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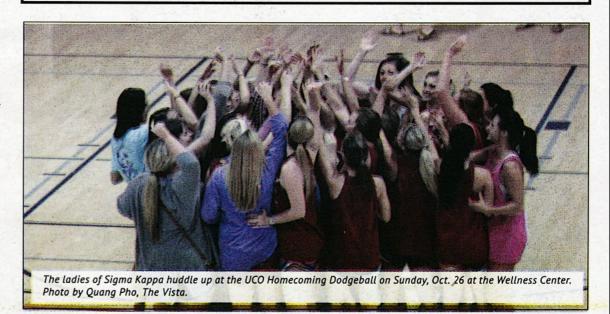


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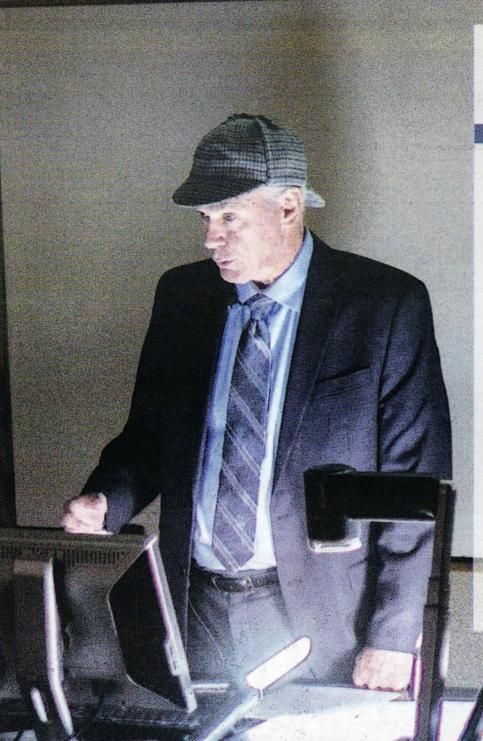
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ON THE COVER

This 1941 official homecoming program cover announced the matchup between Southeastern vs. Central State at Central Field. Photo provided by UCO Archives.



MSU professor talks Sherlock Holmes at UCO



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Contributing Writer

Missouri State University Faculty Emeritus Dr. James O'Brien spoke at UCO on Thursday. He presented "Sherlock Holmes, Forensic Science Innovator" for the UCO Department of Mathematics and Science's Fall Seminar Series.

All UCO students and faculty were invited to the presentation. It was held in room 201 of Howell Hall, following a welcoming reception where students could talk with Dr. O'Brien.

During his lecture, Dr. O'Brien talked in-depth about Sherlock Holmes' detective skills -- all while the professor was donning a genuine detective hat.

He described how Holmes used footprints, handwriting analysis, code breaking and gunshot residue to solve crimes. Dr. O'Brien then tied all of Holmes' work back to forensic science.

Dr. O'Brien also spoke about the origin of the Holmes phenomenon and the author of the books, Sir Conan Doyle.

Dr. O'Brien is passionate about Doyle's books and has a personal connection with the series. "When I was a teenager, my father gave me the stories. I instantly got hooked and read all 60 stories," he said.

Dr. O'Brien has also written a book titled "The Scientific Sherlock Holmes: Cracking the Case with Science and Forensics," which goes into more detail about how Holmes used forensic science in his detective work.

In 2013, his book received the Edgar Allen Poe Award for best critical/biographical book. He was not expecting to receive the award for his book. "It felt like being at the Academy Awards. My wife and I were very shocked that I won," he said.

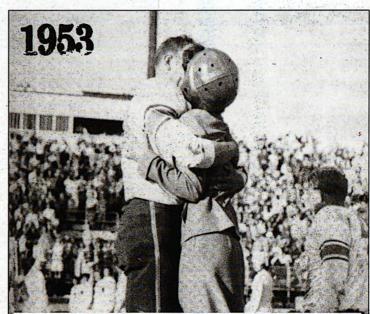
Dr. O'Brien received a bachelor's degree in chemistry with honors from Villanova University and a Ph.D. in Chemistry from the University of Minnesota. Following postdoctoral work at the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory in New Mexico, he joined the faculty at Missouri State University.

Dr. O'Brien has received the Missouri State University awards for Excellence in Research and Excellence in Teaching. In 2002, the university named him a Distinguished Professor. He has also received the Governor of Missouri's Award for Teaching Excellence.

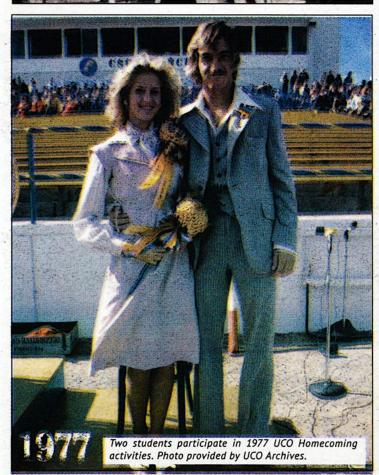
UCO Department of Math and Science's Fall Seminar Series will continue throughout the semester. For more UCO Math and Science news and events, visit: http://www.uco.edu/cms/

Dr. James O'Brien presents over the links between Sherlock Holmes and forensic science on Thursday, Oct. 23 in Howell Hall. Photo by Lauren Capraro.

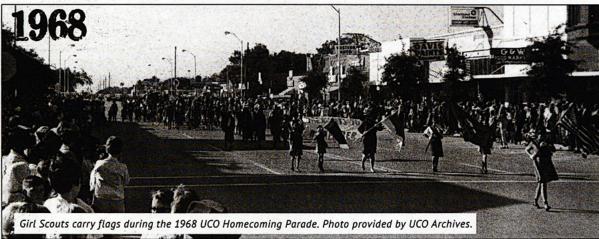
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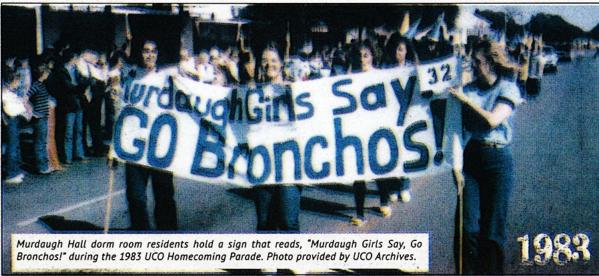


George Miller, football captain, crowns Pat Witzel Homecoming Queen during halftime ceremonies in 1953. Photo provided by UCO Archives.









UCO students celebrate 65 years of the U.N.



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On Friday, Oct 24, the UCO Model United Nations celebrated the 69th birthday of the United Nations (UN) with a series of speakers, including President Betz; the Senior Imam of the Islamic Society of Greater Oklahoma City; Dr. Imad Enchassi, a representative from our local UNA chapter and one Fulbright student, Ms. Nihaya Jaber.

"Personally, without the United Nations I would not get education, my dad would not be able to raise us. Those people that were in the war wouldn't be able to find shelter. I really would like to tell you that is not only the UN who can make a difference in this world. Each one of us can make a difference," said Ms. Nihaya Jaber, Fulbright Scholar student and refugee from Palestine.

The Model UN celebrated their achievements from over the years and commemorated their great work.

The evening was full of commemorations, with finger food, boba tea and birthday cake. The UCO's brass ensemble and other talented students from the UCO School of Music also entertained the guests.

"Education enrich you within. I'm not talking about money monetarily, but it put you in touch with your self-worth. From kindergarten to high school I received the United Nation help, not only education but also nutrition packages, vaccinations, and medical packages," said Dr. Imam Imad Enchassi, a representative from our local UNA chapter. "We went to the UN hospitals if we got sick, we saw a UN psychologist if we were mental wounded. We also learned English through United Nation."

The United Nations was founded in 1945 and is still one of the main glob-

al forums where nations and citizens try to solve the world's problems. They promote maternal health, saving the lives of 30 million women a year. They also protect and promote human rights on site and through some 80 treaties/declarations.

The UN also provides food to 100 million people in 73 countries, assisting over 34 million refugees and people fleeing war, famine or persecution. They also combat climate change, working with 130 nations to prevent harmful mercury emissions.

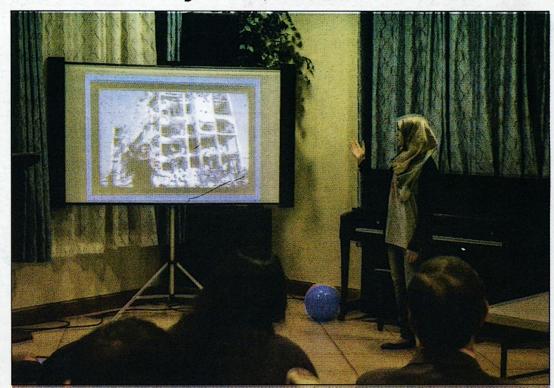
"For the future I would hope that we'll be able to overcome poverty. Poverty is our number one enemy. As I said in my speech, if you want to eliminate terrorism, you need to eliminate poverty. Give somebody hope and self-worth. Give somebody education, a hope for the future and something to look forward to," Enchassi said.

The United Nations still fights for gender equality and the empowerment of all women rights, as well as ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable, and modern energy for all.

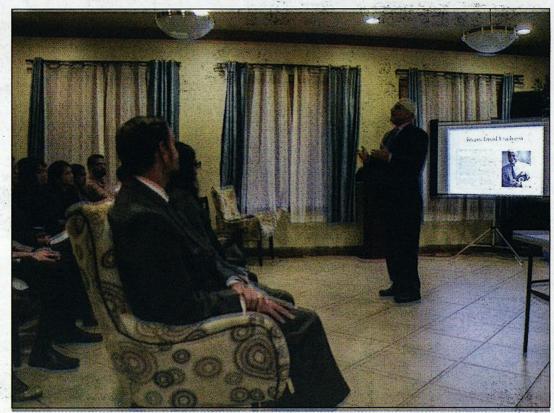
On Nov. 15, the United Nations Association of Oklahoma City, in partnership with the University of Central Oklahoma, will host a community consultation for the 2015 Sustainable Development Goals.

The event will cover topics such as ending hunger, achieving food security and improving nutrition, as well as promoting a sustainable agriculture. The event is free and open to all public.

For more information about the United Nations, please visit www. unausa.org or email membership@unausa.org.



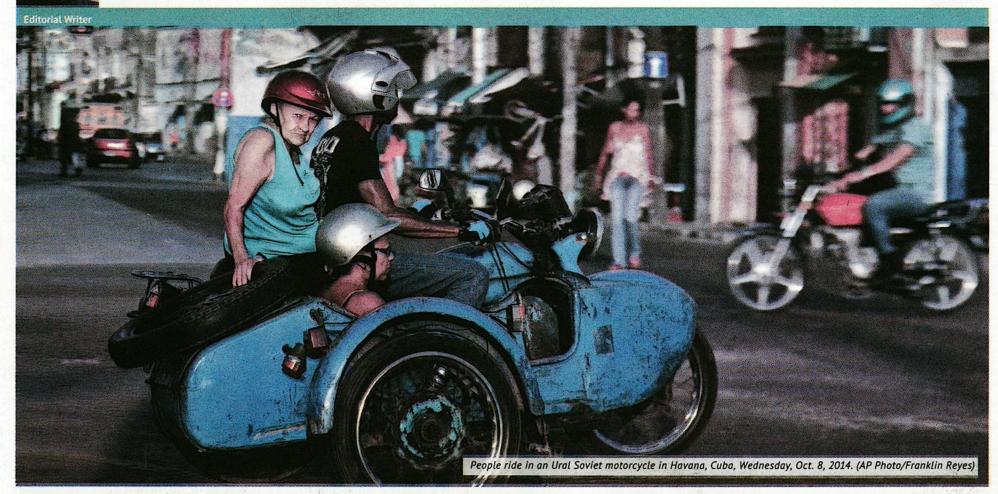
Nihaya Jaber discusses her experiences growing up in Gaza in the International house on Friday, Oct. 24. Photo by Ryan Naeve, The Vista.



Doctor Imam Imad Enchassi discusses his life and the impact that the United Nations has had on him in the International house on Friday, Oct. 24. Photo by Ryan Naeve, The Vista.



Lift the Cuban embargo



Recently, the New York Times published an editorial calling for an end to the half-century embargo against the Republic of Cuba. The policy has persisted since around the time of the Cuban Missile Crisis, yet it has failed to even slow down the reigning socialist government of Fidel and Raul Castro. The writers at the Times are right; it is time to end the embargo.

There are many reasons to lift the embargo and allow trade and travel with America's neighbor in the Caribbean. The first and foremost comes from studies published by Texas A&M University, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the Cuba Policy Foundation. These studies found that the embargo costs the U.S. economy between \$1.2 billion and \$4.84 billion each year, and ending the policy would create as many as 6,000 new American jobs.

Aside from economics, current policy against Cuba is enormously hypocritical. Proponents of the blockade point to human and civil rights abuses by the Cuban government, but the U.S. has very little problem trading with human rights violators in the world.

Saudi Arabia, one of America's closest Middle Eastern allies, is still an authoritarian, absolute monarchy. The state controls the media, public protest is banned, there is no elected parliament and women are denied basic rights.

The U.S. also maintains a strong relationship with Uzbekistan, which borders Afghanistan. Uzbekistan's government has almost completely suppressed the opposition and it regularly engages in arbitrary detention and torture. The Guardian reported that the government boiled two prisoners alive in 2003.

And do not forget what America's biggest trade partner, China, does to political dissidents.

So the argument that America cannot trade with authoritarian states falls on its face with a simple Google search.

Besides, the U.S. has always touted an interest in spreading the democratic process to the rest of the world. This embargo is counterproductive to those efforts.

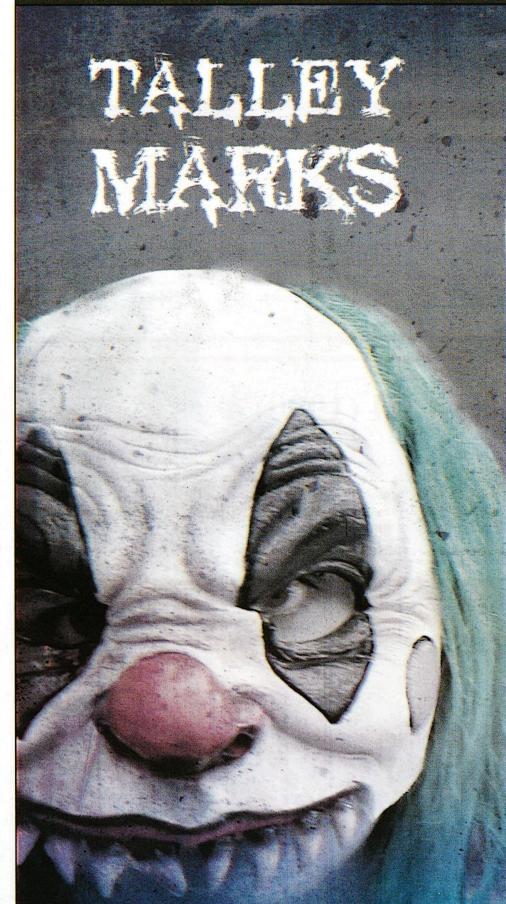
In large part because of American animosity, Cuban doctors have access to less than half of the pharmaceutical drugs on the market. It is also virtually impossible to treat HIV/AIDS in Cuba because the vast majority of medication for that illness is on the commercial market under U.S. patents.

There is also the simple fact that many American tech companies refuse to offer most, if not all, of their services to Cuba for fear of violating the U.S. embargo. Cubans cannot use Microsoft's Messenger application or most Google tools for this very reason.

By denying access to technology and advanced medicine, the U.S. does not exactly paint itself as a purveyor of freedom in the eyes of the Cuban populace. In fact, it strengthens the Cuban government's propaganda: America is, to many Cubans, the new evil empire.

The United States will never instigate any real change in Cuba for as long as there is a trade and travel embargo on the country. North Korea and Iran are proof of this; isolation only makes it easier for the regime to shape public opinion and suppress dissent.

The embargo must be lifted, not to "reward" the Castro government as its supporters say, but to show solidarity and support for the Cuban people.



The Fun in Fear

By Tyler Talley

When I was young, I was terrified of clowns.

Like many people I relate this to their loudness and in-your-face nature. When you are younger, you are much more susceptible to sudden loud noises. So, what could possibly be more upsetting than a brightly colored, wig-wearing monster in front of you, laughing hysterically and making all sorts of noise?

Any time I came into contact with one, whether it was in person or on television, I shut down. I have since grown out of this fear, but the feelings of utter horror I felt are still as fresh as the day they spawned.

Fear is something that stays with us like a subconscious scar that never truly goes away. I find it fascinating to discuss with other people what fears they had as children.

Some may seem ridiculous - I have a friend that was and still is scared of leprechauns - but all of them are relatable.

I know plenty people who are still frightened of clowns and point to the recent season of "American Horror Story" as evidence of their horrific power.

So once again, we find ourselves facing that special time of year in which fear is celebrated.

Halloween is probably my favorite holiday for a plethora of reasons. It serves as an excuse to dress up in costumes and receive rewards; as a child, it was candy, and as an adult, it is alcohol. But, it is also a time in which our fears our celebrated. We visit haunted houses and watch scary movies, all for that rush we feel whenever we are scared.

It relates back to loud noise. It triggers something primordial in us all, a massive spike in adrenaline, that was instilled in us by our ancestors, who had to deal with things like predatory saber-tooth cats. It's why things like jump scares in horror movies are so effective.

Why do we like to be scared?
Well, unlike our cave-dwelling
forefathers, we do not typically have
predators trying to kill and eat us (I
want to stress that I said "typically").
To be afraid in a controlled environment can be fun. In fact, you almost
feel accomplished by the end of it.
There is a rewarding aspect to making it to the end of a haunted house
or particularly scary movie.

Most of us are fortunate to live in a place in which we hardly have to deal with real fear on a daily basis. Halloween gives us a chance to make fear fun.



Adam Ropp

Top 5 Underrated Horror Films

Contributing Writer

Halloween is right around the corner along with some of the greatest traditions of egging your ex's house, going to costume parties, and watching scary movies. For mány people, John Carpenter's "Halloween" has become the "It's a Wonderful Life" for Oct. 31, a classic nobody watches unless it's already on TV. So it got us thinking... which horror movies have really shaken people up over the years? Better yet, which horror films have failed to do so yet received praise? Therefore, we decided to create a list of the Top Five Underrated Horror Films of all time.



Devil (2010)

This film was not your typical horror flick but rather a mystery thriller. The majority of the movie takes place with five strangers trapped in an elevator with one being the devil himself. Audiences are not only caught up with the mystery of identity but the mystery of what will happen to those involved. This film was written and produced by M. Night Shyamalan, which is why it has seemed to have slipped through the cracks. After Shyamalan's initial success, "Devil" was released after a string of let downs where audiences had all but given up on Shyamalan delivering a great movie.



Phone (2002)

A dead teenager possesses a 6-year-old girl, who is the daughter of her former lover. The movie not only has the classic scary mantra, but also portrays sexual tension between the 6-year-old girl and her dad. Need I say more? Don't pretend that's not creepy. This movie was a Japanese film and a B-movie at that. No surprise that it barely saw the light of day even in Japan.



Exorcist III (1990)

Oscar-winner George C. Scott stars as Lt. Kinderman who investigates a series of brutal murders that mysteriously resemble the M.O. of the already-executed Gemini Killer. Many consider this movie a hidden gem and overlooked because of its awful predecessor, "The Exorcist II." Had the title remained "Legion" as originally planned and not changed to "The Exorcist III" for commercial appeal, its fate would have been much different.

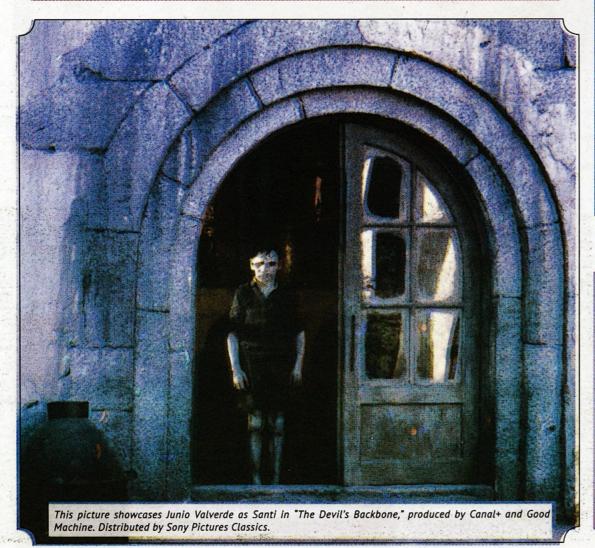


This picture features Bokeem Woodbine (left) and Bojana Novakovic (right) in "Devil," produced by Media Rights Capital, The Night Chronicles and Blinding Edge Pictures. Distributed by Universal Pictures.

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The Devil's Backbone (2001)

This movie was written and directed by Guillermo del Toro, the same man who gave us "Hellboy" and the Oscar-sweeping "Pan's Labyrinth," so it's no surprise this movie was so well made. In fact, the story was so well structured and characters so well developed that you could completely remove the horror aspects and still have a terrific move. The plot follows a boy who recently enters an orphanage during the Spanish civil war and encounters a ghost who frequents the grounds. It has a very simple plot, but is ranked #61 on Bravo's "100 Scariest Movie Moments" for its various scenes in which the ghost is seen. It also holds a 91 percent rating on Rotten Tomatoes. The fact that it's presented in Spanish and before del Toro was a commodity is probably why it's under the radar.





Audition (1999)

This Japanese film by Takashi Miike is not only one of the most underrated horror films, but underrated movies in general with Quentin Tarantino declaring it as one of the best movies ever made in 30 years. Many also don't realize that it was ripped off by the "Saw" horror franchise that spawned the torture craze in the mid-2000s. The plot deals with a man who thinks he has found the ideal woman, but the audience can feel that something is wrong even though you can't quite place what it is. The film builds with this suspense until you finally get to the payoff and for once, the payoff is equal to the build. Notable horror directors Eli Roth ("Hostel," "Grindhouse"), John Landis ("Slasher," "Masters of Horror") and Rob Zombie ("House of a 1000 Corpses," "Devil's Rejects") claimed to have found the film very difficult to watch. Let that sink in for a minute. Combined with the fact that it was a Japanese film and that the economic drive of the Internet had not yet fully developed in 1999, it's no wonder this masterpiece is all but nonexistent with most American audiences.



Oklahoma Schools Superintendent seeks No Child Left Behind standards flexibility



FILE In this July 21, 2014 file photo, students at a summer reading academy at Buchanan elementary school work in the computer lab at the school in Oklahoma City. The Oklahoma Supreme Court has confirmed the Legislature was well within its authority to repeal a set of education standards in math and English known as Common Core. But what's still uncertain is whether reverting back to the old academic standards will put Oklahoma students at a disadvantage when competing against those in more than 40 other states who are moving ahead with the more advanced and rigorous new ones developed under Common Core.. (AP Photo/Sue Ogrocki, File)



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SCHEENWARE

Oklahoma Schools Superintendent Janet Barresi has asked the U.S Department of Education for immediate reinstatement of Oklahoma's No Child Left Behind waiver.

No Child Left Behind (NCLB) is an extension of a 1965 reform law, re-authored by George W. Bush in 2011. It was a bi-partisan effort that was a step towards better education in America

NCLB requires states to develop assessments in basic skills, and to receive federal school funding, states must give these assessments to all students at select grade levels.

Each state develops its own standards, so NCLB can expand the federal role for public schools, through annual academic progress, annual testing, report cards, teacher qualifications and funding changes.

Every year, the NCLB requirements become more challenging. Students need to be at the same reading level and at grade level in math in order to fulfill the federal guideline and not face sanctions.

However, education experts estimate 90 percent of Oklahoma schools do not meet the requirements, and the State Department of Education has requested the reinstatement of the flexibility waiver from NCLB.

"We have talked to the USDE

via conference call. We will be submitting a formal paper request to them as soon as possible," said Tricia Pemberton, the assistant director of communications at the Oklahoma State Department of Education. "Also, we will be awaiting the USDE's decision on whether or not they will consider reinstating the waiver this school year or if it will be the next school year."

States apply for a waiver from federal requirements in order to have greater flexibility to spend federal dollars. Every state that has adopted the federally required Common Core Standards have been approved for the waiver.

In 2014, 46 states applied for the waiver, and most of them were approved. Some other states are still waiting to hear if their waiver will be accepted.

Washington and Oklahoma were denied the waiver after they failed to fully implement Common Core Standards.

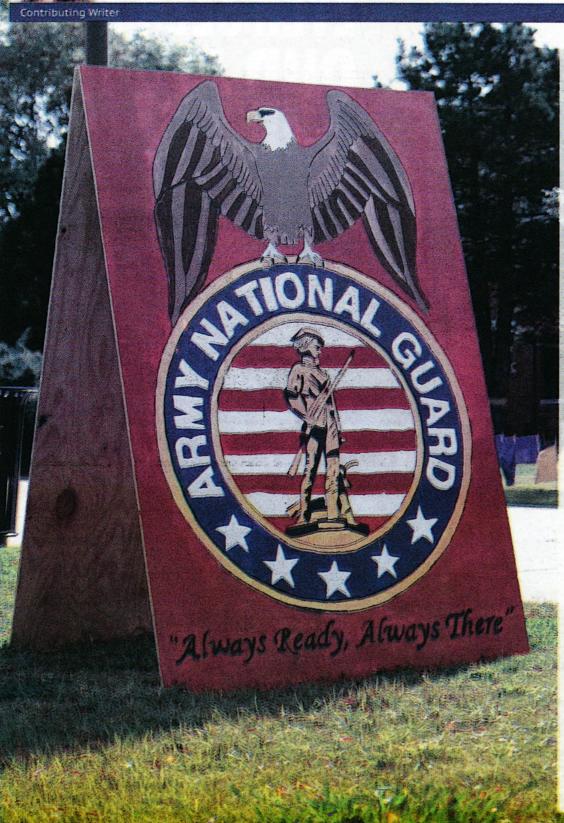
According to the U.S Secretary of Education, Oklahoma state

standards were not approved due to their lack of college and career readiness. Now, the State Board of Regents is determining whether the state is currently college and career ready, but they have not yet completed the process.





UCO makes 'Military Friendly' list



For the third year in a row, the University of Central Oklahoma has been designated as part of the Military Friendly Schools list for its commitment to veterans, military members and their families.

The Military Friendly lists are compiled through data-driven surveys and extensive research to find schools and businesses that provide for those who served and are serving our nation. Each year, the standards are raised in order to make sure that facilities are providing the best possible resources and support to these men and women.

"While I'm proud of the 2015 Military friendly designation, to me it is a validation of what UCO has been trying to do for vets," said Retired Army Lt. Col. Kennan Horn, manager of Veteran Student Support at Central.

Each school and business fills out the survey and turns them in to be evaluated. The survey is composed of data and yes-or-no questions, as well as open-ended questions, allowing facilities to talk about what makes them unique and give examples of how they go above the standard.

"My position, is the only one like it in the state of Oklahoma," Lt. Col. Horn said. "No other school here, and there are several with more money than us, has hired a vet to run Veterans programs."

While every school has a hired official to take care of military students' paperwork and get it to the Veterans Administration for processing, UCO hired Lt. Col.

Horn specifically as a liaison between the students and the VA program.

Lt. Col. Horn makes sure students are taken care of in the best and most efficient way possible. He feels that being a retired vet himself allows him to help other veterans with all their needs on campus.

Another unique aspect for veterans at UCO is the Forensic Science and Criminal Justice programs. Many veterans look for jobs in these fields after they retire from the military, and this university has one of the top programs in the nation.

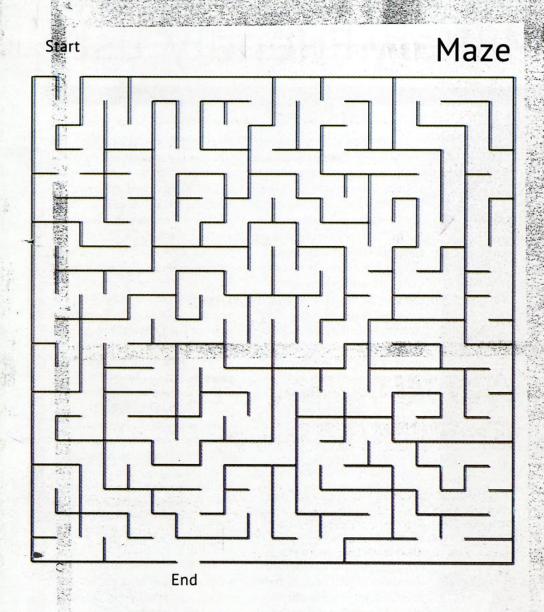
There is also the opportunity for college veterans to participate in the Paralympics on campus at the Wellness Center. Many retired military members have been disabled, and these programs give them the option to remain active and to learn how to compete in a different way.

The VSS is participating in another survey, called Best for Vets, which is a ranked list of the best schools for veterans and is more competitive then the Military Friendly list. The results of the contest will be published in early November.

UCO has not competed to be on the list before, but Lt. Col. Horn believes UCO has a very good chance of being ranked high because of the hard work the VSS does on campus.

"There was only one school from this state this last year in Best for Vets and we're better than them," Lt. Col. Horn said.

A sign sits across from Broncho Lake for UCO's Honor Bronze & Blue Homecoming. Photo by Ryan Naeve, The Vista.





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UCO GAMES THIS WEEK

TUESDAY:

- Men's Golf at Rock Barn Collegiate Invitational (Hosted at Rock Barn Country Club in Conover, North Carolina)
- Women's Volleyball at Missouri Southern State (6:00 P.M.)

WEDNESDAY:

- NO EVENTS SCHEDULED

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.)

FOOTBALL FIGHTS OFF THE ICHABODS FOR WIN #6

The Washburn Ichabods kept the game close almost the entire way thorough on Saturday afternoon but some late game heroics by the Broncho football team brought this season's win total to six, the same ammount as the team has won over it's previous three years combined. BronchoSports.com breaks down the game and what the win means for UCO in it's hunt for the MIAA crown.

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MEN'S HOOPS TIPS-OFF SEASON AT HOOPS MADNESS

The UCO Men's Basketball team started their season last week with their annual UCO Hoops Madness event at Hamilton Fieldhouse, showcasing the talent that the team has in store for the upcoming season. VistaSports contributor Bryan Huddleston was at the event and explains all the sights and sounds coming from this opening event for the 14-15 UCo hoops season.

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Football fights its way to sixth win this season against Washburn

Special Report

Quarterback Chas Stallard broke free for a game-clinching 60-yard touchdown run in the final minutes and Central Oklahoma's defense came up with some key stops as the Bronchos subdued stubborn Washburn 35-26 Saturday afternoon at Wantland Stadium.

The Ichabods trailed just 28-26 after a short TD pass with 6:56 remaining, but Stallard went up the middle on a draw and was untouched on his cross-county scoring jaunt with 3:40 left that pushed the lead to nine and sealed the verdict

UCO improved to 6-2 on the season and in Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association play in clinching its first winning season since 2008 and equaling its number of wins over the last three years combined. The Bronchos are home again next week, hosting Northeastern State for Homecoming at 2 p.m.

"It wasn't pretty, but we found a win to win and that's the important thing," head coach Nick Bobeck said. "There were a lot of mistakes on both sides of the ball, but we also made some big plays when we needed to and that was a big key to the game."

The Bronchos overcame a 10-0 first-quarter deficit and the defense forced WU to settle for field goals of 20, 23, 25 and 28 yards after the Ichabods had reached a first down inside UCO's 20-yard-line.

Stallard rushed for 158 yards -- a single-game school record for a quarterback -- on just 14 carries while also completing 11-of-19 passes for 112 yards and a touchdown. Jake Gandara ran 16 times for 123 yards and two TDs as UCO finished with 338 rushing yards, winning for the 35th straight time when rushing for 250-plus yards.

The Ichabods rolled up 493 total yards, including 244 rushing.

UCO was without two injured defensive standouts in linebacker Chass Glaspie and cornerback Cody Jones, with Michael Harris stepping in for Glaspie and making a career-high 13 tackles. Safety Matt Pruitt added 10 tackles, two broken up passes and an interception and linebacker Cade Shearwood had 10 tackles with 1.5 for loss.

WU drove to a first-and-goal at the Broncho 10 on the opening drive of the game before UCO held and forced the Ichabods to settle for Justin Linn's 20-yard field goal. The Ichabods made it 10-0 with 2:40 left in the opening quarter with a 78-yard TD drive.

The Bronchos answered back with 14 unanswered points in taking the lead for good.

Gandara capped a short drive after a failed Washburn onside kick attempt with a 19-yard scoring dash with 1:51 left in the period and Pruitt's interception at the UCO 10 led to a 90-yard TD march.

Stallard had a pair of 15-yard runs and a 17-yard pass to Josh Crockett in the nine-play drive that Clay McKenzie ended with a tackle-breaking 11-yard smash up the middle that made it 14-10 with 11:11 left in the half.

A long kickoff return helped the Ichabods reach a firstand-10 at the UCO 17 before the Bronchos again stiffened to force a short field goal, with Linn's 25-yarder cutting the lead to 14-13 midway through the second period.

UCO came right back with a nine-play, 74-yard TD drive, getting Stallard runs of 14 and 16 yards before Gandara ended it with a 10-yard score that upped the lead to 21-13 with 3:35 remaining.

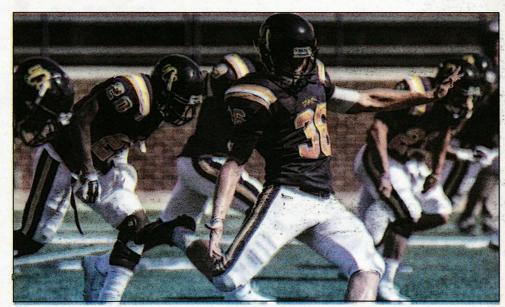
Washburn cut that the 21-16 with a 28-yard field goal in the final seconds of the half.

The Ichabods drove to a first-and-10 at the UCO 12 on their first possession of the third quarter before the Bronchos once again forced a field goal, with Linn hitting from 23 yards to make it 21-19.

It stayed that way until Gandara's tackle for a four-yard loss on a fake punt gave UCO a short field and led to a 55-yard touchdown drive. Stallard's 33-yard scramble was the key play before the redshirt freshman hit Caleb Moss from seven yards out for a 28-19 lead with 9:33 remaining.

WU responded quickly and scored in just six plays to pull within 28-26 at the 6:56 mark.

The Bronchos picked up one first down on Marquez Clark's 20-yard gain on a double reverse, but a sack had UCO facing third-and-nine at their own 40 when Stallard dropped back and then sprinted straight up the middle of the field past WU's stunned defense for the game-clinching score.



Left: UCO sophomore kicker Seth Hiddink kicks the football to start the game on Saturday Oct. 25, 2014 against Washburn at Wantland Stadium. Photo by Ryan Naeve, The Vista.



Washburn runningback Sean McPherson tries to side-step a tackle from Matt Pruitt in this photo from Saturday Oct. 25, 2014 at Wantland Stadium on the campus of UCO. The Bronchos won this game 35-26.

Men's Basketball shows off their skills at the annual Hoops Madness showcase

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On Oct. 23, UCO basketball hosted its third annual Hoops Madness at Hamilton Field House. Both the men and women's teams were there to showcase their talents for the upcoming season in November.

For all students that arrived early for the event, they received a "Roll Chos" basketball T-shirt displaying both teams' basketball schedules. From the dunk contests to free Raising Cane's, Hamilton Field House became the center of attention for students and faculty. The field house was alive with Broncho pride and the hopes of bringing home prizes from the Hoops Madness drawing.

The men's team started off the event playing a Bronze vs. Blue eight-minute match-up switching players at the four-minute halves. The men showed off some of their moves to give peo-

ple a sneak peek of their team's ability.

Throughout the evening, hopeful students entered into a drawing to win a UCO putter, OKC Thunder tickets or one of two Wii U consoles. In the end, everyone was a winner, with a free shirt and food.

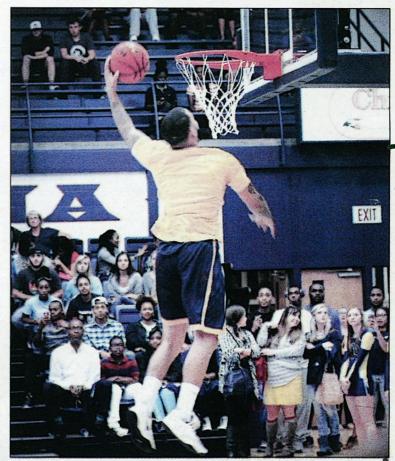
The highlight event of the evening came down to the slam-dunk contest. Four contestants from the basketball team put out their best moves to try and win over the crowd at a chance to be slam-dunk contest winner.

"It's great for students and for the players. It lets them have fun out there and there is no pressure," said UCO Men's Basketball Head Coach Terry Evans. Evans has very high hopes for a winning season, having three starters from last year's team, which made it to the MIAA Tour-

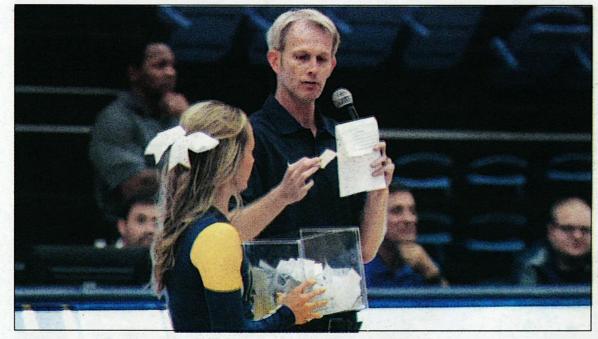
nament finals. Evans knows that his team can score, as they putting up 33-26 in a friendly eight-minute scrimmage.

With the Bronchos season starting in less than a month, there are very high hopes of making it far within their conference. The men's team is ranked sixth in their league and the women's team ranked tenth, according to the MIAA pre-season poll.

The Bronchos season will kick off their season with two exhibition matches on Nov. 14-15, in the MIAA/GAC Challenge for both men and women. UCO women's basketball will have their first home game against Oklahoma Christian University on Tuesday, Nov. 18 at 5:30 p.m. in Hamilton Field House, while the men start at 7:30 p.m.



UCO junior power-forward Trai Jordan shows off his dunking ability at UCO Hoops Madness held at Hamilton Fieldhouse last Thursday night. Photo by Quang Pho, The Vista.



A UCO cheerleader helps hold the box full of names for a raffle during the UCO Hoops Madness showcase. The event featured the UCO Men's basketball team introducing new players from the team and showing off their skills with a dunk contest. Photo by Quang Pho, The Vista.



UCO students look at their raffle ticket and wait to see if their number will be called to win a prize at the UCO Hoops Madness event, held at Hamilton Fleldhouse last Thursday night.

