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A sign posted next to Broncho Lake explaining the significance of every flag planted on the lawn around the lake honoring current and former Bronchos who served in the armed forces. Photo by Quang Pho, The Vista.

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UCO students walk through the flag display planted next to Broncho lake honoring all current and former Bronchos who have served our country as a part of the armed forces. Photo by Quang Pho, The Vista.



Adam Ropp

Staff Writer

Conversation Central aims to aid students with presentation skills

While most campus tutoring programs help with science, math, or learning another language, Conversation Central is a program aimed at giving international students a chance to practice English for presentations and conversational opportunities.

"The main thing we try to overcome is shyness and the inability to feel comfortable speaking with native speakers. They lack confidence in their ability. That's pretty much the number one thing we try to do is comfort," said Jade Vafadar, group coordinator.

Conversation Central not only practices verbal communication, but also cultural insights within American customs, the peculiar-

ities of the English language, vocabulary and pronunciation tricks.

One of the main issues is that English is primarily taught in written and reading formats, especially in Asian speaking countries, leaving them nervous with verbal expression.

"Their papers are really well written, but when they try to explain their ideas to me verbally it's very hard for them. They're shy to speak because they know those skills are lower than their writing ability," said Marianna Bennett, a group leader.

Another problem is that many foreign students like to associate with people of the same culture, which encourages speaking their

native language.

"Being an international student in a different country you should take part in the university and get to know the country. That's what studying abroad is about," said international student and Tutoring Central participant Tanya Plascencia.

With many international students lacking the opportunity to speak in the classroom, this program gives them the chance to practice speaking English in a non-judgmental, group environment with no grading process.

Conversation Central also acts as a peaceful mediator within rival cultures.

Group leader Brian McKinney

stated, "We have cultures that have traditional problems with each other. When they were in their native country they didn't get along, but when they come here they have a common ground to relate to each other with another language."

Conversation Central tutoring comes with an experienced staff, each with prior international experience whether it's family, living situations or other international programs.

"The three of us that do the conversational groups are passionate about working with international students. We want to know about their culture as much as we want to teach them about ours,"

Bennett said.

Conversation Central has no fees or registration, with regular group meetings on Fridays at 1:30-3 p.m. and Sundays at 4-5 p.m. For more information on Conversation Central, go to tc.uco.edu or check out their "Tutoring Central at UCO" Facebook page.

McKinney said, "We're here because we love international students and we love working with them. We want to see them get comfortable and enjoy their experience here. I think this is a great opportunity to do that."

Students take part in Conversation Central, located in West Hall. Photo by Adam Ropp, The Vista.

Conversation Central

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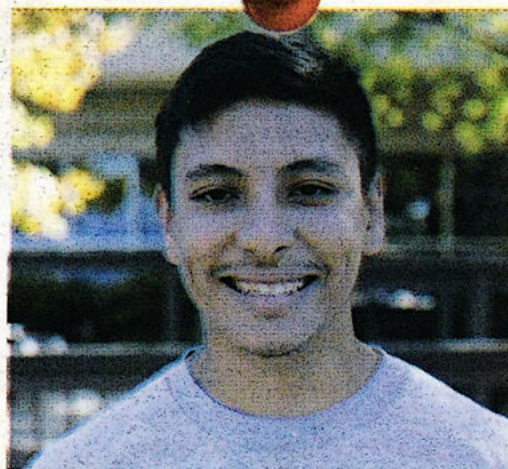


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Campus Quotes

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What is your
biggest fear?



“My biggest fear is drowning, mainly because I think that would be a scary feeling.”

-Alan Casiano
Freshman graphic design major



“I’m afraid I’ll die before I catch my dreams.”

-Cara Johnson
Sophomore photographic arts major



“My biggest fear is not being successful in life.”

-Jasmine Stripling
Freshman nursing major



“My biggest fear is not being accepted, because I feel like everyone should be accepted and not left out.”

-Ashlee Johnson
Freshman early childhood education major

OKC's Automobile Alley hosts annual Halloween bash



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Staff Writer

Automobile Alley in Oklahoma City geared up for Halloween early by hosting its annual Halloween parade, costume party and Zombie Ball on Saturday, Oct. 25. The parade, deemed as "A Celebration of the Arts & Creativity," attracted citizens from all over the metro. The event started at 7 p.m. near Oklahoma Contemporary's new art sculpture at Campbell Park, NW 12th and Broadway and ended on NW 4th.

Citizens of all ages lined Broadway Avenue in anticipation of the parade. Many floats participated in the parade, including classic vehicles, a massive jack-o-lantern balloon and an intricate motorcycle show performed by the OKC Police Department.

After the parade, the fun continued with entertainment, food, and beverages on Automobile Alley. The costume party and Zombie Ball after-party started directly after the parade ended. Floats were on static display along Broadway while My So Called Band, a local 90s tribute band, performed on an outdoor stage. Entry to the after-party required a ticket and was restricted to ages 21 and over.

The rejuvenated Auto Alley district is home to many businesses that enjoy hosting the parade every

year. Kevin Turner, general manager of Hideaway Pizza-Automobile Alley, says the parade always brings excitement to the area.

"The Halloween parade is our busiest day of the year. Customers even watch the parade from the restaurant because it comes right by Hideaway. We have a lot of fun with it by letting our staff dress up in costume for the event. It's definitely our favorite day of the year," Turner said.

The parade is designed to encourage residents to support the arts community. The entry fee for being in the parade was \$75, and 100 percent of entry fees will be donated to Allied Arts to support local arts organizations.

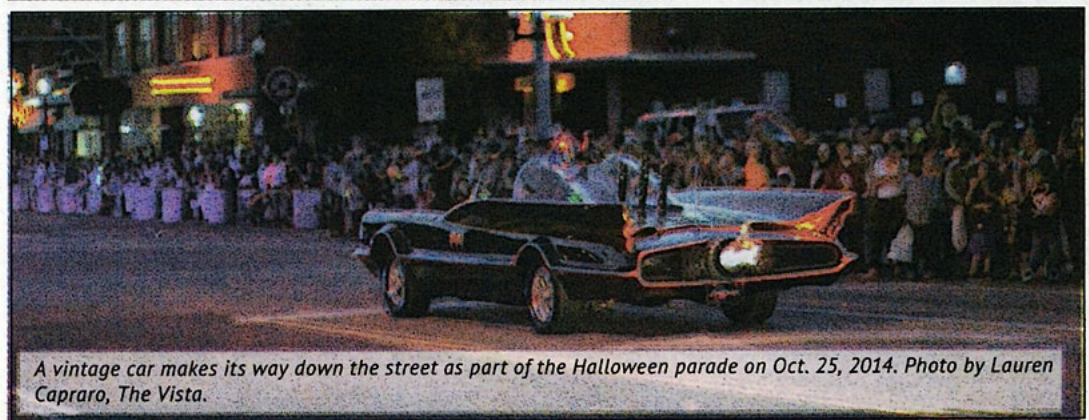
Some of the parade's sponsors included Air Comfort Solutions, KOKH-25, KJ-103, St. Anthony Hospital, BancFirst, Party Galaxy, OKC Events & Entertainment, Waste Management, Automobile Alley, Iguana Mexican Grill, Downtown OKC and Oklahoma County.

For more information on the annual Halloween parade, visit their website: <http://www.okchalloween-parade.com/>. For more news and future events happening in the Automobile Alley district, visit <http://www.automobilealley.org/>.

A large inflatable jack-o-lantern is being pulled by Halloween parade members on Oct. 25, 2014. Photo by Lauren Capraro, The Vista.



Kids, parents and community members spectate the Halloween parade. Photo by Lauren Capraro, The Vista.



A vintage car makes its way down the street as part of the Halloween parade on Oct. 25, 2014. Photo by Lauren Capraro, The Vista.



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Invest in the future

Editorial Writer

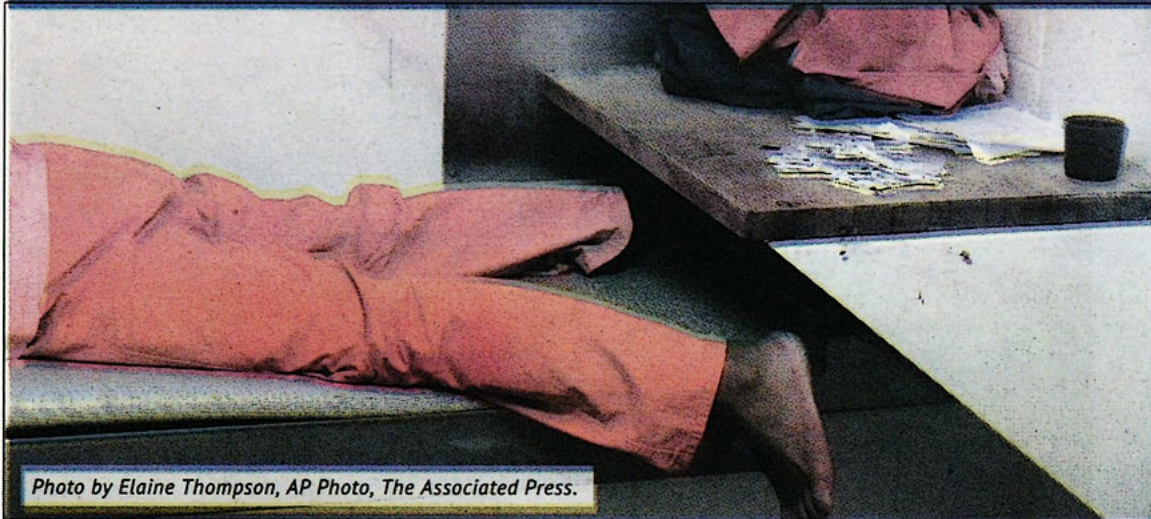


Photo by Elaine Thompson, AP Photo, The Associated Press.

The state of Oklahoma spends \$13,253.13 on each inmate every year; it only spends \$9,075 each year per student. It is ranked 44th nationwide for education spending, and teacher salaries are well below the national average. How skewed can public priorities get?

Oklahoma ranks in the bottom ten for student achievement, and the issue of educational reform is a hot-button topic that has already caused State School Superintendent Janet Barresi to be defeated in a primary election.

While state correctional spending may be much lower than the national average, per-pupil spending here is, too. If the Oklahoma Department of Corrections is on point with its \$13,253 per-inmate spending, then the state still spends 46 percent more on each inmate than each student.

But if the Vera Institute of Justice is to be believed, Oklahoma spends \$18,467 per inmate — more than double the figure given per student.

On top of this, Oklahoma is also facing a shortage of teachers. This is no surprise, since the average teacher salary in the state

is \$44,128 compared to a nationwide average of \$56,383.

Those who oppose raising teacher salaries point at instances of poor performance by educators and ask why mediocre or bad employees should be rewarded.

It should be no surprise that Oklahoma receives a low grade for teacher and student performance. While there are, obviously, many teachers with a passion for education who do a great job despite the poor pay, there are even more who just want a paycheck.

In order to prepare the next generation, a nation wants its best and brightest minds to prepare them.

Said best and brightest minds are usually not interested in a low-paying K-12 education job. Why would physics majors want to teach high school science for a \$38,000 starting salary when they could enter their chosen field earning \$58,000 and work their way up?

It is also a strong deterrent that many teachers have to dip into their own earnings to help provide supplies for the classroom.

In short, Oklahoma will not pay enough to provide supplies to all classrooms, and it will not pay teachers enough to consistently encourage quality job applicants.

Educational spending has drifted slightly upwards in 2014, but this is not much more than election-year politics by Governor Mary Fallin, attempting to dull her opponent's attacks on that issue.

Oklahoma is going to continue seeing lackluster results with regards to education unless the state government is willing to tackle the issue head-on.

Instead of ridiculous votes on issues like banning Sharia law, the legislature could pass a law overhauling state education. Maybe instead of passing bill after bill attacking reproductive rights, they could handle the issue of bad student performance.

There needs to be a drastic change in state policy and spending priorities. Right now, if children are the leaders of tomorrow, it really does not seem like Oklahoma is putting much stock in the future.



Oklahoma State Superintendent Janet Barresi lost her bid for re-election due in part to ongoing issues with Oklahoma's education system. Photo provided.

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Mind-Crippling Clowns

By Stevie Armstrong

Tomorrow is Halloween and it seems like there is always a different popular custom every year. What is it going to be this year?

The costume I continue to see and hear chit-chat about is a clown. Now, when did a goofy child's figure become something terrifying? I don't know the exact answer to that, but I will completely admit that clowns have become one of my biggest fears!

The current season of "American Horror Story" is titled "Freak Show." It features abnormal humans with features such as two heads, claw hands, a girl who is only three feet tall and other "freaks." They live in circus tents and travel trailers and put on shows for those who dare to attend.

But the most terrifying character this season has to be the clown! If you watch the show, you may have noticed that he is supposedly wearing the scalp of another human. He also wears a mask over his mouth that features the most eerie of untrustworthy smiles. His eyes are dark with dark vertical lines painted on them. His clothes are also grungy and grey. Nothing like the pleasant bright colors one might picture a clown wearing.

I won't give away too much of the show, but the clown holds a young woman and little boy hostage, mentally torturing them with amusing clown-like acts and then immediately scaring them in their wire cage they are being kept in.

This "American Horror Story" clown has not been the first to turn clowns from friendly to freaky. The 1990 film "IT" hit the screens and suddenly kids began running from clowns instead of toward them.

So why have clowns become such a popular scary figure? Perhaps, things that are supposed to bring joy and laughter seem ten times more frightening when they're portrayed as scary, kind of like dolls. Little girls are supposed to love their sweet little dolls, right? Not when Chucky is trying to kill you in the middle of the night!

I personally feel as though "American Horror Story: Freak Show" has taken the scary clown to a whole new level. My best guess for the most popular costume of Halloween 2014 is going to be clowns. And if that's your costume, by all means, please don't come near me!

Happy Halloween!

Sincerely, Stevie

Sincerely,



Stevie



Jazz Lab hosts UCO faculty band, Sugar Fish



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Sugar Fish, a trio of University of Central Oklahoma faculty members, will perform in concert at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday at the UCO Jazz Lab.

The group has played both on- and off-campus venues. Tuesday's concert is apart of the Faculty Artist Concert Series and is sponsored by UCO.

Sugar Fish, which consists of Dr. Dawn Marie Lindblade on clarinet, Dr. Lori Wooden on bassoon and KaDee Bramlett on oboe, was initially formed in the spring of 2013 in order to assist Dr. Wooden in obtaining an undergraduate degree in French.

"We prepared some music for a presentation she gave about the publishing company L'oiseau-Lyre, more specifically Louise B. M. Dyer-Hanson—its owner and a music patron,"

explained Dr. Lindblade, who has been teaching music at the university level for 7 years. "We really enjoyed the repertoire. We had previously played together before as members of a faculty woodwind quintet."

Most of the music the reed trio plays is from the twentieth century, as the first known work for reed trio was written in 1897, but they do try to select works that would please a varied audience, Dr. Lindblade said.

Sugar Fish will perform two pieces by Alan Danson, one piece by Bill Douglas and one piece by Joseph Canteloube at the Jazz Lab.

"One is of sea songs, 'Three Winds on A Boat' and the other is a set of drinking songs, 'Three Winds on the Rocks.' These are comical and I think people will

enjoy the sounds as the works both have the oboe doubling on English Horn. There are some pitch bends by the English Horn and bassoon in this work as well," Dr. Lindblade said, in relation to Danson's work.

"I enjoy all of the Reed Trio repertoire, but I particularly like the pieces that make the audience smile," said Dr. Wooden, a UCO music teacher of 15 years. "Sugar Fish has a lot of fun playing together."

The trio is made of only the reed instruments from the symphony orchestra, which is what makes Sugar Fish unique, Dr. Wooden said.

Tickets for the concert are \$10 at the door, which opens at 7 p.m. UCO students get in free with a student I.D.



A statue representing the spirit of the Jazz music genre, located outside of the UCO Jazz Lab. The UCO Jazz Lab is preparing to host the band Sugar Fish, a group comprised of three UCO faculty members, next Tuesday night as a part of the Faculty Artist Concert Series, sponsored by UCO. Photo by Quang Pho, The Vista.



A photo of the UCO Jazz lab, located off of E. 5th Street and Littler Ave in the heart of Edmond. The Jazz Lab is preparing to host Sugar Fish, a band comprised of a trio of UCO faculty members next Tuesday night. Photo by Quang Pho, The Vista.



An old-style street sign located outside of the UCO Jazz Lab. The Jazz Lab is preparing to host Sugar Fish, a band comprised of three UCO faculty members next Tuesday night. Photo by Quang Pho The Vista.

ACM@UCO to host Battle of the Bands

Erick Perry - Contributing Writer

The first-ever Academy of Contemporary Music at the University of Central Oklahoma (ACM@UCO) High School Battle of the Bands will be held in downtown Oklahoma City on Nov. 7-8, to help raise awareness of the academy's degree programs.

The event will begin Friday, Nov. 7 at the ACM@UCO Performance Lab at 7 p.m. and will last about three hours. The battle of the bands will continue at 11 a.m. the following day.

ACM@UCO Director of

Public Relations and Marketing Liz Johnson said, "We decided to move forward with implementing the first-ever ACM@UCO High School Battle of the Bands to raise awareness among high school-aged students about the academy's degree programs. ACM@UCO is all about the music and creating real world educational experiences for our students, which prepare them for successful careers in the music industry."

In addition to battle rounds, which will be judged by industry

professionals, ACM@UCO will host music industry workshops throughout the weekend for contest participants. ACM@UCO faculty members will lead the workshops as well as discuss all of the academy's program offerings and opportunities.

"The event came about through a series of discussions about how to better recruit students to attend the academy," Johnson said. "We then reached out to the Oklahoma Center for Arts Education, a division of the UCO College

of Fine Arts and Design focused on assuring excellence in arts education through professional development, collaboration and research, to help in the planning and implementation of the event."

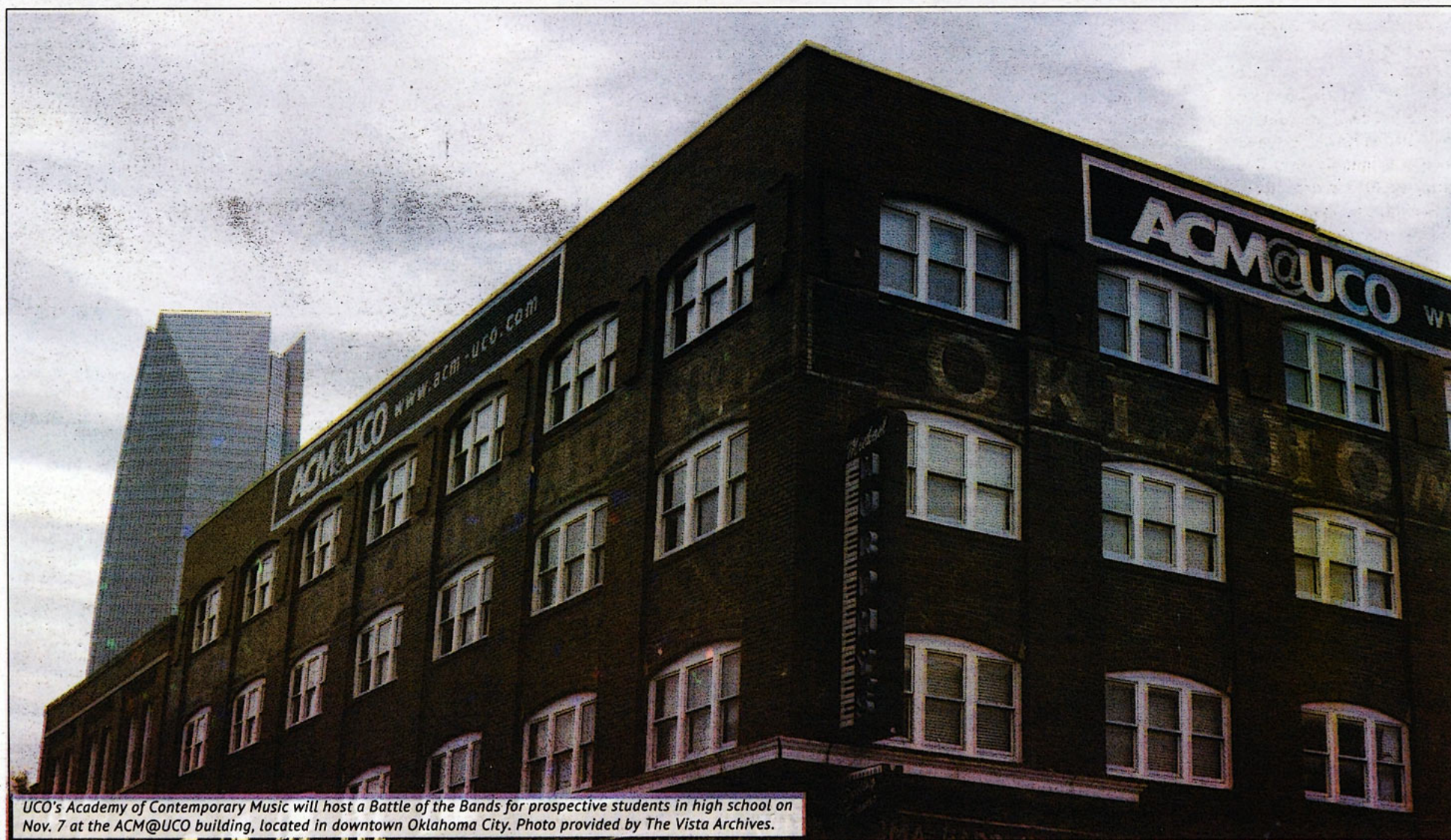
Prizes for contestants include recording packages, electronic press kits, gift certificates and a feature performance spot at the 2015 ACM@UCO Rocks Bricktown Festival.

Johnson said, "People can expect to enjoy a fun day of a wide variety of music performed by

local high school students vying to make a career out of music. ACM@UCO is thrilled to be hosting this event and we encourage anyone and everyone to come enjoy the day with us!"

Tickets are \$5 for students and \$20 for the public.

For more information about the High School Battle of the Bands and ACM@UCO, visit www.acm-uco.com or follow the academy on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ACM.UCO.



UCO's Academy of Contemporary Music will host a Battle of the Bands for prospective students in high school on Nov. 7 at the ACM@UCO building, located in downtown Oklahoma City. Photo provided by The Vista Archives.

UCO strategic communication students tour Dallas and its internship opportunities



Jennifer Hasel - Contributing Writer

This image features the Dallas skyline. Photo accessed through public domain.

Strategic communication students toured advertising and public relations firms in Dallas on Oct. 23-24 to learn about the industry and internship opportunities.

Over 35 students traveled to Dallas to participate in the tour, sponsored by UCO Strategic Communications professors Sandra Martin and Mike Breslin.

Through the tour, UCO Students got to see a variety of agencies, potential job opportunities and internships in a large market such as Dallas. Martin said that many of the agencies in Dallas have an international presence, providing students a broader exposure.

"If all they know is Oklahoma, they don't have a real understanding of the in-

dustry and the variety of job opportunities that are available in advertising and public relations," Martin said.

On Thursday, students began the tour at Golin, an international public relations firm with offices around the world, including clients like Walmart, PetSmart and Samsung. The second stop was at Moroch, an American advertising agency based in Dallas with offices across the U.S.

On the second day, students went to Tracy Locke, where former UCO graduate Scott Wisenhunt now works. Wisenhunt led the tour and presentation about different types of jobs in advertising. The last stop of the tour was at Slingshot, an advertising agency that works with clients like Susan

G. Komen and Taco Bueno.

Agencies were chosen by Martin and Breslin based on their personal contacts from years of working in the industry Martin said. She said that she didn't want students to just get a walk-through of the agencies but wanted them to meet with the real players in the industry.

"I don't want students to be limited in their dreaming, that way they get to make their own choices," Martin said.

Martin said the students who went on the tour thought it was a great opportunity, which opened doors for them in a larger market.

"The trip to Dallas was a great experience, I loved that we got the opportunity to

see how different agencies have different personalities and I was also really excited about the opportunities and connections with the agencies," said Jordan Davis, a UCO senior. "I wasn't sure what direction I would be heading but after this weekend, I think it helped me figure a lot out."

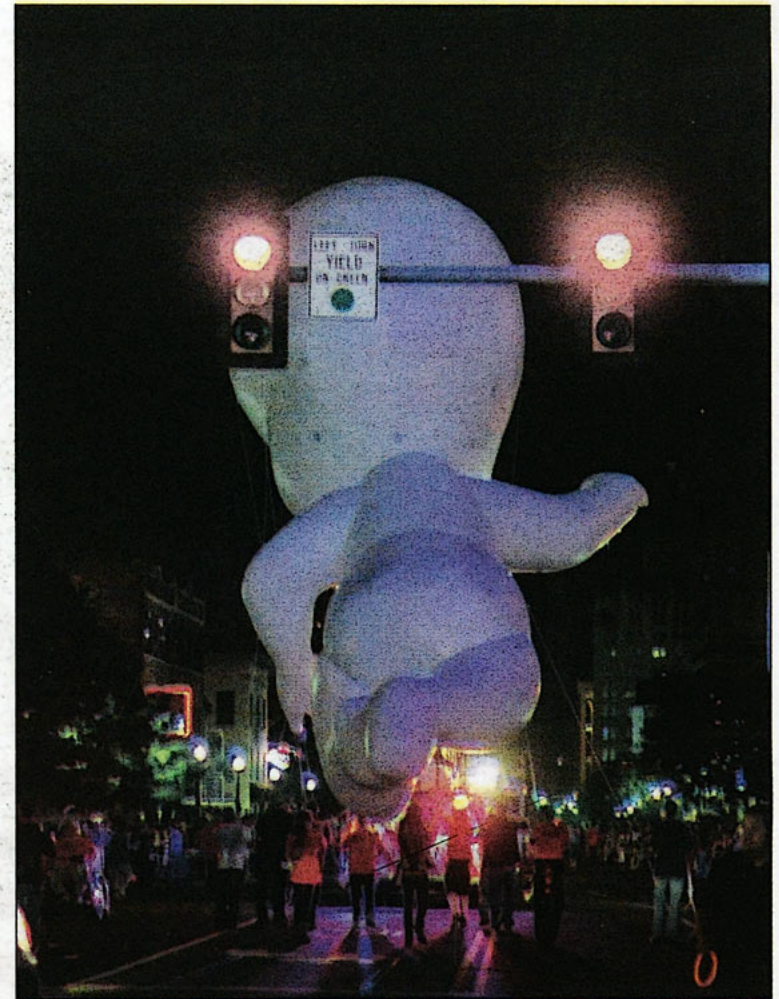
Each agency has a unique style and offered advice to students about how to get a job or internship in advertising and public relations.

"Since one of the leaders of the tour at Tracy Locke is a recent UCO grad, it makes me excited to graduate and go into the advertising world," said Chelsea Butler, a UCO Senior.

Halloween celebrated around the metro



Top Left: Students of the UCO Design Department display carved pumpkins for a fundraising sale. Photo by Quang Pho, The Vista. Top Right: Participants of the Oklahoma City Annual Halloween Parade in Automobile Alley pulled a Casper balloon through downtown OKC on Saturday, Oct. 25. Photo by Lauren Capraro, The Vista. Bottom Left: Members of OKC Pride ride atop their float during the Annual Halloween Parade in Automobile Alley on Saturday, Oct. 25. Photo by Lauren Capraro, The Vista. Bottom Right: UCO Design students present their carved pumpkins in front of Broncho Lake. Photo by Quang Pho, The Vista.



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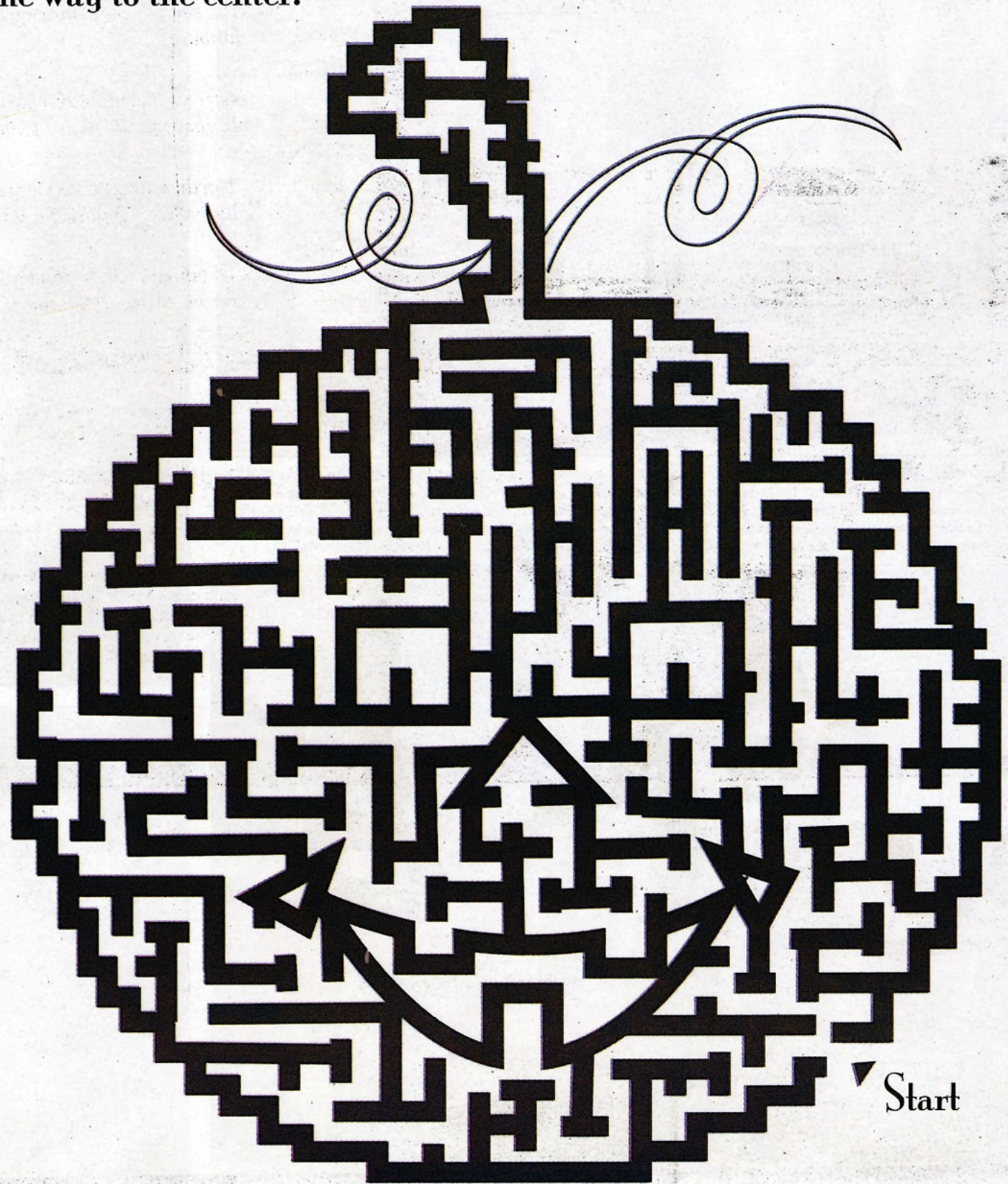
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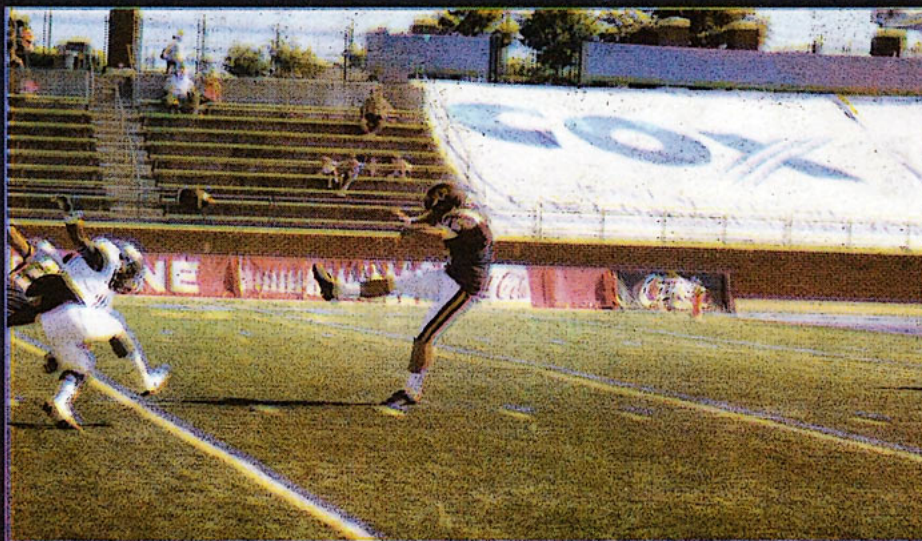
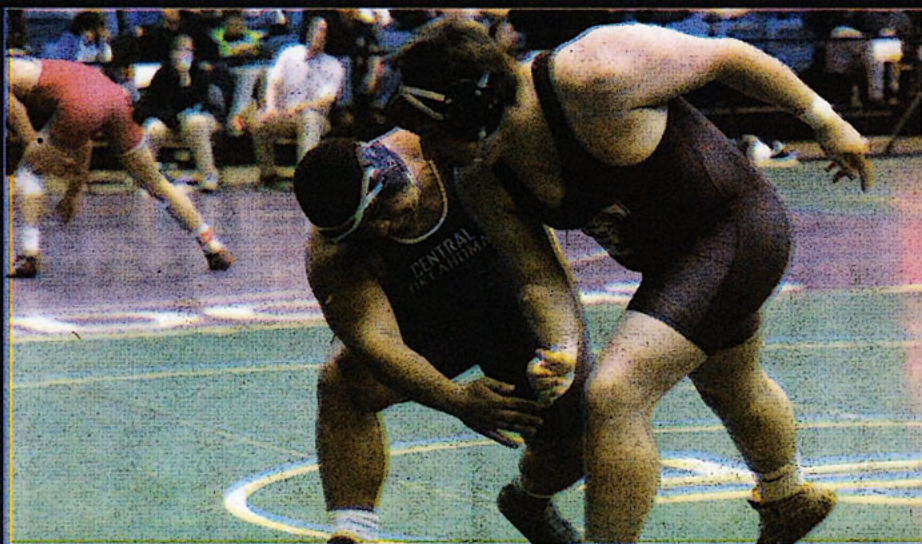
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VISTA SPORTS



UCO GAMES THIS WEEK

THURSDAY:

- Wrestling (The Bronze-Blue Intrasquad Scrimmage) (7:00 P.M. at Hamilton Fieldhouse)

FRIDAY:

- Women's Soccer vs. Northeastern State (3:00 P.M.)
- Women's Volleyball vs. Washburn (6:00 P.M.)

SATURDAY:

- Football vs. Northeastern State (Homecoming) (2:00 P.M.)
- Women's Volleyball vs. Emporia State (7:00 P.M.)

SUNDAY:

- Wrestling at Oklahoma City Open (All-Day)
- Women's Soccer vs. Missouri Southern (1:00 P.M.)
- Women's Rowing at Wichita State Frostbite Regatta (All-Day)

WRESTLING LOOKING TO START THEIR SEASON

UCO's winningest team in school history looks to start off another year of Broncho wrestling on a great note with their annual Bronze-and-Blue scrimmage at Hamilton Fieldhouse tonight. VistaSports reporter Emily Hahn took the opportunity to sit down with the team and get their take on what the upcoming season will look like for UCO Broncho Wrestling.

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THE HISTORY OF THE PRESIDENT'S CUP

The men of UCO Football will be playing for more than just the pride of winning homecoming when our in-state rivals, the Northeastern State Riverhawks, make the drive down from Talequah in hopes of retaining The President's Cup. VistaSports reporter Austin Litterell goes inside the history of this storied trophy and what the rivalry means for the Broncho's season and to UCO overall.

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Wrestling to show off new talent in annual Bronze-and-Blue scrimmage

UCO Wrestling kicks off their season this week with Bronze and Blue inter-squad duals on Thursday, Oct. 29 at 7 p.m. in Hamilton Field House, as well as at OCU this Sunday, Nov. 2 for the Oklahoma City Open.

While Central finished fifth nationally last year, they begin this year at ninth according to the NCAA Division II wrestling poll by the Wrestling Coaches Association.

The Bronchos have four returning starters from last season, one of those being Chris Watson who is ranked No. 1 in the nation at 165 pounds. Watson went 38-3 last year, receiving runner-up at Nationals.

Watson is a two-time All-American, has 88 career wins, 21 falls and 18 major decisions.

Another promising returner for UCO is Spencer Rutherford of the 149-weight class. Rutherford is ranked seventh nationally after returning from redshirting last season.

A junior from Grove, Oklahoma, Ruth-

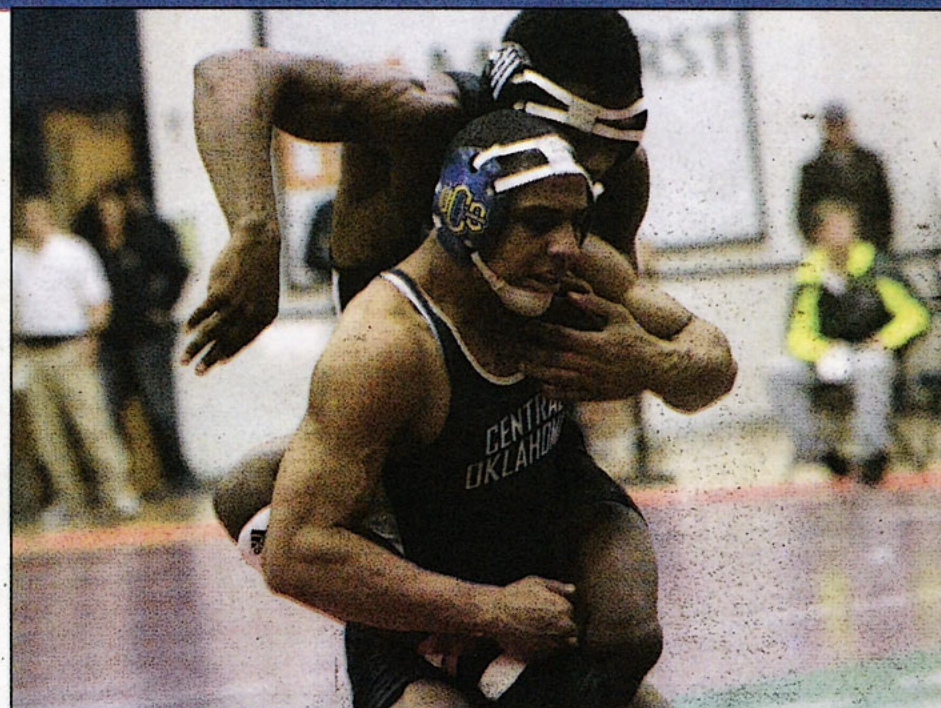
erford was a junior college All-American at Labette Community College.

Central graduated several valuable wrestlers last year, including National Champion and Central Region Wrestler of the year, Casy Rowell. Alongside Rowell, Cory Dauphin, who won the National Championship in 2013; Jordan Basks, earning All-American Honors; and Cody Dauphin, a three-time heavyweight All-American.

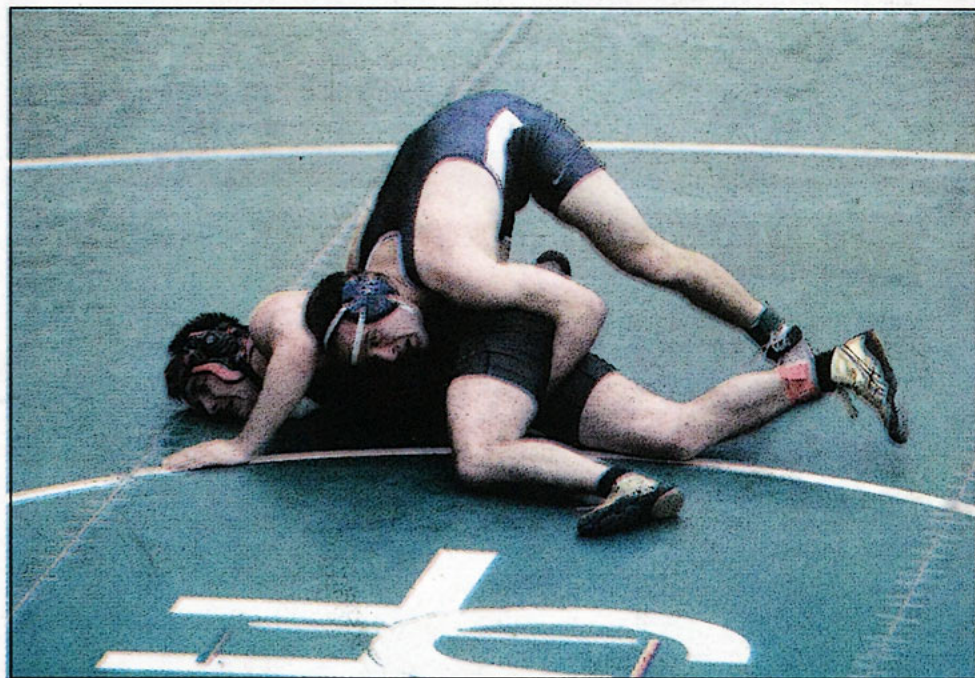
The Bronchos will attend five tournaments and two duals before the semester is up, returning to action in 2015.

Ouachita Baptist hosts one of those tournaments on Dec. 2 and Fort Hays State hosts just three days later on Dec. 5.

After inter-squad duals on Thursday, Central will not return to Hamilton until mid-January, so take advantage of this opportunity to see a preview of the success that is sure to follow the Central Oklahoma Wrestling program this 2014/2015 season.



UCO '13 senior Cory Dauphin attempts to break free of an opponents hold during the NCAA D-II Central Super-regional held at Hamilton Fieldhouse February 28-March 1, 2014. Photo by Aliko Dyer, The Vista.



UCO '13 senior Kasey Wilcox attempts to turn his opponent in this photo taken during the NCAA D-II Central Super-regional hosted at Hamilton Fieldhouse February 28-March 1, 2014. Photo by Aliko Dyer, The Vista.



UCO '13 senior Cory Dauphin attempts to flip his opponent using a chicken-wing maneuver in the NCAA D-II Central Super-regional hosted at Hamilton Fieldhouse February 28-March 1, 2014. Photo by Aliko Dyer, The Vista.

Football trying to bring home the President's Cup



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Sports Writer

Not only is this week homecoming for the University of Central Oklahoma, but it is also the annual battle for the President's Cup. The Bronchos will take on their longtime conference rival Northeastern State (NSU). This is a series that features plenty of history between the teams. The schools have also had their share of name changes too.

This series goes all the way back 102 years ago to 1912. UCO, then Central State Normal School, defeated the Northeastern State Normal School Redmen in a 53-3 rout. Three years later, in 1915, UCO won by the score of 83-0. Northeastern did not get their first victory over the Bronchos until 1933 after ten straight losses. Overall, UCO holds a 45-27-2 lead over the Northeastern State in their 74 clashes. The teams have met once in the postseason. UCO

defeated the Redmen in a 1982 NAIA semifinal game.

The President's Cup trophy did not come into play until 1998. The two school presidents at the time, Roger Webb and Larry Williams, came up with a wager and agreed to start playing for a trophy, and thus the President's Cup was born. Since then, the series has evened out as Northeastern has the 8-7 advantage in the fifteen games.

The Bronchos will be looking to regain the trophy for the first time since 2010. The RiverHawks have had three straight victories in the rivalry.

The move to the MIAA has not been easy for both programs. This will be the first time since 2011 that one team will enter season with a record above .500. It has been 15 years since both teams came into this matchup with a winning record.

UCO fell to NSU last season in Tahlequah, Oklahoma, 45-38. UCO rallied in the fourth quarter but could not overcome five interceptions.

The matchup this season is a tale of two teams at the complete opposite end of the spectrum. The Bronchos have shown vast improvement this season with a 6-2 record. The RiverHawks on the other hand are still looking for their first win of the season.

NSU has been unable to put points on the board in 2014, averaging just 9.9 points per game. An improved Bronchos defense could have chances to pin their ears back in this one.

Whoever can stay focused and cut down on the mistakes will be locking the cup inside their trophy case for the next year.

UCO Quarterback Chas Stallard (7) scrambles out of the pocket against the Washburn pass in this photo taken on Saturday October 25, 2014. Photo by Quang Pho, The Vista.

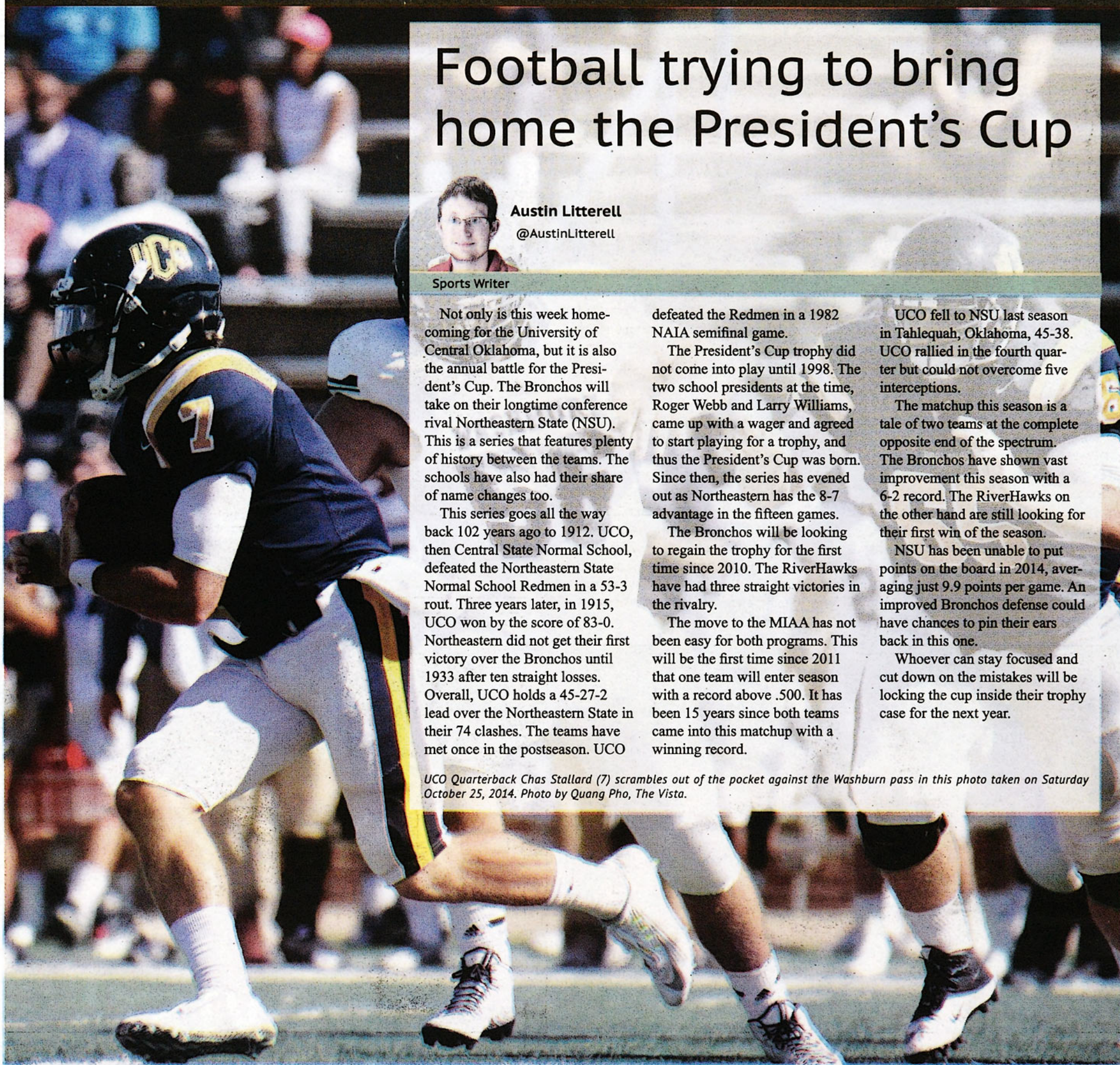




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