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UCO's Stampede of Sound drummers practice outside on the campus lawn on Oct. 1. Photo by Ryan Naeve, The Vista.

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UCO Forensic Science Insititute hosting interactive 'whodunit' tour and event

W. ROGER WEBB FORENSIC SCIENCE INSTITUTE



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Contributing Writer

A mysterious "murder" will rock the University of Central Oklahoma's (UCO) W. Roger Webb Forensic Science Institute (FSI), when it partners with UCO's chapter of Delta Delta Epsilon, the international forensic science honor society. The two will present "Get a Clue!", an interactive introduction to forensic science with a whodunit twist. "Get a Clue" will be held at 2-5 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 5 in the FSI building on the UCO campus.

"The event has been several years in the making, and we are so excited to finally bring it to life. We are hoping to generate interest in the forensic science program at UCO and are excited to become an active part of the Edmond community," said Mia Solomon, president of DDE.

Those who attend the event will be sorted into tour groups and will travel through the various steps of solving murders: from dispatch, where a crime is reported; to the scene of the crime, where suspects will be interrogated; and then on to watch the variety of experts evaluate evidence, including DNA, blood spatter pattern, firearms, toxicology, and fingerprints.

FSI faculty will present the case, playing prosecutors and defense attorneys in the mock prosecution of the alleged murderer. The group will make

determinations about who committed the crime based on the evidence provided.

In addition to seeing the process play out, guests will have the opportunity to interview the suspects, talk with the forensic experts and experience the mock criminal trial.

Solomon said the main focus of the event is the insight it will offer into what a forensic scientist actually does.

"We hope they leave with a realistic understanding of the field, rather than the dramatized version they see on TV," she said.

Makenzie Shelton, a forensics science junior, is excited for the event.

"I have heard about murder mystery dinners before and am looking forward to attending 'Get a Clue' with my classmates and professors. The Forensic Science Institute has given me many unique opportunities to learn that can better prepare me for my future career," Shelton said.

The duration of the walk through is approximately one hour and 15 minutes.

"Get a Clue!" is free and open to the public of all ages; however, crime scenes may involve non-human blood and non-functioning firearms. Parents are encouraged to consider whether the event is appropriate for their children.

Pre-registration for the event is suggested, as attendees will be able to reserve a preferred tour time. To register, visit www.uco.edu/forensics/clue.asp. For more information about the event, contact the chapter of Delta Delta Epsilon at alphachapterdde@uco.edu.

The W. Roger Webb Forensic Science Institute (FSI) front entrance. The FSI will host an interactive tour event several years in the making in order to garner interest in their program. Photo by Ryan Naeve, The Vista.

Top 5: Fall Fashions for Men

The top five styles for college men to wear in the fall.



1. Cardigans- You can never go wrong with a nice cardigan sweater and jeans or khakis. It's warm, fitted, and of course, stylish. Trust me fellas; the ladies will notice you if you rock the cardigan.



2. Fleece Jackets or Pea Coats- For grown men, both of these are nice additions to your swagger. This makes you stand out and at the same time stay warm. You can't go wrong with either.



3. Pullovers- I like to call pullovers "Ol' Reliable." They can be worn with shorts, jeans or khakis. Perfect for a semi-casual day or chill session.



4. Blazers- They add a sort of sophisticated fun to the outfit.



5. Oxford shoes, Timberland boots etc.- As fall progresses and the air gets colder, why not bring these bad boys out?

UCO Skeptics to host secular conference



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Staff Writer

The UCO Skeptics will hold a conference on Oct. 25 on campus, introducing new ideas to students and offering a day full of knowledge and entertainment.

"It's going to be the first secular event on campus. We are very excited about that. We see a lot of dogmatic views represented on campus, and we really want get people the idea that secular doesn't mean bad. Also, at the same time, we are introducing new ideas to people. We want everybody in the conference leaving with something they didn't know," said Ryan Harris, president of Skeptics at UCO.

The conference will have many speakers teaching about evolution, different dogmas at churches, autism, spectrum disorder and many diverse subjects.

The UCO Skeptics group first got engaged on Spring 2011 and has grown tremendous since then, acquiring over 380 members on their social page.

"The Skeptics at UCO are all about helping people understand the world as it is, rather than what we want it to be. So, in another words, we are using scientific methodology, reason and knowledge to examine the world around us, and not relying on this like dogma or personal bias. We get a better understanding on what's real, and what's not real," said Dr. Caled Lack, associate professor of psychology and founding faculty

advisor for the Skeptics at UCO.

The group's main goal is to promote an evidence-based outlook on the world, including ideas that involve supernatural, paranormal and pseudoscientific elements. They try to keep a scientifically skeptical mindset and examine claims based on evidences and not just assumptions.

The group is composed of all kinds of people, with different cultures, religious backgrounds and beliefs. The members want to explore new ideas and discover themselves as they bound new friendships.

"What we like to do, is not compartmentalize and we like to apply skepticism to every aspect of our lives. So, for instance, somebody might be very skeptical about Big Foot but they are not very skeptical about ghosts. They might be very skeptical about this religion but might not be skeptical about another religion. So our goal is to eliminate that compartmentalization and kind of allow people to be more open minded," Harris said.

The UCO Skeptics meet on the first Tuesday of every month in room 311 of the education building at 7:30 p.m. They also have a booth on campus once a month.

For more information about the group, visit their page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/UCOSkeptics/> or <http://www.skepticink.com/gps/>.

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Political winds shifting in the United States

By and large, the South and Midwest are Republican and the West and Northeast are Democratic; there is no real competition for elected office, especially in conservative areas. One Senate race is challenging that perspective for the better.

Senator Pat Roberts (R-KS) is seeking a fourth term in office. He barely survived a primary challenge by Tea Party conservative Milton Wolf and must now defend himself in the general election.

Roberts is now in a two-way matchup against Greg Orman, an independent centrist candidate with previous membership in both the Republican and Democratic parties. Now, Orman is polling with as much as a 10-point lead over the incumbent.

Meanwhile in Alaska, a somewhat similar story unfolded. Republican Governor Sean Parnell is seeking a second term in office and now faces a merged ticket featuring independent Bill Walker for governor and Democrat Byron Mallott for lieutenant governor.

In these two instances, there is a very real chance that the independent candidates will win out against the

two-party establishment – ironically with the blessing of one of the parties. In other states from Alaska to Georgia, third party candidates are polling just high enough to jeopardize the election bids of one party or the other.

Just last year, the Virginia gubernatorial election was tipped in favor of the Democratic candidate because of Libertarian Robert Sarvis's 7 percent final result.

There is, however, no benefit to anyone in America if a third party or independent candidate flips a district or Senate seat from one major party to the other. Democrats and Republicans alike have already proven their complete ineptitude at governance in recent years.

The spoiler effect has often proven to be a dose of cyanide to third party electoral ambitions; progressives fled the Green Party banner after the 2000 presidential election and conservative voters returned to the GOP with a vengeance after Ross Perot's failed electoral bids in 1992 and 1996.

But if Orman were to join Bernie Sanders (I-VT) and Angus King (I-ME) in the ranks of independent Senators at the same time that Walker

ousts a Republican governor in a Republican state, it could negate the backlash caused by other candidates' spoilers.

Gallup has confirmed once again that the American public is sick and tired of two gridlocked parties that rarely accomplish anything more than naming post offices. The latest poll showed that 58 percent of Americans want a third political party.

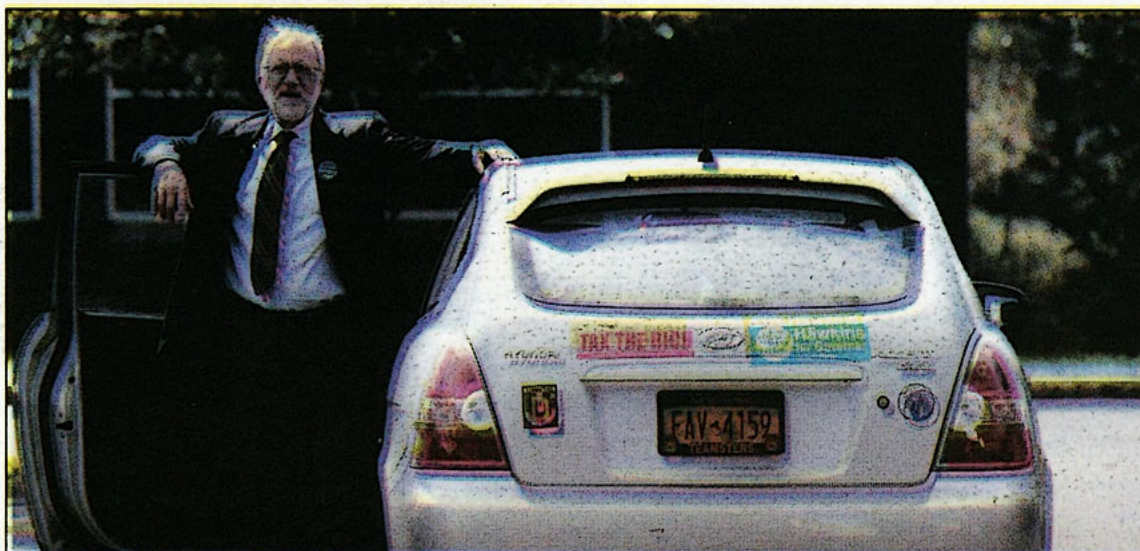
The only issue here is that different groups want a different third party. Conservatives would never vote for a Green and progressives would under very few circumstances vote for a Libertarian.

But the fact remains that Americans are ready for change and the steady growth of independent and third party campaigns is proof of that. There may not be a huge political revolution brewing in 2014 or 2016, but the more the Republicans and Democrats sit on their hands, the more irritated Americans will get.

And that is exactly what this country needs: a strong force of irritated voters wielding ballots with checkmarks next to the third candidate on the list.



Former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin joins U.S. Sen. Pat Roberts for a pancake breakfast at the Independence Historical Museum and Art Center on Thursday, Sept. 25, 2014, in Independence, Kan. Roberts is locked in a close race with independent challenger Gregg Orman. (AP Photo/The Wichita Eagle, Jaime Green)



Howie Hawkins, the Green Party candidate for New York governor, poses on Wednesday, Sept. 17, 2014, in Troy, N.Y. Hawkins sells himself as the last progressive standing in the governor's race. Hawkins is running to the left of heavy-favorite Gov. Andrew Cuomo at a time when liberal Democrats are signaling dissatisfaction with the governor. (AP Photo/Mike Groll)

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Life Happens

By Stevie Armstrong

You can sit in class, take seminars and read a thousand books, but there are some things in life that you'll only learn by experience.

I am a huge planner. I would like to be able to plan out every minute of every day for the rest of my life, if I could. I like knowing what's going to happen and exactly when it's going to happen. I'm not exactly a "fly by the seat of my pants" kind of girl.

But one thing that I've had to learn and come to accept is that plans don't always go as expected. In fact, they rarely do. You can plan all you want, but life happens. Your alarm clock doesn't go off. You get caught in traffic. You accidentally get rear-ended. Perhaps you come home to a beautiful yard, only to find your patio door is shattered because the lawn guy hit a rock. Or maybe you get an unpleasant phone call, diagnosis or lose a loved one. You can plan until you're blue in the face, but you can't plan for everything.

This is why I believe people should be more sympathetic to one another. No one has the right to be rude to someone for things they can't possibly control.

I feel as though professors that don't allow any sort of excuse for absences or late work obviously don't sympathize with their students. I understand that they think students will take advantage of such leniency if provided, but it's ridiculous that I have to hand my professor the brochure from my grandma's funeral in order to not be penalized for missing class.

Life happens, and it happens to all of us. You would think sympathy would come naturally. Unfortunately, it seems to be more and more rare. I find it sad that people are shocked when others are understanding of their situation. We're all trying to survive this life. Therefore, you'd think we'd help each other out more than we do.

Next time you try to create a perfect plan, be conscious that it may not unfold exactly as you picture it. And the next time life happens, be patient. And give sympathy to others when life happens to them too.

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Shannon Miller set to present at UCO conference



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The University of Central Oklahoma will be hosting a conference that is put on by The Oklahoma Association for Health of Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (OAHPERD).

The conference will be held on Oct. 6 and 7 in the Nigh University Center.

"Our convention is focused on not only professionals in the field but also all of our pre-service professionals, our students and so the majority of our attendees at the conference are students from around the state at state universities and colleges," said Stephanie Canada-Phillips, the current president of OAHPERD and UCO's physical education program coordinator. "We have a very exciting slate of presenters this year as you know our Edmond's own Shannon Miller is going to be back here presenting."

Shannon Miller is a decorated gold medalist and Edmond, Oklahoma native who will be returning to be one of the keynote speakers at the conference this year.

The title of Miller's speech is "Physical Activity and Healthy Living," which will begin at 1 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 6 in Constitution Hall.

Miller is currently the spokes-

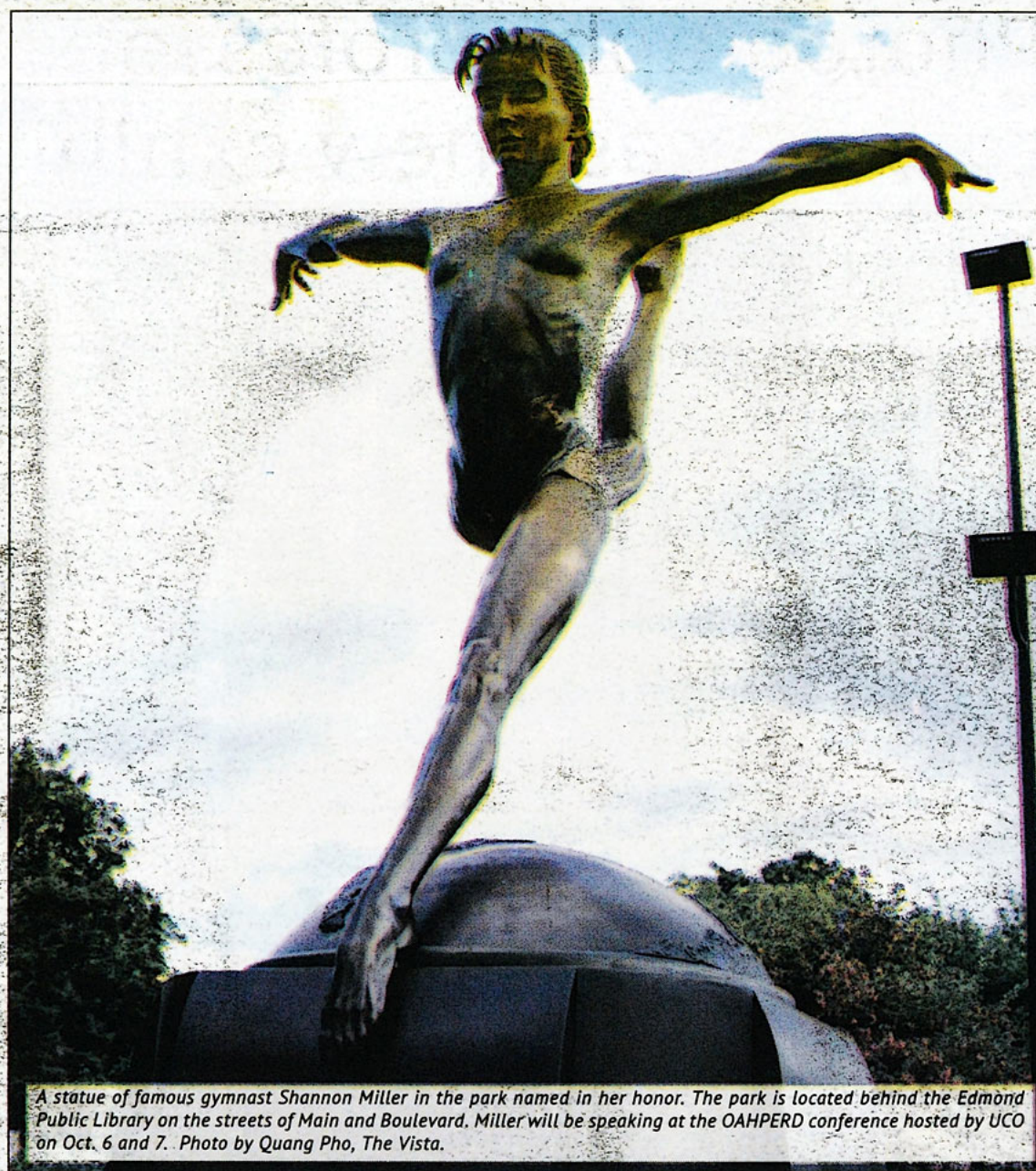
person for Polar, a company that manufactures and sells heart-rate monitors, including those at UCO. Miller will present and appear in the exhibit area, where she will give autographs from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Sharon Miller, another decorated Olympian and the women's basketball coach at Langston University, and Gene Blade, a nationally-recognized neurokinesiologist, will also speak at the conference.

"It's a great state conference for our students to get to go and network with other quality professionals and see a lot of different professional development activities and to hear different people speak from all over the country really and so it's a great opportunity for them to take advantage of this," Canada-Phillips said.

The conference is open to all students who are members of OAHPERD. Membership to the organization is \$15, and the cost to attend the conference is an additional \$15. To become a member of OAHPERD or to pre-register for the conference, visit www.oahperd.org. Registration will also be available on site.

For more information about the conference and the full program visit www.sched.org



A statue of famous gymnast Shannon Miller in the park named in her honor. The park is located behind the Edmond Public Library on the streets of Main and Boulevard. Miller will be speaking at the OAHPERD conference hosted by UCO on Oct. 6 and 7. Photo by Quang Pho, The Vista.

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Ladies Day (4pm to 7pm)

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Photography professor to showcase new exhibit



Adam Ropp
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Contributing Writer



In light of breast cancer awareness month, this Thursday, the Melton Gallery will feature assistant professor Mark Zimmerman's photographic exhibit, "A Fragile Existence," which platforms his wife's hardship with the illness.

"A Fragile Existence" not only documents the struggle of the disease, but what Zimmerman describes as a taboo topic among many in Western cultures.

"A Fragile Existence' is the result of my eight-year-old son's question about death. I, like many living in a Western culture, find death to be a taboo topic. Many believe if it is not talked about it will not happen," Zimmerman said. "In my art, I explore the impermanence of existence, as a reminder that people, places, and things decline, decay, and die with the passage of time."

In graduate school, Zimmerman had studied the idea of mortality and America's perception of death for an entire year before his wife's diagnosis.

He was all but done with the subject and ready to move on until, at the age of thirty-six, she was diagnosed with Triple-Negative breast cancer in December 2010.

"I had been really immersed in that type of work and language. It was almost like I had been going through all of that research to prepare me for what we were going to go through as a family. It was almost eerie how it worked out. It totally blew my mind when she was diagnosed," Zimmerman said.

Zimmerman was in his final year of graduate school and so in a manner, with his wife's permis-

sion, this became his final project.

Instead of using polished copper plates, Zimmerman chose to create the images on 6.5" x 8.5" mirrors, a similar process from 1839, to help communicate multiple layers of meanings related to her disease. When mounted on the wall, the viewer will approach and interact with the images. When light is thrown across the silver on the surface of the image, a negative of the subject is formed; but when a person moves in front of the photographs, their body forms the positive.

"These images appearing on thin fragile mirrors relate both to the delicateness of life and the vanity-minded society that America has accepted as the norm. As a viewer interacts with photographs of my wife's fight with cancer, the impermanence of life is reflected. The thin, brittle unframed mirrors represent a metaphor of our daily lives," Zimmerman said.

"A Fragile Existence" will be shown in the Melton Gallery, located in the College of Fine Arts and Design, from 4-7 p.m. Oct. 2-3. The exhibit is free and open to the public.

Zimmerman said, "This show is not just about photography it's literally like an instillation. You almost have to be there to really understand it and to be immersed in it. Whereas as a photography show, although it's important I think to see the work in person, it's not as critical as this show. Everyone is going to see it differently. They're going to see things going on in the background as they're looking at the work."

Professor Mark Zimmerman's photo exhibit, titled "A Fragile Existence," will be open in the Melton Gallery on Oct. 2-3 from 4 to 7 p.m. The exhibit deals with the hardship of cancer, specifically the battle that Zimmerman's wife faced. The images are on 6.5" x 8.5" mirrors, giving the effect of multiple layers and communicating the multi-layered meanings of dealing with the disease. Photo provided.

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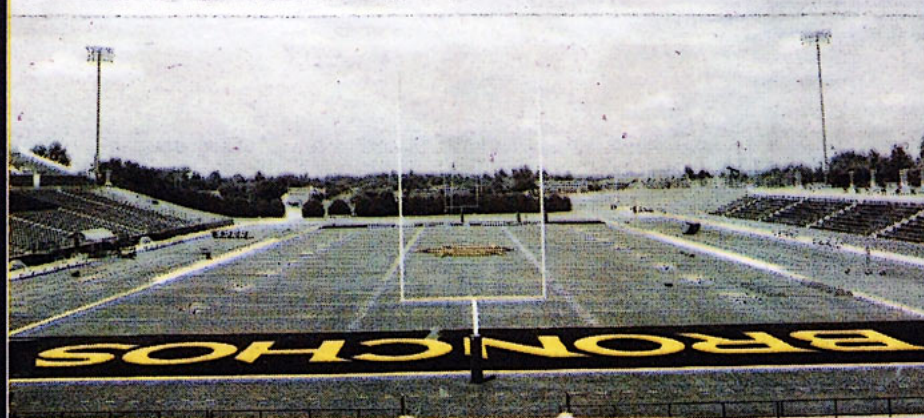
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FRIDAY:

- Women's Soccer vs. Washburn (4:00 P.M.)
- Women's Volleyball at Washburn (6:00 P.M.)

SATURDAY:

- Football at Nebraska-Kearney (2:00 P.M.)
- Women's Volleyball at Emporia State (7:00 P.M.)
- Women's Rowing at The Head of the Oklahoma (All-Day)

SUNDAY:

- Women's Soccer vs. Emporia State (1:00 P.M.)
- Women's Rowing at The Head of the Oklahoma (All-Day)

NEW ORGANIZATION GROWING SPORT SUPPORT ON CAMPUS

UCO Athletics has been relying on an unlikely source this semester to get students and the Edmond community fired up about games. HoovesUp, a new student organization on campus, has sprung up seemingly overnight and has taken the UCO twittersphere by storm. VistaSports contributor Bryan Mahan talks with the creators of the organization and gets their take on what HoovesUp means to the UCO community.

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UCO FOOTBALL GETS READY FOR BIG NEBRASKA ROADTRIP

The UCO football team tries to bounce back after a tough game against Northwest Missouri State last weekend with a roadtrip to Nebraska-Kearney to play the Lopers. VistaSports writer Emily Hahn breaks down what happened last weekend and what the Bronchos can improve to come away with a win in Nebraska. w

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Student organization encouraging UCO to throw their “HoovesUp” for athletics



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There is no doubt that the Broncho sports world has seen an uprising this year, with the help of the new student organization Hooves Up.

The organization has helped spark intensity and excitement around the UCO sports world and has hosted pep rallies with record attendance before home football games. Hooves Up has created a buzz around UCO, by partnering with the Student Programming Board to have a bus take students to the first away game.

“Hooves Up is one of the best organizations at UCO! It has really grown our school spirit and it is a great group to be a part of,” said Kaylee Speer, a junior at UCO.

The group has managed to have rapid growth and a big following from the student body. Twitter and other social media sites have allowed the organization to connect with students and inform them about the organization’s events.

“It really gets students involved around campus and it’s a good way to get to know new people. I think it helps people get excited around campus

and really get pumped up for athletic events,” said Alexis Gregg, a sophomore student at UCO.

Hooves up started to take shape at the UCO LeaderShape retreat, a weeklong event for students to develop leadership skills. With the help of Trey Ellis, the current Hooves Up president and eight other LeaderShape attendees, Hooves Up established itself as an official organization within just two weeks, at the beginning of the fall semester.

“I’ve had the idea to start this since I was a sophomore, but it really took LeaderShape to help make it become a reality,” Ellis said.

There is no question that having good attendance and fan support at athletic events can play a major roll in the outcome of any game. Hooves Up has helped get that excitement going.

The Bronchos Football team is off to a great start this year with a 3-1 record, losing this past week to top ranked Northwest Missouri State. The Bronchos football team faces the University of Nebraska-Kearney in Nebraska this upcoming weekend.

UCO students cheer after the Bronchos score a touchdown in the second half of this game against Missouri Western on Saturday, Sept. 13, 2014 at Wantland Stadium.. Photo by Quang Pho, The Vista.



Football looks to bounce back with road game against Nebraska-Kearney Lopers



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Central Oklahoma succumbed a tough loss last Saturday to the number one team in the conference, Northwest Missouri State. The win Saturday made the 19th straight win for the Bearcats as they progressed to 4-0 on their season.

However, UCO's defense played with grit and determination as they held NWM-SU to only 36 points, even though they had

their highest yardage total of the season, with 616 yards.

The Broncho offense managed to get 13 points on the board themselves.

UCO was missing three key ingredients to their offense, with starting quarterback Chas Stallard injured, as well as running back Jake Gandara and wide receiver Marquez Clark.

T.J. Eckert only completed 11 of 33 passes against the Bearcats, and the lowest output of yards since 2007 for UCO was recorded at 169 yards.

On the defensive side, Central was relentless, as Chase Glaspie had 14 tackles, and Malcolm Howard had 12 tackles and one interception.

The defense was on the field for an

astonishing 94 plays, as they held off the Bearcats to only 36 points.

Coach Bobeck commented on the game, "We fought hard, but our defense was on the field too much and they just wore us down in the second half."

While Central Oklahoma's defensive effort was an impressive one, NWM-SU's defense proved to get the job done.

"We couldn't get any offensive rhythm established and obviously they had a lot to do with that because they're a great defensive football team," Coach Bobeck said.

This week, UCO looks to reclaim their winning season (so far 3-1) and defeat the Lopers at the University of Nebraska-Kearney (UNK) in Kearney, Nebraska.

UNK lost to Central Missouri (UCM)

last week, making their record for the season 0-4 thus far. The Broncho defensive line will be important as the Lopers had 5 sacks against UCM.

One thing that doesn't need to change is the support for our Bronchos. With all the encouragement we can give, we need to rally behind our team and show them that the student body and fans are here for the long haul.

With a healthy roster and strong support from the crowd, there is no doubt that UCO will come back this week stronger than ever and claim their spot as a top contender in the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association.

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Karaoke (7:30pm)

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UCO's defense lines up for a goalline stand against the Missouri Western State University Griffons in this game on Saturday Sept. 13, 2014. UCO goes on the road this weekend to face the Nebraska-Kearney Lopers to try and improve their record to 4-1. If the Bronchos win the game then they will have officially doubled the amount of wins for the team over last season's total. Photo by Ryan Naeve, The Vista.

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