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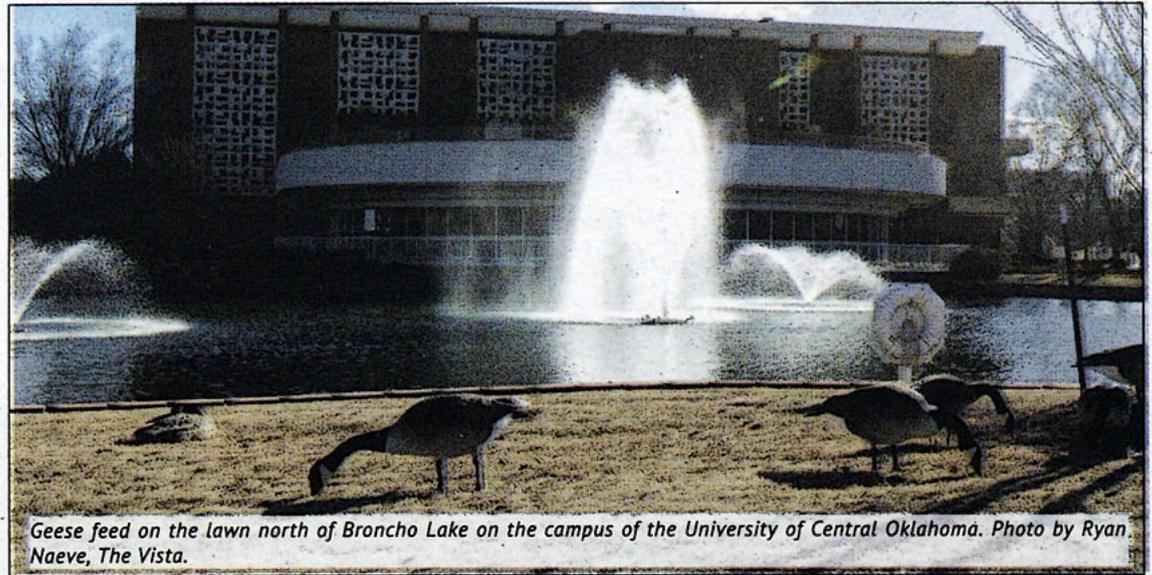
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Geese feed on the lawn north of Broncho Lake on the campus of the University of Central Oklahoma. Photo by Ryan Naeve, *The Vista*.

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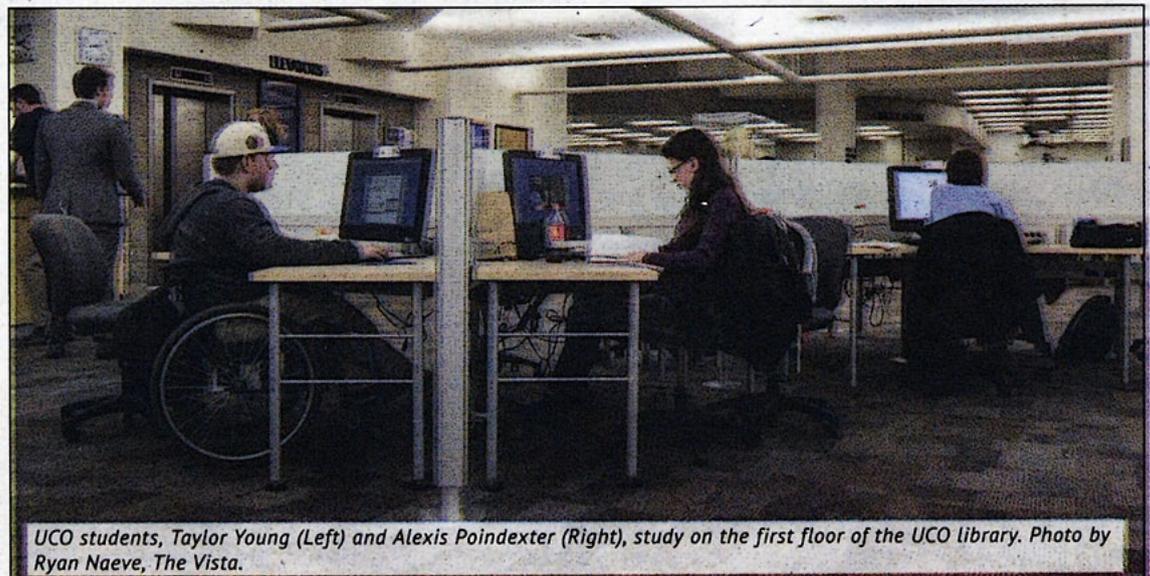
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## ON THE COVER

*UCO opened its new Downtown facility this semester for classes this semester. The facility, located in the lower level of the Carnegie Centre at 131 Dean A. McGee Ave, gives students an opportunity to earn their UCO degree while in the heart of Downtown OKC.*

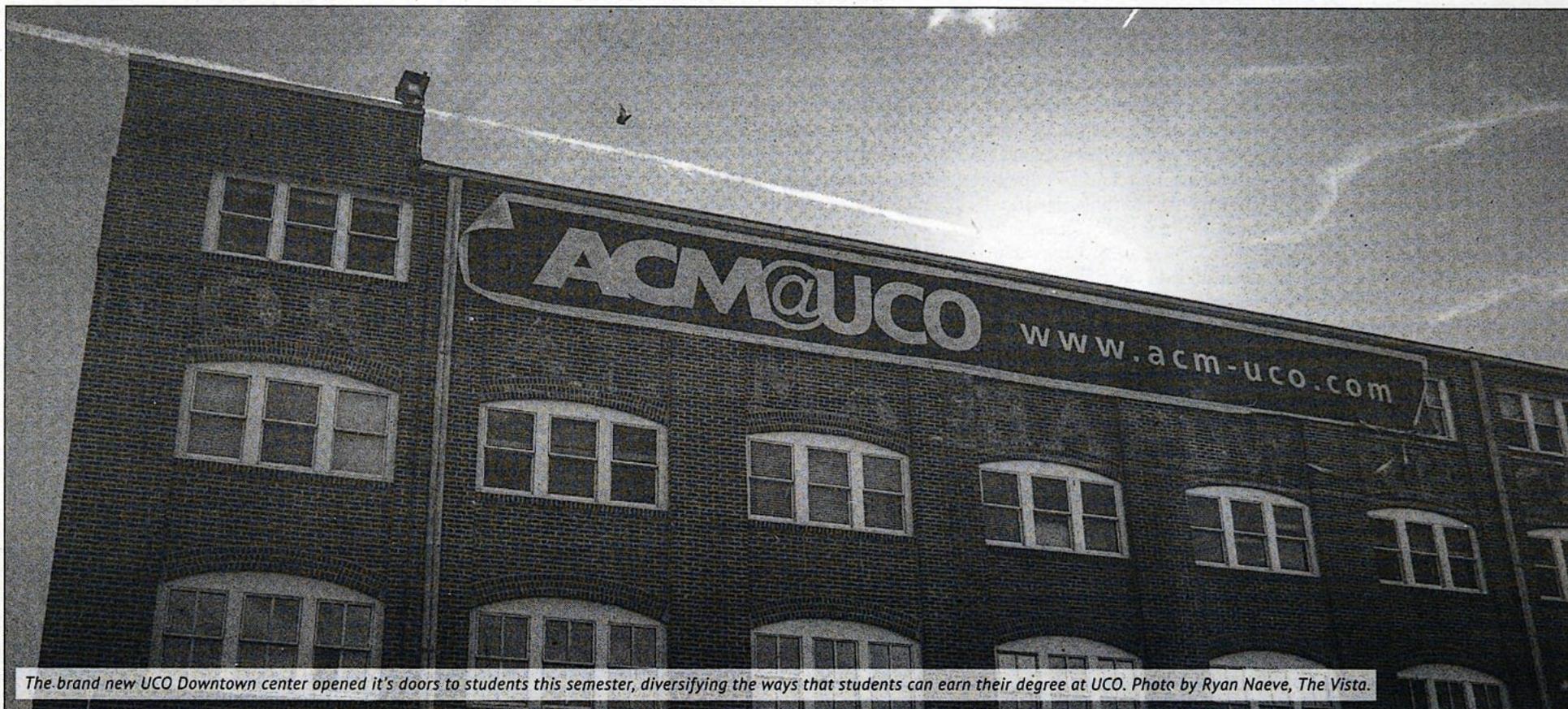


UCO students, Taylor Young (Left) and Alexis Poindexter (Right), study on the first floor of the UCO library. Photo by Ryan Naeve, *The Vista*.

# UCO starts classes at new downtown facility

Lindsay Todd

Contributing Writer



The brand new UCO Downtown center opened its doors to students this semester, diversifying the ways that students can earn their degree at UCO. Photo by Ryan Naeve, The Vista.

UCO Downtown opened its doors to students for the first time Jan. 12 by offering classes of varied subjects. The facility, located in downtown Oklahoma City in the lower level of the Carnegie Centre at 131 Dean A. McGee Ave, gives students the

opportunity to receive their education in the OKC area.

“The university’s strategy for the first semester of classes at UCO Downtown focuses on both the working professional interested in a graduate degree, and expand-

ing sections of popular classes that could fulfill requirements for a variety of majors,” stated Adrienne Nobles, assistant vice president for University Relations of UCO.

The classes provided at this new facility include basics such as General Biology, College Algebra and History of the US Since 1877. Other classes include subjects over design, education administration, music and political science.

This wide variety of subjects is geared to accommodate the needs of any student interested in attending classes at the new facility.

“Classes at UCO Downtown would be so much more convenient for me because I live in Moore. It would cut my driving time in half, as well as my gas bill, and it would get me home earlier from the night scheduled classes I usually sign up for,” stated Amanda Olstad, a UCO student.

“The university will also work through its Center for eLearning and Customized

Education to build partnerships with downtown businesses to offer non-credit courses, certificates and conferences at UCO Downtown,” Nobles stated. “Businesses can build customized education offerings exclusively for their employees or participate in the non-credit courses available to the public.”

Anyone interested in enrolling in the for-credit classes offered at UCO Downtown who is not currently a UCO student will need to apply for admission.

For more information about enrolling in UCO Downtown spring 2015 for-credit classes, visit [www.uco.edu/ucodowntown](http://www.uco.edu/ucodowntown). The classes that will be offered at this facility will have OKCCAR as the location code on the class schedule. For a full list of classes available for the spring 2015 semester visit <http://www.uco.edu/em/become-a-broncho/offices/uco-downtown/available-classes.asp>.



# UCO receives recognition from Carnegie Foundation for community engagement

Quella Omena

Managing Editor

UCO's community impact with the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching earned the foundation's 2015 Community Engagement Classification.

The Carnegie Foundation seeks to advance the performance of educational systems by building their capacity to improve. They have been recognizing and describing institutional diversity of higher education for over four decades in the U.S.

Since 1970, the Carnegie Commission on Higher Education created a classification of colleges and universities to support its program of research. The

classification contains six parallel classifications which are Basic Classification, Undergraduate and Graduate Instruction Program classifications, Enrollment Profile and Undergraduate Profile classifications, and size and setting classification. These six divisions help the foundation to research and classify schools more precisely.

The Community Engagement Classification illustrates the collaboration and partnership between institutions of higher education and their communities for the embrace of knowledge and resources.

"As a metropolitan university, we have opportunities to develop

unique partnerships that allow both our students and the surrounding community to thrive. This recognition from the Carnegie Foundation further validates the importance of cultivating relationships with our community," said UCO's President, Don Betz.

Carnegie hopes to help students improve their science knowledge, and educate them about daily life. The foundation guide students to deep understand problems, by discipline methods of improvement.

An Executive Director of Experiential Learning at Central, Sharra Hynes, Ph.D., said these partnerships will help the uni-

versity's impact for programs in the community such as the UCO Endeavor Games, the Broadway Tonight performing arts series, the Drama Camp Series, the Oklahoma High School Dance Festival and the Urban Teacher Preparing Academy.

"Our community engagement programs are just as important to our student as the education they receive in the classroom. Our students are transformed by the opportunity to make a lasting impact in the community through these programs. This sticks with them, and can lead to a lifetime of civic engagement for a student no

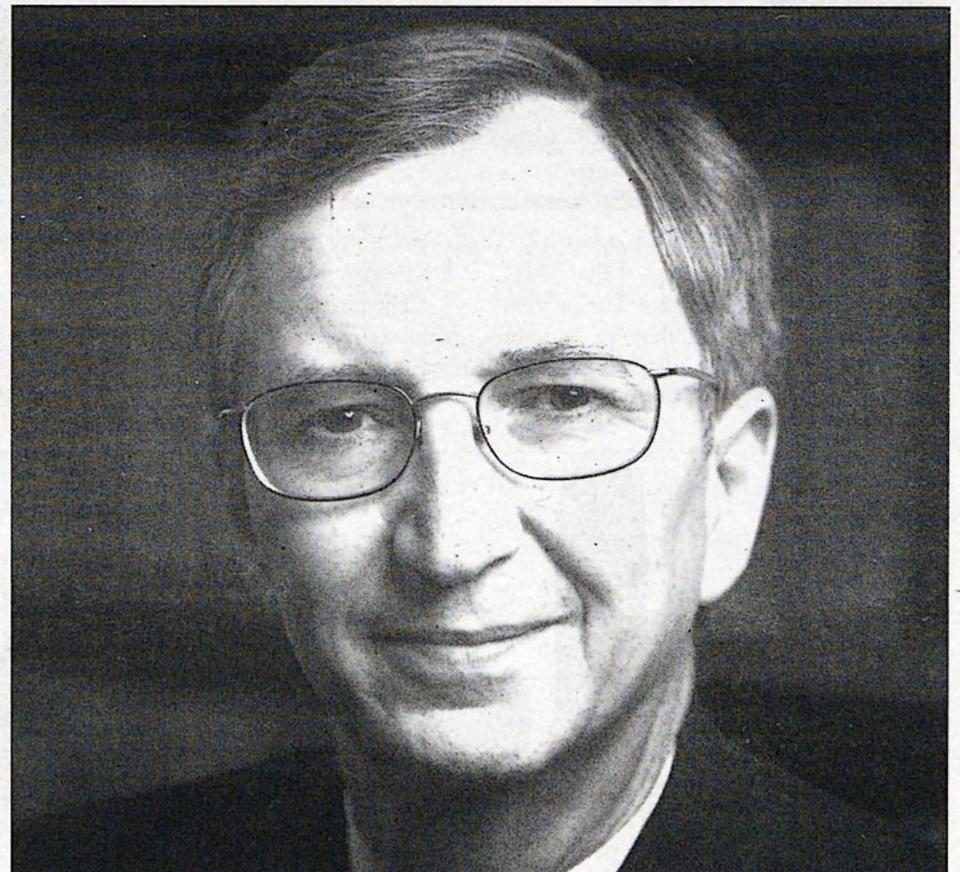
matter where they live or work," Hynes added.

An effort of 13 members of the university faculty and staff, chaired by Hynes and Janelle Grellner, Ph.D., professor of psychology, led the school to complete the foundation's two-year application process. The Community Engagement Classification will be retained for a period of ten years, after which the University of Central Oklahoma apply for a new re-classification.

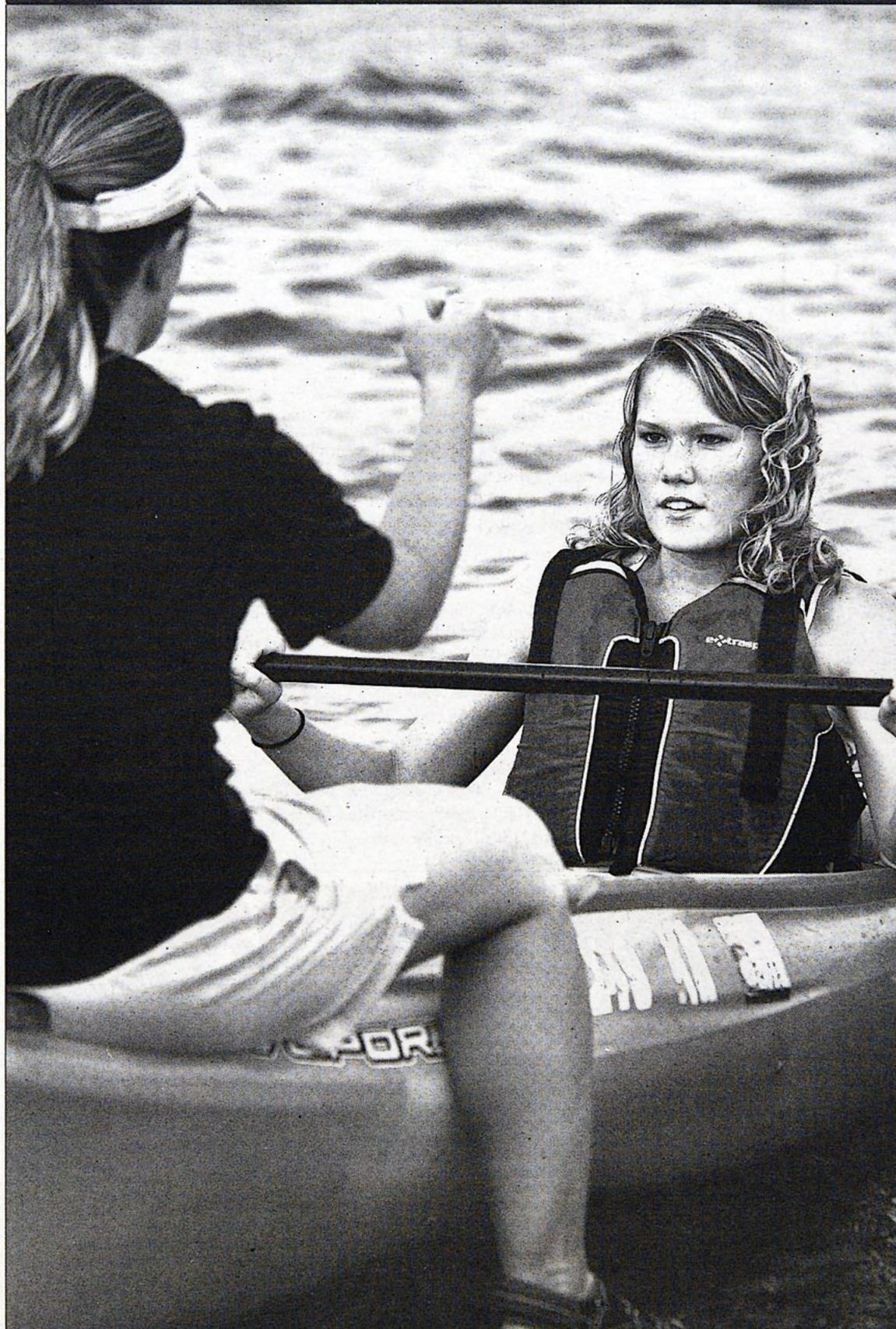
For more information about the Carnegie Foundation Community Engagement Classification, please visit [www.carnegieclassifications.iu.edu](http://www.carnegieclassifications.iu.edu).



The seal of the Carnegie Foundation's Community Engagement classification; an award given to only 82 colleges and universities nationwide. Photo provided.



The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching's president Anthony S. Byrk. Photo taken from [www.CarnegieFoundation.org](http://www.CarnegieFoundation.org).



UCO maintained its status as a Certified Healthy Campus for the fifth consecutive year, recognizing Central's efforts to promote health and wellness through initiatives like university's Center for Outdoor Adventure Recreation located on Lake Arcadia. Pictured, a UCO student receives instruction on proper kayaking technique. Photo provided by the Office of University Relations.

## UCO designated "Certified Healthy Campus"

Lindsay Thomas

UCO Office of University Relations

The University of Central Oklahoma maintained its status as a Certified Healthy Campus for the fifth consecutive year, recognizing the university's efforts to promote health and wellness among its students, faculty and staff.

A part of the "Shape Your Future" campaign driven by the Oklahoma State Department of Health, Central was awarded the highest level of certification, garnering the excellence designation. The program recognizes public and private campuses and career technology centers that make a positive impact on the health of their communities.

"UCO has earned this certification each year since its inception, and we are proud to have the university's efforts toward a healthier campus and community recognized," said Mark Herrin, assistant vice president of Wellness and Sport at Central.

"Health and learning are interconnected, and with that in mind, wellness is one of the six tenets of the transformative learning focus at Central. An emphasis on a healthy mind and body puts our students, faculty and staff in a position to be their best."

Central is one of only two universities in the nation designated as an Olympic and Paralympic training site, hosting the national Men's and Women's Sitting Volleyball teams along with athletes training in Paralympic archery, powerlifting, track and field, and the Olympic sport of taekwondo.

The UCO Wellness Center serves as the hub for the university's health initiatives that extend well beyond Olympic training. The campus community can participate in fitness classes, personal training or climb the outdoor rock wall. The facility also houses the Mercy Clinic at UCO.

Wellness staff also lead the Student Counseling Center, health promotion programming, intramurals, sport clubs, adventure programs like the ULEAD Challenge Course, the Oklahoma Project Wild, the tobacco-free campus and peer health leaders initiatives, and more. Activities extend to the university's Center for Outdoor Adventure Recreation located on Lake Arcadia, which houses the university's fleet of kayaks, canoes, stand-up paddleboards and mountain bikes for both rentals and one-on-one or group instruction.

In April, UCO will celebrate the grand opening of the CHK|Central Boathouse on the Oklahoma River. It will be home to the university's women's rowing team.

For more information on the "Shape Your Future" campaign and the Certified Healthy Oklahoma awards ceremony on Feb. 4 where certified businesses and campuses will be recognized, visit [www.ok.gov/health](http://www.ok.gov/health).

For more information on Central's health and wellness programs, visit [www.ucowellness-center.com](http://www.ucowellness-center.com).

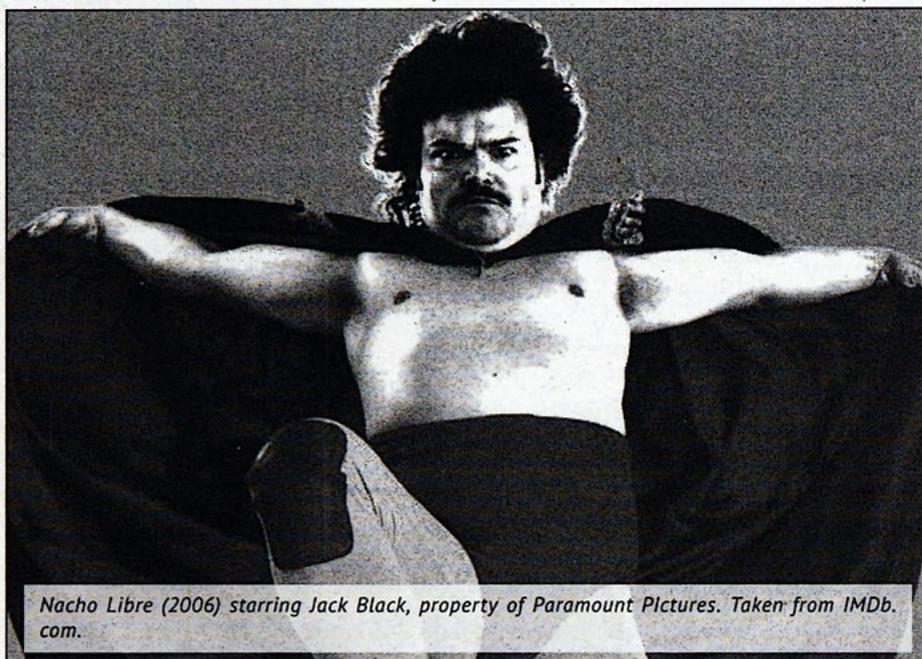
# What to binge watch on Netflix this semester

## NEXT EPISODE PLAYING IN...

Lauren Capraro

Staff Writer

Netflix binge-watching is sure to be in full swing this semester. Here are some currently-streaming Netflix titles sure to combat any stressful day. Some titles to look for coming out in February are Scary Movie 5, RoboCop, Hawaii 5-0, Gimme Shelter, King Arthur and a new season of House of Cards.



*Nacho Libre (2006) starring Jack Black, property of Paramount Pictures. Taken from IMDb.com.*

## Comedies

**Mean Girls-** Quickly becoming a comedy classic, this movie about catty cliques in high school stars Lindsay Lohan, Rachel McAdams, and Tina Fey. It has a ridiculous amount of quotable moments. For die-hard Lindsay Lohan fans, check out Freaky Friday as well.

**Ferris Bueller's Day Off-** Even though this 80's legend has been on Netflix for a while, watching it again won't disappoint. Ditching school in a Ferrari appeals to just about everyone. IF you're in the mood for more 80's movies, try The Breakfast Club.

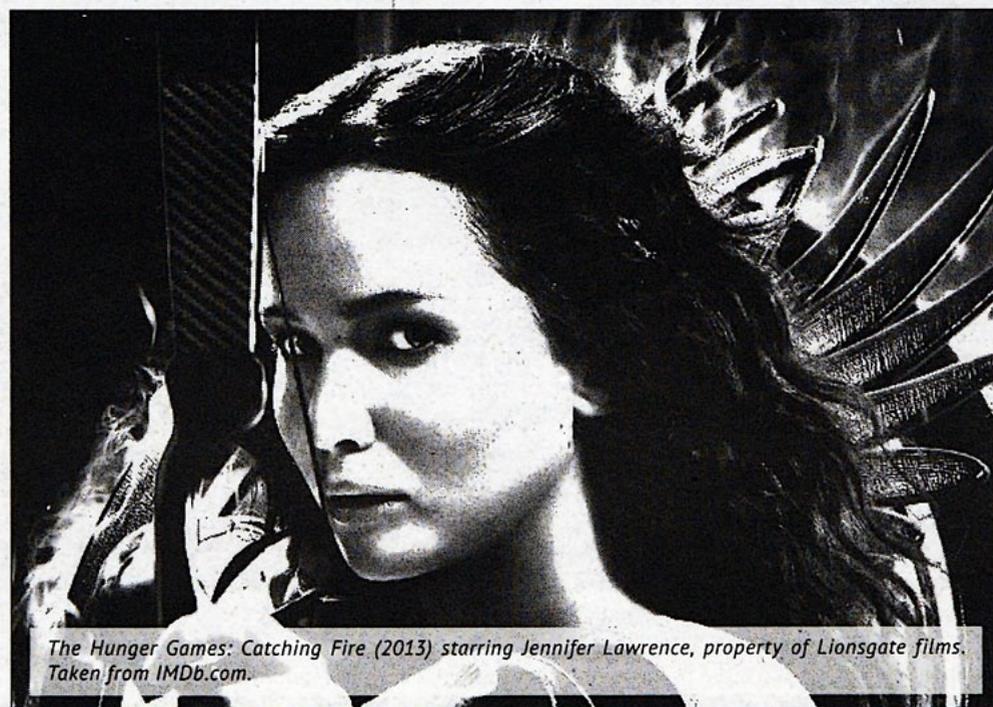
**Nacho Libre-** Jack Black's eccentric performance as a monastery cook turned Luchador-style wrestler is as crazy as it sounds. With the same director as the cult-classic Napoleon Dynamite, this movie is full of slap-stick comedy moments. Love Jack Black? School of Rock is also currently streaming on Netflix.

## Dramas

**Catching Fire-** The books that swept the nation are on the big screen with Jennifer Lawrence portraying the main character, Katniss. The first part of Mockingjay was already in theaters and the conclusion is set to open in November. Having the second movie of this series being on Netflix is a sure way to excite any Hunger Games fanatic.

**Forrest Gump-** From fighting in Vietnam to pingpong competitions, this movie follows the adventures of an unintelligent, yet wise, man portrayed by Tom Hanks. The film received critical acclaim and became a commercial success as the top grossing film in North America during its release year, and won many awards during its theatrical run.

**Castaway-** Experience another Tom Hanks classic as he portrays a FedEx employee stranded on an island in this 2000 drama. The film was a critical and commercial success which led to Hanks being nominated for Best Actor in a Leading Role at the 73rd Academy Awards for his performance.



*The Hunger Games: Catching Fire (2013) starring Jennifer Lawrence, property of Lionsgate films. Taken from IMDb.com.*



*The Emperor's New Groove (2000) starring the voice of David Spade, property of Walt Disney Pictures. Taken from IMDb.com.*

## Animated Films

**Lilo and Stitch-** This Disney crowd-pleaser is about a Hawaiian girl who adopts what she thinks is a puppy, but it turns out to be an extra-terrestrial. With several Elvis songs played on ukulele and a surfing alien, this is definitely a feel-good film.

**The Emperor's New Groove-** This film is about an emperor that gets turned into a llama by his ex-administrator, and must now regain his throne with the help of a gentle llama herder. This movie is the only Disney movie that stars a llama and stars two of Disney's greatest villains -- Yzma and Kronk.

## Non-Fiction

# Non-fiction

**National Geographic's Lewis and Clark: The Great Journey West-** This title is for the movie-watcher that wants something a bit different. National Geographic brought the epic journey of Lewis and Clark to life by showing their trek throughout the land that would one day become The United States.

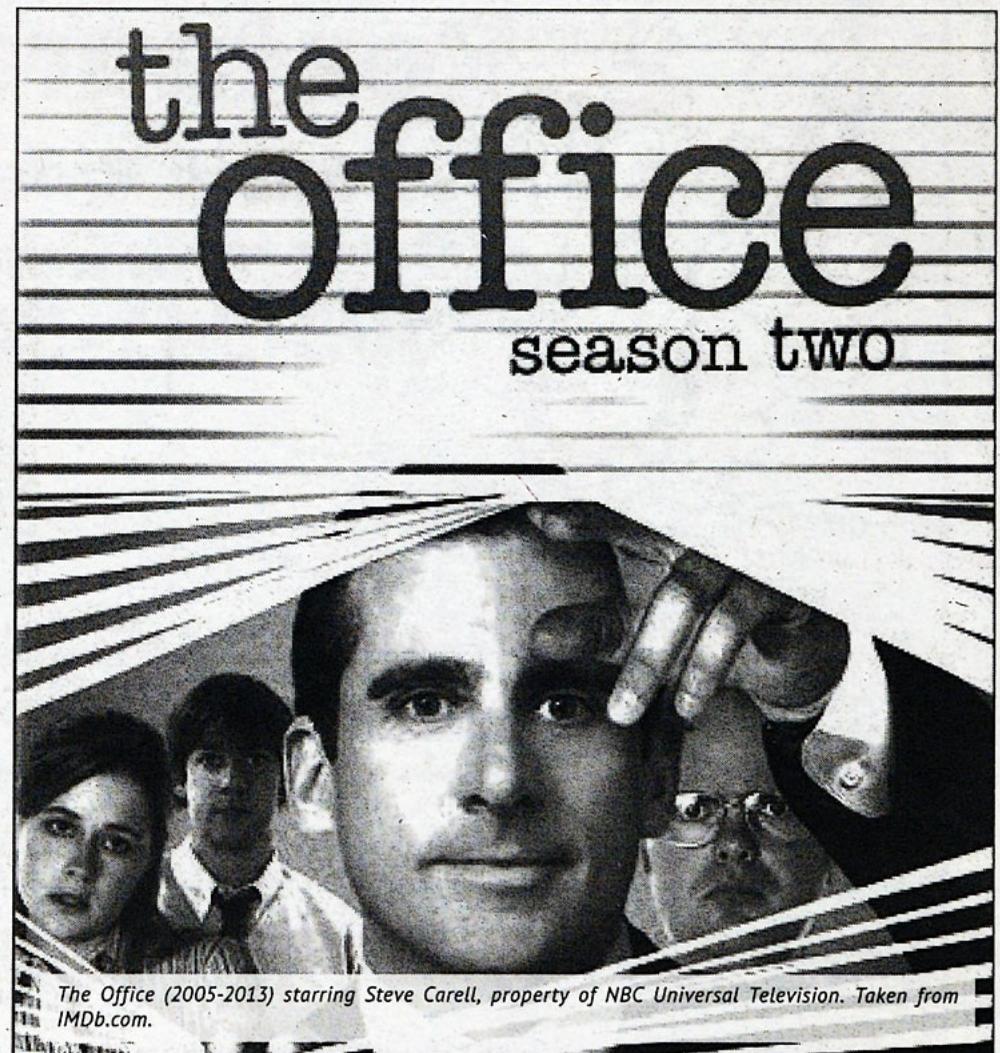
**Food, INC.-** This controversial documentary uncovers the way America's food is processed. The ugly facts of animal mistreatment, food contamination and government collusion are covered up by a secretive industry that wouldn't talk to the filmmakers or let the interiors of their chicken farms, cattle ranches, slaughterhouses and meat packing plants be filmed. Informative without being boring, it has a way of changing the way people think about their food.

# Television Shows

**The Office-** All nine seasons of this comedy sitcom are available to stream. The story follows the lives of Dunder Mifflin Paper Company employees with a documentary-style look at the humorous, and sometimes poignant, foolishness that plagues office life.

**Breaking Bad-** For days when comedies aren't appealing, Breaking Bad fills the void. A high school chemistry teacher dying of cancer teams with a former student to secure his family's future by manufacturing and selling crystal meth. If you like television dramas try Orange is the New Black.

**Friends-** After a lot of buzz about Friends being available on Netflix in 2015, the dreams of many were fulfilled. The comedy Series is about six friends living in Manhattan and the struggle to find success and happiness in life. The show ranked no. 21 on TV Guide's 50 Greatest TV Shows of All Time, and no. 7 on Empire magazine's 50 Greatest TV Shows of All Time.



*The Office (2005-2013) starring Steve Carell, property of NBC Universal Television. Taken from IMDb.com.*

# Cowgirls Compete for Miss Rodeo U.S.A.

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### Austin Rabon

Staff Writer

Cowgirls from all across America travelled to the State Fair Arena in Oklahoma City last week to compete in the Miss USA Rodeo Pageant that took place during the International Finals Rodeo.

The Miss Rodeo USA pageant is not your typical beauty pageant. There is no bikini contest or talent contest.

This pageant takes place in a dirt arena with cowgirls and horses. This year, 14 women competed to become the next Miss Rodeo USA.

"The Miss Rodeo USA Association has a vibrant history and a visionary future. Years ago, a group of cowboys recognized the need to have a beautiful representative promote the sport of rodeo across the country," said Lisa Lance, director of Miss Rodeo USA.

The objective of the Miss Rodeo USA Pageant is to select a national representative for the International Professional Rodeo Association, its sponsors and supporters.

"Miss Rodeo USA is unique in that you do not have to win a state title to participate in our National Pageant. Participants may represent organizations such as a local or state rodeo, a rodeo sponsor, a stock contractor, a county fair, or any similar organization," Lance said.

Jessica Hartson, winner of the 2015 Miss Rodeo USA,

will serve as the official ambassador for the International Pro Rodeo Association.

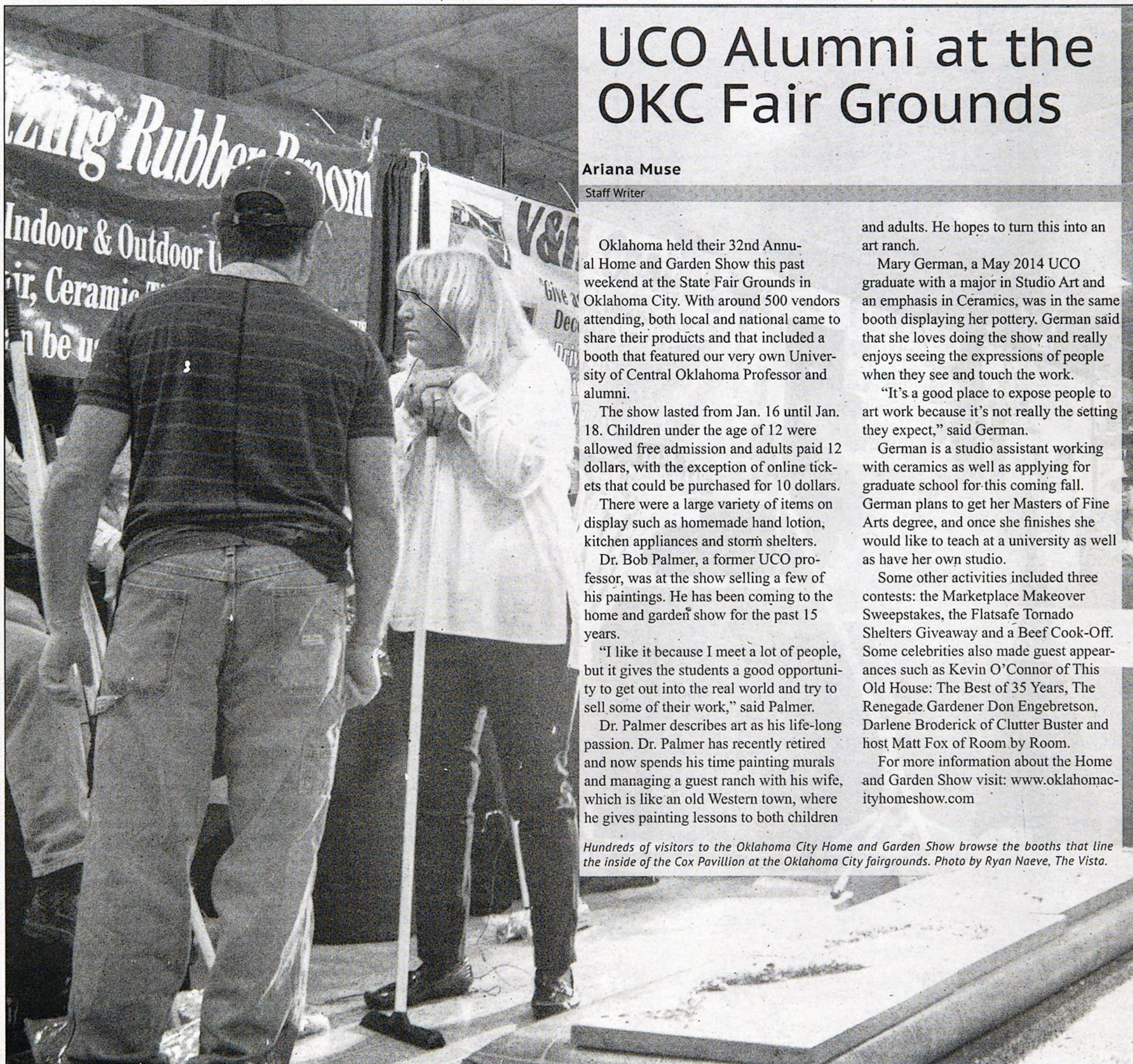
"Miss Rodeo America embodies everything I have strived to become in life," Hartson said in an interview with Wrangler.

To become a contestant in the pageant, the women must be between the ages of 18-26, single and be a United States Citizen. The judging consists of horsemanship, public speaking, personality, appearance and a written test.

"The ability to promote the sport of rodeo and to become an advocate for kindness in our community and throughout the US is an opportunity of a lifetime," said Hartson.

Oklahoma is home to the Cowboy Hall of Fame along with having the legacy of being home to many great cowboys. It is only fitting that Miss Rodeo USA be crowned right here in the heart of Oklahoma.

Lance said, "The Association looks forward to making the next 50 years as memorable as the wonderful history of the Pageant and the wonderful young women who have represented both the Miss Rodeo USA Pageant and the International Pro Rodeo Association."



## UCO Alumni at the OKC Fair Grounds

Ariana Muse

Staff Writer

Oklahoma held their 32nd Annual Home and Garden Show this past weekend at the State Fair Grounds in Oklahoma City. With around 500 vendors attending, both local and national came to share their products and that included a booth that featured our very own University of Central Oklahoma Professor and alumni.

The show lasted from Jan. 16 until Jan. 18. Children under the age of 12 were allowed free admission and adults paid 12 dollars, with the exception of online tickets that could be purchased for 10 dollars.

There were a large variety of items on display such as homemade hand lotion, kitchen appliances and storm shelters.

Dr. Bob Palmer, a former UCO professor, was at the show selling a few of his paintings. He has been coming to the home and garden show for the past 15 years.

"I like it because I meet a lot of people, but it gives the students a good opportunity to get out into the real world and try to sell some of their work," said Palmer.

Dr. Palmer describes art as his life-long passion. Dr. Palmer has recently retired and now spends his time painting murals and managing a guest ranch with his wife, which is like an old Western town, where he gives painting lessons to both children

and adults. He hopes to turn this into an art ranch.

Mary German, a May 2014 UCO graduate with a major in Studio Art and an emphasis in Ceramics, was in the same booth displaying her pottery. German said that she loves doing the show and really enjoys seeing the expressions of people when they see and touch the work.

"It's a good place to expose people to art work because it's not really the setting they expect," said German.

German is a studio assistant working with ceramics as well as applying for graduate school for this coming fall. German plans to get her Masters of Fine Arts degree, and once she finishes she would like to teach at a university as well as have her own studio.

Some other activities included three contests: the Marketplace Makeover Sweepstakes, the Flatsafe Tornado Shelters Giveaway and a Beef Cook-Off. Some celebrities also made guest appearances such as Kevin O'Connor of This Old House: The Best of 35 Years, The Renegade Gardener Don Engebretson, Darlene Broderick of Clutter Buster and host Matt Fox of Room by Room.

For more information about the Home and Garden Show visit: [www.oklahomacityhomeshow.com](http://www.oklahomacityhomeshow.com)

*Hundreds of visitors to the Oklahoma City Home and Garden Show browse the booths that line the inside of the Cox Pavillion at the Oklahoma City fairgrounds. Photo by Ryan Naeve, The Vista.*

# Shooting in Hospital leads to tragedy

Philip Marcelo

Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — Administrators and staff at a leading Boston hospital are mourning the death of a cardiac surgeon who was fatally shot at the hospital by a man who then killed himself.

Officials at Brigham and Women's Hospital said Dr. Michael J. Davidson, director of endovascular cardiac surgery, died late Tuesday after being shot around 11 a.m.

"Dr. Davidson was a wonderful and inspiring cardiac surgeon who devoted his career to saving lives and improving the quality of life of every patient he cared for," said a statement issued by the hospital, which is affiliated with Harvard Medical School. "It is truly devastating that his own life was taken in this horrible manner."

The hospital's logo flag was lowered to half-staff during a Wednesday morning ceremony to honor Davidson.

Police said Stephen Pasceri, 55, entered the hospital Tuesday morning and specifically requested the doctor.

Pasceri, of Millbury, shot the doctor twice just outside an examination room on the second floor of the Carl J. and Ruth Shapiro Cardiovascular Center; he then turned the gun on himself, police said.

Boston Police Commissioner William Evans said officers con-

ducting a room-by-room search found the gunman dead in an exam room with the weapon.

Police said Pasceri wasn't a patient of the doctor's and they didn't specify a motive for the shootings.

Boston Mayor Martin J. Walsh said he was "deeply saddened" by Davidson's death. "This tragedy is the result of a senseless act of violence that has no place in our City," he said in a statement early Wednesday.

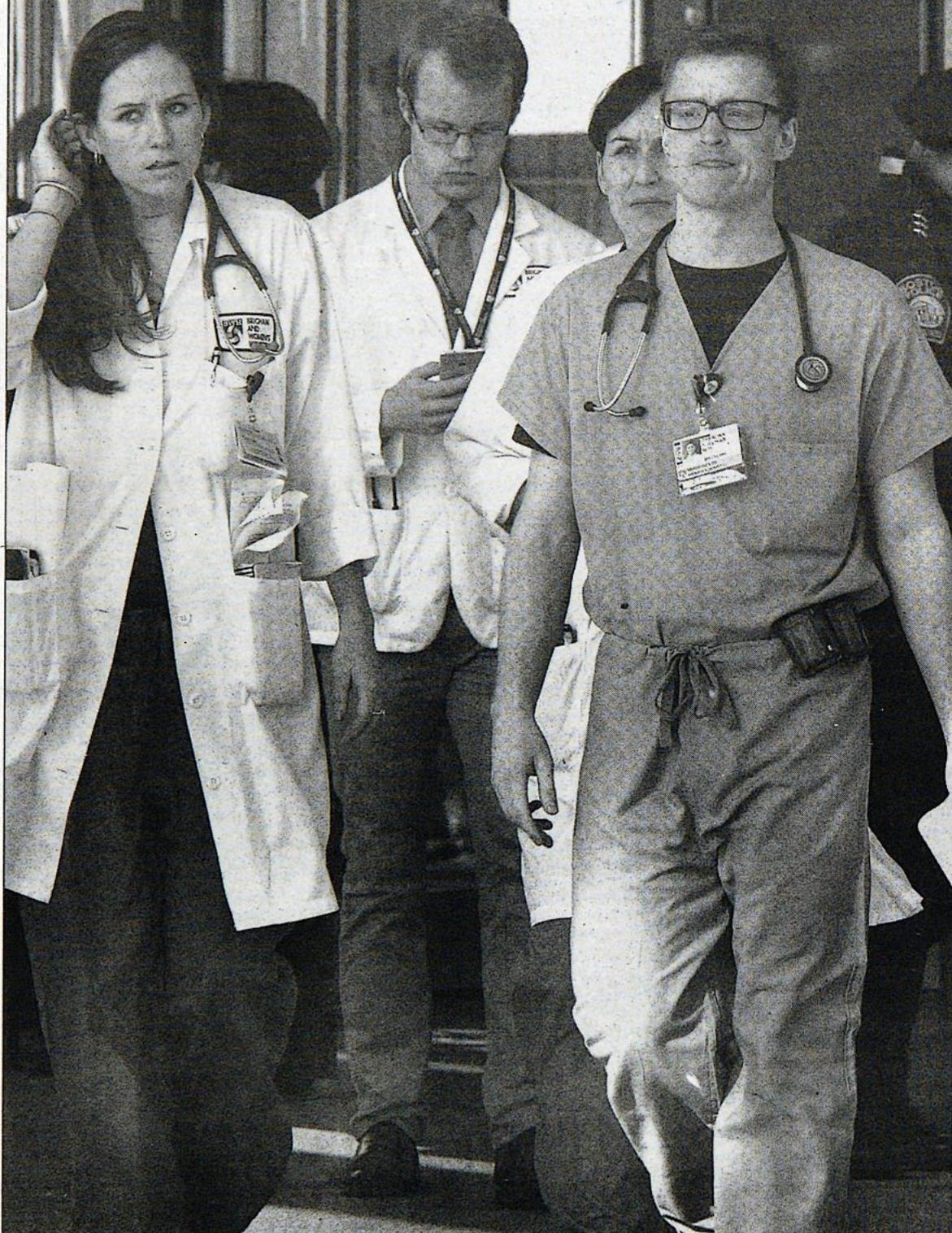
Evans said earlier Tuesday that police were talking to witnesses, "but it's leading us to believe there was something in the past that upset this guy, that made him go in and look for this particular doctor."

Police and hospital officials commended the fast response by police and hospital staff, who they said had been trained to respond to an "active shooter" situation.

Evans said police were on the scene within seconds after getting the first calls of shots fired and had the area secured within 15 minutes.

Betsy Nabel, the hospital's president, said Brigham and Women's will evaluate its safety protocols. She said there have been no discussions about installing metal detectors, which none of the city's hospitals have.

Medical personnel walk past law enforcement officials, right, as they depart the Shapiro building at Brigham and Women's Hospital, in Boston, Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2015. (AP Photo/Steven Senne)



# Republicans aiming for less tests in schools

Kimberly Hefling

AP Educational Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Republican-controlled Senate committee began work Wednesday on revising the landmark No Child Left Behind education law, focusing first on federally mandated testing of America's schoolchildren.

The chairman, Sen. Lamar Alexander, said at the heart of the debate is whether there is too much testing. Alexander said he is open to discussion on whether the federal government should dictate standardized testing or leave it up to states.

"Are there too many tests? Are they the right tests? Are the stakes for failing them too high? What should Washington, D.C. have to do with all this?" said Alexander,

R-Tenn., before a hearing of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee.

Alexander has released a proposal with two options. One would keep the testing mandate as it is. The other would allow states to decide what to do on testing. Both approaches would require annual reporting of student achievement broken down by smaller groups.

President George W. Bush's education law was designed primarily to help poor and minority children. It mandated annual testing in reading and math for all students in grades three to eight and again in high school. Schools had to show annual growth or face consequences.

The requirement has been credited with showing how schools handle minorities, low-income students, English learners and special-needs children, but also led to complaints that the law opened the door to more tests and a test-taking culture.

Since 2012, President Barack Obama has allowed states to get a waiver from some of the more stringent requirements. The administration has steadfastly supported the annual testing requirement as a way to chart student growth and track how historically underserved groups are doing.

The testing requirement is backed by Sen. Patty Murray of Washington, the committee's top Democrat, but not by Republicans

such as Kentucky Sen. Rand Paul and others who think the government should not dictate testing.

Murray said Congress "can and should encourage states and districts to reduce redundant and low-quality tests."

"While we carefully consider changes to assessments and accountability to give states and districts the flexibility they need, we can't forget our obligations to the kids who too often fall through the cracks," Murray said.

Alexander said he wants to get an update of the law to Obama in the first months of the year. Much of the debate probably will focus on Washington's role in improving failing schools.

Alexander said he hears from

governors and school superintendents who say if the government did not dictate policy, then it would be difficult for them to do it. But, he said, he is concerned about the government getting in the way of positive change and of a backlash against policies embraced at the federal level.

"I understand that there can be short-term gains from Washington's orders, but my experience is that long term success can't come that way," Alexander said.

The law has been due to be renewed since 2007. All sides agree it needs to be fixed.



Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee Chairman Sen. Lamar Alexander, R-Tenn., right, and the committee's ranking member Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., arrive on Capitol Hill in Washington, Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2015, for the committee's hearing looking at ways to fix the No Child Left Behind law. (AP Photo/Susan Walsh)

# Classifieds

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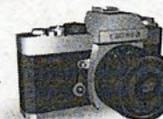


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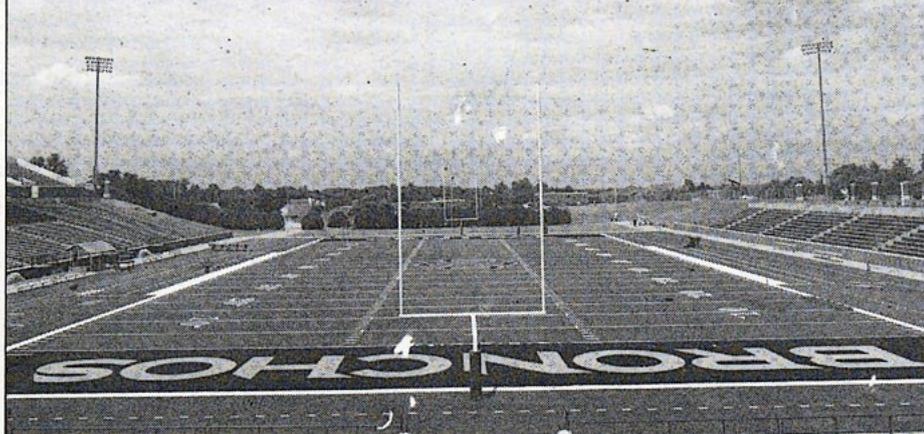
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# VISTA SPORTS



## UCO GAMES THIS WEEK

### THURSDAY:

- Women's Basketball vs. Washburn (5:30 P.M.)
- Wrestling at Lindenwood (7:00 P.M.)
- Men's Basketball vs. Washburn (7:30 P.M.)

### FRIDAY:

- Wrestling at Marywood (7:00 P.M.)

### SATURDAY:

- Women's Track UCO Open at Norman (11:00 A.M.)
- Women's Basketball vs. Emporia (1:30 P.M.)
- Men's Basketball vs. Emporia (3:30 P.M.)
- Wrestling at Central Missouri (4:00 P.M.)

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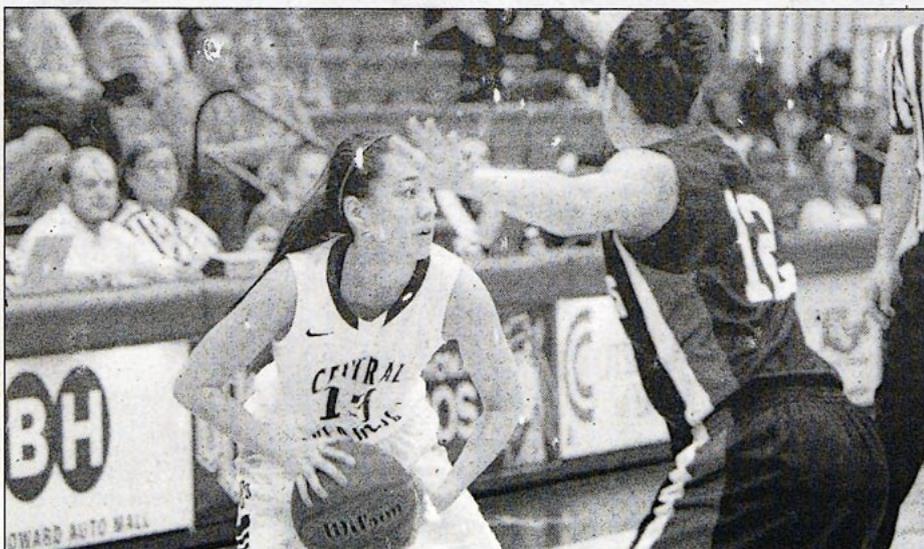
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## MEN'S BASKETBALL HOSTS FIRST GAME OF SEMESTER

Men's Basketball is back in action at Hamilton Fieldhouse for the first time since January 3rd. After going 1-3 on the road the Bronchos look to defeat Washburn, who was handed a crushing loss in their 82-40 loss to Pittsburg State in their last game. Mahlon Jones is leading the Bronchos in scoring with 15 points. Andrew Baker gives us the scoop on their games last week.

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## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL LOOKS TO BOUNCE BACK AFTER LOSS

Women's Basketball looks to advance their 6-3 record in the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletic Association against Washburn on Thursday. The Bronchos have won 11 of their 12 games to start the Spring Semester, and look to add to that this week at home following four games on the road. VistaSports contributing writer Ryan Fields recaps their games from last week.

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# Men's Basketball hosts first game of spring

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Garen Wright, a red-shirt freshman, drives to the basket last fall. Wright is in his first season with UCO after playing four years of Minor league Baseball in Houston. Photo taken from Vista Archives.

The University of Central Oklahoma's men's basketball team has been on a four game road-trip, traveling to three different states in nine days.

The Bronchos went 1-3 on the road trip losing back to back games vs Fort Hays State University 82-72 and University of Nebraska-Kearney 80-83.

On January 15 the Bronchos traveled to Hays, Kansas to play Fort Hays State University. UCO was 12-4 on the season heading into the game and FHSU was 9-6.

On paper this should have been an easy victory for the Bronchos, but the Tigers had other ideas. The Tigers defeated the Bronchos 82-72.

The Bronchos had three scorers in double figure scoring, led by senior guard Mahlon Jones with 16 points. Jones is averaging 15 points per game this season for the Bronchos.

FHSU had four players in double figure scoring, led by Royce Williams with 17 points hitting 3-4 from downtown. Craig Nicholson, the Tiger's leading scorer, added 16 points.

The difference in this 10 point contest was the 3-point line, FHSU went 7-14 from behind the arch and UCO shot a brutal 3-19.

To end the four game road-trip, the Bronchos traveled to Kearney, Nebraska on January 17 where they fell by a close margin to Nebraska-Kearney 80-83.

The Bronchos led 80-77 with 43 seconds remaining but could not hold the Lopers scoreless as they scored six points in the final 27 seconds to steal the game away from the Bronchos.

It was a crushing loss for the Bronchos who now have lost four out of their last five games.

The Bronchos had three scorers

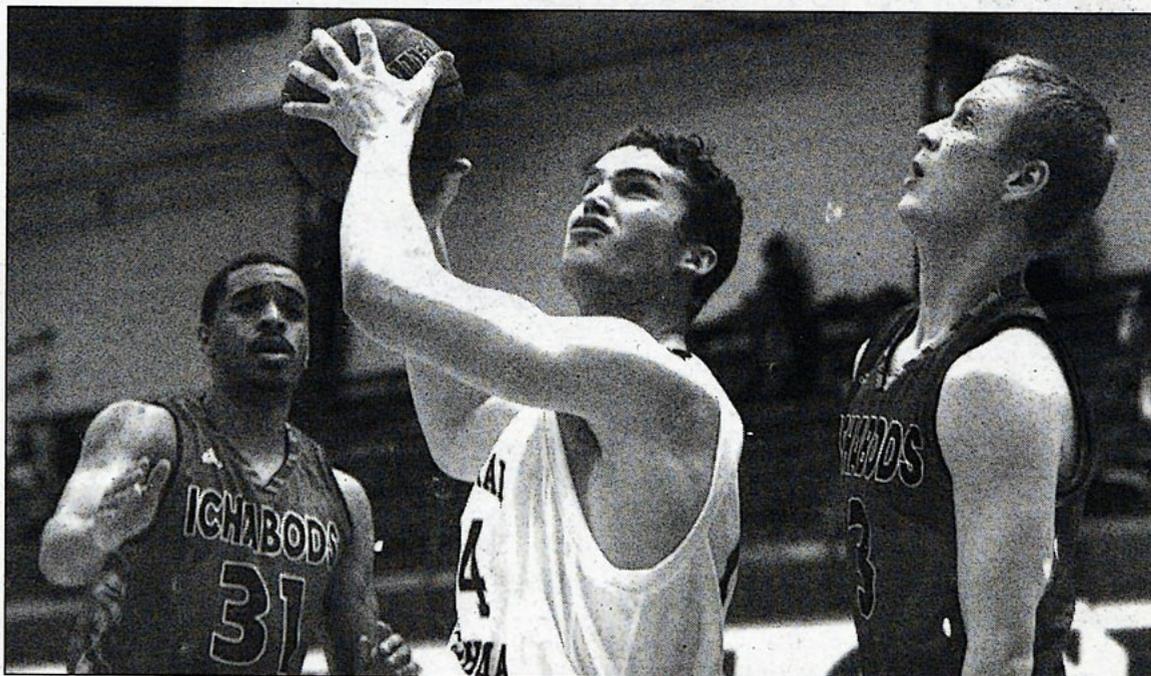
in double figures, led by senior guard Mahlon Jones with 23 points.

Jones had an incredible shooting display Saturday night by hitting 10 of his 13 shots, while going 2-2 from the 3-point line. Reggie Sloan added 15 points on 3-6 from the 3-point line.

The Lopers had a balanced scoring attack with five players in double figures. Ethan Brozek and Connor Beranek both had a team high 19 points for the Lopers.

The Bronchos are 12-6 on the season and they are 5-4 in Conference. They will host Washburn University on Jan. 22 at 7:30 p.m. in Hamilton Field House. It will be the first home game of the spring semester for UCO.

Washburn is 9-10 overall and 4-4 in the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletic Association after dropping an 82-40 decision to Pittsburg State.



Junior Forward, Jared Bairstow, splits the Ichabods in the fall. This will be Bairstow's first full season with the Bronchos after becoming eligible in 2014. Photo taken from Vista Archives.

# Women's Basketball looks to bounce back



Jordan Ward, junior Guard for the Bronchos shoots for Fort Hays State last season in Edmond. Ward missed the last eight games of the season last year due to an ACL tear. Photo taken from Vista Archives.



Hayley Weathers drives past her opponent last season in Hamilton Fieldhouse. Weathers, a talented shooter is going into her Junior season for the Bronchos. Photo taken from Vista Archives.

## MIAA Women's Basketball Standings:

1. Fort Hays State University	9-0
2. Emporia State University	7-1
3. Pittsburg State University	6-1
4. University of Central Oklahoma	6-3

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The University of Central Oklahoma's women's basketball started the spring semester winning 11 out of 12 games and looked to add to their 13-3 record last week in Hays, Kansas against Fort Hays State.

Fort Hays jumped out to a 13 point lead early in the first half but the Bronchos battled back for the remainder of the first half trailing just 29-20 at halftime. UCO shot just 28 percent from the field.

The second half began with a 15-4 run by the Bronchos and they had their first lead midway through the second half.

The two teams would battle the rest of the game as the lead would seesaw between the two teams. In the end, the 15-1 Tigers pulled away and finished the game on a 9-2 run to win their 14th straight game 60-52.

Kylie Mayes who stuffed the stat sheet by finishing with 20 points, five assists, three rebounds and two blocked shots fueled Central Oklahoma's second half rally.

Julia Mason and Chelsea Robinson both finished with eight points each, but the key to the game might have been the Bronchos' leading scorer Olivia Mason, ending the game with only 2 points.

The Bronchos looked to bounce back on Saturday as they went on the road for the fourth straight game. They traveled to Kearney, Nebraska to take on the Nebraska Kearney Lopers.

Central Oklahoma would come up short for the second straight game after a slow start. The Bronchos struggled to score all night, shooting a combined 21-of-61 from the field and just 5-of-26 from the three-point line.

Despite shooting poorly, the Bronchos only trailed 35-31 at halftime due to the tough defensive efforts of Kearney. The Lopers came out firing early in the second half by taking a 46-35 lead and putting pressure on the Bronchos.

Leading scorer Olivia Mason finished with 15 points and led a late game surge to get UCO within one point with 1:49 remaining.

After two free throws from Chelsea Robinson, the game was tied 62-62 with 41 seconds left.

Kearney would proceed to take the lead again on a three-pointer with 20 seconds remaining. After a series of turnovers and missed free throws from both teams, the Bronchos had the ball down 65-62 with 3 seconds left.

Julia Mason's last attempt was off the mark and forcing UCO to their first two game losing streak of the season, falling to 13-5 and 6-3 in conference play.

The Bronchos return home at 5:30 p.m. Jan 22 to take on Washburn in Hamilton Field House. Washburn leads the series against UCO 7-2.



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