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A Crack In Central Security Exploited

UCO suffered two data breaches to its servers in the month of March 2014. Photo provided.

"We're working with the FBI and Secret Service trying to uncover the tracking on this."- President Don Betz

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In early March, the University of Central Oklahoma was subject to two data breaches to its servers, compromising sensitive

Both incidents took place less than a week from each other, the first occurring on Mar. 7 and the second on Mar. 12.

The first breach involved unauthorized access to UCO's UCONNECT service, where users' accounts had their passwords reset and information within their accounts possibly compromised. The university notified users who had been affected, stating, "While it appears that the UCO database has not been compromised, the university is concerned that with access to UCONNECT, an unauthorized user could view alternate e-mail addresses, financial aid records, grades, and other information. In addition, your UCO e-mail account may be accessed."

Currently, the university has not released the number of potentially affected users from this data breach, but has setup a website through the Office of Information Technology with a list of actions for users to protect themselves.

UCO noticed the second breach Mar. 12, where an unauthorized user gained access to one of the university's servers and was able to access information on current and former employees. The data that was compromised included employees' full names, social security numbers, addresses, birth dates, and other information.

The following day, the university sent out a mass email,

notifying those who had been potentially compromised. Charlie Johnson, vice president for university relations, said that as soon as the second breach had been noticed, the university took down the compromised

Johnson also emphasized that the information exposed in the breach was limited to current and past employees only. "If you're an employee, whether you're a student or not, you are included in this group. Now students who are not employees are not, it does not affect those," he

Johnson said it wasn't clear exactly how many people might have possibly been affected, but said that the university is attempting to notify current and former employees.

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"If you're an employee, whether you're a student or not, you are included in this group." - Charlie Johnson, vice president of university relations



President Don Betz speaks in Constitution Hall on March 25, 2014 about the recent breach in UCO's data servers. Photo by Austin Rabon, The

"What I do know is that we have around 2,700 current employees, and that includes full-time, part-time students, adjunct faculty and so on, that's a fairly good number." - Charlie Johnson

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Central Oklahoma promotes leadership in South Africa tour



The Central Oklahoma Leadership study tour poses with the children and adults they worked with in Langsbros, South Africa. Left to right back row: Rilee Harrison, Jarrett Jobe, Chisholm Holland, Zac Brown (with shades), Christian Hood, Zach Milvo, Quila Webb, Kalisa Mora, Katie Sheehan. Left to right sitting: Alexis Ridenour, Taylor Roberts, Grace Phillip and Brooke Klimek. Left to right on the ground sitting/kneeling: Kayla Standlee, MacKenzie Prescott. Photo provided.

Tyler Talley

Staff Writer

A group of students from the University of Central Oklahoma traveled to South Africa for a leadership study tour of the country during spring break.

Jarrett Jobe, who serves as Executive Director of Leadership Central at UCO, led the tour. Jobe stated that this study tour was designed to not only let students travel overseas and see the sights, but also give back to the country they were visiting.

"The goal of the leadership study tour is to experience a part of the world, while also serving that part of the world, I call it 'See and Serve," Jobe said. "We wanted to be able to show the beauty of the country of South Africa from an environmental and anthropological sense, while also helping the community through education and service."

The tour lasted from Mar. 13-23, and cost the 15 participating students approximately \$3,000 which covered travel, food, activity and miscellaneous expenses, according to Jobe.

"During recreational time, we dune-boarded, visited the ocean and visited a lion parkSee South Africa on Page 4

Tornado Warnings

Sarah Neese

Editor-In-Chief

A new impact-based severe weather system will go into effect in Oklahoma for the 2014 tornado

According to the Norman and Tulsa offices of the National Weather Service (NWS), the impactbased warning system went into effect on Mar. 25, but will not be implemented across the nation until next year.

The new system will mainly affect the wording that appears in official warnings and watches issued by the National Weather Service. These official messages from NWS will now include a section titled "IMPACT," which will provide examples of the potential consequences of any given storm.

An example of an impact message, as provided by NWS, would include possible damage that individuals in the path of a storm could expect "Expect wind damage to roofs, siding and trees. Hail damage to vehicles is expected."

The purpose of this new warning system is to enhance warnings, making the most important information easier to find and helping members of the public to identify the most important warnings for

NWS states that its goals for this new system are to "motivate proper response through situational urgency" and to "realign warning message in terms of societal im-

Though there will be a change in the wording in each warning and watch, NWS assures that their



In this May 20, 2013, file photo, a tornado moves through Moore, Okla. as northbound traffic on Interstate 35 stops at Indian Hills Road in Moore, Okla. The National Weather Service in Norman has used Twitter and Facebook for years to disseminate weather warnings: But they tried a new approach recently, holding an online "tornado drill." (AP Photo/Alonzo Adams, File)

thresholds for issuing watches and warnings will not change and they will not be issuing more warnings as a result of their participation in the impact-based warning system.

The impact-based system will also introduce the use of weather tags, which are used to identify the strength or seriousness of a storm. Tornado tags, which identify the presence of a tornado, are categorized in two groups, "radar indicated" and "observed." Tornado Damage Threat tags, which identify the type of damage associated with a tornado, include "considerable" and "catastrophic."

NWS hopes that by using these impact statements and weather tags, it will keep the public safer during severe storms.

"The weather service is trying to improve our communication capa-

bilities. When we issue a warning, we want the warning to be treated seriously. We want the warning to be reacted on. And we are hopeful that this wording and this experiment will take us another step towards that goal," Rick Smith, the Warning Coordinator Meteorologist for the National Weather Service in Norman, said in an interview with KTEN.

Many college students are only alerted about severe storms through text message alerts or smart phone app notifications. Other Oklahomans rely on weather radios to stay "weather aware."

Because of these realities, it is unclear the extent to which the majority of the public will be exposed to these impact-based warnings on a regular basis.

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Where is your favorite bathroom on campus? Why is it your favorite?

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"In the business building, the really private one where no one goes to, that's where I can just... uh...."



"Here in the Nigh because it's close to where I always study."

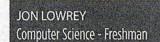


"On the first floor of Howell Hall because it has a stall with a sink, toilet and urinal all in one stall."

ADISON KETCHUM Strategic Communications - Sophomore



feel really good about that one." no one else can use it but me"





"On the third floor (of the "Backstage, Pegasus Theatre, Nigh), it's just really clean so I Liberal Arts building because



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Future as bright as the cookie boxes she sells

If you haven't already heard, a little Oklahoman has gained fame.

Katie Francis is a native Oklahoman and a proud Girl Scout. She has recently broken the record for the number of Girl Scout cookies sold in Girl Scouts history.

Katie is only in middle school, yet she has sold 18,010 boxes of Girl Scout cookies. The previous record for cookies sold was 18,000.

But, she's not done yet. She has set a goal to sell 20,000 by the end of selling season and that's still one week away.

I'm proud to say that I helped contribute to the record-setting number of cookies sold, as I was able to buy some boxes from Katie Francis.

After meeting Katie, I immediately wanted her to meet her goal. She had the courage to wheel her wagon of cookies around downtown OKC in an effort to get unsuspecting business professionals to give in to their cookie cravings. And, it worked.

At her age, I would have never done that. Sell cookies? No, I wouldn't have even been able to talk to an adult.

Because I met Katie and bought cookies from her, I feel a sense of

pride that she made her goal. Let's be honest.

It's a free-for-all when it comes • to Girl Scout cookies season. They only come around once a year for a few weeks, and we Americans . have got to have our Girl Scout . cookies and lots of 'em.

Because of this, there are Girl • Scouts, Daisies and Brownies out ' on all corners, Walmart storefronts . and neighborhood streets vying to . sell you your boxes for the season.

With so many Girl Scouts in . so many place, it's a true triumph • that Katie was able to sell so many cookies to so many people.

She may be young, but she has . the skills. Entrepreneurs twice her age struggle for years to sell the . same percentage of product that • Katie sold this year.

Honestly, I'm still hoping she'll make it to 20,000 cookies sold.

Though it doesn't seem like the most important detail to be recog- . nized for, I'm proud to say that a . fellow Oklahoman made the news for a great accomplishment like

Congratulations Katie Francis. Your future is as bright as the • cookie boxes you sell.

Editorial by: Sarah Neese.

WE WISH WE COULD GOOGLE IT WHERE IS THE MISSING PLANE?

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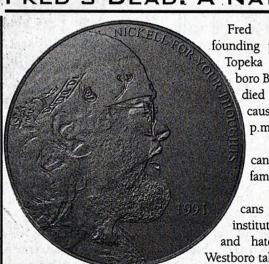


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FRED'S DEAD: A NATION OF HATE.

By Brooks Nickell



Fred Phelps, the founding pastor of the Topeka Kansas Westboro Baptist Church, died of natural causes at 11:15 p.m. Wednesday.

Most Americans know the infamous church.

Most Americans know of the institutions leader and hate the stance Westboro takes on ... well, everything.

I'd venture to say that the hatred our citizens have for this group almost rivals Westboro's passion for spewing fire and brimstone in the most delicate of places.

The church has bragged, saying that they've picketed over 53,000 events, ranging from concerts to funerals for fallen U.S. soldiers. And, they do so with signs boasting messages like, "God hates fags" and "Pray for more dead soldiers."

It's no surprise that the church has been labeled the most hated family in America. And, if there is one thing we Americans have perfected, it is hate.

In the wake of Fred's death, there was an explosion within the realm of social media.

Nasty posts littered the pages of the Internet, while others began suggesting protests for the man's funeral. I know, an eye for an eye right? Well, protest is what the people did. They held sarcastic signs consoling the family and the church for their loss, half hearted dagger stabs.

I think it's sad that the state of our humanity has been reduced to our difference in the interpretation of an archaic text.

Look, our nation is based upon the fine fact that we have freedom, freedom of speech, and the right to peaceably assemble. I don't agree with the idea that the Westboro church elects to push. But, I don't agree with any religious ideals, be it the Christian message or Catholicism.

No matter where your allegiance lies, god or country, you have to acknowledge that the church is within its legal barriers to protest just about anything they like.

I find the amount of hatred being thrown around alarmingly sad and the energy behind the hatred misplaced. As if there was not enough wrong in the world. As if there aren't enough problems already.

I think about all the energy that hatred consumes and how that energy could be applied to achieving a more effective and morally sound outcome, in comparison to protesting the protestors. Although, as previously stated, it is your right. But, what does it ultimately accomplish?

I can't tell you where to place that energy. Maybe you should work towards reducing the amount of children in America that go to sleep hungry every night. You could possibly reinvest it into your personal life, using it to overcome obstacles you face.

Regardless, don't waste your time on hate. It's short-lived, leaves you feeling empty, accomplishes nothing and is an ugly emotion.

Besides, these folks from Westboro are, more than anything, holding on unsystematically to the attention we throw at them.

Here is an analogy; when a child scrapes their knee, bumps their head or falls victim to any of the hundreds of ways that children can harm themselves, that child will typically bounce up and carry on.

However, when that child receives an unprecedented amount of attention, they will inevitably cry and react as if their world is ending.

Fred's Dead. And, Westboro is nothing more than a three-year-old with a bump on its head screaming and crying for more of the attention we so gracelessly give it.

It's too late to convince people not to protest Fred's funeral, that ship has sailed.

But, it's not too late to let go of the hate. Don't send Westboro letters of condemnation or sarcastic sympathy. That lowers you to their level.

Be the adult in the situation. Let the child cry itself out, wipe its snotty nose on its sleeve. And, when Westboro looks up needing our reassurance that people are hearing their message, hearing their cries, let there be no one in sight.

Let them know we are doing all we can to no longer be a nation of hate.

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~ New York Times reporter Mark Mazzetti ~ discusses reporting opinions & the media spotlight

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On Mar. 11, the American Democracy Project welcomed New York Times national security reporter Mark Mazzetti as their keynote speaker on an event centered on privacy.

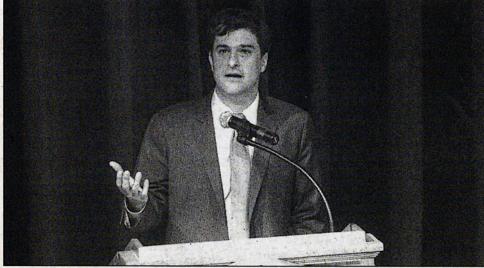
Mazzetti, who has been with the New York Times since 2006, has covered a wide range of issues including reporting on the CIA interrogations after the start of the 2003 Iraq

During the event, Mazzetti discussed issues such as how after the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks, the role of intelligence agencies, such as the CIA and NSA, changed dramatically.

Specifically, he spoke of how the CIA had essentially reversed its moratorium on assassinations by the use of targeted drone strikes.

Other issues raised included questions regarding the use of drones within the U.S., which Mazzetti said that law enforcement agencies had already been using for surveillance on Americans for some time, and that he expected their increased use in the years to come.

A few days later Mazzetti spoke to Vista reporters for a Q&A session.



New York Times reporter Mark Mazzetti spoke to Central students on Mar. 11, 2014. He shared his experiences as a professional journalist for one of the most successful newspapers in the nation. Photo by Aliki Dyer, The Vista.

Q: In terms of sensitive government information, classified or otherwise reported anonymously, where would you say that you draw the line as to what's necessary to report and what should be left alone in terms of possible collateral damage?

A: It's something we face all the time, we're dealing with classified information constantly and our inclination always is to put more information out rather than less.

We get requests from the government not to reveal certain things, we take it very seriously, and the bar we usually have is if they make a credible case for someone being directly harmed by the story, is this putting people's lives in direct danger because of our story, and if there's a credible case, certainly that's something we take it very seriously.

Sometimes though there's a case that's made about this classified information if it gets out will be embarrassing or hurt diplomacy, usually we don't find that a valid enough reason to withhold information.

Q: In terms of the NSA being exposed by Edward Snowden's leaks, there has been a lot of backlash with talks of sweeping changes, and I'm curious if you think that it will be "business as usual" once the stories fade from the media spotlight or if there will actually be changes?

A: I think that there's going to be changes, but I don't know if I would characterize it as sweeping. I think that we're still in the middle of this, but it seems that these programs have enough support not only in the white house but from key lawmakers that a lot of the data collection programs are going to continue in some fashion.

Now they might be adjusted in terms

of where data is stored and the extent of the collection, but I think that a lot of the programs that we have heard about since Snowden made the revelation, a lot of them I think seem like they're going to continue in some capacity.

Q: You've had to deal with confidential and anonymous sources in a lot of your stories, given that they are the sole source for your information, what are some of the other ways that you attempt to verify what they are giving you and circumvent any kind of agenda?

A: That's the problem, I think sources whether they're on the record or anonymous, a lot of people have agendas so you always have to sift through that. I think that using anon sources are never ideal because you always want to give the reader as much information as possible about where you're getting your information.

But in defense of anonymous sources, the biggest, most important stories on national security have been broken using anonymous sources, I don't think you could do national security reporting without having anonymous sources.

I think anonymous sources tend to be overused at times, but people are in this climate afraid enough to talk and if you forced them to give their name they're never going to tell you anything except something that they're not going to get in any trouble about, so this is sort of the sense of using anonymous sources.

Q: Given your educational background being political science and history, what led you to choose a career in journalism and how do you feel that your educational background

contributed to where you are today?

A: I did an undergraduate degree in public policy and history, then I did a masters degree in history, and sort of got out of that not having a very clear idea of what it is I wanted to do, and didn't have a strong background in journalism.

I knew I was interested in it, in journalism, I just didn't have many clips to show around, and so like a lot of people coming out of graduate school without a clear path of what they want to do, they started calling people and started to find out what jobs might be available, and I got a little bit lucky I suppose.

I got an internship with the Economist and that sort of set me on a path of journalism, where I was doing writing for the Economist as an intern and got moved to Austin, TX to become a super stringer for them.

I think that people go into journalism from a lot of different backgrounds, and in many ways covering politics or covering government it's as helpful to have politics or gov't background as opposed to just a journalism background. But that doesn't mean that studying journalism doesn't make you a really good journalist.

I think that just people come into journalism from a lot of different paths these days, so I think that studying history, studying public policy gave me a sort of background in some of the things I ended up covering.

Q: Do you feel that news has devolved into more entertainment based, do you see that as a continuing trend, and how would you compare reporting in the U.S. as compared to the news outlets from around the world?

A: I think that there's always been concerns that news is turning into entertain-

ment, that it's being devalued. See I don't watch a lot of cable news but I'm sure there's some of that, but I think there's good journalism out there and there's bad journalism, and I think that will always be the case.

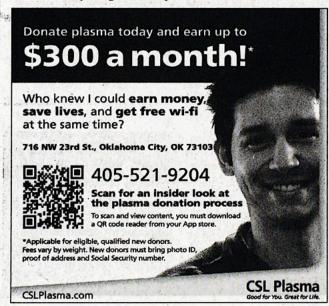
It's my sincere hope that you really establish places for good journalism to stay afloat and that other new places that are becoming to be known for good journalism continue. I think that the sort of explosion of content on the web, I mean there's a lot out there on the web that's bad but there's a lot out there that's really good, and there's sort of new ways to do journalism, so I'm optimistic about that.

I think that the United States has a tradition of investigative journalism and thorough journalism that is I think unequaled by any other place, I think that I'm very proud of the tradition of journalism in the United States.

It doesn't mean that there's not a lot of great journalists who are from other countries and who I respect tremendously, and I think what the Guardian has done with Snowden has been perfect, but I would hold up the sort of journalism coming from the United States against anyone else's.

Q: What are some of the more strange, bizarre, or notable situations you've encountered in your reporting?

A: Good question, you put me on the spot. I guess this isn't a bizarre thing necessarily, but one thing I found is that some of my biggest stories started in Starbucks. I've found that some of the people I met for coffee that became the genesis for some of my biggest stories, I realize I tracked a lot of them back to a Starbucks, I don't know what that says, maybe it's sad that I'm not meeting people in parking garages, but maybe Starbucks is the new place to meet people. I have noticed that is a strange commonality in the stories that I have done.





South Africa

Central students take a South African tour

and Wildlife Reserve," Jobe said. "Some of the students and myself interacted with · lions, tigers and cheetahs during these vis-

Jobe stated that the group primarily stayed in Port Elizabeth and Langbros, which is a village outside of Port Elizabeth. He added that this is where the group did a majority of their volunteering activities such as assisting a local medical clinic.

"Several of our students worked on benches for the medical clinic, as they had no chairs or benches for patients to use,"

Jobe went on to describe some the activities the group took part in while interacting with school children.

"During our volunteer work, we focused on the alphabet and senses. The kids were very young, so they had not built a foundation for the English language," Jobe said. "We also did numerous arts and crafts activities after educational lessons and played sports with both the younger kids and older kids who arrived after school."

Jobe said the most rewarding aspect of the trip was a report from the staff of the school the group worked with, and the clear impact they had in regards to the children there.

Jobe said, "It was hearing the staff comment that the young students' were opening up and repeating what they learned after we left."

Central Musical Theatre Presents 'Working'

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Contributing Writer

UCO Musical Theatre will perform 'Working - A Working Man's Chorus Line' directed by Steven Smeltzer, a choreographer and an instructor of the Musical Theatre of UCO, April 3 to 6 at 8 p.m. at UCO Jazz Lab.

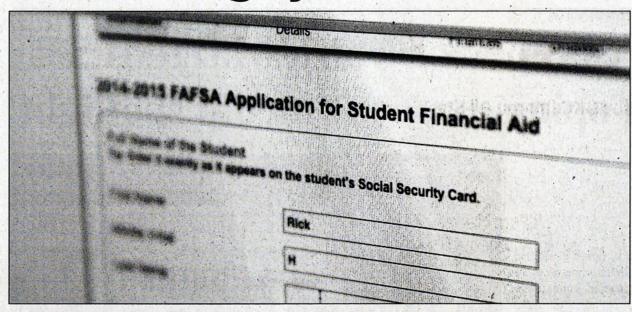
Working is the musical based on the book by Pulitzer Prize-winning author Studs Terkel of Chicago, and was first produced in 1978 on Broadway. It was adapted by Stephen Schwartz, who wrote Godspell (1971), Pippin (1972) and Wicked (2003), and Nina Faso with additional contributions by Gordon Greenburg.

"A Working Man's Chorus Line has a variety of scenes about the childhood, adolescence, and grown-up. There is a waitress, a cleaning woman, office workers, a truck driver, a retired gentleman and more. I think the entire audience can be related to it because we work. Every story is based on a real life," Smeltzer

A musical exploration of people from all walks of life, with 14 songs by composers Craig Carnelia, Micki Grant, Tony Awardwinning Lin-Manuel Miranda, Mary Rodgers, Susan Birkenhead, Stephen Schwartz and Grammy Award-winning James Tayer.

"I was trying to find the story for my students. The musical Working has a lot of roles. This has 26 speaking roles, such as a monologue or a solo. Every person in the show has a monologue. Each student in its role has a great chance to develop the character specifically. One of the students who act in the musical went to the Edmond fire station to talk with a firefighter. It helped to develop the firefighter role," Smeltzer said. "Working will be enacted on the different angles of the stage. The actors will be on the stage, the balcony, stairs or through the audience. The audience will be a part of the show."

Nine things you should know about FAFSA



All students are encouraged to fill out the FAFSA form like the one featured above. Photo by Aliki Dyer, The

Kanesha Brown

Staff Writer

Recently, editor-in-chief of EcoCult.com Alden Wicker wrote "9 Things You Probably Didn't Know About Financial Aid," after seeking information from financial experts to clear up any misconceptions, myths and mistakes that students and adults make when paying for college.

According to Wicker and experts, the nine important things are as follows:

- "Every college applicant should fill out the FAFSA form and should be done every year." Students should fill out the form even they think they will not qualify for any
- "The earlier you send in your FAF-SA, the better." Each year the form usually

comes out during the first few days of January in order to receive more benefits. There is money to give away when the application phase begins.

"Even high earners may qualify for aid." People who earn more than \$100,000 a year should still fill it out, said Wicker.

may be able to negotiate your financial aid package." Wicker explained that colleges are businesses that are

willing to work high performing students to boost the reputation of the school and later become possible donors.

"Student loans should be a last resort." It is advised to only consider student loans when a person's grants and scholarship money has been used.

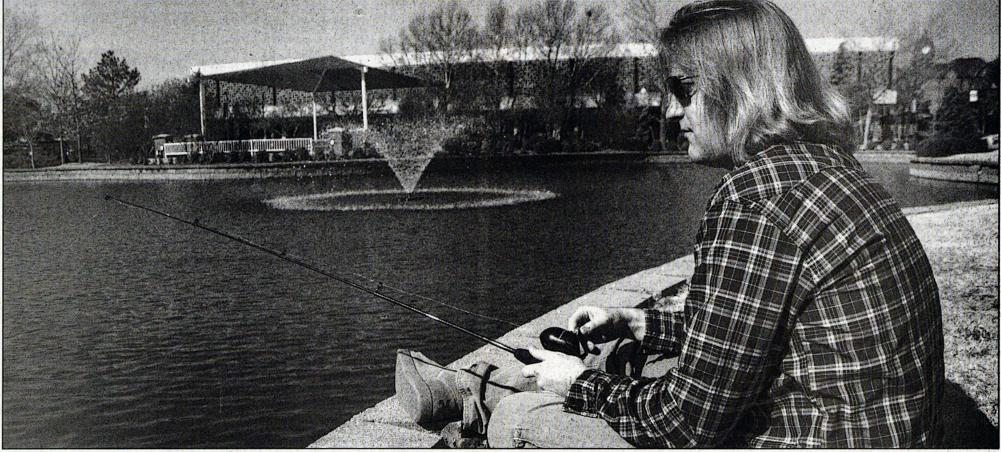
"Federal student loans are usually preferable to private loans." Unlike federal

loans, private student loans do not give individuals the option to make payments in financial situation.

- "You shouldn't take federal student loans lightly." Wicker said that while federal loans are better than private loans, they are still not preferred. The government has the power to take away from wage's or tax refunds to use for payment.
- "Securing big-ticket scholarships isn't as easy as you'd think." There are many qualified applicants applying for scholarships, which create competition. Applying for smaller scholarships is recommended to increase the chance of receiving money.
- "The [net cost] of college can be misleading." Some colleges only present what an individual will actually pay, or net cost, by subtracting the financial aid package. Instead of looking for a net cost, it is recommended to look for when only grants are subtracted or net price.

Wicker said, "Paying for college can be a nerve-wracking rite of passage, not only are you probably dealing with huge sums of money, but the complex process of making decisions about loans."

Calloused Hands Catching a Future



UCO senior William Stafford fishes for his future in Broncho Lake. Photo by Aliki Dyer, The Vista.

Aaron Santelmann

Contributing Writer

"I like to think about the heart as hands. They get calloused," said UCO senior William Stafford. "The more calloused your hands, the more they lose feeling."

Stafford is a talker and philosopher who is anxious to find his future wife and settle down. On the dating site, Plenty of Fish, Stafford describes himself as, "an old soul in a new age."

And Stafford believes he is

Standing at 6-foot-3, he

has long brown hair that's turned blonde near the end and reaches past his shoul-

In the dark, the 27-year old might appear intimidating with his long arms and an easy gait that bounces his hair up and down with each stride. However, those who really know him believe he wouldn't hurt a fly.

Stafford will graduate in May with a degree in Public Administration. Stafford is, what some people would call, a "non-trad" or non-traditional student.

Stafford went a different

After graduating in 2005 from Bishop McGuinness, Stafford decided to skip college in order to get his aircraft maintenance license. Enrolling with Francis Tuttle to begin the certification process, Stafford dove into the grueling 18-month process.

In order to receive certification in airplane maintenance, each applicant must put in 1,980 hours. Stafford completed his hours and did not miss a single day within the 18-month period.

Thinking he found his niche, Stafford completed the program and received certification in Airplane Maintenance. Soon after, he was hired by a contracting facility, AAR Corp. Not only was Stafford successful at it, but he enjoyed doing it.

AAR Corp. was not immune to the economic downturn and in 2009 Stafford was laid off. He was right back to where he started.

"It's been a long road for me," he said as the memory of that troubled time flickered in his eyes.

But Stafford bounced back. He earned an Associate's degree from OSU-OKC, and also claimed an award. Stafford was nominated and named the "Honorable graduate of the Arts and Sciences Division."

"Don't waste your time at a four-year university," he said. "The more distractions, the more is taken away from your education."

Stafford firmly believes that students should utilize community colleges for a couple years until they can

transfer to four-year schools. When Stafford graduates, he hopes to continue to give back by working for Okla-

homa City in some capacity.

Whether with the Chamber of Commerce or Parks & Recreation, Stafford believes that he can use his degree in Public Administration and his unique experiences to help the city thrive.

Stafford is an old soul in a new age. His hair may be long and his hands calloused and he may be a little old for a senior. But like many around him, he hopes to someday be married and find

a job he loves. Although these two things have not happened yet, Stafford will be the first to say, "There are plenty of fish."

Spring Laughter in the Air at Reduxion Theatre



OKC Improve is a non-profit agency that organizes shows and brings local and regional acting troupes to the area. The remaining three performances will be held on March 29, April 5 and 12 at the Reduxtion Theatre. A few members of the OKC Improv level three class include from left to right: Nathan, Christiè, Ellen and Bob. Photo provided.

Contributing Writer

OKC Improv continues its six week show entitled "March Madness (With a Side of Comedy)" at Reduxion Theatre's new location in Oklahoma City, which includes shows by local and regional comedy groups.

March Madness (With a Side of Comedy) is a set of improvisational shows. They include an early, prime-time, and late night show every Saturday until April 12.

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Sue Ellen Reiman, adjunct instructor at UCO, performer, and managing director at OKC Improv, says that audiences can expect to see drama, comedy, and everything in between including songs, mime and political humor.

For anyone unfamiliar in how improvisation works, there are no defined scripts.

"First, we do ask for people to shout out suggestions and at least one group will ask for an audience volunteer," Reiman says. "Second, it's magic when you see an amazing show and realize that you and the rest of the audience are the only people who will ever see the performance." .

Reiman said she enjoys improvisation because it focuses on immediacy and the risk of the moment.

"Things can go horribly wrong or be boring, but when it works, the audience feels partially responsible," she said.

There is three days left of the performances: March 29, April 5, and April 12. Each night, eight different groups will

The groups that are performing vary in age and genre. From these various groups, audiences will see political satire, beat boxing, dance parties with bubbles, mock television talk shows and even Star Wars reenactments.

Reiman will also be in the mix, performing in three shows on March 29 and more in other upcoming shows.

According to Reiman, the early shows tend to be more family friendly, while the prime-time shows feature their best groups and most audience attendance, and the late shows entail cage matches in which two groups compete, stand ups, or previews of upcoming projects.

Admission prices are \$10 for the early or prime-time show and \$5 for the late night show. For \$15, you can attend all the shows. To get tickets in advance, they are available online at www.okcimprov.com.

aturday, March 29:

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Saturday, April 5:

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Saturday, April 12:

Early: Family Tree / Disastronauts The Droids You're Looking For Prime-time: Heel Turn / Villain: the Musical REVIVAL Late Night: Cage Match Finals / Ballot Breaker: Oak City Comedy

Crack in Central Security

A Crack in Central **Security Exploited**

d. "We're doing a search on former employees whose information may have been exposed, if you will, I don't know what that number is, but I can tell you that 2,700 number will likely, it will be increased significantly beyond that."

On March 25, UCO President Don Betz held a meeting in the Nigh University Center's Constitution Hall to discuss the latest breach with those who were affected.

Betz described the latest breach, adding, "It was a very small moment and didn't last long, but the harvest doesn't take long in the cyber ages, as many of you know how quickly information can be downloaded."

Betz reiterated much of the information provided previously by Johnson, but also gave new details regarding the actions the university is taking.

Regarding the number of people potentially affected, Betz said in addition to the initial emails, 16,000 letters had been mailed out to current and former employees.

He spoke of how the university is currently collaborating with various law enforcement agencies in efforts of finding those responsible for the breaches.

"We're working with the FBI and Secret Service trying to uncover the tracking on this, some people that are far more tech savvy than I know that there are ways you can find the address, so finding the point of origin, and the culprit so to speak, for this intrusion may take some time."

The university still hasn't provided information as to how the information on its servers was accessed, but Betz mentioned that an outside consultant would be looking at addressing any security issues with UCO's network.

"We are engaging a security consultant who has background with the FBI that will be spending time across our entire IT, not just IT, but the services situation in terms of external access, potential access, to make sure there are no other weak points or difficulties," he said. "We're going to work very closely, as we have already, with the FBI and Secret Service to try to identify culprits ... the FBI is very intent on trying to bring these perpetrators to justice."

Betz also announced a partnership with an outside credit-monitoring firm, which will provide credit protection services for two

"What we have done is that we have contracted with, it's called Intersections, and they're going to be working with us or with

current employees, and that includes full- you in order to extend i.d. theft protection for time, part-time students, adjunct faculty and you for two years. So the university will cover so on, that's a fairly good number," Johnson the cost for this coverage, not just for you sitting in this room, but for the many people that could have been potentially impacted."

> When asked about the Mar. 7 breach, Betz mentioned that the two events were unrelated as far as he knew, saying that they didn't come from the same server, but didn't provide additional details. Those affected by the first breach will also be covered by the credit protection services

> Among the chief concerns of having personal information exposed is the potential of being a victim of identity theft.

> The United States Department of Justice defines identity theft as "all types of crime in which someone wrongfully obtains and uses another person's personal data in some way that involves fraud or deception, typically for economic gain."

> The Federal Trade Commission highlights the seriousness of the issue, citing examples of what a person can do with access to someone else's information.

> "Once identity thieves have your personal information, they can drain your bank account, run up charges on your credit cards, open new utility accounts, or get medical treatment on your health insurance. An identity thief can file a tax refund in your name and get your refund. In some extreme cases, a thief might even give your name to the police during an arrest," the FTC stated on its

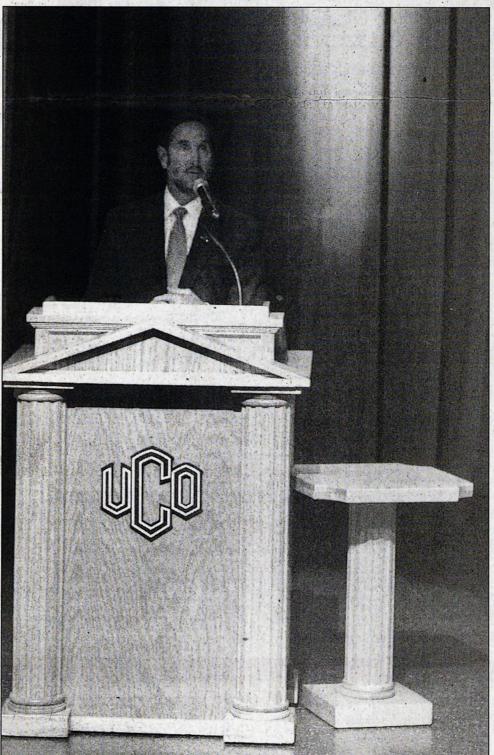
> The FTC recommends those who suspect that their information has been compromised place a fraud alert, order credit reports and

> file an identity theft report. A credit report can be run to ensure that identity theft hasn't taken place. The FTC's website outlines consumer's rights as far as monitoring their credit, stating, "The Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA) requires each of the nationwide credit reporting companies - Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion - to provide you with a free copy of your credit report, at your request, once every 12

> The recent incidents at UCO are among a growing trend within the last decade, as universities around the country have been tar-

> According to Privacy Rights Clearinghouse, 723 breaches on educational institutions have been made public since 2005.

> There have been at least 10 instances of data security breaches at colleges in 2014 including UCO, University of Maryland, Indiana University and Texas State Technical College.



University of Central Oklahoma President Don Betz, Ph.D. addresses the student body about the recent breach in security on Tuesday. Students affected are encouraged to place a fraud alert, order credit reports and file an identity theft alert. Photo by Austin Rabon, The Vista.

Texas State Technical College announced Jan. 31, in an email from the chancellor, that personal data may have been exposed as a result of an unauthorized breach on one of their servers. Indiana University sent a similar notification Feb. 25, alerting 146,000 current and former students that their data had been stored in an insecure location for 11 months. Both universities established call centers for affected parties.

University of Maryland President Wallace D. Loh announced Feb. 19 in a letter to students, faculty and staff that "that the University of Maryland was the victim of a sophisticated computer security attack that exposed records containing personal information."

The Washington Post reported on the Feb. 18 incident, stating that, "The breach occurred about 4 a.m. Tuesday, when an outside source gained access to a secure records database that holds information dating to 1998." Loh's letter went on to reassure students, faculty and staff that the university had doubled their funding to provide more resources to prevent future security issues.

UMD released information on a second breach Mar. 20. "The University of Maryland learned of a cyber-intrusion into its network on the morning of Saturday, March 15, 2014." wrote Interim Vice President and Chief Information Officer Ann G. Wylie in a letter to faculty heads. "Within 36 hours, the FBI, U.S. Secret Service, and the University's Police Department, working with University's IT security staff, successfully mitigated the intrusion."

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RANDOM FACTS

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Both Madonna and Celine Dion are cousins of Prince Charles' wife, Camilla.

Two and a Half Men creator Chuck Lorre co-wrote the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles theme song.

RANDOM QUOTE

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Bronchos roll into the national rakings

Trey Winfrey

Contributing Writer

While many UCO students were off to warmer places this spring break, the baseball team was hard at work continuing their winning ways, as they broke into the Division II top 25 poll this past week. The Bronchos, with a record of 17-7 and 13-7 in the conference, meet up with MIAA rival Northeastern State University this weekend.

The Northeastern State Riverhawks are led on offense by Cody Robinson who has posted a .356 batting average, nine homeruns and 23 RBI, while leading the team in those latter two categories. On the mound the Riverhawks rely on left-handed hurler Kyle Shumbaugh, who has an ERA of 3.19 and sits at 2-2 on the season. The Riverhawks have struggled to break the .500 barrier so far this season, as they sit with a record of 13-13 and 10-10 in the MIAA conference.

The 24 ranked Bronchos look to bounce back this weekend after losing three of four at Missouri Western. Specifically the Bronchos look for a

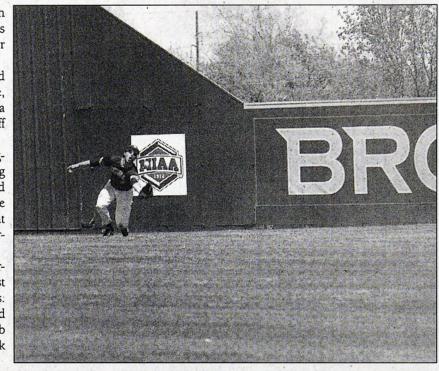
quick turn-around from the pitching staff, which had been stellar up until that series. The Bronchos were also outscored 21-11 in the series loss, their first of the season.

UCO is led on offense by Philip Wilson and Matt Johnson, who have combined a .414 average, 15 homers and 57 RBI. Look for these two to have a good weekend against a Northeastern pitching staff that has struggled against big bats this season.

The Bronchos have proven to be an offensive juggernaut all season, ranked number four in batting average at .359, as a team. They have also outscored all opponents 201-93 and are 13-0 when hitting one or more homeruns and 14-0 when they score eight or more runs. Therefore, offense will be an important factor for the Bronchos.

More importantly, look for the electric arm of Jared Sterling to bounce back after a rough outing last weekend, in which he gave up seven earned runs: The strong point for the Bronchos on the mound has been Ricky Reeves, who is now 5-0 with a sub 1.50 ERA, as he will look to continue his hot streak

The Bronchos are in action Friday at 2:30 p.m. at Wendell Simmons Stadium.



UCO Senior Robbie Hoffman dives in the outfield trying to make a acrobatic catch. Taken from The Vista archives. **Opinon**

More madness from the NCAA

Austin Litterell

....... Sports Reporter

March Madness is one of the greatest times of the year for sports fans. 64 teams, excuse me I mean 68 teams all competing in one tournament with two things on their mind, survive and advance. As we have seen on the first weekend of the tournament surviving can be harder than it

Nobody expected the likes of Duke or Kansas to go out as early as they did but that is what happens in March, lower seeds come out flat and they lose to a team who would lose in if it were a seven game series. That being said the Shockers of Wichita State lost to a higher seed but I would not say they were "upset" by

of the game noone should take away from the season that the Shockers had this year. We can talk about the conference they are in and how it is weak and I get that, but not having a dud of a game at some point in the season is extremely rare. There are some nights where a team just does not have it and they cannot overcome. The Shockers however, did not have that problem this season, they took everybody's best shot and came out on top 35 straight times.

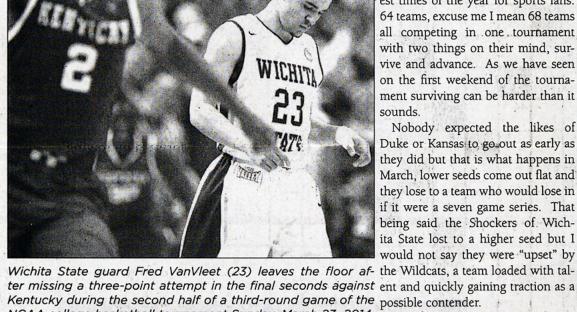
The Shockers were the unfortunate number one seed who got the toughest draw in the tournament, one of the most loaded I have ever seen. The draw was just ridiculous and made no sense whatsoever. Kentucky was the most under seeded team of the tournament and a pre-season number one who hung in there with Florida. If the Shockers had beaten Kentucky then they would have to get by Louisville, another conteroverisail

However, no matter the outcome high-seed, then only to get rewarded with a matchuo with Michigan or a streaking Tennessee team for a spot in the FInal Four.

> The NCAA continues to amaze me and for the most part everybody else too, by the nonsensical things that they do. The NCAA reminds me of myself when I was a child. I always dug myself deeper in a hole whenever I was in trouble. I just couldn't keep my mouth shut. This is what the NCAA is doing right now, they are in trouble but they just keep digging themselves deeper and deeper with the decisions they make. An Undefeated team should not have been "rewarded" with this type of schedule but then again with this organization, it shouldn't have been a surprise.

I tip my hat off to the Shockers for their amazing season as a team. Not many can say they went 34-0. This is a season that should and will be remembered

Sights from the NCAA Tournament

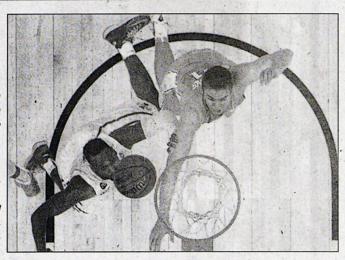


NCAA college basketball tournament Sunday, March 23, 2014, in St. Louis. Kentucky won 78-76. (AP Photo/Charlie Riedel)

Best pics from NCAA Tournament

Left: Virginia's London Perrantes (23) Mike Tobey (10) and other players celebrate after the second half of an NCAA college basketball third-round tournament game against Memphis, Sunday, March 23, 2014, in Raleigh, N.C. Virginia won 78-60. (AP Photo/Chuck Burton)

Right: Iowa State's DeAndre Kane, left, makes the winning shot over North Carolina's Jackson Simmons, right, in the final seconds of the second half of a third-round game in the NCAA college basketball tournament Sunday, March 23, 2014, in San Antonio. Iowa State won



85-83. (AP Photo/Eric Gay) **Upcoming Broncho Games**

VIRGINIA

Thursday Track and Field at the Texas Relays (Hosted by the University of Texas)

Friday

Track and Field at the Texas Relays (Hosted by the University of Texas)

Softball at Southwest Baptist University 2:00 p.m.

Baseball vs. Northeastern State University 2:30 p.m.

Women's Tennis vs. Lincoln University 3:00 p.m.

Softball at Southwest Baptist University 4:00 p.m.

Saturday

Track and Field at the Texas Relays (Hosted by the University of Texas) Track and Field at the Oklahoma Baptist Invitational (Hosted by Oklahoma Baptist University)

Women's Tennis vs. Southwest Baptist University 12:00 p.m.

Softball at the University of Central Missouri 1:00 p.m.

Baseball vs. Northeastern State University 1:00 p.m. Softball at the University of Central Missouri 3:00 p.m.

Sunday

Baseball vs. Northeastern State University 1:00 p.m.

Monday

Women's Golf at the Natural State Classic (Hosted at the Red Apple Country Club in Herber Springs, Arkansas)

Men's Golf at the Broncho Invitational (Hosted at the Gaillardia Country Club in Edmond, Oklahoma)

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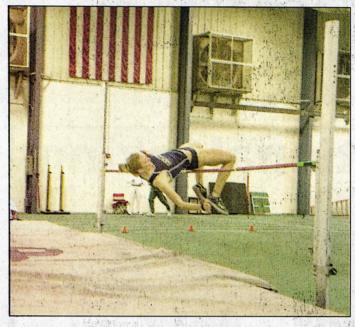
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Bronchos start outdoor season with a bang



UCO Senior Lacy Rhodes attempts to clear the bar in High Jump during competition in Norman. Taken by the Vista's Shea Hussey.

Emily Hahn

Contributing Writer

Central Oklahoma Track and Field had two individual Titles at the Southwestern Invitationals on March 13 in Winfield, Kansas.

With outdoor season just beginning the Bronchos traveled to Southwestern College just before Spring Break. "It was good to go out and get a race in before Spring Break," Coach Martha Brennan said, "once we get back it's not the first week anymore, and that's

Senior Katie Kerns took first place in the 1,500 meter with a time of 4:50.74. Coach Brennan said of Kerns, "she improves every time she goes on the track, hopefully her senior season is good enough to get to conference and national meets."

Destinee Howell, a talented fresh-

man from Ardmore, OK, also claimed a title in the 800-meter race at Southwestern. She ran the 800 in 2:22.35.

After a short indoor season the Bronchos are looking forward to the outdoor season where they can run the events that most of the team is accustomed to. Due to the tracks being different sized to accommodate for space in gyms, indoor events sometimes run at distances exclusive only to indoor competitions, such as the 60m hurdles. instead of 110m.

Therefore the move to outdoor competition will help the Bronchos runners who might not have the starting speed of some of their fellow competitors but can instead make up for it with athletic endurance.

A majority of the Bronchos will travel to Shawnee this weekend for the Oklahoma Baptist Invitational as they look to get more outdoor experience. "We're going to start to put some relays together and get kids more experienced in outdoor events," said Brennan, "it's good that the weather is going to be good because we want them to have weather that is conducive to them performing."

Meanwhile coach Brennan might send some of her more experienced relay teams to compete in the Texas Relays, hosted by The University of Texas in Austin. The Texas Relays is considered by many to be one of the premier events nationwide, drawing teams from all over the nation and consistently highlighting the best talent in the nation for the upcoming season. It is normal to see a majority of the relay teams that will be competing later in the year for a national title have their first real test down in Austin.

This season look for big things from senior pole-vaulter Daysha Harak, Ashley Bryant, a freshman thrower, junior pole-vaulter Erika Guerrero, and senior Madison Berryman in multiple

Softball rattles off impressive win streak over spring break

Austin Litterell

Softball

Sports Reporter

While everyone was on spring break the softball team had a busy week off. Since the Friday before spring break the Bronchos have played five doubleheaders, going an impressive 9-1 in that span. Using this recent hot streak, UCO has improved their season record to 22-8 on the year.

The Bronchos opened another home stand at Edmond North against Missouri Southern. UCO broke open the first game in the third with a sevenrun inning led by Tori Collet's triple. Pitcher Kalynn Schrock struck out 11 in the victory. Nicole Brady pitched all nine frames and Ally Dziadula blasted a home run in the second game, which UCO won 6-1.

UCO hosted the Pittsburg

State Gorrillas for a doubleheader that following Saturday and swept them, as well. Interim Coach Cody White's team jumped on the Gorillas early, scoring two runs in the first inning and would expand the lead from there. Schrock and Brady would team up for the win in the first game of the doubleheader with Schrock earning the victory. Hannah Justus and Dziadula provided five of UCO's seven hits in the 6-2 victory. Justus also sent home three runs in the game for the Bronchos. Amanda Mc-Clelland went the distance on

the mound in the nightcap. The Tuesday of spring break was a big day for UCO Softball for many reasons. For one, they finally got to play on their renovated field on campus instead of Edmond North. Also, Kalynn Schrock was especially dominant on the mound, pitching a perfect game in five abilities with an RBI single. innings as the Bronchos run! ruled Rogers State 10-0.

Hannah Justus led the offense, coming into this game with only three home runs in her career, and sending two pitches out of the park in this one. Justice added a three run shot and followed it with a huge grand slam to secure the run rule. Brady would pitch a seven-inning shutout in the second game, which was scoreless until a six-run fourth inning from the Bronchos.

Last Friday, the bats were alive against Nebraska-Kearney as they had 24 hits in two fiveinning ball games, which were both routs. UCO won 14-1 and 8-0 in this, the fourth doubleheader in a week for them at this point. Ashton Smith and Collet each had a home run. UCO jumped up early and Schrock showed her hitting

The winning streak for UCO would end at and impressive 13 games (11 in conference) as UCO fell to Fort Hays State in game one, 4-1 last Saturday. UCO held a 1-0 lead until the sixth inning after a Brooke Zukerman home run, into her swing. Taken by The Vista's Quang Pho. but could not keep it. The Tigers put two on the board in the sixth and seventh innings. UCO would answer nicely in game two, though, with another run rule victory, winning the game 9-1.

The team will hit the road once again this week to face MIAA foe Southwest Baptist in Bolivar, Mo. for a doubleheader on Friday and then onto Warrensburg for a matchup with Central Missouri on Saturday. a 9-17 record, while Central Taken by The Vista's Quang Pho. Missouri is 15-11 on the sea-



Above: UCO Junior catcher Taylor Factor steps



SBU comes into this game with UCO Senior Kalynn Schrock delivering a strike.



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