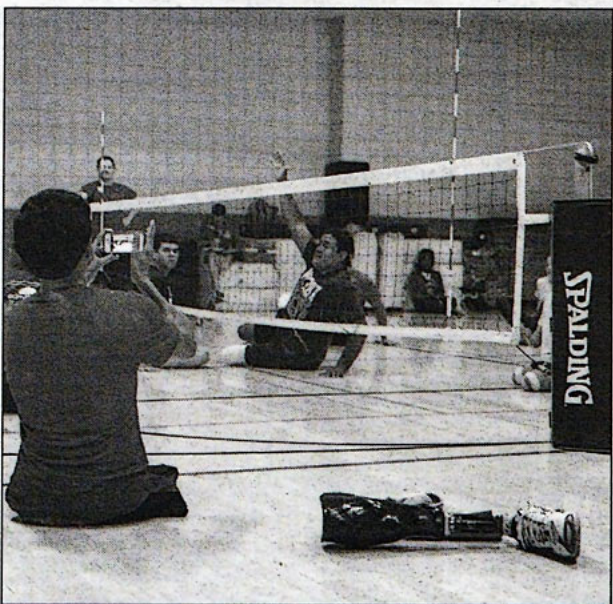




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The new and improved BRock now sits in front of the library. The new paintjob is in celebration of UCO's 125th anniversary. Photo by Cooper Billington, The Vista.



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ON THE COVER

Featured on the front page of The Vista this week, athletes compete in the Endeavor Games at the University of Central Oklahoma in many different competitions such as archery, powerlifting, sitting volley ball, paracanoeing and swimming.



Several baby birds sit in a nest with their mother on the side of the Mass Communications Building. Students are encouraged to leave nests such as this one alone. Photo by Ryan Naeve, The Vista.



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Contributing Writer

Endeavor games come to UCO

From young to old, athletes came from across the nation to participate in the Endeavor Games last weekend, showing their passion for meeting new people and spreading their joy when participating in the games.

"Everybody here is just as competitive as us and they enjoy winning medals just like me and you," said Heather Kohl, coordinator for Adaptive Sports and Events. "They are so incredibly prideful and happy when they win medals and get to compete in the games."

Each sport at the Endeavor Games has been adapted so that individuals with paraplegia are able to play and enjoy the games.

The entire event has 11 different areas for athletes to participate including archery, wheelchair basketball, powerlifting, cycling, shooting, track and field, sitting volleyball, table tennis, paratriathlon, swimming and paracanoe.

"This is the largest multi-sport event for paraplegic people in the entire nation," Kohl said.

The event hosts over 300 athletes, however still allows athletes to get to know each other and form bonds.

"You need positive people to help bring you up out of these kinds of situations, which is what coming here is all about,"

Hector Bruno, Paraplegic Athlete, said.

Welcoming and smiling faces could be seen throughout the games as athletes competed against each other in all of the different sports. Even the rain could not stop some athletes from competing.

"We ran just fine with the rain and the kids were at the starting line ready to go as usual," Kohl said.

With all types of people at the events, there was a wide range of competitors, including U.S. Veterans.

"Around 100 veterans are here at this event and it is always great to see them here and some of them even get a full ride from

two grants we get from a [Veterans Affairs] grant," Kohl said.

The Endeavor Games held their annual banquet Saturday night to celebrate all the work the athletes put into the games and gave away several awards to people in varying categories.

"It's just a relief to be here and you can see the euphoria in everybody who is here tonight celebrating all of the hard work they have done and their accomplishments," Katrina Shaklee, executive director of the Wellness Center, said.



One event at the Endeavor Games was weightlifting, in which paraplegic contestants do a variety of styles weightlifting. Photo by Brandi Melton, The Vista.



Competitors of all ages were able to compete in a variety of sports, such as sitting volleyball, shown here. Photo by Cooper Billington, The Vista.

Christophobia taking place worldwide



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Christophobia (Noun): intolerance of, hostility towards or discrimination against Christians

LGBT parades are shocking religious people and causing chaos between members of society, varying in ages, background and religious beliefs. Be ready, this is about to get real bad.

The event is suppose to support lesbians, gays, bisexuals and transsexuals. They demand their rights and respect, but are they respecting others? I believe not.

Sao Paulo Gay Parade took place May 4, being the largest gay parade in the world, with the presence of international celebrities. But what really went wrong?

The parade had everything to be a success but ended up with heated debates and law suits against the community. Why?

They represented Jesus on the cross kissing a guy, as well as naked lesbians

kissing in front of the cross, with the saying: "Enough homophobia! LGBT."

The main illustration of the parade was a naked transsexual portraying Jesus. Shocking, I know.

This is an example of Christophobia, where individuals have an anti-Christian sentiment and tend to show absolute intolerance against Christians.

It's well known that the Bible is against immoral sexual activities, and that LGBT is an abomination to God. Sorry, but I said it.

The bible also says all sins can be forgiven, but not the ones against the Holy Spirit. It asks Christians to show God's love to others, and to pray for them.

I do not disrespect the LGTB community, or judge them for their decisions. We

are all sinners in God's eyes, but going against somebody's faith and mocking their Messiah is a whole different story.

Some might say that the LGTB community are going against the church, making fun of Jesus and mocking their religious symbols, such as the cross.

The community on the other hand said they are expressing their sadness by illustrating they suffer as much as Jesus did at the cross. But, really, can this be possible?

For Christians, Jesus' death does not only represent his tremendous physical pain on the cross, but also his spiritual pain for dying for our sins.

Now, tell me how this can be compared to human pain? Impossible in my opinion. And yes, I'm offended.

I understand that LGBT suffers discrimination, and I believe they should be able to protest against that. But I'm sure they can come up with better ideas than having a gay/transgender Jesus on the cross.

They could do pretty much anything, just not have naked people mocking the cross, in front of the Church.

The photos of the parade were shared worldwide, and the conversation heated very quickly. Some religious people are already coming up with ideas to stop this chaos.

I hope we all come to good terms and learn how to live in a diverse society. There is no need to step on other's toes.

We are all different anyway, why not embrace that?



Brazilian actress, Viviany Beleboni dressed as Jesus during the Brazilian Gay Pride parade in Sao Paulo on June 7. Beleboni wanted to send a message about the suffering that LGBT people go through on a daily basis. Photo provided by the Observador.



A couple kisses during the annual Gay Pride Parade in Sao Paulo, Brazil, Sunday, June 7, 2015. Hundreds of thousands gather every year on skyscraper-lined Avenida Paulista in Sao Paulo for one of the world's largest gay pride parades. (AP Photo/Andre Lessa)

Do you really know your rights?



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The First Amendment is what most Americans agree to be the most important right for all citizens of our country. However, do you know what it really means besides the fact that you can say whatever you want?

The five basic liberties guaranteed to all Americans are the freedom of speech, freedom of religion, freedom of the people peaceably to assemble, freedom to petition the government for a redress of grievances and of course, freedom of the press.

In all reality, some of these unalienable rights are being stifled by not only the government, but by the people.

First on the chopping block would be the freedom of speech.

There is so much backlash whenever a public figure comes out and says their personal opinion, and whenever that backlash occurs it usually threatens their livelihood because they said something unpopular.

For example, when Phil Robertson came out about his beliefs toward the LGBT community, "Duck Dynasty" was almost cancelled, simply because a group of people didn't agree with what he said. As an American he has a right to say whatever he wants.

There are consequences to saying whatever you want, but it shouldn't come about simply because you hurt someone's feelings. People need to grow a thicker skin because otherwise they are shooting our country in the foot by trying to censor other's speech.

Sure what he said may have been offensive to others, but he's allowed to believe what he believes, and for lack of a better phrase, he shouldn't be crucified

for that.

Americans should also be able to tell the difference between hate speech and fighting words.

Hate speech is 100 percent legal. You can say whatever you want about someone, but the second they become threatening and the other party feels like they are in danger of imminent physical harm, you have started to spout fighting words, which are 100 percent illegal.

Now to continue on to the freedom of religion.

People are free to believe, worship and spread the word of whatever they choose, but this does not give religions a right to impede on public education or government.

If you don't believe that homosexual couples should be married because of your religious beliefs, and nothing else, this should not impede on national law. It is not up to you to decide on someone's happiness with another person simply because you think your God disapproves.

John Locke said, "Reason, which is that Law, teaches all mankind, who would but not consult it, that being all equal and independent, no one ought to harm another in his Life, Health, Liberty, or Possessions."

He goes on to describe a very important ideal that I believe many Americans have forgotten:

"... have a standing Rule to live by, common to everyone in that Society, and made by the Legislative Power erected in it; a Liberty to follow my own Will in all things, where the Rule prescribes not, and not to be subject to the inconstant, uncertain, unknown,

Arbitrary Will of another Man."

Don't let your personal ideals get in the way of someone's happiness when they hold a different belief than you. It's 2015, and it's sad that this is still a discussion in society today.

For the matter of gay marriage and its legality to be a debate is ridiculous; yes our government is for the people, and that means all people-- not just the "straight" ones.

The right of the people peaceably to assemble is pretty clear cut.

If you are protesting for a cause you believe in, no matter what it is, the second you become a threat to even one other person, you lose that right. Peaceably is the operative word here.

There has been a lot of arguing about the "protests" in Ferguson and Baltimore, but there really isn't much of an argument if you take it down to the facts.

There was a curfew set for the protests to protect the people in the area, not just those involved. When people didn't follow the curfew and stayed out late at night, there were people not involved in the protests that took advantage of the situation and used it for their own personal gain by looting and destroying other's property.

Thus bringing out an armed police force because the danger imposed upon the community.

If the police are harming unarmed, nonthreatening citizens, the country will see it if the protestors stay consistent. Swallow your own pride and don't fight, because your cause is supposedly bigger than yourself.

Hopefully, we all remember the

famous sit-ins and danger protestors fighting to end segregation faced. If you believe your cause is worthy, then show that to the world by peaceably, but firmly standing your ground.

Freedom of the press is something that is in danger as well.

Many Americans are very suspicious of the media because they feel that both sides of the story are not told, or a more biased side is only spoken about. This falls on the media as a whole community to not be so lazy in their journalism.

Journalists need to have the passion the not only be sensational, or newsworthy, but honest. As someone going into this field as a career, journalism needs to be held to a higher standard.

Finally, there's freedom of the people to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

I'm guilty of this as well, but people will sit around and complain about what is happening with our government, but will literally do nothing to change it besides flap their jaws.

Get off your couch and make a difference. You don't work for Congress; Congress works for you.

The American government can be a beautiful thing if people stop waiting for a benevolent king to make decisions for them.

If you have a problem with something, you need to take action by getting involved with your local government because the government works from the bottom, up.

It's easy for me to sit here and tell you how to live your life, but it is ultimately up to you to educate yourself on your rights as an American citizen.

Warped Tour returns to OKC after 17 years



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This summer, the Vans Warped Tour is coming to Oklahoma City. The one-day festival will take place at Remington Park June 25.

The outdoor event begins at 11 a.m. and showcases some of the most popular up-and-coming punk, alternative and rock bands on five different stages. Over 40 bands are scheduled to perform in Oklahoma City.

Once thought of as a pop-punk festival, the tour has expanded to include a diverse showcase of both new acts and long-time staples of the music industry. Pierce the Veil, Senses Fail, The Wonder Years and Asking Alexandria are among the bands performing during this year's Oklahoma City stop.

In addition to music, Vans Warped Tour includes several merchandise vendors, stand-up comedians, music education workshops and a "reverse daycare" for parents. Each attendee can bring one parent or guardian for free, that can opt to stay in an on-site cooling tent while concertgoers enjoy the show. Rox Kerby, UCO psychology student and owner of Running Thin Records, an Oklahoma-based independent

record label, remembered his past experiences with the Vans Warped Tour. "When I was a teenager, Warped Tour seemed like our punk rock traveling Woodstock. A place for us to be who we were without discriminating eyes."

Kerby added, "I also remember being very hot, so make sure to stay well hydrated."

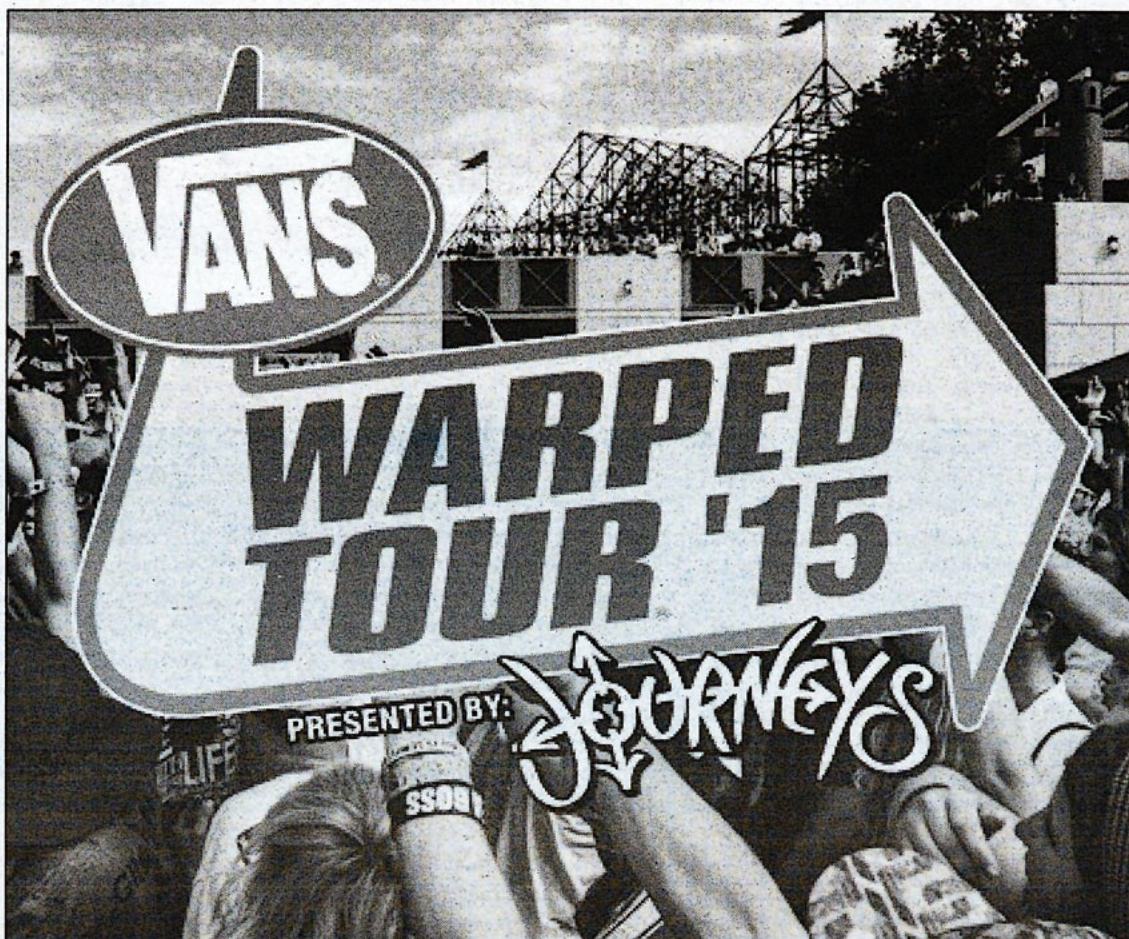
The Vans Warped Tour started in 1995, combining skateboarding and BMX demonstrations paired with live music performances. For 21 years, the tour has served as a launching pad for numerous acts, including No Doubt, Sublime, Blink-182, Eminem and Katy Perry.

The tour has taken place in Oklahoma once before. In 1998 the tour stopped at Mohawk Park in Tulsa, and featured acts ranging from heavy metal groups like Deftones and Staind to punk bands like NOFX and The Vandals.

Tickets for the show are available at Buy For Less stores in Oklahoma City and Reasor's stores in Tulsa. Tickets can also be bought over the phone by calling 866-977-6849 or online at www.vanswarpedtour.com.

This will be the first time the Tour has stopped in Oklahoma City. The last time the Tour was in Oklahoma was in 1998, when it was in Tulsa. Photo provided by Vans Warped Tour PR department.

(Bottom) Brian Logan Dales of The Summer Set performs a song for the crowd during the Vans Warped Tour. The Vans Warped Tour will be in Remington Park on June 25. Photo provided by Vanswarpedtour.com





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Carrie Underwood dominates CMT Awards with most wins of all-time

Carrie Underwood made history Wednesday night at the Country Music Television Awards, adding three buckles to her previous 10 and topping the list for most wins of all-time.

The Oklahoma native took home the awards for Video of the Year and Female Video of the Year for her song "Something In The Water."

"I have the best fans in the world, I really do. I mean, Country music has the best fans in the world, but I definitely have the best of the best of the best," Underwood said as she accepted the award for best video.

The single, "Something In The Water" which centers around the teachings of Jesus and the Holy Bible has been a great debate for several people.

"I'm not the first person to sing about God, Jesus, faith [or] any of that, and I won't be the last. And it won't be the last for me, either. If you don't like it, change the channel," Underwood replied to those in debate.

This is the fourth consecutive year Underwood has won the Video of the Year Award. Six of her now 13 awards are for Video of the Year.

"Somethin' Bad" featuring Miranda Lambert also won an award Wednesday for Collaborative Video of the Year.

"This is my first award show since little Isaiah has been in the world...I'm sure he's napping on the bus right now, but I should definitely say that he has already inspired me so much, as well as my husband, Mike," Underwood told the crowd as she accepted one of her awards.

The awards were her first television appearance since giving birth in February.

The country-music star also performed her single, "Little Toy Guns" receiving an ovation worthy of a superstar.

It has been nearly 10 years, now, since Underwood came into the limelight via American Idol.

"It's such a phenomenon. American Idol is the biggest television show of my generation. To be a part of the show and the brand, and a part of everything that has come since then, there are a few people that can say that, and I'm very honored to be one of those people," she told Collider in 2011.

Other winners at the CMT Awards, included; Lady Antebellum, Florida Georgia Line, Bob Seger and Jason Aldean.



Carrie Underwood performs at the 2015 CMA country Music Festival. The Oklahoma native won a record amount of awards at the Country Music Television Awards. AP photo.

Voices of Oklahoma

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"My biggest fear is getting to an age and a point in my life where I realize that I haven't done all of the things that I want to do that I could do, and that I should do. And realizing all this time has passed, and I haven't done all I should with it."

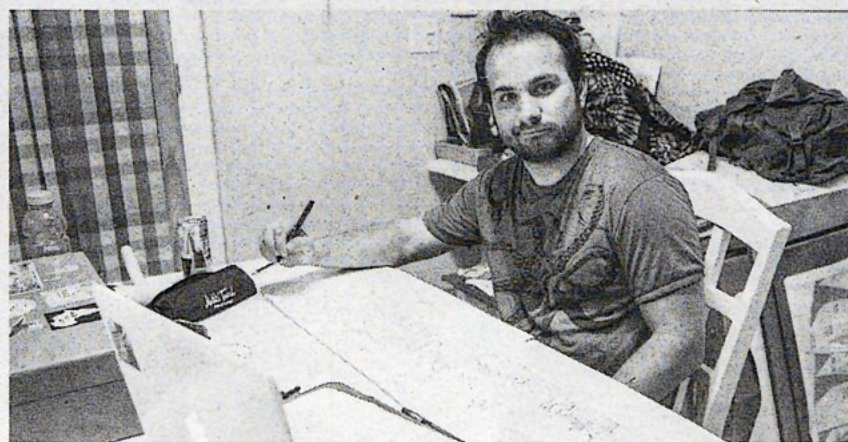
Jessie Roark, Senior



"I came here without my family, this is my first time being without my parents. I grew up in a big family..."

I had my cousins and my brothers together always. Here it's different, I have my friends but it's different. It's more lonely here."

Amindita Das, Freshman



Follow your bliss in life, whatever that may be. Don't ever settle for the mundane. The greatest gift we have is the ability to be ourselves.

Dj Labay, Graduate

Hundred of teens leave home to join ISIS

Vista Contributing Writer

If you think we have ISIS under control, you better think twice, or maybe even three times.

We are losing, and people are dying because of this terrorist group. When will this stop, we ask?

Hundred of teens are leaving home without their parents' permission to join the biggest terrorist group in the world. For some reason they believe they are doing God's will.

Meanwhile, we just think they have lost their minds.

Earlier this week, a British boy was recognized on ISIS's photos by his family

members.

The 17-year-old seemed to be smiling in front of an ISIS flag, raising his index finger and taking photos beside a black Toyota. The teenager, Talha Asmal, was portrayed in images of the terrorist group Abu Youset al Britani.

His family is "devastated and heart-broken," said CNN News.

According to Asmal's relatives, he was "loving, kind, caring and affable." They said he never showed violent, extreme or radical views of Islam, and for that, they are in shock.

Unfortunately, Asmal is is not the only

teen that left his country to fight for a terrorist group.

There are hundreds joining ISIS, including a Scottish teen, Aqsa Mahmood, that left home to join the brutal terrorist group.

The teen left with a backpack to college, and after four days called her parents from the Turkey boarder telling them her new views. When her parents asked her to come home, she replied, "I will see you on the day of the judgment."

In February, Mahmood called her parents to tell them she was getting married to an ISIS fighter, and since then has posted photos of the Quran along with guns.

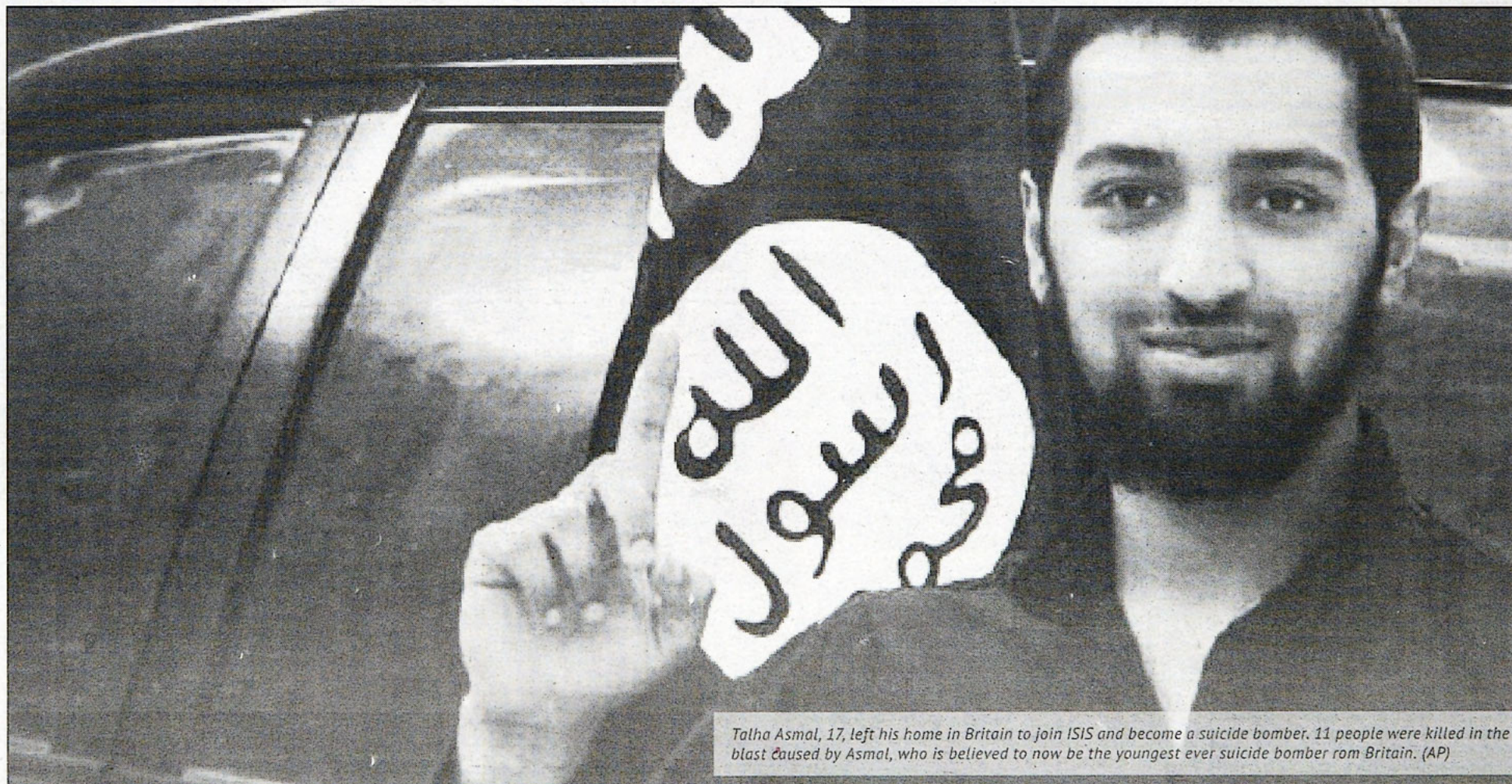
Her parents believe she was convinced to join the group by posts ISIS made in social media.

Sadly enough, these are just some of the stories that the media was able to find.

We tend to forget how strong ISIS is and how brutal they are. We used to believe that ISIS only stayed in the Middle East, but acts of extreme Islam has been shown in America recently.

It's time for us to have enough encourage to fight against terrorists that takes lives of innocents in the name of God.

I do not support terror, but I do support peace.



Talha Asmal, 17, left his home in Britain to join ISIS and become a suicide bomber. 11 people were killed in the blast caused by Asmal, who is believed to now be the youngest ever suicide bomber rom Britain. (AP)

UCO Food Pantry in need of donations



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The University of Central Oklahoma has a food pantry in the Nigh building. The food pantry is in great need of food and volunteers.

Food Pantries offer food for needy people and families in the community. UCO's food pantry is specialized, but not limited to students.

People are hungry in Edmond, so come together to help eliminate hunger in our area and donate the food needed.

"Students can bring non-perishable items-such as cheese, bread, tortillas, and anything canned," said Jerrah Conley, the administrative assistant of Volunteer and Service.

The pantry is running low on protein, including peanut butter, canned meat, and the pantry is always in need of canned fruit. The full list is on their website.

The pantry is not just in need of food, it could also use volunteers to help in the pantry.

"Students must volunteer at least an hour if they want to volunteer," Conley said.

To volunteer go to Room 212 in the Nigh and find Jerrah to fill out some paper work-- be sure to bring your

student ID.

As college students the pantry needs our help and it is a great volunteer opportunity for students. Volunteer hours look great on your resume and you are helping your fellow humans in need.

"We will love to have more donates to help more families and students," Jerrah Conley said.

I challenge you to go donate a can of food or ten cans of food. Let us students overwhelm the pantry with donations, so they do not have to worry about turning people away with and giving people more than they need. No one needs to go hungry.

The pantry is located in Room 212 in the Nigh University Center. It is open 8 a.m.- 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The pantry is not the only volunteer opportunities for students at UCO. Students can visit orgsync.com to look at other volunteer chances. Orgsync partners with community organizations that offer volunteer opportunities for students.

Orgsync has 450 campuses across the country; over 100,000 organizations; and over 5,000,000 users.



The Central Pantry is located in Room 203 at the Nigh University Center. The Food Pantry is in need of food and volunteers. To volunteer visit Room 212 in the Nigh University Center. Photos by Ryan Naeve, the Vista.

Tree removal at Old North creates more landscape and places to gather



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Old North is starting to look bare from the recent removal of the trees in front of the main entrance, however the changes are not permanent, instead they are bringing about major changes to enhance the campus.

"I think it is really important for the readers and students to know what an agonizing decision this was, but it's a means to an end to make Old North more attractive," Don Betz, University of Central Oklahoma president, said.

During the first few weeks of June, construction crews were at work tearing down the trees and putting up fencing to keep everybody out from where the new circu-

lar drive is going to be placed, which will be directly in front of and center with Old North and Campbell Street.

"This new design has allowed us to create more areas to put more landscaping than what we already have in the area," David Stapleton, University of Central Oklahoma architect, said.

The entrance will allow five more trees to be planted in the area and will include new seating areas on both the north and south sides of Old North.

"This area is going to be big for UCO students and will finally give them more places to gather," Stapleton said.

The trees that had been planted back in

the 1990's were Bradford Pears and many of them were diseased and were not in the best shape, so UCO took advantage of this opportunity to change up the area and will be working on underground pipes and re-waterproofing Old North at the same time.

"When we did the addition to the building some of the waterproofing on the north and northeast side of the building was messed up, so we have some water leaks there, so we will be doing that at the same time," Stapleton said.

Driving will also become less confusion for drivers at the intersection of Campbell and University Drive.

"The good functional thing, is this intersection will become a four-way stop, aligned up with Campbell allowing traffic to flow much easier," Stapleton said.

The project is estimated to cost around 1.5 million dollars, which includes the new entrance, landscaping the area and waterproofing Old North. Stapleton said he hopes to keep the project under budget and is planning on the construction being done by the end June 2016.

"When the project is done, it will look better than it has ever before and will be a great addition to the campus," Betz said.



The lawn in front of Old North now stands bare. Architects plan on planting five more trees and adding a circular drive near the area to liven up the campus. Photo by Ryan Naeve, The Vista.

Under-rated players in NFL Fantasy Draft



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It's still very early, but fantasy draft time will be here before we know it. So here are five players who have some underrated upside.

Jordan Matthews

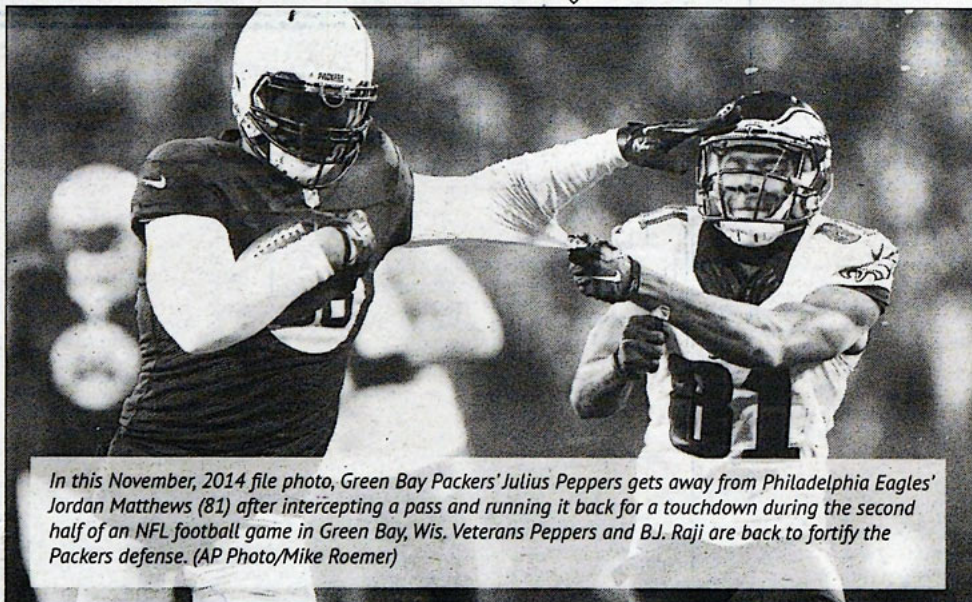
Philadelphia Eagles wide receiver

Matthews had a very good season last year, and ended up being a solid WR2 in fantasy. Matthews started 10 games and scored eight touchdowns, while racking up nearly 900 yards.

Look for him to take a major step forward this season and move closer to WR1 territory. Jeremy Maclin, the Eagles' top receiver of the last few seasons is now in Kansas City. Most of the targets that normally would have gone to Maclin will undoubtedly shift to the dynamic Matthews now.

Matthews appears to be the most talented of the receivers in Philadelphia. It's also notable that more than all of the other receivers on the roster, Matthews showed that he can consistently produce in Chip Kelly's system.

Newly-acquired quarterback Sam Bradford is sure to look Matthews' way early and often in the Eagles' high octane attack.



In this November, 2014 file photo, Green Bay Packers' Julius Peppers gets away from Philadelphia Eagles' Jordan Matthews (81) after intercepting a pass and running it back for a touchdown during the second half of an NFL football game in Green Bay, Wis. Veterans Peppers and B.J. Raji are back to fortify the Packers defense. (AP Photo/Mike Roemer)

Martavis Bryant

Pittsburgh Steelers wide receiver

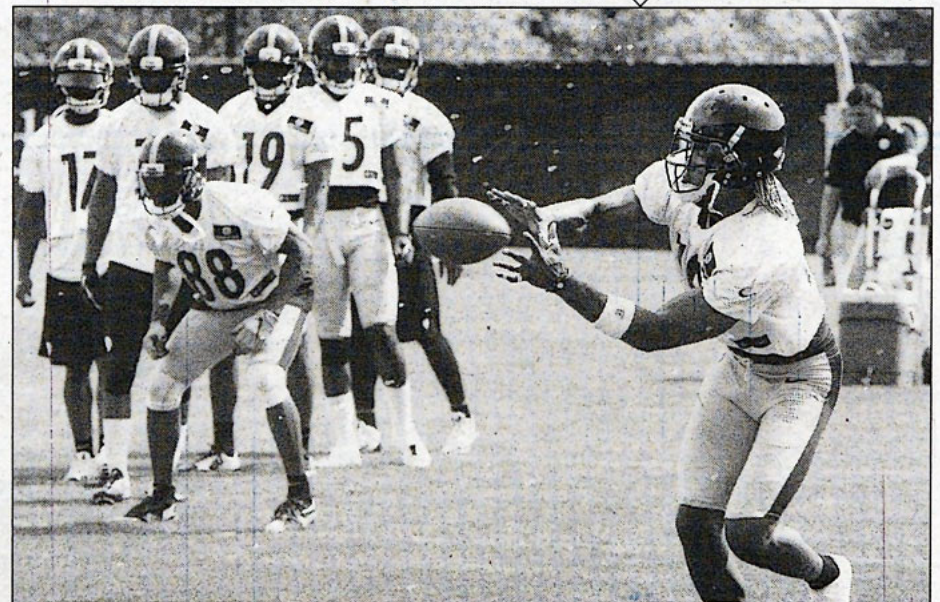
Martavis Bryant had an impressive rookie season. His big play capability was evident as he had 21.1 yards per catch.

Bryant only played in 10 games last season, but still finished with eight touchdowns, good for a top 20 finish in the league. He is a player whose own talent is not the only reason for optimism; his supporting cast is also exceptional.

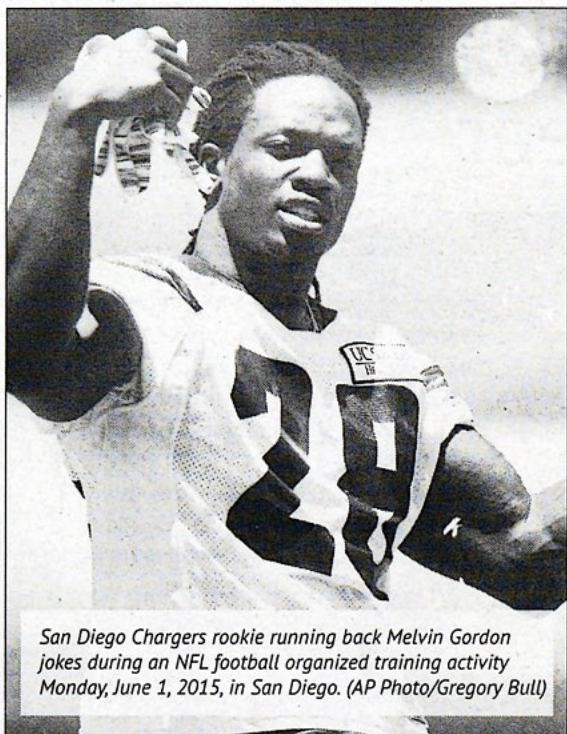
His teammate Antonio Brown was arguably the best wide receiver in football last season, and opposing defenses will focus on him, opening up opportunities for Bryant. Additionally, Le'Veon Bell emerged as a premier running back in both rushing and receiving, which will undoubtedly take pressure off of the receivers.

Bryant also benefits from his skill set meshing perfectly with quarterback Ben Roethlisberger; Bryant's penchant for taking the top off of the defense with his blazing speed fits great with Roethlisberger's style. Roethlisberger is known for his arm strength and his ability to throw deep to speedy receivers. Remember Mike Wallace?

I expect Bryant to see a lot more big plays in 2015.



Pittsburgh Steelers wide receiver Martavis Bryant, right, makes a catch as he goes through drills with the other receivers during an NFL football organized team activity, Thursday, May 28, 2015 in Pittsburgh. (AP Photo/Keith Srakocic)



San Diego Chargers rookie running back Melvin Gordon jokes during an NFL football organized training activity Monday, June 1, 2015, in San Diego. (AP Photo/Gregory Bull)

Melvin Gordon

San Diego Chargers running back

The San Diego Chargers' run game has been pretty anemic the last few years; they practically hit rock bottom last season when they ranked 30th out of 32 teams. Essentially, they've been looking for their next LaDainian Tomlinson ever since he left the team five years ago.

The highly drafted Ryan Matthews could rarely get on the field, and never showed the promise the Chargers hoped he would. Now that he's in Philadelphia, it's Melvin Gordon's turn to step in and try to invigorate the Chargers' run game.

Gordon, the Chargers' 15th overall pick in the 2015 draft, finished his college career as the second-leading rusher in FBS history, just 41 yards shy of the legendary Barry Sanders. Couple his high draft pedigree with the lack of running back talent on the roster, and Gordon projects to be the main man in San Diego's rushing attack next season.

Gordon is sure to get plenty of chances for the Chargers, who will hope to take pressure off of quarterback Philip Rivers.

Joseph Randle

Dallas Cowboys running back

All eyes are on the Dallas Cowboys' backfield. Their young and incredibly talented offensive line was bolstered even further this offseason with the addition of La'el Collins, who went undrafted despite being widely evaluated as a first round talent.

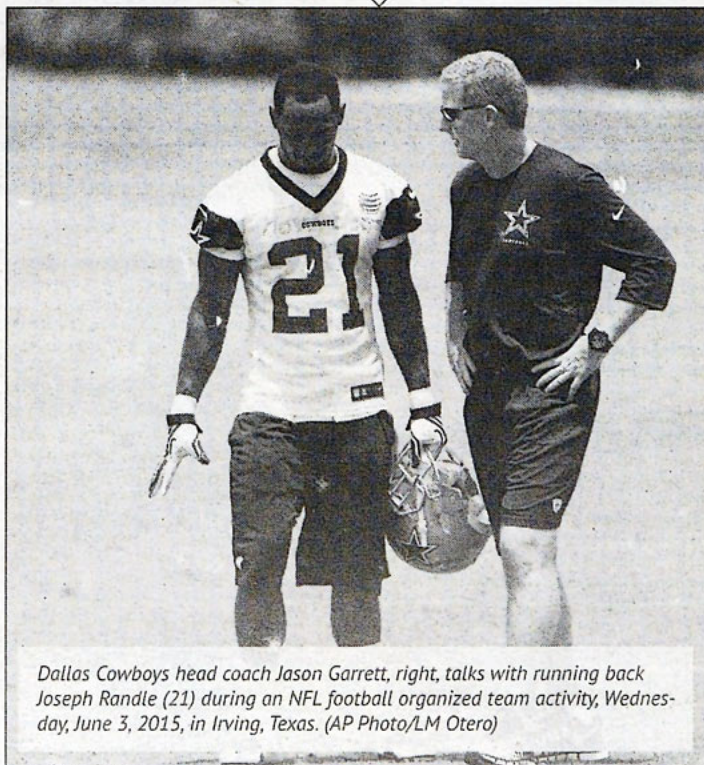
With the departure of Demarco Murray to the rival Eagles, the only backs projected to make the team include Joseph Randle, Darren McFadden and Lance Dunbar. McFadden is undoubtedly the biggest name out of these three, and thus has been assumed by many to be the starter.

With his injury history, can he really be trusted? McFadden played a full season for the first time last year. A big reason for that was the fact that he was relegated to backup duty and therefore less carries.

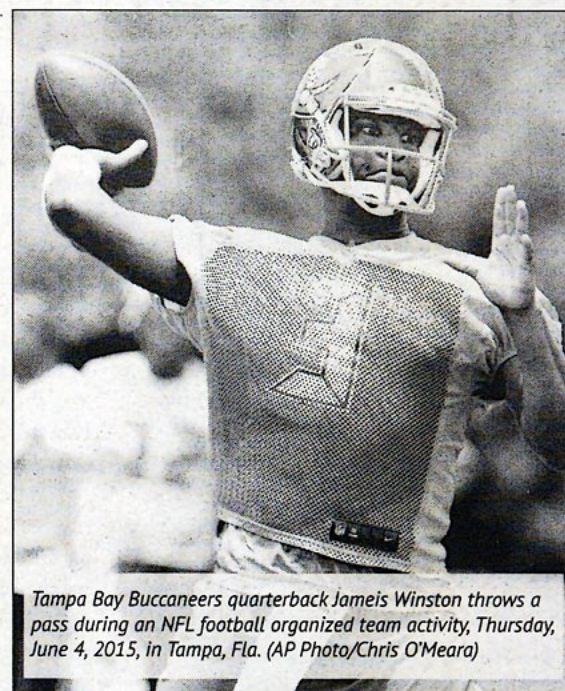
If the Cowboys want to keep him healthy, they would be wise to employ him in a similar role.

McFadden, 27, only averaged 3.4 yards per carry last year. Joseph Randle, 23, showed some real explosiveness last season on the other hand, averaging 6.7 yards per carry.

Randle is a quick, upright, one-cut style runner who has great vision. Behind the vaunted Dallas line, Randle is primed for a huge breakout in 2015.



Dallas Cowboys head coach Jason Garrett, right, talks with running back Joseph Randle (21) during an NFL football organized team activity, Wednesday, June 3, 2015, in Irving, Texas. (AP Photo/LM Otero)



Tampa Bay Buccaneers quarterback Jameis Winston throws a pass during an NFL football organized team activity, Thursday, June 4, 2015, in Tampa, Fla. (AP Photo/Chris O'Meara)

Jameis Winston

Tampa Bay Buccaneers quarterback

In recent years, rookie quarterbacks- especially highly drafted ones- have come in and seen pretty immediate fantasy success: Andrew Luck, Andy Dalton, Robert Griffin III, and Cam Newton just to name a few.

As for Jameis Winston, he's coming into a pretty good situation fantasy-wise. If you're a rookie quarterback, you could do a lot worse when it comes to weapons- Mike Evans, Vincent Jackson, Doug Martin, and the intriguing Austin Sefarian-Jenkins are all talented play makers for the Buccaneers.

Another thing that makes Winston intriguing is job security; Mike Glennon is the only viable competition on the roster right now. Glennon had several opportunities in the past, but never capitalized; a big reason why Winston was drafted in the first place.

Add all of these things up to the fact that Winston will be playing a last-place schedule in a division that was the worst in the NFL last year and Winston could put up some big numbers. Even if the Tampa Bay Buccaneers are still a bad team overall, you have to like his garbage time potential to rack up some fantasy points.



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UCO Wrestler Chris Watson named MIAA Athlete of the Year

University of Central Oklahoma national champion wrestler, Chris Watson was awarded the MIAA Ken B. Jones award, June 3 in Kansas City, recognizing him as the MIAA student athlete of the year.

The Ken B. Jones award ends a very successful career for Watson at UCO. This past season Watson has completed an undefeated season, won the NCAA Division II championship at 165 pounds, been named Wrestler of the year, and earned first-team academic honors from the Division II Wrestling Coaches Association.

The 18 nominees for the award were judged on their athletic achievements, volunteer and community work, and academic accomplishments. Before the ceremony in Kansas City, the nominees were narrowed down to three finalists for men and women.

"To be chosen as male student athlete of the year, it's satisfying to know that you're an outstanding athlete, a good student on top of that, and a good person in the community," Watson said on receiving the Ken B. Jones award this June. "To win that award across the whole MIAA is certainly

unique."

The Ken B. Jones female recipient was Fort Hays State's Kate Lehman, who was MIAA defensive player of the year and first team All-American in basketball.

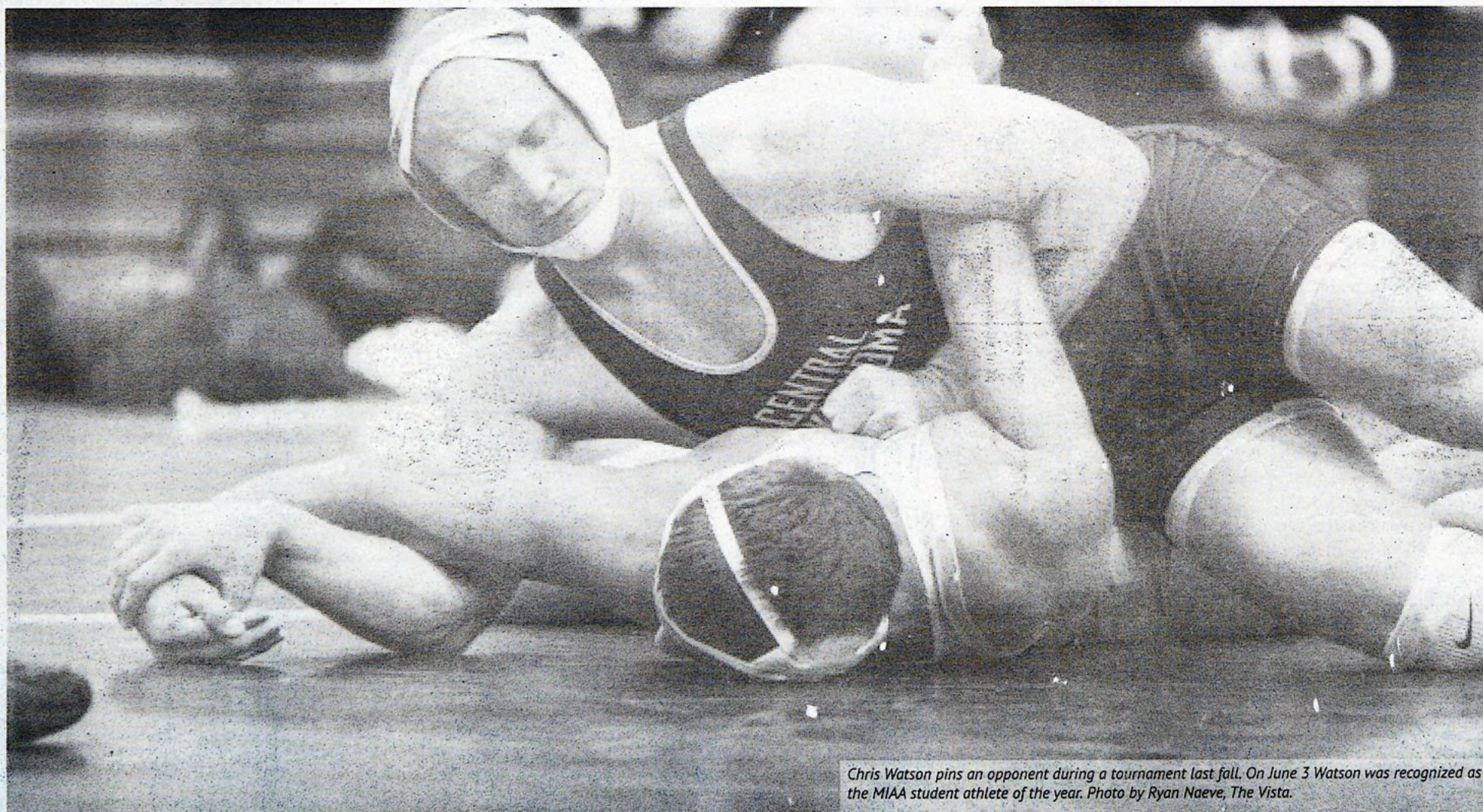
"My season was pretty special," said Watson discussing why he may have been chosen over the other finalists. "I kind of ran the gauntlet on awards, when you put it on paper it looks pretty impressive."

Watson attributes part of winning the award to his demeanor and character on and off the wrestling mat. He said it is

important to maintain a high level of professionalism to be a good ambassador for wrestling and UCO.

Watson is a native of Andover, Kansas and has used all athletic years of eligibility with UCO.

He graduated in the Spring from UCO with a degree in finance. He has since moved to Wichita, Kansas where he works in for a company called Invista.



Chris Watson pins an opponent during a tournament last fall. On June 3 Watson was recognized as the MIAA student athlete of the year. Photo by Ryan Naeve, The Vista.

Who is the best basketball player in the world?



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On Sunday evening, after the Golden State Warriors defeated the Cleveland Cavaliers 104-91 in Game 5 of the NBA Finals, LeBron James still believed his team could win the championship.

"I feel confident [we can win] because I'm the best player in the world," said James. "It's that simple."

James had just posted a line of 40 points, 14 rebounds, and 11 assists in the Game 5 loss. He had created 70 of his team's 91 total points that day.

However, some NBA writers and reporters scoffed at James' attitude toward the series. They wrote off his confidence as some type of cockiness or arrogance.

It's time to set one thing straight: James was not being too boastful. He was simply

stating the truth.

In 69 games this season, James averaged 25.3 points, six rebounds, and 7.4 assists (ranked first, eighth, and first at the NBA shooting forward position, respectively).

Interestingly, this was one of his least productive seasons. Before this year, James hadn't scored less than 26 points per game since his rookie season in 2003-2004.

Yet, despite the drop in production, James still held the eighth-best player efficiency rating in the NBA.

James was consistent all season too, never producing a truly poor game. He delivered nineteen 30-point games and three 40-point games.

His critics will point toward that small drop off in numbers as an argument that the

title of world's best player is up-for-grabs.

They will make cases for the NBA's scoring leader, Russell Westbrook. They will honor and worship the league's reigning MVP, Stephen Curry, currently thrashing James in the Finals.

Some might even go out on a limb and crown one of the NBA's newest young stars, James Harden, as the best basketball player in the world.

These players can make strong claims for that title, but there is one huge difference that separates them from James.

Compared to the teams that employ Westbrook, Curry, and Harden, James gets far less support from his teammate.

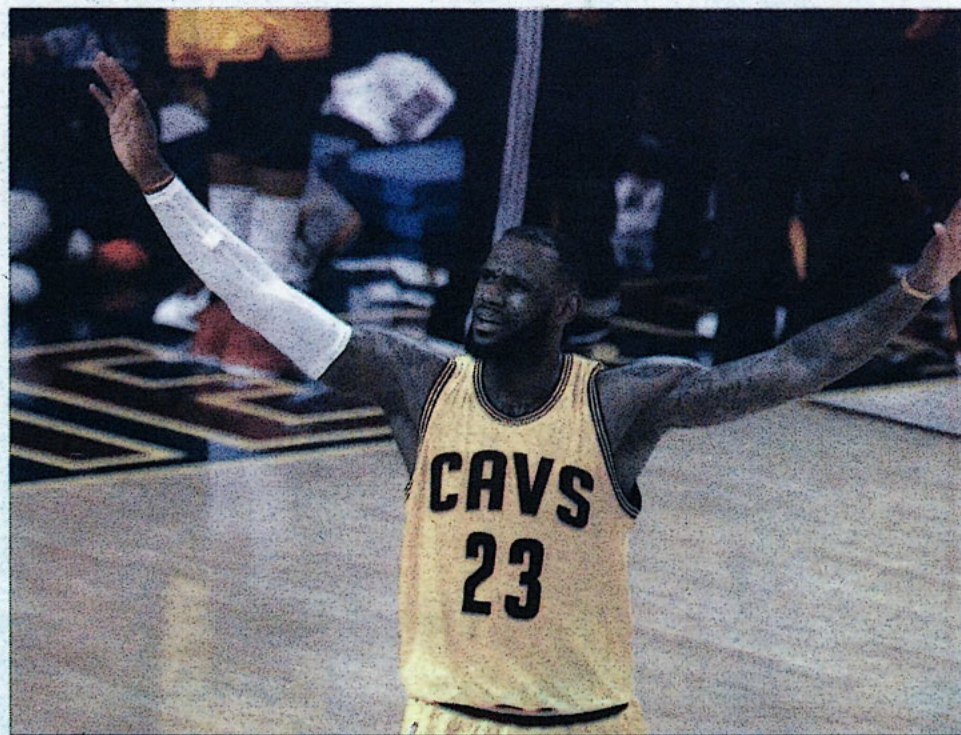
When you look at the roster of the Cleveland Cavaliers, only three players would be

legitimate starters on an average NBA team. James has taken this rather ordinary group of guys and transformed them into the Eastern Conference champions of the NBA.

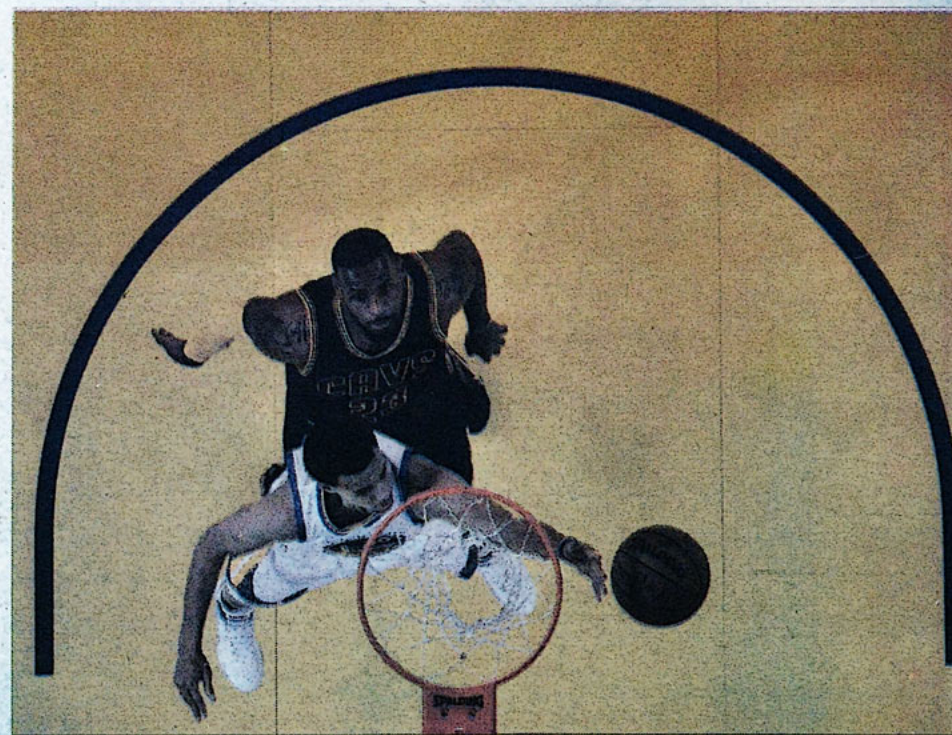
As the regular season ended, there were reasonable doubts as to who should be named the best basketball player. James, though, has upped the ante in these playoffs.

Entering Game 6, he was averaging 36.6 points per game in the Finals. He is willing this ragtag group of players to ugly, yet important, victories.

After this series ends, win or lose, there will be no doubt about it. James is the best basketball player in the world.



Cleveland Cavaliers forward LeBron James (23) urges on the crowd during the second half of Game 3 of basketball's NBA Finals against the Golden State Warriors in Cleveland, Tuesday, June 9, 2015. (AP Photo/Paul Sancya)



Golden State Warriors guard Stephen Curry, bottom, shoots past Cleveland Cavaliers forward LeBron James during the first half of Game 5 of basketball's NBA Finals in Oakland, Calif., Sunday, June 14, 2015. (John G. Mabanglo/EPA Pool via AP)

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