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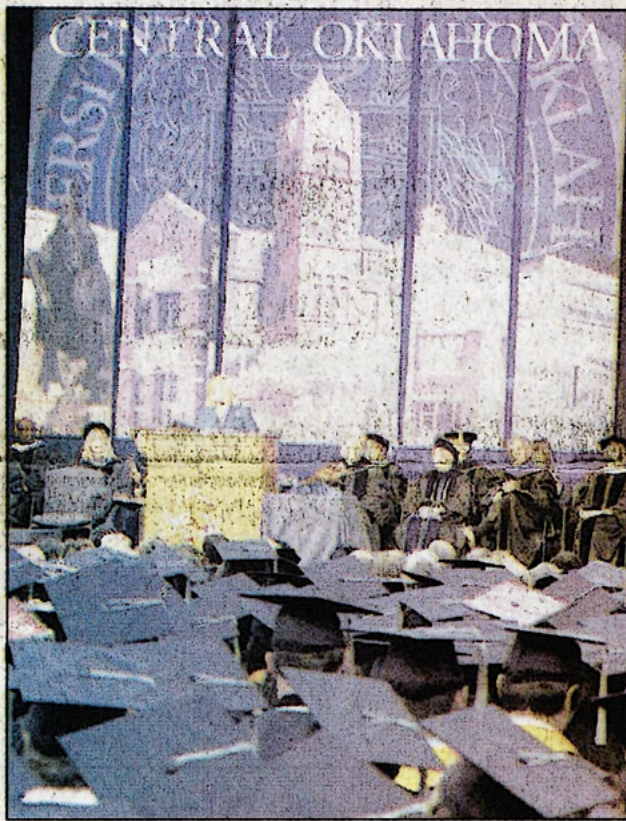
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'The Rising Cost of Not Going to College'

By Josh Wallace
Staff Writer

A report released by the Pew Research Center (PRC) Feb. 11, 2014 details the significant pay differences between college and high school educated workers.

The report, "The Rising Cost of Not Going to College," gives insight not only into the correlation of amount earned to education level achieved, but also looks at employment rates and poverty levels of "Millennials." The Millennial Generation is defined by the study as having been born after 1980, with the age of adults in 2013 ranging from 18 to 32.



Pew Research Center released a study stating that there is a rising cost of not attending college. Photo provided by The Vista Archives.

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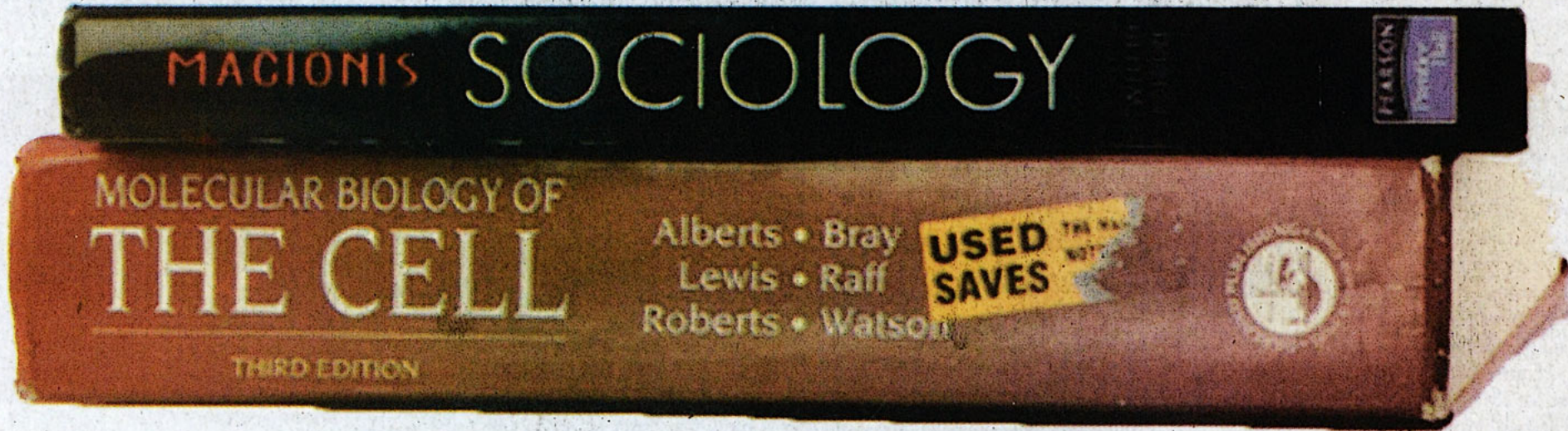


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UCO's Multicultural Institute is 'Pursuing the Dream'

Brittany McMillian

Contributing Writer

UCO's Multicultural Education Institute, themed "Pursuing the Dream," is open for registration for educators and students on Friday and Saturday in the Nigh University Center.

This year's theme is honoring the 50th Anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King's speech, "I Have A Dream." Centering on this will be speakers, workshops and other events.

One speaker will be Sylvia Mendez, who is a Presidential Medal of Freedom recipient and was one of many Mexican-American children who attended Orange County, Calif. public schools after the segregation laws were challenged by the parents in the case

Mendez v. Westminster in 1946.

Mendez will speak on Friday night's banquet about the influences of her life.

During Saturday's luncheon, speaker Ayanna Najuma will speak about her experience as an active participant in sit-ins that happened all across the country and in Washington D.C.

"When you are trained, it's a little easier to understand why people have an aversion to change," said Najuma.

When Najuma participated in her first sit-in she was seven. She was trained with the Gandhi concept of non-violence and learned much from the sit-in movement. She was twelve when she went to Washington D.C. to participate in the historic 1958 sit-in.

"To see all those people there, it was amazing," said Najuma.

She remembered the sight of many

different people there, African-American, Caucasian and people from all over supporting the movement, supporting her.

"Education is the key," said Najuma. She hopes that educators and others who attend will begin to know and shape they're teaching around including everyone.

"When people are doing things that they enjoy, you get to know people, when you don't you become insular," said Najuma.

The segregation of people, Najuma said, breeds contempt and creates a very narrow view of the world. Inclusion of young children with different races to Najuma is the key to help unravel the issue of racism.

To register, visit www.uco.edu/ceps/events/mei. Registration ends by Feb. 17.



Ayanna Najuma will be speaking at UCO's Multicultural Education Institute. Photo by Aliko Dyer, The Vista.

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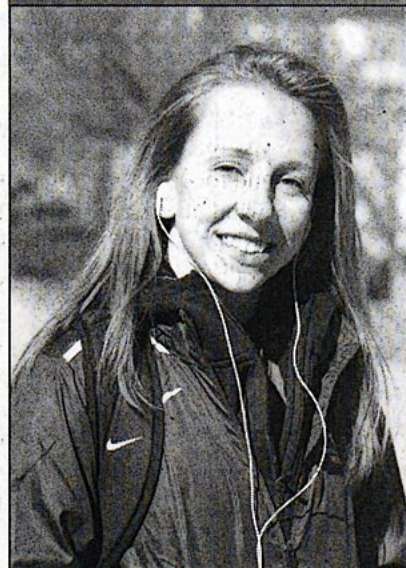
Are you going to watch the Oscars this weekend? Why or why not?

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Industrial Safety - Junior



"I am not, too much going on."

AIMEE WHITTEN
Nursing - Junior



"No. I don't really care about the Oscars or any award show."

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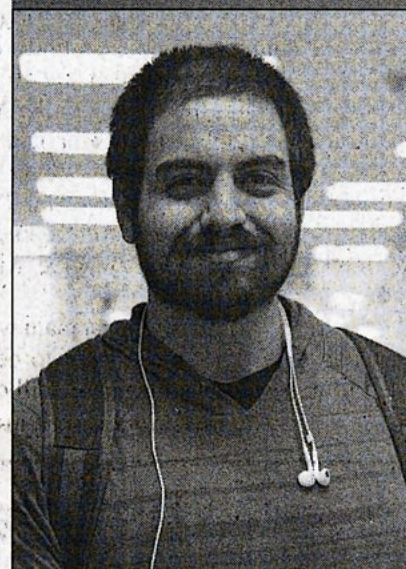
"Probably, I always watch them."

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"Yes sir because I don't have any plans."

BRANDON CULVER
Sociology - Senior



"No, I have work and it's not my thing man."

AALIYAH SUMLIN
Nursing - Junior



"Probably so, I like watching different things."

A New Era of Pixar: Theories that Leave You Pixar Puzzled

Editorial by: Sarah Neese

Chances are, if you grew up in the United States, you've seen a Pixar film.

In fact, you might even continue to watch Pixar movies when they come out on the big screen. (There is no shame in that. We all secretly do it, and some of us watch them with no shame and no secrets. I can honestly say, I am one of the non-secret people.)

One of America's favorites and one of the first Pixar movies was Toy Story, which was followed by two above-average sequels.

If you were a little kid when Toy Story first came out, it's likely that you identified with Andy and his love for his toys. As Andy grew up, we grew up. The third film had all of us a bit choked up, because we identified with Andy too well about the realities of growing up and heading off to college.

Of course, we all love Pixar movies, but some take that love to the deepest levels of intellectual prowess.

A writer by the name of Jon Negroni released a theory last year that connected every Pixar movie into one continuous story with a complete timeline and full explanations on each connection.

Honestly, I'm a bit of a nerd when it comes to the world of fandom. So, when I heard about this theory, I couldn't resist looking it up and reading it in its entirety.

Before I read the theory, I was skeptical about Negroni's ability to connect everything. But, there are some points in the theory that really hit home. Though, Negroni makes some stretches in connecting the Pixar dots, he does a decent job of winning people over

to his theory.

One of the reasons Negroni's theory is so easy to believe is that Pixar is notorious for Easter egg placements and connected storylines throughout their films.

At one meeting back in the 1990s, the heads of Pixar got together and planned out multiple Pixar movies to be released in the following years.

Who would have thought that the world of Pixar could amount to all of this intellectual discussion?

Pixar also has a fascinating habit of putting symbols, characters and props from a variety of older Pixar movies into its newly made Pixar films.

There are a number of dedicated fans who take the time to point out where each of these hidden Easter eggs from other movies can be found inside of Pixar films. I must say, it's quite entertaining to see Pixar's sense of humor.

If you haven't read Negroni's theory, I encourage you to give it a try. It makes you think intellectually about the movies you loved as a kid, and there is just something terrifyingly wonderful about the points that he makes.

However, don't get too caught up in that theory, because Negroni has released a new one.

Earlier this week, Negroni posted a new theory about Andy's mom in the Toy Story franchise, and the Internet is buzzing.

SPOILER ALERT: Although, if you haven't seen Toy Story 2 by now, you probably don't care about any spoilers coming up.

Negroni suggests that Andy's mom is the former owner of Jessie, the cowgirl who was left on the side of the road one day. The story is quite tragic and includes a melancholy song by Jessie.

In his post on his website about the theory, Negroni wrote:

"Here's what we know for sure. We don't know the first name of Andy's mom. We don't know Emily's last name. We know that Andy's hat and Emily's hat are the same. We know that Emily is old enough to be Andy's mom. We definitely know that Pixar is perfectly capable of sneaking this in without being overt about it."

After reading the theory for myself, Negroni has convinced me. He presents good evidence and pictures from the films, making his theory all the more appealing.

Who would have thought that the world of Pixar could amount to all of this intellectual discussion?

Though I'm not sure that Pixar's intentions were to have such complexity to its films and plot lines, it is fun and intriguing to think of all of the things that might be surrounding pieces of our childhood.

Then, we identified with the characters and storylines as simple children. Now, we analyze their meanings and plots with adult acuity.

It looks like the magic of Pixar isn't lost on all of us young adults after all.



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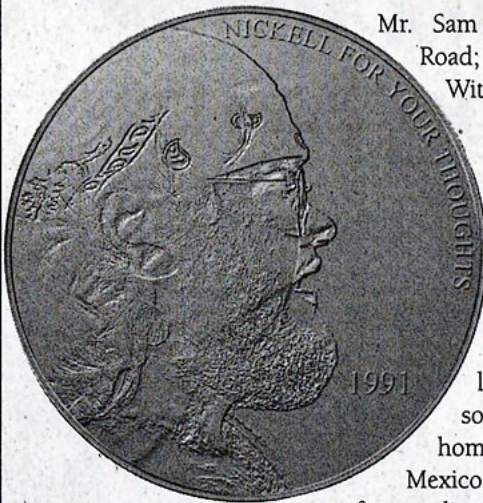


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Opinion

MR. SAM AND THE MOTHER ROAD; THE STORIES DIE WITH ME

By Brooks Nickell



Mr. Sam and the Mother Road; the Stories Die With Me

Brooks Nickell
Route 66 has been called the mother road for some time. Her blacktop majesty originally ran from Chicago, Illinois, through Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, and Arizona before ending at Santa Monica,

Calif., covering a total of 2,448 miles. Citizens of the world from all different walks of life have traveled down her for various reasons.

In the thirties, families trekked the Main Street of America. They were searching for hope. With what possessions would fit strapped to the top of their cars and the rest buried in the sand dunes that blew in with the wind, they were forced from the prairies to the coast.

Now folks from all across the land travel 66 just to see the vein that pumps Americana blood through the heartland. There are attractions all along the Mother Road, multiple ones in Oklahoma at that. But, if you happen to drive through Arcadia, don't do so without stopping in at the Round Barn. It isn't just a quick glimpse into the past, but

a whole slice of American history. And, at first sight you might think the barn itself is the attraction, but then you meet Mr. Sam.

"I'm going into my eighty-eighth year," Mr. Sam says. He twirls a young lady around the Round Barn loft that houses various events throughout the year and can be rented out for wedding receptions and more. "Have you ever seen an old man get around like me?"

Mr. Sam has seen it all. He illustrated Steinbeck's Grapes of Wrath, interjecting his own personal accounts of the dustbowl days, his mother stuffing the cracks of the house to keep out the bulk of the grit. He talked about some of the characters he had met at the Round Barn, some from close by and others from corners of the world I can only hope to see in my life.

Mr. Sam is president of a board of volunteers that keep the Round Barn open. He also gives tours every Monday, was a major proponent of the restoration process and much more. I won't do all the work for you. Go see for yourselves.

He shared stories from a life well lived, laughed, reminisced and offered wisdom. But, what touched me more than anything was that I never caught Mr. Sam without a smile on his face.

I asked him what the key to happiness in life was and he countered with a question of his own.

Mr. Sam asked, "What is the most important word in any language?"

"Love," I responded.

"No, it's choice," Mr. Sam said. "I wake up every morning and choose to be happy, and it's infectious." He raised

a shaking hand and his eyes shone from under the brim of his hat, "Look, now you're smiling."

I could truly feel a sense of understanding within Mr. Sam. There are very few people of his age that aren't brimming with wisdom, but Mr. Sam exuded a different aura, so to say.

Above all, Mr. Sam just wanted to share what he had seen, what the barn had seen. He was a farmer, a volunteer, a husband, a father and much more. But, above all Mr. Sam was a storyteller, in essence, what I strive to be. He just used a different format.

I learned a lot from Mr. Sam that day, some things I will carry with me for the rest of my life. As I drove away, putting the Round Barn in my rearview, I thought to myself about how much had changed since 1930. I thought about everything that Mr. Sam had seen, everything he had shared and I thought hard about what people can teach if you just listen to them. But, above all I thought about how much we stand to lose by not being engaged with the generations that fostered all we know.

"We really need young people to come out and volunteer," Mr. Sam said. His eyes appeared wet with tears as he paused for moment, searching for the right way to deliver what he knew to be important, his final story for the day. "We really need young people to volunteer, because when I die the stories die with me."

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Trade deals lead to a decrease in U.S. jobs

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Unemployment in the United States has fluctuated over the years. According to Aljazeera America, many millions are still jobless.

Despite all of this, the United States government has continued to make international trade deals with many foreign countries.

A trade deal is a buying arrangement made between two parties. The agreement has terms that include buying incentives as part of a promotion.

The basic agreement involves multiple parties who take art in a voluntary exchange of goods and services.

Due to the American trade deals happening in other countries, this has led to a decrease in jobs in the United States.

Aljazeera America states that the loss of jobs have made many employed and unemployed Americans anxious about the state of jobs in the country.

Alfred Jones is a retired former clerical worker. Jones has seen unemployment firsthand.

"I know what it's like to be without a job," he said. "Sometimes it can seem impossible to even find work anymore."

Jones has been laid off before and understands the anxiety of the American people.

"Jobs call it being laid off, but I see it as nothing more than being fired," he said. "I stayed at my last job until I retired, but it's a terrible feeling to be without work."

He does not agree with the new trade deals.

"I think it's just plain wrong," Jones said. "I don't mean for it to be taken the wrong way, but there are millions of Americans who need work, so it's just not right to take

it to other countries."

Despite these feeling, Jones is still optimistic about unemployed Americans.

"This is just a minor setback," he said. "I might take a while, but I think people will be able to pick themselves up."

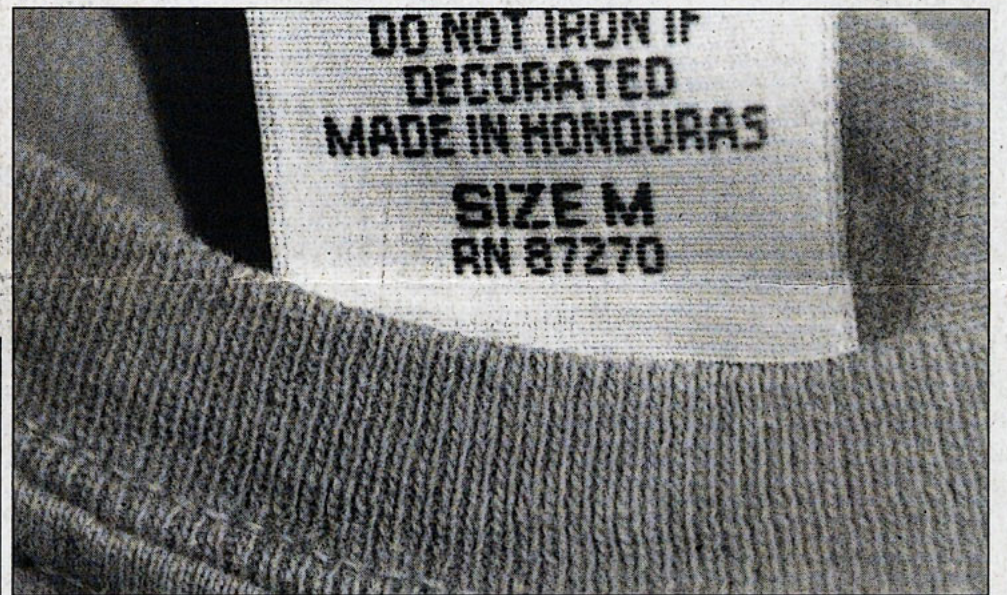
Aljazeera America estimates that there are over ten million unemployed Americans and that the current unemployment rate is 6.6 percent.

The United States Bureau of Labor Statistics shows that 2.6 million of them

receive no benefits or government assistance. They also estimate that four million of them are actively seeking employment.

For more information on unemployment in America, visit the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics website at www.bls.gov.

Many products are being made in other countries for a cheaper price, resulting in fewer American jobs, such as the shirt below that was made in Honduras. Photo by Aliko Dyer, The Vista.



New Four-Legged Staff Member



Therapy dogs, like the one above, are increasingly becoming utilized in places such as retirement homes, hospitals and schools. Photo by Aliko Dyer, The Vista.

Widha Gautam

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In-Home Care & Assistance of Edmond recently added a therapy dog to their staff team, joining a growing number of businesses employing therapy and service animals.

Apollo, a three-year-old collie, joined the Right at Home team when Gretchen Schell, Apollo's owner and marketing director of Right at Home Oklahoma, offered to volunteer his time for sessions with the company's patrons.

Apollo has had a positive impact on the seniors, Schell said, sometimes eliciting positive responses from the most stoic of patrons.

"You see a lot of people come to life," she said.

The use of therapy dogs, especially in schools and retirement homes, has increased considerably in the past few years, said Elizabeth Maupin, therapy-dog coordinator at A New Leash on Life Inc. in Oklahoma City.

"Every year, we have increased our certification numbers," said Maupin.

New Leash's certification numbers have increased from three certified human-dog teams in 2008 to 40 teams in 2013, she said.

Maupin said that therapy dogs are especially valued in nursing homes, where many residents lead solitary lives.

"It brings anticipation for the people and gives them something to look forward to," Maupin said "It also gives them something to talk about. They like to be able to touch and handle something new."

In addition to basic obedience skills, which include the ability to walk tamely on a leash, as well as proper response to basic commands such as sit, lie down and leave it, therapy dogs undergo specialized therapy training.

Apollo's training, including basic obedience and therapy classes took almost a year, said Schell. The training started when Schell's daughter, a dog trainer at Petsmart and Apollo's original owner started giving him basic training. The two decided to further the dog's education based on his helpful and infectious friendly personality, Schell said.

Therapy dog training lasts six weeks at New Leash. Humans are taught techniques to control dogs in therapy settings and dogs are taught how to behave in these situations.

"Our classes are offered for free and all work is volunteer-based," said Maupin.

The therapy dogs from New Leash also work at rehabilitation centers, schools and colleges. The dogs assist people in physical therapy complete activities and exercises, said Maupin. School students utilize therapy dogs as responsive yet non-judgmental beings to read to, she said.

Colleges such as University of Central Oklahoma, Oklahoma Christian University and University of Oklahoma, contract with New Leash during especially stressful times in the semester where students can interact with the dogs.

Apollo and Schell started therapy work in December and currently only work with Right at Home, but Schell said, "I'm excited to see what it will morph into."

Pretty in Pink during Paint the Campus Pink Week

Shaun Hail

Contributing Writer

Big Pink Volleyball will announce the total amount of donations from last week's Paint the Campus Pink Week events and this week's Big Pink Volleyball events at 7 p.m. during Big Pink Volleyball's events in the Wellness Center, said Campus Activities Coordinator Nicole Doherty.

Big Pink Volleyball raised around \$4,200 in donations from last year's Big Pink Volleyball and they expect to raise even more donations this year, said Doherty.

Big Pink Volleyball hosted Paint the Campus Pink Week last week to get people to register for Big Pink Volleyball and bring breast cancer awareness to the University of Central Oklahoma's students, said Chair of Big Pink Volleyball Paul Brown. The proceeds from registrations will go toward Susan G. Komen of Central and Western Oklahoma, said Doherty. As a result of last week's events, a total of 84 teams registered for Big Pink Volleyball this year, said Doherty.

Susan G. Komen for the Cure is an organization that began in 1982, and it operates today in more than 50 countries to fight against breast cancer by raising money towards breast cancer research. SGK has raised nearly \$2 billion in donations through events like Komen Race for the Cure.

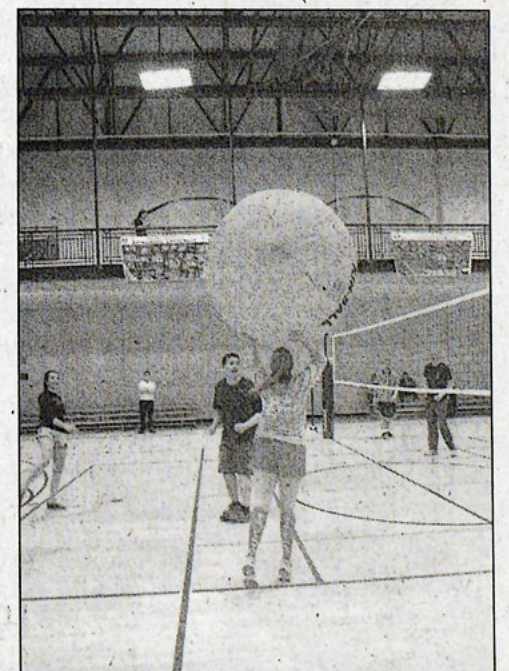
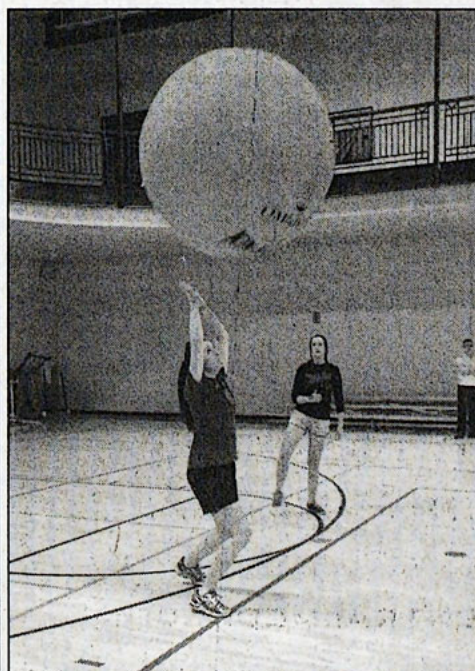
For more information about SGK or breast cancer, contact SGK at 1-877-465-6636 or visit the SGK website.

Big Pink Volleyball is a UCO Campus Activity program that began in 2011, where teams play a tournament of volleyball with a four-foot pink volleyball.

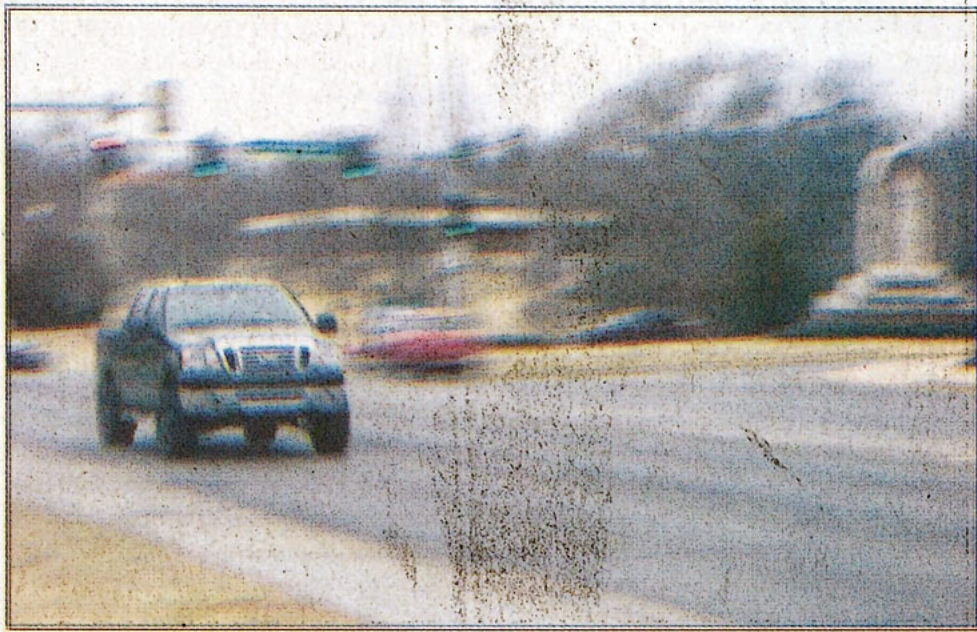
Big Pink Volleyball has raised \$11,361.32 in donations for SGK in the three years of the program. This year's theme was titled "Pinkxar," with Paint the Campus Pink Week events named after Pixar films.

For this and more information about Big Pink Volleyball, visit the UCO Campus Activities website.

Big Pink Volleyball expects to raise more money this year than last, which was \$4,200. Photos by Quang Pho, The Vista.



Edmond officers try improving dense traffic and car crashes in the metro



The city is working on a project to help the flow of traffic and continue to decrease car crashes. The police department has been advertising in the hazardous areas of Edmond in hopes to slow traffic down and reduce accidents. The photos above were taken at the intersection of 2nd Street and University Dr. in Edmond. Photos by Shae Hussey, The Vista.

Kaneshia Brown

Staff Writer

Edmond police officer said since 2006 the number of car crashes had declined from 1,528 to 1,419 in 2013.

According to an article written by Mark Schlachtenhaufen, the city is working on a project to help the flow of traffic and continue to decrease car crashes.

The city's engineering department will begin coming up with new solutions involving infrastructure designs to help manage the traffic better. The city is working to start the first phase of Intelligent Traffic System. To help out the traffic, plans are intended to be put at the key intersections.

The ITS is a wireless or hybrid communi-

cation, fiber-optic system that monitors road events. The purpose of the ITS is to track past data in order to predict traffic volume.

The first set will include 19 intersections set for 2nd Street from Santa Fe Ave to I-35, costing at a minimum of \$1.5 million. The other two phases are estimated to cost \$6.5 million.

The Edmond Police Department is currently using different strategies to help toward the decline of car crashes.

One of the most helpful strategies that went toward the decline was putting more law enforcement in areas where crashes statistically occur more often.

The police department has been advertising in the hazardous areas that they will be watching closely, so the community will be more cautious when they drive through that

area.

In January, the areas that were watched closely were on 2nd Street starting at Broadway and ending at Interstate 35 and 15th Street between Bryant and Kelly.

The article states that the Edmond Police Department spokeswoman Jenny Monroe said the agency will not determine the March locations until they see how the February locations work out.

Broadway and 33rd Street was named busiest intersection in Edmond for 2013.

The article stated that Police Sgt. Acey Hooper said the crashes begin about 8 a.m. and die down around 8 p.m. The main causes of crashes are excessive speed, inattentive driving and motorist following too close.

The intersections with highest collisions are:

- 2nd Street & Bryant
- 33rd Street & Broadway
- Danforth & Kelly
- Danforth & Santa Fe.
- West Edmond Road & Santa Fe.



Edmond police officers closely watched 2nd Street starting at Broadway and ending at Interstate 35 and 15th Street between Bryant and Kelly, in January. Photo by Shae Hussey, The Vista.

ACM@UCO presents John Oates



Xavier Jackson

Contributing Writer

One half of the rock duo Hall and Oates comes to ACM@UCO Thursday. John Oates will be hosting a Master Class at the ACM@UCO Performance Lab.

Hall and Oates have received much acclaim for their music. Songs like "Rich Girl" and "Kiss on My List" helped to cement the group's place as one of the greatest in music history.

Much of their work has been used in TV movies and advertising.

A few examples of Hall and Oates' popularity include the promos for USA's Psych with the cast performing Hall and Oates classic "Private Eyes," and the recent Google Chrome commercials where the pair humorously stumbles through writing one of their biggest hits, "Maneater," in a Google search bar.

ACM@UCO has recently been experiencing many innovative programs, including a study abroad program at the original Academy of Contemporary Music in Guildford, England.

The ACM@UCO Master Class series brings in musicians to answer questions from students about the music industry.

The program has been around since ACM began in 2009.

Public Relations and Marketing Director for ACM@UCO Liz Johnson believes there are a lot of really great things students can gain from the series.

"Hearing the stories of successful musicians in the business in the industry teaches them what it takes and encourages them to keep on the track of achieving their dreams," Johnson said.

Johnson credits Chief Executive Officer Scott Booker with helping to secure many of the artists ACM features for Master Classes.

"Hall and Oates are going to be in January for an actual concert. When artists come through, we see if they can do a Master Class," Booker said.

Booker's work with the Flaming Lips gives him and ACM access to a variety of artists. According to Johnson, Booker was the one

who really got Oates locked in.

Johnson said that ACM really pays attention to artists coming to the state for potential programs.

She also commented on the impact of having John Oates and his experience in a popular music group and solo success.

"They were really big with respect to pop rock music. He's been in the business for so long and has had that success," Johnson said. "He's done so much that it will provide them with so much information. I think that's just important for them to hear that."

Johnson says that students can anticipate a lot of great stories.

"I think that he will bring in a lot of cool stories about what the music industry was like in the 70s and 80s," Johnson said.

Johnson believes that the stories brought by the Master Class hosts are the biggest benefit to students.

Students who have attended previous Master Class sessions, Johnson said, also appreciate being exposed to diverse types of music.

Through data collected in 2013, PRC found that the current gap in earnings between those with a high school education and those who graduated from college to have skyrocketed in the last 50 years. In what the report labeled the "Silent Generation," the gap between the two education levels equated to around a \$7,000 annual difference in 1965.

According to the report, the gap between college and high school educated workers in 2013 has more than doubled, with a difference of annual earnings coming in around \$17,500. Figures within the report show that the gap began to widen in 1979, when the PRC designates as the Early Baby Boomer Generation, where the earning difference was just under \$10,000.

Regarding the level of poverty to education level achieved, the report found that among those who received a bachelor's degree, or higher degree, 5.8 percent were living within poverty lines. For those who attain only a high school level of education, the number rises significantly to 21.8 percent.

Employment rates follow a similar trend, with college graduates having a lower instance of unemployment, and high school graduates experiencing more difficulties securing a job. The percentage for unemployment of college graduates was reported at 3.8, while 12.2 percent of high school graduates were unemployed, almost double of the 6.6 percent unemployment rate reported by the U.S. Department of Labor Statistics in January.

Also noted in the report were large differences between the Silent Generation and Millennials, specifically in terms living arrangements. Data from 1965 showed that 78 percent of college graduates were married, compared to the 45 percent today.

Although the report didn't find a direct correlation between education and rate of marriage today, it was mentioned that "though college educated Millennials may not have a spouse, many of them have unmarried partners."

The rate of college graduates living with a parent rose only slightly from 1965 to 2013, from 10 percent to 12 percent. In the same time period, the rate of high school graduates living with a parent doubled, from 9 percent to 18 percent.

Taking into consideration of rising tuition rates, the report shows that of those college graduates surveyed, an overwhelming majority found college to be worth the time and effort. Of the Millennials surveyed, 62 percent said their education had paid off, while 26 percent said it would pay off.

While these numbers seem to show a positive outlook by recent graduates on the value of earning a degree, when compared to generations in the past, the numbers show a larger percentage anticipating the benefits. For example, the numbers from the previous generation, aged 33 - 48 in 2013, came in at 84 percent, saying it had paid off, with only six percent saying it will pay off.

The report went on to look at college graduates' views on how close their field of study matched their current career. Of those surveyed, only 49 percent reported that their job matched very closely to their major, with 20 percent stating that their field of study didn't match their job at all.

"A lot of them a lot of the time are just really excited and inspired to be in the presence of these people and being exposed to different genres and styles," Johnson said.

According to Johnson, ACM excels at innovative programming because innovation is a part of the institution itself.

"The program is built on innovation and it's built on creativity and propelling an opportunity to learn from the greats, working with each other to create great music," Johnson said.

Another of these programs is Industry Links, where ACM students get to meet with individuals from all different sides of the music industry.

Johnson stresses that good networking at Industry Links can lead to great opportunities for ACM students.

As far as upcoming events, ACM will be having an event April 11 called ACM@UCO Rocks Bricktown. The program will feature recording artist Moby, who will be performing a DJ set.

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UCO Multicultural Education Institute is 'Pursuing the Dream'

Brittany McMillin

Contributing Writer

UCO's Multicultural Education Institute, themed "Pursuing the Dream," is open for registration for educators and students on Friday and Saturday in the Nigh University Center.

This year's theme is honoring the 50th Anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King's speech, "I Have A Dream." Centering on this will be speakers, workshops and other events.

One speaker will be Sylvia Mendez, who is a Presidential Medal of Freedom recipient and was one of many Mexican-American children who attended Orange County, Cali. public schools after the segregation laws were challenged by the parents in the case Mendez v. Westminster in 1946.

Mendez will speak on Friday night's banquet about the influences of her life.

During Saturday's luncheon, speaker Ayanna Najuma will speak about her experience as an active participant in sit-ins that happened all across the country and in Washington D.C.

"When you are trained, it's a little easier

to understand why people have an aversion to change," said Najuma.

When Najuma participated in her first sit-in she was seven. She was trained with the Gandhi concept of non-violence and learned much from the sit-in movement. She was twelve when she went to Washington D.C. to participate in the historic 1958 sit-in.

"To see all those people there, it was amazing," said Najuma.

She remembered the sight of many different people there, African-American, Caucasian and people from all over supporting the movement, supporting her.

"Education is the key," said Najuma.

She hopes that educators and others who attend will begin to know and shape they're teaching around including everyone.

"When people are doing things that they enjoy, you get to know people, when you don't you become insular," said Najuma.

The segregation of people, Najuma said, 'breeds contempt and creates a very narrow view of the world. Inclusion of young children with different races to Najuma is the key to help unravel the issue of racism.

To register, visit www.uco.edu/ceps/events/mei. Registration ends by Feb. 17.



Ayanna Najuma will speak at UCO's Multicultural Education Institute on Saturday, March 1 in the Nigh University Center. The Institute's theme is "Pursuing the Dream," which honor the 50th anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King's "I Have A Dream" speech. Photo by Alike Dyer, The Vista.

BIG PINK WEEK RAISES AWARENESS



A PINK display marks the kick-off of Big Pink Week in the Nigh University Center. Big Pink Week highlights breast cancer awareness and includes daily events and the Big Pink Volleyball Tournament. Photo by Quang Pho, The Vista.



One team poses as before their match during the Big Pink Volleyball Tournament in the Wellness Center. Photo by Quang Pho, The Vista.



Miss UCO Olivia Cavazos takes time to make a s'more at the s'mores bar during Big Pink Week. Photo by Quang Pho, The Vista.

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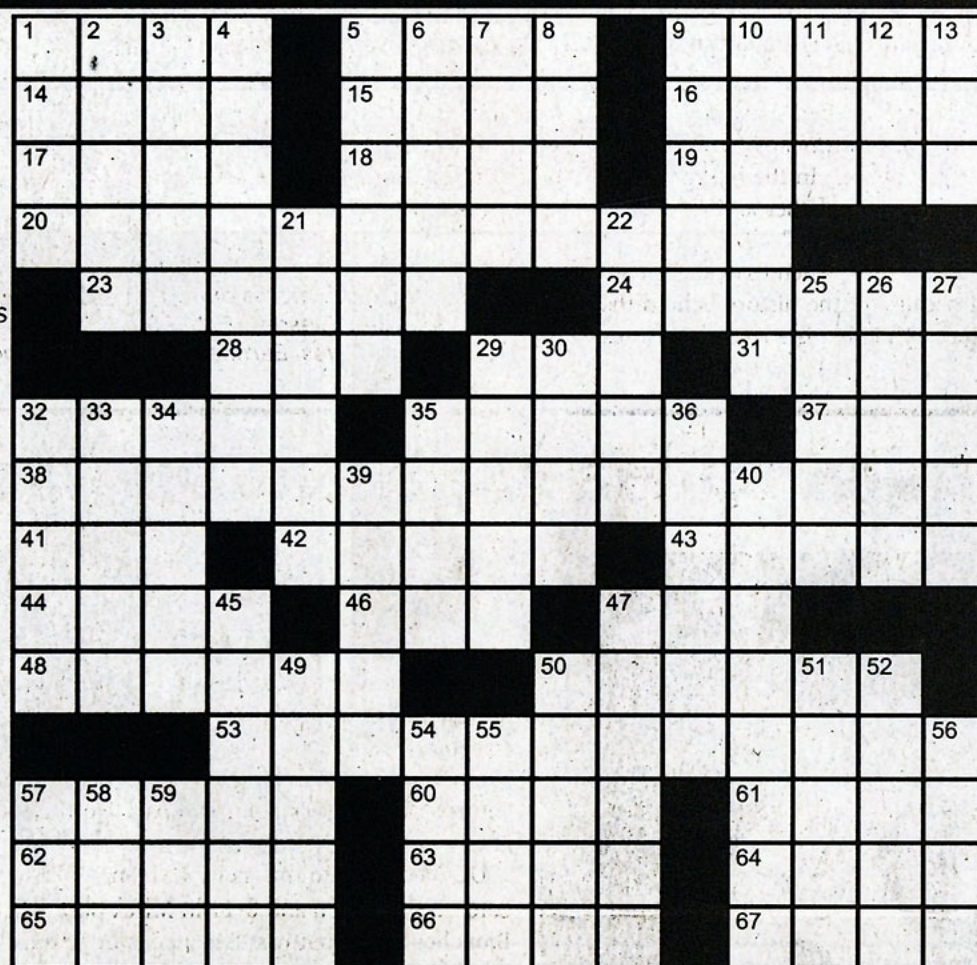
In this era of political correctness, some people seem unaware that being squeamish about words can mean being blind to realities.

- Thomas Sowell

CROSSWORD

Across

1. "Check this out!"
5. Hair groomer
9. Ill-gotten gains
14. Type of palm with healthy berries
15. ___ Minor
16. A deadly sin
17. Take up and hold
18. "Schindler's ___"
19. Choice
20. Horserace with obstacles
23. Brat
24. Inadequate
28. Carbonium, e.g.
29. Bean counter, for short
31. Lover of Aeneas
32. Play, in a way
35. Chip dip
37. Calendar abbr.
38. Glow-in-the-dark
41. Basic monetary unit of Romania
42. Broken
43. Handle the food for a party
44. Song and dance, e.g.
46. Cabernet, e.g.
47. Comedian Bill, informally



13. "... ___ he drove out of sight"
21. Punctual
22. Accumulate
25. Colossal
26. Bring out
27. "Message received and understood"
29. Gave a fig
30. Argued
32. Comics sound
33. "So ___!" said defiantly
34. Beat
35. "___ Like It Hot"
36. Buttonhole
39. Sheik's bevy
40. Longitudinal grid lines
45. Public road in a city
47. Chocolate trees
49. ___ Potter
50. Sweater style (2 wds)
51. France's longest river
52. ___ River, flows through Alaska
54. Diminish
55. ___-Altaic languages
56. Badger's burrow
57. Cooking meas.
58. "___ moment"
59. Dewy

48. Cut baby incisors

50. Immensely

53. Unruly

57. Eiffel ___

60. Length x width, for a rectangle

61. Big name in sneakers

62. Contemptuous look

63. ___ Bell

64. Small cave

65. Minor

66. The "E" of B.P.O.E.

67. Cast

Down

1. Hail Mary, e.g.
2. George C. ____, actor
3. Eastern wrap
4. Roman emperor, 14-37 A.D.
5. Visit (2 wds)
6. Basket material
7. Catchall abbr.
8. Shellacking
9. Run out, as a subscription
10. Not versed in a specified subject
11. Computer-generated image (acronym)
12. "Losing My Religion" rock group

WORD SEARCH

Calcium	L	O	I	N	U	T	R	I	T	I	O	N	A	T	E	M
Calories	M	E	L	F	O	E	A	R	C	A	A	I	F	R	N	U
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Diet	C	V	N	C	Z	E	T	E	I	B	L	V	E	O	R	C
Digestion	D	V	E	E	A	N	L	T	R	O	S	O	N	W	G	L
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Fluoride	F	I	I	D	C	S	K	S	H	I	A	A	E	Z	I	S
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Opinion

Litterell-y Sports: Special moments in sports



Austin Litterell

Sports Reporter

Last week, I mentioned the moments of emotion in sports. How the moments attract even non-sports fans to the world and for a split second keeps the most unlikely interested in something they never thought they would be interested in. Well, one of those moments happened over this past weekend that drew me in and a lot of America with it.

The Daytona 500, one of the most famous Nascar races produced one of the best moments in sports, so far this year.

Dale Earnhardt Jr. won his second 500 race of his career. Now I know what you are thinking. He already won one. Why is this a special moment? To answer, I say first off, the time between wins is an incredible number.

Jr. last won the race 10 years ago in 2004. This is one of the longest gaps between wins in Nascar history. After a while, he had to start doubting at some point because the smile he had at the end of the race just showed how he felt. It looked like a giant boulder was lifted off of his shoulders at the time.

Then, he opened a twitter account and put one of the most powerful selfies you will see. In the background is the statue of his father and he tweeted with it "Dad's happy."

I just barely lost it when I saw this picture just because of the history behind that statue. His father is a legend in Nascar

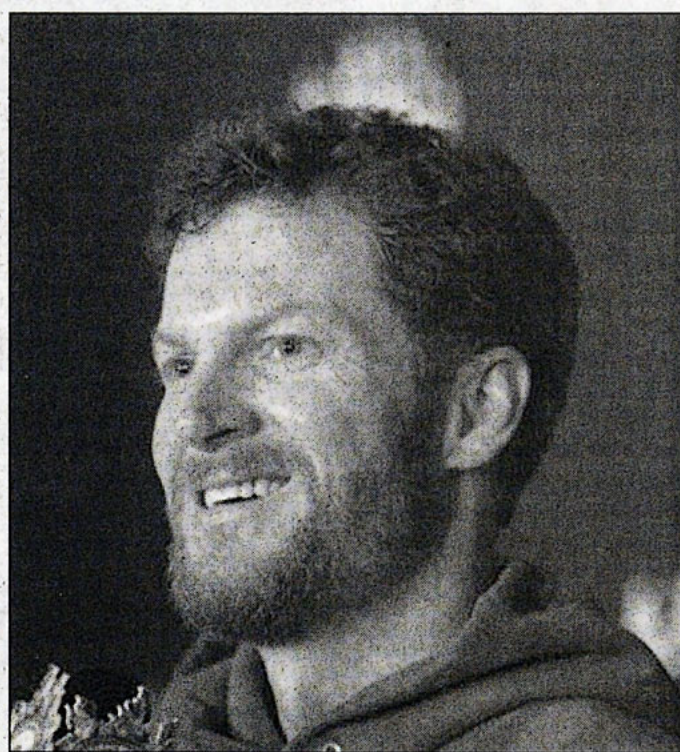
and you do not have to be a fan to recognize that. Unfortunately, he was lost too soon when he crashed in this same race in 2001.

It was an incredible picture to say the least. Also, the pressure Jr. has had to feel during his career is paramount. When your father is a legend, fans will hold you to those exceedingly high expectations. He went over 50 races without winning one and people started to doubt for sure.

The entire moment drew me in and I ended up watching the most Nascar coverage I have ever watched.

That is what sports can do and how powerful they can be. We get sucked into something we never thought we would and it's a great feeling. Not many other things can do that nowadays. So, they are special.

Daytona 500 winner Dale Earnhardt Jr. talks to the media during a victory tour stop, Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2014, in Austin, Texas. Earnhardt won his second Daytona 500 Sunday. (AP Photo/Eric Gay)



Women's Basketball

Bronchos travel to Hays, Kansas in search of win



Senior guard Rachel New defending on a Fort Hays possession on Jan. 16, 2014 in Hamilton Fieldhouse. Photo by Alike Dyer, The Vista.

Austin Litterell

Sports Reporter

The UCO women's basketball will be looking to add another win in the win column as they travel to Hays, Kan. on Wednesday. The Bronchos ended their seven game losing streak on Saturday with a four point win over Northeastern.

UCO comes into this game with an 11-13 record on the season and 6-11 in MIAA play. The Bronchos are currently still in a position to qualify for the conference tournament, sitting in a tie for ninth place. The top 12 teams qualify for the tournament.

Fort Hays will be a tough challenge for the Bronchos, coming into this game with a 17-7 record on the year. The Tigers are sixth in the conference with a 10-7 record in MIAA play. The Tigers are 12-1 at home this season and rank first in attendance. If they want to steal a road victory, they will need to be solid on both sides of the ball.

UCO struggled against the Tigers in Ham-

ilton Field House losing by 26 points back on Jan. 16, only scoring 38 points in the game. The Bronchos shot under 25 percent in the game and scored only 15 points on five field goals in the second half. UCO will definitely need to shoot better this time around if they want to have a chance to upset the Tigers in Hays.

The Bronchos' best offensive weapons are freshmen Julia Mason and her sister Julia and senior Jill Bryan. Bryan is averaging 13.4 points per game and Mason averages 11. Julia Mason is the team's best three-point shooter at 34 percent on the season.

Defense will be another key for UCO, especially if they struggle making baskets. Getting stops will be necessary for the Bronchos and is the only way to overcome cold shooting. Fort Hays has a strong offense, averaging 74 points per game this year.

UCO will then finish their season with another road game in Nebraska. UCO will face Nebraska-Kearney in their regular season finale.

One win and the Bronchos should have a strong chance to advance to the post-season.

Baseball

UCO prepares to host Washburn for four games

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Central Oklahoma returns home to face Washburn for a four-game Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association series beginning Thursday at Wendell Simmons Field.

The series has been altered to avoid weather that could have an impact this weekend. The two teams will play a 12:30 p.m. doubleheader Thursday, followed by a 2 p.m. game on Friday and a 1 p.m. start time on Saturday.

Scouting the Bronchos
The Bronchos are off to a 6-2 start and are 2-2 in the league. UCO started 5-0 after winning last week's series opener at Emporia State, 17-16, but the Hornets won two out of the next three games to earn a split of the se-

ries. The Bronchos have been led offensively by Phillip Wilson who is batting .655 (19-for-29) with five home runs and 13 runs batted in.

Cesar Wong is batting .429, while Dylan Tinkler shares the team lead with Wilson with 13 RBI.

UCO is batting .386 as a team, but was slowed down over the last three games of the ESU series. After scoring 68 runs over the first five games, the Bronchos scored just five in the last three games against Emporia State.

Ricky Reeves has been UCO's best starter out of the gate slotted in the No. 3 spot in the rotation. Reeves is 2-0 with a 0.69 earned run average and is coming off of a complete game one-hit shutout against ESU in his last outing. Mason Justice has allowed just six hits in his two starts but has been plagued by walks. Landon Hallam has been the No. 1 starter over the first two weekends and is 1-0 with a 5.73 ERA.

Scouting Washburn
Washburn is 3-1 on the season and in the league after opening the season against conference foe Lindenwood. All four games were decided by the

bullpens. Three of the four games were pitchers duels as the Ichabods only scored seven runs in winning two out of three games before busting out for 14 runs in the series finale.

The Ichabods are led on offense by David Gaunt who is batting .500 (6-for-12). Parker Gibson has the teams only home run and is batting .357 (5-for-14) with four RBIs. WU is hitting .279 as a team and have scored just 21 runs through the first four games.

The Ichabods have been strong on the mound, boasting a 3.19 staff ERA.

Wilson on a Tear
Phillip Wilson is currently batting .655 (19-for-29) with five home runs and 13 RBI.

He has hit safely in all eight games thus far and had a three-game stretch where he had at least four hits in each game and went 15-for-18 with five home runs and 11 RBI. Included in that stretch are games against Arlington Baptist where he went 6-for-7 and stole two bases and a game against Emporia State where he went 5-for-6 with three home runs, a double and seven RBI.

Bronchos Sweep Player of the Week Honors
Phillip Wilson was named the MIAA Hitter of the Week and Ricky Reeves was named the MIAA Pitcher of the week for the week ending Feb. 23.

Wilson hit .636 (14-for-22) with three home runs and nine RBIs. All three home runs came against Emporia State in the series opener. Wilson also stole two bases against Arlington Baptist on Tuesday.

Reeves threw a complete game one-hitter as he walked just one and struck out six in UCO's 2-0 win over Emporia State. Reeves is 2-0 with a 0.69 ERA.

Upcoming Broncho Games

Thursday

Baseball vs Washburn University 12:30 p.m.
Women's Tennis at Southern Nazarene University 2:00 p.m.
Baseball vs Washburn University 2:30 p.m.

Friday

Baseball vs Washburn University 2:00 p.m.
Women's Basketball at University of Nebraska-Kearney 5:00 p.m.
Men's Basketball at University of Nebraska-Kearney 7:00 p.m.
Wrestling vs NCAA DivisionII Central Super Regional 10:00 a.m./9:00 a.m.
Women's Track at Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletic Association Championships

Saturday

Wrestling vs NCAA DivisionII Central Super Regional 10:00 a.m./9:00 a.m.
Women's Track at Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletic Association Championships
Women's Tennis at Arkansas Tech University 10:00 a.m.
Baseball vs Washburn University 1:00 p.m.
Women's Tennis vs Ouachita Baptist University in Russellville, Ark. 2:00 p.m.

Sunday

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Wrestling

UCO prepares to host Wrestling Regionals

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UCO TO REGIONAL MEET: No. 4-ranked Central Oklahoma will host one of four NCAA Division II qualifying tournaments this weekend when the Bronchos hold the Central Super Regional at Hamilton Field House.

First-round action begins at 10 a.m. Friday and continues at 5 p.m. The tournament resumes at 9 a.m. Saturday and concludes with the first-, third- and fifth-place matches at 1 p.m.

The rugged 17-team event features seven top-20 clubs, including five of the top eight.

Two-time defending national champion and No. 2-ranked Nebraska-Kearney leads the list of ranked teams that also includes No. 3 St. Cloud State, No. 4 UCO, No. 6 Upper Iowa, No. 8 Lindenwood, No. 15 Fort Hays State and No. 17 Ouachita Baptist.

Rounding out the field is Augustana, Central Missouri State, Minnesota State-Mankato, Minnesota State-Moorhead, Minot State, Newman, Northern State, Southwest Minnesota and Truman State.

THE LINEUP: Here's a look at UCO's regional tournament lineup:

125 - Josh Breece, Fr. (7-7); 133 - Casy Rowell, Sr. (27-4); 141 - Dustin Reed, Jr. (11-11); 149 - Jordan Basks, Sr. (34-4); 157 - Cory Dauphin, Sr. (29-0); 165 - Chris Watson, Jr. (31-2); 174 - Colton Gallo, So. (7-3); 184 - Znick Ferrell, Sr. (12-7); 197 - Garrett Henshaw, RS Fr. (20-23); 285 - Cody Dauphin, Sr. (18-10).

ABOUT THE BRONCHOS: UCO finished 14-4 in duals, winning its last nine of the season.

The Bronchos were second in the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association dual race with a 5-1 record and took third in the MIAA Tournament held Feb. 15 at Hays, Kan.

Casy Rowell (133) and Cory Dauphin (157) won individual titles at the league meet, while 165 Chris Watson finished second. UCO also got third-place efforts from 141 Dustin Reed, 184 Znick Ferrell and 285 Cody Dauphin, with 125 Josh Breece, 149 Jordan Basks and 197 Garrett Henshaw tak-

ing fourth.

The Bronchos have four ranked individuals -- No. 1 Cory Dauphin at 157, No. 2 Chris Watson at 165, No. 5 Jordan Basks at 149 and No. 6 Casy Rowell at 133.

UCO has five returning All-Americans in Cory Dauphin (first), Watson (fourth), Basks (fifth), Rowell (fifth) and 285 Cody Dauphin (sixth).

REGIONAL SUCCESS: The Bronchos have won 19 regional titles in 24 years of NCAA Division II competition.

UCO finished second in the regional last year.

NATIONAL SUCCESS: Few collegiate programs on any level can claim UCO's national tournament success, which includes 15 championships and eight runner-up finishes.

The Bronchos claimed eight NAIA titles from 1979-89 and have won seven Division II crowns since 1990 (1992, '93, '94, '95, '02, '03 and '07).

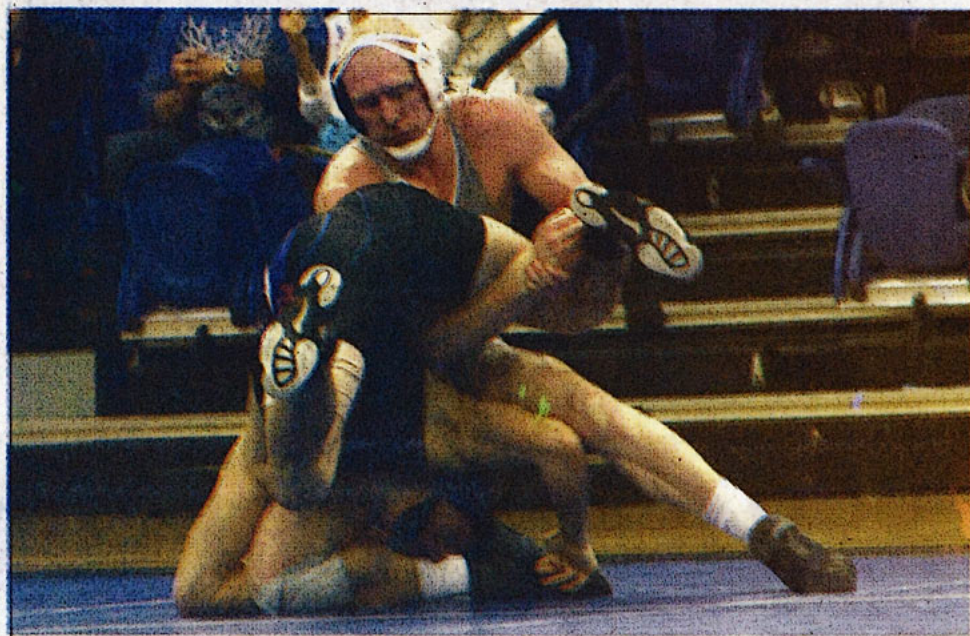
UCO has finished in the top four in the national tournament 23 of the last 29 seasons.

ABOUT THE COACH: UCO head coach David James is in his 32nd year at the helm and has enjoyed one of the sport's most successful careers.

A seven-time national Coach of the Year, James has led UCO to 12 national titles and five runner-up finishes. He has a 377-130-5 dual record, which ranks in the top 40 all-time among college wrestling coaches.

James has coached 46 national champions (36 Division II, 10 NAIA) and 178 All-Americans (135 Division II, 43 NAIA) while at UCO.

WHAT COACH JAMES SAYS: "Our regional tournament is easily the toughest one in the country and our guys are going to have to be ready every time they take the mat. We have to stay focused, take each match as it comes and not get caught up looking ahead. There's going to be some setbacks, but how we react to those will determine how many guys we'll get to the national tournament. Our goal is obviously to advance all 10 guys and everybody we have in the lineup has a chance to do that."



Junior 165 lbs Chris Watson counters a leg attack against an OCU Star on Jan. 22, 2014. Photo by Alik Dyer, The Vista.

Men's Basketball

Central Oklahoma gaining momentum at the right time

Rick Lemon

Sports Reporter

UCO men's basketball has gotten on a roll at the right time as they continue a crucial two game road trip to end the regular season. They finish the season with a crucial game that can have seeding implications for the conference tournament on tomorrow.

The Bronchos are currently the fifth seed in the Mid-American Intercollegiate Athletic Association. That is significant due to how the MIAA tournament is played. The first four seeds in the twelve-team, four-day tournament automatically get a BYE to the second round on Friday. With the winner of the tournament guaranteed to play at least three days in a row, no team wants to have to play the day before, as well.

Before any of that happens, however, the Bronchos need to focus on their last road test of the season, Nebraska-Kearney.

As of Wednesday, UCO had amassed a six-game winning streak that included wins both home and away against Northeastern State and Pittsburg State, as well as grudge match wins to split the season series with Washburn and Emporia State.

Now, the goal is stay focused for one more

game as a win could mean the difference between having to play a game at home against a hungry 12-seed that wants to prove itself and getting to have an extra day to rest and travel to the second round and beyond, which is being played in Kansas City.

The last thing the Bronchos want to do is lose focus and have to try and play a team that thinks that they can be a Cinderella story.

The Nebraska-Kearney Lopers are currently sitting in 10th place in the conference, but luckily for them all, the seeds in the MIAA tournament have already been clinched, so there is no mathematical way for them to be bumped from the tournament.

The Lopers are in a logjam at the back of the pack in the conference. They could conceivably jump Northeastern State, the ninth seed, and Washburn, the 8th seed, who is only a game in front of them, with two wins to finish the season.

UCO will play both the women's and men's games against Nebraska-Kearney on Friday night with the time and place both being moved.

Both games will now be held at the Health and Sports Center on Nebraska-Kearney's campus with the women's game tipping off at 5 p.m. and the men's game at 7 p.m.