH JOHNSON**  
Fashion Marketing - Freshman



"Yes, because they would be trained."



# Oklahoma History Center presents story of Tubman

• Josh Lewis, Contributing Writer •

The Oklahoma History Center will be hosting two performances of Harriet Tubman Live on Feb. 21 and 22.

"Using first person interpretation of Harriet Tubman's life as the platform, the programs will provide insight and understanding on the role one woman played in shaping history and how her life was impacted by the events as they unfolded," information found on the Oklahoma Humanities Council's website.

There will be a 7:00 p.m. performance on Feb. 21, with a 2:00 p.m. matinee on Feb. 22. Admission is free.

Tubman escaped slavery in 1849 and became

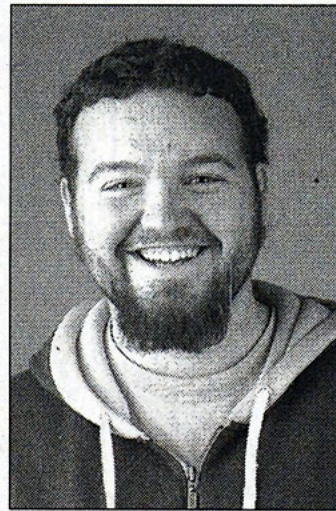
an abolitionist prior to the Civil War. She is most famous for leading hundreds to freedom via secret network of safe houses known as the Underground Railroad.

Harriet Tubman also worked as a scout, nurse and spy for the Union.

The Oklahoma History Center is located at northeast corner of N.E. 23rd & Lincoln Boulevard, across the street from the Oklahoma Capitol.

For information about the History Center's Harriet Tubman programs, you can contact Jason Harris at [jharris@okhistory.org](mailto:jharris@okhistory.org) or by phone at 405-522-0785.

Opinion



# BEEN JAMMIN' By Ben Luschen

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## Karate Class or Cub Scouts

One of the biggest life decisions I've made thus far came early, around the age of six.

Karate class or Cub Scouts?

I'm not even sure if I dressed myself until the second grade, so the fact that my parents trusted me to make a decision on my personal identity at such a young age is stunning to the older me.

I was enrolled in karate at a young age. Kindergarten or the first grade, I'm not sure, but I am almost certain that my interest in karate spurred from my very serious and perhaps a little scary devotion to the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. Before I became a writer (and it feels good to finally say that), just another gnarly pizza-loving turtle in a half shell.

I was one heck of a 5-year-old ninja though. My stance was solid and, despite my awkward crane legs, practically immovable. We did this chopping thing—this horizontal chopping thing. I can't remember what its called, but I was really good at it! I would practice it over and over at home on my pillow and on my Godzilla figurines and on my dog just so I could impress my sensei.

I impressed my teacher so much that I actually graduated early from white belt. It must have been all that horizontal chop practice. I was the proudest little gold belt the world had ever seen. Actually, I still am.

But all my friends were in Cub Scouts—or at least they were going to be. A group of scout leaders came to our school and told my classmates great tales of camping and all-male camaraderie.

Sleeping on the ground? Being required to accomplish physically demanding and nearly obsolete tasks? Naturally my friends were sold. And because my friends were sold, so was I.

My mom would not let me support both of these two new passions. I don't know why and I've never cared much to go back and ask. I always just assumed it was because she'd have to drive me around all over the place.

Regardless, a decision had to be made. Cub Scouts or karate?

Cub Scouts, at this point, had so much more to offer me, for example, the ability to literally wear your accomplishments on your sleeve. Who needs to gloat when you have a chest full of awesome badges?

In the end, it wasn't really much of a decision to make. My friends were going into scouts and my gold belt class was full of scary 20-somethings. My new life in the Order had begun.

It was all cool at first; field trips to the airport, police station, donut shop. But as I climbed the scouting ranks I found out what scouting really was, doing things you didn't really want to do because someone else said it's what boys should be doing. I stayed a scout for a long time because I could hang out with my friends and because my mom was the den leader, but I knew my days were numbered as soon as I joined the Boy Scout ranks. I don't think I stuck around for more than a year.

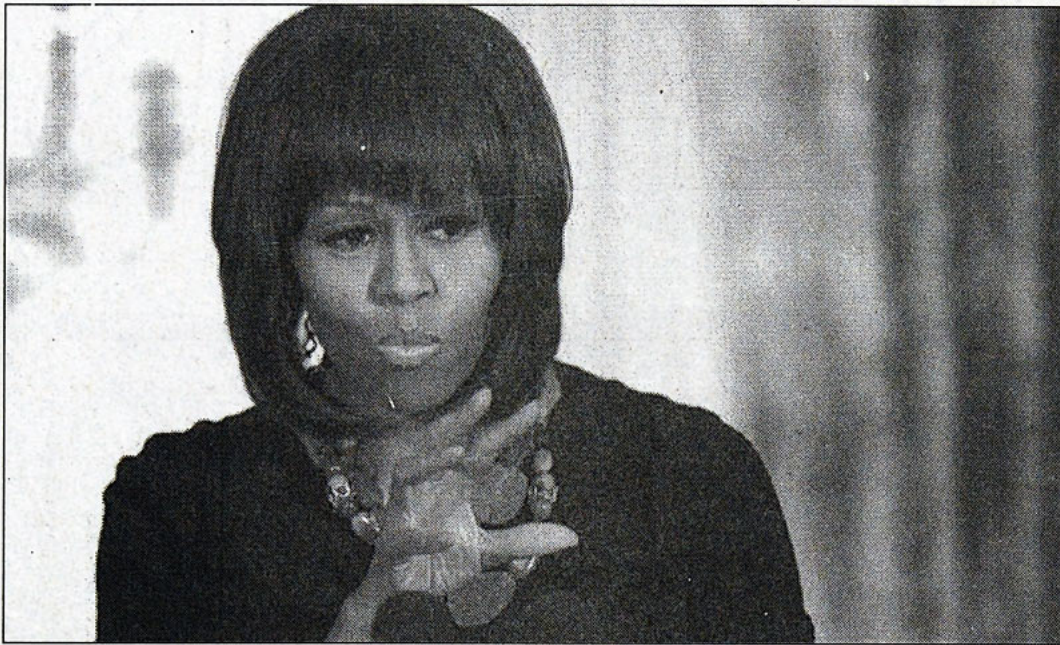
Sometimes I look back at the decision I made and wonder what would have happened if I stuck with karate. I like this ninja-journalist hybrid idea, but as I think of what could have been the decision I made was best for me.

Being a scout may not have taught me how to tie awesome knots or make my own birdhouse, but it did teach me how to work with people, especially ignorant, uncooperative people. And no, this isn't me being some kind of Boy Scout bigot. In any group of people there are going to be some that you just cannot and will not be able to get along with. The team-heavy infrastructure, intrinsic to scouting, helped bolster my young and underdeveloped communication skills. I now work in communications.

Scouting taught me more, like compromise and the importance of keeping a cool head and don't down 20 ounces of cane sugar before social situations.

Point here being: sometimes in life we think about the things we could have had if we had been thinking clearly and ignore the fact that the hell we went through helped mold us into the awesome people we already are.

# First Lady discusses new bangs and mid-life crisis



First lady Michelle Obama speaks in the State Dining Room of the White House in Washington, Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2013, in celebration of the Black History Month, welcoming middle and high school students from the District of Columbia area and New Orleans taking part in an interactive student workshop with the cast and crew of the film *Beasts of the Southern Wild*. (AP Photo/Manuel Balce Ceneta)

• Associated Press •

PALM CITY, Fla. (AP) — Michelle Obama jokingly says a midlife crisis is what inspired her new haircut with bangs.

The first lady revealed the new hairstyle last month on her 49th birthday, which came a few days before the festivities for President Barack Obama's second inauguration.

Mrs. Obama was asked about the new haircut during an interview with talk-show host Rachael Ray.

Said Mrs. Obama: "This is my midlife crisis." She added that she cut her bangs because she can't get a sports car and won't be allowed to bungee jump.

The interview was conducted via Skype and is scheduled to air on Wednesday. The Rachael Ray show released excerpts on Monday

# Student sues over C-plus

• Associated Press •

EASTON, Pa. (AP) — Talk about grade inflation.

Graduate student Megan Thode wasn't happy about the C-plus she received for one class, saying the mediocre grade kept her from getting her desired degree and becoming a licensed therapist — and, as a result, cost her \$1.3 million in lost earnings.

Now Thode is suing her professor and Lehigh University in Bethlehem, claiming monetary damages and seeking a grade change.

A judge is hearing testimony in the case this week in Northampton County Court. Lehigh and the professor contend her lawsuit is without merit. Northampton County Judge Emil Giordano declined to dismiss the suit Wednesday, ruling that there was enough evidence for the suit to proceed, according to The (Easton) Express-Times (<http://bit.ly/Ye2Aj1>).

Thode took the class in the fall of 2009. Her instructor, Amanda Eckhardt, testified this week that she stood by the grade, saying Thode

failed to behave professionally and thus earned zero out of 25 points in class participation, bumping her down a full letter grade.

"I ... believed she received the grade she earned," Eckhardt said.

The C-plus prevented Thode, an otherwise A student, from going on to the next class and advancing in her professional therapist studies, the newspaper reported. She wound up getting a master's degree in human development instead.

Her attorney, Richard Orloski, argued that Eckhardt targeted Thode because she is an outspoken advocate for gay marriage.

Eckhardt testified that while she believes marriage is between a man and a woman, she would never allow her personal views to

influence her treatment of students. She said Thode had outbursts in class, did not participate appropriately, was emotionally unstable and failed to heed a warning letter.

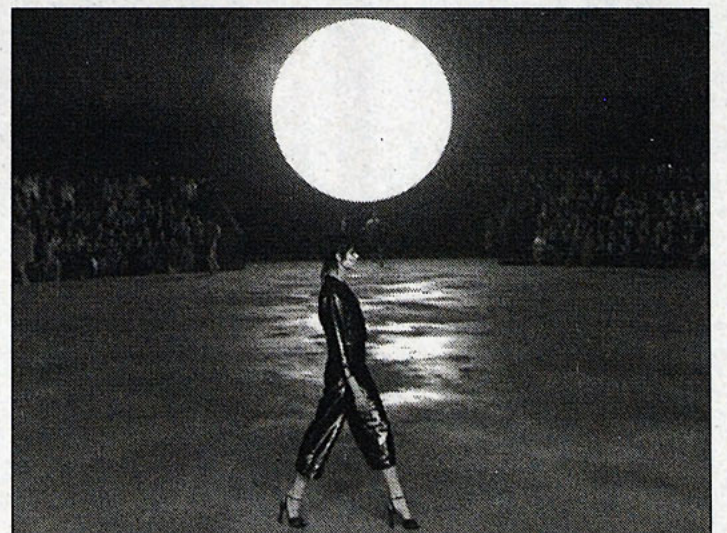
Stephen Thode, the plaintiff's father and a longtime finance professor at Lehigh, testified on his daughter's behalf and said her participation score was highly irregular.

"I have never heard of a case, not just at Lehigh, where a student achieved a zero in class participation where they attended and participated in every class," he said.

Giordano is presiding over the nonjury trial and is expected to rule on Thode's lawsuit after testimony concludes.

Photos from around the world

# Fashion Week 2013



A model walks in front of a huge sun as spectators watch from an arena-style set-up during the Marc Jacobs Fall 2013 fashion show at Fashion Week in New York, Thursday, Feb. 14, 2013. (AP Photo/Kathy Willens)

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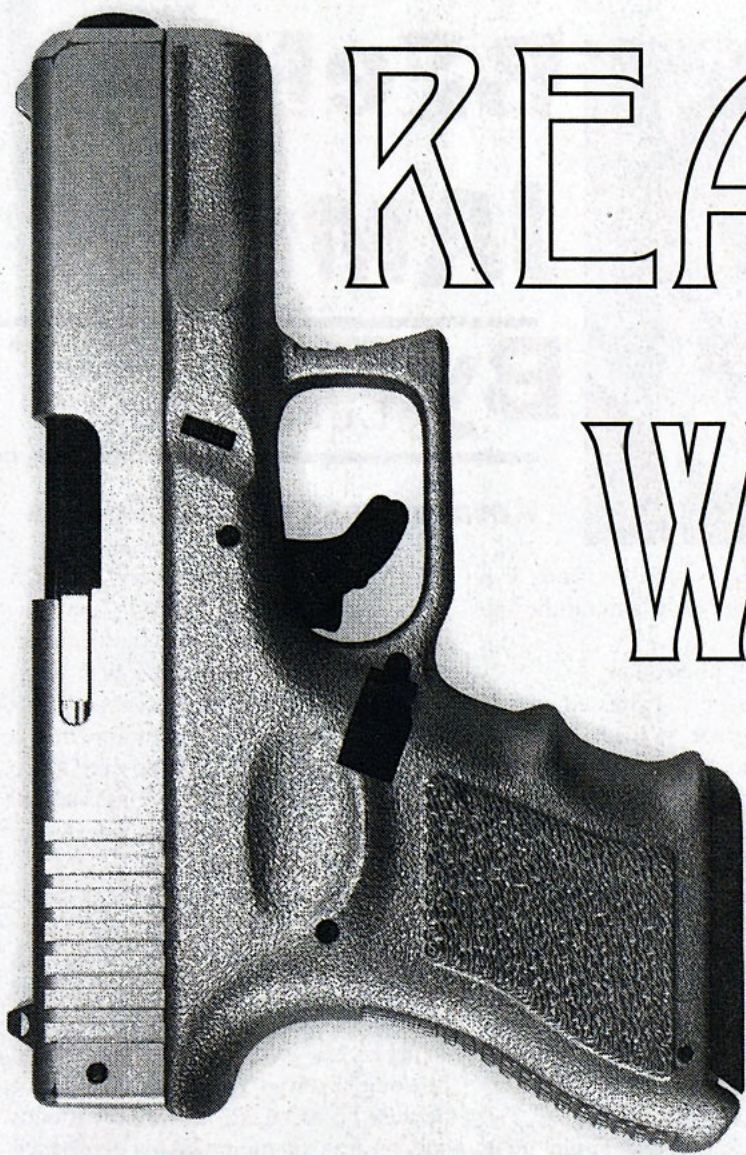
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# READING, WRITING, FIREARMS

**An Oklahoma House committee has passed a measure giving teachers the option to carry firearms, following law enforcement training.**

SEAN MURPHY, Associated Press

While a special school safety commission formed after the massacre of schoolchildren in Connecticut continues its work, Oklahoma legislators are pushing ahead with their own proposals to allow for armed teachers and more guns on school campuses.

A House committee last week passed a measure giving school boards the option to allow teachers who receive law enforcement training to carry weapons into schools, and several other bills have been introduced to allow those with a handgun license to bring guns onto school campuses.

Meanwhile, the school safety commission is beginning to formulate its own ideas about how to make schools safer with no mention of guns, raising concern among some pro-gun activists that the commission could be used to provide political cover for legislative leaders to quietly kill some of the more far reaching gun proposals.

"I would think that possibility is there, but from where we're at, we're just going to plow through no matter what the school safety commission says," said Don Spencer, the deputy director of the Oklahoma Second Amendment Association, which has pushed for expanded gun rights in Oklahoma in recent years.

When immigration became a hot-button political topic two years ago, legislative leaders formed a special committee on immigration and essentially stymied numerous immigration-related bills while

the panel held hearings. The committee ultimately recommended no changes to state law, and Republican leaders avoided a lengthy and protracted battle over a politically thorny issue.

Gun bills can also prove a politically delicate issue for many GOP lawmakers, who want to show support for gun rights but also not alienate business leaders who worry about Oklahoma's image as a gun toting state or education officials who bitterly oppose having more guns in schools.

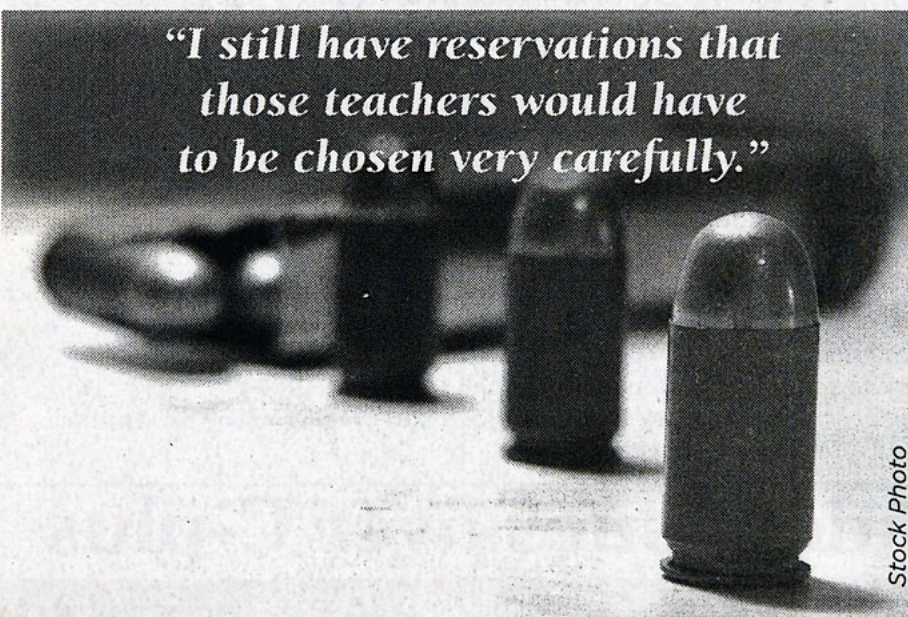
Rep. Joe Dorman said he has no doubt the school safety commission was created to provide political cover for House and Senate leaders to quietly kill some of the more extreme gun-related measures.

"I feel this commission was formed knowing full well there would be a lot of different gun bills," said Dorman, D-Rush Springs. "It was designed to bring increased scrutiny and rational discussion and commonsense to the table."

The commission includes appointees of the House speaker, Senate president pro tem and governor, but no legislators, and is headed by Lt. Gov. Todd Lamb, a former Secret Service agent. Members include educators, law enforcement, mental health experts and others, and Lamb said so far the group has not recommended any gun-related legislation or taken a position on any pending firearms bills.

"I'm still optimistic that we'll have concrete recommendations for the Legislature," Lamb said. "That's the purpose of the commission."

**"I still have reservations that those teachers would have to be chosen very carefully."**



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The panel just completed its second of six planned meetings, and Lamb acknowledged that so far the meetings have been "presentation heavy." And while he said the group is far from reaching its final recommendations, he said so far the top recommendations involve training for school staff, school safety planning, improved quality and access to counseling services, modernizing building standards, and regular meetings of local safe schools committees.

Spencer's group this year is endorsing two separate proposals: one that would allow individuals with a handgun license to leave their gun in their car in private parking lots and another to give private schools the authority to determine if a license holder can bring a gun onto their campus.

Dozens of other firearms bills would make it easier to get a handgun license, ease penalties for violations and expand where a licensee could bring carry their weapon.

The bill to give individual districts the option of arming teachers who have completed a 240-hour police training course, which already passed the House

Public Safety Committee and is awaiting a hearing before the full House, could gain some momentum, despite opposition from many school officials.

House Speaker T.W. Shannon last week described the bill as "reasonable," and several sheriffs who attended the meeting said they support the concept.

"On the merit, I like it," said Shannon, R-Lawton. "It's a local control decision, and so I think it's more than reasonable that we consider that, but again it's early in the session and it still has to make its way through a long process."

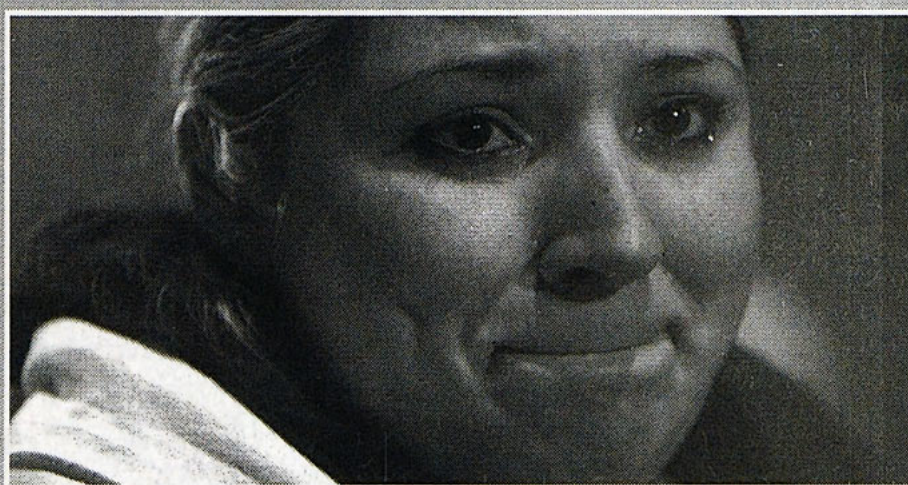
Longtime educator Trixy Barnes, who spent 40 years as a classroom teacher in Texas and Oklahoma, said she is generally hesitant to support the idea of more guns in schools, but said she could warm up to the idea of carefully selected teachers with the proper background and training carrying a weapon in school.

"I feel that if you have someone trained and who understands the law and when and how to use a weapon, it can make your classroom safer," Barnes said. "I still have reservations that those teachers would have to be chosen very carefully."

National



President Barack Obama comforts Mary Jo Copeland, of Minneapolis, who founded Sharing and Caring Hands in 1985, which has served as a safety net to those in the Minneapolis area, before he presented her with the 2012 Presidential Citizens Medal, during a ceremony Feb. 15, 2013, in the East Room of the White House. (AP Photo/Susan Walsh)



Maria Hernandez, of Angleton, Texas, a passenger from the disabled Carnival Triumph cruise ship, tears up as she describes the ordeal to reporters after arriving by bus at the Hilton Riverside Hotel in New Orleans, Friday, Feb. 15, 2013. The ship had been idled for nearly a week in the Gulf of Mexico following an engine room fire. (AP Photo/Gerald Herbert)



Campus

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH KEYNOTE ADDRESS GIVEN

• MERVYN CHUA, Staff Writer •

The Black History Month keynote address was held Feb. 13 at the Heritage Room of the NUC. The event began at 2 p.m. Approximately 50 people gathered for the address. The theme for this year's address was "Committed to Connecting our Community."

The program was sponsored by the African American Faculty and Staff Association (AAFSA), the Office of Enrollment Management, the Black Student Association, the Office of Diversity and Inclusion and Academic Affairs.

The Black History Month keynote address is a program that the AAFSA holds every year. Keynote speakers are brought in to talk about issues that are relevant to African American history, their heritage and future.

The event started with the newly crowned Miss Black UCO Jeanee Canada singing the black national anthem, followed by an introductory speech by Dr. Jeanetta Sims, President of the AAFSA.

Afterwards, Dr. Judith Wakefield, UCO faculty member at the college of education and professional, received special recognition.

"She is the one primarily responsible for having initiated an informal gathering of faculty and staff years ago, and now, that initial and informal gathering has been shaped and created and molded by some of the original founding members to be the group and association that we are today. So, it's a special day to honor those who feel very connected to and very proud of and to make sure that we give honor and esteem to colleagues in a proper way," Sims said.

"Dr. Judith Wakefield has been here for as long and has made such an impact to the community. It lays good ground. It's a blaze trail for other African Americans

who may have hope of being a faculty member – not only 'yes, you can do it,' but 'you can do it for a long time and be effective for over a long period of time,'" Dr. Bill Pink, Vice President of Academic Affairs of OSU-OKC, said.

This year Dr. Pink was invited back to speak. Pink was the associate dean in the college of education at UCO before moving.

"This event is really focused as part of Black History Month. It's a good unity event and has the potential to bring people on campus together. It is also a good reminder of the heritage that we have and the importance of keeping in mind the heritage."

There was also a musical selection and Mr. Johnny Watley, President-Elect of AAFSA, closed the event with remarks.

The AAFSA represents the African American group of faculty and staff that are employed at UCO. AAFSA was established in 2005, and since then, we have sought to enhance and have a greater presence of African American staff on campus. They also provide support for African American students and minorities and faculty and staff.

"Minority experience is often times different from mainstream cultural experiences. So, it's really important for African Americans to stay connected and that we encourage one another, that we provide leadership and counseling, guidance for new students and staff that are coming into the UCO community. That kind of friendliness and mentoring, congeniality, was very useful for me in my time, I was a new faculty member. And so I think we're committed to continuing this tradition," Sims said.

# A QUICK BITE FOR COMMUTERS

Dining

UCO Housing and Dining revitalizes effort to attract non-traditional students with a commuter-specific meal plan. • BROOKS NICKELL, Staff Writer •



Keren Liu (left), Danli Li (center), and Xiang Li (right) eat a meal at Buddy's, Feb. 18, 2013. Photo by Kyle Schwab, The Vista

The University of Central Oklahoma's Housing and Dining Office is creating awareness and attaching a new face to commuter meal plans.

Tabbi Burwell, Sales and Marketing Coordinator of Housing and Dining at UCO, said commuter meal plans have been offered alongside residential dining meal plans for over five years at UCO, but no one has really promoted or pushed the information.

"I think it became more

known that people wanted to eat on campus the better our dining options became," she said.

Burwell said that one of the main problems with advertising before was that flyers would get buried under other flyers. Campus Housing and Dining has decided that a brochure may be a more effective way of advertising the meal plan options.

"We've never really gone directly to the mailboxes. We felt like this was a great way to approach the advertising,"

she said "When people have something tangible in their hands they're more likely to act on it."

The brochure that Campus Housing and Dining is presenting outlines several commuter meal plan options. There is a 34-meal plan that includes \$50 flex cash, a tax-free currency used on campus, and a 51-meal plan that includes \$100 flex cash.

The meal plans and flex cash can be used on any of UCO's 10 on-campus dining locations.

Ashley Harkness, UCO's Dining Campus Marketing Manager, said that meal plan advertising is not only aiming at students. The commuter meal plans will also be available for faculty and staff.

"There are a lot of people working on this campus. It's important for faculty and staff to know that there are these options and they can be cheaper for them," Harkness said.

Burwell and Harkness expressed the benefits for both those receiving the meal plans as well as the university itself. Those purchasing meal plans can save an average between \$80 and \$140, while 16 percent of every sale at one of the 10 on-campus dining locations goes back to the university.

Harkness said that parking was another issue and that dining on campus can save you from the headache of losing your parking spot.

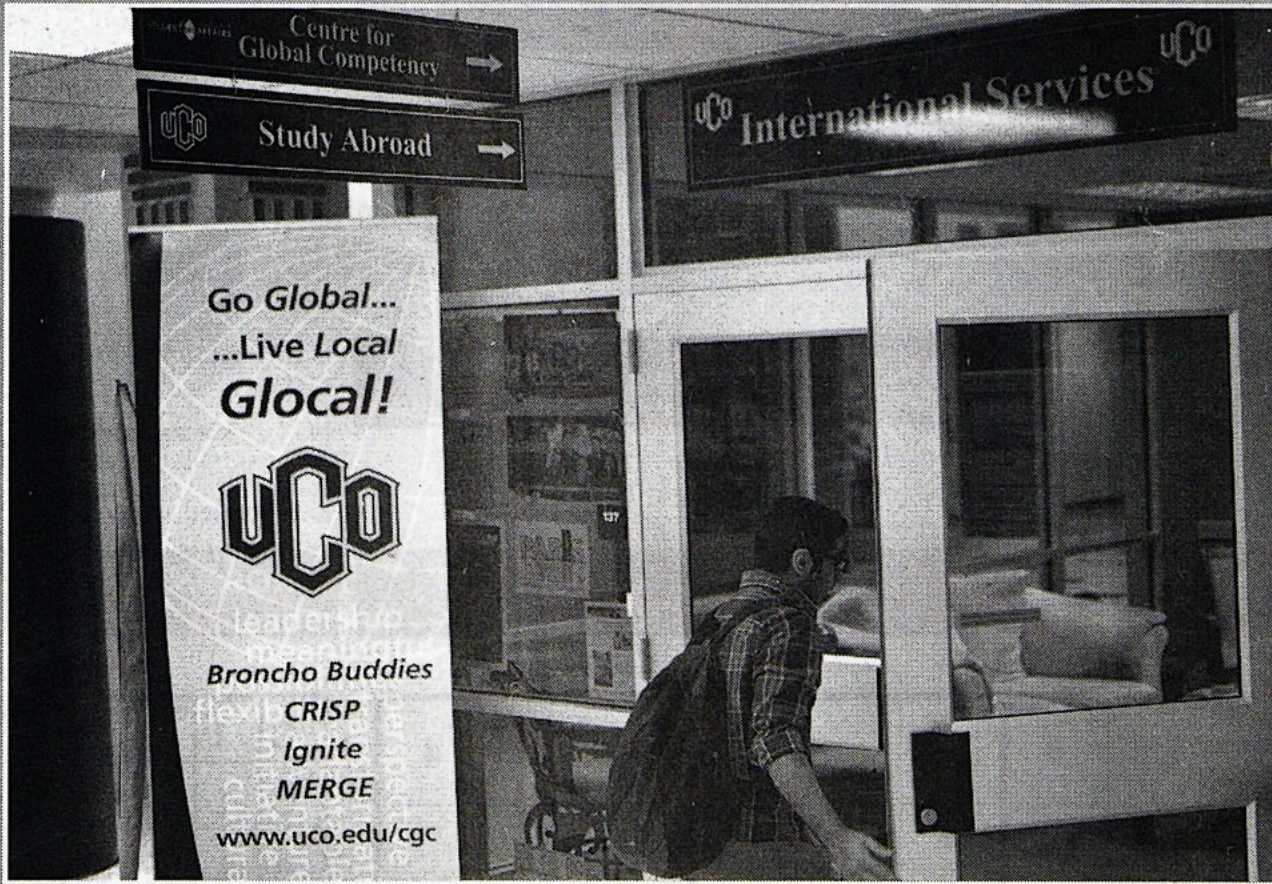
"I think faculty and staff double up with commuters," she said. "If they stay on campus for lunch they don't have to leave and find parking again."

Another perk being offered is the All Access Package that will include punch cards for certain establishments. After frequent visits cardholders will be rewarded with free meals.

Study Abroad

## GOING GLOBAL

• LESLIE NATION, Contributing Writer •



A student walks into UCO International Services' office at Nigh University Center, Feb 18, 2013. Photo by Cyn Sheng Ling, The Vista

The Centre for Global Competency (CGC) held an informational meeting Feb. 13 for students who may be interested in studying abroad.

At the meeting, which began 4 p.m. in the Troy Smith Lecture Hall, students who had recently participated in CGC's study abroad program shared their experiences in their host countries. The informal panel was organized and led by Marco Rodriguez, the Office of International Services Coordinator, who also lent important information in how to apply for the program.

"Say you want to go in the fall semester to Germany," Rodriguez said. "You will enroll in UCO; you will pay UCO tuition and fees; you will take classes in Germany, come back to UCO and transfer all those credits here."

Rodriguez went on to say that costs of studying abroad will depend on where the students choose to go, "Going to a school somewhere in Asia will cost very different than if you were to go to Europe."

Students can apply to study abroad in over 20 different countries within the CGC for a semester or even a full year, depending on their preference. Rodriguez explained that if students only want to go for a semester, but wish to stay longer, they could then attend for a full year.

The students who had recently arrived back to UCO shared their experience in finding housing in the host countries.

"I went with the on-campus option, so all I had to do was sign up," Cale Freeman, who studied abroad in Amiens, France, said. "I did forget to

pay my deposit, so I got the low-end of housing. So if you do go that way, sign up early and pay your deposit."

Financing the study abroad program was then discussed as Rodriguez explained that Financial Aid, OHLAP and other scholarships that students may have could apply to finance their trip. CGC also has scholarships available for students who are interested in attending school within the program.

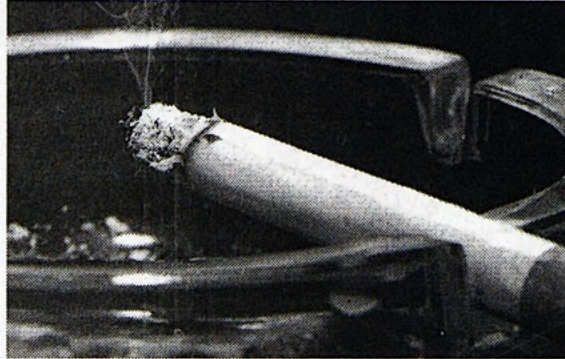
The students on the panel ended the informational session by sharing what they learned from their experience.

"You make it what you want," Adrienne Bingham said. "If you want a really well rounded experience, and you want to experience the world outside yourself then you kind of break your comfort zone a little bit."

State

## OKLA. SENATE KILLS STRICTER SMOKING BANS

• Associated Press •



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An Oklahoma Senate panel has snuffed out a measure that would have allowed cities and towns to enact stricter bans on smoking.

The Senate General Government Committee voted 6-2 on Monday against the proposal that was endorsed by Republican Gov. Mary Fallin in her State of the State address.

The Smoking in Public Places and Indoor Workplaces Act by Ardmore Republican Sen. Frank Simpson would have allowed local governments to adopt stricter smoking ordinances than state law. Currently, municipalities are prohibited from doing so.

Simpson said his idea allowed more local control, but opponents argued it was unfair to businesses that had spent thousands of dollars complying with current state law that allows, for example, smoking in bars or separately ventilated smoking rooms in restaurants.



## EMPLOYMENT

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- Pluck
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- "Beat it!"
- Weird Al Yankovic album
- Make, as money
- Antiquity, in antiquity
- Bunch
- Where has
- Come in again
- Salt or ester of hydriodic acid
- Dress worn primarily by Hindu women
- Embraces
- "My boy"
- Census datum
- Thai currency
- Bon \_\_\_\_
- Beach item
- "What's \_\_\_\_?"
- Final, e.g.
- Head, for short
- Egyptian fertility goddess
- "A Nightmare on \_\_\_\_ Street"
- "\_\_\_\_ we having fun yet?"
- Dignified and sombre

- \_\_\_\_ of the Apostles
- Last imperial dynasty of China
- Not commonly encountered
- Having gears engaged
- Bowl over
- Biology class abbr.
- Short or waste piece or knot of wool separated from the longer staple by combing
- Large tank where solid matter is disintegrated by bacteria
- "\_\_\_\_ it the truth!"
- Sundae topper, perhaps
- Cliffside dwelling
- Dust remover
- Stooge
- Hammer parts

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- Heavy wooden poles tossed as a test of strength
- Flowering shrub
- Drowsy person
- \_\_\_\_ power
- Bakery supply
- Actor Depardieu
- European freshwater fish resembling the roach
- Bank offering, for short
- Have in view
- Personal magnetism
- Doom beforehand
- Permission
- Lentil, e.g.
- Mountaineer's tool
- Lodge
- Not yet final, at law
- Corpulent
- Handle clumsily
- Biblical prophet
- Psychological disorder characterized by delusions of persecution or grandeur
- Retaliating
- Bubkes
- Dec. holiday
- Layered
- Large spiny tropical fruit with tart pulp
- Boredom
- Goat meat
- Arrow poison
- Complex phenolic substances of plant origins
- Quenches
- Member of a European people who once occupied Britain, Spain and Gaul prior to Roman time
- Open, as a bottle
- Gush
- Victorian, for one
- Athletic supporter?

## RANDOM FACTS

The depressed area of skin under your nose and above your upper lip is called your philtrum.

Koalas do not drink. They get all the moisture they need from the leaves that they ingest.

After having an argument with his son about Crazy 8's, Merle Robbins, a barbershop owner and card lover, invented UNO in 1971 in Reading, Ohio. He introduced the game to his family, and after they started playing the game more and more, he decided to have the game printed.

## DAILY QUOTE

Success is really about being ready for the good opportunities that come before you. It's not to have a detailed plan of everything that you're going to do. You can't plan innovation or inspiration, but you can be ready for it, and when you see it, you can jump on it.

- Eric Schmidt

## RIDDLE ANSWER

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BronchoSports.com

## Bronchos finish off season with win over Newman

EDMOND (Feb. 16) – Zach Aylor and Jordan Basks scored first-period points to highlight a five-fall afternoon by Central Oklahoma and the No. 3-ranked Bronchos walloped Newman 40-7 Saturday at Hamilton Field House.

UCO held out three starters and moved two wrestlers up a weight, but it didn't matter against the Jets as the Bronchos rolled to their 10th straight win in the regular season and dual finale to finish 13-1.

It was also the 15th consecutive home victory for UCO, which won eight of the 10 matches and scored bonus points at six weights. The Bronchos recorded four straight falls at one point, getting pins from Basks at 149, Chris Watson at 165, Aylor at 174, Kelly Henderson at 184 and Znick Ferrell at 197.

Trison Graham added a major decision at 141, while 125 Ryan Brooks and 157 Cory Dauphin also won.

"It was a pretty good day for us," head coach David James said. "It's a good sign any time you get five falls in one dual and I thought our guys did a great job of putting guys away once we got 'em on their back."

Aylor had the fastest fall of the day, needing just 1:25 to dispose of Alex Prine. Normally a 165-pounder, Aylor got a takedown 30 seconds

into the match and worked quickly to turn Prine over and score his first pin of the season.

Basks picked up his team-high 10th fall at the 2:51 mark against J.P. Carter, scoring five rapid-fire takedowns in building a 12-4 lead before finally ending it.

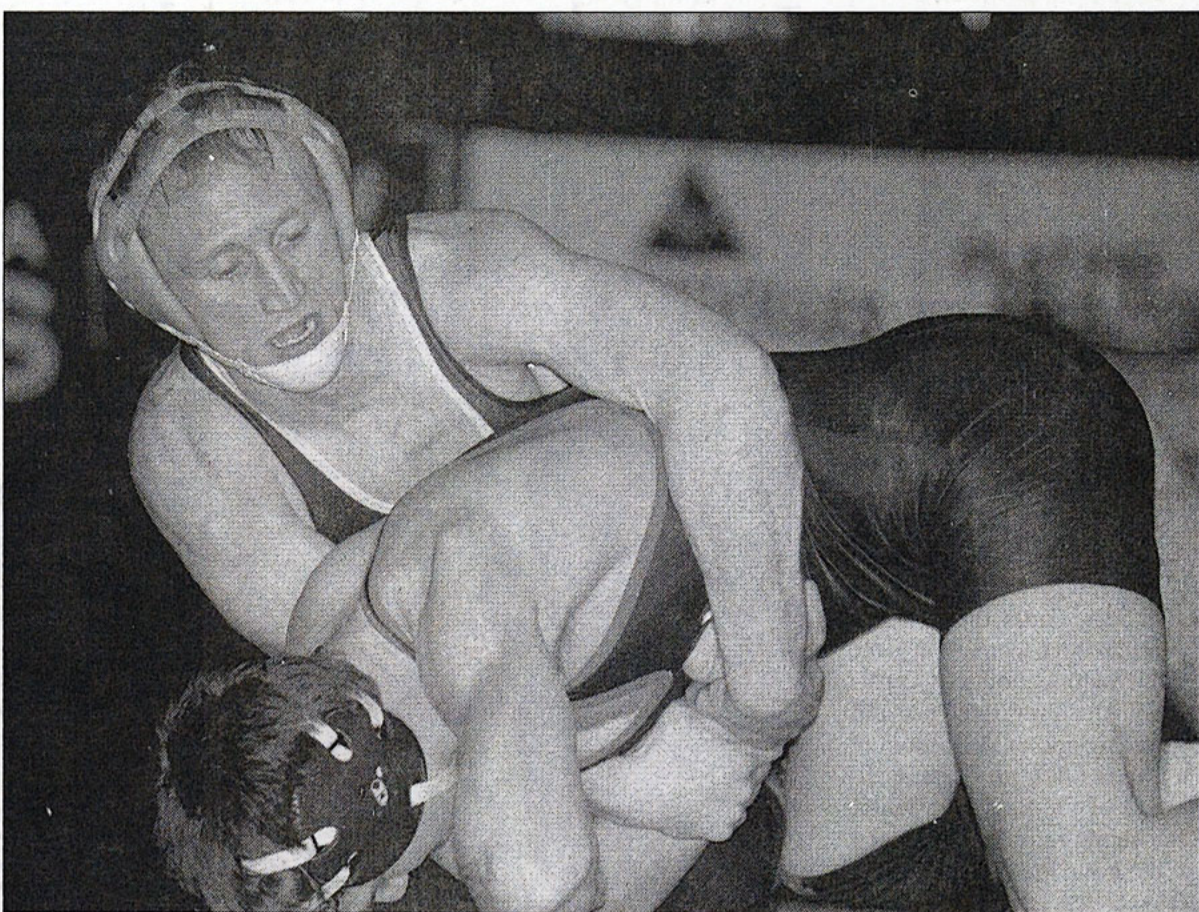
Watson had two takedowns and two near-falls in taking an 8-0 lead against Clark Driz before picking up his fifth pin of the season with 26 seconds left in the second period.

Henderson bumped up from 174 to 184 to fill in for injured starter Tanner Keck and got his third fall of the year just seven seconds ahead of the final buzzer. The senior standout led 3-1 in the final stages of the match before whipping Tyler Hasenbank to his back and getting the pin at 6:53.

Ferrell nearly pinned Steven Cooksley in the opening minute in grabbing a quick 5-0 lead and then stacked Cooksley up midway through the second period to end it at the 4:02 mark.

Graham had three near-falls and scored 12 unanswered points after falling behind 2-0 early to earn a 12-4 major decision, while Brooks had the lone takedown in a 4-0 victory and Dauphin two takedowns in a 5-2 triumph.

"We had a good dual season and



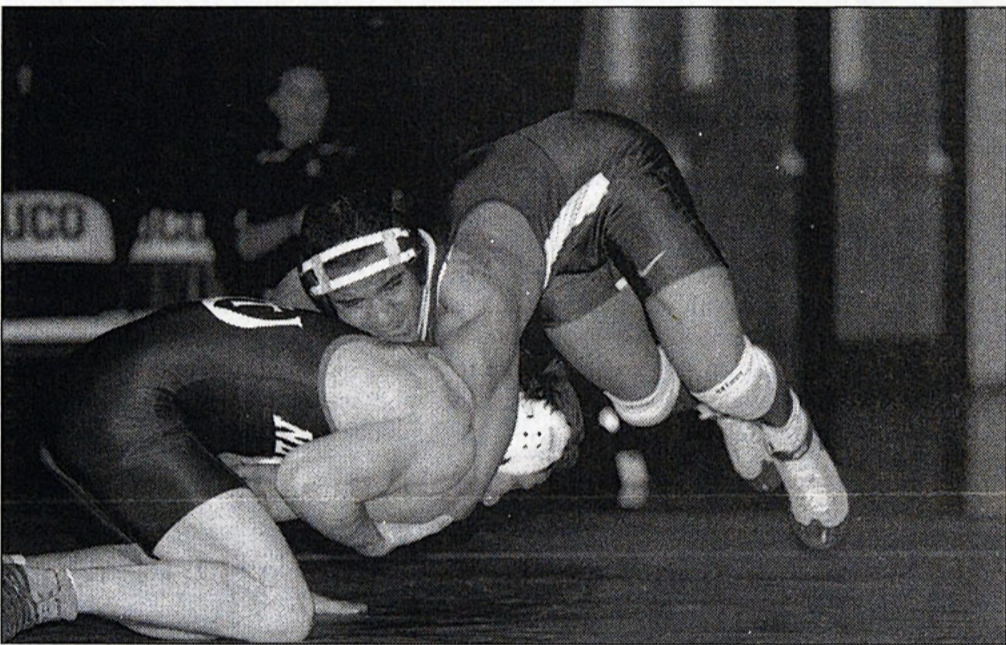
UCO senior Trison Graham wrestles against Aaron Engles of Newman University on Saturday, Feb. 16, 2013. Photo by Aliko Dyer, The Vista

it was nice to end it on such a positive note, but now we have to focus on getting ready for the regional," James said. "It's the most important event of the season and we've got to

be ready to go."

UCO travels to Ashland, Ohio next Saturday and Sunday for the NCAA Division II Super Regional Two Tournament. The top-four

placers at each weight advance to the NCAA Division II Wrestling Championships, set for March 8-9 in Birmingham, Ala



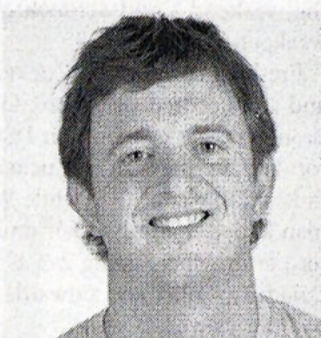
UCO junior Cory Dauphin wrestles against Colton Duhr of Newman University on Saturday, Feb. 16, 2013. Photo by Aliko Dyer, The Vista



UCO junior Jordan Basks wrestles against J.P. Carter of Newman University on Saturday, Feb. 16, 2013. Photo by Aliko Dyer, The Vista

Opinion

## Whitt-ness This: A Memory of Greatness



Whitt Carter

Staff Writer

It was March 14, 1998.

I had just seen the Spurs play a couple of days before. They beat the Kings handily, and the buzz was swirling around the team possibly contending for a Western Conference title. They were 42-20 at that point, and no one could stop the dominance that was David Robinson and the new guy Tim Duncan.

Enter the Chicago Bulls, the two-time defending NBA Champions, and Michael Jordan.

I don't remember a whole lot about the game. I was barely 7. We sat on the highest row of the Alamodome, heads almost resting against the rafters. The place was maxed out at almost 38,000 people, a record at the time.

I remember knowing more than a 7-year-old should about MJ, but it still wasn't enough to relish in the moment. I knew he was far and away the greatest. I knew watching him would be "cool" and "awesome," but I didn't realize the extent of the opportunity that I had in front of me, or far below me, I guess.

My uncle and my dad had gotten the tickets and surprised me, but I was somewhat bummed that we were so far away. We were far enough from the court that binoculars had to be used frequently, but I didn't mind that. For me, looking through them and watching basketball at the same time was its own little game.

Rodman's hair was glowing. I remember it being an array of colors, which helped iden-

tify him even from the top row. I remember wondering why no one was talking about his hair, because I thought it was the most amazing and strangest thing I'd ever seen.

I hardly remember anything about the game itself. I can somewhat remember everyone—even San Antonio fans—cheering when Michael scored or did something crazy. I was just trying to find him on the court through the binoculars, but I kept being distracted by Rodman's hair.

The only real thing I remember about the game is that the Bulls won. Of course, as a young boy who had been to a Spurs game only two nights before, I wanted San Antonio to win and was semi-crushed for half an hour. I'm sure I quickly got over it after some post-game ice cream, or something.

The clearest memory I have of the night was going back to my uncle's house after the game and watching the highlights. Of course I wanted to see if I had made it on TV, to which my mother of course replied something like "Yeah! We saw you guys all the way up there." Sure you did, Mom.

When we watched the highlights of the game, I remember seeing plays that I had seen through the binoculars. I only remember seeing a couple, but they were both Jordan and they were both vintage MJ.

As the months passed, I watched the playoffs and I remember seeing some of the Bulls/Jazz series and that dirty step back that Byron Russell never wants to relive, although he does monthly.

And as I watched those games and the run through the '98 Finals, I thought back to seeing him in person. I would constantly ask my dad why we weren't at the game, referring to the NBA Finals, a question that isn't too far-fetched for a 7-year-old.

He would remind me of our trip to San Antonio, when we saw "him" play, and I'd think back to sitting up high, looking through the binoculars, trying to catch a peek of something I'll never forget, even if it's hard to remember.

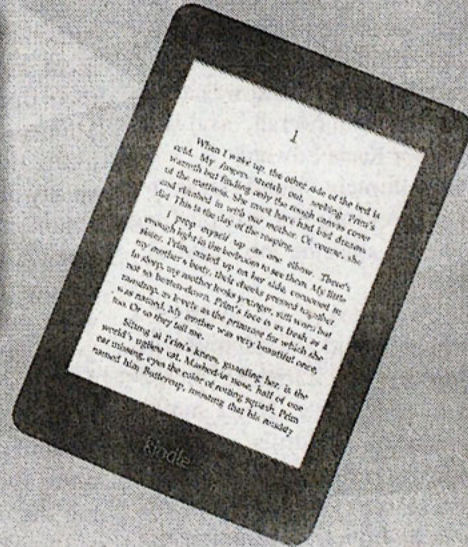
Michael Jordan.

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Baseball

# Bronchos open season on road

## Leone begins year three at the helm

Chris Brannick

Sports Editor

The UCO Baseball team opened their season on the road at last week's end, playing two games on Thursday and another on Friday in Bolivar, Mo. against the Southwest Baptist Bearcats. The Bronchos fell in both games on Thursday by a combined score of 16-2 but turned the tide on Friday with a 13-3 rout.

"It was good to get out there and compete," Dax Leone said. "It took a little while to get started."

Senior Edgar Lopez, the Broncho's ace, through three scoreless in game one while waiting for the UCO bats to get going. However, the bats did not get going and in the bottom of the fourth the Bearcats began inching ahead of the Bronchos. Junior Landon Young recorded the second hit of the game for SBU and ended Lopez's scoreless game.

"He threw well enough to win," Leone said. "They hit some balls that found some holes."

The Bearcats scored one run in the fourth, two in the fifth and their final two runs came in the sixth inning. UCO managed three hits in



UCO head coach Dax Leone talks with former Bronchos pitcher Danny Cartwright and Senior catcher Eric Garza in a game last season. The Vista Archives

their first game of the season and SBU went on to win 5-0.

In game two the Bronchos started the in a way they would have liked.

Junior Matt Johnson got a sacrifice fly in the top of the first and Tyler Crabtree scored the first run of the season for UCO.

"Matt's a good player," Leone said. "We need to get some guys hitting around him."

Junior Mason Justice, a mid-year transfer from Western Kentucky, took the mound for the Bronchos in the bottom of the first and proceeded to allow five hits and five runs in his only inning pitched on the day.

Southwest Baptist scored five runs in the first two innings and another five runs in the fifth and sixth innings. The Bronchos only managed one more on the day and would lose 11-2.

"Pitching was okay," Leone said.

The coach went on to say how the team would be relying on pitching this season and it would have to get better. UCO used five pitchers in their game-two loss.

Game three on Friday was a testament to response by the Bronchos.

"I think our guys, that's not what they expected," Leone said. "That says a lot about our club."

Leone referred to the 13-3 run-away victory for the Bronchos. UCO again scored in the first inning of the game and came again on an RBI from Johnson, who doubled to center field with one out and Crabtree on first. Southwest Baptist did respond themselves with a run scored in the bottom of the first to tie the game 1-1.

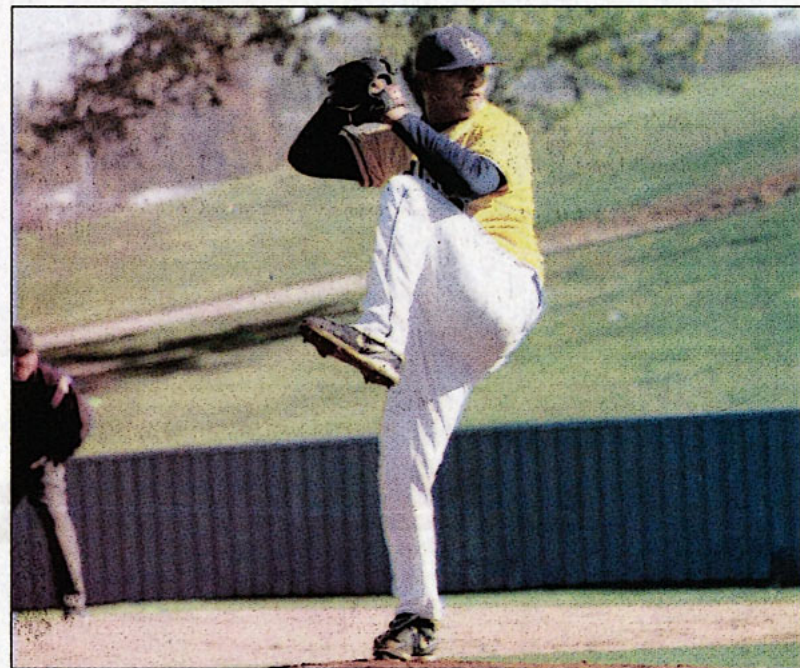
In the top of the fourth inning the Bronchos opened the game up with three runs. Johnson led the inning off with a single and Matt Malloy followed with the same. Wayne Henderson and Eric Garza also got singles for the Bronchos in the inning that saw three runs cross the plate.

Ryan Miller started for the Bronchos and finished with 4.1 innings pitched, five strikeouts and three earned runs allowed.

UCO travels to Pittsburg, Ks. this week for a Wednesday doubleheader against the Gorillas before welcoming Fort Hays State to Wendall Simmons Field on Saturday for the team's home-opener, another doubleheader.

### This week for the Bronchos

2/22 Emporia State	1 p.m.	2/23 Cameron	12:15 p.m.
2/22 SW Minn. State	2:30 p.m.	2/24 West Texas	2 p.m.



A UCO Baseball player pitches in a game last season. The Vista Archives

Softball

# Softball brings home Silver Bracket Title



UCO head coach Genny Stidham talks with the team last season. The Vista Archives

Sam Philbeck

Contributing Writer

No. 16-ranked Central Oklahoma claimed the Silver Bracket title this past weekend in the Division-II NFCA Leadoff Classic.

"I think this weekend was a success for the team overall," said slugger senior Kacie Edwards.

"We definitely found areas we need to work on, but our pitching staff did an amazing job," said Edwards.

The Bronchos (7-3), went 4-2 over the weekend with all four wins coming over top 25 teams, including a huge win over No. 2-ranked University of California - San Diego, the team that sent them home in last season's World Series, one game away from the championship.

UCO entered the tournament on Friday 3-1 following a strong season open performance in the Whit-

ten Inn Classic in Abilene, Texas the weekend before.

The Bronchos opened the four-game guaranteed tournament against three top 25-ranked teams.

The Bronchos scored only one run on their first day of the tournament, but split their games winning their opener against No. 6-ranked Minnesota State Mankato 1-0 and losing their final game 3-0 to University of Missouri - St. Louis.

Junior transfer Kalynn Schrock threw a complete game five hitter, striking out ten Mavericks batters, while only allowing two Mavericks to get past second base the entire game.

Freshman second baseman Ally Dziadula continued her hot hitting from the past weekend delivering the only run of the game and of the day on an RBI double in the top of the third inning scoring junior shortstop Hannah Justus, who reached on an error and stole sec-

ond before being knocked in by Dziadula.

The one run was enough for the Bronchos behind Schrock's fantastic performance.

"That day (Friday) everything was working. I feel like we were able to keep changing speeds, height so they never knew what was coming which was helpful and anything they hit I had great defense behind me," said Schrock.

The Bronchos ended their Friday action with a 3-0 loss against the University of Missouri - St. Louis.

The Bronchos offense was shut down by the Triton freshman pitcher Hannah Perryman, who only allowed three hits over seven innings striking out ten Broncho hitters.

The Bronchos had their opportunities twice with the bases loaded, but were unable to capitalize.

Saturday's competition was the toughest ranking wise going against two top 10-teams, but the Bronchos weren't phased playing well in both games, but split the games losing their opener against No. 8-ranked Augustana 4-3, but ran ruled the No. 2-ranked UC - San Diego 8-0.

Against the Augies, the Bronchos played a hard fought nine inning-game taking the lead in the top ninth at 3-2, but the Augies scored two in their final at-bat to take the lead and win.

Freshman catcher Toni Collet led the way for the Bronchos with a 3-4 performance against the No. 8-ranked Augies. Edwards and Justus also added multiple hit performances in the game with Edwards going 2-3 and Justus going 2-4.

In the final game, the Bronchos came out fired up and it showed in their 8-0 run rule of No. 2-ranked UC-San Diego the team that knocked them out of the Division-II College World Series just two outs

away from reaching the championship.

This was a game the Bronchos had circled on their schedule.

"The revenge was definitely good. It's something our team has been working on all year," said Edwards.

The Bronchos jumped on the Tritons early with three runs in the first two innings with a two-run double by sophomore transfer Nicole Workman and an RBI single by freshman outfielder Sam Cool. The freshman wasn't done though, she later added a two-run home run in the fifth inning to push it to 8-0 and end the game and gave the Bronchos some revenge against the Tritons.

The Bronchos were also led by strong pitching, with junior Amanda McClelland pitching three scoreless innings giving up just six hits and striking out one Triton batter. Schrock then finished the rest of the game with two scoreless innings, giving up only two hits and striking out five batters.

The Bronchos finished with eight hits in the game. Along with Workman and Cool, junior first baseman Hayley Hudson and Edwards each added two hit performances with Hudson also knocking in two RBIs for the Bronchos.

Going 2-2 on Friday and Saturday, the Bronchos were put into the Silver Bracket of the NFCA classic and finished the day with the bracket title with a pair of one run wins against No. 25-ranked Dixie State and a rematch against No. 8-ranked Augustana.

What seemed like an occurring theme throughout the tournament, Schrock once again pitched another stellar game going all seven innings, giving up only one run, while striking out eight.

"I feel like I played pretty well

this weekend. There are a few things I need to work on, but for the most part I feel pretty good about the weekend," said Schrock of her weekend performance.

Freshman Brooke Zuckerman and Cool scored both runs for the Bronchos that came on an DSU error late in the game. Zuckerman finished the game 2-3, while Workman added the only other multiple hit performance, going 2-3 as well. Dziadula, Collet and Edwards each had hits as well.

The Bronchos finished the tournament with a rematch against Augustana, a team that beat them on Saturday. That wasn't the case in this game.

The Augies jumped out to an early 4-1 lead, but Workman pulled the Bronchos back within one on a two-run home run in the third inning. The Bronchos scored their final two runs on a fielder's choice and hit by pitch.

Schrock closed out the final three innings to pick up the win. The Choctaw native gave up no runs and closed out the Bronchos giving them the title.

The Bronchos come home and host the UCO Softball Classic. This will be the Bronchos home debut, as they've played all of their first ten games on the road.

The Bronchos will go against MIAA opponent Emporia State, Southwest Minnesota State University on Friday and close out the classic on Saturday going against Cameron University and West Texas A&M University.

"Our goal is to defend our home field to the best of our ability," said Edwards about returning home and facing the opponents in the UCO classic.

The Bronchos first game will be at noon at Broncho Softball Field.