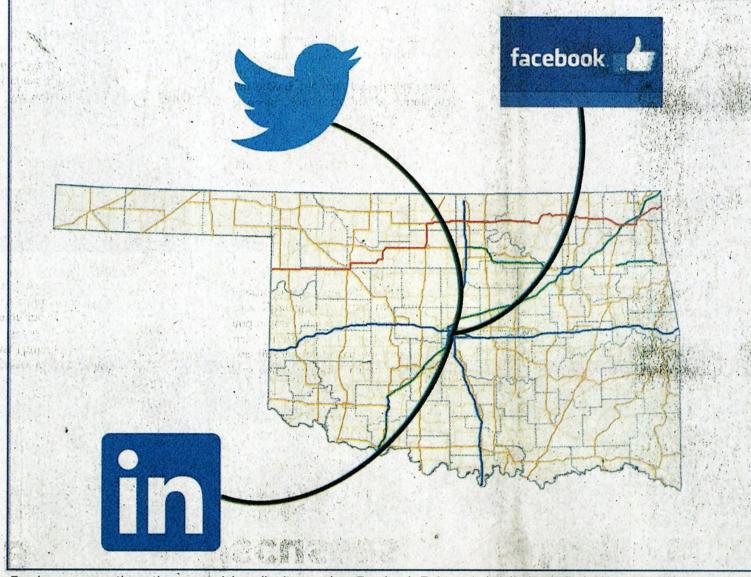


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PASSWORD PROTECTED Oklahoma to ban employers from asking for social media passwords



Employers across the nation use social media sites, such as Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn, to find information about current employees and prospective job candidates. Some employers even ask for passwords to employees' social media sites, allowing them to see more information. Due to an increasing concern about privacy issues, ten states across the U.S. have passed legislation banning this practice. Oklahoma will join the ten other states by also banning employers from asking employees for social media passwords. Photo illustration by Michael McMillian

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With today's technology, many employers

the practice. At least 10 states, including Arkansas, have enacted laws making it illegal to request usernames and passwords of private accounts.

Oklahoma will be among the next states to

ployees' friends' accounts, too.

"Employers believe every one has two lives. One is the business life, one is his own life," said Administrative Assistant of UCO Career Service Barby D. Osborn. "You'd better act posFEB 25, 2014 Proposed Bill Could Alter Course of Repayment of Student Loans

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In a bid that could drastically alter the way students pay for their college education, Democratic Oklahoma State Senator Constance Johnson introduced Senate bill 2001 to the Oklahoma state Senate on Feb. 3.

The bill, referred to as "The Pay Forward/Pay Back Program," would create a unique pathway for Oklahoma students to repay college debt upon graduation.

The text within the proposed bill describes how the legislation would replace the current system of charging students, tuition and fees by allowing students, ". Who are residents of the state and who qualify for admission to an institution within The Oklahoma State System for Higher Education to enroll in the institution without paying tuition or fees."

The program would instead require students, upon admission, to sign a formal contract with the state, agreeing to repay the cost of tuition through a percentage of their annual adjusted gross income post-graduation salary for a specified number of years.

The cost to each student would vary depending on the relative cost of attending a specific institution, according to the bill.

The bill was read before the Oklahoma State Senate on Feb. 4 and was sent to the Senate Education Committee and then the Senate Appropriations Committee for

use social media to find information about prospective and current employees.

In some cases, this kind of background check will influence whether they will hire the candidates for a job.

However, there are also many employers who demand access to private social media and ask for account names with passwords.

These privacy issues have caused more than half the states in the U.S. to consider banning do so. If an employer wants to ask for an employee's password, he or she may be breaking the law. Employees are allowed to deny handing over the information in order to protect their privacy.

While employers cannot ask for an employee's login information, social media is still a key part in the job searching process today.

Companies usually search employees' information on LinkedIn, Facebook, Twitter, Google+ and so on. Some may even search emitive and professional in your life. Don't post provocative or inappropriate photos."

This kind of information may result in not being hired or even losing a job. For job seekers, it is essential to be aware of what information they're making available to employers and to manage their online image.

Osborn also mentioned that students need to build their social media carefully by making their pages nice and clean, especially professional media, like LinkedIn. further inspection.

If the bill were to pass the state House and Senate, it would move to Governor Fallin's office where it would enter into effect July 1, 2014, should it be signed into law.

At this time, Senator Johnson's office has not returned phone calls or requests for an interview regarding the bill.

Bill Nye Discusses Evolution vs. Creationism During Visit to OSU

Tyler Talley

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Staff Writer

STILLWATER, Okla. - The Oklahoma State University Speaker's Board hosted science icon Bill Nye at Gallager-Iba Arena last Thursday.

Nye is a world-renowned science educator and is perhaps best known for the 90's children's science program, "Bill Nye the Science Guy," which he host and originally aired from Sept. 10, 1993 to June 20, 1998. Nye's presentation came a little more than two weeks after his live-streamed debate with creationist Ken Ham.

The event cost OSU \$40,000 and was funded by student fees. Nye's presentation is to have brought in 6,350 attendees. Logan Scott, chairman of the OSU Speakers Board, told Murphy Mitchell of the Tulsa World that choosing Nye was an easy decision and worthy choice for student funds.

"We were really happy we got Bill Nye to come speak for the students," Scott said. "We think it was a great use of their money."

Nye's presentation, which was around 45 minutes in length, covered an array of topics including his work with NASA and his parent's love of science, but primarily centered around using science as a means to better the human race and Earth.

Nye spoke in detail of the threat asteroids represent to Earth. He then pointed to historical events they have had on life on the planet, evidenced most notably by

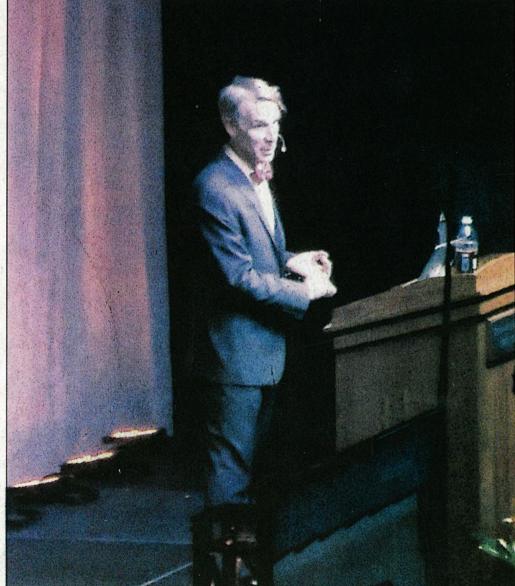
the asteroid that wiped out the dinosaurs. "There's city killers, county killers, country killers, continent killers and then sort of world enders," Nye said. "This thing was so big that it ejected material in the sky, and the diameter of the ejectile was bigger than the Earth. So the Earth was surrounded by red-hot rock for a few days, or weeks. It set the world on fire, and unless you lived underground or in a cave, you really had a hard time either that afternoon when the whole place was set on fire, or in the coming weeks or months when you couldn't find anything to eat. We don't want to go the way of the ancient dinosaurs."

Nye went on to point out recent examples of asteroids coming close to colliding with Earth, as well as the possible preventative measures being researched in order to prevent such events from happening.

"You have come of age in a moment in history where we can deflect an asteroid," Nye said. "You are the first generation that can prevent the only preventable natural disaster."

He dismissed Hollywood-inspired ideas such as actually landing on an approaching asteroid and either blowing it up or attempting to slightly "push" the object out of Earth's trajectory.

Instead, Nye offered a proposal that he has endorsed along with his colleges at the Planetary Society, a nonprofit, nongovernment organization dedicated to research and engineering projects related to astronomy, planetary science and space exploration.



Bill Nye, a famous scientist and former children's televison host, visited Oklahoma State University on Thursday, Friday 20, 2013. Photo by Tyler Talley, The Vista.

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OPINION

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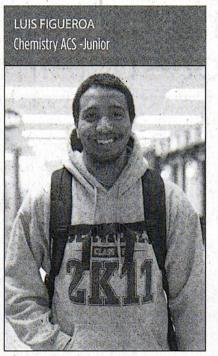
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What was the last movie you saw? Did you like it?



"Catching Fire. It was really good."



"The Lego Movie. It was great. It was funny. I loved it. It was quirky and weird."

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"Fast and Furious 6. It was OK."



"I think it was Cloudy with a



"This is the End. I loved it."



"The Campaign with

Chance of Meatballs. Yeah."

Will Ferrell because he's my future husband. It was fantastic."

Addicted to Travel

Editorial by: Sarah Neese (Editor-in-Chief)

Wanderlust: "A strong desire to travel."

As I've gotten the opportunity to travel to different cities over the past couple of years, my sense of wanderlust has only grown.

Don't get me wrong. I love the great state of Oklahoma in all of its awesome glory. The little things that make us who we are really are as .. a state are the same reasons that I love calling Oklahoma home. The restaurants, the culture, the progress combined with a sense of tradition, and of course, the best team in the NBA, the Oklahoma City Thunder (I'm still hoping that I'll get to marry one of them. Steven Adams and Kevin Durant, I'm looking at you two).

But, there is something deep down inside of me that longs to experience all that I can.

For as long as I can remember, I've wanted to see every place there is to see and learn everylanguage'there is to learn. I've wanted to go visit all of the greatest landmarks and destinations and uncover the little corners of the Earth that are left out of the spotlight.

T've got wanderlust. And, I've got it bad.

I thought that after my two trips in the fall, to New Orleans and Washington, D.C., I'd be tired of travelling.

However, with an upcoming trip to Chicago, I've found that I'm anything but tired of travelling.

Every time I think about boarding a plane and flying off to a different city, I am filled with excitement and my heart beats to the sound of a jet engine.

The thrill of exploring somewhere new, trying new foods and setting out on my own to "conquer" a new land, puts my mind into overdrive.

Though I love where I'm from and the roots. that make me who I am, I also love the thought of extending those roots and reaching out to the people across the nation and across the globe.

When the going gets rough and school becomes too much to bear, try to allow your mind to drift and find your sense of wanderlust.

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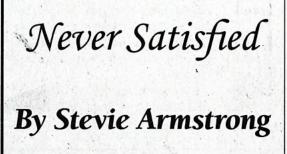
Cartoon by Evan Oldham





Opinion





I stare into the mirror with frustration and impatience.

I work so hard. Why am I still dissatisfied? I walk away, feeling defeated, as though nothing will ever be enough.

I spend hours upon hours in the gym every week. I take time meal-prepping instead of deciding what I want off the Chinese take-out menu. I purposely push myself through pain and discomfort. Yet, I am still dissatisfied.

Will I ever be satisfied?

Not only is my satisfaction with myself questioned by my opinion of my appearance, but also my intelligence, money and status in general.

I know it's not just me, though. America is one of the best-off places in the world, but we're never happy with what we have. We want more. Usually, more than we need.

Although most of us are still in college and don't make a whole lot of money, we're still some of the wealthiest people on the planet. Here are a couple of facts to think about.

If you make \$33,000 a year, you're in the top one percent of wage earners in the world. And if you make \$80,000 a year, you're in the top 0.01 percent of wage earners in the world.

Right out of college, most of us will be making around the first amount mentioned. Without hardly taking a step out of the college gates, you'll all ready roughly be in the top one percent of the world's wealthiest people.

I think most of us don't acknowledge how well-off we are because we focus more so on what we don't have, rather than on what we do.

People dread going to work, but at least they have a means of providing for themselves and most times others.

They complain about their small house or old car, but they're lucky enough to have both.

For me, I always see improvement needing to be made on myself. In reality, I am blessed to be able to have the gift of sight in the first place, because not everyone does.

I should be grateful that I have the ability to strengthen and improve myself, because not everyone can.

While many people wake up not knowing where their breakfast is going to come from, I'm whining about not having the right kind of breakfast.

While many people are afraid they won't survive the day, I'm complaining that the day feels too long.

I catch myself spending money on meaningless crap in hopes that somehow it'll make me happier. Most of the time I think, "If only I had that," or "If only I had more of that," I'd be happier.

For instance, we want more money, more muscles, more clothes and more cars.

We end up wearing ourselves out wanting stuff that won't matter 10 years from now.

While we waste our time

wanting, we miss the time we are given to appreciate having.

We have family and friends. We have homes and food. We have health and support. And all of these get pushed to the back-burner because we're busy focusing on what else we could have.

Trade places with someone from a third-world country. I guarantee you'd feel more appreciative afterward.

So, instead of staring into the mirror, focusing on what I don't like, I begin to see things I do like.

I have all four perfectly functional limbs. I can see, taste and hear. I'm able to feel with my hands and my heart. And I'm capably of processing it all with a healthy mind.

Not everyone can say those things. I should start appreciating the fact that I can.

Sincerely, Stevie

Follow me on Twitter @StevieArmstrong

After a Week of Shaky Ground, American Red Cross Brings New Earthquake App to Oklahoma

Rachel Brocklehurst

Staff Writer

Due to recent and an increasing number of earthquakes in Oklahoma, the Red Cross has stepped up and tried to help fellow Americans by creating an earthquake app for smart phones:

The free app is listed as "Earthquake by American Red Cross" and features a GPS to notify you about the earthquake, a list of potential shelters available during the time of need, a flashlight, an alarm and tips on what to do versus what not to do during an earthquake.

Other features include tips on preserving food/perishable items, reports of recent earthquakes near your location, and the "I am Safe" feature, which lets your friends and family on social media know that you're OK. to provide garments and surgical dressings for war efforts. They also assist by making comfort kits for the soldiers and connecting them with their families in times of need.

Since the 1940s, the chapter has been a leader in health and safety training, with programs in CPR, first aid, etc.

During the OKC bombing on April 19, 1995, the Red Cross was at the top of responsiveness to the needs of the community and the victims of the attack. They also provided aid to the first responders.

The Red Cross is helpful to the bombing victims to this day. Red Cross was first on the scene following the tragic May 3 tornadoes in 1999, aiding victims with their immediate needs.



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There are also quizzes available on the app to test the users' knowledge of earthquakes.

Regional Director of Communications Ken Garcia said, "The earthquake app was designed for people wherever their location may be, from Arizona to Washington to Oklahoma. Our NHQ is located in Washington and the Public Health Safety is in charge of making the app."

The Red Cross of Central Oklahoma has been helping the metro for over 90 years.

Since 1917, the Red Cross of Central Oklahoma has served the armed forces during war and peace, helping In 2001, the chapter deployed volunteers to support the victims of and responders to the 9/11 tragedy and has supported responses to numerous national and international disasters; along with those affecting their local communities.

Today, the chapter is part of a region of the American Red Cross that provides services to 47 counties and over 42K sq. miles throughout central and western Oklahoma.

They've had millions of people download the app.

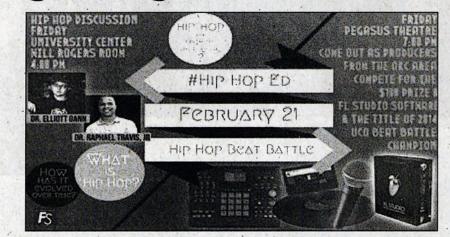
The app is constantly being updated. They also have apps to help with wildfires, earthquakes, hurricanes and tornados.

Garcia said, "The app is a great great tool."



Earthquake by American Red Cross" is a free app that notifies you about near by earthquakes . Photo by Quang Pho, The Vista.

Hip-Hop Beat Battle



The UCO Office of Diversity and Inclusion hosted a hip-hop battle as one of the events in celebration of Black History Month. Photo provided.

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On Friday Feb. 21 the UCO Office of Diversity and Inclusion hosted the first ever hiphop beat battle. It began at 7 p.m. in the Pegasus Theater in the College of Liberal Arts. This event was part of the Office of Diversity and Inclusion's Black History Month events. A forum about hip-hop preceded it. During the battle, different music producers played three songs. The top two would advance to the final round. The judges had a difficult decision of narrowing it down to two. When all of the songs had been played, the judges had a three-way tie for the final round.

For the final round the top three producers played one last song. One of the contestants created a song during this round. After deliberating, UCO sophomore Jalen Carson

was selected as the hip-hop beat battle champion. Carson is a student in the Academy of Contempo-

rary Music. He goes by the stage name of Sir Money. Carson has been producing music for over seven years and enjoys the work that he does. He also enjoys showcasing his music when he gets the chance. "I like anything that has to do with beats," he said.

Carson's musical inspiration comes from his father. When he was a child, his father would play music. This helped him to develop his musical sound. As the winner, Carson was awarded \$100. "I feel grateful," he said. "I on saving the plan money." Both the beat battle and the forum were put together by Stevie Johnson. He is the coordinator of the Office of Diversity and Inclusion. The event was meant to be a way to showcase talent in the Central community. "We came up with ideas for Black History Month to bring people together," Johnson said. There were many people in the audience. Johnson considers the beat battle

to be a success. It was his hope that everyone in attendance enjoyed themselves. "We brought out people in the university community," he said. "People had fun." The Central Office of Diversity and Inclusion has many more events for Black History Month. They include the spelling bee

and the quiz bowl. All of the events are free. For more information on the ODI and Black History Month events, contact Johnson at 405-974-5946.

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Their proposal implements numerous small spaceships equipped with lasers that would land on the asteroid's surface and begin to erode the surface through the use of said lasers, which would eventually cause the object to break apart without the threat of creating smaller asteroids.

"It is very reasonable that someone is going to find an asteroid with our name on it and it's going to be up to you, engineers, political science majors, international relations majors, venture capitalists and artists, to work together and inspire the world to do something about this," Nye said.

Another important subject Nye mentioned was global warming and simple preemptive measures people can take to reduce it, such as investing in solar panels and more energy efficient light bulbs.

"If millions of people make small changes, it can have a large effect," Nye said.

He pointed to the evidence the rising temperatures on Earth and the alarming rate at which it is rising.

He then discussed Oklahoma senior senator James Inhofe, whose name drew boos from the audience and his statements about the nonexistence of global warming, which Nye went to discredit.

Nye encouraged Oklahomans to study the facts about the issue for themselves and have their voices heard, come election season.

"I want you to appreciate that, as Oklahomans, that your vote counts more than most people's votes," Nye said. "You have three million people voting for senators. Your vote is worth 10 times what a vote in California is. Your vote is worth five times what a vote in New York has."

Nye also spoke briefly about his debate with Ham, and expressed his disapproval of Ham's worldview.

"As you may know, I had a discussion with a guy with an unusual worldview. I thought I made some pretty reasonable, logical arguments against some ideas that are not reasonable, but he stuck to them," Nye said. "So that guy and his people, in my view, really aren't really going to be a part of the future. They're not going to help us solve problems because although he and his followers take great advantage of all the technology that has been created by humans, through the process of science, sort of doesn't know how it all happened."

"I mention this because you have the same problem here to a lesser extent. You have a state senator who has introduced a bill to put creationism in the school curriculum," Nye said. "It's up to you to go out and vote to stop this from happening. We can't raise a generation of people that doesn't accept the process of science.'

Nye continued with encouraging words and the current generation's important role in shaping the future.

"When I was young, I went to the first Earth day. I rode my bicycle to the National Mall. It was all about doing less," Nye said. "The key to our future is not to do less. The key is to do more with less and that's what I want you all to do. Figure out how to do

more with less and dare I say it? Change the world."

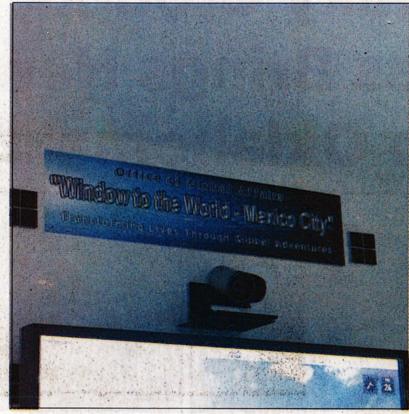
"We are living at a turning point where science is cool," Nye said. "Whether or not you choose to be a scientist, you can still respect it, embrace it, and understand this process is how we all get here."

"I'm a speck standing on a speck orbiting a speck with a bunch of other specks in the middle of specklessness. I suck," Nye said. "But with your brain, you can understand all of this. You can know your place among the stars, your place among the cosmos, your place in space."

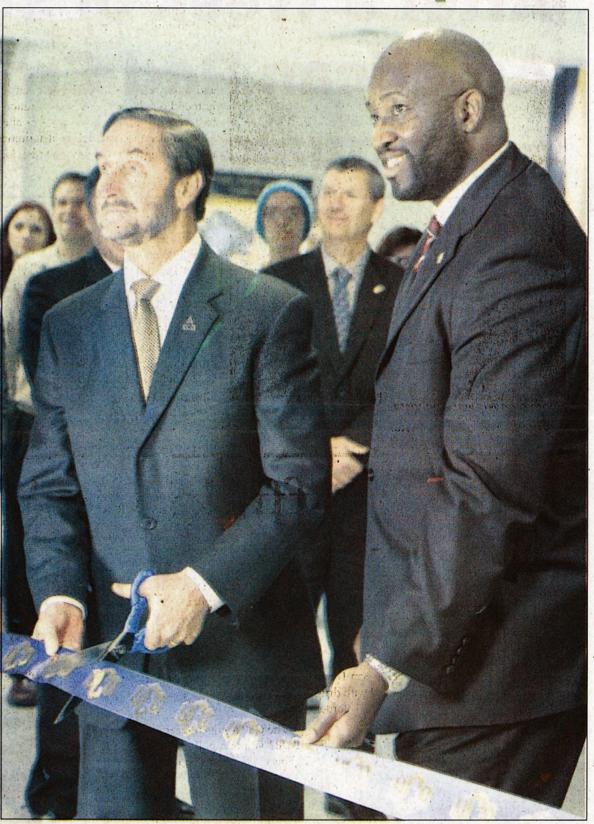
Nye held a short question and answer session with the audience. The questions asked ranged from Nye's pension for bow ties, his participation with the television show, 'Dancing with the Stars,' his least favorite subject in school, to his thoughts on genetic mútation.

Nye concluded by saying, "And with your brains, my friends, you can change the world."

A new 'Window to the World' opens



UCO's "Window to the World" to Mexico City is now open. The program is sponsored by the Office of Global Affairs. Photo by Sarah Neese, The Vista.

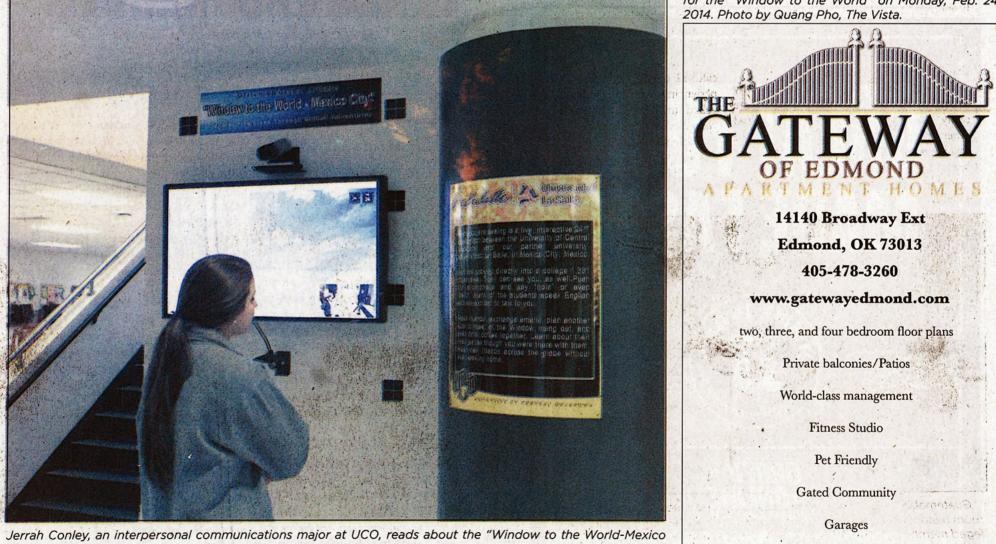




Zach Milvo, UCCSA President, takes part in the opening ceremony of the "Window to the World-Mexico City" on Monday, Feb. 24, 2014. Photo by Quang Pho, The Vista.

President Don Betz and Vice President of Enrollment Management cut the ribbon at the opening ceremony for the "Window to the World" on Monday, Feb. 24, 2014. Photo by Quang Pho, The Vista.

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City" between the University of Central Oklahoma and la Universidad La Salle. This "window to the world" allows students from each university to communicate with one another. Photo by Sarah Neese, The Vista.

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Driving Under the Influence

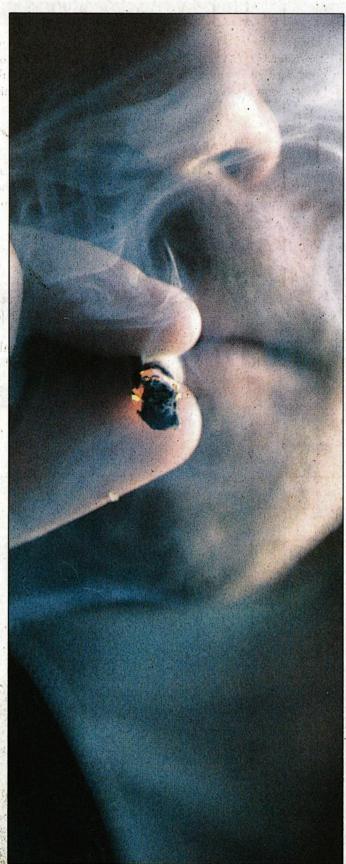


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As marijuana becomes legal in more states, there is debate on the risk of marijuana and how to detect a person under the influence of marijuana.

According to The New York Times, in a 2012 study published in the journal Psychopharmacology, only 30 percent of people under the influence of THC, the active ingredient in marijuana, failed the field test. And its ability to identify a stoned driver seems to depend heavily on whether the driver is accustomed to being stoned.

An officer who pulls a person over for suspicion of drinking while driving is likely to ask you to complete three tests: Follow a pen with your eyes, walk in a straight line and stand on one leg.

When an officer pulls over a person who has been drinking an excessive amount of alcohol, they will most likely wobble when they stand on one leg or fall over when trying to walk in a straight line.

An Edmond police officer, who asked to be unnamed because of his line of work, said, "Tests that are performed on drivers are typically standardized field sobriety tests, which is the same as a driver that is suspected to be under the influence of alcohol, but there are some officers who are more skilled that do other tests."

According to The New York Times, Dr. Huestis said, "It is clear that marijuana causes deficits that affect driving ability."

There is debate on how to best prove that drivers under the influence of marijuana are too intoxicated to drive.

"Signs of marijuana use is odor of marijuana, blood shot and watery eyes, lethargic speech and lethargic actions," the Edmond officer said. "It is also common for marijuana users to have a green tint on their tongues after."

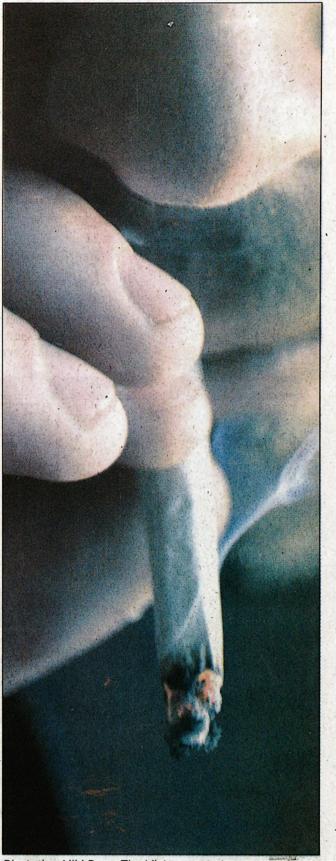
Blood-alcohol levels can be determined on the side of the road by using a breathalyzer, but that does not apply to marijuana.

Marijuana levels must be measured from blood or urine samples, which will take hours after the arrest to collect the samplings and weeks to get results.

"Driving under the influence of any substance is the same punishment, whether it is marijuana, alcohol, prescriptions pills, or any other narcotic," said the Edmond officer.

According to The New York Times, only six states have set legal limits for marijuana concentration in blood. In Colorado and Washington, where recreational use has been legalized, the limit is five nanograms per milliliter of blood.

Dr. Ramano said, according to The New York Times, "lowering the legal blood-alcohol concentration to 0.05 or even 0.02 would reduce risk far more effectively than any effort to curb stoned driving.



NEWS 5

Photo by Aliki Dyer, The Vista.

Drug Trafficking; A Minor Offense

Kanesha Brown

Staff Writer

According to an article on www. america. aljazeera.com, 978 minors in the San Diego area have been caught and charged with drug trafficking by the U.S. Customs and Border Patrol since 2008.

In 2012; the number of charges of minors doubled from the previous year to 244 charges. Minors, as young as 12, have been caught.

After the numbers of minors caught increased 16 percent from 2008 to 2009, the Department of Homeland Security began an outreach program that features a presentation to schools about drug trafficking.

Agents from the Customs Department, DHS special investigations, U.S. Attorney's Office and the San Diego Police Department share testimonies with students.

The website stated that the reason why smugglers recruit minors is because they are easily persuaded by money promises and other personal items. They are also assured that the time they will face is shorter or not as bad because of their age.

In California, the penalty for minors is roughly 15 months of probation in a juvenile

facility.

The website featured a story about Cruz Marcelino Velazquez Acevedo who almost passed through until he was caught by the CBP at the entry port of San Ysidro in San Diego that connects to Tijuana on Nov. 18, 2013.

Acevedo had told his father that he was going to the gym, but instead he went to the port.

The CBP agents noticed a difference on his B1/B2 wisa and pulled him aside. The B1/B2 allows Mexicans to enter the U.S. for tourism daily.

One of the officers was suspicious of a water bottle he was carrying filled with an amber-colored liquid. Acevedo tried to pass it off as apple juice, but a drug-sniffing dog signaled it was an illegal substance.

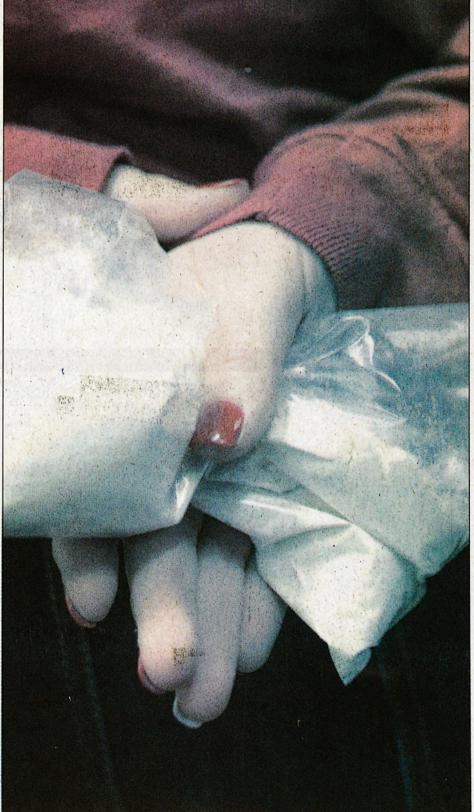
When Acevedo was first questioned about the substance, he swallowed some to prove to the officers that it was apple juice.

fter the he was arrested, the agents had to call 911 due to side effects Acevedo was experiencing. Acevedo grabbed his chest and yelled "my heart, my heart," in Spanish. Acevedo died 30 minutes later at the hospital.

A few weeks later, the San Diego County Medical Examiner ruled that Acevedo died from acute methamphetamine intoxication. His bottle contained 90 percent of meth.



Guatemalan Hugo Alvaro Gomez sits as a judge reads his sentence during a courtroom hearing, in Guatemala City, Friday, Feb. 21, 2014. Gomez and eight other alleged members of Los Zetas drug cartel were each sentenced to 106 years in prison, after they were found guilty of participating in the May 14, 2011 massacre of 27 farm laborers in Peten, north of Guatemala City. (AP Photo/Moises Castillo)



An increasing number of minors, have been caught and charged with drug trafficking by the U.S. Customs and Border Patrol since 2009. Photo by Aliki Dyer, The Vista.

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Historians believe that cigars have been a fixture in the Caribbean since 900. Proof comes from an ancient Guatemalan jug that shows a Mayan kicking back with a stogie.

The highest temperature ever recorded on earth was a searing 136° F. The scorcher occurred in Al Aziziyah, Libya on September 13, 1922.

The name "Emmy" was derived from the term "immy," which described the image orthicon tubes common in early TV cameras.

Caterpillars have about four thousand muscles.

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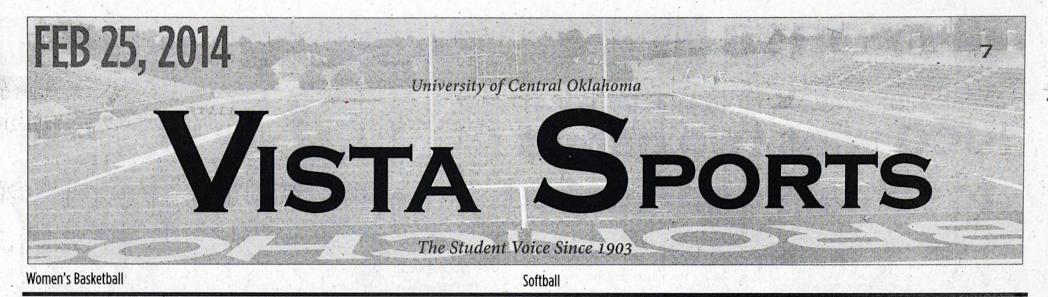
It takes nothing to join the crowd. It takes everything to stand alone. - Hans F Hansen

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Bronchos end a seven game Softball wins three out of lose streak on senior night five games in San Antonio

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The senior class pushed the Bronchos past Northeastern State University in their 69-65 victory in their final game at Hamilton Field House Saturday putting an end to their seven game losing streak.

All three seniors played an integral part in the victory with Jill Bryan leading the Bronchos in scoring adding 22 points of her own and a pair of important free throws with nine seconds remaining in play.

The Bronchos posted a season low of four turnovers due to the ball handling skills of senior guards Britney Morgan and Rachel New. New distributed the ball well to teammates with four assists and had seven points of her own as well as Morgan scoring 13 points to aid Central Oklahoma's scoring attack.

Central Oklahoma improved their record to 11 wins and 13 losses overall and 6-11 in the Mid-American Intercollegiate Athletic Associate, while Northeastern State fell to 10-14 for the season and 7-10 in the MIAA.

Going into intermission, Bryan's 12 points gave the Bronchos a 15-point lead that proved to be important as the Riverhawks went on a scoring spree in the second half. However, Central bounced back Baseball

forcing nine turnovers and led the final 35 minutes of the half, throwing up 16 shots of their own.

Fontana Tate, who hit the game winning shot the last time the Bronchos and Riverhawks met, finished with 18 points and a dangerous three-pointer. This forced Central Oklahoma to take action and go on a run to make the score 50-40 with 8:42 left in the game.

Tate only hit one of six attempted threepointers in the second half, making the Riverhawks shooting 8-15 behind the three-point arch. The inability of Northeastern State to execute paired with UCO's improved shooting average made the difference in this meeting as opposed to the team's prior meetings.

In past weeks, the Bronchos had been plagued by losses due to missed free throws and turnovers. Yet, Saturday Central Oklahoma looked like a different, more poised team. The Bronchos went 15-19 from the free-throw line with an astonishing 7-8 in the final minute of competition.

The Lady Bronchos will finish their season on the road as they face Fort Hays State in Hays, Kan. on Feb. 26. The Lady Tigers are 12-1 at home this season and 17-7 overall with a 10-7 record in the MIAA.

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Sports Reporter

The softball team was in action this weekend in San Antonio for the Rattler Invitational. The Bronchos, with a 6-5 record going in, managed to take three of five games in the tournament to improve to 9-7 on the season.

The Bronchos split their first day's games against Tarleton State and Rogers State. UCO started off hot with a run rule over the Tex-Anns of Tarleton.

Emily Ditmore and pitcher Kalynn Schrock lead the way in the dominating victory. Ditmore got the scoring started with a three-run homerun in the first. Ashton Smith and Sam Cool also added RBI to help finish the blowout. Schrock was just as impressive on the mound in earning the shutout. She allowed just two hits and two walks, while striking out seven.

Things would not go as smoothly in the second game of the day, as UCO fell to Rogers State. UCO trailed early 2-0, but managed to come back to tie it in the second and third. Rogers would break the game open in the bottom of the third. The Hillcats scored four runs in the inning, pushing the lead to 6-2. UCO would fall 6-3. The Bronchos left 13 runners and had three errors in the game.

The team would manage to split their two

games the next day, as well. The Bronchos would open up with a tough 2-1 victory over Midwestern State University. UCO would get all the runs they would need in the first two innings of the game. Outfielder Devyn Frazier would score off a single from Brooke Zukerman.

Then in the second, Frazer sent a run in herself giving the Bronchos the 2-0 lead. Schrock was strong again going the distance and striking six, while giving up zero earned runs. She managed to pitch out of a jam in the bottom of the seventh to secure the victory.

In their next game, UCO would fall to host St. Mary's for the second time this season. They fell to the Rattlers 7-2 in Las Vegas. This one was much closer, as the Bronchos fell 2-0. St. Mary's first run came off a couple of walks, a passed ball and an illegal pitch, while adding an extra run in the fourth.

UCO went over .500 for the weekend with a 4-0 win over eastern New Mexico State on Sunday. Eight different players recorded at least one hit in the game.

Kaylee Brunson and Devyn Frazier chipped in with RBI singles. Schrock and Nicole Brady teamed up for the two hit shutout. In the victory, Brunson became the leader of steals for UCO.

The Bronchos will be on the road again as they will face Midwestern State in a rematch on March 4 in a doubleheader.

Central Oklahoma goes 1-2 on the road against Emporia

Trey Winfrey

Contributing Writer

The UCO baseball team had jumped out to a quick start in the 2014 season. The Bronchos were 4-0 and had outscored their opponents 51-14 headed into their first conference road series at Emporia State.

When the two teams met ternoon they would be in for a good old fashioned shootout. UCO jumped out on top in the first inning behind a Philip Wilson solo homerun only to be answered in the bottom of the frame by a Dean Long solo homerun. The teams continued to slug it out as they played long ball with the gusting winds at their aid. Wilson doubled in the third to score Dilon Argo and Robbie Hoffman and would later score on a Matt Johnson RBI single. That tied the game at four after three innings.

the fifth by UCO's Dylan Tinkler's three run homerun to put the Bronchos up 7-5, but Tory Bell drove in two RBI on homerun to tie the game at seven after five innings.

The turning point of the game came in the top of the seventh inning when UCO trailed by one run. They scored seven runs in the top of the frame and would never look back from there. Six different players picked ninth inning, but would fall short and the Bronchos would win their fifth game of the year in a 17-16 thriller.

Saturday, the teams would meet up for a double-header on a much milder day. The teams scored seven total runs on the day.

The Bronchos trailed early behind a pair of RBI singles by Bell and Wade Hanna in the first inning and trailed 3-0 noting after one inning. The Hornets would pick up two more runs in the sixth inning and would go ahead to win 5-0 to hand the Bronchos their first loss of the season.

Emporia state tried to rally in the only one. Hoffman picked up an RBI in the fourth and sixth innings to give the team a 2-0 victory.

In the series finale Sunday, the Bronchos had found themselves in a hole before first pitch because of multiple starters being suspended for a violation of team rules.

The Bronchos led the Hornets 2-1 in the fifth, but trailed 5-2 after five innings to a RBI single and a throwing error that cost the

The teams traded home runs in

Sochi Winter Olympics 2014

up RBI's in the inning.

Wilson picked up his third home run and seventh RBI of the day in the eighth inning when he hit a two-run homerun to right field. He was five for six with three homeruns and seven RBI and led the way for the Bronchos at the plate.

"What a great college baseball game," head coach Dax Leone told bronchosports.com Friday. "Obviously the wind blowing out-played a major factor, but our players competed so hard. We're really proud of this group and just want to keep working at getting better every time we take the field."

Mason Justice took the loss, but pitched well outside of the first inning. He allowed four hits and three earned runs, all in the first, and struck out seven Hornets in the effort

The second game was won by the Bronchos in a pitcher's duel behind Rickey Reeves' complete game one-hit shutout victory. He struck out six Hornets and walked

Bronchos two runs. The ninth inning rally, led by Cesar Wong, fell short after Dennis Morelli struck out with the tying run on base. "I was really proud of the guys who played today," Leone told broncosports.com. "It was an awfully tough situation for them, with numerous guys playing out of position. Hopefully our team will learn from this and we can move forward."

That loss made the Bronchos record 6-2 overall and 2-2 in the conference, headed to a four-game set with Washburn in Edmond Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

U.S.A. finishes second at the Sochi Winter Olympics





Top left: People take pictures of the Olympic rings outside a train station after the 2014 Winter Olympics, Monday, Feb. 24, 2014, in Adler, Russia. (AP Photo/Jae C. Hong) Bottom left: People gather along the shore of the Black Sea a day after the close of the 2014 Winter Olympics, Monday, Feb. 24, 2014, in Sochi, Russia. (AP Photo/Charlie Riedel) Top Right: Russian President Vladimir Putin, left, toasts a glass of champagne with the International Olympic Committee President Thomas Bach during the official reception of IOC for Sochi 2014 Winter Olympics organizing committee on Monday, Feb. 24, 2014, in Sochi, Russia. (AP Photo/RIA Novosti Kremlin, Mikhail Klimentyev, Presidential Press Service)

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3. Norway - 26	11	5	10
4. Canada - 25	10	10	5
5. Netherlands - 24	8	7	9

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Women's Tennis

UCO wins two games to remain undefeated

Rick Lemon

Sports Reporter

The UCO women's tennis team won their two matches over the weekend to remain unbeaten so far in this early season. The Bronchos were able to manhandle Crowley County Community College 7-2 on Friday at home and then fight off East Central in Ada for a 6-3 win on Sunday afternoon.

The two wins this weekend doubles the Broncho's win total for this young season for a perfect record of 4-0. With three more matches scheduled before the stat of league play, UCO has a good chance to take the lead in the conference outright before Mid-American Intercollegiate Athletic Association play even begins.

The Broncho's win on Friday helped them to extend what is becoming a lengthy homewinning streak to 15 games. The streak extends all the way back to the 2012 season, with the Bronchos going undefeated last season at home and looking to repeat the accomplishment again this year.

On Friday, the Bronchos were able to win two of the three doubles matches and five of the six singles outs to thoroughly handle the Crowley Country Community College Tigers.

Alina Gorina and Emilie Semo were able to rally to an 8-4 win at No. 1 doubles, while Petra Pesic and Lauren Allison were able to take an 8-3 win from No. 3 doubles to make

the overall team score 2-1 UCO going into the singles matches.

During the singles matches was where the Bronchos were truly able to pull away as they captured the first five matches and seal the victory. Pesic showed a gritty performance in pulling out a 6-3, 3-6, 10-5 decision for No. 1 singles. Gorina, Richardson, Anna Braun and Semo were then able to sew up the match with all of them winning in straight sets.

The Bronchos seemed to have déjà vu on Sunday, as they were able to go on the road for the first time this season, but get similar results to Friday. Sunday saw the Bronchos get out to an early lead, taking the double section of the match two games to one, and then turn it on in the singles matches to earn the win.

Alina and Semo were able to capture No. 1 doubles with a 6-3 win, while Petra and Allison were able to improve on the their score on Friday and defeat the ECU pair 8-2 in No. 3 doubles.

ECU and UCO traded games through the first three singles matches with ECU winning No. 1 singles and No. 3 singles, while Gorina took No. 2 singles. The Bronchos were then able to win the next three matches to finally clinch the victory.

UCO will continue their six-game road trip that started with Sunday's match against ECU. This Thursday when they head to Bethany, they will face the Southern Nazarene Crimson Storm. Thursday's match will start at 2 p.m.

UCO 7, Cowley County 2 (Friday)

SINGLES

No. 1 – Petra Pesic, UCO, def. Ana Ruzir, 6-3, 3-6, 10-5.

- No. 2 Alina Gorina, UCO, def. Sarah Giraldo, 6-2, 6-2.
- No. 3 Kristin Richardson, UCO, def. Shali Schoeflin, 7-5, 6-2.
- No. 4 Anna Braun, UCO, def. Erianna Adams, 6-2, 6-2.
- No. 5 Emilie Semo, UCO, def. Hannah Braun, 6-2, 6-3.
- No. 6 Lanlyn Sullins, CC, def. Lauren Allison, 7-5, 6-4. DOUBLES
- No. 1 Gorina/Semo, UCO, def. Schoeflin/Brown, 8-4.
- No. 2 Ruzir/Adams, CC, def. Richardson/Braun, 8-4.
- No. 3 Pesic/Allison, UCO, def. Giraldo/Slovacek, 8-3.

UCO 6, East Central 3 (Sunday)

SINGLES

No. 1 - Muscillo, Bernardita, ECU, def. Pesic, Petra, 6-1, 3-6, 6-2 No. 2 – Gorina, Alina, UCO, def. Municoy, Julia 4-6, 7-6, 6-1 NARNEASS EDES DOOL Spontopos FRES DERSO STORES EDES DERSO STORES SALE DERSO STORES DE DON TABLES SALE DERSO STORES DE DON TABLES SALE DE DOS STORES SALE DE DOS SALE

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No. 3 – Dignard, Elisabeth, ECU, def. Richardson, Kristin 7-6, (10-8), 1-6, 6-3

No. 4 - Braun, Anna, UCO, def. Moran, Agostina 4-6, 6-1, 6-4

No. 5 - Semo, Emilie, UCO, def. Threet, Katelin 6-3, 6-0

No. 6 – Allison, Lauren, UCO, def. Kerr, Kelsey 4-6, 7-5, 7-5 DOUBLES

No. 1 - Gorina/Semo, UCO, def. Moran/Dignard, 8-4

No. 2 - Muscillo/Municoy, ECU, def. Richardson/Braun, 8-2

No. 3 - Pesic/Allison, UCO, def. Threet/Kerr, 8-2

Men's Basketball

Bronchos extend their win streak to six games

Aaron Santelmann

Contributing Writer

The Bronchos men's basketball team stretched their winning streak to six on Saturday when they defeated the Northeastern State Riverhawks on senior day, 63-56.

This was the second meeting of the season for these two teams and the Bronchos were able to sweep the series. The last meeting against the Riverhawks on Feb. 6th was a thrilling win for the Bronchos, as they claimed the victory on the road and after double overtime.

Coming into Saturday, the Bronchos would have to buckle down on Bryton Hobbs, the Riverhawks' sharpshooter. Hobbs leads the MIAA in scoring at 23.1 per game and put up 35 points against the Bronchos on Feb. 6. Hobbs is a master at getting to the foul line, where he shoots 81.8 percent.

The Bronchos started off stagnate, putting up an air ball on the first possession and following it with three turnovers. This jumped the Riverhawks, who scored 10 straight points to put the Bronchos in a hole early. However, by 11:35 left in the first half, the Broncho guards had found their rhythm going on a 16-3 run.

After each team exchanged runs, the game slowed to a trot with both sides having trouble gaining leverage on the other. The slow play resulted in a low scoring contest and the Bronchos led at half, 31-26.

However, the Bronchos defense was solid in the first half and did not allow any points for Hobbs.

The game stayed at a slow pace until the Broncho big men made their move early in the second half.

After a nifty steal from Jarred Bairstow, the ball landed in the hands of speedy sophomore guard Aaron Anderson, who hit a streaking Seth Heckart for the fast break layup. A minute later, Anderson beat his man again and attacked the left baseline. Blowing by the Riverhawk defense, Anderson lifted off a foot in the lane for the slam-dunk.

The rim-ripping dunk increased the Bronchos lead to 10 with 9:48 to play. Despite Hobbs scoring all 15 of his points in the second half, it was not enough to worry the Bronchos.

Although it was not pretty, the Bronchos pulled out the victory on senior day and handed Coach Terry Evans a place in the record books as the second most wins as headcoach in program history.

The two seniors for the Bronchos, Nic Combs and Josh Gibbs, contributed heavily to the win.

Combs scored seven points and menaced the Riverhawks with two steals, while Gibbs scored 16.

This was the last home game for Central who will now hit the road to finish up the regular season playing Fort Hays State and Nebraska-Kearney.

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