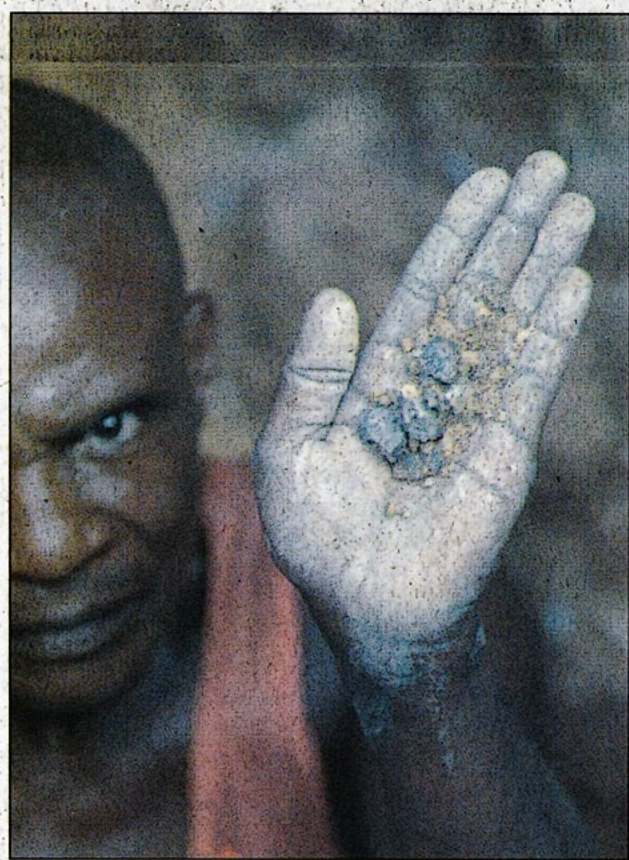




## THE REAL COST OF TECHNOLOGY

By Josh Wallace  
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### How Your Smart Phone Could Be Costing Lives in Third World Countries



Top: Men, women and children work in mines in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), mining tantalum, tungsten, tin and gold. These minerals are used to make smart phones across the globe. Left: A man holds up wolframite in a mine in the DRC. Wolframite is considered a conflict mineral due to the violence associated with its mines. Photos by Spencer Platt.

What do cell phones, laptops, and other consumer electronics have in common with rape and genocide? More than you might think. While most of these devices are comprised of a wide variety of materials, metals and other minerals essential to the manufacturing of electronics are funding militia groups throughout the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and neighboring countries.

These minerals, often referred to as "conflict minerals," include tantalum,

tungsten, tin and gold. Applications in electronics range from the heat resistant properties of tantalum and tungsten, tin used for solder on circuit boards, and gold's non-corrosive and highly conductive properties.

The resources mined are often smuggled out of the DRC, often through neighboring Rwanda, where they are smelted. Smelting outside of the DRC hides the origin of the product, where it is then placed on the open market to be purchased by manufacturers of com-

ponents that ultimately end up in consumer electronics.

The DRC is considered to be rich in natural resources, with the United States Geological Survey's (USGS) latest data putting an estimated value of mineral exports in 2010 at \$8.48 billion. Despite its wealth of resources, the DRC is considered one of the most impoverished nations in the world, with The World Bank reporting the average annual income per person for 2012 being \$220.

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## Soldier Causes Instagram Frenzy

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Nationwide controversy and military investigation started when a soldier posted a photo on Instagram of herself hiding out in her car to avoid saluting the flag for the flag ceremony.

According to an article from the Army Times, Pfc. Tariqka Sheffey wrote as follows:

"This is me laying back in my car hiding so I don't have to salute the 1700 flag, KEEP ALL YOUR THATS SO DISRESPECTFUL/HOWRUDE/ETC.' COMMENTS TO YOURSELF cuz, right now, IDGAFFFF", for the caption.

After Sheffey posted the photo, it was shared via Facebook and then sent to the Army Times.

Threats and rude comments have been made against Sheffey.

The article stated that a Facebook commenter wrote, "Any soldier who refuses to salute the flag is in the military for the wrong reason, and should be removed by dishonorable discharge with loss of all benefits... If they won't salute it, they damn sure won't fight for it."

The Department of Defense Uniform Code of Military Justice states that soldiers are to ask for permission if they want to post something sensitive about the military or refrain from posting anything that could harm the military.

The code states as follows: "It is important that all soldiers know that once they log onto a social media platform, they still represent the Army. The best way to think about it is, if you wouldn't say it in formation or to your leader's face, don't say it online... Soldiers using social media need

to know that the enemy is watching."

The photo was taken down. Sheffey responded to the public by posting a video on Instagram.

According to the article on Army Time, she first apologizes and explains her regret for posting the photo. During the video, she stopped apologizing and said, "I seriously just want to say thank you to everybody who stood up to me today, like seriously. That shit to me was not that serious. I am not a disrespectful soldier and I really appreciate you all."

Sheffey is a part of the 59th Quartermaster Company, 43rd Sustainment Brigade at Fort Carson in Colorado.

The article stated that the chain of command is aware of the situation and is currently looking into to it.

## VACATIONS & STAYCATIONS

### Making the Most of Spring Break 2014

No test, no deadlines and no school is what every college student will be thinking about come spring break. Where do you go for an unforgettable week?

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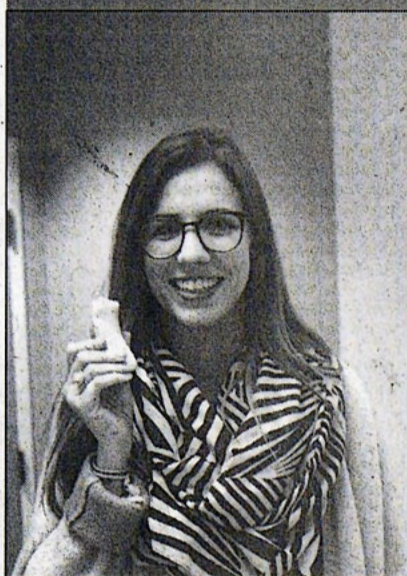
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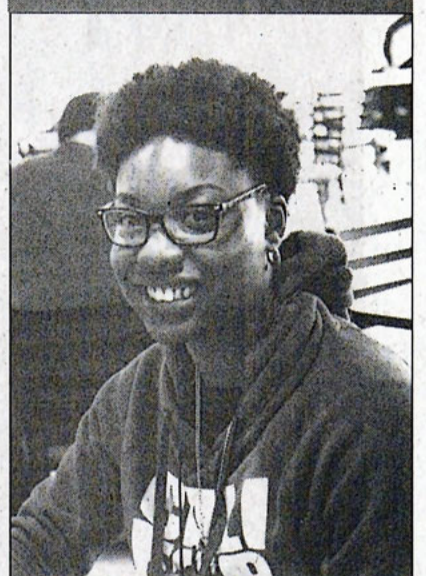
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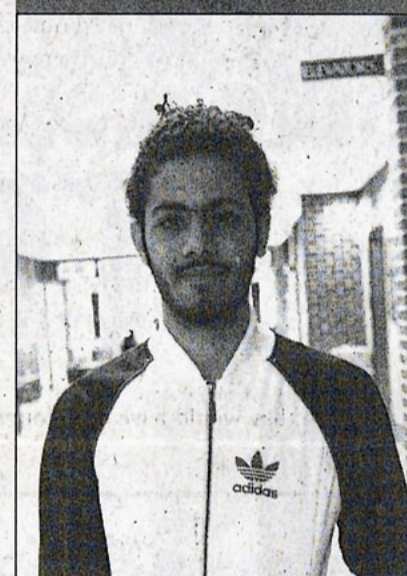
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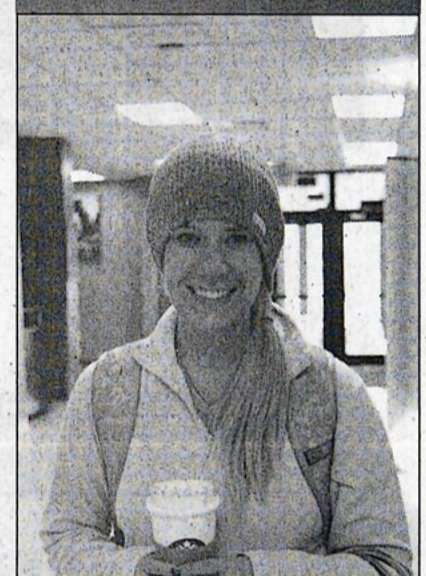
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"I'm currently reading Girls in White Dresses."

## The Consequences of Conflict: Tensions arise between Russia and the world

Editorial by: Sarah Neese

If you watched any of the winter Olympic coverage, you might have heard about the U.S. defeating Russia in one of the qualifying hockey matches.

Announcers relived the "Miracle" game from the 1980 Winter Olympics, the game that symbolized the conflict of the Cold War, between the U.S. and the Soviet Union, while announcing this year's American defeat of Russia.

Though the win was far less dramatic this year, there is still an underlying rivalry between Russia and the United States, stemming back to the days of the Cold War.

Today, however, the next generation of adults and decision-makers, a.k.a the millennials, have never experienced any part of the Cold War and have nearly no real examples of the tension between Russia and the U.S.

It's been 25 years since the fall of the Berlin Wall, and now, a new generation of young adults is experiencing Russia on the brink of war for the first time.

The conflict between the Ukraine and Russia is revving up, and many Americans seem to think that the impending war has nothing to do with the United States.

I'm afraid, those Americans are wrong.

Though Russia is a half a world away, an impending military conflict, the first of its kind from Russia is over two decades, has the potential to put in a crater in the world, as we know it.

According to CNN.com, the western world is on the side of Ukraine, which puts the United States, essentially in conflict with

Russia as well.

The U.S., as well as a number of other European nations, has been in talks with Ukraine on how to address the situation with Russia.

"Russian forces remain in effective control of Crimea, a Black Sea peninsula where Russia has a large naval base, in a tense standoff with Ukrainian forces loyal to the new inter-

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im government in Kiev," according to CNN.com.

Since the U.S. has taken sides with the Ukraine, a silent war between the U.S. and Russia has escalated.

Currently, Russian lawmakers are attempting to pass a law allowing Russia to confiscate assets that belong to the U.S. and European companies if sanctions are enforced by the European Union on Moscow.

President Barack Obama and Russian President Vladimir Putin have been issuing official statements and participating in press conferences in each of their respective countries, reflecting a difference in opinions between the two leaders, as well as reveal-

ing both countries have different beliefs on which facts are actually facts.

In an act of diplomacy, Secretary of State John Kerry has been meeting with leaders from the Ukraine for a few days, going so far as to offer \$1 billion in loan guarantees to Ukraine in an effort to help the Ukrainian economy recover from the consequences of the absence of Russian assets, primarily energy subsidies.

So what could the U.S. possibly have to worry about?

Well, first of all, if the U.S. has just offered \$1 billion in loan guarantees to the Ukraine. That's \$1 billion coming out of America's budget.

Second, we haven't been even remotely involved in a conflict with Russia like this one in many years. No one has seen Russia as a military power in quite some time and there is little to no idea of what the world could potentially face if Russia were to take up arms against another nation.

Third, and perhaps the most important and potentially consequential effect, Russia is the leading producer of crude oil in the world. According to a report released by the PIRA Energy Group, Russia pumps between 1-3 million barrels of crude oil a day than the U.S.

It's true that the U.S. does not buy a large amount of oil, if any, from Russia. However, other countries in the world do.

A disruption in the flow of Russian oil to other countries could have a huge impact on the global economy, which could then affect

the U.S. economy.

Countries like India and China, who do buy oil from Russia, are large suppliers of products to the U.S., including large quantities of plastic products, toys and in some cases, automotive and technological products, which are all petroleum-based.

This could potentially put a ripple in every day activities of the American public.

Though it seems worlds away, the Russian-Ukrainian conflict should be, at the very least, in the minds of Americans.

Russia is still a relative world power, which means that the entire world could feel the effects of its actions.

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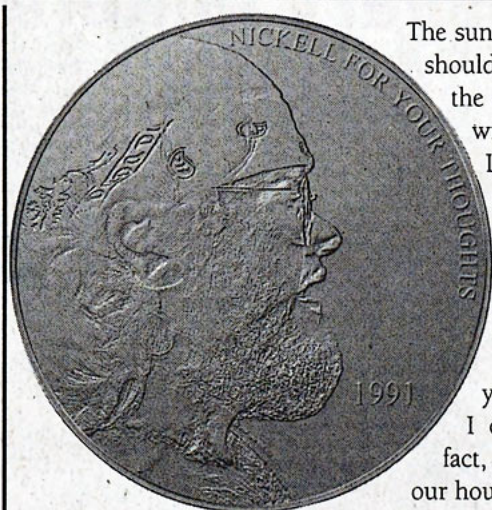


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Opinion

WHAT THE TREE HAS SEEN

By Brooks Nickell



The sun beat down on my shoulders as I stood atop the roof of my parent's wrap-around porch. I held steadfast to the end of a tree that had fallen on top of the house only days before.

The tree had been in our front yard longer than I can remember. In fact, it was there before our house was built. I was holding on to that tree because

my job was to keep the pieces my father cut off with the chainsaw, from falling and damaging anything.

As I turned my eyes away from the incoming wood chips, the singular thought that was running through my mind was this, "what a tremendous amount that tree has seen."

At around seven years old or so, I owned a goat. His name, as all good goats' names should be, was Goateebo. My best friends and I would attach a good length of rope from Goateebo's collar to that old tree, jump on the back of the goat and hold on for dear life.

Goateebo would take off running and kicking until he hit the end of his tether and then alongside his passenger, plummet to the ground. It was quite a sight to see. The

first time I revisited the memory, via an old VHS tape home movie my mother had stashed away, I laughed hysterically. I have to think that anytime that tree saw us coming bare-foot up the path with a goat and a rope, it laughed too.

There was a sandbox in the shade of its strong branches. It's been gone for some time. There was a swing set that took refuge on sunny days there, too. And I can remember a friend of mine running a dirt bike in between the two metal chained swings.

I can remember him being forced backwards off the bike as it continued upwards into a ghost rider wheelie, turned half backflip, until it ultimately came to rest alongside him on the ground.

The sandbox went and then the swing set went and as I chucked another log of wood from the roof of the porch to the ground, it sunk in that the tree was soon to be gone from my sight, as well.

By the end of the day it was just that, gone, or more so in a pile to be burned. The stump had been uprooted and the hole filled in. Standing outside, I gazed on the open expanse that was once so populated. There was where the tree stood and my eyes jogged adjacent to a flat spot of grass and dirt where the sandbox used to be.

A heavy weight came over my physical and mental being as we removed that tree. It was as if a painter had spent 22 years capturing memories and emotion, painting a masterpiece that was truly worth a thousand words. And after 22 years of living work, the painter crumpled it up, threw it in the trash and walked away.

"It's really a lot bigger of an area than you think," I spoke

to my mother.

"We're thinking about putting a patio out this way," she replied.

As she said those words, the weight was lifted. Just earlier, my dad had talked to me about building a traditional Native American grass-thatched hut in that same area. I shook some more woodchips from my hair and gave my mother a smile.

"The possibilities are endless," I said.

The painter did crumple up the masterpiece, but he didn't walk away and he left that image in my family's minds, as well as my own, to cherish forever. As a new canvas was set up, he prepared to lay another stroke of paint, a new memory, a new masterpiece in the works.

And while I'll always have that original painting in the back of my mind to retrieve on a whim of nostalgia, I look forward to what the future will bring.

We can't fixate on the end in life. I firmly believe that we have to be at peace with the fact that paths change, energies dim, things die and we can do nothing to prevent that.

Abraham Lincoln said, "In the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years."

There was a lot of life in that tree's years. In the end, I dream that I can say the same.

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100-Year-Old Photographs Discovered in Time Capsule

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The Oklahoma Historical Society has recently discovered photographs of Oklahoma that are 100-years-old. They were discovered as part of a 100-year-old time capsule.

The photographs were taken on a Vest Pocket Kodak camera. There were a total of eight of them.

Both the pictures and the camera were carefully placed inside a box for the time capsule in April 1913.

The Research Director at the Oklahoma Historical Society, Chad Williams, spent 10 months searching the capsule when they found the photographs.

The camera was found to be in good condition, as well.

Carol Stein is a retired museum curator. She specialized in Oklahoma studies.

"Oklahoma is a state with a rich history," she said. "I always find it nice for others to realize that, as well."

She was pleasantly surprised at the historical discovery.

"I think it's great," Stein said. "I only wish they would have been found while I was still curating."

Stein views her past job as a curator as one of importance.

"I'm not saying that being a curator is the best job in the world," she said. "But it's good for people to know history, and it's good for Oklahomans to know the history of their state."

As an Oklahoman historian, Stein believes that the photographs could be a good way to get people interested in the history of the state.

"It's pretty incredible if you think about it," she said. "This way, people can see that we were a good state back then and a great state now."

The photos had views from multiple buildings. They included the former Carnegie Library and the original state post office.

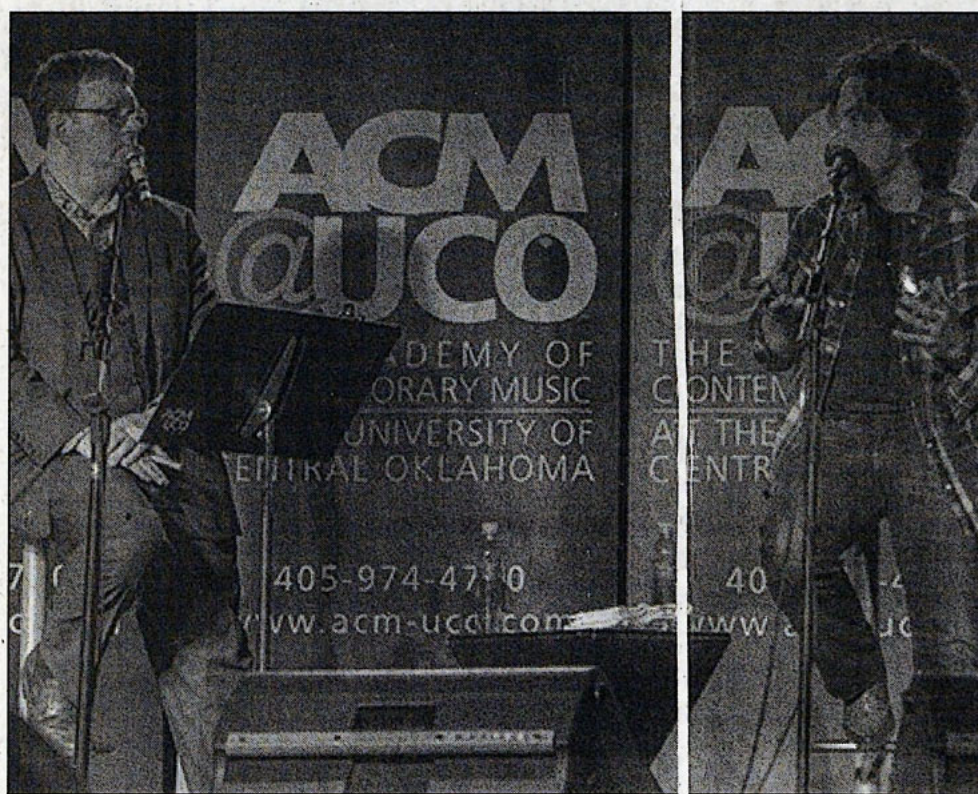
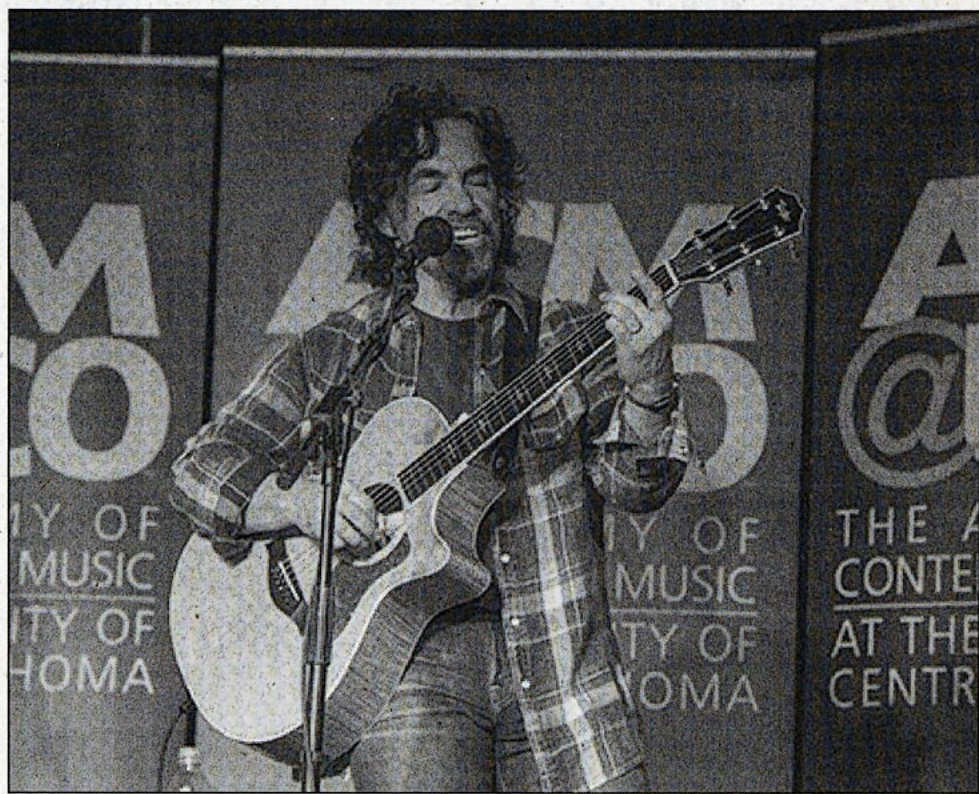
The capsule, called the Century Chest, had numerous other Oklahoman artifacts. Inside it was the original Oklahoma state flag and the Constitution, Treaties and Laws of the Chickasaw Nation.

"It is a fascinating glimpse of history," Stein said. "Who would have thought that so much history could have been found in one box?"

According to the Oklahoma Historical Society, a professional photographer did not take the pictures. They also do not believe that they were specifically taken to be put into the capsule.

A full list of the Century Chest and its content can be found by visiting [www.okhistory.org](http://www.okhistory.org).

Oates performs at ACM@UCO



The Academy of Contemporary Music at the University of Central Oklahoma hosted John Oates. Pictures taken as he taught a Master Class at the ACM and performed afterward. Photo by Shea Hussey, The Vista.

Bill of Rights Monument May Settle Down at State Capitol

Leilei Chen

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The Oklahoma Senate passed the bill establishing the Bill of Rights Monument at the state Capitol on Feb. 26, 2014.

On the Capitol's north steps, Oklahoma had established the Ten Commandments in 2012. This monument has been designed to reflect the views of Christians in Oklahoma City. But the American Civil Liberties Union in Oklahoma has sued to have this monument removed.

Sen. Patrick Anderson, author of Senate Bill 1159, said the proposal was a symbol project to express the importance of the individual freedoms enshrined by the Bill of Rights.

The Bill of Right is on behalf of individual rights and people's freedom.

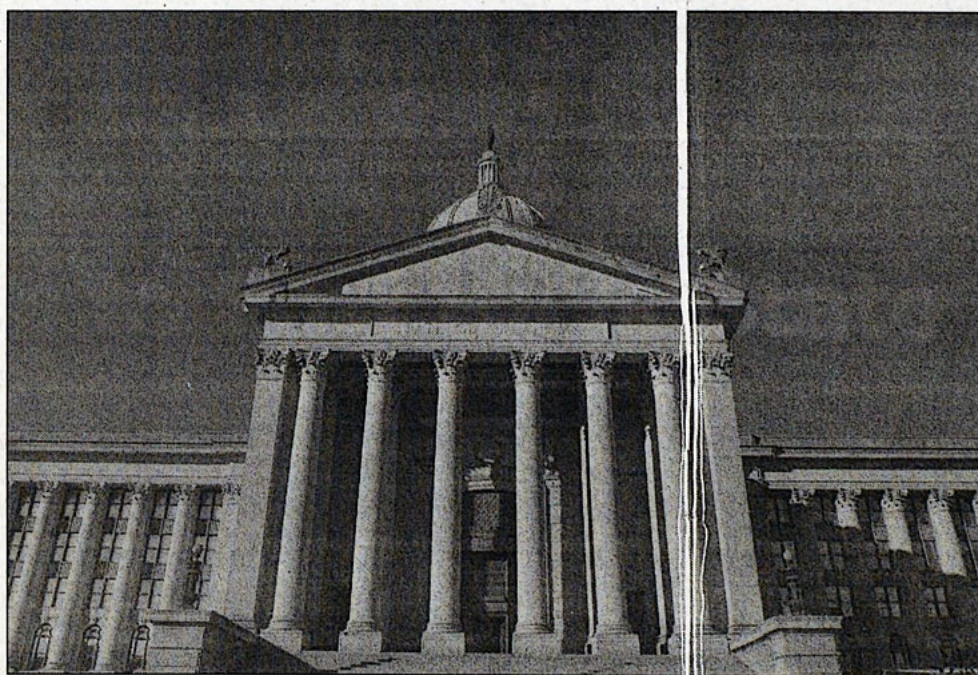
After it founded, our government has been

based on the principle of the Bill of Rights and rely on its philosophy.

The Bill of Rights monument will be paid for by private donations. The project is a non-profit project that helps individuals or groups to create and build a Bill of Rights monument in their communities or at their state capitol.

They are focusing on rising awareness of freedom, and through this way, they try to express the principles of the Bill of Rights all over the nation. Moreover, they helped the state of Arizona to build a sculpture on their capitol ground in 2012.

"It was a great symbol for us to remember the Bill of Rights and I am pleased to see a creative monument located around state capitol," said sociology major at UCO. "Build this kind of monument to help people to honor our nation, and it will express the freedom of our states. But, I am not really interested into this case, it will be better if government actually works to improve our life or protect the freedom."



The photo above features the Oklahoma State Capitol, which has the opportunity to have a statue of the Bill of Rights added to it. Photo by Aliki Dyer, The Vista.

Conflict Minerals

# The Global War for Technology's Necessary Minerals



Much of the country's economic problems stem from decades of violent conflicts, a trend that remains as armed groups continue to fight in the eastern part of the country. Armed groups, such as the Democratic Forces for the Liberation of Rwanda (FDLR), actively seek control of mines, force labor, and loot to fund their operations. The DRC's army (FARDC) also controls mines, actively mines, and robs mineral traders according to a United Nations (UN) report.

Government forces and armed groups have both been cited as committing human rights violations in the region. A UN report released Jan. 23, 2014 outlined that in 2013, militia groups carried out executions, were recruiting and using child soldiers, and attacking and burning villages.

Acts of sexual violence were committed by both the armed groups and government forces, with reports of forced marriage, rape, and sex slavery associated with various militias. Numerous accounts of rape committed by FARDC soldiers were mentioned in the report, noting specifically the targeting of minors.

Over the last few years the use of conflict minerals has gained international attention, and efforts to stop the funding of these groups have ramped up. Pressure from humanitarian organizations, and legislation passed in 2010, have sought to hold large corporations accountable to actively track their supply chains.

H.R. 4173-843, also known as the Dodd-Frank Act, requires companies who use these minerals in their products to file with the Security and Exchange Commission (SEC) by May 31, 2014. According to section 1502 of the bill, corporations are to disclose information regarding the source location of minerals used, list any products that contain minerals not "DRC conflict free", and must publish the information publicly online.

Some companies have started to release

information about the status of conflict minerals within their supply chains prior to the May deadline.

On Feb. 13, 2014, Apple released its annual Supplier Responsibility Progress Report, which noted the company's intention to becoming "conflict-free." The report revealed that through independent auditing of the corporation's supply chains, 23 smelters used were part of the Conflict-Free Smelter Program, 59 were in compliance with the Dodd-Frank Act, but the compliance of 104 others was unknown.

Intel also announced its intentions to become conflict-free last month, revealing the first conflict-free processors were being manufactured. The company stated that it began looking at its supply line more closely several years ago, and was able to develop systems to track and verify the minerals that were being used weren't coming from areas that could support armed groups.

Raise Hope for Congo (RHC), a Congo awareness campaign, compiled a list of "the largest electronics companies on their efforts toward using and investing in conflict-free minerals in their products." The list, which ranges from taking proactive steps to making little or no change in policy, features Intel ranked first and Nintendo ranked last.

RHC's website also lists information on colleges around the U.S. who are participating in its conflict-free campus initiative. Aimed at students, the initiative calls for "encouraging university officials and stakeholders, both of whom are large purchasers of electronics and powerful spokespersons, to commit to measures that pressure electronics companies to responsibly invest in Congo's minerals sector."

Over 100 universities around the country are participating in the initiative, with universities from several other countries involved as well.

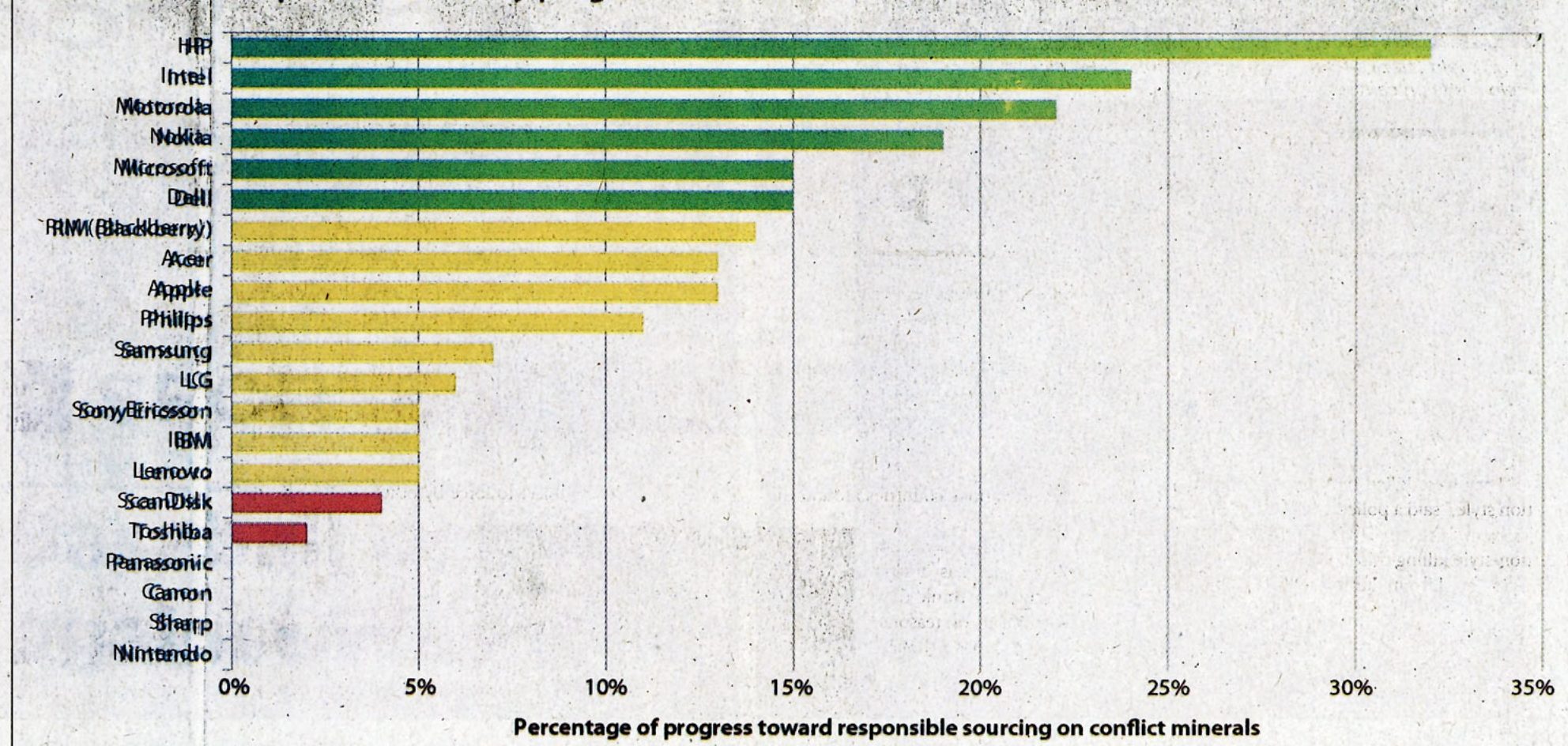
Currently, the University of Central Oklahoma has no policy regarding the conflict mineral policies of its technology suppliers.

According to Assistant Vice President of the Office of Information Technology, Sonya Watkins, "We do not have first-hand knowledge of the situation and therefore cannot comment on it at this time. Violating basic human rights goes against the very core of what Americans, and of course the University of Central Oklahoma and the Office of Information Technology, believe in."



Thousands of Congolese scrape together meagre livings from mining. Gold and other mineral deposits, which are numerous in the volatile north-east of the country, have become a catalyst to much of the conflict in Congo. The Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), a country that loses an estimated 1,400 people per day due to war since 1998, is struggling to hold Presidential elections this summer. The volatile East of the country, which is situated hundreds of miles from the capital Kinshasa, has been the focal point of continued violence. Numerous militias and warlords have vied for control of the mineral-rich eastern Congo for decades, creating instability and continued bloodshed. (Photos by Spencer Platt/Getty Images)

## Electronics companies ranked by progress on conflict minerals



This graph reflects the progress that electronic companies have made toward shying away from using conflict minerals in violence-prone areas of the world, Graph by The Enough Project.

Spring Break 2014

## Breaking in Style: Tips and Tricks for Spring Break 2014

Austin Rabon

Staff Writer

Whether you are looking for somewhere local, tropical or a place to gamble your college funds away, there is a place for you.

Cameron Frye, a junior at UCO said, "Choosing where to go for spring break was the hardest part, but the memories I made were unforgettable."

Hard Rock Casino in Tulsa or the Winstar Casino in Thackerville, which is the largest casino in the world as of 2013, are both opportunities to have fun and still stay in Oklahoma.

Not looking for a wild and expensive night, the Oklahoma City Zoo and the Jenks Aquarium are fun spots to take a day-trip to and see different wildlife animals.

Apart from local destinations, the travel channel lists the top spring break destina-

tions for college students.

1.) Las Vegas- The scene may not be tropical, but it is certainly a college destination during spring break. Every day is a good day to party poolside and gamble at the most famous casinos, while making long lasting memories with your best friends and making new friends.

2.) Daytona Beach- Daytona Beach may be one of the most "typical" places to travel, but its bikini contests, cheap rooms and miles of beaches you can drive onto, make it the classic road trip destination.

3.) South Padre Island- South Padre is only a 12-hour drive from Edmond and is a great place to relax under the sun during the day and enjoy an unforgettable nightlife.

4.) Panama City Beach- In past years, Panama City Beach has been host to celebrities such as the Sean Kingston and Kenney Chesney to spice up the spring break party.

5.) Red River- Taking a step away

from the beaches and enjoy a ski trip on the mountains of New Mexico. With it only being an eight-hour drive from Edmond, it is convenient and different.

Frye said, "I went to Panama City Beach one year for spring break and it was awesome to meet people from all over, relax on the beach all day, and go out for a crazy night life."

Spring break can be a fun time and a nice break for all college students, but it is important to remember to be healthy and keep safe.

According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), if drinking alcohol is part of your break, remember that it can impair your judgment and actions. Don't drink and drive. There are plenty of non-alcoholic alternatives.

It is important to have fun, but equally as important to keep the safety of yourself and the safety of others in mind in every decision

you make.

Being prepared and having a well thought out plan is important. Make sure you have flight and hotels reservations, transportation plans, as well as extra money in case of an emergency.

Also when you arrive at the destination, make sure you write down taxi numbers, your hotel address and any emergency number you might need.

According to the CDC, if you are going on a trip, be prepared. Are vaccinations required? Are there special food, destination, or other things you need to consider ahead of time? If you are taking medications, do you have enough for the trip? Know what's happening en route or at your travel destination.

Make this year's spring break memorable by having fun and helping yourself, your friends, and others stay safe and healthy.

# Criminal Justice Department takes transformative learning to a new level with surveillance and arrest simulation

Josh Wallace

Staff Writer

On Feb. 26, 2014, students from the University of Central Oklahoma's School of Criminal Justice (SCJ) took part in a surveillance and arrest simulation that spanned the campus.

The exercise was part of SCJ Professor Dr. Donald Mizell's class, Modern Criminal Investigations. Mizell described that these exercises aren't limited to his classroom, but throughout the SCJ.

"What we're trying to do is incorporate into the classes that we teach in the School of Criminal Justice the kinds of activities and functions that would lend itself towards the

university's goal of transformative learning," he said. "So we've looked for different ways that active and participatory type activities that could be done to foster learning along those goals."

Mizell said that the day of the simulation, students had no prior knowledge of what they would be participating in, and were in the middle of an exam before the exercise. Around 30 minutes into their test, he interrupted the class and gave them a five-minute briefing on the simulation's scenario before sending them off.

Mizell specifically chose this tactic to give students a feel for how fast situations can arise in a law enforcement career. "I come from an FBI background, I spent 21 years in the bureau, and part of what I've told them

in this investigative class is there are a lot of unpredictable things that happen. You've got to be prepared to roll with the punches and go with the flow of it."

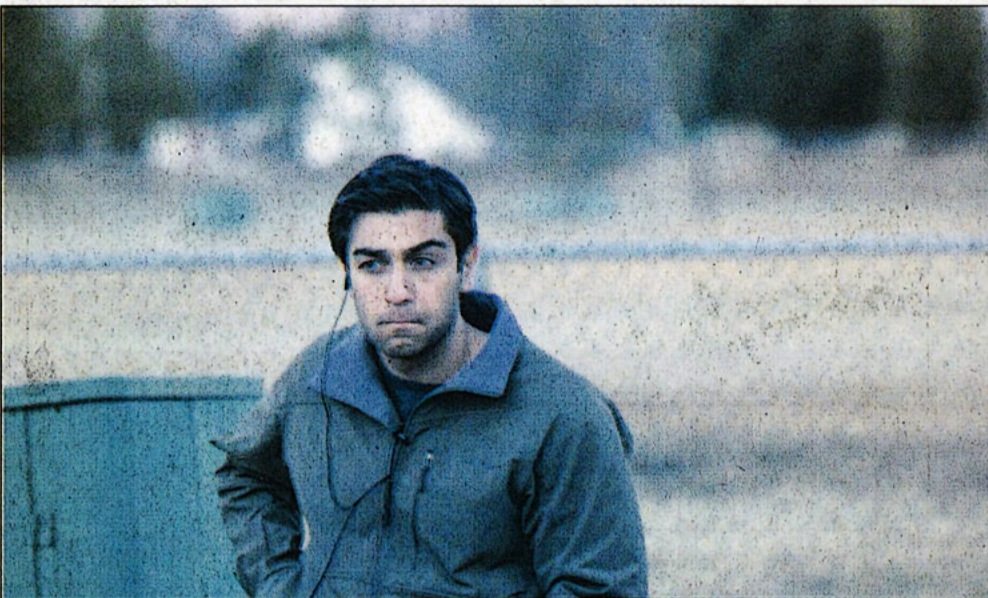
The scenario included three members of faculty and staff from SCJ. Dr. DeWade Langley, SCJ Director, played the role of a CIA operative, while Professor Dr. Rashi Shukla, and Michael Jenkins, Coordinator for the CIS, took on the roles of terrorists.

The students were separated into three groups, each keeping surveillance on their assigned target while maintaining anonymity and communicating with the other teams. The scenario centered on a plot by the terrorists to extort money from the CIA for the release of a kidnapped operative. Shortly after Langley had given the money to Jenkins,

the three teams converged on Shukla and Jenkins, arresting them.

Mizell mentioned that the class had previously worked on a simulated bank robbery, staged after hours in a local bank in Edmond. He also spoke of other exercises to come, including a crime scene that will be setup during the 2014 Liberal Arts Symposium.

He added that he's been impressed with the work of his students, and considers these simulations as successful in bringing real world experience into the classroom. "In a way I'm kind of lucky, in the sense that this kind of class lends itself to this. You know, if you're teaching a course on history or physics, it's a little hard to duplicate what we can do."



Amir Shams listens intently for locations on the "terrorists." Photo by Aliko Dyer, The Vista.



Chauncey Dumas lurks around Murdaugh Hall keeping a close eye on the "terrorists" across the way. Photo by Aliko Dyer, The Vista.



Dr. Donald Mizell's Modern Criminal Investigation class after completing their first field study on campus on Feb. 26, 2014. Photo by Aliko Dyer, The Vista.



Mizell, left, removes the handcuffs from arrested "terrorist", Shukla. Photo by Aliko Dyer, The Vista.

# Christianity under persecution around the world

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Edmond, Okla. - On Monday, Feb. 24, seven Egyptian Christians were executed just outside of Benghazi, Libya.

"They were killed by headshots in execution style," said a police officer, in a report by Voice of America. This is the second execution-style killing this year.

So far, Libyan authorities have not yet identified the killers, though the Islamist group Ansar al-Sharia are suspects for other terrorist activities in the area, including an attack in 2012 on the U.S. consulate in Benghazi.

Pew Review stated, "Christians are the world's most oppressed religious group." According to the Pew Forum, "nearly 70 percent of the world's 6.8 billion people live in countries with high restrictions on religion, the brunt of which often falls on religious minorities." In the highest number of cases, Christians are the target of oppression.

Fox News experts, testifying before U.S. lawmakers in Washington D.C. on Feb. 12, warned that Christians around the globe often face serious persecution that usually goes unreported.

Many people would not expect Christians to be the most persecuted religious group in the world. Living in a free country, Americans don't have to worry about things like religion, freedom of speech or opinion. In countries all around the globe, however, this is not the case. In many countries, proselytization for Christianity is punishable by sentences in prison and even death.

For centuries, Christianity has been oppressed and Christians have been persecuted for their faith. Romans routinely fed Christians to lions in the Coliseum, dating from 107 A.D. until 313 A.D.

To address this topic, Stuart McAllister, Andy Bannister and Abdu Murray spoke at the event "Jesus Among Other Gods" on Wednesday, Feb. 26 at the Constitution Hall in the Nigh Center at UCO, which was broadcasted live via web stream. They com-

pared different religions to Christianity and held an open question-and-answer session. They also held an open discussion with members of the Oklahoma Atheists earlier in the week, at Oklahoma State University.

Dr. Andy Bannister is currently the Canadian Director and Lead Apologist for RZIM Canada. He holds a Ph.D. in Islamic studies and teaches in various countries around the world.

"I guess there's a sense in which Christianity has always been persecuted. I think they are for a number of reasons, one is I think it poses a threat," Dr. Andy Bannister said.

Dr. Bannister wrote an article entitled "The Causes and Roots of Religious Persecution." In his article, he brings up the point: How is it that even in the twenty-first century, hundreds of millions of people live fearful and unsafe, unable to express their faith freely or worship according to their own religious beliefs?

Abdu Murray is the co-founder and President of Embrace the Truth International. He speaks about different religions and his personal faith all over the United States as well as internationally. Originally Murray was born into a Muslim home, but as an adult decided to become a follower of Christ.

"I think it actually liberates you, but it also has you follow a king who is not of this world," said Abdu Murray.

One UCO student from China, who prefers to remain anonymous, admitted that it would be very difficult to get a decent job as a Christian in China.

When speaking about China, Murray stated:

"The largest most populous

country in the world makes it essentially illegal to spread churches. One sixth of the population is actually forced not to be Christians, so that's a big population percentage of the world." When speaking about why Christians are persecuted he stated: "I think it's the kind of belief system that grants freedom and doesn't force itself on anybody else, so it's actually subject to force by other

people."

Although such oppression seems shocking to most, this is not unexpected for many Christians. The Bible states that Christians would be persecuted for their faith. 2 Timothy 3:12 says: "Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted."



Stuart McAllister spoke on Wednesday, February 26, 2014 during the Jesus Among Other Gods conference in Constitution Hall. Photo by Aliko Dyer, The Vista.



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Women's Basketball

## Women's Basketball late rally not enough

Emily Haan

Contributing Writer

Central Oklahoma's women's basketball team, end-of-game rally wasn't enough this past Friday in Kearny, Neb. as they lost their last regular season game 76-71 to the Lopers.

With less than two minutes to play, the Broncos came within one point of Nebraska-Kearny because of the efforts of seniors Jill Bryan and Britney Morgan. Morgan assisted a layup by Bryan.

UCO trailed at intermission 45-35, as the Lopers came out strong and advanced that lead to 54-38 early in the second half. Then, with 10:25 on the clock went on a seven-point run to go ahead 62-45.

Central Oklahoma then scored 19 points, and went on a 26-10 run, making the score 64-54 to bring the Broncos within 10, with 6:41 on the clock. The sophomore pair of Haley Weathers and Hayley Bryan then combined for five points, as Weathers made a

three-pointer and Bryan a jump shot to bring the score to 69-64.

Marley Anderson scored with 1:54 remaining on the clock. Nebraska-Kearny then turned the ball over as Olivia Mason made her way down the court to a three-point play. UNK shot four for 18, only 22 percent from the field and had six turnovers in the latter part of the second half.

With 1:40 to play, the score read 71-69, the Broncos only trailing by two. Following a successful free throw by the Lopers, Morgan assisted Bryan on a layup, to bring Central Oklahoma within one point, just above the one-minute mark.

Rylie Bowser then made two free throws with only 43 seconds remaining, to further the Lopers' lead to 74-71. A missed three-pointer by UCO's Haley Weathers sealed the fate. All five of Kearny's starters reached double digits in Friday night's competition, as senior Shelby Zimmerer led the team with a double-double of 11 rebounds and 10 points.

Central Oklahoma had four score in double digits as Hayley Bryan led the Broncos

with 15 points, Jill Bryan and Britney Morgan both had 13 points, and Olivia Mason scored points of her own.

UCO fell to 11-15 overall and 10th in the Mid American Athletics Association with a conference record of 6-13.



UCO Senior guard Jill Bryan passes the ball to a teammate. Photo by Alike Dyer, The Vista.

Men's Basketball

## Men's Basketball loses to Fort Hays State



UCO Senior Josh Gibbs puts up a shot against a defender. Photo taken from The Vista Archives.

Aaron Santelmann

Contributing Writer

The eye of the tiger proved too much to handle as the Broncos lost to Fort Hays State on the road, 80-79.

The road loss came with only two seconds remaining after Craig Nicholson slipped past the Broncho defense and put in a layup. Nicholson led all scorers shooting 9-16 from the field and scoring 25 points and nine as-

sists.

Although the Broncos outplayed the Tigers in the second half, the hole they dug in the first half heavily impacted the game. The Broncos played flat for the majority of the first half and went into the break behind by 10 points and being dominated on the boards 26-14 with 12 of those Tiger boards coming on the offensive end. At halftime, Aaron Anderson led the Broncos with six points.

Coming out in the second half, the Broncos played with an energy and focus that they missed in the first half. Senior Josh Gibb caught fire from the three-point line and led his team back into contention. After 5:64 in the second half, the Broncos had already come back to tie the game at 44.

The Broncos played strong basketball in the second half and put the Tigers on the ropes with consistent drives to the basket. The attacks kept the Broncos on the free-throw line and eventually gave them the lead with 9:02 left in the game.

Although the Broncos increased their lead in the second half to eight, the Tigers would not go away. The Tigers shot 42 per-

cent from the field and stayed close with pestering jump shots.

With a 1:36 remaining, Philip Brown hit a free throw to put the Broncos up by six at 79-73.

However, that one point was all the Broncos had to hold onto for the rest of the game, as the Tigers seized momentum. The Broncos went scoreless for the remainder of the game and the Tigers scored the last seven points, including the Nicholson lay-up with two seconds left to give the Tigers the victory.

The loss ends a six-game winning streak for the Broncos and forfeits the first round bye they would have claimed if they won the next two games.

Josh Gibbs led the Broncos with 22 points and nine rebounds and Aaron Anderson scored 15. Senior Nic Combs gave the Broncos a much-needed spark of the bench, as he shot 4-4 from the field and 3-3 behind the arc scoring 13 points.

The Broncos continue on the road to Nebraska-Kearney on Friday to play the Lopers.

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## Rhodes sets record in MIAA Championships

BronchoSports.com

JOPLIN, Mo. (March 2) -- Central Oklahoma's Lacey Rhodes set a meet and school record in soaring to the high jump title at the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association Indoor Track and Field Championships here Sunday.

The Broncos had two other school-record efforts and finished 10th in the three-day meet with 33 points. Lincoln won the team crown with 153 points, 30 ahead of ahead of runner-up Missouri Southern.

Rhodes cleared 5'-11 1/4" to easily capture the gold medal while also clinching a spot in the NCAA Division II national meet. The senior standout passed on the opening two heights of the competition and then made the

next four on her first try -- winning the event at 5'-9 1/4" -- before finally missing in three attempts at 6'-0 1/4".

Madison Berryman had three top-six finishes for UCO, coming in fifth in the 60-meter dash in 7.67, sixth in the 60-meter hurdles with a school-record 8.83 and sixth in the pentathlon with 3,401 points.

Ashley Bryant had a fourth-place showing in the shot put with a 44'-2 3/4" toss and Erika Guerrero was sixth in the pole vault at 11'-8 1/2".

UCO also earned points in two relay races, with the distance medley team of Rebekah Hickman, Alayna McGee, Rachel Davis and Katie Kerns taking sixth in a school-record 12:38.24 and the 1,600-meter unit of McGee, Berryman, Jasmine Bradley and Destine Howell finishing seventh in 4:12.98.



A UCO runner makes a pass during competition. Photo taken from The Vista Archives.

## Upcoming Broncho Games

Thursday

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

Women's Basketball vs. Emporia State University 6:00 p.m. (In Kansas City for MIAA Tournament)

Friday

Baseball at Southwest Baptist University 12:00 p.m.

Softball vs Lindenwood University 1:00 p.m.

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

Women's Tennis at Emporia State University 2:00 p.m.

Men's Basketball vs. Fort Hays State University 2:15 p.m. (In Kansas City for MIAA tournament)

Softball vs. Lindenwood University 3:00 p.m.

Saturday

Women's Tennis at Washburn 10:00 a.m.

Women's Rowing at StrOklahoma Regatta 12:00 p.m.

Baseball vs Southwest Baptist University 12:00 p.m.

Sunday

Softball vs. Lincoln University TBA

Softball vs. Lincoln University TBA

Baseball

Wrestling

# Baseball dominates against Washburn

Trey Winfrey

Contributing Writer

UCO baseball took to the field again last weekend against MIAA opponent, Washburn. The Bronchos looked to separate themselves in the conference standings.

The four game series got underway Thursday afternoon with back weather lurking on the weekend. The Bronchos trailed early behind a David Gauntt solo home run. They scratched their way back to take a 3-1 lead in the fourth inning. Washburn scored another run in the top of the fifth, only for Dillon Argo to extend the lead to 6-2 on a three run home run in the bottom of the frame.

The Ichabods would fight back behind Tanner Johnson's three-run home run, to make it 6-5, but Philip Wilson answered with a solo home run and the Bronchos went on to win the first game with a score of 8-5.

The teams met again in the second game of a double header Thursday afternoon. Ricky Reeves took the hill again, coming off his complete game shutout from last weekend. He pitched well, going five innings, allowing only two runs on five hits.

The two teams, however, needed an eighth inning to decide this contest. In the top of the eighth inning, Washburn strung together behind a solo home run by Jackson, an RBI double by Jones and a RBI single by Price, to lead 5-2 into the bottom of the frame.

The Bronchos made a valiant effort to rally in the bottom of the eighth, scratching back to trail by one run with the winning run on

base. The rally came up just short and they lost the second game, 5-4.

The third game of the series was held on Friday afternoon and unlike the first two meetings, this game was not even close.

The game was tied at two runs apiece, until the bottom of the fourth when the Bronchos strung together 10 unanswered runs, earning the run rule victory. Matt Johnson led the way in the rally, picking up five RBI and two home runs.

Mason Justice went five and two-thirds, allowing only two runs and striking out six.

The teams met one more time on a drizzly Saturday afternoon. Jared Sterling took to the hill and was nothing short of spectacular, going all nine innings, giving up two unearned runs and striking out nine Ichabods.

Johnson led off the game with a solo home run, followed by an RBI triple by Jake O'Brien, who later scored on a wild pitch. Washburn picked up two in the fifth inning, but that would be all, as the Bronchos would win this going away, 11-2.

"I was really happy for our players today and all weekend," head coach Dax Leone told bronchosports.com. "These conditions were not ideal and Washburn is a really good team. Jared (Sterling) was terrific on the mound and we competed hard as a group."

The Bronchos are now 9-3 overall and 5-3 in the MIAA conference. They travel to Bolivar, Mo. next weekend to take on Southwest Baptist.



UCO Senior Mason Justice delivering a fastball. Photo from The Vista archives.

Men's Basketball

## Men's basketball cools off before the start of playoffs

Aaron Santelmann

Contributing Writer

The Bronchos are losing steam just before the playoffs, as they began a two-game losing skid with their road loss to the Nebraska-Kearney Lopers, 82-79.

This is the second meeting for these teams, with the Bronchos winning the first game back in January by 16 points at home. The Bronchos relied heavily on their guards, who sizzled the Lopers from the three-point line all game long.

But the Bronchos have struggled on their road trip this week, losing on Wednesday night to Fort Hays State and then again to the Lopers. In both games, the Bronchos struggled to maintain their lead at the end of the game. Against Fort Hays State, the Bronchos gave up their lead at the end, just like they did against the Lopers.

The Bronchos dominated the Lopers for most of the game, leading for over 24 minutes. With 5:05 minutes left in regulation, Jarred Bairstow hit a free throw to put the Bronchos up by 10. From there, the Bronchos began to skid as the Lopers turned up the heat.

The Lopers laced the nets from behind the arc and went on a 17-4 run, diminishing the Bronchos' lead in less than three minutes. With 2:13 left in the game, Loper senior Mike Dentlinger drove the lane and banked in a layup, giving his team the lead at 78-77.

From there, the Bronchos did not put up much of a fight, only scoring two points in the final 3:41.

The Bronchos struggled from the free-throw line, only shooting 16-23 and turning the ball over 13 times. The Broncho bench produced only four points, compared to the Lopers' 15 points.

Sophomore Aaron Anderson led the Bronchos in points, shooting 8-11 from the field and scoring 19 points in 28 minutes. Bairstow helped out with 16 points and senior Josh Gibbs and Seth Heckart shelled out 14 each.

Loper sophomore forwards Ethan Brozek and Connor Baranek punished the Bronchos inside the paint, with Brozek scoring 24 and Baranek gaining 23.

The Bronchos end their regular season with a record of 17-9 and going 11-8 in their conference schedule.



UCO Sophomore guard Seth Seckart weaves his way through opponents. Photo from The Vista archives.

Austin Litterell

Sports Reporter

The Division II Central Region Super Regional for wrestling was held on Friday and Saturday in Hamilton Fieldhouse.

The tournament was especially tough with five out of the top eight teams in the country in action and seven overall competing in the event. The ranked teams included defending national champion Nebraska-Kearney, St. Cloud State, UCO, Fort Hays State, Lindenwood, Upper Iowa and Augustana.

The Bronchos had a strong opening day to the event, advancing eight onto Saturday afternoon. Chris Watson, Jordan Basks and Cory Dauphin all went undefeated and advanced to the semi-finals through the winners' bracket on Friday.

UCO had six guys lose on Saturday, including 133-pounder Casey Rowell, but five managed to fight back and reach the second round of the consolation bracket. The Bronchos would be in a tie for fourth after day 1.

Day 2 would start off slowly for UCO. The Bronchos lost three wrestlers in the third round of the consolation brackets and Basks lost his first two matches of the day.

The ending would be much sweeter, though, for UCO, as five finished within the top five.

Dauphin extended his winning streak

to 51 straight victories in his march to the title. Dauphin defeated St. Cloud State 10-7 in the 157 finals. Watson also took home the crown in the 165-class, defeating Southwestern Minnesota. He also beat the number one wrestler, UNK's Brock Smith, in the semis.

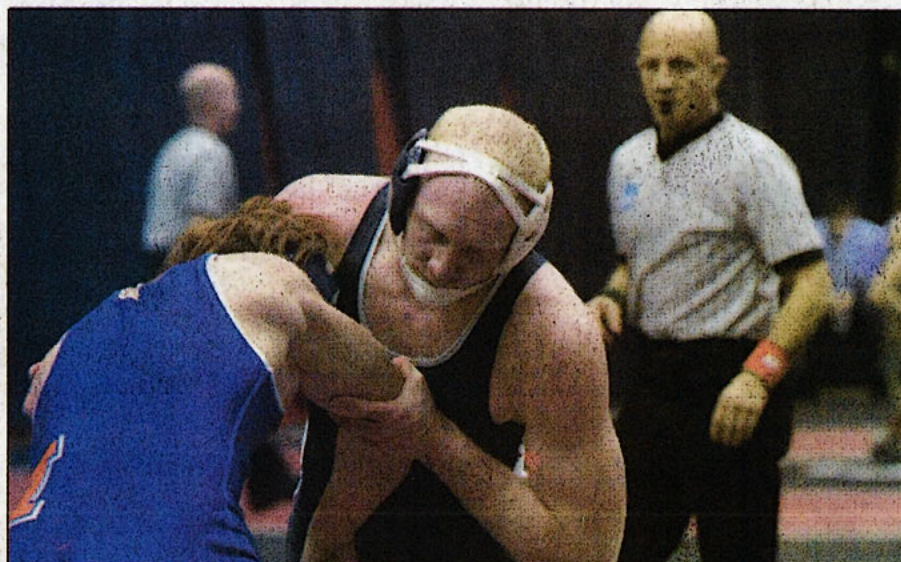
In the consolation, nobody could beat Rowell after he lost his second round match. He would not lose another match, finishing up in third place. Nobody wanted to get in his way, as he defeated the top rated player 7-4 then two 8-1 victories.

Jordan Basks managed to fight his way back for a fifth-place finish and still qualify for Nationals after losing his first two matches. He managed to get fall on UNK with five seconds remaining and trailing to secure his birth in Cleveland.

Znick Ferrell might have had the two most exciting matches of the day and certainly qualified the hard way. Ferrell managed a reverse with two seconds left in the match, to send it to overtime and winning 6-5. It was another reverse that would send Ferrell on to Cleveland for the Nationals, this time with three seconds left in the second tiebreaker.

Overall, UCO finished sixth in the tournament. Kearney took the title followed by Lindenwood, St. Cloud State, Fort Hays State and Oauchita Baptist.

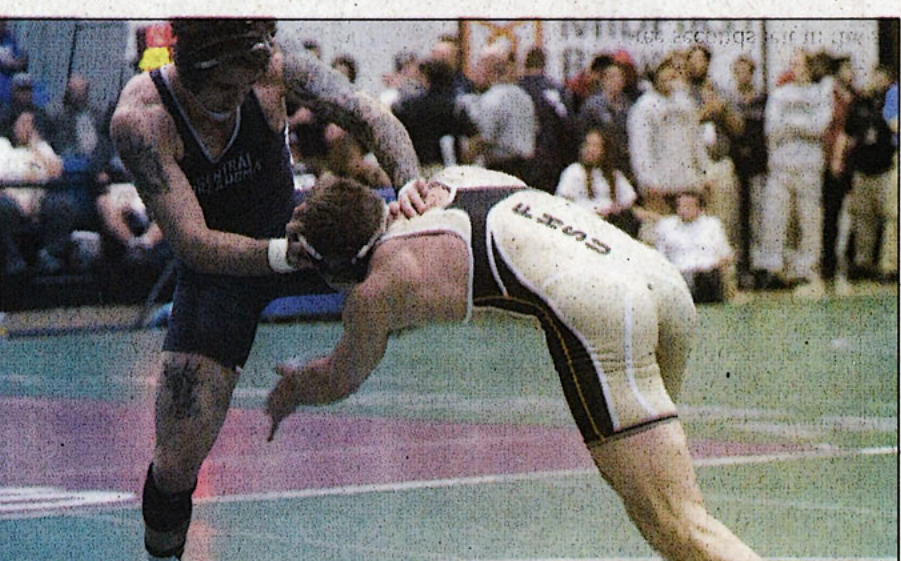
Nationals will be held in Cleveland on March 14-15.



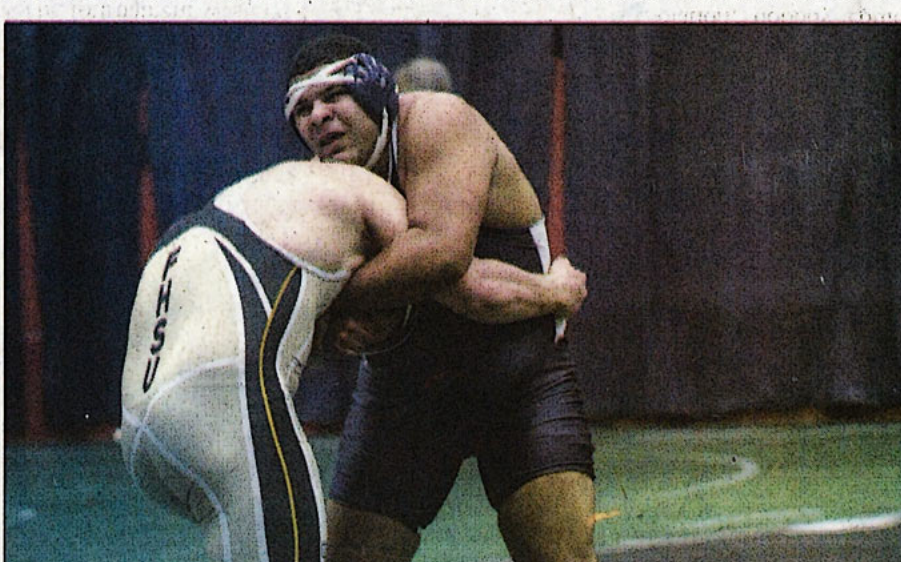
UCO junior Chris Watson takes down an opponent at the NCAA Central Super Regional. Photo by Aliko Dyer, The Vista.



UCO Senior Cody Dauphin throws an opponent at the NCAA Central Super Regional. Photo by Aliko Dyer, The Vista.



UCO Senior Znick Ferrell defends a takedown. Photo by Aliko Dyer, The Vista.



UCO Senior Cody Dauphin locks in an overhand hold on a Fort Hays State Wrestler. Photo by Aliko Dyer, The Vista.