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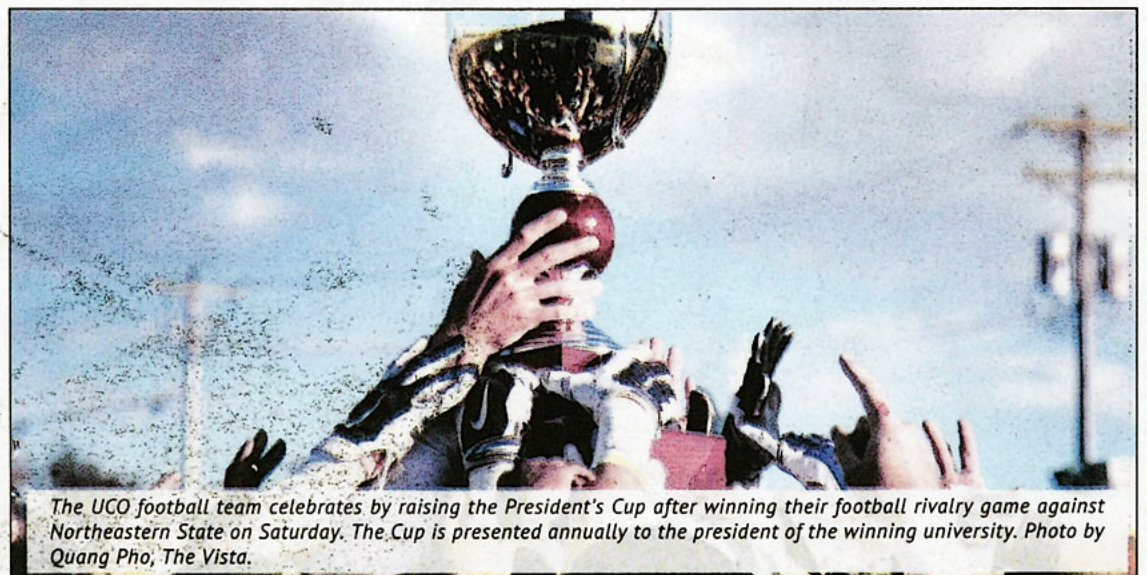
Members of UCO's marching band, The Stampede of Sound, march during the UCO Homecoming parade held on November 1, 2014. Photo by Quang Pho, The Vista.

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ON THE COVER

Members of the Student Programming Board perform at the UCO cheer and dance competition on Friday, Oct. 31 in the Hamilton Field House. Photo by Ryan Naeve, The Vista.



The UCO football team celebrates by raising the President's Cup after winning their football rivalry game against Northeastern State on Saturday. The Cup is presented annually to the president of the winning university. Photo by Quang Pho, The Vista.



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#WetdownWantland: Will beer be brought to the ballgame?

In case you haven't noticed, at 7-2, the UCO Bronchos football team is off to their best start in 10 years. However, something seems to be missing. Wantland Stadium can accommodate up to 10,000 people. Yet, the average attendance for a UCO game is anywhere from 2,000 – 4,500 fans; in spite of success, in spite of thrilling upsets of ranked opponents, in spite of triple-overtime triumph, Wantland Stadium is found wanting fans week in and week out.

Some students, such as Emily Hall, believe the answer to game day attendance might be on tap at the local bar.

"Of course I would go to the game if they had beer. Beer and football go hand in hand. And if students are only coming to the games for the beer sales, at least they are at the games," Hall said.

The University of Central Oklahoma allows fans to have beer at tailgates outside of Wantland Stadium, but should they consider bringing the party inside?

Opinions like Hall's are a part of a growing trend in college football. The University of North Texas (UNT) began allowing beer sales in Apogee stadium this year.

"Beer sales for us were implemented because of the market that we're in. We compete with all the professional teams from Dallas; we have a double-A baseball team here. Sports fans have choices, and the one thing that was missing was the availability to purchase a beer," said UNT

Athletic Director Rick Villareal.

According to Villareal, game attendance is up and so is positive feedback. "Yes we have seen an increase in attendance, but also an increase in fan reaction, emails we receive that say, 'we're so glad that you've made it available and kept the family environment,'" he said.

Big numbers in attendance means dollar signs for a university. According to Oliver Luck, athletic director at the University of West Virginia, the figures can be, well, staggering.

"We don't run our own concession. Like most schools we have a concessionaire. Our share of the profit is around \$750,000.00; \$500,000 from beer sales and the rest from sponsorships from the beer companies," Luck said.

Attendance was not the primary motivation for West Virginia to allow the sale of beer in the stadium.

"We changed our pass-out policy [a policy that allowed fans to leave at halftime and then return]. We were having thousands of people leaving the stadium at half-time. In the old days, people would go back to their tailgate and drink hard liquor," Luck said.

Luck who admits to enjoying a beer during a game, said that the university have seen noticeable differences since the change in policy.

"If anything we've seen a decrease in the number of alcoholic incidents. Arrests are down, texts to security are down. We've seen a decrease in binge drinking," he said.

The decrease in binge drinking is echoed by Villareal at UNT, "It's been proven that people are less likely to binge drink outside the stadium if they know they can get a beer inside."

UCO Police Chief Jeff Harp believes that the potential security risks may outweigh the reward.

"Yes, no question about it we would be faced with far more problems. These include public drunkenness, underage drinking, driving under the influence, domestic violence, assault and battery, vandalism and littering," he said. "The majority of people can handle drinking socially (and lightly) and do not cause problems. However, others could cause problems and they end up distracting police from other duties and the general public from having fun. NOTHING[sic] is more important than having a safe event. If alcohol was served in the stadium it would be a significant challenge to public safety and reflect poorly on what should be a fun intercollegiate event for families and students."

According to Villareal at North Texas, the new policy is working, but it's not entirely fool proof.

"There have been incidents but I would say that 95 percent of those people were already intoxicated before entering the stadium. And one guy was mad because we wouldn't serve him another one, due to our policy," he said.

Universities that allow in-stadium beer sales, such as North Texas, SMU, and West Virginia,

often have strict policies that end beer sales in the third quarter, and prevent re-entry into the stadium.

While there have been a few incidents, Villareal said it's important to remember, "Drinking is not the focus, it's just a part of the experience. It's really responsible drinking that we want to promote. People say. How do you maintain a family atmosphere? Well I look at the Rangers games and there are kids everywhere, and they sell cocktails."

Luck had this to say to schools considering allowing in-stadium beer sales, "It's worked here. I would hesitate to say it would work anywhere else. It's a campus decision. All politics are local."

UCO student Emily Hall said that while she believes that beer sales would raise game attendance, in order to put fans back in the seats and keep them, there needs to be that special ingredient in the brew.

"The biggest and most important thing that will bring fans to games is if the Bronchos win games for multiple seasons in a row," she said.

That's something every Bronchos fan would drink to.

What do you think? Would you like to have a beer in Wantland Stadium?

#WetdownWantland twitter.



Photo by Quang Pho, The Vista.

Competition to celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. quickly approaching

Erick Perry, Contributing Writer

Applications for the 5th Annual Martin Luther King Enterprise Oratory Competition are due online by Nov. 7, 2014 via OrgSync. The Martin Luther King Enterprise Oratory Competition is an event designed to celebrate the ideals and principles of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., while also continuing to work toward keeping alive his work and legacy,

Students are eligible to win up to a \$500 cash prize sponsored by Enterprise Rent-a-Car.

All participants must be currently enrolled University of Central Oklahoma students.

Contestants must develop an original speech, addressing the official theme, "Cowardice asks the question - is it safe? Expediency asks the question - is it politic? Vanity asks the question - is it popular? But conscience asks the question - is it right? And there comes a time when one must take a position that is neither safe, nor politic, nor popular; but one must take it because it is right."

The speech must fall between eight and ten minutes. Speakers will be disqualified from the contest if their speeches are less than seven minutes and 30 seconds or more than ten minutes and 30 seconds.

A double-spaced, typewritten copy of the speech with all quo-

tations cited must be submitted.

Each person who submits an application will be allowed to participate in a qualification round on Nov. 13, 2014 from 2-4 p.m. in the Nigh University Center.

The three contestants that receive the highest amount of points will be allowed to continue to participate in the final round that will take place on Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2015 at 2 p.m.

"I loved every moment of each competition, from the anxiety before each speech, up until the relief of hearing my name as 1st place winner," said Vince Burr, a four-time, first place winner. "Dr. King has always been my biggest idol so to be able to represent the ideals he stood for is nothing more than tremendous to me. Honestly, winning the competition four years straight wasn't the biggest part, just being able to represent a legacy such as his made it all worth it"

Applications can be found www.uco.edu/mlk or in the Office of Diversity and Inclusion, NUC 211.

For more information contact the Office of Diversity and Inclusion at (405) 974-3588.



Phi Alpha Theta to host lecture about holocaust survivors



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On Nov. 6, UCO's chapter of the history honor society Phi Alpha Theta will host Michael Korenblit, co-founder of the Respect Diversity Foundation, for a lecture on his parents' survival of the Holocaust.

"So he gives his presentation and he tells his parents story, but then he also kind of brings the past to present days, and talks about current injustices and how little acts of discrimination or even bullying can lead to something much bigger," said Katrina Lacher, assistant professor of history and geography at UCO. "It's about history, but also about connecting history to the present."

Korenblit will give a presentation based on his book, "Until We Meet Again: A true Story of Love and Survival in the Holocaust," at 7 p.m. in Pegasus Theater in the Liberal Arts Building at the University of Central Oklahoma.

The book narrates a true story, where two families in

Poland were destroyed by the Holocaust.

"I think it makes us look more closely at our system today, and little things. Not to make a direct line between bullying in classrooms at elementary schools and something like the Holocaust. But we can see that those little acts of hate and injustice can very quickly snow ball into something that is horrifying," Lacher said.

The story takes place in 1942, in a small town in Poland, where Manya, a 17-year-old girl follows her sweetheart, Meyer, also 17, and leaves her family behind. For a period of three long years, Manya and Meyer suffer a lot, including the loss of their parents and siblings, the horrors of concentration, separation and also extermination.

His presentation will focus on the experiences his parents went through as they fought to survive the Holocaust. He will also speak about the values of the Respect

Diversity foundation, including diversity, equality and acceptance.

The well-written story gives people faith to go through the hardships, but still look up and plan for a better future.

"Treating history into something that is lived, and having someone who's family went through it can make it more valuable, and maybe get students to think that isn't just a boring textbook. Those pages really come alive," Lacher said.

For more information about this lecture, email rdfrdf@cox.net, or call (405) 359-0369. For more information about Respect Diversity Foudation, visit www.respectdiversity.org.

The event is free and open to the public. Copies of his book will be available for purchase at the event.



This Jan. 27, 2012, file photo shows the words 'Arbeit Macht Frei' (Work Sets You Free) at the main entrance of the Sachsenhausen Nazi concentration camp on the international Holocaust remembrance day in Oranienburg, Germany. (AP Photo/Markus Schreiber, File)

Voter ID laws serve little purpose



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For a few years now, Republicans nationwide have been pushing for expanded voter ID laws. Supposedly an effort of good intentions, the GOP claims that stronger laws are necessary to prevent fraud and protect democracy.

The only reason it has any support, however, is because of intense misinformation and an extended campaign of fear-mongering.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) did some research and found that between 2000 and 2012, there were only 10 proven cases of in-person voter fraud.

Politifact verified this; voter impersonation is a virtually nonexistent problem. They cited a Carnegie-Knight investigation into states where voter ID laws were being implemented.

These investigators collected reports from all 50 states and the reports basically confirmed the NAACP's point. None of the 301 voter fraud cases in Georgia were in-person voter impersonation and the same was true of the 23 cases reported in the swing state of Pennsylvania.

Republicans have tried to prove how easy it is to get away with in-person voter fraud. It backfired in a near-hilarious way; a Nevada Republican who tried to vote twice was arrested and immediately charged when she tried to prove that case in 2012.

The NAACP drew their results from approximately 2,000 reports of voter fraud. In a nation of 300 million plus, even if all of those cases were actually impostors, there would be literally zero effect on election outcomes.

With such low numbers, anyone committing the fraud would be lucky to sway a city council election. A statewide or national election would be completely unmoved.

When all of this is brought into consider-

ation, the argument in favor of stringent voter ID laws crumbles.

Such a minor problem is no more a threat to American democracy than a blade of grass is a threat to a rhino.

But if in-person voter fraud is the blade of grass to democracy's rhino, then the growing influence of money in politics is an elephant gun.

United Republic, a nonprofit watchdog group, found that 91 percent of American elections were won by the candidate with more funding.

Candidates now accept donations from wealthy donors and big businesses without any regard to the consequences. They fervently deny it, but accepting large donations makes a politician beholden to their donors.

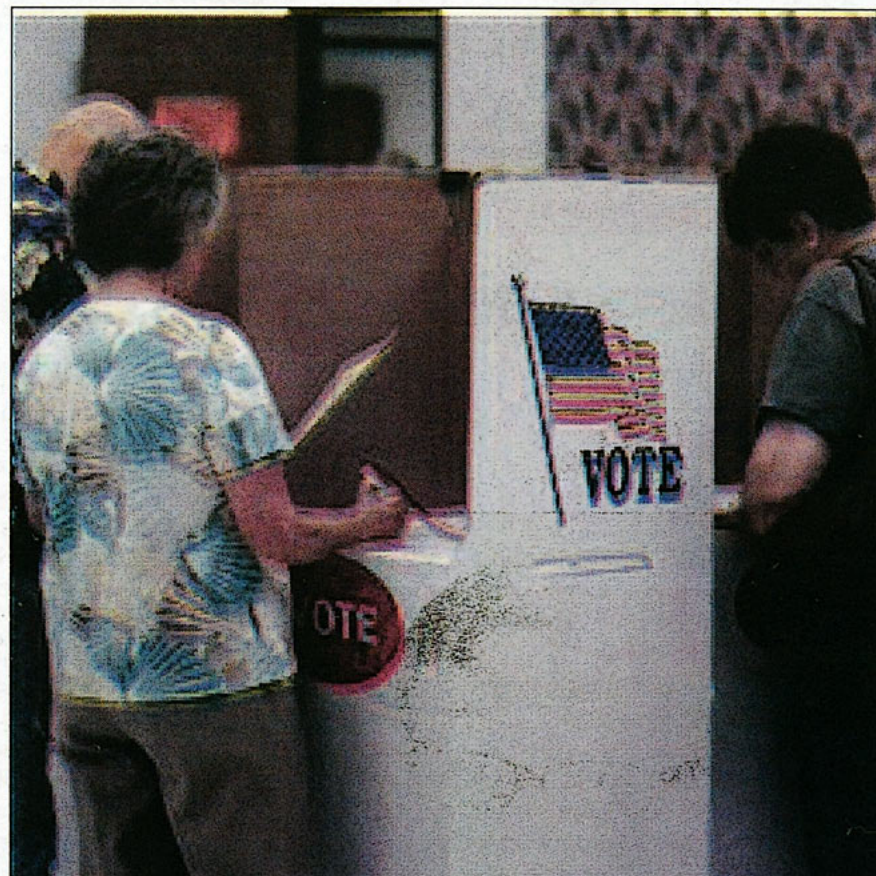
A newly-elected congressman is going to find it much easier to shrug off the concerns of their \$5-donor in favor of the interests of their \$10,000 donors.

From George Soros to the Koch brothers, the wealthiest Americans are increasingly able to boost their candidates of choice and indirectly dictate national and state policies.

A West Virginia state senator is never going to fight for reduced emissions if their primary donors are coal companies. An Oklahoma governor is never going to fully back renewable energy if their biggest contributors are oil conglomerates.

If the goal is to preserve democracy and fairness, then the nation needs to realize that money in politics is exponentially more corrosive than scattered cases of voter impersonation.

Enacting these voter ID laws to prevent voter fraud is only slightly more useful than giving everyone garlic to fend off vampire attacks.



In this Thursday, June 19, 2014 file photo, voters participate in early voting at the Oklahoma County Elections Board in Oklahoma City. Oklahoma voters have the unusual opportunity to weigh in on both of the state's next U.S. senators as early voting begins across the state on Thursday. (AP Photo/Sue Ogrocki, File)



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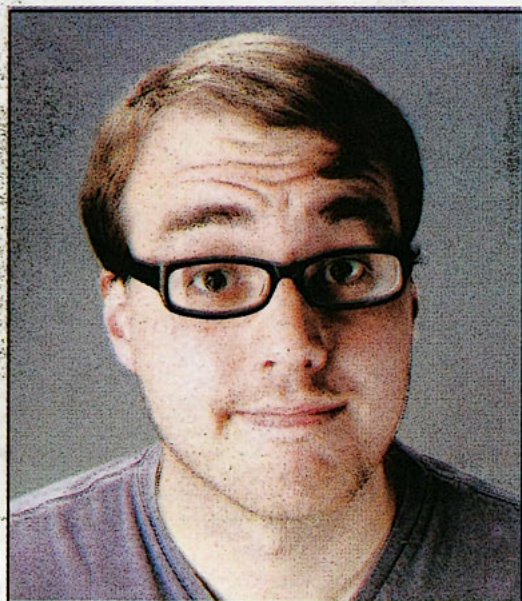
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LOSING MY RELIGION

By Tyler Talley

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MARKS

This upcoming Sunday would have been the 80th birthday of astronomer, astrophysicist, cosmologist, author, science advocate and all-around smart guy, Carl Sagan. He is also a major hero of mine, as well as a central figure in shaping my current outlook on life in general.

For those that may not have heard of Sagan, he is best known for his research of extraterrestrial life, assembling the first physical messages sent into space and experiments demonstrating the production of amino acids from basic chemicals by radiation. He published no less than 600 scientific papers and articles, as well as writing several popular science books. He hosted and narrated the popular 1980s television series, "Cosmos: A Personal Voyage."

In terms of educating viewers and getting those of us who aren't naturally gifted in the subject, few individuals rival Sagan's incredible ability to ignite the inner flame to burn for science. He was also a leading advocate of scientific skepticism.

To summarize somewhat briefly, scientific skeptics believe that through empirical investigation we receive truth and that the scientific method is the best way to go about achieving this.

Sagan was not an atheist but an agnostic. Therefore, I am not going to use his name to accrue some credibility for my "evil secular agenda." To do so would be insulting to the memory of a man I very much admire. Instead, I hope to usher a call for healthy skepticism.

I loved dinosaurs when I was a kid. I had countless books and toys on the long-dead animals. My personal favorite was and still is archaeopteryx, a curious creature that serves as a link between dinosaurs and modern birds. Anyway, this obsession led to a curiosity in other scientific fields and history. This eventually led to a crossroads.

I stated a couple of weeks back that I come from Duncan, Oklahoma. Like many small towns in this state, its population is overwhelmingly Christian. Not only that, but it struck that I didn't really feel any kind of connection to this Jesus guy. Sure, I threw him the occasional prayer to barter with him to get something I wanted, but I do not recall a point in my life in which I truly thought there was someone on the receiving end.

I don't remember the specific point in which I began to question my faith, but it was something that bothered me

for many years as an adolescent. Was there something wrong with me? Did God not want to talk to me like he seemed to be doing with everyone else in my Baptist youth group?

Growing up in a small town, there weren't many places for skepticism. Whenever I went to a figure I deemed knowledgeable in the subject, they typically would relate me to some religious text that not only failed to adequately answer the initial question, but also led to an influx of new questions.

The only connections on the matter I found were through the Internet, listening and reading to the musings of people like Bill Maher, Christopher Hitchens, Richard Dawkins and Sagan. It would be by the time I got to college that I actually found a group of like-minded individuals. At last I wasn't crazy and stuck in a silent minority. Once I got to college, I wasn't the only person who had questions in the room.

Let me stress that I am not saying that science and religion cannot coexist. It doesn't for me, but the case is different for others. I know of several scientists that identify as religious. I can only speak from my experience and my thoughts on the matter.

It's okay to question things. To do otherwise isn't healthy. Neil deGrasse Tyson, pupil of Sagan's and the new host of "Cosmos," once said, "My view is that if your philosophy is not unsettled daily then you are blind to all the universe has to offer."

We don't progress as a species if we accept things on blind faith all of the time. We grow stagnant and close-minded. It is much better to understand how something works than live ignorant of it, in my opinion.

An important distinction that I need to make before I finish up: I am not asking for skepticism in every aspect of life. It is in doing this we have countless unfounded conspiracy theories and untold levels of pseudoscience.

I also want to impart something to the small minority of people that may be offended by this endorsement of skepticism: if your faith in something can move mountains, it can withstand criticism.

So this Sunday, I am going to take a little time to myself, listen to some of Sagan's greatest pieces and remember a man who reached out to millions of kids to say that it is okay to question the unquestionable.





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Tips, Tricks & Advice for Oklahoma winter weather

Colder weather is finally approaching Oklahoma. There are many things to prepare yourself for the changing season. Here are some tips to help prepare your home, vehicle, and self for the upcoming months.

Home

Whether you live in a dorm or off campus, there are many things you can do to prepare your home for this coming winter.

- Keep an emergency kit in your home. Include things such as flashlights, batteries, candles, a lighter/matches, a battery-operated radio, food that can be kept cold, canned fruit, dry cereal, good books and plenty of water.
- Make sure to invest in a humidifier, an electric blanket, flannel sheets and a space heater.
- Ensure that all pieces of furniture are not blocking your heating vents. Close off heating vents that will not be in use, to conserve money and keep your home safe. Try to confine areas in your home that do not need heating.
- During cold spells, keep cabinet doors open to allow warm air to circulate around pipes, particularly those in the kitchen and bathroom.
- Keep a slow trickle of water flowing through faucets connected to pipes that run through unheated or unprotected spaces.
- Add more insulation to your attic, if you have one. Heat rises, and will escape through a poorly insulated attic. Fiberglass insulation comes in rolls with paper backing that you can roll and tack up to winterize your home.



Help winterize your home by preparing an emergency kit. Include things like water, food, candles, matches, and good books. Photo by Lauren Capraro, The Vista.



Icy weather approaching means that dangerous situations can occur on the roads. The cold weather can also deteriorate your vehicle, if not properly taken care of.

Vehicle care is important during colder weather. Be sure to check your oil's level and weight to ensure proper operation. Photo by Lauren Capraro, The Vista.

- Keep an emergency kit in your vehicle. Include an ice scraper, batteries, first aid kit, tow chain, pocketknife, snacks, matches, cat litter (for traction), heavy clothes, blankets, jumper cables, matches and an adequate amount of water.
- Ensure that antifreeze levels are sufficient to avoid freezing.
- Check your brakes for wear and fluid levels.
- Make sure your tires have accurate tread and have the proper amount of pressure.
- Check your oil's level and weight. Heavier oils congeal more at low temperatures and do not lubricate as well.
- Make sure your headlights and hazard lights are working properly.
- Maintain proper washer fluid level, and replace old windshield wipers if necessary.
- Have your exhaust system checked out, as carbon monoxide poisoning from a vehicle is more common in the winter months.
- Test your heater and defroster to ensure they function properly.
- Check fuel and air filters and clean or replace if necessary. Also, keep in mind that maintaining a full tank of gas helps keep the fuel line from freezing.
- Your vehicle's battery and ignition system should be functioning properly before icy weather hits. Check for corrosion on the battery, and replace if necessary.



Using lotions and moisturizers can help combat dry, flaky skin.
Photo by Lauren Capraro, The Vista.

Health

Winterizing your home and vehicle are important, however, your body also needs special attention during the winter months.

- Invest in a heavy coat. Hoodies may be nice on a crisp fall day, but when things drop into the teens, a good quality down coat is the best option for keeping warm.
- If it is raining or snowing, make sure to wear a moisture-resistant jacket. Wearing cotton will soak up the water and make you colder throughout the day.
- Wear non-slip shoes on icy days. Slipping down a flight of stairs is not the best way to start your morning.
- With colder temperatures comes a drop in humidity in the air. The lack of moisture in the air causes dry, flaky skin. Invest in any type of lotion or moisturizer, and use frequently—especially after showers.
- Avoid taking hot showers. Hot water can cause the skin to dry out even further. Some body washes can cause dryness, so make sure to use a body wash with moisturizer.
- During winter, avoid any face products with alcohol, and switch to a milder face wash and a thicker moisturizer.
- Doing dishes got your hands singing the blues? Wearing rubber gloves can prevent them from getting dried out.
- Lips also need extra care in the cold. Keeping a tube of lip balm in an easily accessible pocket is a good first step, but winter winds can take chapped lips to a whole new level. For seriously dry lips, apply honey or Vaseline to the lips for 15 minutes and then remove with a cotton swab dipped in hot water.
- Wind and dry air are not a good combination for sensitive eyes. Sporting sunglasses on a bitterly cold day might look weird, but the lenses can protect eyes from glare and wind.
- Keep a bottle of non-medicated saline tears or eye drops on hand and use it to refresh eye moisture when needed. Prevent irritation by keeping those well-moisturized hands away from the eye area.

Winter Warnings

If a winter storm hits, there are various warnings that are issued. Being able to distinguish between them can help you decide how to prepare for the situation. Here are the official winter weather terms, according to the Federal Emergency Management Agency:

- **Frost/Freeze Warning** - Below freezing temperatures are expected.
- **Winter Weather Advisory** - Winter weather conditions are expected to cause significant inconveniences and may be hazardous. When caution is used, these situations should not be life threatening.
- **Winter Storm Watch** - A winter storm is possible in your area. Tune in to NOAA Weather Radio, commercial radio, or television for more information.
- **Winter Storm Warning** - A winter storm is occurring or will soon occur in your area.
- **Blizzard Warning** - Sustained winds or frequent gusts to 35 miles per hour or greater and considerable amounts of falling or blowing snow (reducing visibility to less than a quarter mile) are expected to prevail for a period of three hours or longer.
- **Freezing Rain** - Rain that freezes when it hits the ground, creating a coating of ice on roads, walkways, trees and power lines.
- **Sleet** - Rain that turns to ice pellets before reaching the ground. Sleet also causes moisture on roads to freeze and become slippery.



Bringing out blankets and heavy coats will help you prepare for winter weather.
Photo by Lauren Capraro, The Vista.



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UCO receives national grant for adaptive sports program

The University of Central Oklahoma received a \$134,494 grant from the Department of Veterans Affairs last September in light of UCO's disabled veteran programs.

The Grant for Adaptive Sports Programs for Disabled Veterans and Members of the Armed Forces was awarded to the UCO Wellness Center and will help fund the UCO Endeavor Games, Adventure Therapy and USA Para-Powerlifting.

"We are extremely pleased to receive funding from the Department of Veteran Affairs for several of our key programs," said Katrina Shaklee, executive director of the UCO Wellness Center.

Portions of the grant will go toward enhancing facilities, expanding adaptive sports opportunities for disabled veterans and members of the Armed Forces, allowing participation within the community, as well as at regional and national events.

In addition to funding adaptive programs, the grant will also help pay half the salary of newly hired coordinator, Jessica Hammack, to oversee the military sports programs and USA Para-Powerlifting.

"We're a military friendly school and we also have become sort of the hub for disabled sports in the U.S. because of the En-

deavor Games; which is now the largest multi-sport, multi-disability event in the country. It's also because of the fact that we're an Olympic and Paralympic Training Site, and so to be awarded this will help us take our programs to the next level," said Ryan Siler, director of marketing and Development of Student Affairs.

What normally takes a day was a three-week process, including a 15-page application assisted by Leigh Pemberton, Liliana Renteria, Rachel Holzhauser and Melissa White of the UCO Office of Research and Grants (OORG).

"It was somewhat stressful because it was new and pretty exten-

sive. A lot of times when people pursue these grants they just write and write and write and they're not very specific. That was what was so helpful with working with OORG. We were able to share our needs and then they were able to assist us with the structure and how to write it and submit it," Siler said.

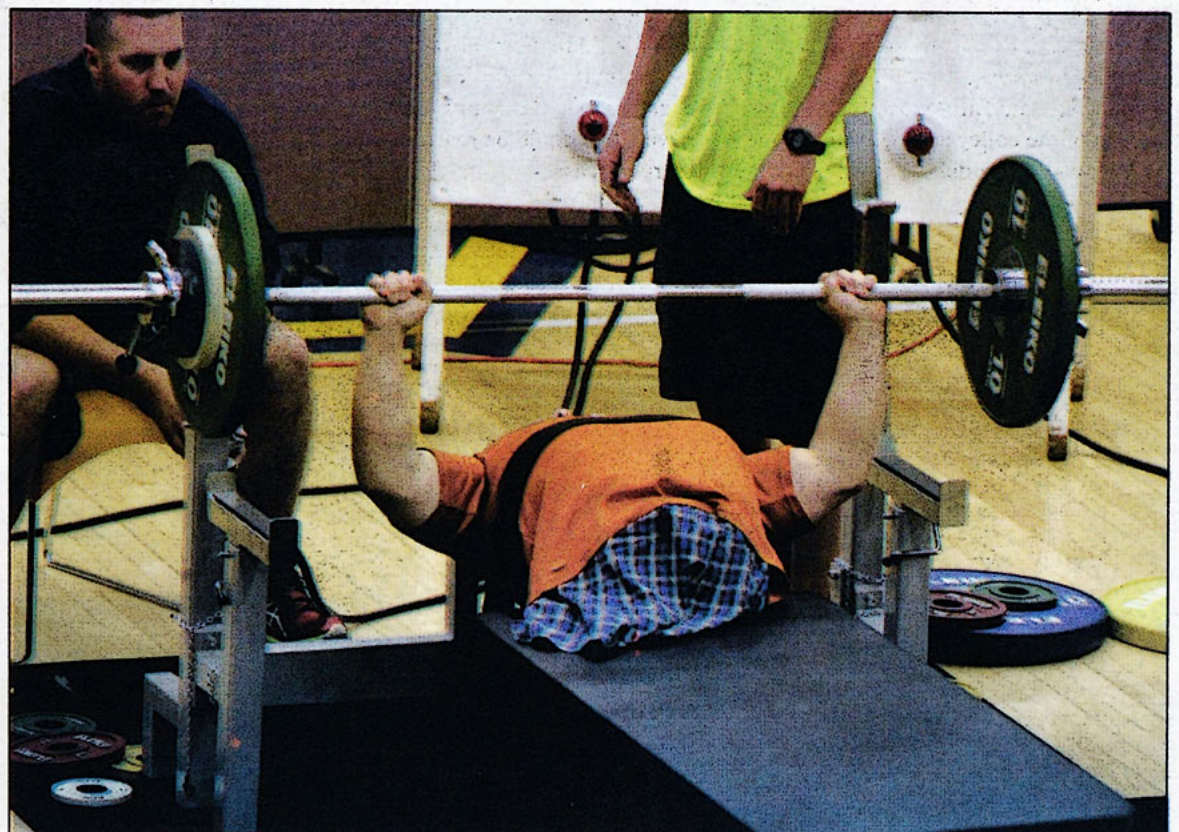
According to a UCO Wellness press release, Central is an official U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Training Site and is the host training site for Men's and Women's Sitting Volleyball. Athletes can train for Olympic volleyball and any Paralympic sport at the university. Currently,

Central hosts resident athletes in the Paralympic sports of sitting volleyball, archery, track and field and powerlifting, and the Olympic sport of taekwondo.

"UCO is fully committed to continuing and growing sport programs offered specifically to disabled veterans and disabled members of the armed forces. Being a military friendly school, we again want to partner the two together if you will and I think we're doing that. I think there is a lot of cross over in both communities and we want to see that grow," Siler said.



Athletes compete in the adult wheelchair basketball competition during the 2014 UCO Endeavor Games. Photo by Quang Pho, The Vista.



An athlete competes in the bench press competition during the powerlifting segment of the 2014 UCO Endeavor Games. Photo by Quang Pho, The Vista.

The University of Central Oklahoma: Past, Present and Future



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The University of Central Oklahoma has not always been the name of this institution. Dating back to Dec. 24, 1890, UCO is the oldest accredited university in the state of Oklahoma.

When it was first established in 1890, the name of the school was the Territorial Normal School. The name was not officially changed to the University of Central Oklahoma until May 18, 1990.

To celebrate UCO's rich history, the College of Education and Professional Studies (CEPS) has put together the first issue of "Normal."

"On the eve of celebrating 125 years since our university's founding as the Territorial Normal School, we are proud to share the stories of today's College of Education and Professional Studies," said Jim Machell, Ph.D., dean of the college of Education and Professional Studies. "Please enjoy the

inaugural edition of 'Normal.'"

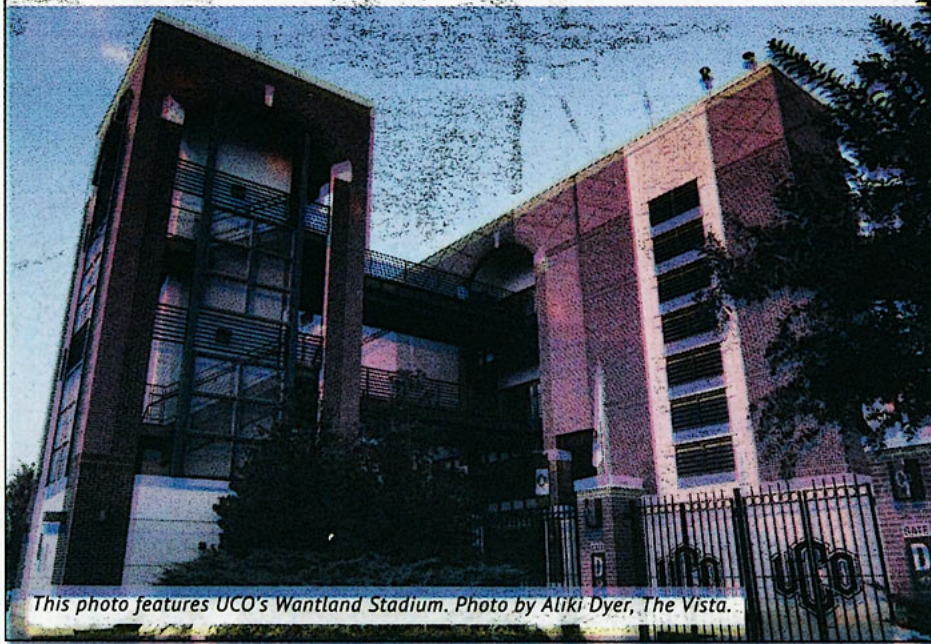
The publication strives to educate readers on the up-and-up, not just of the College of Education and Professional Studies, but also for the campus as a whole.

This is the first magazine that CEPS has put together. The issue was a collaboration of several UCO staff members, including Dr. Machell, Stephanie Turner, college coordinator of communication and public relations and Judy Reyes-Henderson.

For the cover of their first issue, they chose Assistant Professor Gary Howard, who worked for UCO for more than 45 years in the field of Kinesiology and Health Studies.

Howard was also the Bronchos' head football coach for 24 years.

Besides the feature on Howard, the magazine also includes stories on preparing teachers for teaching in urban schools. Alumni are also highlighted in "Normal" and are featured as an example to students of future jobs and advice that could be relevant to their current lives.



This photo features UCO's Wantland Stadium. Photo by Aliko Dyer, The Vista.



Dating back to Dec. 24, 1890, UCO is the oldest accredited university in the state of Oklahoma. Photo by Aliko Dyer, The Vista.



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Whether in the past, present or future, the University of Central Oklahoma seeks to advance students through transformative experiences to produce productive, ethical and engaged citizens.

For more than 100 years, a variety of students and faculty help to shape what is now UCO. Brett Sharp, a UCO public administration professor, said UCO draws its appeal from its community atmosphere.

"It has some of the perks of a larger university but has a small university feel," Sharp said. "It's a place where students and professors get to know each other and get to build lasting relationships."

UCO views itself and its graduates as part of an increasingly interdependent global society.

The best experiences for me at UCO happened through the success of my students, Sharp said.

"There are students that I know and keep in touch with from my very first semester," Sharp said. "Those are nice

bonds to have. We bring a lot of our former students, who often come back as graduate students, back as guest speakers. That helps the connection [between student and school] live on."

As part of its future, UCO has set its sights on 2020, with a plan that intends to advance UCO as a top national metropolitan university.

Niko Ward, an industrial safety junior, said Edmond is a pretty good area.

"One of the best things about UCO is that it's actually by a big city," Ward said. "People out here have a lot of school spirit and there are a lot of activities for us to do. I think that's what really drives people here."

Metropolitan engagement informs every dimension of the university's activities in cultivating learning and the discovery of new knowledge, as well as encouraging shared leadership.

Ward said he initially heard good things about UCO, and it was his first choice.

"The biggest thing here is the organizational involvement here," Ward said. "UCO isn't too small or too big and there a lot of people here from across the state and internationally as well. I've met a lot of good people here."

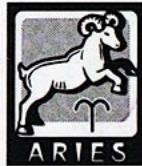
HOROSCOPES

November 2014 — Week 1



December 22–
January 19

Relationships grow by leaps and bounds, and together time is shared. Enjoy, Capricorn. The conversation continues at the office. Contribute if you dare.



March 21–
April 19

Heads up, Aries. A big challenge is headed your way. Don't let it scare you. Seize the opportunity to shine. An organization could use a helping hand.



June 22–
July 22

Nightmares of old rock the present. You're older and wiser now, Cancer, and know exactly how to handle them. A deadline creeps closer.



September 23–
October 22

Uh-uh, Libra. A family member has more skeletons in their closet than you realize and much of it is about to come to light. Don't add to the furor.



January 20–
February 18

A mission in organization spooks a change in habits. Keep up the good work, Aquarius. Tricks and treats punctuate the week. Enjoy every last one.



April 20–
May 20

Hang in there, Taurus. It may seem like the odds are stacked against you, but if you continue to work hard, you will succeed. A friend divulges a bone-chilling secret.



July 23–
August 22

No, no, no, Leo. You know better than to act on your impulses, so don't. Take some time to think about the situation and devise a good plan.



October 23–
November 21

Boo, Scorpio. Wake up and get busy. Time is running out. An impulse purchase brings great delight to the whole family, including your furry friends.



February 19–
March 20

Sacrifices must be made, but all will not be for naught, Pisces. You will finish ahead of schedule and be justly rewarded. A smile starts off the weekend right.



May 21–
June 21

No more holding back, Gemini. Your friend wants to know. Tell it to them like it is. You may scare them into doing the right thing. Love heats up.



August 23–
September 22

Chills and thrills are on tap this week. Enjoy, Virgo. A health scare ends for a family member. Invite them to an old haunt to celebrate the good news.



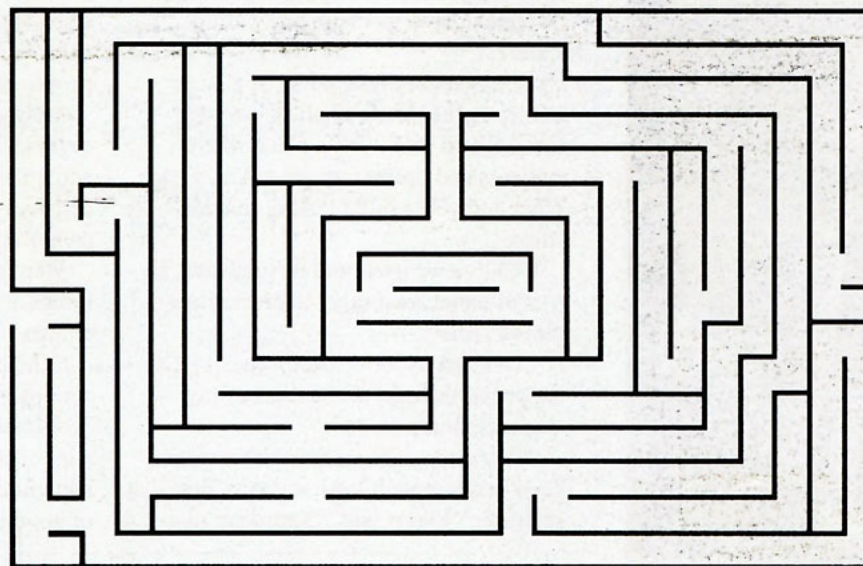
November 22–
December 21

Bon voyage, Sagittarius. That's right. You're invited on the trip of a lifetime. Go. You'll have fun. And, don't worry about the cost. A windfall will make it all possible.

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UCO GAMES THIS WEEK

TUESDAY:

- No Events Scheduled

WEDNESDAY:

- No Events Scheduled

THURSDAY:

- Women's Soccer vs. Lindenwood (3:00 P.M.)

FRIDAY:

- Women's Volleyball at Lindenwood (7:00 P.M.)

- Men's Basketball at The University of Arkansas (Exhibition) (7:00 P.M.)



UCO HOCKEY WINS AGAIN AT MISSOURI STATE

The UCO hockey team took a weekend road-trip up to Springfield, Missouri to face the Missouri State Bears and took home another pair of wins to push their impressive undefeated streak to 16 games. VistaSports writer Austin Litterell breaks down their wins and what's next for their historic season.

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FOOTBALL BRINGS HOME THE TROPHY FOR HOMECOMING

The UCO football team brought their win total to seven for the season with their 28-10 pounding of in-state rival Northeastern State. Also, the win meant that they were able to bring the famous President's Cup back to the UCO campus. BronchoSports.com gives the sights and sounds from a great weekend for the 'Chos.

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UCO Hockey: Ranked first in the nation for a reason



The University of Central Oklahoma Hockey team, ranked number one in the nation for the second week, continued their winning ways as they opened up a road trip against the Missouri State Bears. The Bronchos, now 16-0-0 on the season, took two games from Missouri State this past weekend in Springfield, Missouri.

Missouri State got off to a quick start, scoring just 18 seconds into the game to take an early lead. Matt Prigge would answer a few minutes later thanks to Gaven Hohl and Brandon Harley to tie it up.

Center Brandon Formosa would find the back of the net twice in the first period to give the Bronchos a 3-1 lead. Hohl currently ranks third in the American Collegiate Hockey Association in total points with 29, and Formosa is fourth with 27 points.

The Bears would score their last goal near the

end of the period off the stick of Adam Otten.

UCO would pull away in the second period, outscoring the Bears 3-0. Trevor Yee struck first, off assists by two other goal scorers Prigge and Hohl. Nolan Grauer continued his strong play this season with two more goals in the period to give the Bronchos a four-goal lead.

There was no scoring in the final period, and the Bronchos would win game one 6-2.

The Bronchos undefeated record was put to a much tougher test in game two on Saturday. UCO needed a final period comeback and overtime to take down the Bears.

After a scoreless first period, the Bears took a 2-0 lead in the second. Ryan Hogland and Juuso Halmeenmake scored to put the Bears ahead.

With their winning streak in danger of coming to an end, the Bronchos came through in the clutch. Forward Trevor Yee scored the first goal,

cutting into the deficit. After a Harley assist, Hohl found the back of the net with less than a minute remaining in the game.

In overtime, Darren Martin won the game, with just his second goal of the season, and the Bronchos came out on top 3-2.

The Bronchos continue their road trip in Colorado for a couple of Western Collegiate Hockey League games. The Bronchos face the Buffaloes of Colorado in Boulder, then travel to Colorado Springs to face off against Colorado State. UCO is currently second behind Arizona State in the WCHL, but they have played three less games. Colorado is fourth, and Colorado State is in sixth place.

The Bronchos will return home on Nov. 21 and 22 for a rematch with the University of Lindenwood.

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Football wins homecoming, stays tied for third in MIAA conference

Special Report

EDMOND (Nov. 1) – Christian Hood caught a touchdown pass and became Central Oklahoma's all-time leading receiver as the Bronchos topped intrastate rival North-eastern State 28-10 Saturday afternoon at Wantland Stadium.

UCO scored 21 unanswered points to overcome an early 3-0 deficit in taking a 21-3 halftime lead and were never really threatened in ending a four-game losing streak to the RiverHawks in the annual President's Cup battle.

The Bronchos improved to 7-2 on the season and in Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association play. NSU fell to 0-9 and 0-9.

"We didn't play exceptionally well, but did enough on both sides of the ball to come out with a win," head coach Nick Bobeck said. "We had some silly penalties that hurt us and didn't play a very clean football game. We're happy with the final result, but we've still got a lot of work to do."

Hood, a senior wide receiver from Tulsa, caught five passes for 59 yards in breaking

the school career record for receptions. He tied the mark of 173 with his 12-yard TD grab that gave UCO a 21-3 second-quarter lead, broke it with a nine-yard catch early in the fourth period and added a 20-yarder to end the game with 175 career catches.

Quarterback Chas Stallard led the Bronchos, hitting 24-of-32 passes for 268 yards and the TD to Hood while also rushing 14 times for 48 yards and two scores. He set a school single-season record for rushing yards by a quarterback with 576, breaking the mark of 574 set by Scott Burger in 1979.

Running back Jake Gandara ran for 59 yards and a TD on 13 carries in addition to catching five passes for 53 yards. Marquez Clark had seven receptions for 29 yards.

UCO's defensive allowed just 275 yards, including 95 rushing in 37 attempts.

Linebacker Michael Harris had another strong outing with 12 tackles, including 2.0 for loss. Linebacker Malcolm Howard added eight tackles and lineman Kenny Allen seven, including one sack.

The Bronchos were forced to punt on

their opening possession of the game and NSU responded with a 58-yard drive that ended in Dylan Beers' 37-yard field for a quick 3-0 lead.

UCO answered right back with an 11-play, 74-yard touchdown drive to take the lead for good.

Gandara had a key 13-yard run and Stallard completed all six pass attempts for 49 yards before ending it with a seven-yard scoring scamper. Seth Hiddink's extra point had the Bronchos on top 7-3 with 3:52 left in the opening period.

The RiverHawks missed a field goal on their next offensive try and UCO responded with another TD march, this time going 78 yards in nine snaps.

Connor Pulley had the big play, hauling in a Stallard pass and taking it 34 yards down to the NSU one-yard-line. Gandara punched it in on the next play and the lead was 14-3 with 12:05 left in the half.

The Bronchos forced a quick punt and then scored on their third straight possession, going 59 yards in eight plays to stretch the advantage to 21-3 at the 4:40 mark.

Stallard hit Gandara for 11 and 24 yards on swing passes before finding Hood on a 12-yard crossing route for the TD and the reception that tied the record.

UCO had a chance to add to that lead in the final minute of the half after Omari Cole picked off a pass and returned it 35 yards to the UCO 35, but the Bronchos lost six yards in three plays and punted.

The RiverHawks pulled within 28-10 with a 50-yard TD drive midway through the third quarter, but UCO responded with a quick-strike 70-yard scoring march to re-establish its 18-point advantage.

Stallard hit Gandara for 13 yards and then found Pulley for 40 to get the Bronchos to the NSU 17. Gandara then scampered for nine yards to the eight before Stallard ended the one-minute drive with a weaving TD run up the middle.

Hiddink's PAT made it 28-10 with 2:54 left in the period and neither team really threatened to score in the final quarter.

UCO goes on the road next week, traveling to St. Charles, Mo. to take on league foe Lindenwood.



The UCO football team celebrates with the fans after a win in this photo taken Saturday October 12, 2014 at Wantland Stadium on the campus of The University of Central Oklahoma. Photo by Quang Pho, The Vista.



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