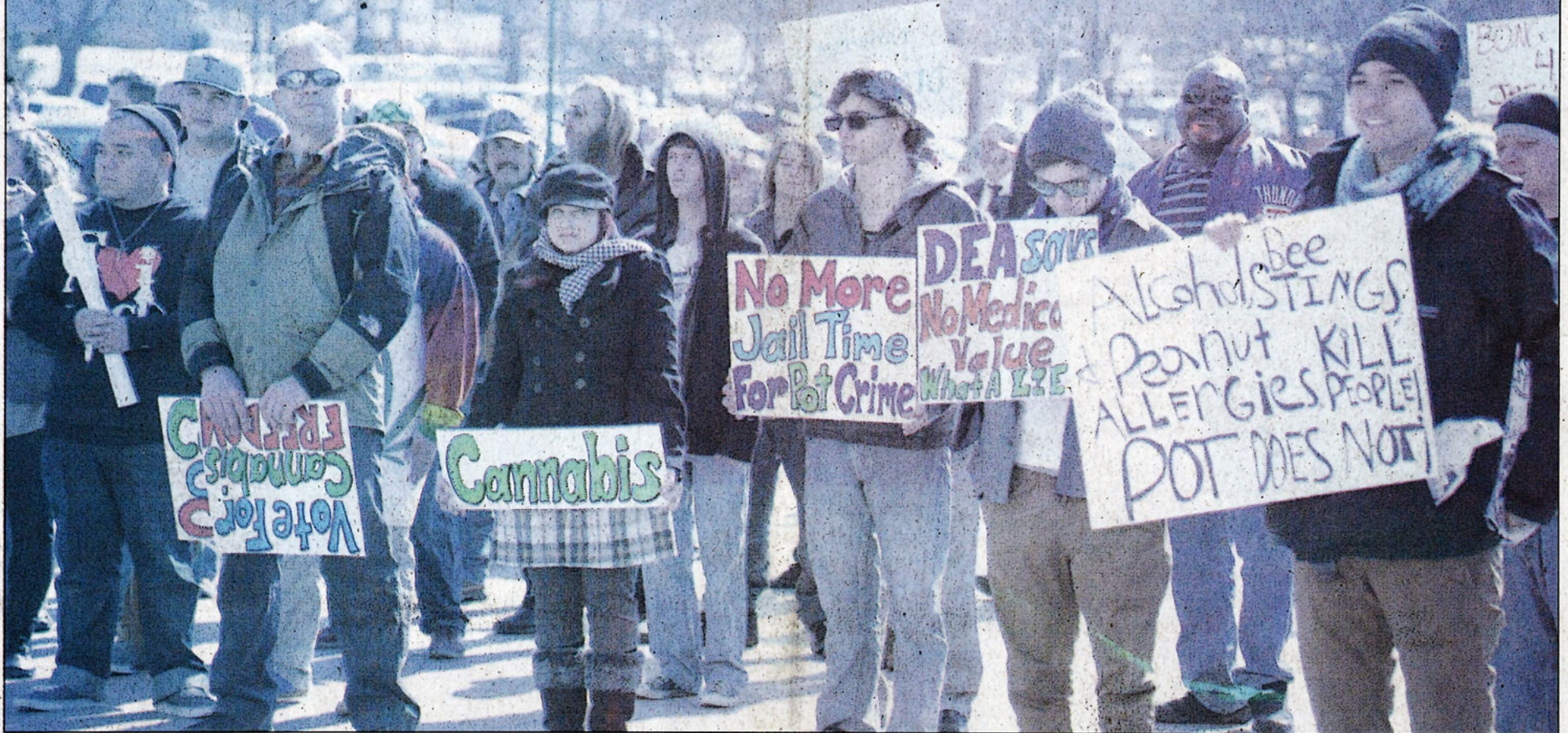


RALLY FOR CHANGE



A group of Oklahomans gather at the Oklahoma State Capitol on Monday, February 12, 2014 to rally for the legalization of marijuana in the state of Oklahoma. Photo by Brooks Nickell, The Vista.

Tyler Talley
 Staff Writer

OKLAHOMA CITY- Medical marijuana supporters rallied as a movement to reform Oklahoma's strict anti-pot laws last Wednesday at the State Capitol. Encouraged by the legalization of marijuana in both Colorado and Washington, the activist group, OK

Coalition to End Prohibition, gathered around mid-day to show their support for state senator Connie Johnson's proposed bill, S.B. 2116.

Johnson (D-Forest Park/Oklahoma City) has introduced a number of proposed bills designed to ease restrictions on marijuana in the state.

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REBUILDING A CITY FROM THE GROUND UP: MOORE CONTINUES CITY RECONSTRUCTION



Allie Mills, left, and Wayne Barber, a Southern Baptist Convention Disaster Relief volunteer of Jasper, Texas, stand on what used to be the second floor of Mills' home in the Westmoor addition. Photo by Aliko Dyer, The Oklahoman



A house stands, awaiting completion, as Moore residents continue to rebuild after a tornado destroyed their neighborhood on May 20, 2013. Photo by Olanrewaju Suleiman, The Vista.

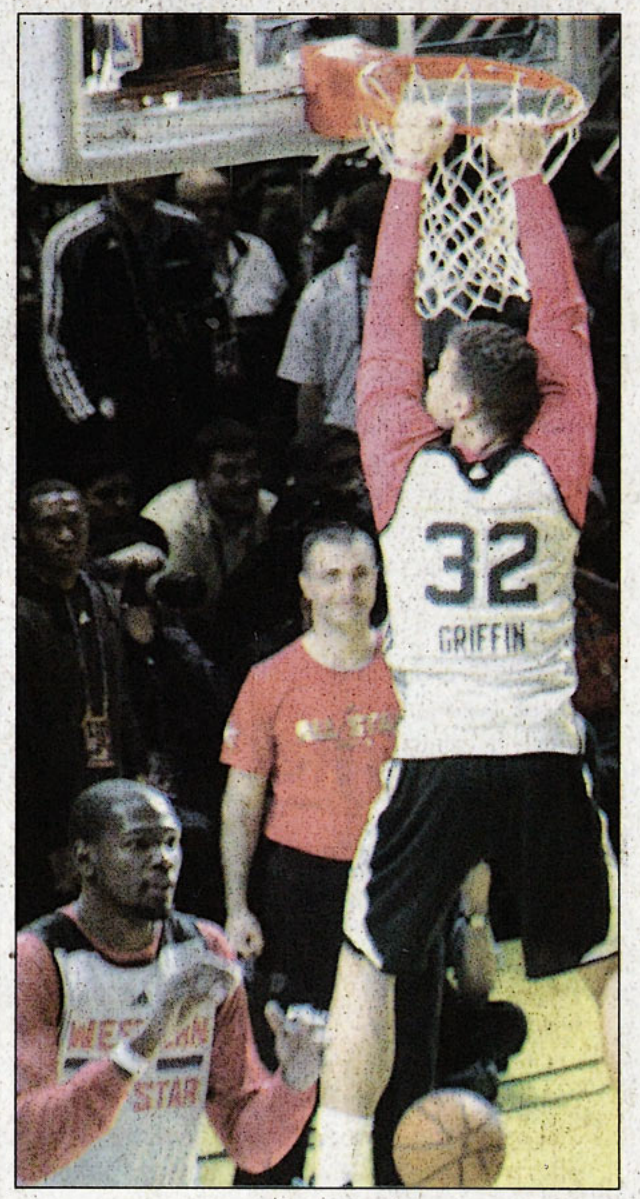
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On May 20, 2013 the city of Moore, Okla. was hit with a EF5 tornado. This was Moore's second F5 tornado. The first was on May 3, 1999. The May 20 tornado left a path of destruction that leveled entire neighborhoods, as well as destroying two elementary schools and the Moore Medical Center. In the wake of the devastating tornado, many citizens of Moore were left homeless. Several business owners suffered losses, as well. Home and business owners were left with the task of rebuilding their homes and places of work. This was no simple matter because of the fact that some in-

surance companies did not cover all of the damage caused by the tornado. Both the University of Central Oklahoma and the University of Oklahoma offered housing to tornado victims. Since May 20, Moore has received over 1,400 building permits for homes and businesses impacted by the tornado. The City of Moore Mayor Glenn Lewis announced this during the National Tornado Summit in Oklahoma City. This was during a discussion about how cities can plan ahead for disasters. With his plan, at least 85 percent of the buildings in Moore will be able to come back. While many homeowners chose to sell and move out of the city, the majority of citizens in Moore have chosen to remain in the city.

The building permits will also help people who were underinsured. They will allow them to cover the costs of rebuilding that their insurance company might not have. Some buildings have already been rebuilt. The Moore post office was completely destroyed. It was rebuilt and reopened in December 2013. The two elementary schools destroyed were Plaza Towers Elementary and Briarwood Elementary. There are active plans to not only rebuild the schools, but to build them with safe rooms, as well. Moore has also suffered damage from tornadoes in October 1998, May 2003 and May 2010. For more information on the status of the City of Moore, visit www.cityofmoore.com.

ALL-STAR WEEKEND



Teammates for the Western Conference team, Blake Griffin and Kevin Durant take part in a team practice before the 2014 NBA All-Star Game in New Orleans. Photo by Kanesha Brown, The Vista.

Kanesha Brown
 Staff Writer

This year, the city of New Orleans hosted the NBA All-Star Weekend for the first time since 2006. The events started on the 13th and lasted through the 16th. I traveled for 11 hours by car from Edmond, Okla. to attend my first NBA All-Star Weekend that I've been planning since the previous year. Visitors and celebrities

came from all over the U.S. to watch the NBA players play at the Smoothie King Center, formally the New Orleans Arena, on Sunday. The East won the game with 163 points; the west had 155 points. The eastern conference players included: Paul George, Carmelo Anthony, LeBron James, Dwayne Wade, Kyrie Irving, Roy Hibbert, Chris Bosh, Joe Johnson, DeMar DeRozan, John Wall, Paul Millsap and Joakim Noah.

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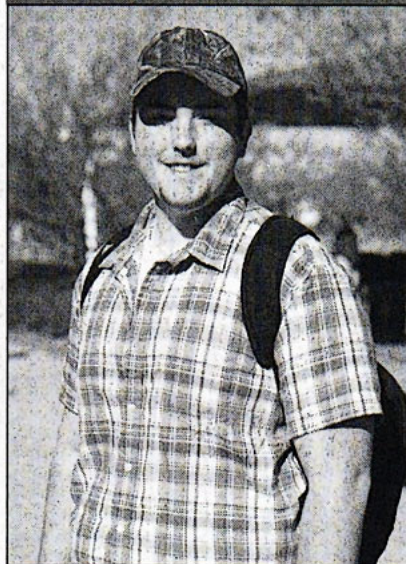
If you could meet a famous person, who would it be and why?

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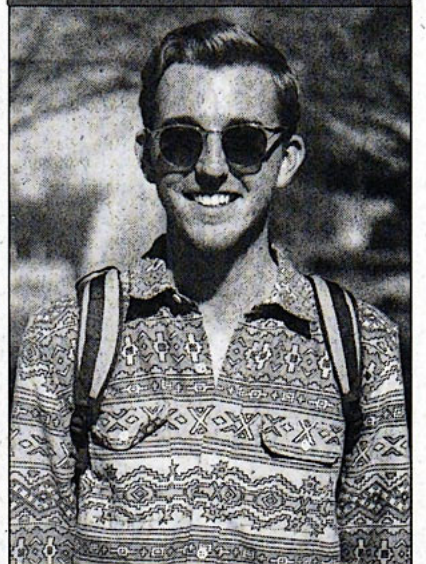
"I would say Abraham Lincoln. He made a really big impact on the United States and we share the same birthday."

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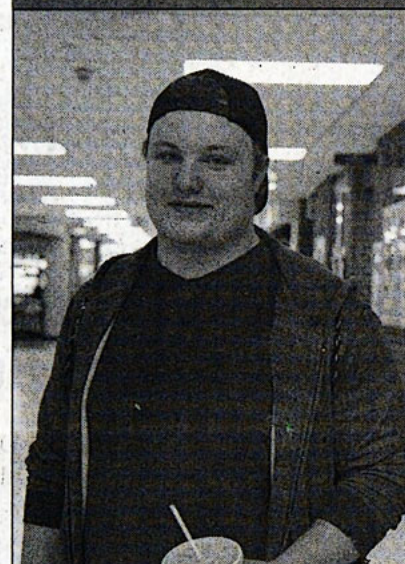
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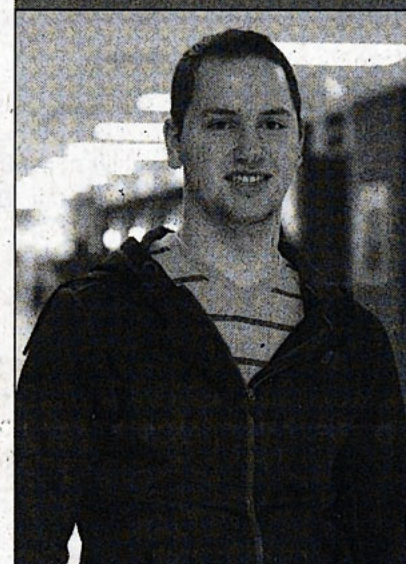
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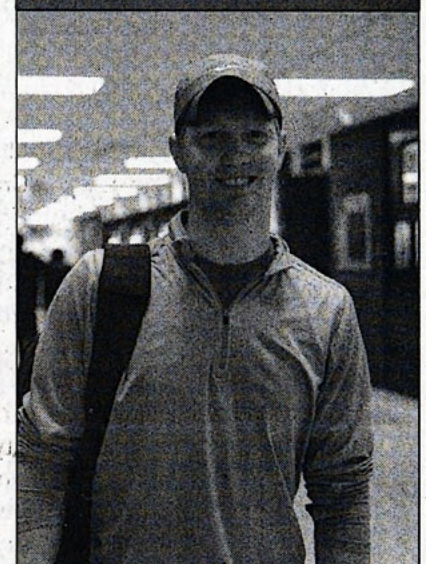
"Stephen Hawking because he's a genius."

ALEX MILLER
Political Science - Freshman



"People are people. I don't really have a preference."

HARRISON COPE
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"I think right now it'd be Robert Downey Jr. because he's hilarious and he's had a pretty rough go of things like how he talked about his journey."

Everything is Awesome

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

Let me be brutally honest.

When The Lego Movie first started, I was slightly regretting paying to see it in theaters. I had gone, on a whim, to see the movie after I had heard quite a few people say that it was worth my time.

So, to be already regretting my decision to see the movie within a few minutes of its start was disappointing, to say the least.

However, the movie quickly proved me wrong.

My brief hesitations about the realistic nature of the Lego animation were put to rest as the movie began to pick up the pace.

Here are a few things I loved about The Lego Movie.

1. **Satire.** A few years ago, I started to understand why parents don't completely hate going to kid movies. Many times, animated movies will advertise that there is "something for everyone," but they're actually right. This movie was no exception.

The Lego Movie had its fair share of social commentary as it highlighted the not-so-original nature of the world today. The satire in the film is visible and intelligent, making it that more enjoyable for an adult viewer.

2. **Catchy tune.** I love musical numbers, and though the one in The Lego Movie is part of its satirical message, it is also very catchy and a little hard to get away from.

3. **Nostalgia.** I must say, I never really played with Legos that much as a kid. However, all throughout the movie, I found myself feeling a sense of nostalgia at all of the childhood wonder included in the film. Every little Lego detail made my heart smile as we surfed through the world of Lego.

4. **Life lessons.** It's hard to think of an animated film that doesn't have a life lesson hidden (or not so hidden) within its plot. Though I won't ruin the ending and the life lessons included, I did enjoy Lego's decision to include important messages about life inside their witty film.

5. **Awesome characters.** Aside from the main character, who was pretty funny, appearances by some pretty awesome characters really made the film shine. Batman, Superman,

Green Lantern, Dumbledore, Gandalf and even Hans Solo made appearances in the movie.

The Lego Movie, in the end, was worth my money and I recommend seeing it for a pick-me-up. It's

sure to leave you smiling and singing your entire way home.

CAMPUS CARTOON

I JUST HAD MY EYES PECKED OUT BY A MURDER OF CROWS, BUT IT WAS STILL BETTER THAN GIVING A CLASS PRESENTATION!



Cartoon by Evan Oldham

Opinion

Sincerely,



Stevie

Single and Spoiled

By Stevie Armstrong

Growing up as an only child, you view the world in a different way.

I think you develop a bigger sense of who you are as an individual. You're forced to be independent.

Only children are used to being on their own, doing their own thing and typically doing it by themselves.

When others realize that I'm an only child, I immediately get judged. You won't believe how many times I've heard the word, "spoiled" from people who hardly even know me. And many who know me don't think I'm spoiled until they know I'm an only child.

My mom was a single parent for about 12 years. She worked all day and sometimes all night. We had a little house, but it fit our little family. It was just my mom and me. That's all we needed.

She didn't have money to send me to piano practice or gymnastics or swim team after

school. But that was okay. I had the best after-school program there was. I got to spend time with my mom.

In elementary school, I would jump off the school bus and let myself inside our house. I knew it would be a few more hours before my mom came home, so I would normally finish my homework before she arrived.

After that, I would turn on our clunky 90s boom box and dance on top of the coffee table to Britney Spears and 'N sync.

I knew how exhausted my mom always seemed after work, so I tried making her life easier by preparing fancy dinners that would be ready when she came through the door. They usually consisted of SpaghettiOs, canned fruit, sliced bread and an Easy-Bake Oven dessert.

Although I made a bigger mess than anything, she always played gracious and

proud.

My mom would sit me on her lap and we would watch our favorite TV shows together. I remember staring at the clock every night, dreading my eight o'clock bedtime. I wanted to stay up later with my mom. Whether we talked a lot or not, I was always content just being next to her.

I loved staring at her. She had long dark hair that naturally waved just right. She had petite facial features and gentle green eyes with a dash of hassle around the pupils.

When the clock struck eight, off to my room we went. She would tuck me into bed, kiss my forehead, and reassure me that she loved me more than anything in the world.

I guess I am spoiled. I grew up with a mom who loved me enough to fight this world on her own, to be independent, and to never reveal when she was scared.

She loved me enough to not

give up when it would have been easier to. She played the role of both Mom and Dad and succeeded at raising me in such a challenging way.

With me being an only child and my mom being a single parent, we only had each other to rely on. We relied on each other in very different ways, but experienced identical rewards.

Now, we both have a better sense of who we are as individuals. We were both forced to be independent. And we are strong enough to stand on our own.

So yes, I am spoiled to have been raised that way. And I wouldn't change it for anything.

Sincerely, Stevie

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Wind continues blowing minds and saving money

Rachel Brocklehurst

Staff Writer

One member of the Sustainability Coordinator Facilities Management, Tim Tillman, who grew up in Baton Rouge, La. spent 24 years working for the government, traveling all over the nation and world, and came to UCO in 2008.

He retired from being the Sustainability Coordinator Facilities Management in 2007 and went to work in Bicycle Pedestrian Advocacy. He then wound up coming back to UCO as the Alternative Transportation Director.

He started Bum-a-Bike. "We purchase our wind power through Edmond Electric and they have figured out a way to split off what goes into the grid," Tillman said. "You'll have a whole mix of Oklahoma Energy sources going into the power grid."

He could narrow it down to what wind farm we get our energy from, but for the most part, to say how many actual turbines it takes to power the university, it's kind of a guess.

"The colleges and universities in that ranking are sorted out by athletic division," Tillman said.

In our particular athletic conference, UCO was number one.

"Every year we've won the division, which is kind of a big deal," Tillman said.

"Our national ranking

overall goes up and down a little bit depending on if a bigger school goes to 1005 wind; obviously they're going to be ahead of us because they're purchasing more."

Including UCO, there are 14 members in the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association.

The other 13 include: The University of Central Missouri, Emporia State University, Fort Hays State University, Lincoln University, Lindenwood University, Missouri Southern State University, Missouri Western State University, University of Nebraska Kearney, Northwest Missouri State University, Washburn University, Northeastern State University, Pittsburgh State University, and Southwest Baptist University.

"The infrastructure on a wind turbine is rather expensive because they are huge pieces of machinery," Tillman said. "With any technology, as they become more prevalent, then the price is going to start to drop considerably."

Not only is UCO big on saving energy by not printing papers, turning out the lights when no one's in the classroom, or using the wind farm, they conserve water, as well.

"Our biggest water use is irrigation for plants and turf," Tillman said. "We have

almost completed, or have completed, the installation of an irrigation system that is automated, runs off sensors, and can be controlled from a remote device."

"That has been estimated to drop our water consumption somewhere around 60 percent," Tillman said.

Something that has also helped decrease water usage is waterless urinals in the men's rooms.

"Those save about 130,000 gallons per year," Tillman said.

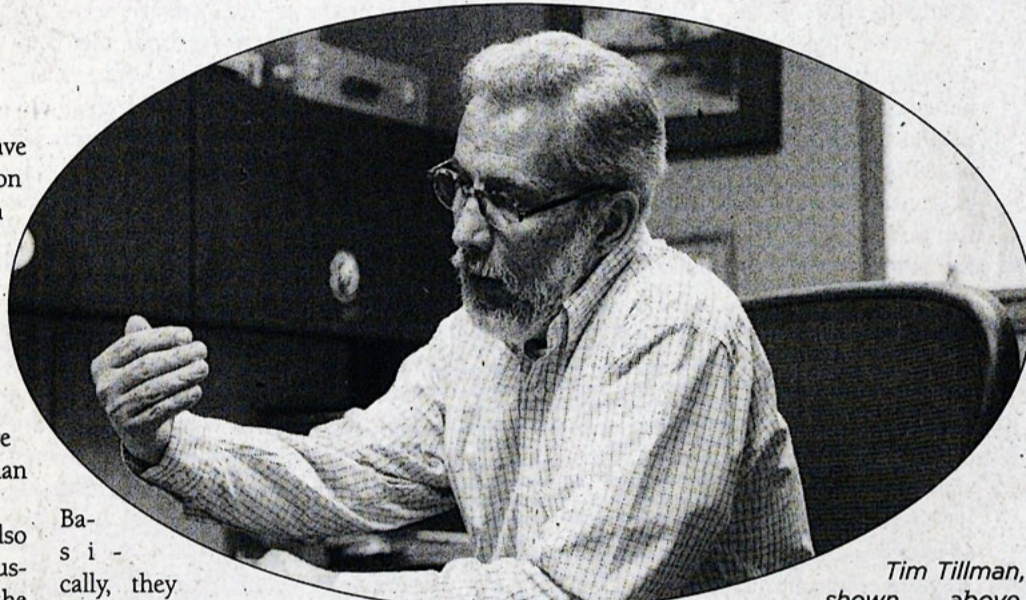
For energy conservation, they're in a phase now, going back to about 2007, where they've had what's called a performance contract with Johnson Controls.

The way that performance contract works is Johnson Controls comes in, the Facilities Management issues bonds to allow them to replace equipment, as well as fix what they need. They in turn guarantee UCO that the energy savings from that will pay back the bond repayments.

So it's essentially zero cost to the university.

"Just on electricity, natural gas and water, what our expected utility cost for electric was projected to be was \$772,000 for an 890 for one quarter," Tillman said.

"What they saved us was \$168,652.



Tim Tillman, shown above, grew up in Baton Rouge, La. and began working at UCO in 2008. Photo by Quang, Pho, The Vista.

Basically, they saved us 22 percent of/on power, 53 percent on natural gas, 48 percent on water.

That contract has just made our energy consumption drop dramatically."

Every building in UCO is completely controlled, and temperatures are adjusted remotely. It's all automated. What the Facility Management is moving into now is behavior modification.

UCO's Facilities Management wants to get people to think about things like turning off lights to empty rooms, and people unplugging their chargers when they leave.

"We're in a process of putting together a campaign that's going to roll that out campus wide without causing any pain," said Tillman.

"We're going to go a whole bunch of different directions. In fact, I hope to launch the whole thing April 22, on Earth Day. But we've got the marketing firm that does ad-

vancing wind Oklahoma and they're handling a whole big multimedia piece on Earth Day."

They're also in talks with the folks from Dead Center Film Festival and they're going to do a couple of documentary screens. There's going to be a big social media push. Tillman really wants to go with as much electronic media as possible for email blasts, tips, and such.

"It's a constant, ongoing process of, is there a new technology that could save us money? We have to balance that by being good stewards of student dollars," Tillman said.

"If I were to go out and build a \$100,000 wind turbine on campus to give me three thousand watts, which won't even warm up your

house, that's not a good financial decision," Tillman said.

"But if I can replace 100 light fixtures, and cut the wattage in half, and still get the same level of service, that's the point."

"If you take all the tree hugging hippie stuff out, which is the part I like, but if you take all that out and just get a purely economic decision, then, with enrollment going up, and more and more classes being added, longer days, more extreme weather, any money we can save \$116,000 in a quarter is pretty impressive," Tillman said.

"If you can save that money, and put it back into what we're all about, which is educational processes for students, then that's a good thing."

ObamaCare confuses foreign business owners

Leilei Chen

Staff Writer

ObamaCare created a Small Business Health Options Program, a part of each state's health insurance marketplace for the small business with under 50 full-time employees.

Businesses can get tax credits to help pay for employee premiums with fewer than 25 full-time employees with average annual wages below \$50,000.

ObamaCare Small Business employer mandate has been delayed. There are different reactions about ObamaCare in OKC business fields.

According to the NewsOK report, Chad Godwin, a small business owner in Oklahoma City, was glad to hear about this administration last summer. It delayed the employer mandate until Jan. 1, 2015.

Based on the original mandate under the Affordable Care Act, it requires employers with over 50 workers to provide health insurance. That began this year.

Most of the small business owners, like Chad Godwin, decided to trim their workforce to reduce the cost. Some of them will pay over 70 percent of the premiums.

"We believe delays to improve legislation can be viewed as positive," Hudelson & Associates said. "We've spent the last four years preparing companies for ACA compliance, and it's proven extremely frustrating for our clients to comply with the continually changing legislation."

As a multiculturalism country, OKC has many international business companies, like foreign restaurants and supermarkets. The people that own most of them are from other countries. They are not that familiar with American Insurance and American business law, many of the business owners said.

"I heard of ObamaCare before, but I don't really understand what it is and how it works," a small Chinese restaurant owner said. "I feel I need someone help us to do this program, because it is hard for our foreigners to build an affordable qualified health plans."

Student-parents experience extra struggles during winter storms

Sean Tolbert

Contributing Writer

For UCO students who are balancing roles as both students and parents, severe weather and school closings have caused many to make choices regarding their attendance and education.

On Feb. 2, Oklahoma experienced its first major winter storm of 2014, according to meteorologists at KWTW News 9 in Oklahoma City.

The storm brought ice and snow to the state, as well as numerous school closings, including Oklahoma City Public Schools, who, on Feb. 5, closed their doors to students for a seventh time, the district maximum for the calendar school year.

The closings in Oklahoma City, as well as other parts of the metro this winter, have left UCO student-parents repeatedly scrambling to find friends, relatives and child-care facilities to care for their kids during the closings.

Brooklyn Christian, 24, strategic-communications major, said the closings have left her with few options regarding who could care for her two children.

"I have had to miss school to stay with my kids; otherwise I may have to find a baby sit-

ter who is willing to drive in bad conditions and finding a sitter willing to do so is a job in and of itself," Christian said.

Christina White, advertising major, has said she has had to contend with her son's charter school closing four times this winter.

"I'm forced to find a sitter or else I can't attend school," White said. "With most people working it gets really hard."

With attendance requirements varying from class to class, affected students must often rely on the understanding of their respective educators to resolve potential attendance issues.

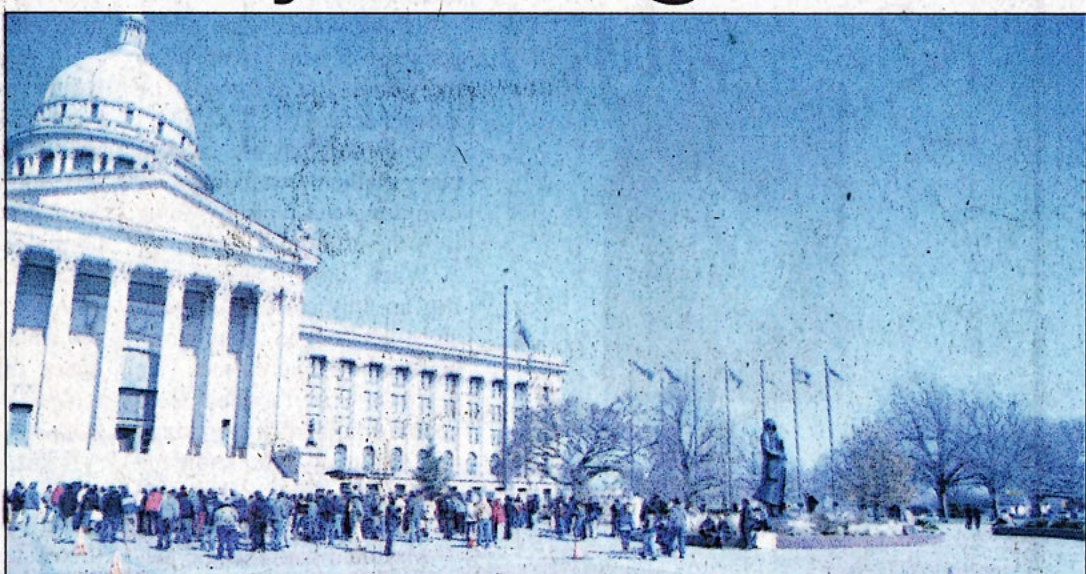
"I would love to see them work with student-parents," Christian said.

"I understand the same amount of work needs to be completed, but if special assignments were given to make up for the days missed or an online class—just something so we have the opportunity to be good parents and good students, as well."

Above all, Christian feels like a working understanding between school and students would benefit all parties involved.

"Student-parents should not be excused from doing the work, just taken into consideration on how they can do the work while still being loyal to their families."

Oklahomans Rally for Marijuana Legalization



Supporters of State Bill 2116 rallied at the Oklahoma State Capitol on Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2014 in support of the legalization of marijuana. Photos by Brooks Nickell, The Vista.

SB 2116 would allow citizens 21 and older to possess up to one ounce of pot and five marijuana plants. Additionally, the proposal calls for the establishment of legal retail marijuana shops and cultivation facilities, as well as the regulation and taxing of the drug.

Johnson stated that her proposed bill would seek to improve the state's strict anti-cannabis laws. She went on to say that she gained her interest in legalization after noticing a pattern with the children in her school district in 2007.

"At least 60 percent of the children in the school district were living with grandparents because a great number of these children had parents in prisons, many of which were convicted of non-violent crimes," Johnson said.

Johnson then called for a study to research the possible pros of marijuana legalization that same year. The proposal was swiftly denied.

With each progressive proposal, Johnson stated that her resolve has only strengthened as numerous medical benefits continue to surface. The drug provides epileptic children, veterans suffering from PTSD and others certain benefits.

She also acknowledged that her fight for advocacy is an uphill battle. There has been 70 years of misinformation and lack of courage on legislature's part to commit to studies out of fear of losing voters, Johnson said.

She also pointed to groups within the state who invested interest in private prisons in

keeping marijuana illegal within Oklahoma. She admitted that her cause would be an incremental process. According to Johnson, her fight is primarily about getting recognition and ultimately on the ballot this November.

Advocates began gathering at the Capitol around 9 a.m. They hosted a training session designed to inform citizens on the most effective ways to lobby their representatives and legislators. They also attempted to educate citizens on the medical, social and economical benefits the legalization of marijuana could bring to Oklahoma.

Norma Sapp, director of the Oklahoma chapter of NORML (National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws), stated that while the turnout for the rally was healthy and provided hope, it was not the amount the group needed for their message to convince a bigger audience and be heard on a wider scale. She estimated that about 500 people came out in support.

Johnson said that while the turnout was smaller than hoped, it was a success. She said it proves that the state's thoughts about marijuana are beginning to change. She said marijuana legalization is going to inevitably be a voter turnout issue.

The evidence point that the odds will eventually be in the pro-legalization's favor, she said. She stated that the children who are dying from illnesses that medical marijuana could cure represent the urgency in

her cause.

Kurt Hochenauer, who teaches at the University of Central Oklahoma and author of the award-winning Okie Funk blog, is a strong supporter of Johnson and organizations like NORML, and agreed with a number of their talking points.

"My main position is that I think the so-called 'War on Drugs' in this country since the 1970s has been a huge failure, costing taxpayers billions of dollars annually," Hochenauer said. "We need to change the way we're doing things. Legalizing marijuana or even medical marijuana puts a huge dent in the drug cartels that sell their products on the street. Right now, the people who benefit the most from this war on drugs are law enforcement agencies, which are funded by taxpayer money and drug cartels, which sometimes use violent tactics while conducting business."

He added that he believes that the national legalization of the drug is inevitable and added that he is in full support of it.

"At some point, federal courts and laws will supersede state laws in places that refuse to legalize," Hochenauer said. "I bet it happens in the next 10 years."

Johnson and her supporters were not without opposition as Senator Brian Crain, R-Tulsa, who has opposed her proposals in the past, presided over a hearing on medical marijuana Wednesday afternoon.

Oklahoma County Sheriff John Whetsel

told the Oklahoma Gazette that he is convinced that legalized marijuana will only create further disorder within the state.

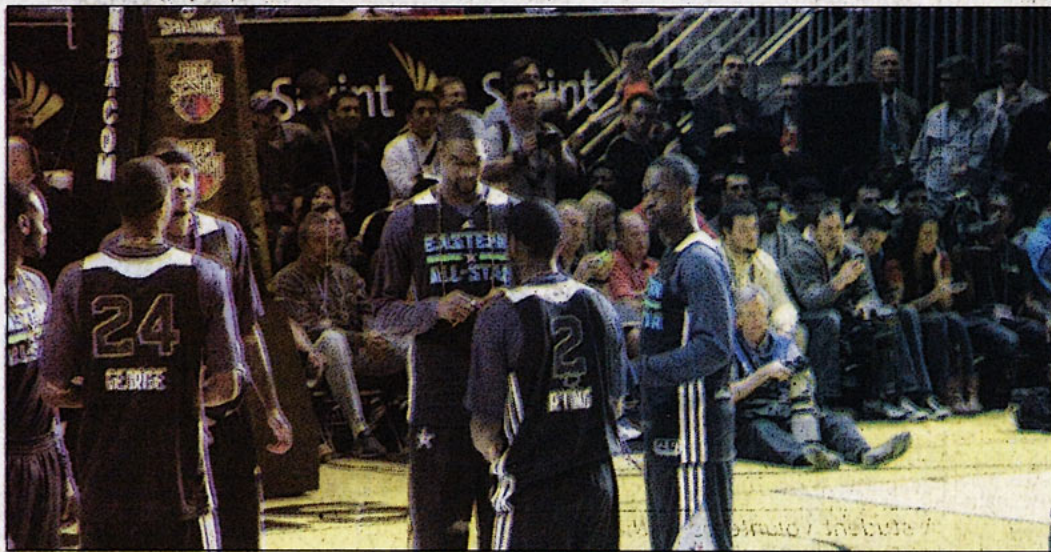
"Drugs will and do cost society more than the revenue it brings in," Whetsel said. "Right now, people in Colorado and Washington are ecstatic it passed, but in a few years down the road the cost will be weighed and society will come up short."

Debate on the topic continues. As a February 2014 Sooner Survey conducted by Pat McFerron, a well-known state political consultant, revealed that 59 percent strongly opposed legalization, with 6 percent being somewhat opposed. Thirty percent were strongly, or at least somewhat, in favor of a Colorado-style approach to marijuana.

The telephone survey involved 500 registered Oklahoma voters and carries a 4.3 margin of error. The poll also revealed that more Oklahomans opposed to legalization than President Barack Obama and abortion. Conversely, Sapp stated that a poll conducted by NORML last September showed that more than 70 percent of Oklahomans support medical marijuana and the revising of the state's harsh anti-drug laws.

Hochenauer pointed to the anti-legalization's tendency to constantly equate marijuana to stronger drugs, such as opiates. He added that the pro-legalization side often downplays some of weed's more negative aspects, especially when combined with alcohol or other drugs.

NBA All-Star Game



Teammates George, Irving, Bosh and Wade take part in practice before the 2014 NBA All-Star Game in New Orleans. Photo by Kanesha Brown.

The players from the Western Conference were: Kevin Durant, Blake Griffin, Kevin Love, James Harden, Stephen Curry, Chris Paul, Tony Parker, Dirk Nowitzki, Dwight Howard, LaMarcus Aldridge, Anthony Davis and Damian Lillard.

Originally Kobe Bryant was supposed to play, but was replaced by Davis because of his left knee injury.

Irving, from the eastern conference, was named MVP, as he led the team to victory finishing with 31 points and 14 assists.

Before the game, I attended the All-Star Jam Session and the practice at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center.

The All-Star Jam Session was an all day event held the 13th through the 16th. The jam session was full of different activities for both kids and adults to participate in.

During the practice, each team came out and practiced separately. Members of

the U.S. Military and fans participated. Interviews from the players were given throughout the practice. Fans packed the convention center.

Each night after the activities, events were hosted by the players and celebrities at hotels and nightclubs throughout the French Quarter and downtown area. The majority of the events required attendants to be 21 or older.

I was able to attend Los Angeles Clipper player Chris Paul's party that was hosted by Miami Heat player Dwayne Wade and actress Gabrielle Union on Saturday at Harrah's Casino. The event stayed crowded and lasted until 6 a.m.

While I was down there, I kept thinking about how the whole city was once under water from the devastating Hurricane Katrina and how greatly it has recovered to be able to host events such as the All-Star Weekend.

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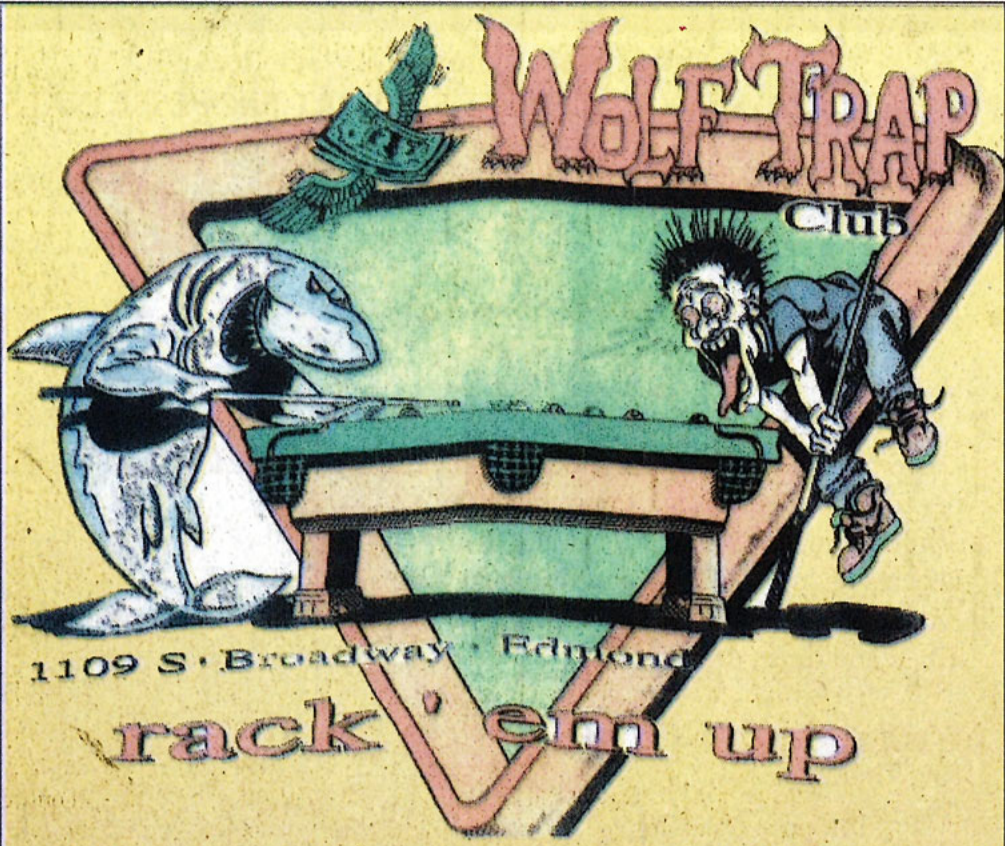
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30. Genetically change
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38. Coniferous trees
39. List of chapters and where they appear (3 wds)
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58. Opening move in chess

62. Ready for battle (4 wds)

64. Lowlife

65. Georgetown athlete

66. Counters

67. ____ bag

68. Barely managed, with "out"

69. Narrow, thin, wood strips backing plaster

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1. Withdraw gradually

2. "____ and the King of Siam"

3. 1984 Peace Nobel

4. 2005 Best Picture nominee

5. Concerning this

6. Cal. col.

7. Western blue flag, e.g.

8. River to the Rio Grande

9. Triangular bone at the base of the spine

10. More frugal

11. Dash

12. Misfortunes

13. Convene
18. Cotton fabric
19. Increase rapidly in number
23. Preliminary outline
25. Misbehave (2 wds)
26. Construction site sight
27. Small, Indian hand drum
29. Slimy, protective secretion
31. Small village in the Highland area of Scotland
32. Aquarium fish
33. Big Bertha's birthplace
35. Speak irreverently of God
37. St. Anthony, notably
40. Lens cover?
41. Peaceful music for relaxation (2 wds)
46. Boil
48. Pertaining to a particular state, not the national government
51. Tolerate
53. Amorphous creature
54. Actors
55. "Giovanna d'____" (Verdi opera)
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61. "Get ____!"
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Curling

A guide to the sport of curling for Sochi 2014

Cody Johnson

Sports Editor

Objective:

The game of curling has two teams with four players each. The teams take turns gliding stones down a sheet of ice. The objective is to "throw" your team's rocks closest to the center of a 12-foot painted ring, called the house, in order to score points. Each player throws two stones per "end," similar to an

inning in baseball, and each game has eight or 10 ends.

In the center of the house is a smaller circle called the button. A team gets one point for each stone closest to the button without an opponent's rock being closer, meaning only one team can score per end.

Strategy:

Sweeping in front of the rock as it glides down the sheet, creates friction allowing the stone to glide faster and further.

After the first couple stones are thrown,

teams must choose to either throw a stone closer to the button or throw a stone to knock an opponent's stone out of the house.

Special Rules:

In the Olympics, teams have 73 minutes to play an entire game. This includes time between throws to decide strategy.

Curling returned to the Olympics in 1998 after it left the Olympics in 1924.

Sources: Curling 101 - Basics to the sport of curling www.slideshare.net



Team USA's skip John Shuster, center, releases the rock to his sweeper's John Landsteiner, left, and Jared Zezel during men's curling competition against Norway at the 2014 Winter Olympics, Monday, Feb. 10, 2014, in Sochi, Russia. (AP Photo/Robert F. Bukaty)

Wrestling

Dauphin and Rowell lead Bronchos at MIAA Tournament

Bronchosports.com

HAYS, Kan. (Feb. 16) – Cory Dauphin tied a 30-year-old school record and Casy Rowell knocked off the defending national champion in capturing individual championships to lead Central Oklahoma at the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association Tournament here Sunday.

The No. 5-ranked Bronchos finished third in the rugged seven-team event with 67.5 points. No. 2 Nebraska-Kearney won its second straight league title with 109 points, followed by No. 7 Lindenwood (84.5), UCO and No. 12 Fort Hays State (63).

Dauphin stretched his winning streak to 47 in a row in rolling to the 157-pound title, tying the school mark set by Ronnie James from 1982-84, while Rowell toppled No. 1-ranked Daniel DeShazer of UNK at 133 for his 125th career victory.

UCO also got third-place showings from 141 Dustin Reed, 184 Znick Ferrell and heavyweight Cody Dauphin, while 125 Josh

Breece, 149 Jordan Basks and 197 Garrett Henshaw all took fourth.

"Overall I thought we actually had a pretty good day," head coach David James said. "Obviously there's still room for improvement, but I saw a little spark from some of our individuals that we need to take that next step."

"Casy and Cory both did a great job. They wrestled tough, smart matches in the finals and showed a lot of the grit and grind that we like to see. It was a good, competitive tournament and it's something we can build on for the regional."

Rowell had a pair of third-period takedowns in his big finals win, getting the first on the edge of the mat with 1:15 left for a 4-3 lead. DeShazer tied it with a quick escape, but Rowell scored on another single-leg shot with 15 seconds remaining to make it 6-4 before giving up a last-second escape.

The Duncan senior followed a first-round bye with a 7-4 semifinal win over Lindenwood's Matt Katusin, overcoming a 4-1 first-period deficit for that victory.

Dauphin capped a three-match march to his second straight league title with a dominating 8-2 finals rout of UNK's Chase White, who handed Dauphin his last loss midway through the 2012-13 season.

Dauphin took control with a takedown early in the first period, scored a near-fall in the second and added a takedown in the third while piling up more than three minutes riding time. The defending national champion had 6-2 and 10-2 wins in making the finals and was named MIAA Wrestler of the Year after the tournament.

Watson dropped a 6-5 finals decision to UNK's Brock Smith, who has handed Watson both losses in a 31-2 season. Watson trailed 6-3 entering the third period before getting a takedown with a minute left to make it 6-5, but he was unable to turn Smith for a winning near-fall.

The Andover, Kan. Junior had a first-period fall and 13-7 semifinal victory in making the finals.

Reed, Ferrell and Cody Dauphin all went 3-1 on the day in finishing third, with each

bouncing back from a semifinal loss to take the bronze medal.

Reed fell to No. 4-ranked C.J. Napier 7-5 in the semifinals before winning his next two, recording a first-period fall in the consolation semifinals and then using a third-period takedown and near-fall to pull away for an 8-2 triumph over Lindenwood's Kyle Webb.

Ferrell rebounded from his semifinal loss with 4-0 and 10-3 consolation wins, racking up four takedowns in a 10-3 third-place romp over UNK's Mark Fiala.

Cody Dauphin lost 3-2 to seventh-ranked Steven Butler of Lindenwood in the semis before finishing with back-to-back wins. He had a first-period pin in the consolation semis and then got a takedown 15 seconds into the sudden-victory period to edge UNK's Kelsey Empting 3-1 to avenge an overtime loss earlier this season.

The Bronchos return to action Feb. 28-March 1 when they host the rugged Central Super Regional at Hamilton Field House.

Baseball

Central Oklahoma sweeps season opener against UAFS

Trey Winfrey

Contributing Writer

The 2014 baseball season kicked off last weekend and the Bronchos looked to get off to a hot start Friday against the University of Arkansas-Fort Smith.

The Bronchos kicked off the season with a two-run first inning behind an RBI single by Dillon Argo and then a solo home-run by Brad Lamberti.

The Bronchos scored again in the fifth inning when Lamberti picked up another RBI on a single and picked up their fourth run on a throwing error to make the lead 4-0 after five innings.

Arkansas-Fort Smith scored in the sixth on a sacrifice fly, but the Bronchos answered in the bottom of the frame with an

RBI single by Matt Johnson. Landon Hallam threw the ball well, giving up one earned run on only four hits in six strong innings of work.

In the bottom of the seventh, the Bronchos strung a lot of hits together led by Johnson and Lamberti. They scored six runs to run-rule the Lions, claiming their first victory of the young season.

The Bronchos and Lions met again for an afternoon game on Saturday, and much like the first game, the Bronchos took charge early behind a solo home run by Philip Wilson. They picked up another run in the second with a RBI single by Argo.

The Lions had an offensive outburst in the third inning behind a two-run home-run by Josh Vanderpool to give them a 3-2 lead, but that would be all for the Lions.

The Bronchos scored 16 unan-

swered runs in the fourth, fifth and sixth innings with a barrage of extra base hits and a little bit of small ball. The Bronchos tallied 14 hits in that span en route to 18-3 run-rule victory.

Two more run-rule victories, the Bronchos went for the sweep Sunday to stay perfect on the year.

The Bronchos found themselves in a pitcher's duel early, only leading the Lions by a run going into the bottom of the fourth. The turning point came when Josh Ingram doubled down the right-field line with the bases loaded to put the Bronchos up 4-0.

A pair of RBI singles by Jake O'Brien and Johnson gave the Bronchos a 6-0 lead after the fifth. The game appeared to be heading for a blowout again, but the Lions tacked on two runs in the sixth inning of a two RBI single by Vanderpool.

Women's Tennis

Ricky Reeves pitched six strong innings, allowing eight hits, two runs (one earned) and striking out five. He also picked up the win.

Johnson added a two run homerun in the seventh inning to pad the lead for the Bronchos. The Lions would try to rally in the ninth inning, but it would come up short as the Bronchos completed the sweep and picked up their third win of the young season, with a final score of 8-4.

"We had a quality weekend, but there are some things we definitely need to work on," head coach Dax Leone said. "I thought we played hard all weekend and the players were locked in."

The Bronchos are back in action at Arlington Baptist Tuesday, followed by a four-game weekend series at Emporia State.

Track & Field

UCO's indoor season ends with three podium finishers : Bronchos open season ranked third in MIAA

Rick Lemon

Sports Reporter

The Broncho Track and Field team finished their regular indoor season last weekend with the Oklahoma Baptist Invitational hosted at the Mosier Indoor Facility in Norman. UCO had three podium finishers, while maintaining momentum going into the conference championships happening later this month.

Lacey Rhodes continued her streak of high jump titles over the weekend by tying with an athlete from the NAIA school of Northwood (TX) at a height of 5' 5.75".

This marks the fourth first-place finish of the indoor season for Rhodes; she has won gold in every meet where she has competed in the high jump.

Alayna McGee was able to get a silver medal in the 400-meter dash with a time of 59.81 seconds, a season record for her, as well as her first sub-one minute run of the indoor season.

McGee's time improvement has had a direct result in her spot on the podium, as well as her moving from tenth place in the 400-meter dash a month ago at the Sooner Open to now being one of the only two competitors to reach the sub-one minute mark at the OBU Invitational.

Madison Berryman continued her impressive season so far with another medal, finishing second in the 60-meter hurdles. What's even more

impressive than her medal count is the improvement in only a week's time that she made.

At the UCO Invitational, held at the same track exactly a week prior to last weekend's OBU Invitational, Berryman posted a time of 9.29 seconds. This last weekend she posted a time of 8.84 seconds. Shaving off almost a half a second in a week is a large accomplishment.

UCO also had top-eight placers in the 800-meter run, the 1000-meter run, the mile run, the 4x220-meter run, the triple jump and the weight throw. Rhodes was the only double placer for the Bronchos with her gold in high jump and an eighth place finish in the triple jump.

The Bronchos now have two weeks to prepare for the Mid-American Intercollegiate Athletics Association Indoor Championships, which are being held in Joplin, Mo Feb. 28- March 2.

Top Eight Placers

- 400-Meter Dash – 2, Alayna McGee, 59.81.
- 800-Meter Run – 6, Destinee Howell, 2:25.97.
- 1,000-Meter Run – 4, Rebekah Hickman, 3:14.49.
- Mile Run – 6, Katie Kerns, 5:22.18.
- 60-Meter Hurdles – 2, Madison Berryman, 8.84.
- 4 x 220-Meter Relay – 3, UCO "A", 1:49.55.
- High Jump – T1, Lacey Rhodes, 5'-5 ¾"
- Triple Jump – 8, Lacey Rhodes, 35'-1 ½"
- Weight Throw – 7, Ashley Bryant, 49'-8 ½"

Austin Litterell

Sports Reporter

The tennis team opened up their 2014 season with a couple of home matches on Friday and Saturday. Despite some windy conditions, the squad got a pair of wins against Texas A&M Kingsville and Dallas Baptist. The Bronchos are coming into the season ranked 39th in the country and picked to finish third in the MIAA.

The Bronchos began their season with a noon-matchup against the Javelinas of Texas A&M Kingsville. For an opening match, the Bronchos came out strong and were in command in most of their matches, losing only two on the day.

UCO came away with a 7-2 victory. The Bronchos only lost one of their two doubles-matches. Victories came from the team of senior Kristin Richardson and Anna Braun.

The Bronchos took control in the singles matches afterward. UCO won all except one match in singles of the day. Alina Gorina and freshman Emilee Semo each won in routs, losing just three games between the two. The

Bronchos only lost two sets in the six matches.

The next day, UCO faced Dallas Baptist and came out with a hard fought victory. The team fell behind early to the Patriots but managed to come back and win. Baptist got up quickly, taking two of the three double matches from UCO.

The only win came from Pestic and Lauren Allison, 8-6. Trailing 1-2, the Bronchos needed at least four victories out of six singles matches to get the win. And that is how many they got.

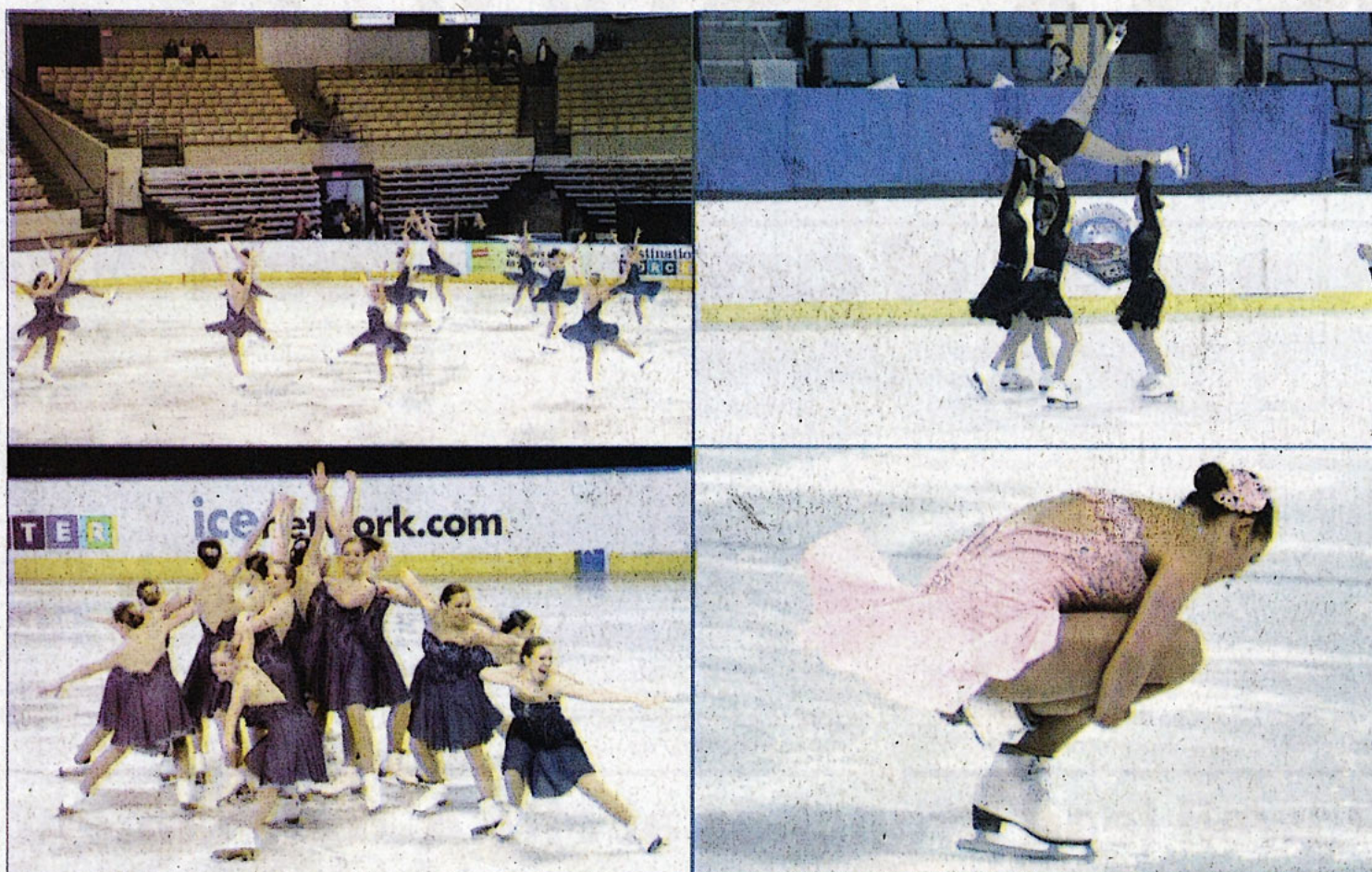
UCO gained wins from their No. 1, 2, 4, and 5 singles players. Gorina sealed the comeback with her come-from-behind victory. Gorina lost the first set 6-1, but took control from there, winning the next two sets, 6-2 and 6-3.

The team is not finished with its homestand. The ladies will have one more home match against Cowley County Community College at 1 p.m. Friday. Following that, UCO will have a three-state road trip from Oklahoma to Arkansas and then to Kansas.

The Bronchos will not be home again until March 11.

Sports Feature

Olympic dreams for one UCO student freeze for now



A photo collage of Chelsea Hawkins during competitions in ice skating. Photos provided.

Ariana Muse

Contributing Writer

The music begins to play. You feel excited and nervous as you imagine the routine, playing out the moves in your head. Back and forth your skates hit the frozen rink and slide along with perfect grace; it's harsh and cold, but beautiful. You begin to feel like your flying...gliding into the unknown.

This is what it's like for Chelsea Hawkins'

Men's Basketball

as she dances over the glossy floor with ease.

"I had this bond with the ice rink," she said.

She shares that ice-skating gives her time to think and be herself. "I feel like I'm my greatest when I'm in competitions," said Hawkins.

She competed and placed seventh nationally in an ice skating competition in 2009 and eighth in 2011. This twenty-year-old international business major is currently a sophomore who resides in Edmond, Okla.

Of course training for the Olympics is not all fun and games. Hawkins says it is demanding, time consuming and hard on your

body. Skating takes a lot of hard work and determination, she said.

"It was super intense. The only day I had off was Saturday," she said. From the time she was in fifth grade she would wake up at 5 a.m. so she could skate from 5:30 to 7:30 a.m. before school. After school, Hawkins and her team would practice an additional couple of hours.

Some of this training included workouts, ballet classes and sports psychology. She said she had to eat a lot of healthy whole foods, fruit and granola, and she didn't

eat meat. She and her fellow teammates were supposed to drink around two gallons of water a day to keep hydrated.

Hawkins has never fallen while competing. She and her team liked to listen to music and have dance parties to get pumped up before a competition. Some people she knew would throw up before a competition to calm their nerves, but she never did.

Hawkins, who is originally from Colorado, has skated with some of the best skaters in the country, several of whom are currently competing in the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia.

One of the skaters she knows on the team is Jason Brown, who is a 2014 national silver medalist. Brown was a friend of hers in high school. She has skated with Jeremy Abbott, who is also currently in Sochi and is a three-time U.S. champion. He represented the U.S. in the Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympics.

Hawkins has met Kristi Yamaguchi, Apolo Ohno, Evan Lysacek and Michelle Kwan. Lysacek tried teaching her how to do back flips while skating. Yamaguchi told her she looked good out on the ice and signed her skates.

In 2009, Hawkins was diagnosed with Arthritis. She decided to take a break from competitive skating to focus on her health.

Hawkins' specialty is synchronized skating. She said that if they put this event in the Olympics she would definitely try her best to represent the U.S.A.

Her role model in life is her coach Alicia Carr.

"She's the most amazing person I know, and I definitely want to be a coach and be like her," she said.

Hawkins currently works at Arctic Edge Ice Arena as an assistant coach and tutor.

"Never give up on your dreams," said Hawkins.

Despite her hardships over the years, she said, "I would never change it for anything."

Bronchos avenge previous loss to Emporia State

Aaron Santelmann

Contributing Writer

Emporia State roared on Saturday but the Bronchos prevailed, overcoming 22 turnovers and a late surge from the Tigers to win the game, 82-73.

The last time the Bronchos lost was in their previous matchup against the Tigers on Jan. 26. This time around, the Bronchos came prepared and avenged the eight-point loss and increased their win streak to five.

Coming out of the gates, the Bronchos were immediately harassed by tough Tiger defense. The Tigers jumped off to a quick lead, while the Bronchos struggled to find their footing.

The Tigers got huge production from their bench, scoring 31 points and also scoring 23 points off Broncho turnovers. The Tigers had little presence from outside the three-point line, so they attacked the Bronchos early by hitting their big men deep in the paint.

Although they started slow, the Bronchos finally got their spark when senior Josh Gibbs took the game in his hands driving the ball to the basket. As a second defender quickly stepped into cover him, Gibbs dished a shovel pass around the defender to Phillip Brown for the slam. The dunk got the Bronchos running and all the Tigers could do was try and hold on.

Again, the Tigers answered by attacking the Broncho big men down low. The attack

kept the Tigers on the free-throw line, where they stayed in the game shooting 11-18. At the end of the first half the Bronchos led by three, 38-35.

In the second half, the Tigers' game plan remained consistent. Pounding the ball down low, the Bronchos seemed to have no answer for the Tiger tenacity.

With 15:46 left in regulation and the game tied at 44, the Bronchos relied on sophomore guard Seth Heckart, who did not disappoint.

Heckart gave life to his team by drilling two threes on consecutive possessions. The next possession down, Heckart harassed the Tiger ball-handler, causing a steal, which led to fast break lay-up for senior, Nic Combs. Broncho forward, Jacob Strassel pitched in by knocking down a pair of three-pointers.

This put the Bronchos on an 11-0 run and put the Tigers on the ropes with 10 minutes remaining. Late in the game, the Tigers threatened the lead with a 7-0 run by capitalizing on two straight Broncho turnovers.

However, Heckart again shot down the Tiger attack by beating a full-court press and sinking another three-pointer. Heckart shot 4-7 from behind the arc and scored 18 points.

Josh Gibbs led all the players on the floor by scoring 28 points and grabbing 10 rebounds, and Jacob Strassel scored 12.

The Bronchos escaped from Hamilton Fieldhouse on Thursday night with a win as they barely defeated the Washburn University Ichabods, 72-70.

This was the second meeting of the season for both teams with the last game going to the Ichabods, who won the game by seven at home. However, this time around

the Bronchos persevered, despite a lackluster performance marred with turnovers and silly fouls.

Cal Andrews started the game hot for the Bronchos, hitting three of his first four three-pointers, giving the Bronchos an early lead. But the stubborn Ichabods hung around and countered each time down the court. The first half consisted of slow, sloppy play with each team making return trips to the free-throw line.

Near the end of the first half, both teams found their pace with the Ichabods going on a 5-0 run and the Bronchos answering their challenge with a 7-1 run of their own. The Bronchos tightened down on defense and went into halftime, leading the low-scoring game, 38-31.

Coming out of the break, the Bronchos began play with a flurry of careless turnovers and missed shots. The Ichabods responded by scoring eight points, diminishing the Broncho lead to only one.

Despite a short pep talk from Coach Terry Evans, the Bronchos continued with risky passes that rebelled against them and landed in the hands of the Ichabod guards. This kept the Ichabods in the game during the second half.

The Bronchos turned the ball over 14 times and the Ichabods answered by scoring 14 points off turnovers. The Ichabod strategy consisted of pounding the Broncho big men, which eventually led to their scoring 28 points in the paint.

Needing a leader to step up, the Bronchos got two.

Senior Josh Gibbs and sophomore Cal Andrews put the team on their shoulders and

took it to the heart of the Ichabod defense.

Together, Andrews and Gibbs put up a total of 20 points before another Broncho player scored. This was the only thing that kept the Bronchos in the conversation for the majority of the second half.

Andrews and Gibbs held off the Ichabods for 13 minutes and 64 seconds.

With 6:36 remaining in regulation, Broncho guard Seth Heckart took the pressure off Andrews and Gibbs by nailing a three-pointer from the right angle. This rejuvenated the Bronchos. Aaron Anderson chipped in by scoring four quick points and putting his team up by two.

But again, the Ichabods stayed in it by making their living off the free-throw line, one point at a time. Five possessions in a row, the Ichabods went to the line for easy buckets. The Ichabods shot 18-24 from the free-throw line, creating seven lead changes.

However, after capitalizing on several Ichabod turnovers, the Bronchos were able to scrape together a three-point lead. The Ichabods never recovered, as they were eventually out-hustled by the hungry Bronchos.

With 10 seconds remaining, Heckart drove in the dagger by sinking two free throws and giving his team a three-point lead. The Ichabods launched up a three-pointer at the end, but to no avail.

Gibbs led all scorers with 21 points and Andrews added 17 points and two steals.

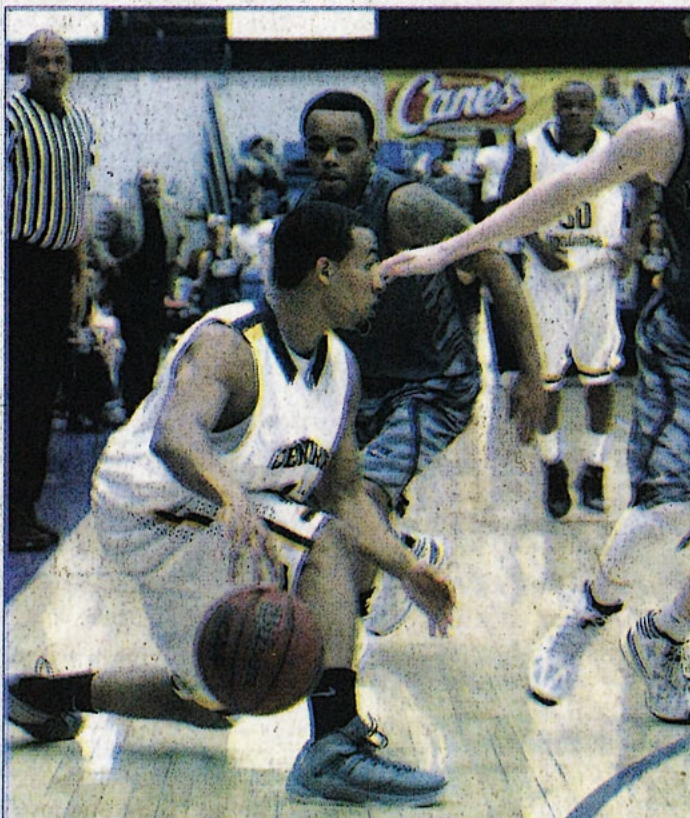
The Bronchos have a short break until Feb. 22. They will face-off against the Eagles of Northeastern State at 3:30 p.m. at Hamilton Fieldhouse.

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Freshman guard Jacob Richardson out dribbling some Ichabods on Feb. 13, 2014. Photo by Alikei Dyer, The Vista.



Sophomore forward Jarred Bairstow goes up for a shot on Feb. 15, 2014 against Emporia. Photo by Quang Pho, The Vista.