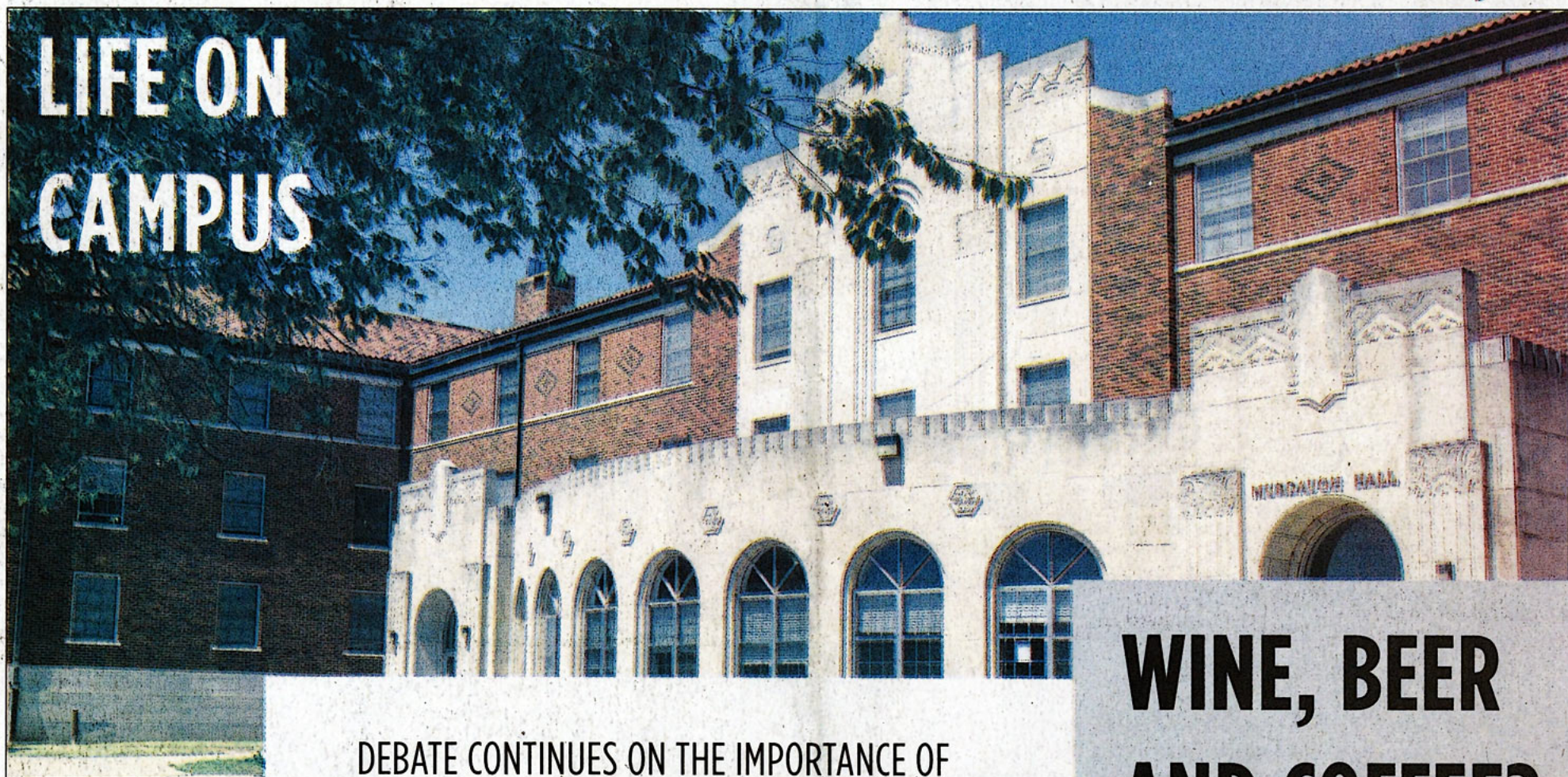


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LIFE ON CAMPUS



"We find that students who live on campus during their first two years are more academically successful, integrate better into the university and are more likely to persist on to graduation."

Travis Douglas
Director of
Residential Learning
& University Housing

DEBATE CONTINUES ON THE IMPORTANCE OF FRESHMAN RESIDENCE ON THE UCO CAMPUS

SHAUN HAIL, CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Some universities require freshmen to live on campus, but the University of Central Oklahoma does not. The Vista has investigated what students and staff view about freshmen housing and if it is really necessary.

About 70 percent of students who live on the University of Central Oklahoma's campus are freshmen, said Executive Director of Business Enterprises Josh Overocker.

"It's valuable for freshmen to live on campus," said Overocker.

Students who live on campus tend to have a higher GPA and get involved in campus activities, programs and leadership opportunities, said Overocker.

There are five living facilities on the UCO campus with Murdaugh Hall, an all-male residence facility, being the cheapest facility to live in, said Overocker. Murdaugh Hall was built in 1936 and is one of the oldest active residence halls in the state, said Overocker.

West Hall is an all-female residence facility that was built in the 1960s.

The University Commons has three buildings and they offer more privacy for students. This privacy is what causes the University Commons to fill up when returning students register for rooming, said Overocker.

The University Suites offers an eating facility and rooms with bathrooms connecting two rooms, but it lacks the lobby area of Murdaugh Hall and West Hall.

Central Plaza was originally a hotel, so this facility has the features of a hotel, said Overocker.

SEE FRESHMAN HOUSING ON PAGE 5

UCO JUMP-A-THON



UCO's Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity hosts a jump-a-thon to raise money for St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Photo by Alik Dyer, The Vista.

See More Jump-A-Thon Pictures on Page 3

Easter Egg Hunt

Olanrewaju Suleiman
Staff Writer

This Saturday, April 19, the University of Central Oklahoma chapter of the Pi Sigma Alpha political science honorary society will be holding the annual UCO Easter Egg Hunt.

It is one of Central's many ways to reach out to the community.

The event will be part of a larger carnival. Along with the hunt, it will have booths and games. They include miniature golf, bowling, cookie decorating, a raffle and many more.

There will be over 15,000 eggs that will be split among six egg hunts. They are separated by ages. They are ages two and under, three to four, five and six, seven and eight, nine and ten, and eleven and above.

There will be an Easter Bunny to take pictures with the children and their families.

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WINE, BEER AND COFFEE?

STARBUCKS ADDS ALCOHOL TO NEW 'EVENING' MENU IN US



Photo by Alik Dyer, The Vista.

KANESHA BROWN
Staff Writer

What started off as one Starbucks store in Seattle selling beer and wine, to now having plans of expanding to thousands of locations.

Spokeswoman Lisa Passé said there are currently 26 locations that serve alcohol, but the platform will expand.

"The concept is a natural progression for Starbucks, as we seek to create a new occasion for customers to gather, relax and connect with each other in the evenings," Passé told USA today.

The Starbucks website said the evening day concept first started in October 2010 in Seattle and then expanded to Chicago, Atlanta and Southern California.

"We still be your neighborhood gathering place with an inviting atmosphere for people of all ages. After 4 p.m., you'll experience a more mellow, less hurried atmosphere, perfect for winding down and having casual conversations," the website states.

The Starbucks evening menu offers sparkling, white, red wines, along with a beer selection.

According to the article, "Starbucks serving alcohol at more locations," Starbucks is attracting more nighttime customers, but it's a turn off to customers who don't like that type of environment.

CEO Howard Schultz said that the typical Starbucks customer spends around \$5 per visit; a glass of wine or beer would double that amount.

Journalist Rebecca Riddle wrote, "The company plans to have as many as 40 stores serving its evening menu by the end of 2014, but the full expansion to a planned 2,000 locations will take years."

With the new expansion, the company hopes to double its market to \$100 billion. The alcoholic beverages cost more than the already expensive coffee drinks, Riddle wrote.

Starbucks' Chief operating officer Troy Alstead said in an interview with Bloomberg that the company has had success in urban areas, especially where people are out at night.

Alstead said that the evening concept would not work in all areas. They've had more success in areas near restaurants and theatres.

Passé said there are no plans for alcoholic beverages beyond wine and beer, nor are there plans to expand the program outside the USA.

Passé said, "In the true spirit of a traditional coffeehouse, while some stores may serve wine and beer...coffee will remain the focus of the experience."

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CAMPUS QUOTES

What is a popular fad that you find annoying?

CAITLYN ALBRO

Marketing - Freshman



"Chacos and socks."

JERNYE WERTH

Speech Pathology - Junior



"High-waisted jean shorts."

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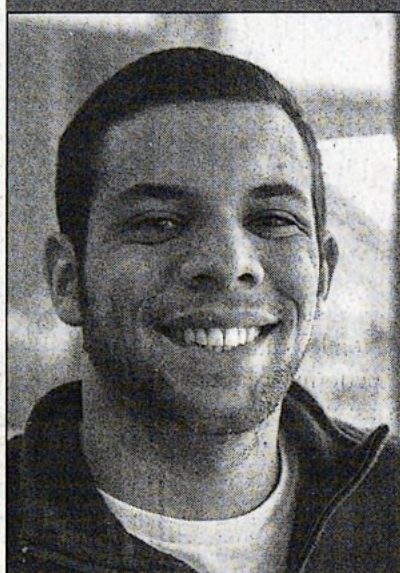
Forensic Science - Freshman



"Are Uggs boots still a thing? Because if so, then that."

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"Cargos cause they are unnecessarily pocketed."

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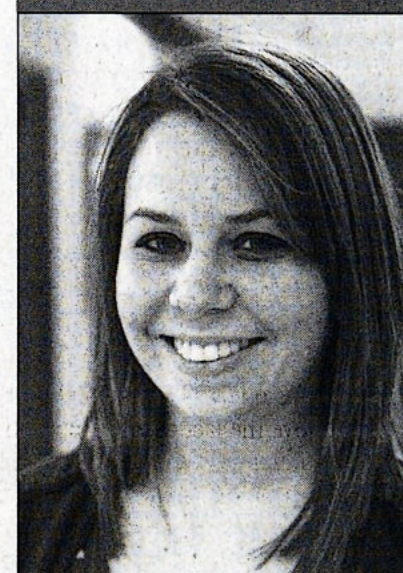
Forensics/Funeral Services - Freshman



"Ugg boots in the summer, I am not a big fan of that."

ASHLEY MUELLER

Elementary Education - Junior



"Leggings as pants."

The Inevitable Failure of Hate

Editorial by: Sarah Neese
Editor-in-Chief

What is hate?

For centuries, some members of the world's population have been doing their best to shape the definition of hate through their actions.

One such person is Frazier Glenn Cross.

Cross, if you are unfamiliar with him, is the prime suspect in two shootings that occurred on Sunday, April 13, 2014. Both shootings occurred in the Kansas City area, specifically in the suburb of Overland Park.

The first of the two shootings took place at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Kansas City and the second took place at the Village Shalom Retirement Community. Each of the shooting locations is related in some way to the Jewish community in Overland Park. Three people were killed in the two shootings.

The Man Full of Hate

Cross has had a lifetime of anti-Semitic activities, including a membership and place of leadership in the Ku Klux Klan. The 73-year-old Missouri resident was on government lists for decades and has been studied by experts looking to understand hate groups in the United States.

According to an article on CNN.com, Cross attempted to create and launch multiple white supremacist publications, which all failed, as well as run for U.S. Senator, which also failed. He has also written an autobiography about himself, entitled "A White Man Speaks Out."

"He was one of the pioneers of the modern hate world," Brian Levin, the director of the Center for the Study of Hate and Extremism said,

in an interview with CNN. "He's been entrenched in the hate movement his entire adult life. Levin also commented that Cross was "among the most-over-the-top, violent white supremacists" during the 1980s.

On April 14, Cross is said to have approached both locations attempting to kill Jews, reiterating his anti-Semitism.

The Victims

As a result of the two shootings, three people were killed, none of them Jews. Each of the three victims was a Christian.

Reat Griffin Underwood was 14-years-old. He was a high school freshman, who was at the Jewish Community Center in an effort to win a scholarship, using his vocal talents as part of a competition. One of the songs Underwood had prepared for the competition was "You're Gonna Miss Me When I'm Gone."

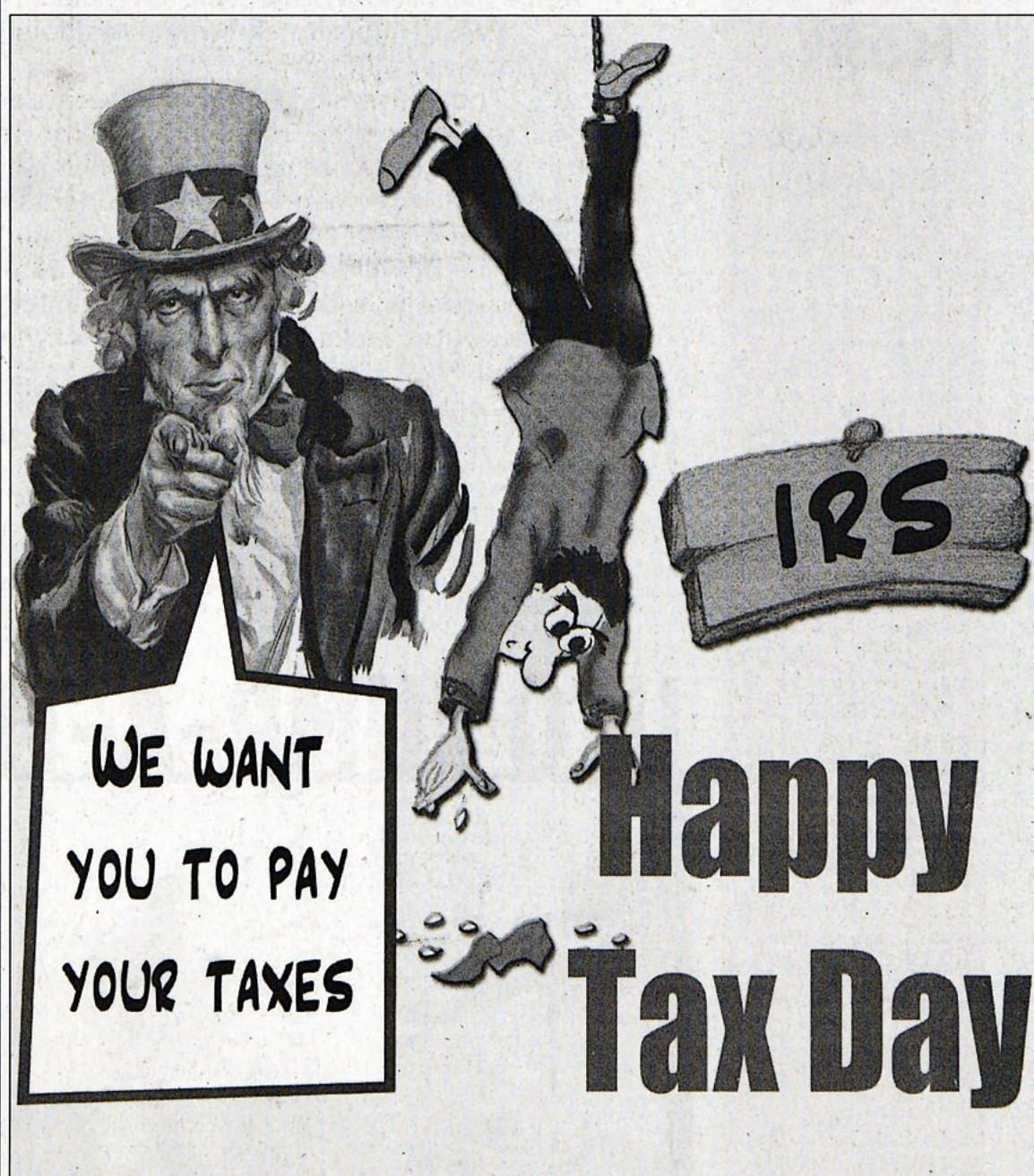
William Lewis Corporon was the 69-year-old grandfather of Reat Underwood. He was at the center taking his grandson to the scholarship competition when he was shot. Corporon was a family physician, originally from Oklahoma, who had moved to Kansas City to be closer to his family, according to CNN.com.

Terri LeManno was visiting her mother at the Village Shalom Retirement Community when she was shot. She died one day short of her 25th wedding anniversary. She was 53.

Hate's Failure

Cross, if he is guilty of this crime, which I highly believe that he is, committed the crime out of hate. He shot at two locations in the Jew-

CAMPUS CARTOON



Cartoon by Brenda Chavez Quintero.

ish community in an effort to kill Jews, and yet, his mission failed. He killed zero Jews and instead killed three Christians. His blind hate and willingness to act on that hate drove him to commit a crime in which he did not succeed in his

intended purpose.

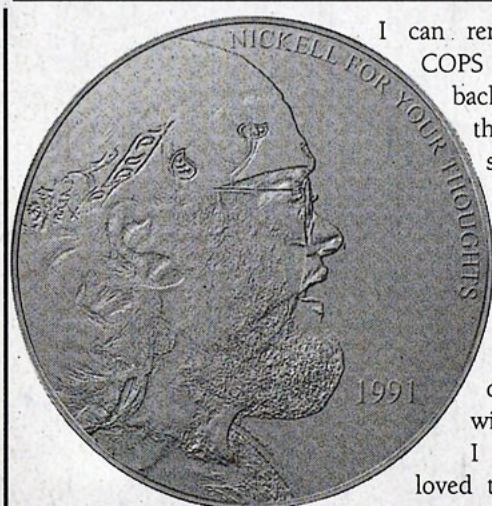
Additionally, each of the three victims will now be remembered for their love. Each of them had love to offer and kindness in their hearts on the day that they died. If anything, the love in their lives

will now be highlighted. Three innocent people, who even on an ordinary day, were showing love.

Where one person shot in hate, three more are remembered in love.

WATCHING COPS: THE HUMAN CONDITION

By Brooks Nickell



I can remember watching COPS with a few friends back in high school. I think it fed my insatiable voyeurism while at the same time reminding me of the importance behind making good decisions. The true definition of a "win win."

I guess I've always loved the show, because this weekend, when the rain rolled in, I Grabbed the remote, turned on the tube and caught a marathon. Watched around six total hours of it.

Almost everyone has had a run in with the police. Maybe, it was just a speeding ticket or running a stoplight. Often on COPS, that's where it starts. Someone fails to make a proper stop and then the next thing you know Officer Jenkins is digging a crack pipe out of the center console.

While most of us won't find ourselves in that Rob Ford type of situation and don't ever want to, you can't deny that there is some humor, watching people try to lie their way out.

"That's not mine officer. That's a friend's. He must have left it in here and not told me." It's comedic gold, at least that's what I used to think.

In this situation the obvious lesson is pay attention to the road signs and don't smoke crack, but as I watched episode after episode after episode, there was a darker message COPS started to portray. My opinion of the show was taking a whole new shape. And, I started to see this horrid picture being painted, one that showed our true character, and one that illustrated just how poorly we act towards each other.

Like everything in life, there are multiple viewpoints for every story. What I took from my COPS marathon may not be the truth, but it is as I perceive it to be. There is this repetitive cycle that emerges. Cop and criminal, which came first? They're symbiotic and both fairly violent roles of play. Without the cops would there still be criminals? How about the flip?

Lets leave race out of this one and instead lump you all into categories socioeconomically. There was a study I perused one time linking a larger percentage of cigarette smokers to the lower and lower middle class population. I'm sure that same line can be drawn for crime statistics as well as drug abuse. So, we typically see those in lower income situations represented more in criminality.

I just don't quite understand the thought process here. At some point we became aware that crime and poverty go hand in hand. To me the logical approach to remedy would be addressing the poverty directly. Giving people help, or less of a reason to steal or to escape their current situation through drugs seems to be the best course of action.

Instead, we give law-abiding citizens training, firearms and absolute control. Then release them into adrenaline infused situations. Now, the media is going to go ahead

and ensure that these cops, alongside everyone else in the nation fear the hoodlums running the streets, snatching purses, murdering madly and selling meth to kids. That adds some kick to the adrenaline shit show. In turn, officers tend to overreact. Criminals fear the violently corrupt policing force and still have no remedies to their poverty. In fact, now we have more prisoners to support, effectively costing much more money in the long run.

This really does hurt the more I think about it. We take a group of citizens sworn to protect and systematically force them to punish another group of people for their wrong decisions, when often times, the right decision isn't available. We punish kids for being born in a bad neighborhood with no money instead of extending our hands to help transform that community into a prosperous place to grow up and live.

As I watched a teenager on the television screen toss a gun and his life away steeling chips at a 7-11, I let my finger rest on the remote power button. Deciding I couldn't watch anymore, I depressed it and let the screen flicker out.

I hope there is a day we wake up and realize that our status means nothing. I hope we realize that all of our existences are equal. A day where we decide to help, not hinder, to lift up instead of lock up. Maybe when we decide to work towards everyone having enough instead of seeing who can grab the most, things will start looking up. Who knows, maybe that will be the day there are no new episodes of COPS to air.

Making a Difference with Strategic Communications

Rachel Brockelhurst

Staff Writer

The girl was as enthusiastic as a jungle lion hunting for its prey out in the wilderness when speaking about her love in life.

Madeline Miller, a junior at UCO, chose strategic communications as her major because she loves working with people and wanted to make a difference in the world.

Miller said she always knew that strategic communications was exactly what she wanted to do, even at a young age.

"When thinking about college and majors, this one was a no-brainer for me," she said. "I love the fact that it is not job specific and that there's so much freedom within this major."

Passion looked as though it was unfolding from her, as she started listing the perks of her major. "Not only are careers in strategic communications high paying, they fall directly in correlation with media jobs," Miller said.

"With my degree, I plan on going to Texas to be a part of the Wounded Warriors non-profit organization," she said. "I think I would bring a

lot of cards to the table, as well as gain so much from the experience itself."

As she sipped her caramel Frappuccino, her long fingers caught the rays of the sun. Her nails were covered in pink polish as the base, with green polka dots dancing up from each one.

Jobs in the media can consist of anything under the realm of marketing, advertising, public relations, journalism, social media marketing, social games and circulation.

"So far, one of the most important things I've learned in strat. comm. has been, not only that PR referral is the ultimate advantage, but also about how to troubleshoot," Miller said.

"Troubleshooting key performance indicators in ads is optimum as well, because it will determine the context in which the ad is viewed by the audience."

As she was describing her calling in life, she had a grin on her face, excited for the future.

Miller said, "If there was one thing I'd want people to know about strat. comm. is that there are a lot of opportunities within it and that employers are always expanding."



Madeline Miller, a junior at UCO, chose strategic communications as her major because she loves working with people and wanted to make a difference in the world. Photo provided.

Easter Egg Hunt continued from page 1

15,000 Eggs and More: UCO's Annual Easter Egg Hunt Celebration

Grace Johnson is a UCO student-parent. She plans on taking her children to the egg hunt.

"It seems like a good opportunity," she said. "It's always nice to have something nice for the kids to do."

When Johnson first came to UCO, she sought out events for her family to go to.

"We usually go to many of the free event," she said. "It's a good way to utilize college resources."

This is not the only egg hunt that Johnson and her family will be attending.

"We're going to our church's egg hunt too, but they don't have a carnival," she said.

Johnson is appreciative of Pi Sigma Alpha hosting the event.

"It's nice that they're doing this," she said.

"UCO has a lot of really good groups."

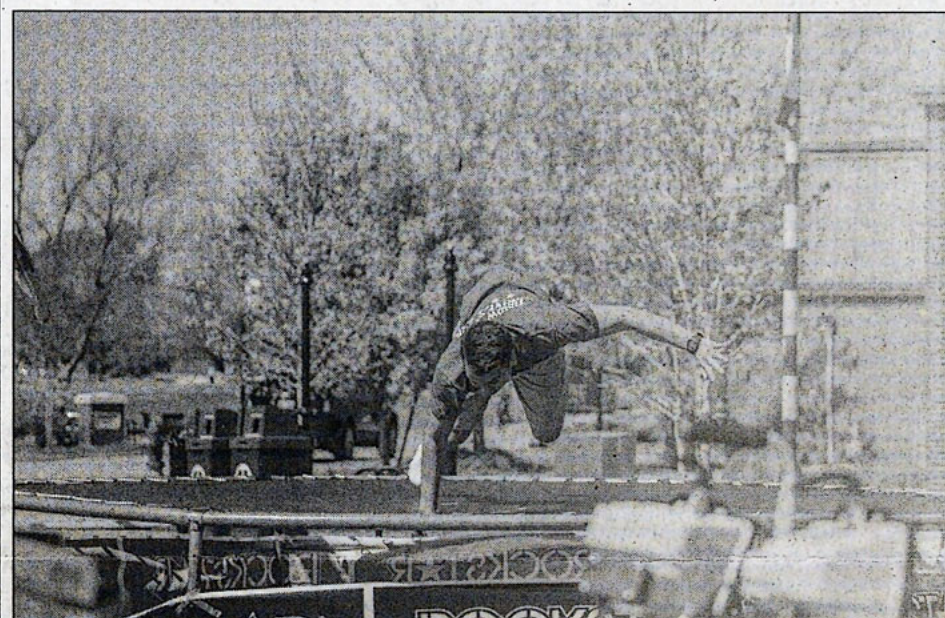
Pi Sigma Alpha also wants volunteers for their event. They are seeking 40 to 50 individuals to help run the event. They will be helping in all areas for that day.

The Easter Egg Hunt and carnival will begin at 1 p.m. and last until 3 p.m. in front of the Hamilton Field House by Wantland Stadium. Guests should bring their own basket. They are also encouraged to have a camera on hand to take pictures with the Easter Bunny.

All events are free and open to the public. There is free parking in the Wantland Stadium lot.

For more information on the Annual UCO Easter Egg hunt or how to volunteer, contact Jan Hardt at jhardt@uco.edu.

Tau Kappa Epsilon's Jump-A-Thon



Tau Kappa Epsilon's Jump-A-Thon raises money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital on April 16, 2014 on the UCO campus. Photos by Alik Dyer, The Vista.

English Department Hosts Poet William Trowbridge

Shaun Hail

Contributing Writer

The University of Central Oklahoma English Department will host poetry readings by poet William Trowbridge at 7:30 p.m. April 29 at the Pegasus Theatre in the Liberal Arts Building.

Trowbridge will read some of his poetry, which includes lyric and short poems that use humor, said MFA Director Stephen Garrison.

Trowbridge is a Distinguished University Professor Emeritus at Northwest Missouri State University with a B.A. in Philosophy and M.A. in English from the University of Missouri-Columbia. He also received a Ph.D. in English from Vanderbilt University.

Trowbridge became Poet Laureate, serving a two-year term, which began in April 2012.

He has written five collections of published poetry. These include "Ship of Fool," "The Complete Book of Kong," "Flickers,"

"O Paradise" and "Enter Dark Stranger." He has also written three chapbooks including "The Packing House Cantata," "The Four Seasons" and "The Book of Kong."

Trowbridge's poetry can be found in more than 30 anthologies and textbooks and several periodicals including "Poetry," "The Gettysburg Review," "Crazyhorse" and "The Georgia Review."

He has won an Academy of American Poets Prize, a Pushcart Prize, a Bread Loaf Writers' Conference scholarship, a Camber Press Poetry Chapbook Award, and fellowships from The MacDowell Colony, Ragdale, Yaddo, and The Anderson Center.

UCO Artist in Residence Allison Hedge Coke said that she was a colleague of Trowbridge's at the University of Nebraska Low-Residency MFA program, where he and his poetry were admired by all.

The UCO English Department hosts readings every semester and host between two and four guest readers per semester, said Garrison.

The event is free and open to the public.

Blood Moon

In the early morning hours of April 15, a total lunar eclipse was visible for most of the western hemisphere. During a total lunar eclipse the earth blocks the light from the sun from reaching the moon. Despite most of the light being blocked, some light is able to come through and is filtered through Earth's atmosphere, which illuminates the moon in an orange or reddish tone at the peak of totality. This is often referred to as a blood moon. According to data from NASA, parts of the western hemisphere will witness another total lunar eclipse on Oct. 8, 2014, though the eclipse will only be fully visible west of New Mexico.



Image shot outside of Piedmont, Okla., April 15, 2014. This composite is of the moon as it traveled through the phases of the eclipse. Photo Illustration by Josh Wallace, The Vista.

Promoting the best within your peers

Widha Gautam

Contributing Writer

Peer Health Leaders application deadlines for the fall 2014 and spring 2015 was Wednesday, April 16. A component of the UCO Wellness Center and UCO Healthy Campus in partnership with the Mercy Clinic, the Peer Health Leadership program aims to increase health awareness and promote healthy life skills on campus through peer education.

"The basis behind peer education is that students can teach other students healthy behaviors," said Brittney Criswell, health promotion coordinator at the wellness center. "And in our case, students can teach each other healthy behaviors related to a college setting."

Criswell said that program, which has

been in operation for about six years, has been steadily growing each year. While they received 40 applications for the program last year, she anticipated that there would be more this year. There are currently 14 peer health leaders in the program and Criswell expects there to be 15 in the coming year.

"We do ask the students that are currently leaders to reapply every year just to make sure that everyone is on the same page and has the commitment to the program," she said. "We just want to get the most qualified applicants."

While a working knowledge of health and fitness and previous leadership experience is required for qualification, peer health leaders are not required to be health and fitness majors.

"The importance of being a peer health leader is that you have a passion for promoting health" said Criswell. "You do need

knowledge about issues relating to UCO students or Oklahoma communities, but you can have that knowledge without actually being in that major."

The peer health leaders' responsibility is to promote health and wellness on campus through workshops, presentations and various campus events. Health leaders have developed programs such as Supermarket Smarts, aimed toward teaching students to nutritionally navigate their way through a supermarket, and Campus Cookbook, which equips students with healthy and reasonable recipes.

The program is constantly evolving said Criswell.

"With each new batch of peer health leaders, you get new ideas and new creativity. So, that can mean new programs," she said.

One of the new activities organized by peer health leaders last semester was Dog-

Gone Stress, a program that allowed them to bring therapy dogs to the Max Chambers library during finals week in order to help students cope with stress.

Specific topics of interest for a given semester are determined by UCO healthy campus program, but the four major areas the program focused on include nutrition, physical activity, stress management and sexual health.

"Those seem to be the bigger health issues that our campus really faces, so we try to direct our programming around them," said Criswell.

The peer health leaders use the diversity of knowledge and experience offered by different members to determine effective ways to reach a large number of the student population.

Recognition for the leading Bronchos



The trophies, awards, and sashes awaiting to be given out to deserving leaders at the Annual Leadership Awards ceremony on April 10, 2014 in the Nigh University Center Ballrooms. Photo by Aliki Dyer, The Vista.

Austin Rabon

Contributing Writer

On April 10, 2014, UCO recognized outstanding students at the Campus Leadership Awards ceremony.

Coordinator of Campus Activities and Student Organizations Nicole Doherty said, "The Campus Leadership Awards is an awards celebration for all of the students that applied for the awards this year and where we announce the winners of all of the categories."

Any student can apply for these awards. Each of the winners is selected by panels of judges that receive their applications and meet to discuss their decisions.

Doherty said, "The main criteria for most awards is that the student must have completed a minimum of 12 credit hours at UCO, be currently enrolled full-time at UCO, and have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher."

Each award has different criteria based on what that award is about.

Wellness Center

Hannah Van Meter	Peer Health Leader of the Year
Danielle Morgan	Intramural Athlete of the Year
Daniel Carr-Holloway	Intramural Athlete of the Year

Student Affairs

Rachael Odor	Spirit of Student Affairs (Individual)
Black Student Association	Spirit of Student Affairs (Organization)

Outstanding Freshman Student Leader

Ethan Wood	Sara Anne Riggs
Denton Cole Scherman	Mariah Wagner
Katherine Sheehan	Christen Hickey
Rebekah Murphy	Brady Sowell
Mariah Edwards	Mackenzie Richardson

Outstanding Sophomore Student Leader

McKenzie Hodge	Jernye Werth
Kirsten Pierce	Josh Jarrett
Alexis Ridenour	

Outstanding Junior Student Leader

Nela Mrchkovska	Kalisa Mora
Blakely Elliott	Anna Graves
Collin Troester	Paul Brown

Top Central Man

Tyler Mette

Top Central Woman

Jillian Goodman

Fraternity and Sorority Awards

Delta Zeta	Outstanding Community Service and Philanthropic Program of the Year
Alpha Delta Pi	Outstanding Community Relations of the Year

Individual Awards

Michaela Kohler	Broncho Spirit
Vincent Burr	Commitment to Diversity
Christopher Dowling	Commitment to Service

Organization Awards

Tri Beta Biology Club	Student Organization of the Year
Tomorrow's Alcohol and Drug Counselors of America	Healthy Campus Initiative
Student Alliance for Equality	Commitment to Diversity
L.A.D.I.E.S. in Pink	Commitment to Community Service and Philanthropy

Advisor of the Year (Faculty)

Dr. Renee Warning

Advisor of the Year (Staff)

Liliana Renteria

Alpha Delta Pi

Most Improved Chapter of the Year

ACACIA

Outstanding New Member Education Program of the Year

Freshman Housing

THE REALITIES OF FRESHMAN HOUSING ON CAMPUS



Photo by Aliko Dyer, The Vista.

All of these facilities offer something different for everyone, but students aren't required to live on campus. Even so, what do UCO students think about the idea of freshmen being forced to live on campus?

Bryan Mahan, a mass communications major at UCO, said he believes it is not necessary, as it could be a way for a college to get more money. That being said, Mahan said that if he had to live on the UCO campus as a freshman, he would've still gone to UCO because of the low cost.

Jackie Auberg, an elementary education major at UCO, said that it is expensive to live in the dorms on campus, even with financial aid. She also said that

Food Services Dave Annis said that there are nearly 3,200 freshmen students at OU living on campus this semester.

The age range of these freshmen is 18 to 19 years old, and 65 percent of all students living on campus are freshmen, said Annis.

Annis also said that there are benefits to living on campus, such as classes being in walking distance, free tutoring and study halls.

"Interpersonal connection and skills are invaluable life-long tools that students acquire while living in our residence hall communities," said Annis. "The Educational Benchmarking Institute has research that shows just how valuable these are to college students. Five years after graduation, when asked what they had learned in college that contributed the most toward their success, the most popular answer received was interpersonal skills."

Freshmen students are required to live in campus housing at Oklahoma State University, according to the OSU Housing and Residential Life Handbook on the OSU website. The handbook also states freshmen are not required to live on campus if they are 21 or over, are married and either have or don't have children, are a veteran in the United States Armed Forces, have lived on campus for two semesters at another university and have transferred, are living in a fraternity or sorority house, or are living within a 30-mile radius of Stillwater, Okla.

OSU has 4,200 freshmen this year, said Director of Housing and Residential Life Matt Brown. Of these freshmen, most are 18 years old, and 95 percent live on campus, said Brown.

Meal plans are separate from the housing cost, but freshmen must buy the minimum meal plan, said Brown.

According to OSU's 2012-2013 Housing Rates sheet on the OSU website, the cheapest housing costs at OSU as of 2013 costs \$1,775 per semester. The most expensive housing option costs \$3,505 per semester and the meal plans ranged from \$920 to \$2,000.

"We believe that living on campus the first year helps connect students with the campus and ensures their basic living needs are met," said Brown. "Students cannot focus on their

Cost of Living at OSU

Stout Hall:
\$1,855/semester

Kerr-Drummond:
\$1,775/semester

Furnished Apartment
\$3,505/semester

Furnished Suites:
2,035/semester

studies if they are dealing with poor living conditions in off-campus rental properties, or do not have access to quality food," said Brown.

According to the Tulsa University website, the TU housing policy requires all first and second-year students to live on campus. Exceptions includes students living with parents or guardians within a 20-mile radius of TU, students who are 21 or older, and students who are married, according to the TU website. Meal plans are required for freshmen at TU, according to the TU website.

The cheapest campus housing option at TU is \$2,081. The most expensive is \$3,447. Meal plans range from \$1,977 to \$2,950, according to the TU website.

Director of Housing and Residence Life Melissa France said that 80 to 85 percent of students living on campus are freshmen. She also said that she believes that freshmen are excited to live on campus with their peers and absorb the college community.

Oklahoma City University has 278 freshmen living on campus, said Director of University Housing Ade Okediji. This accounts for 25.4 percent of students currently living on campus, said Okediji.

According to the OCU website, students must live on the OCU campus if they are under the age of 21. The number of students at the age of 18 years old who live on campus is 107,141 for 19-year-old students, and 16 for 20-year-old students, said Okediji.

According to the OCU website, the highest housing price is a single bedroom option for \$4,605 per semester for OCU's 2014-2015 school year. The cheapest is a double and triple option for \$1,895 per semester.

Meal plans are required, but are separate from the housing cost, said Okediji. According to the OCU website, the highest costing meal plan is \$2,230 per semester for OCU's 2014-2015 school year. The cheapest meal plan costs \$180.

"Yes, it should be required that freshmen should live on campus," said Okediji. "By living off campus, they are missing out on a unique university/community experience."

Okediji said that some ways that may entice students to look forward to campus living include the quality of the residence halls, the events and programming in residence life, the living and learning communities like the Honors residence hall, the Residence Life Scholarship Program, and the proximity of the resources available at OCU.

Some universities outside of

Oklahoma similar to UCO require freshmen to live on campus, but not all of them.

Wagner College in New York does not require freshmen to live on campus, said Wagner Assistant Director of Residential Education Genevieve Hein. However, according to Wagner's housing requirements, students who choose to live on campus must live on campus for four years.

Housing costs \$3,630 per semester with an additional \$1,168 if students want to live in a single room, according to the Wagner College website. Meal plans are included with the price of housing, said Wagner Resident Director Loydes Vazquez. Meals cost \$2,200 per semester or \$2,050 for 10 meals per week at Wagner, according to the Wagner College website.

There are 350 freshmen living on campus at Wagner this semester and of the students living on campus, 80 to 90 percent are freshmen, said Vazquez. The freshmen that live on campus are of the traditional age of 18 and 19 years old, said Vazquez.

Vazquez said she believes that freshmen should live on campus because it strengthens their experience on campus and helps students get familiar with the resources and culture. She also said it helps them be connected with freshmen colleagues and it is convenient with commute time.

Rowan University currently has 1,300 freshmen living on campus, said Director of Residential Learning & University Housing Travis Douglas. This makes up about 33 percent of students living on campus, said Douglas. The age demographic is between 18 years old and 19 years old, said Douglas.

The Rowan University housing policy says that all unmarried full-time students under

distance to classes, a community of people she may never have met, and security. She said that it formed a foundation for the way she feels toward the university. That being said, she also said she sometimes wanted her own space and sometimes wanted to go away from it all and recharge. Divilbiss said it's a good way to be one with the culture of the campus, but it's not for everyone.

Jeff Levy, a former OU student and a history major at UCO, said that living on campus is a rite-of-passage. He said that freshmen shouldn't be required to live on campus because it can be a financial burden, though out-of-state college is understandable. At the same time, Levy said that students can sometimes see friends from high school at college. Levy said that students don't have to live on campus to know the campus.

Ben Wellington, a computer engineering major at OSU and brother of Ryan Wellington, said that living on campus allowed for him to get used to college and transition from living at home with his parents. It helps students make friends easier and if students forget something, they can always go back to their dorms and get it, said Wellington. He said that it helps students get involved in student organizations. He said he wasn't happy about living on campus, but he got used to it and met new friends and student organizations.

Kristin Kuns, an acting major at Oklahoma City University, said that she instantly became a part of the college community and formed new friendships by living on campus. By being a part of the college community, Kuns said she felt that she was a part of something bigger. She said she likes waking up and walking to class. Kuns said that freshmen shouldn't deal with living on campus as it is not always fun living in dorms. However, she said she is grateful for it as it is just one year. It's a positive thing in the end, said Kuns.

Parents' Views

Jane Levy, mother of Jeff Levy, said she was excited that her children got to go to college, meet new friends, be independent and discover different possibilities. She said that if the students are responsible, they'll study better for class. Levy said that it shouldn't be required for freshmen to live on campus, but it is good for them.

Julie Divilbiss, mother of Kaitlyn Divilbiss, paid for Kaitlyn's housing and meals. Julie said she felt good about Kaitlyn living on campus because it is a good transition living in the dorms, being independent and meeting new people. However, Julie said she believes that freshmen shouldn't be required to live on campus because some students can't stand it or afford it.

"As a parent, it feels safer for my kid," said Alice Wellington, mother of Ryan and Ben Wellington. "Every parent wants their kid to be safe, especially when they are away from home for the first time."

Based on all of this information, the requirement to live on campus as a freshman is all up to what the students want. Several factors such as costs, meals and different housing options are to be considered. From this information, students and parents don't think it's necessary, but as the different universities have said, it proves to be an experience that will help them in the long run.

Cost of Living at UCO

Murdaugh/
West Hall
(Double):
\$1,681/semester

Murdaugh/
West Hall
(Premium):
\$2,301/semester

Commons
(2BR APT.):
\$3,496/semester

she would have gone to another school if UCO required her to live on campus.

"I was originally going to attend OSU, but I did not want to live on campus for financial reasons," said Auberg.

Ryan Wellington, a psychology major at UCO, said that being required to live on campus is not good for freshmen, because they don't want to pay more money. He said that an apartment is better and cheaper than a dorm.

"If I was forced to live on campus, I would've chosen a different university because there are better campuses than UCO," said Wellington.

Some Oklahoma universities do require freshmen to live on campus.

According to the University of Oklahoma's housing policy on the OU website, freshman under the age of 20 who do not have 24 credit hours or have not lived on campus for two semesters, must live on campus unless through special permission. OU's 2013-2014 resident hall rates show that the cheapest housing option is the super-suite at \$2,386 per semester for quad occupancy. The OU website also shows that the most expensive living option is a single suite-style dorm room at \$5,750 per semester.

The meal plans at OU cost \$1,973 and are included in the housing cost, according to the OU website.

Director of Housing and

Cost of Living at OU

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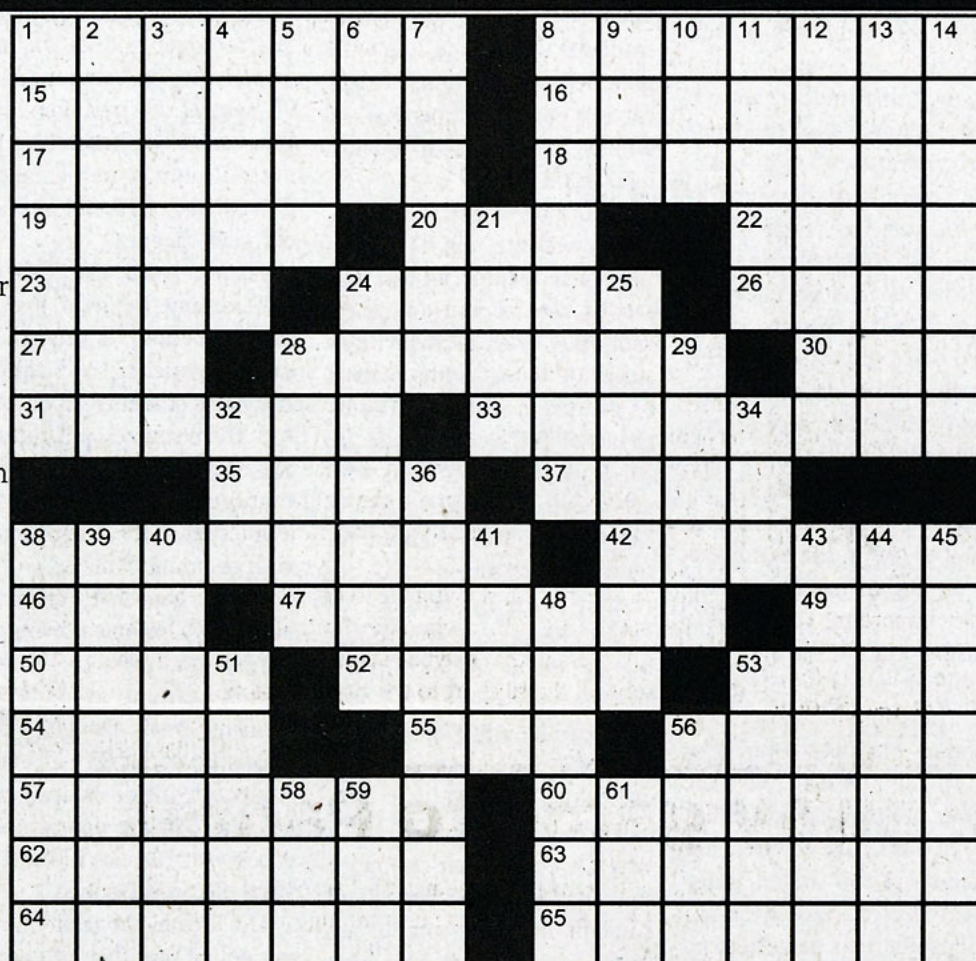
RANDOM QUOTE

Put more trust in nobility of character than in an oath.
- Solon

CROSSWORD

Across

1. Agreements
8. Turned violet-red
15. Deliberately arranged occasion for a candidate or celebrity (2 wds)
16. By and large (3 wds)
17. Colorless, flammable hydrocarbon derived from petroleum
18. Small island
19. Fast finisher?
20. ____ Grove Village, Ill.
22. O. Henry's "The Gift of the ____"
23. Little, e.g.
24. Arctic ____
26. Alone
27. Backboard attachment
28. Inability to swallow
30. Setting for TV's "Newhart"
31. Parody
33. Reduces the value of something
35. Shrek, e.g.
37. Small amount
38. Becomes hard
42. German cathedral city
46. Bull markets
47. Vacation souvenirs
49. "Walking on Thin Ice" singer



50. "Planet of the ____"
52. Eastern wrap
53. Bringing up the rear
54. Lacquered metalware
55. "What's ____?"
56. "Reveille" instrument
57. Sterile
60. Avoiding association with others
62. Do museum work
63. Take over for
64. Examined by experiment
65. Fixed (2 wds)

Down

1. Shows up
2. Very inexpensive item
3. Despise
4. Aquatic mammal
5. Big laugh
6. Family head
7. Address
8. ____ goods
9. Cable network (acronym)
10. Amscrayed
11. Privets

12. Nut
13. Chic
14. Ornamental patterns
21. Detective's need
24. Crush
25. NO₃
28. Cipher
29. Met expectations?
32. Follow
34. "20/20" network (acronym)
36. Touched up
38. Large spiny lizard-like diapsid reptiles
39. Fights against
40. Futile
41. "Your majesty"
43. Sub sandwiches
44. Subjugate
45. Folded card for short informal letter
48. Poster heading
51. Anatomical dividers
53. Clear
56. Gaucho's weapon
58. Cracker Jack bonus
59. Anger
61. "Comprende?"

WORD SEARCH

Beach	E	U	S	X	E	O	P	C	O	O	W	U	E	E	E	W
Ice Cream	A	R	S	R	N	T	S	I	O	O	W	Z	P	N	S	G
Lake	A	D	A	A	S	W	I	M	S	U	I	T	O	O	O	X
Ocean	I	O	E	T	N	L	E	I	R	S	W	A	P	S	R	E
Popsicles	E	I	P	K	S	D	C	L	S	N	L	A	S	A	G	A
Sand	R	O	C	O	N	O	A	A	T	I	O	E	I	A	E	I
Sandals	I	A	E	E	R	V	N	L	B	T	N	W	C	I	N	G
Sunshine	D	J	K	E	C	D	Y	A	S	I	R	T	L	N	E	N
Swimming	O	T	A	L	E	R	Y	I	H	W	E	E	E	N	T	I
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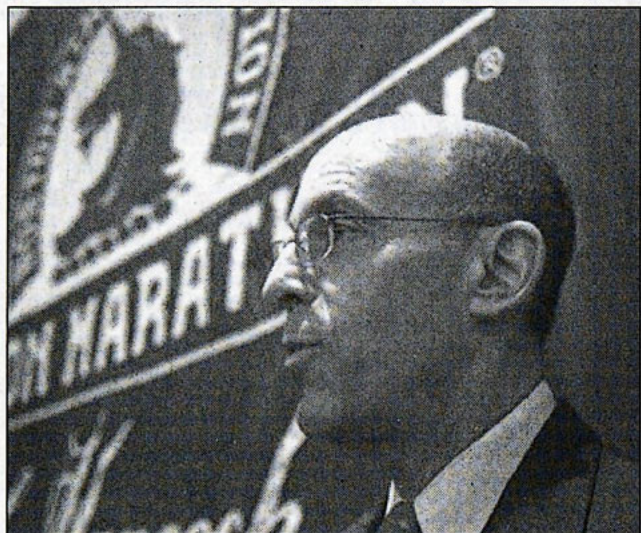
Boston is still strong a year after the bombing

Austin Litterell

Sports Reporter



In this photo taken March 29, 2014, Chris Madison, left, Jeff Glasbrenner, center, and Andre Slay carry their running legs as they walk from a training session in Little Rock, Ark. 4,781 runners are taking the Boston Marathon up on its offer to return — an opportunity to settle some unfinished business when they line up at the start again. (AP Photo/Danny Johnston)



Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency Director Kurt Schwartz speaks with the media following a news conference in preparation for the Boston Marathon, Wednesday, April 16, 2014, in Boston. (AP Photo/Charles Krupa)

It has been a whole year since the city of Boston was shook by a horrendous tragedy. It is that time of year again for the Boston marathon. It is that time for Boston to show just how strong they have been over the past year. The marathon has officially become a symbol for the strength that is happening in not only Boston, but in the entire U.S.

There weren't many more touching scenes on television than seeing other teams' fans taking part in the long Red Sox tradition of singing Sweet Caroline in the stands at the games. Maybe more incredible was the Yankees' fans singing it. What was shown over this past year was that despite being a divided country, there are times when we can all put aside our differences and come together as one, instead of millions.

The vice president said it best in his speech to the city today. "We have never ever ever yielded to fear."

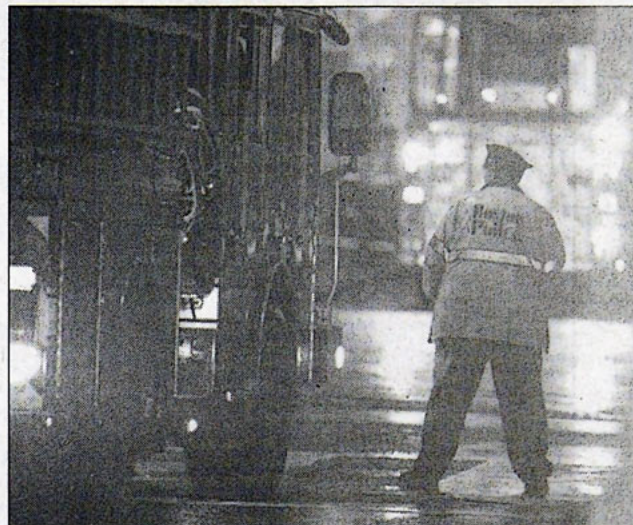
This quote sums up the support from everybody following the bombings.

On Tuesday, the recovery from last year has reached an important point, as tributes have been held, two brothers who lost both legs in the bombing marched their way to the city for the tributes and marathon. Tuesday, we remember more than ever the victims of the tragedy and we continue to thank the respondents who got to the scene and helped as much as they could.

Also, thanks to the team who detonated those backpacks at the finish line before anything else bad could have happened. They saved the city from any more heartbreak and they are heroes. We, myself included, look up to athletes as heroes and want to be like them when we grow up, but its those guys, the nurses and doctors who are the real heroes, just not ones we recognize on television.

Sports are great. They provide a distraction from everything that goes on in the world, which they did in this case as well, but it shouldn't be confused with the more important things life.

Enjoying everyday and living life to its fullest is more important. Being there for others when they are going through a hard time is a great lesson that maybe I should have known, but was reinforced by all the support to the city of Boston.



A Boston policeman watches from behind a fire truck before a controlled detonation at the Boston Marathon finish line in Boston, Tuesday, April 15, 2014. Police have blown up two unattended backpacks found near the Boston Marathon's finish line on Tuesday. They say they've taken a man into custody in connection with them. (AP Photo/Michael Dwyer)



A woman greets Paul Norden, right, as he and his brother, J.P. Norden, left, walk with a group of family and friends down Boylston Street toward the Boston Marathon finish line in Boston, Tuesday, April 15, 2014. The brothers, each of whom lost his right leg in the 2013 Marathon bombings, traveled the 26.2 miles of the marathon route Tuesday as a fundraiser. They face a lifetime of expenses for the prostheses that have replaced their legs. (AP Photo/Elise Amendola)

MLB Baseball

Rockies give away game to Padres

Austin Litterell

Sports Reporter

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The Padres scored twice in the eighth inning on Rex Brothers' wild pitch and catcher Wilin Rosario's errant throw back to the plate, lifting San Diego to a 5-4 victory over the Colorado Rockies on Monday night.

The Rockies held a one-run lead when Brothers walked the bases loaded with two outs. Facing Yasmani Grandal, Brothers unleashed a wild throw. As Rosario retrieved the pitch, he turned and threw wildly back to Brothers covering the plate.

The ball was out of Brothers' reach as Xavier Nady scored and, as the ball sailed past the mound, Seth Smith scored from second base as the Padres took a 5-4 lead.

Brothers (1-2) allowed a game-winning homer to Brandon Crawford on Sunday in San Francisco's 5-4 win in 10 innings.

Rosario hit a two-run homer off Eric Stults with a drive into the left-field seats in the fifth inning to give Colorado a 4-0 lead.

Dale Thayer (2-0) pitched a perfect eighth inning and Huston Street worked the ninth for his fourth save.

Staked with a four-run lead, Colorado rookie Jordan Lyles gave most of the lead back in the bottom of the inning when he allowed three runs.

Lyles allowed three runs on six hits over five innings.

The Rockies lost for the sixth time in eight road games.

Pinch-hitter Tommy Medica and Everth Cabrera had consecutive run-scoring doubles and Alexi Amarista followed with a run-scoring triple as San Diego cut the lead to 4-3 in the fifth.

Rockies right fielder Michael Cuddyer was injured on Amarista's hit when he fell backward attempting to catch the ball as it went over his head.

Cuddyer crashed hard into the right field message board and stayed slumped on the warning track before being removed from the game a few minutes later with a bruised right elbow.

Stults allowed four runs — three earned — on nine hits over five innings.

NOTES: Colorado placed LHP Brett Anderson on the 15-day disabled list Monday with a broken left index finger. OF Cory Dickerson was recalled from Triple-A Colorado Springs. Padres LF Carlos Quentin (left knee bone bruise), who has been on the 15-day DL since the start of the season, took a full round of batting practice, but there is still no timetable for his return. The teams continue their four-game series Tuesday night with Rockies RHP Juan Nicasio (1-0, 3.75 ERA) set to face Padres LHP Robbie Erlin (1-0, 1.35).

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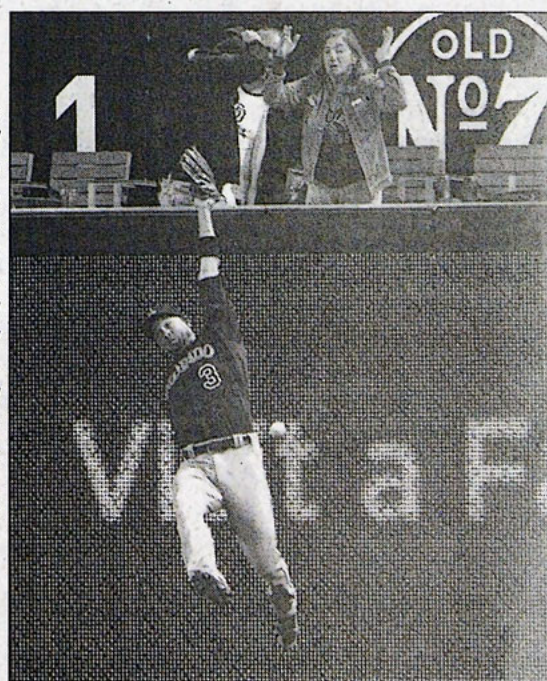
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Colorado Rockies right fielder Michael Cuddyer can't make the catch on a deep drive by San Diego Padres' Alexi Amarista in the fifth inning of a baseball game Monday, April 14, 2014, in San Diego. Cuddyer could not make the catch and Amarista got a triple on the play. (AP Photo/Lenny Ignelzi)



Upcoming Broncho Games

Thursday

Baseball at Missouri Southern State University 2:00 p.m.

Friday

Baseball at Missouri Southern State University 2:00 p.m. / 4:00 p.m. (Double-header)

Women's Rowing at the Southern Intercollegiate Rowing Association Regatta (Hosted in Oak Ridge, Tenn.) (All Day)

Saturday

Women's Rowing at the Southern Intercollegiate Rowing Association Regatta (Hosted in Oak Ridge, Tenn.) (All Day)

Baseball at Missouri Southern State University 1:00 p.m.

Track and Field at the John Jacobs Relays (Hosted at the University of Oklahoma) (All Day)

Sunday

No Events Scheduled

Monday

Men's and Women's Golf at the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletic Association Championships (Hosted at Alvarado Country Club in Lawrence, Kansas) (All Day)

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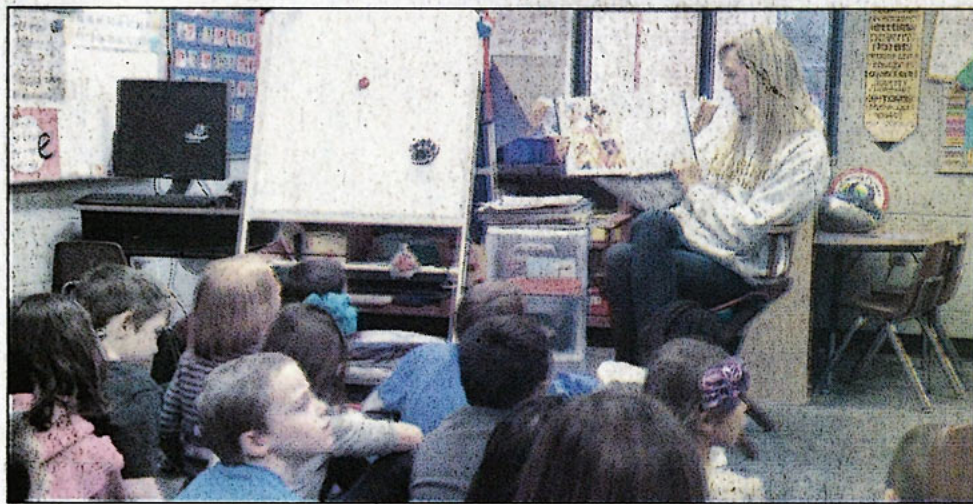
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Volleyball

Volleyball team takes time to help local children



UCO Junior Joanna Huckabee stands with a class of kids from Westfield Elementary School. Photo Provided.



Emily Hahn

Contributing Writer

Under the direction of Coach Edgar Miraku, the University of Central Oklahoma Volleyball team does not take a break just because they are not in season.

Not only are they working hard in the weight room during off-season, they are also working hard off the court to improve the lives of the children of Edmond.

Miraku sought out Westfield Elementary School and their reading week. It was there that he and his team volunteered to read aloud to the children of Westfield and demonstrated the importance of how a good education and athletics go hand-in-hand.

"A lot of young kids can look up to older athletes and it can make a huge difference in their lives," said Miraku. "Sports are one avenue that keep them aligned with their studies."

"Putting them in an atmosphere where they can look up to older athletes is important," Miraku said, as he expressed how community service is important to him and giving back is something he likes to instill in his athletes.

"Anything that will keep some of these young school kids who can be going through

family or social problems, like bullying, focused on their studies is worth it."

Not only did the children benefit from the volleyball team reading to them, but the staff of Westfield loved the experiences, as well as the team.

"Some of the girls have continued to go and read because other classrooms want the girls to read for them," Miraku said.

"It was really a win-win for everyone involved," Miraku said. "Just to see the kids' faces was pretty good."

Broncho Volleyball will host a friendly tournament starting at 1:30 p.m. April 17 at Hamilton Fieldhouse.

Four teams will travel to Edmond, including East Central University, Oklahoma City University and Cowley County Community College.

Last season, the Bronchos went 24-10 overall and hosted the first round of the conference tournament against Central Missouri, number three in the nation at the time of their matchup with Central Oklahoma.

Last fall, the Bronchos graduated their captain and only senior, Tate Hardaker. This fall, Miraku looks forward to the majority of his team returning, as well as a strong recruiting class of 2014.

UCO Junior Juliette Smith reads to Westfield Elementary School students. The Volleyball team went to read aloud to the students as part of Westfield's "Reading Week". Photo Provided.

Softball

Softball earns another split

Austin Litterell

Sports Reporter

UCO split their third straight doubleheader on Tuesday against the Crimson Storm of Southern Nazarene University. The Bronchos rolled over the Crimson Storm in the first game in a 12-0 run rule, but fell in their nightcap, 2-1.

UCO's offense was alive in the early game. The Bronchos had 12 runs on 11 hits. Right-fielder Brooke Zukerman led the attack. Zukerman had a grand slam in the game, as well as a two run double to help UCO extend its lead over SNU. Catchers Tori Collet and Ashton Smith each added RBI doubles in the game.

Kalynn Schrock pitched four innings, giving up two hits and striking out three. Nicole Brady pitched the final inning. Schrock is now 21-6 on the season.

For the third consecutive doubleheader, UCO would lose the second game of the two. The Bronchos had trouble getting their offense going, as they could only manage one run in the ball game.

The Bronchos scored their only run in the game and got ahead early in the first inning, after a Zukerman single scored Devyn Frazier.

UCO held their lead until the fifth inning, when the Crimson Storm eventually took the lead for good. Southern Nazarene got a two-run home run from Whitney Lander. That was good enough for SNU to get the upset win over the 22nd ranked Bronchos.

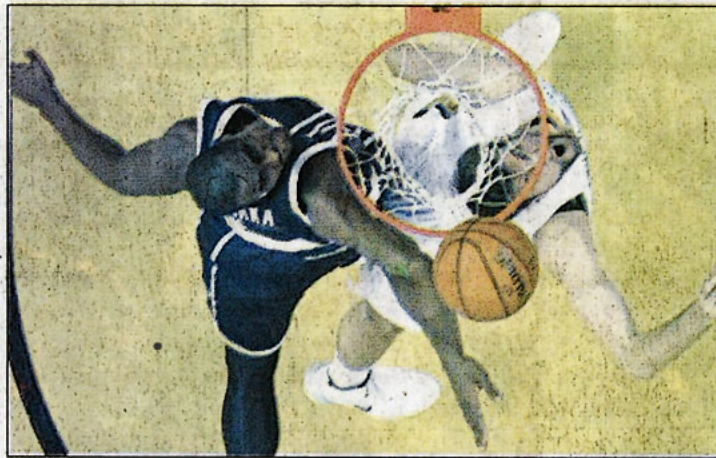
Amanda McClelland took the tough loss in the game, despite putting together a solid pitching performance on the mound. McClelland pitched six innings, while only giving up four hits in the game, but could not get run support from the bats. With this loss, the Bronchos fall to 36-13 on the year.

UCO will now have a week off before they face the Mustangs for another doubleheader on April 22. UCO is 2-1 against the Mustangs this year, including a doubleheader sweep of them just last week.

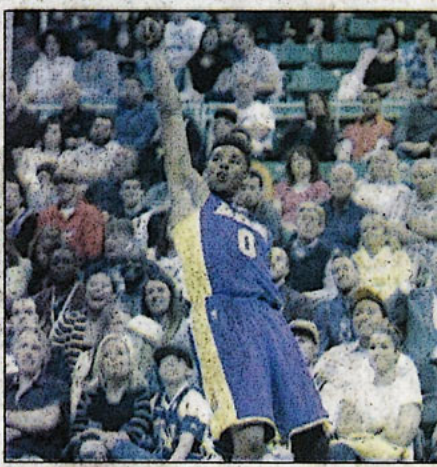
The Bronchos will not return to conference play until April 25 when they play Northwest Missouri State in Maryville, Mo. The Bronchos are 19-3 in the MIAA this year.



New York Knicks' J.R. Smith, above, and Brooklyn Nets' Andrei Kirilenko, of Russia, scramble for control of the ball during the first half of an NBA basketball game Tuesday, April 15, 2014, in New York. (AP Photo/Frank Franklin II)



New Orleans Pelicans center Jeff Withey, right, goes to the basket against Oklahoma City Thunder forward Serge Ibaka in the first half of an NBA basketball game in New Orleans, Monday, April 14, 2014. (AP Photo/Gerald Herbert)



Los Angeles Lakers Nick Young looks on after shooting a metal pointer in the fourth quarter during an NBA basketball game against the Utah Jazz Monday, April 14, 2014, in Salt Lake City, Utah. The Lakers won 119-104. (AP Photo/Rick Bowmer)

NBA Playoffs picture coming into focus

Tim Reynolds

AP Basketball Writer

A look at where things stand in the NBA playoff picture, with two days remaining in the regular season and all 16 teams that will head to the postseason this weekend now having clinched their spots:

EAST UPDATE

It's coming into focus. Slowly.

Indiana will be the No. 1 seed, wrapping that up when Miami lost at Washington. So the Heat are the No. 2 seed, and Atlanta will play the Pacers starting this weekend.

Everything else? Who knows.

Toronto and Chicago will take the race for No. 3 down to the final day; the Raptors need a win or a Bulls loss to get that spot, with No. 4 going to the other club. Brooklyn can wrap up No. 5 with a win Tuesday. Washington has a chance at fifth, yet could finish No. 7. And Charlotte got a buzzer-beater win at Atlanta to keep its chance at finishing No. 6 — and avoiding Miami — alive.

WEST UPDATE

Memphis grabbed the final available playoff spot by winning in Phoenix on Monday night, a tremendous game that wasn't decided until the final seconds. The loss eliminated the Suns, who were one of the feel-good stories in the league all season.

Meanwhile, Oklahoma City still hasn't clinched the No. 2 seed; the Thunder lost at New Orleans, extending the Los Angeles Clippers' slim hopes of finishing second alive for at least another day.

So just like in the East, all that's left to decide are some seedings. Fifth-seeded Portland will open at fourth-seeded Houston in the West quarterfinals; after that, just about everything will have to be decided after Wednesday's slate of finales.

Houston clinched No. 4 by beating San Antonio — which will be the top seed — on Monday night. Golden State locked up No. 6 by topping Minnesota.

TUESDAY'S GAMES

New York at Brooklyn: Nets playing for No. 5 seed. Knicks lead weird season series 2-1: New York has won by 30 and 29, Brooklyn by 23.

Denver at L.A. Clippers: Long shot, sure. But if the Clippers win here, and beat Portland, and OKC loses its finale to Detroit, Doc Rivers' club gets No. 2.

CURRENT BRACKET

First-round matchups if the season ended Monday...

East: Indiana-Atlanta, Miami-Charlotte, Toronto-Washington, Chicago-Brooklyn.

West: San Antonio-Memphis, Oklahoma City-Dallas, L.A. Clippers-Golden State, Houston-Portland.

NOTE OF THE DAY

Mike Miller loves this time of year. Including his season-high 21-point effort in Memphis' big win Monday, he now has a total of four 20-point games in the last three seasons. They've all come in April or June.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"We were able to play everybody — no injuries — and we got a good sweat out of it." — San Antonio's Tony Parker, as his team tuned up for the playoffs in a loss to Houston.

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