

UCO names Don Chrusciel in new Vice Presidential position

Brooks Nickell

Staff Writer

The University of Central Oklahoma has chosen a new vice president for administration. Don Chrusciel, currently the business services director of facilities and management at Iowa State University of Science and Technology, will be joining the top management team at UCO in the spring.

According to University President Don Betz, Chrusciel's selection comes after a nationwide search that produced more than 80 applicants. Chrusciel was picked from those 80 applicants after three months of deliberation, a committee of seven UCO colleagues representing all areas of the university meeting periodically over this time to narrow the selection.

Betz allowed that Chrusciel's wealth of experience, his regionally and nationally recognized expertise in campus administration, financial planning, budget management, and information technology will provide UCO with solid fiscal leadership as the university implements its strategic plan, Vision 2020, a plan outlined by Betz in his Report to the Community 2013, to strengthen the university's capacities to meet the needs of the region.

"He has been a very successful director and manager of planning and facilities at a couple of major institutions, the University of Wisconsin at Whitewater for about 10 years and the last 14 years, Don has been at the Iowa State University in Ames. His background is quite comprehensive," Betz said. "Not only in the area of planning and management, but also fiscal management."

Chrusciel will also be serving as UCO's Chief Business Officer. Betz allowed that Chrusciel has demonstrated his success in the areas of accounting and financial services. He went on to say that Chrusciel was also adept and had a great deal of background in auxiliary operations and information technology.

As Vice President for Administration, as well as Chief Financial and Business officer for UCO, Chrusciel will be representing the university to the state regents, as well as the state of Oklahoma on fiscal matters. He will be responsible for the overall budgeting process and all auxiliary services will report to him.

Since the Vice President for Administration vacancy, Betz allowed that only one major component to the position has changed. Betz removed the Wellness Center from the Vice President for Administration position and placed it under the Vice President for Student Affairs, Dr. Myron Pope.

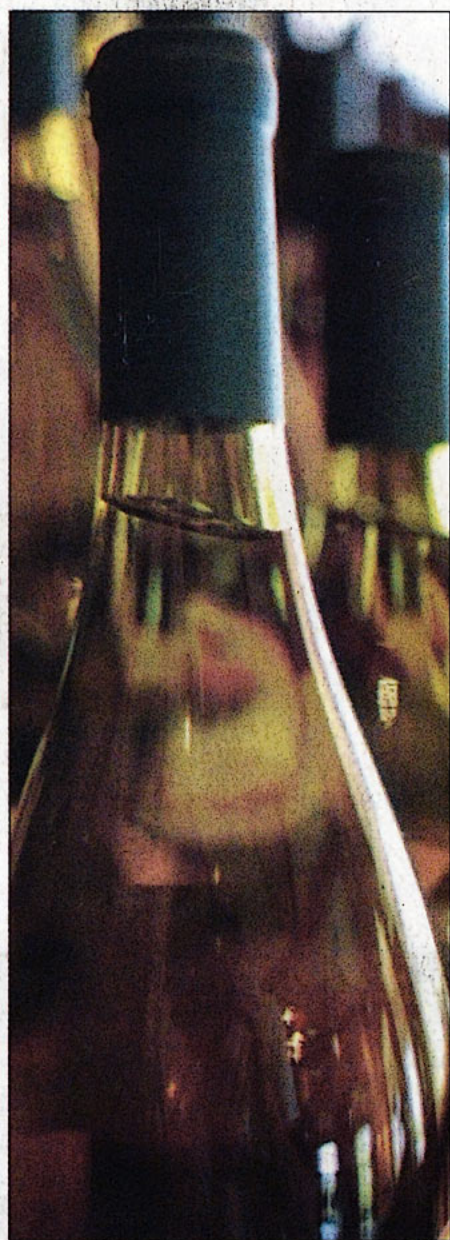
"That connection seemed clear and appropriate," Betz said. "It actually had been there and removed years ago. We just sort of put it back where it belonged."

Chrusciel will sit as a senior member of the cabinet, sit on the president's cabinet and will sit on any executive cabinet meetings that may occur. According to Betz, he is also an extremely important line officer in terms of authority.

"Don will be among the very few individuals that will help ultimately make decisions for the university," Betz said. "Don is student oriented and he understands how student oriented we are. He has been in higher education long enough that he realizes that the reason why we get up in the morning and come home at night is because we want to create an optimum learning and living environment for students. He and I discussed that at length when he was a candidate and I feel very confident that he can easily embrace the UCO philosophy and approach in this area because that's precisely how he works."

Chrusciel received his first degree in biochemistry from Michigan State. He went on to get his MBA at California State in Hayward. After Cal State, Chrusciel got a Masters of Science and Management Information Systems at the University of Wisconsin in Milwaukee. He also has a Ph.D. in industrial education and technology from the Iowa State University.

Underage and Under the Radar



College students from universities around Oklahoma use fake IDs to get into clubs and purchase alcohol. Stacie Chambers, a contributing writer for *The Vista*, set out to uncover the truth about fake IDs in Oklahoma. Photos provided. See the entire story on Page 9.

Stacie Chambers

Contributing Writer

Underage persons gaining access to alcohol is nothing new; many find it easy to enter bars, clubs and purchase alcohol with the use of a fake identification card.

Miranda S. a former student at the University of Oklahoma, purchased her fake ID at the age of 19. She, along with two

other students from Syracuse University, purchased fake IDs from ID Chief, a distributor that has now been shut down by the government.

These students purchased the IDs together and were able to get a discount of \$100, normally \$200 per ID. It is very common for young adults to purchase more than one at a time because of the discount rate several distributors offer.

Each student picked from the states: Arizona, Carolina, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Kentucky, Maryland, Mississippi, Ohio, Rhode Island, and South Carolina, and gave their information; Date of birth, height, weight, eye color, hair color, picture of signature, mug shot and address to ID Chief.

Miranda chose Arizona. "I never had trouble with it, but

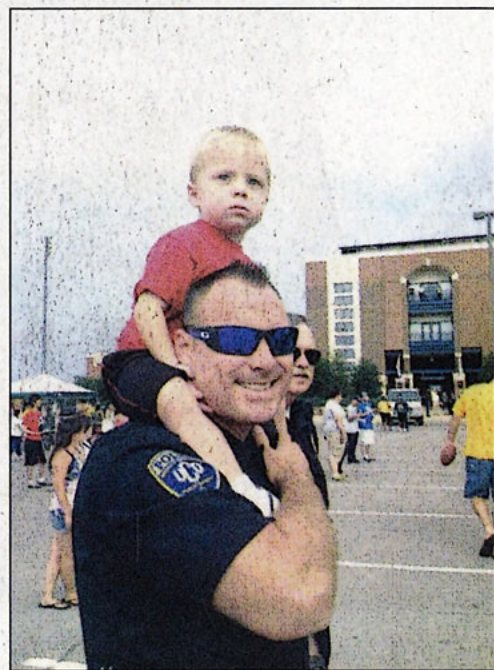
the bouncers had to know it was a fake," she said.

Miranda had success with using her fake ID at sorority and fraternity date parties, local restaurants and bars in Norman; Blackbird, Birds Nest, Logan's On the Corner, O'Connell's, Blu, and Brothers. "I ended up giving my ID away when I turned 21; it was later taken by a bouncer at Logan's who knew me."

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Police Car Crash Ends a Career: UCO Police Officer fired after high-speed chase collision

A UCO police car, like the one seen above, sparked a legal battle for former UCO police officer Richard Anthony after he crashed his vehicle performing a maneuver during a high-speed chase. The UCO Police Department fired Anthony after the incident and currently has no comment on the matter. Photo by Brooks Nickell, *The Vista*.



Charlie Gile

Contributing Writer

Former UCO police officer Richard Anthony was fired in October for initiating a high-speed chase through Edmond.

A fourteen-year law enforcement veteran, Anthony filed for reinstatement last week.

The chase happened on Oct. 12 when Anthony pulled a driver over for running a stop sign on the west side of campus. After initially stopping, the driver tried to

Former UCO police officer Richard Anthony was fired from the UCO Police Department after an incident involving a high speed chase. Photo provided.

elude Anthony.

"At first, it was a pretty low-speed chase," said Anthony. "But when he sped through an intersection with people and cars, I determined at that point it was felony eluding."

The driver led Anthony off-campus, all the way to the east side of Edmond. During the chase, Anthony called for backup. His partner was driving a faster police cruiser, so Anthony decided she should lead the chase.

"The driver had an old Crown Victoria police car with one of the souped-up Mustang engines," Anthony said. "I thought it would be best if she led and I was the radio car following."

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Forever Grateful

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Little Laney wanted to play make believe so I appeased her by trailing her lead around the front pasture.

We roasted pretend hot dogs on the campfires that we had built out of rocks and twigs on the gravel road.

We hopped over lava pits, and stood as look outs on mountaintops outside of our secret hideout by the creek.

When she stumbled upon our next mission to trek through a jungle (brush on a hilltop), I expressed my desire to stay clear of danger.

"But I will protect you," Laney appealed full heartedly.

Three-year-old Laney was earnestly confident that she could give me refuge from the dangers of the thick and burs.

I wished it could be that simple in my life as a whole, not just in crossing the overgrown path that would lead us back to civilization (our family).

I wished that dear Laney could save me from my daily struggles and trials.

Laney's endearing intentions were the highlight of my and many other family member's day during the Thanksgiving Break.

Later that evening when discussing the meaning of life with Aunt Pam, she quoted her late son saying, "Mom, I believe that life is about helping the other man get through it."

It really stuck with me throughout the weekend that sweet Laney had similar ideals on life at her young age, as her fondly remembered and sincerely missed uncle.

The concept to help your fellow man has always been an admirable notion throughout history.

I have been musing over the many people in my life who help me through it with every chance they get, and for the conclusion of my last editorial I would like to express my appreciation.

To my friends I have made at The Vista, thank you for every laugh and smile you have shared with me.

The lighthearted atmosphere we have created and sustained together in the face of great stresses and deadlines has strengthened my attitude to not take life too seriously, even when challenged with adversity.

To my family and longtime friends, thank you for your everlasting support and love.

Without you and the faith you have had in my abilities and my character, I would not be the same and I would certainly be lost.

To those I love, thank you for every kind word, gesture, and ear that you have lent to me.

Without each of you as a piece of my foundation, I would certainly crumble.

I will be forever grateful for the help I have received from those who have touched my heart.

CAMPUS QUOTES

What's your favorite part about the fall semester?

NINA LINGA

Community Public Health - Senior



"I say Happy Holidays just to fit every culture and religious aspect."

ANTHONY MILLIGAN

Vocal Education - Freshman



"I say Merry Christmas more because it's what I'm used to then any religious reason honestly."

JOHNNY LARA

International Business - Senior



"I say Merry Christmas because it was engraved in me since I was a little kid. I think it's a really special holiday."

KANDICE BELL

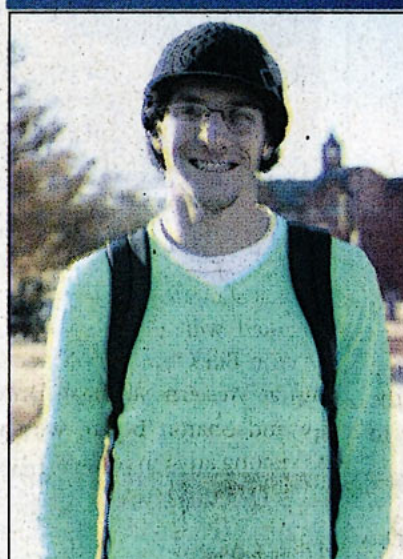
Nursing - Freshman



"I say Happy Holidays because it covers the rest of the holidays for the rest of the year instead of just one specific holiday because it's multiple holidays."

JONATHAN OGAN

Accounting/Forensic Science - Sophomore



"I say Merry Christmas. I was raised in a Christian home so that's always stuck around with me and plus it's just the thing we did. We never celebrated any other holiday."

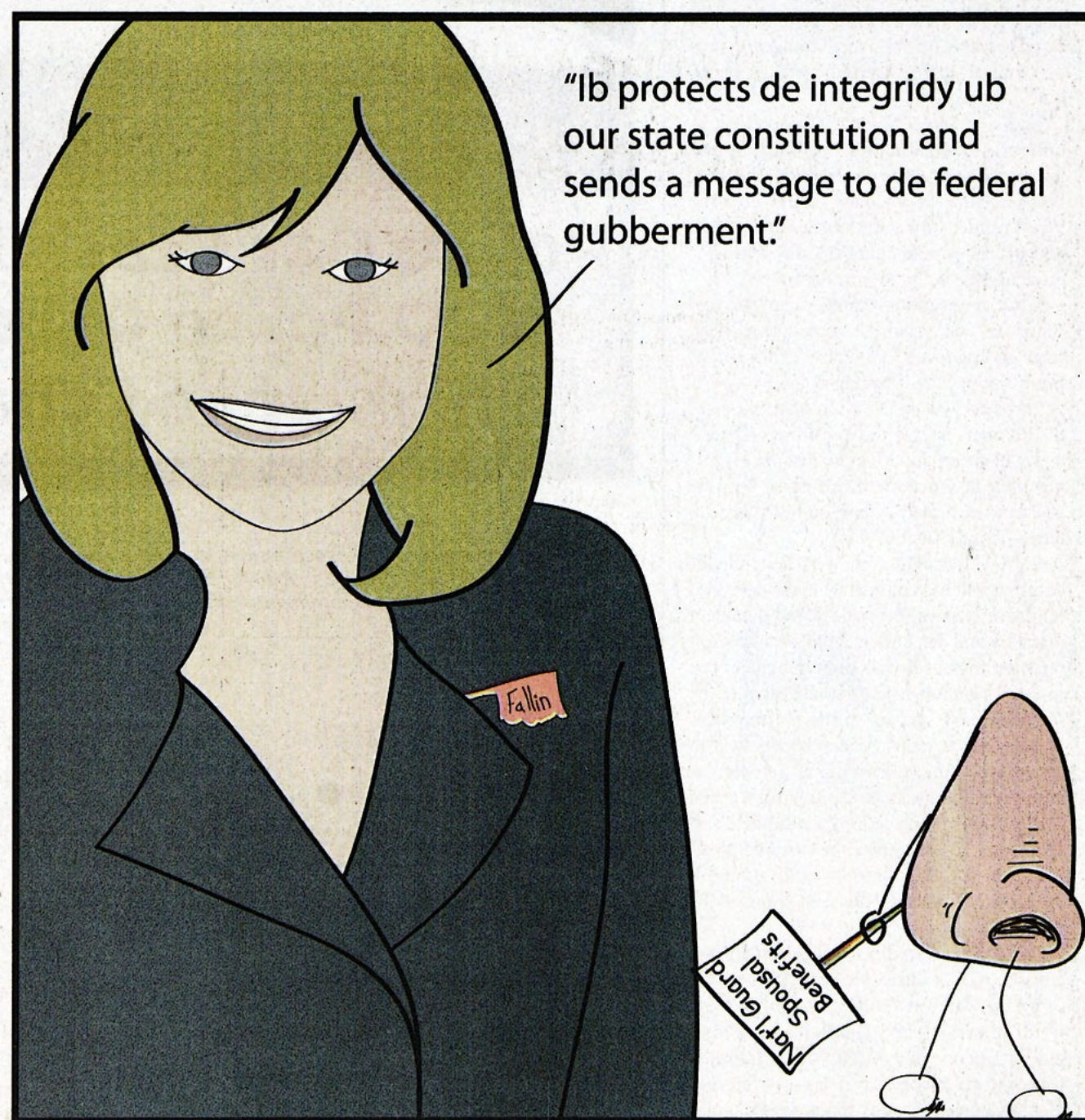
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Photo/Forensic Science - Senior



"I say Merry Christmas because I celebrate Christmas, not just the holidays."

CAMPUS CARTOON



Cartoon by Matthew Gossom

Opinion

Sincerely,



Stevie

Unexpected Necessities

By Stevie Armstrong

I sat shyly in class on the first day of the spring semester last year. I made sure and got to class early so that I could pinpoint the perfect seat; it was close to the front, but off to the right-hand side.

Because I had gotten there so early, I was able to analyze all the other students who filtered through the door. Some looked scared, some confused, some looked kind of high, probably because they were, and others looked as if they were just trying to trudge through the day and get it over with.

But there was one girl who came in at the last minute, looked around the packed room for an empty chair and just giggled.

"I guess that's what I get for being late," she said to herself. She had big curly hair and a big smile to match. She eventually found an open spot on the

opposite side of the room from where I was sitting. I noticed this girl every class and every class she was always smiling and always seemed happy.

To be honest, I thought she was one of those annoying girls who gets overly excited about something and screams and jumps up and down and thinks the world is full of rainbows and unicorns. Never did I imagine that this girl would impact my life like she did.

The summer after that semester, I was blessed enough to be offered a job writing for the school newspaper. At my first meeting, I nervously walked into the newsroom expecting to be the odd new girl. Then, the girl from last semester's class skipped in with the same big smile as always. Even though I had never talked to her in class, I immediately felt a little more relaxed, thanks to her pleasant

and comforting personality.

I've only been working with this girl for seven months now, but I feel as though we've been friends for years. We bonded right from the start and that bond has yet to break. Unfortunately, her graduation date has finally snuck up on her and she will no longer be working at the school newspaper after this December.

What she doesn't realize is how much I and the rest of the staff deeply appreciate what she does for the paper, but even more so, appreciate her as a person.

This girl has taught me what it's like to be happy even if you don't think you are, to smile even if you don't feel like it, and to laugh even though you'd rather cry. She has shown me exciting things about life, both big and small, and how to treat people with true kindness even if they aren't kind to you.

Most importantly, she's taught me how to appreciate people and the time you have with them. I didn't get a lot of time with this girl, but the time I did, created memories and love that won't ever fade.

People are going to come and go in life. Some encounters are going to be better than others, some longer than others. Some people are going to like you and some may not.

When it comes down to it, life won't always give you the people you expect, but you'll get the people you need. They may help you, hurt you, leave you, or love you, but those are the people who will mold you into the person you're meant to be.

Sincerely, Stevie

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The Adventures and Rewards of Creative Writing

Rachel Brocklehurst

Staff Writer

Dr. Matthew Hollrah is an associate professor of English and the Director of Composition at UCO. He is a native of Stillwater, Okla., where he received his B.A. in English from Oklahoma State University. He holds an M.F.A. in creative writing from Western Michigan University and a Ph.D. in English from the University of Kansas.

"I read the Shel Silverstein books as a kid. That was probably my first introduction to poetry, but in terms of writing it, if you count bad song lyrics as poetry, then definitely in junior high and high school," Hollrah said.

He didn't really get serious about it until a creative writing class at OSU with a professor named Mark Cox, who's also a poet.

"I took his introduction to creative writing class and then went on to take advanced poetry writing class from him, as well. He was the one who really encouraged me to

continue writing poetry and to apply it to M.F.A. programs," Hollrah said.

Hollrah said Mark's work was a huge influence for him, as far as poetry goes. He also likes the poet Wall Stevens. He said Stevens is very abstract and strange. He said although Stevens' work is different than his, there's something about it that intrigues him.

Richard Hugo is another influence for Hollrah, as far as his ideas about poetry, rather than the actual poetic work itself.

"Elizabeth Bishop, I think has been a huge influence, not only on me, but pretty much everybody prior to the latter part of the first part of the 20th century, just through her use of concrete detail in the poetry, along with her long stanzas," Hollrah said.

"There are so many poets who influence me. There's not really one that stands out, except for who I worked with and I should also mention Bill Olson, who I studied with at Western Michigan University and Sharon Bryan, who was the visiting artist in residence there

when I was there. They were hugely influential," Hollrah said.

Hollrah has a work that's been accepted into a book on contested authorship, but the book is not published, yet. Not only has Hollrah been published in *READER*, he was also published in the *Minnesota Review* for a review essay he wrote over the textbook "They say, I say."

"It's always great to see your work in print. I go back and look at them and go 'I could've said that better, or I could've been clearer about that.' I think I'm my own worst critic. I feel a sense of accomplishment from the aspect of something that I wrote, someone else thought was good enough to put in ink somewhere," Hollrah said.

He had a poem in *This Land* a couple of years ago.

"I don't really spend a lot of time thinking about it afterwards. For *READER*, I had written something that was part of my dissertation that I felt like could stand on its own, and it was specifically about critical reading, and how we construct readings similar to the way we construct writings," said Hollrah.

READER is specifically devoted to those kinds of essays. He looked at the journal to see whether or not his work would fit. When he felt like he had his piece shaped the way he wanted it, he sent it to them, and they accepted it.

"I think I knew I wanted to teach in high school my junior year. It was a combination of factors. I come from a long line of family of teachers from my dad to uncles to my grandfather, who was mostly a football coach, but he also taught,

too," Hollrah said.

"The best part of teaching is when students say something that you don't expect or responds to a work of literature in a way that you never imagined they would. It's also when you're teaching writing, and a student writes something that surprises them, that they didn't know that they could create. Being able to watch that growth, either in the sophistication in their interpretation of text, or their sophistication of their own writing, is the best part," said Hollrah.

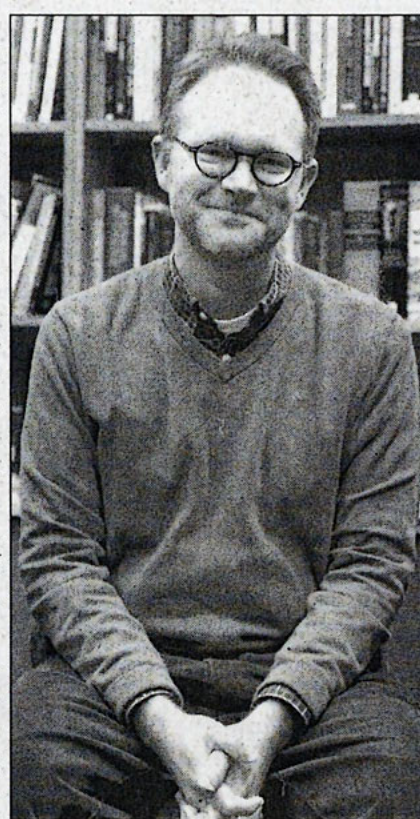
He said he feels like he's making a difference when he sees the progression and growth of students throughout the semester.

"Every semester I look forward to a new group of students, since every group reacts differently to the coursework. I'm teaching fundamentals of creative writing next semester, and I haven't taught that in a couple years, so I'm looking forward to doing that again," Hollrah said.

His graduate course in composition theory and research is a challenge, but a good challenge. Through this class, the class will be able to look at theories and he will be able to teach what good research in this field is.

"I also get to work both sides of my brain. I get to work the creative side in fundamentals of creative writing and I get to work the more analytic in the other class, so I don't get bored," Hollrah said.

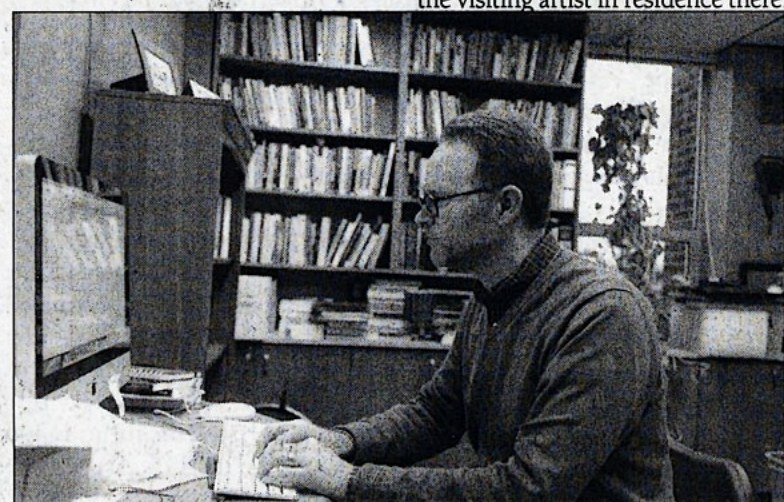
Along with holding reading workshops for his poetry and teaching, he serves on committee, teaches two classes, writes academic and creative work, and is a father



Associate Professor of English and Director of Composition at UCO Dr. Matthew Hollrah. Photos provided.

and husband.

"In my writing classes, I hope that they feel that they're better writers at the end. I hope that they know something more about themselves as a writer, so that they know what to continue to work on," said Hollrah. "I hope that they feel like, by the end of those writing courses, like the advanced comp class as well, that they had some idea about what their strengths and weakness are as writers, and that they then know how to keep improving."



New Business Degree Introduced to UCO

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Staff Writer

The University of Central Oklahoma's College of Business is bringing awareness to the state's energy industry by offering a new degree in economics.

The degree is a Bachelor of Business Administration in energy economics and it will be more than just a typical degree.

The program started this fall semester and is offered through the UCO Department of International Business.

Energy Economics is a particular aspect in the economic industry. Energy Economists specialize in how energy can be used in different aspects of life.

Program highlights include majors having firsthand experience in the field of economics. They learn about electric, natural gas, and oil industries in Oklahoma.

Janet Willis, a sophomore with an undecided major, has considered this new degree.

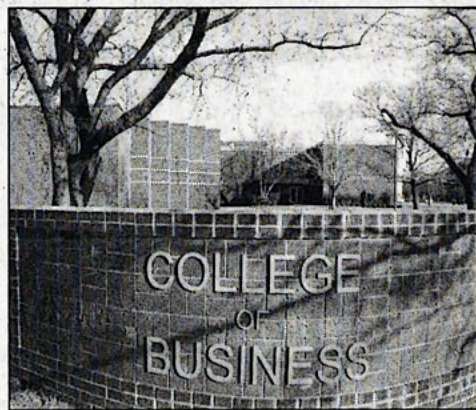
"I always thought that economics was pretty interesting," she said. "It could be nice to see how this could turn out for me."

Since being accepted into UCO, Willis has tried to figure out the major that would be best suited for her.

"When I came to college I never expected there to be so many options," she said. "I figured that it would be basic things like teaching or maybe being pre-med."

Willis has decided to stay undeclared because she does not want to repeatedly take classes that she will not need to graduate.

"So many of my friends have change their major two or three times, I even knew some-



College of Business at The University of Central Oklahoma gains a new degree option for students. Photo by Alik Dyer, The Vista.

one who changed his four time," she said. "I don't want to be that person, so I think I might try this out."

The new degree will also give students the chance to learn about regulatory issues that pertain to the energy economics field. They will also be taught about quantitative analysis related to the field.

Josh Clark, a junior general studies major has also shown interest in the energy economics degree.

"As a general studies major I have always only wanted to go to law school," he said. "But over time and after taking some law classes, I think that it might not be the right job for me."

He wants to know that he will have some kind of job when he graduates.

From what I've heard so far, this degree is more than just a piece of paper. It really helps you get in the field," Clark said.

UCO brought the meaning of thanks to Thanksgiving

Kanesha Brown

Contributing Writer

Members of the undergraduate chapter, Lambda Pi, of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. from the University of the Central Oklahoma volunteered at the Britton Christian Church on Nov. 23 to give out boxes of food to families that are in need of food for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Other members of chapters from Oklahoma State University and Langston University, and the University of Oklahoma also participated in the service event with the Lambda Pi Chapter.

The service event is always put on annually the Saturday before Thanksgiving. The service event was sponsored by the graduate chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Inc., Delta Beta Sigma of Oklahoma, said Darrel Williams, president of the Lambda Pi chapter.

A second location was set up in south Oklahoma City with other members participating as well; each location handed out 50 to 60 boxes. Each box consisted of \$75 to \$100 worth of food, including can goods, a large cake, and one turkey, said Williams.

Callie Taylor, a sophomore business major, has considered changing her major to the new degree.

"I want to stay in the college of business," she said. "I think this might be interesting because it shows another side of what you can do with a business degree."

The degree will also incorporate things

The graduate members had the food grouped together on tables so the undergraduate members could form an assembly line to fill the boxes. The members got there early around 7:30 a.m. to start filling the boxes and the boxes were ready for pickup around noon, said Williams.

When the boxes were ready for pickup, the families were contacted by a member. If the families were unable to pickup the food due to transportation issues, the food was dropped off to them. Some of the boxes were a surprise to the families, said Williams.

The food was donated from the graduate chapter. Starting in October, each chapter in the area was asked by the graduate chapter to donate at least \$75 towards the cost of the food.

The members were also asked to give the contact information of families they already knew were in need, as well as going out into the community, said Williams.

The majority of families that came consisted of single parent homes and a few elderly people.

"They're always overjoyed," said Williams. "It makes me feel really good."

Extra food that is left over is handed out into the community.

from other academic degrees. They include accounting and financing and other skills relating to economics. They are meant to give students fundamental skills needed for a career in energy economics.

For more information on the College of Business Energy Economics degree, visit www.busn.uco.edu/economics.

Internship Reality: Are they really worth it?

Charlie Giles

Contributing Writer

A recent study conducted by a national professional association, indicates that unpaid internship experience does little to help students find jobs after college.

The National Association of Colleges and Employers released the results of an annual survey of college graduates earlier this year. They found that students with unpaid internship experience were only two percent more likely to get a job offer.

After finding jobs, unpaid interns made

less money on average, according to the survey. The average median income of someone without internship experience was about \$1,500 less than those who were unpaid interns.

The internship advantage, according to NACE, lies with paid internships. Paid interns were 26 percent more likely to receive a job offer than unpaid interns and made \$16,000 more at those jobs.

UCO Media Operations Manager Brad Keim said the results are indicative of the organizations that offer paid internships.

"The companies who can afford to pay their interns usually pay higher salaries to

their employees," Keim said. "And the students who get those paid internships are usually the best of the best."

Furthermore, the number of internships, as a whole, is shrinking. The New Yorker is ending their internship program this semester. NBC News paid all of their interns starting this year, but the number of those internships has fallen dramatically.

The recent shift comes after a New York district court decision that ruled companies cannot use college credit as a substitution for compensation. Two unpaid interns working for Fox Searchlight Pictures sued the production company, saying they had violated

minimum wage laws. The judge ruled in their favor because he determined that the interns were essentially regular employees and should be paid as such.

Internship tuition is another element to the controversy. Students who enroll in unpaid internships are required to pay for those credit hours.

"Basically, you have to pay to work for free," said senior professional media major Ryan Bullard. "You aren't really getting a big advantage to work without being paid."

Bakery Bluffs

Natalie Cartwright

Staff Writer

The scent of bread baking when you walk into a bakery is commonly referred to as a sensation that warms the senses. But what does "hot and fresh from the oven" really mean? This article takes a look behind the glass display cases and explores just what is behind the walk-in freezer doors.

Loaves of bread, rolls, croissants, cakes, cupcakes, brownies, pastries, cinnamon rolls and sticky buns may great your eyes as you enter the bakery department at your favorite local store. Perhaps even the sight of fried donuts causes your mouth to salivate.

These bakers wake up before the crack of dawn to prepare these delicious treats

for their customers.

Many individuals who frequent bakeries have the preconceived idea that the goods they are buying to fill the craving in their stomachs are made fresh from scratch or close to it every morning. But are they?

They bake it, but do they make it?

"All dough comes in a refrigerated truck over night," said Rhiannon Clause, a former Panera Bread employee.

The majority of large bakeries, such as Wal-Mart, Homeland, and Panera Bread bake with frozen dough that was made in a factory, frozen, boxed, and then shipped to the store where the staff will take the product from the delivery truck and place the product inside their walk-in freezers for later use.

When the staff decides it is time to use the frozen

dough, the selected amount of dough is taken out of its box, from the walk-in freezers, and placed inside the cooler, where it will thaw out overnight.

Bakers who arrive before the crack of dawn and before the customer arrives, pull the racks full of thawed dough from the cooler and begin to alter, add to, or form the dough.

Once formed, the dough is then placed into a proof box, which acts as a humidifier activating the yeast in the dough to rise. When the dough reaches optimum expansion, the bread is then placed inside the oven to be baked.

"Par" bakes, commonly referred to as "partial bakes" in the baking industry are breads that are baked at about 90% to completion at a factory. They are then frozen, placed into a cardboard box, and shipped to the store where they will be stored in another freezer. When ready for use, they are pulled from the freezer and finished off in the oven at the bakery.

This frozen dough and par-baked bread can be stored inside a freezer for up to six months before expiration, as long as the bread is not thawed.

Certain bakeries may even take product received and meant for sale by a certain distributor, repackaging it, and claim it as their own. This is in violation of trademark and patent laws and could lead to dates in court and possibly company shutdown. This practice also influences the buyer to think that the product they are buying was actually made in store.

"All of our cakes come in frozen and ready to be decorated," said Crystal



Nejmaoui, bakery manager at Homeland off 33rd and Broadway of Edmond.

Many of the pastries come to the bakery as frozen and prepared dough, which once pulled from the box, are ready to be baked and served.

Not to mention, donuts. A variety of donuts come frozen and pre-fried, ready to be baked, then glazed or iced and placed in the display case for sale. If the donuts do not come pre-fried, they come like the bread dough, frozen and stored, until ready to be placed inside the proof box and then fried.

These products include preservatives and high fructose corn syrup, the same as the bread on the store shelves.

What happened to fresh and from scratch?

Many bakers come from culinary schools such as Platt College, where they are taught the basics of baking, using fresh ingredients and starting from scratch.

"We teach our students how to make the basics from scratch," said Mark Cochran, certification chair of Platt College.

Cochran said that students who are taught at institutes such as Platt College tend to envision themselves owning

their own bakeries some day.

But many students land in bakery departments at large stores where their acquired "from scratch" baking skills may go to waste.

Mass consumption at such frequented grocery stores and bakery chains has resulted in the need for mass distribution. Companies claim to not have the manpower required to make every thing in their cases fresh and from scratch on a daily basis.

"From scratch means dry mixes to us," said Nejmaoui.

These mixes are the same as the cake, cupcake, cookie, or brownie mix boxes customers can buy off the shelf of the grocery store. All it usually takes is the crack of an egg and a tablespoon of water.

This newfound knowledge of freshness forces us as consumers to realize that we have sacrificed quality ingredients for convenience.

Where do we go now?

The consumer is more likely to find fresh, homemade items from a "Mom and Pop" store, a local business usually owned and ran by a family.

"We make our donuts from scratch ever morning," said Austin Oliver, donut fryer at Missy's Doughnuts and Bakery in Guthrie.

Customers rave about the

quality and freshness Missy's brings to the table. Craving customers may even travel miles out of their way just for a donut.

Missy's also serves sandwiches on their homemade bread, baked fresh every morning.

"Mom and Pop" stores, like Missy's, are popularly preferred to bakery chains and tend to receive higher ratings on Internet search engines, such as Yelp.

Why should you care?

Not only could your bakery purchases not be what you think they are, they may not be what they claim to be and the ingredients used in them could also be fraudulent.

Many customers have dietary restrictions or wish to be health conscious, but are completely unaware of how their bakery items are processed, made, or handled.

We, as consumers, need to know our companies, know their products, and be able to rely on them and trust their values.

The purpose of this investigation is to educate the naive consumer to ask questions in order to make informed decisions before entering a bakery department and letting the scents of comfort carry them away.



Boxes of frozen bread being stored in a freezer before being baked. Photo by Natalie Cartwright, The Vista.

UCO Props tries to encourage positivity among the campus

Heather Dillingham

Contributing Writer

A Twitter page, with more than 600 followers, is offering University of Central Oklahoma students a more positive way to use a medium that most recently has been used for criticizing student, faculty and staff, said the page's creator.

UCO Props, featuring anonymous "props" or positive comments such as, "Props to my professor who gave out bonus points to the few students who attended class today," was created last month to promote positivity on campus,

said its creator who chose to stay anonymous.

He/she said they had the idea for a while, but it wasn't until a friend was harmed through a negative page that they acted on it. They chose to stay anonymous because they said the page was not about them, it was about recognition to others.

Workers in the media department at UCO support the idea, asking the creator in a direct message to pass the page on when he/she graduates, the creator said. They have also retweeted mul-



Uco Props logo. Photo provided.

iple posts from the page.

Ph.D. Caleb Lack, assistant professor, practicum coordinator and clinical psychologist at UCO, said that a positive page does not follow the same social rules as a negative page.

People will 'like' and post to a negative page in order to quench their basic need for gossip, he said. Humans use gossip to bond and know where they stand in comparison to others.

Lack said this more positive page fulfills a per-

son's need for altruism, where something positive is done for another without expecting a return. Altruism makes people feel good about themselves, he said.

However, Lack said that because this instinct is less practiced than gossip, it is likely that positive comments are less talked about, while negative comments are repeated. This explains why gossip pages gain followers at a more rapid rate than a positive page, he said.

UCO Props also has a Facebook and Instagram account. Although, the creator said they are focusing on the Twitter page at the moment.



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— The Journey Ends : —

Part Three of Lt. Gov. Hopeful Cathy Cummings' Journey into the life of living on minimum wage

Natalie Cartwright

Staff Writer

A heavyhearted sigh of relief escaped Democratic Lt. Gov. candidate Cathy Cummings, as she pulled her clothes from their wire hangers in the closet and packed her few remaining belongings into a small cardboard box.

One month has passed since Cummings and her husband, Sean, began "The Living Wage Experiment," an attempt to bring awareness to the minimum wage workers' everyday struggles.

On Nov. 1, Cummings and Sean moved out of their suburban home and into a \$425 one-bedroom duplex in Oklahoma City. Cummings picked up a fulltime minimum wage job in the deli department of Buy For Less off 23rd Street and Pennsylvania, while Sean worked for Uber, an application-based transportation service.

"You don't take anything for granted," Cummings said.

The sound of change jingling bounced off the small apartment walls as Cummings counted the last 64 cents to her name. As she stacked the dwindling remains of their long gone \$2,144 budget, Cummings and Sean spoke on the hopelessness that many must feel with this little left at the end of every month.

Cummings said the hardest part of the experiment was having to donate plasma.

"I was passing out," Cummings said, as she shared her experience. "It was painful."

With no money left for gas, Cummings left their brick duplex for the CSL Plasma Center off 23rd Street. Sean wanted to make it to their son's last high-school football game in



Cathy Cummings and son load up their vehicle. The Cummings returned home Friday November 29, 2013 after spending the month in an Oklahoma City duplex for "The Living Wage Experiment". Photo by Brooks Nickell, The Vista.

Tulsa, and with his vehicle running on empty, the only hope he would have to see his son's playoff game rested on his wife's shoulders.

"It took me three hours to make 30 bucks," said Cummings.

Sean added that he would have much rather elected to ride with another parent, rather than putting Cummings through that experience, but due to the inclement weather conditions, he couldn't find any other parents going.

Cummings said the sight of overworked people lined up out the door of the donation center desperate for money, humbled her.

"If we had to continue this into next month, I would be a criminal," Sean said as he began to share how he has acquired a newfound understanding of why people choose to take government assistance.

"The stress is never ending," he said.

Sean went on to explain that if he had to struggle this much after working so hard just to barely get by and hardly survive, he would accept assistance. He agreed that it would be more financially responsible to receive government benefits.

"I knew we were in trouble from the start," he said.

Though Sean had urgent health problems and could have abandoned the experiment at anytime, he continued to stand by his wife and support each step she took.

Suffocating from asthma, Sean desperately raided an old medicine box and was able to find and use prescribed steroids that dated back to March.

"I had been hitting my emergency puffer ten times a day," Sean said.

Even though Sean pays monthly for medical insurance, he had no money left for a co-

pay or prescription refills.

With sick kids, school supplies and hardly enough money to feed their selves, Cummings' admitted to having no idea how people with children live off of minimum wage. She illustrated the certain sense of hopelessness that accompanies having next to nothing.

"It's given us so much insight," Cummings reiterated. "You don't look at anything the same again."

She has emerged from "The Living Wage Experiment" more driven than ever before, having experienced first hand, situations she could only imagined prior.

"I think I bring more of a humanity aspect to the table," Cummings said boldly, in regards to the upcoming Oklahoma political race.

She said the first step to combatting poverty in Oklahoma is bringing awareness to the issue and letting people know that while she was only in the same shoes as them for a brief time, the hardships were real. Cummings knows that people face many more hardships than Sean and herself did over the month and hopes the people that face this lifestyle everyday of their lives know that she cares about what they are going through.

The Cummings stood in an embrace outside of the temporary home they would soon be leaving. Not a sorrowful goodbye, but a quick look back at the lessons learned.

While "The Living Wage Experiment" has come to an end, the struggle will continue for roughly 900 thousand Oklahomans. And for Cummings, a new obstacle must be taken on as she tries to gain the Lt. Gov. seat and become the voice for the multitude of Oklahomans struggling to survive on minimum wage.

Kaleidoscope Dance Concert holds biannual performance

Olanrewaju Suleiman

Staff Writer

The UCO Department of Dance had their fall 2013 Kaleidoscope Dance Concert at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 21-23.

The concert is part of the Kaleidoscope Dance Company's biannual performances in the Mitchell Hall Theater at UCO.

The concert had nine different dance routines; each one way a different style of dance. They ranged from lyrical to jazz, as well as hip hop.

One of the dances had some humorous adult tones. During the performance of "Is That All There Is?" the dancers had blow-up dolls as their partners.

Both, UCO faculty and guest artists did the choreography. Each guest artists had years of experience in the field of

dance.

The UCO Passport to Japan Program brought in Masayo Yamaguchi, a UCO alumna and former Kaleidoscope dancer, as an artist.

Joel Stevens, a junior finance major, was a concert attendee. He and his friends went as a way to spend some extra free time.

"We heard about it from a friend of ours," he said. "I wasn't too sure at first, but I'm glad I went."

Stevens believes that it was the diversity of the concert that kept him interested.

"It was kind of crazy, but also kind of cool," he said. "One second the dancers were fully dressed, the next, the girls were in sports bras."

Brittany Parker, a senior psychology major, attended the concert, as well.

"I'm thinking of taking a beginning

dance class next semester," she said. "So I thought that this might be a nice little intro to the UCO dance department."

Grey enjoyed the show more than she expected to.

"The part with the blow-up dolls had me laughing," she said. "I wasn't really expecting to see that, but I'm glad that I did."

The Kaleidoscope Dance Company had a preview of the event on Nov. 14 in the Melton Gallery. That event was free and open to the public.

The concert was one of the many performances that students in the College of Fine Arts and Design do each semester.

For a complete list of their events for the 2013-14 school year, visit <http://www.uco.edu/cfad/events>.



Students of the UCO Department of Dance performed at the fall 2013 Kaleidoscope Dance Concert which took place Nov. 21-23. Photo by Quang Pho, The Vista.

ROTC visits a local elementary to honor local dads in an annual event

Kanesha Brown

Staff Writer

Cadets of the Army ROTC program sponsored and volunteered at the annual Doughnuts for Dads event at Westfield Elementary in Edmond, Okla. on Nov. 8 to honor all the dads of the students.

The ROTC program was invited by the school so the future leaders of America could give them inspiration, said Sergeant Ilesha Taylor.

The cadets arrived in their service uniforms to let the kids see them in their elements, said Taylor.

About 30 cadets arrived at the school; they split up into groups and brought enough doughnuts for each classroom. The doughnuts were bought by the ROTC program, said Taylor.

The cadets gathered along with all the students and faculty members and sang the national anthem and Westfield's school song, said Taylor.

There was also a moment of silence for the dads. "It was a moment to appreciate them," said Taylor. Afterwards, the dads stood up and were given a round of applause.

Some of the kids introduced their dads to the cadets. The cadets tended to some of the dads and teachers to make sure they were taken care of and asked if any help was needed, said Taylor.

"They felt really special," said Taylor.

One child was sad because his dad was not able to make it, but the cadets cheered him up, said Taylor.

"It felt good for us knowing that we were able to put a smile on his face and be there for him," said Taylor.

The students were split into groups in the gym to get acquainted with the cadets. Each group of kids picked out a book for the cadets to read, said Taylor.

The cadets gave the kids encouraging words about staying in school. Each cadet spoke with a child individually to talk about their goals and aspirations in life. The Cadets ensured the kids that they were safe and protected by the Army, said Taylor.

Towards the end of the event, the kids showed the cadets some of their talents, said Taylor.

Taylor said, "At the end of the event, we completed our goal of making every individual child feel loved and safe."

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ARMY ROTC

Police car crash ends career

When Anthony saw his chance, he attempted to stop the car using a law-enforcement maneuver. He wrecked his car, but the suspect was also stopped and apprehended.

After booking the suspect, Anthony was placed on administrative leave.

"It was pretty standard protocol," Anthony says. "I was told not to worry about it."

Anthony sustained a shoulder injury in the accident and filed for worker's compensation. He was fired the next day.

"I didn't understand why one minute, everyone is telling me that everything would be fine and the next minute, I'm fired," Anthony said. "My partner wasn't given any sort of punishment at all."

The firing has put a strain on his family's financial situation. Not only does Anthony have medical bills, his young son does, as well.

"High-speed chases aren't strictly prohibited," said Anthony. "But that was the reason I was fired. Now, I can't get my work-

er's comp to pay for my rehab. I also have a disabled two-year old son. How can I pay for him?"

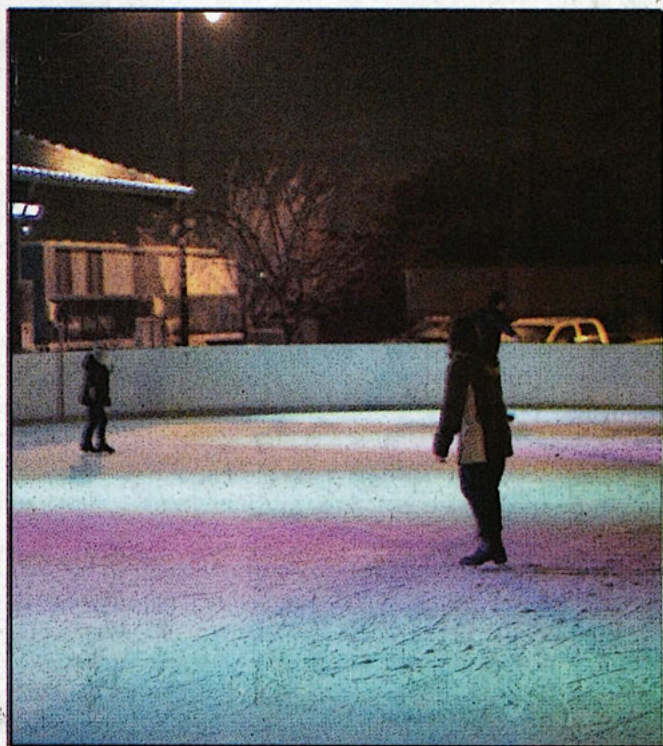
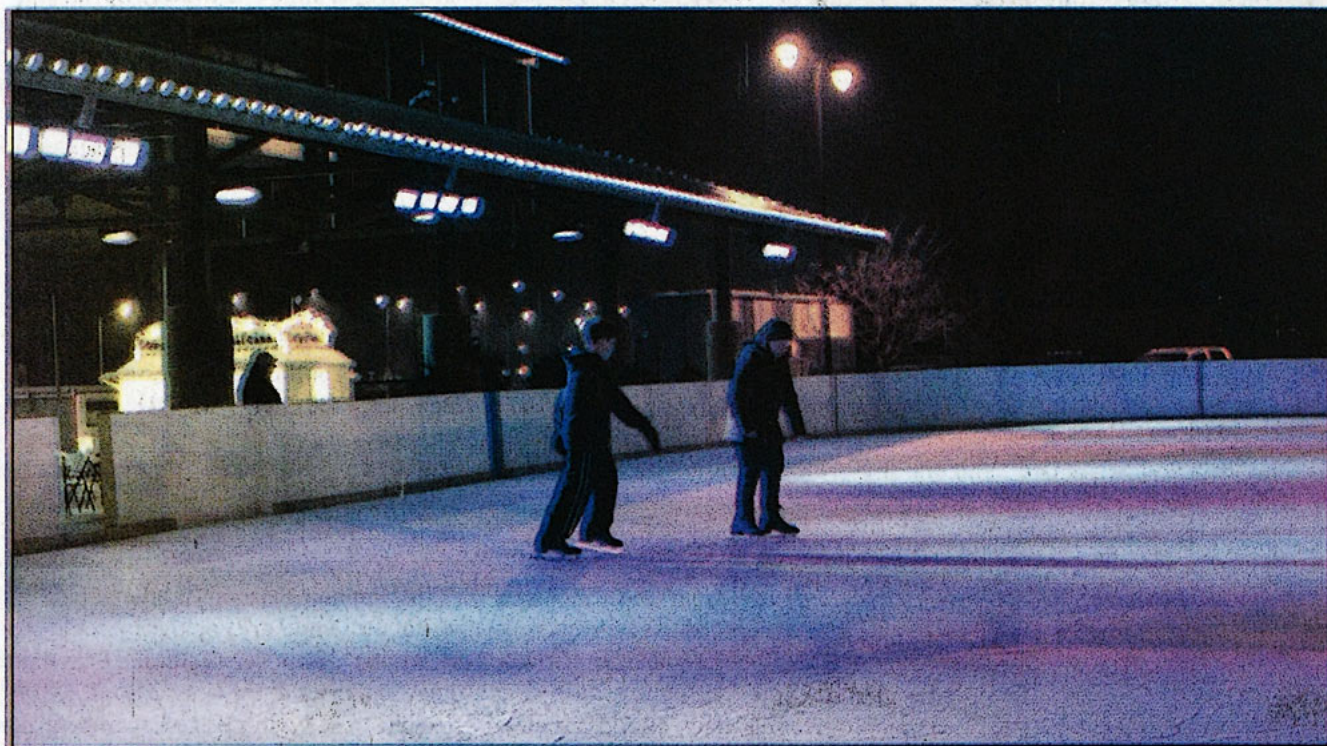
Anthony has hired attorney Eliot Yaffe to represent him in all legal matters. Yaffe said Anthony should be praised for his actions in the chase.

"This man should be regarded as a hero," Yaffe said. "Not someone who deserves to be fired."

UCO police wouldn't comment on the situation, but a hearing denied Anthony's reinstatement request.

Edmond

Outdoor ice rink opens for third consecutive year



Edmond electric opened the outdoor ice rink on Friday, November 29 and will be open until January 5, 2014. Events at the rink include curling, hockey and figure skating. This is the third consecutive year of the rink being open. Photo by Brooks Nickell.

Natalie Cartwright

Staff Writer

The Edmond Electric Outdoor Ice Rink opened Friday for its third consecutive year, providing family fun and community enjoyment at the Festival (Farmers') Market Place.

The Outdoor Ice Rink will be open through Jan. 5, 2014 from noon-10 p.m. at the Festival Market Place located between First and Second Street west of Broadway in downtown Edmond.

The rink measures 115 feet by 55 feet with adjacent free parking, indoor restrooms, concessions, pavilion, and wireless Internet for spectators.

Skaters are welcome to enjoy the ice for as long as they please. Though once they leave, there is no same-day reentry.

"Wheelchairs, Walkers and Moms with Strollers" have the freedom to glide across the ice rink on Tuesdays and Thursdays from noon-2 p.m.

There will be curling, hockey and figure skating demonstrations at the ice rink where skaters will have the opportunity to try the sports themselves. Church and school choirs, music groups and dancers will also entertain.

The "Ice Prince and Princess" contest presented by Metro Family Magazine is open to children ages 5-12. Winners will be crowned by four beauty queens and ride in the Edmond Electric Light Parade on Saturday. The Ice Prince and Princess and runners-up will

win a group party at the Outdoor Ice Rink, while everyone who enters the contest will receive free admission. You can enter the contest at www.MetroFamilyMagazine.com.

Free Christmas Wagon rides are provided by the Downtown Edmond Business Association and will embark from north of the rink, while CityLink is providing free transportation from the rink area throughout Edmond and to downtown Oklahoma City.

Admission to the Outdoor Ice Rink is \$10 if you require skates, \$8 with a military ID, \$7 with personal skates and \$5 for children five and under. A season pass costs \$50 and a half season pass is \$25. The rink provides a \$2 discount for food and toy donations benefiting the Hope Center and No Boundaries. Those with a military ID not only get \$2 off

admission, but also receive a free hot chocolate at the concession stand. Special rates are available for group and private ice parties with reservations.

On Christmas Eve the rink will close at 6 p.m. and reopen from noon-5 p.m. on Christmas Day. The rink will stay open till 11 p.m. on New Years Eve.

Edmond Life & Leisure, Mercy Hospital, Metro Family, Communication Federal Credit Union, FAA Credit Union, Raising Cane's, Edmond Active, Outlook, Bella Forte, Italian Jim's Restaurant, and Solavei sponsored the rink this year.

For more information on the Edmond Electric Outdoor Ice Rink, you can follow them on Twitter, like them on Facebook, visit expressice.com, or call 405-274-1638.

Around Campus

Students celebrate their native cultures



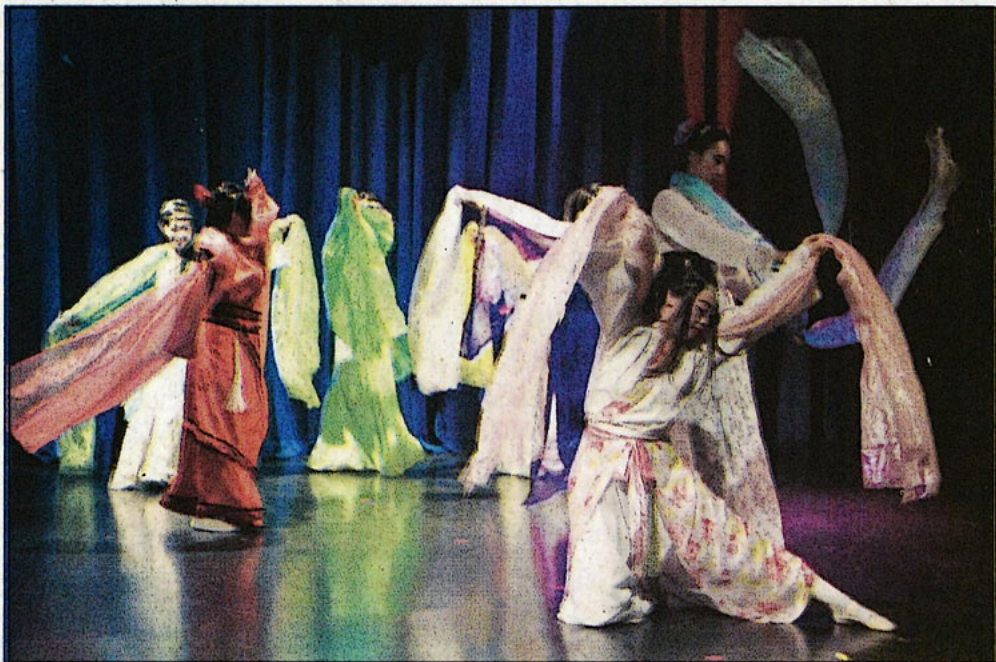
Indian students performed traditional dancing at Indian night in Ball room NUC, Nov 7. Photo by Quang Pho, The Vista.



UCO dancers preform with air dolls in Mitchell Hall UCO, Nov 22. Photo by Quang Pho, The Vista.



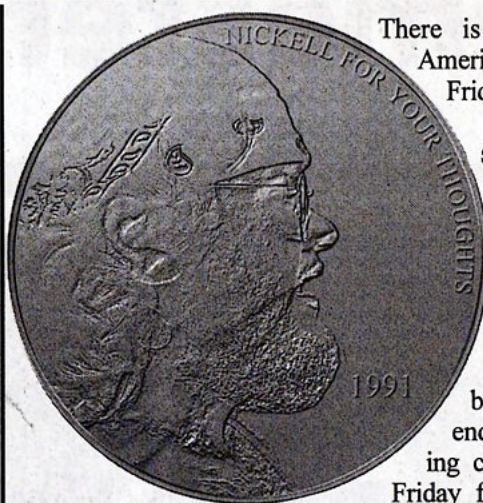
UCO Japanese night participants played drums in Constitution Hall in the NUC, Nov 19. Photo by Quang Pho, The Vista.



Chinese traditional dancing performed by UCO Chinese students who dressed in traditional costumes in Constitution Hall at Nigh, Nov 3. Photo by Quang Pho, The Vista.

BLACK FRIDAY, A BELT AND MY BACKSIDE

By Brooks Nickell



There is nothing more American than Black Friday...

I remember standing in line a few years ago, awaiting a video game to go on sale. The name of that materiel possession I wanted bad enough to endure the grueling crowds of Black Friday for, escapes me.

But none-the-less, I was there elbow to elbow. The skin of overweight Wal-Mart shoppers beaded with sweat as they cranked the turn throttles of their electric scooters and tried to meander through the crowd, herding them like sheep.

The dull lull of the masses seemed to grow more and more static as the clock inched another minuet off its face. At a certain time, Wal-Mart employees would remove the wrapping from certain display stands lining the center of the aisles like highway dividers. They would walk out in their yellow vests and blue shirts, cut the shrink wrap with a box blade and then run for their lives as a rabid mob of once civilized beings tore tooth and nail to get their babies the best Elmo.

I had never experienced Black Friday. I had heard

about it, but never participated. And what I had heard was nothing in comparison to experiencing the wretched event first hand.

As I stood there, the long black hand on the nearest wall clock drawing more and more of my life way, I honestly started to grow nervous. It seemed like people were preliminarily salivating, the way they do when pulling into a McDonalds drive-through, that uncontrollable lust for synthetic happiness. There was a hunger in their eyes and anger swelling in there conscience.

When the time came, the vests vested, the box blades cut and the crowd went wild. The people, no the animals, were stark crazed mad. They tore apart cardboard, foam and plastic wrap.

At one point, a lady in her forties decided to jump on top of one of the cardboard display cases. It exploded, showering the waxed tile floor with video games shimmerring in fluorescent-lit glory as people dropped to their knees to grab them by the armfuls.

When I walked by the check-stands a group of customers surrounded two ladies verbally and on the verge of physically assaulting each other. I didn't get what I had come for, but I got a lot more. And instead of entertainment, I walked away with a personal clarity. And I cannot fathom how others miss it, or ignore it.

This is how they control you. These major corporations and store chains slash prices so low that we try and slash each others' throats for a good deal. A few people die. A few dozen are injured. And next year, they drop the prices a little lower. Next year, we spill a little more blood.

As I drove by that same Wal-Mart this past Friday, the

parking lot was leaking over into the ditches and drive-ways of neighboring homes. I was relieved to remain removed from this embarrassing display. I joined in on the Black Friday game two years ago, and in all honesty, I'll never participate again.

It's sad that we have been brainwashed into this perpetual consumerism to the point that it invades the one-day of the year a selfish, ignorant and thankless nation sets aside to actually give thanks. What else?

Does no one see the innate wrong-doing in holding the hands of loved ones and thanking your creator for all you have only to push some old lady down four hours later in a retail store or throw a punch because you didn't get the flat screen for a couple hundred off?

I used to love Thanksgiving. And I guess I still do. But, I get a sick feeling in my stomach now. Anytime I start to here people planning out their shopping trip or see a commercial boasting extra, extra low savings this Friday only, I get agitated. No, I get angry.

The majority of you Black Friday attendees are adults, adults acting out. The last time I acted out in Wal-Mart, I'm pretty sure it ended with a belt and my backside. Stay home and be with your families next year. Spend time with your children. I'm only twenty-two years old, but even I know that this will go further then buying them some more useless junk to rot away what brain cells the television and MSG haven't got at.

But, hey, there is nothing more American than Black Friday...

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CAMPUS QUOTES

What are your thoughts on stores being open on Thanksgiving Day?

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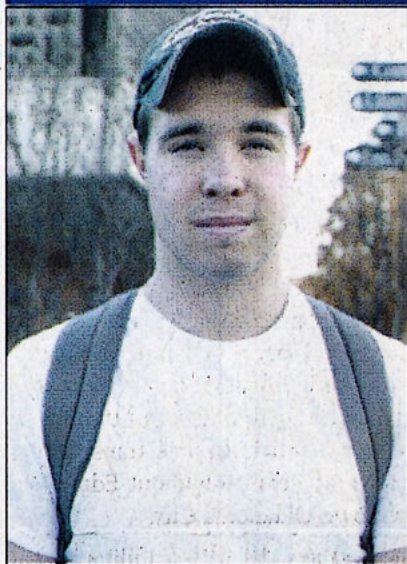
Accounting - Freshman



"I mean if people want to shop on that day then it's up to them. Why would we stop them."

JUSTIN GOMNESS

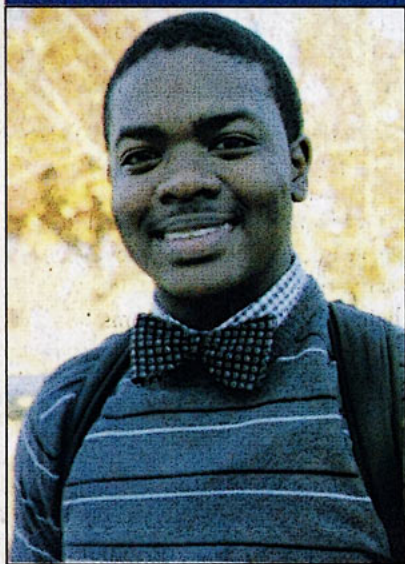
Mechanical Engineering - Freshman



"I think it's a little extreme now with them starting on Thanksgiving night."

JAMAL PRIDE

Criminal Justice/Forensic Science - Senior



"I don't like that they keep opening earlier and earlier. It takes away time spending time with their family..."

SYDNEY COOK

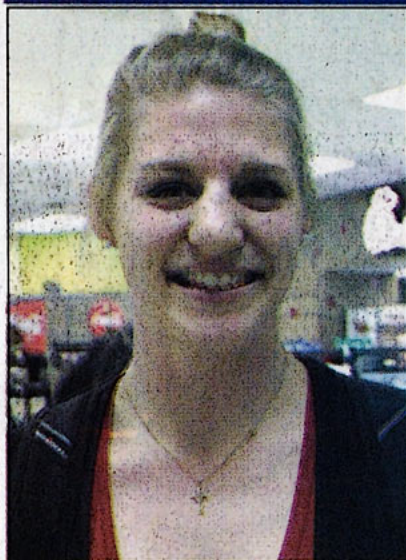
Broadcasting - Sophomore



"That's stupid. You shouldn't do that."

ASHLEY ELLMAN

Math Education - Senior



"I wish they didn't. I mean I understand they're trying to get the profit and do business, but I wish that they wouldn't just for the mere fact that it's supposed to be about family..."

AMANDA ALLEN

Fashion Marketing - Senior



"I think that it takes away from Thanksgiving and it really doesn't put emphasis on what Christmas is really about."

MALANA SMITH

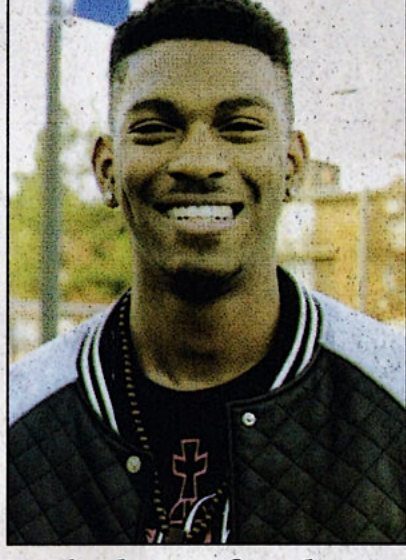
Family and Marriage - Freshman



"I think they're going over the top."

MARQUEZ FLOWERS

Criminal Justice - Freshman



"I think it's fine because they're usually open after the time when people get to eat with their family."

Black Friday: Shopping Day of the Damned

A first-hand account of retailers v. customers

Rebecca Parks

Contributing Writer

It was a dark and stormy night...

It sounds like the start of a horror movie, but in reality, it was just the start of my Black Friday experience.

So, on second thought, yes—it is the start of a horror movie.

I am a retail worker, employed at a major international clothier that I won't name (though I will say our khakis are world famous). I've worked for the company for three years, so I am a veteran in this war between shoppers and retailers.

Hang on. I'm mixing my metaphors. Let me start over.

It was a dark and stormy night last Thursday, though it wasn't raining. No, the storm was in the hearts and minds and souls of every person in that mall, an inner turmoil of tumultuous terror as 6 p.m. turned into 7 turned into 8...

We had people waiting at the doors before 8—though "waiting" is too generous a word. Yanking and pulling at the doors would be more accurate. They had sweaters and scarves and jeans on the brain, and a mindless determination to get what they wanted at rock bottom prices (completely ignoring that the prices were the same online).

"We're not open yet," a coworker told them through the glass door. This was her first Black Friday. I pitied her, almost.

They responded not with words, but

blank stares and continued tugs at the door.

When had I stumbled into a zombie flick? Oh. Horror movie. That's right.

I spent nine hours in that store, from 8 p.m. Thanksgiving night to 6 the next morning. Eight of those hours were spent behind a register, and one hour was spent in the back room crying into my mashed potatoes, left over from a rushed Thanksgiving meal with my parents two hours before my shift began.

It was easy to be nice for the first few hours; I was chipper, polite, and all smiles. By hour five, however, I had myself become like those undead shoppers, brainlessly completing my tasks with speed and efficiency, so that they could brainlessly continue on to the next store.

The night before, Wednesday, I was fold-

ing men's khakis after we closed for the day when I realized something.

"It's like we're preparing for a hurricane," I said to one of my managers.

She stopped counting the till, thought about it for a moment, and gave a smile that looked a little bit like a grimace.

"Wow, you're right."

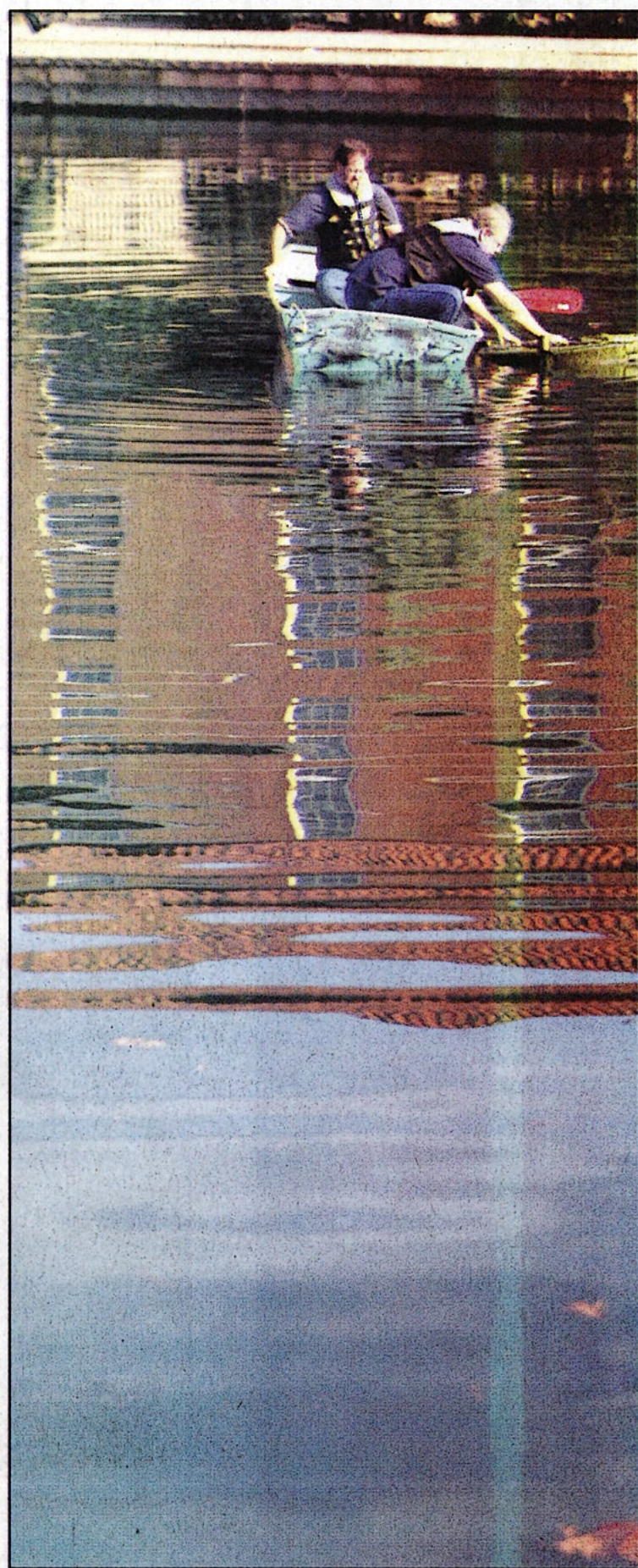
When I left on Friday morning, the sun was just beginning to rise. It was beautiful, and I remembered to appreciate the small things in life.

Like how I'll be flush with cash after my next paycheck because I got paid time-and-a-half to endure my own personal horror movie: Black Friday: Shopping Day of the Damned.

Winding Down the Semester



(Left) Campus Activities and Events workers cut out plywood snowmen decorations for WinterGlow. (Right) UCO employees work on the fountains at Broncho Lake. (Below) University employees rake leaves underneath a tree next to UCO's library. Photos by Brooks Nickell, The Vista.



(Top Left) Freshman Activities Council hosted a mustache photo shoot for students Monday, Dec. 2, 2013 in honor of Movember. (Top Right) Students walk to and from class during the last regular week of school. (Bottom Left) Students preparing for finals week in UCO's library. (Bottom Right) Bikes collect on the racks as the temperatures at UCO drop just before the break. Photos by Brooks Nickell, The Vista.



President's Club Christmas party to bring cheer to children in need

Tyler Talley

Staff Writer

The 23rd Annual President's Club Children's Party will be held on Dec. 5 in the NUC ballrooms in the Night University Center.

Benefiting almost 300 Edmond area elementary school children, the PCCCP is an event that takes place every December at UCO. UCO senior and current President's Club president Lindsey Edmondson stated that the party will be a rewarding experience for both the children and volunteers.

"This event is created to provide a fun Christmas experience to underprivileged children in the Edmond community," Edmondson said. "When these children come to

the party, they are paired with two sponsors who get to spend time with them and play with them throughout the whole party. They get to make crafts, get their faces painted, play games with UCO athletes, but most importantly, they get to see Santa."

In order to become a sponsor for a child, Edmondson stated that volunteers are required to submit a sponsor application via OrgSync near the middle of the fall semester.

"When choosing to sign up to sponsor, you are committing to purchasing the child gifts and to attending the party to spend time with the child," Edmondson said.

Edmondson went on to say that volunteers also had the option to apply during the mid-spring semester to be on the

executive team that plans the entire party. Positions on the executive team include president, vice-president, spirit chair and activities chair.

If one does not wish to be on the executive team, but still wants to help with the events, Edmondson listed several other volunteer opportunities, including committee work. She stated that committees help with the planning of the Santa room and Backpack room.

"Another way to get involved is by making toy donations," Edmondson said. "Occasionally, sponsors forget to bring gifts or there is a miscommunication somewhere, so it is always nice to have an extra stash of toys ready to slip into a child's backpack, if necessary."

Edmondson has been involved with the PCCCP since

she was a freshman and began as a sponsor with a friend. She then moved on to the executive team as craft room chair her sophomore year and then became vice-president as a junior. Now, as president, Edmondson stated that she still finds the party to be completely satisfying and rewarding.

"For me, the most rewarding aspect of the President's Club Christmas Party is seeing the excitement and happiness on these kids' faces," Edmondson said. "Most of these children come from homes that might not have a lot. So for them to spend two hours with all of these awesome activities and people, really makes a difference. Making these precious children feel special and loved is the most rewarding thing about the whole party."



Backpacks with toys are given to children each year at the President's Club Christmas Party, which will take place this year on Dec. 5. Photo provided.

Underage and Under the Radar



Underage students use fake IDs to purchase alcohol and get in to clubs. Photo by Quang Pho, The Vista.

Madisen Burgess, another former OU student, had two fake IDs and found she had better luck with one over the other.

She purchased one from Kopy Kats out of Dallas for \$140. Kopy Kats sells IDs that are novelty items and say so on the card.

Young adults have purchased these IDs and used nail polish remover to remove the novelty item phrase and scuffed the card up itself to make it look more like a real ID, said current bouncer at Logan's in Norman. Kopy Kats IDs have been the easiest to spot as fake, said Corey Dowdy, a bouncer at Logan's on the Corner.

Burgess used her ID in Norman at Logan's on the Corner and O'Connell's. O'Connell's caught that it was a fake and took it from her. She then got a new ID from her friend's dad who made them out of his house. "It worked in New Orleans and Nashville," Burgess said.

Gina DeStefano, a current student at Suffolk County Community College in Bayport, N.Y. has

had success using colored pencil on her government issued ID to change the date of her birth from 1993 to 1988. DeStefano said she had to reapply the colored pencil at times because it would wear off.

Several students have said using an ID of a person who is at least 21 years of age that looks similar to them is more successful and less risky than buying a fraudulent ID.

Natalie Shanna, a Pennsylvania State University student, has experienced success using IDs that belong to friends, but that have "been gifted to her."

Some underage individuals have been known to peel off the laminate and change their date of birth with a pen and laminate the card again.

Many bouncers across the metro area in Oklahoma have not had formal training. They are told the basics of what to look for to tell if the ID is fraudulent or not. Many in Downtown, Oklahoma City and Norman have said that they learn over time and from experience.

At Logan's on the Corner, in

Norman, it is legal for an underage person to enter the building. "It is technically okay," said Dowdy, who has worked for the company for two years.

A current bouncer at Logan's on the Corner said there is a way to get around being carded; it is a very gray area. Many regulars are underage or started out underage.

A former Logan's bouncer has made extra money by taking bribes from customers to be able to enter the building when it has reached capacity, to enter the building without a proper ID, or if the person was caught with a false ID and wanted to still gain access to the premises. The former Logan's employee has made up to \$1100 in one night.

One of the current Logan's bouncers has confiscated many fake IDs in his two years of employment. He has turned in many to the police officers and to the managers but has over 400 in his possession.

During the weekdays, Sunday through Wednesday, bouncers are not at the door and the bartenders are the only ones carding individuals.

"If you became a regular and I see you, I will let you in," said current Logan's bouncer. "If I recognize them, I do not have to ID them."

Dowdy said, before working there, bouncers weren't as thorough. He has learned overtime what to look for and now notice even the smallest details on IDs.

The bouncers at Logan's, as well as at Skyy Bar in Oklahoma City, both said there are ways you can tell if an ID is fake. The watermarks, holograms, and coloring of the ID can be off the slightest. The Skyy Bar bouncer said, "It just takes time to know what to look for."

Kopy Kats out of Dallas is one of the worst I have seen, Dowdy said. He also went on to share about a DMV theft that happened out of Dallas that he had heard of that lead to many false IDs being made that had proper coloring and holograms.

In addition to this DMV theft in Dallas, there have been others in the U.S. In Raleigh, N.C. in 2008, Robert Wayne Bullock, 23, was accused of making and distributing false IDs. Authorities said Bullock was using a laminating machine stolen from the DMV. Bullock's false IDs were sold for \$150 to \$170 each, said Lew Nuckles, chief of Wake County Alcohol Beverage Control's law enforcement.

For most of the bars and clubs in the Oklahoma metro area, everything is done by the naked eye to determine a legitimate ID. The majority do not have ID scanners or black lights. The employees of the businesses without these wish that they had the scanners because they believe it would help them identify a true ID more efficiently. ID Scanners start around \$600.

Though the scanners would help to determine if an ID is a true government issued ID, it would not be able to tell if the person presenting it is the person on the ID.

If a bouncer or bartender questions whether an ID is real, they are trained to begin asking questions that will validate any of the information listed on the card or ask for a second form of identification.

Several of the bartenders and bouncers in the metro area have been known to sell IDs back to the persons they took it from, and/or turn around and sell the ID to another individual for profit.

O'Connell's, in Norman, sees about 40 false IDs on average every week, said the owner Jeff Stewart.

Most businesses do not report the instances when a person uses a false ID. Many take the ID and/or kick the persons off their property and no further action is taken.

"We train them, go over some ID practice and what to look for. Anytime they have a question they come to the bar staff. The bar staff is more trained," said Stewart.

Many bars and restaurants do not have scanners, but they do have books holding information about all IDs in the U.S. and some IDs outside of the U.S.

"We don't use a scanner. I don't advocate the book because it is updated so quickly that many times what you're looking at is already out of date," Stewart said.

Stewart went on to say that O'Connell's turns away paper IDs and Tribal IDs. They do accept passports, U.S. Drivers License and government IDs, as well as Military IDs.

At O'Connell's "we advocate a red, yellow, and green zone. Red being, no way, the ID is invalid we're not going to take it no matter what. Green zone; It's obvious it is you; you can answer questions about it. Yellow zone is 'I'm not real sure. I'm about 95% sure this is you how about I hold on to it, you ask for it before you leave and if an officer comes in, here's what she gave me.' The employees don't like the yellow zone because they are too scared to ask for the ID, said Stewart.

"It's a story I hate to see you even write," Stewart said. Stewart thinks a lot of the problem with underage drinking is more towards the high school level.

The business could get a fine if caught serving alcohol to an underage guest. "If you have a liquor license it is actually a two tier," Stewart said. "During the event that Norman Police come and find an underage violation or any kind of alcohol violation and if you have a liquor license, it is supposed to

be forwarded to the ABLE commission, at which point they could do what they want; come back and fine you again, cite you for something else or they could just put it on your record."

The server serving the product will be the responsible party. The bouncer or doorman is just a preventative measure.

Not only are people getting fake IDs to try to purchase alcohol, but people are also using these IDs to steal identities and gain access to bank accounts and cash fraudulent checks.

Many of the first time offenders will get deferred and the persons will be put on probation. If the person does not break the probation the offense will be dismissed.

The judge decides whether to issue a fine or jail time. If jail time is given, the state receives no money. Therefore, many judges will choose to issue a fine and probation. Failure to pay will result in a warrant for the defendant's arrest and the defendant will then be placed in jail until either bail is made or the fine is paid. Each case is different and the judge will decide the course of action.

Store owners usually do not report fake ID offenses, said OKC Police Detective. Most will only throw out the persons and take the ID because it is a lot of paper work and trouble in the eyes of the owners to take matters that far, said OKC Police Detective.

When on patrol, it all depended on the circumstances, "Are you going to arrest everyone? Maybe, maybe not," said OKC Police Detective. "Any identity theft of any white collar cases, in general, are going way up, just the fact of what is going on nowadays." With the technology and graphic imaging advances false IDs have become easier for the general public to produce.

Identity theft has become easier because you don't need an ID anymore. You can open up accounts, pay bills, order from businesses, open a cable account and more online. There is no way of proving anyone's identity.

If you go to the store and pay with a credit or debit card, the clerk hardly ever checks your ID to see if it is a match.

Many young adults don't understand the consequences of having or purchasing a false ID. Most only want to purchase alcohol or gain access into the local bars.

If a person is caught with a false ID or gives a false ID to a police officer, the officer has the knowledge to determine if it is fraudulent and if so can choose to charge them or to take the ID and let the persons go.

Kopy Kat out of Dallas refused to comment except for stating that they make "Novelty IDs only, not fake IDs."

ID Chief was shut down by the government and could not comment.

Many other companies or persons were also contacted, but they were either shut down by the government or refused to comment.

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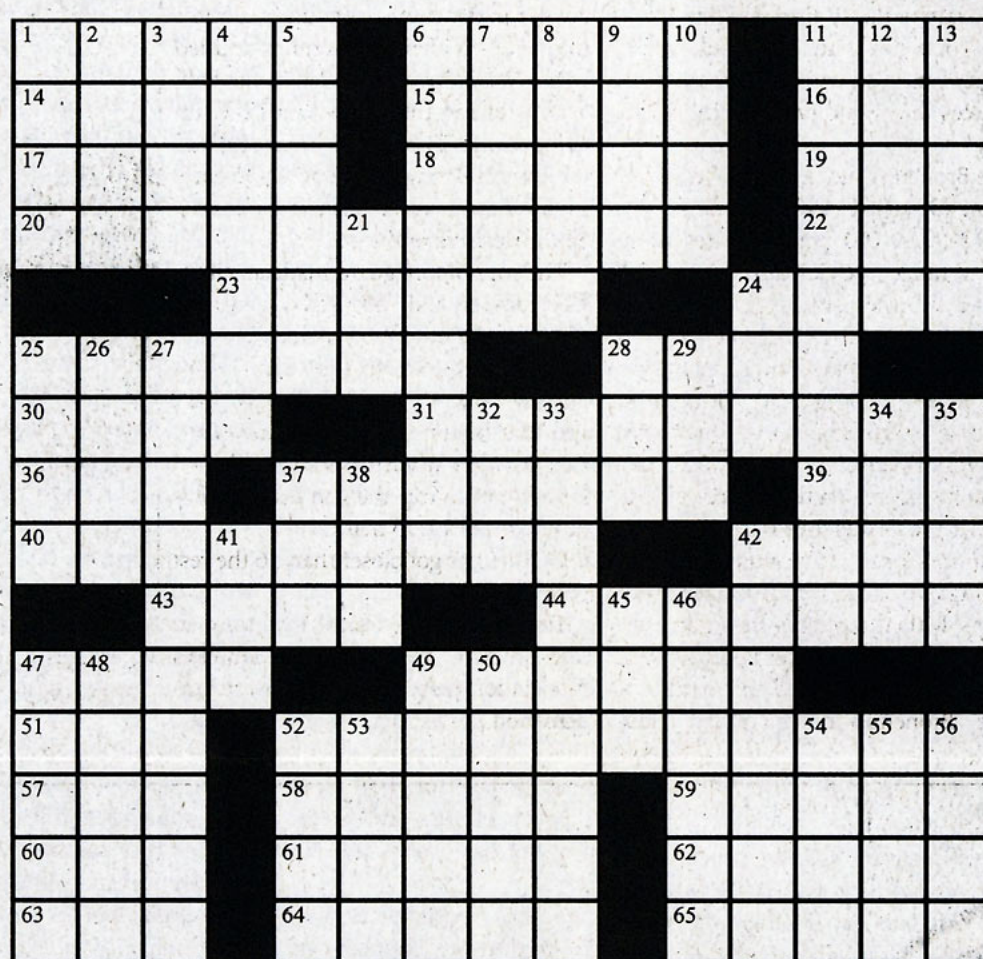
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Across

1. Song of joy
6. Gorge
11. Dadaism founder
14. Old Roman port
15. Bob Marley fan
16. When it's broken, that's good
17. ____ Tower
18. English exam finale, often
19. "Walking on Thin Ice" singer
20. Chynna and Mackenzie Phillips, e.g.
22. Athletic supporter?
23. Surgeon's tool
24. "Beg pardon ..."
25. Champion
28. When repeated, like some shows
30. Dog with a blue-black tongue
31. Never again
36. ____ Master's Voice
37. Soft, bluish-white metal
39. Cal. col.
40. Able to produce eggs that hatch
42. Class of spirits
43. Food sticker
44. Variety of rummy
47. Stylish



49. Catch phrase

51. Precursor to AIDS

52. Characteristic of Latin

57. Mamie's man

58. Cousin of a raccoon

59. Wombs

60. Moray, e.g.

61. Ant, in dialect

62. Chopper blade

63. Swelter

64. Flip, in a way

65. Jagged, as a leaf's edge

Down

1. Fancy-schmancy
2. Fishing, perhaps
3. And others, for short
4. Motion of air currents
5. Long Island county
6. Musical increase
7. Dispatch
8. Money in the bank, say
9. Antares, for one
10. 1951 N.L. Rookie of the Year
11. Epitome
12. Hindu queen
13. Intro

21. ____ and outs
24. Store convenience, for short
25. Bounce back, in a way
26. Gangster's blade
27. In a good way
28. Romanian coin
29. Branch
32. Australian runner
33. Thickness
34. Bluster
35. "Empedocles on ____" (Matthew Arnold poem)
37. Jail, slangily
38. "____ we having fun yet?"
41. Photo
42. Building cleaner
45. ____ Khan
46. Character
47. Perry White, e.g.
48. One that hikes
49. Cons
50. Stringed instruments with fretted necks
52. Air Force heroes
53. Deep sleep
54. Kill, in a way
55. "Aeneid" figure
56. "Your majesty"

RANDOM FACTS

The Outerbridge Crossing that connects Staten Island, NY, and Perth Amboy, NJ, was named after Eugenius Harvey Outerbridge, and has nothing to do with the geographical location of the bridge.

Earth's largest national park is the North-East Greenland Park in Greenland, covering more than 375,000 square miles (more than twice the size of California).

Jack Webb, star of radio and television's Dragnet, was so closely associated with the part of Joe Friday that when Webb died in 1982, the Los Angeles Police Department officially retired Friday's badge number, 714.

In 1950, the first independent credit card company in the world, Diners Club, started as a way for New York businessmen to pay for client meals at 14 participating restaurants. The Club went on to inspire the first credit card-themed Hollywood movie (1963's The Man from the Diners' Club).

The infinity sign is properly known as a "lemniscate."

RANDOM QUOTES

Here's to the crazy ones, the misfits, the rebels, the troublemakers, the round pegs in the square holes... the ones who see things differently -- they're not fond of rules... You can quote them, disagree with them, glorify or vilify them, but the only thing you can't do is ignore them because they change things... they push the human race forward, and while some may see them as the crazy ones, we see genius, because the ones who are crazy enough to think that they can change the world, are the ones who do.

- Steve Jobs

We must beware of trying to build a society in which nobody counts for anything except a politician or an official, a society where enterprise gains no reward and thrift no privileges.

- Sir Winston Churchill

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Litterell-y Sports: Sports... the great escape



Austin Litterell

Sports Reporter

For this column I am going to switch things up a little bit. Long ago it seems like, I briefly mentioned in an article about myself why I love sports and the memories that I have made either watching sports or par-

ticipating in them. Now I want to go deeper into my favorite sports memories, why they mean so much to me, and how they can play an important role in life.

As I said earlier, sports can be an escape. They are a distraction from the world for a few hours that everyone needs at some point in their daily lives.

My first memory and why it is so important is because it kind of showed me that being in sports was the career of choice. High school basketball back when my sister was playing, I was at every single game and would sometimes go off by myself or had a friend with me and we would just call the game like we were analysts. We would do play-by-play and color and just treated like it was a televised game. Doing these type of things was not only good practice, but like mentioned above, it showed me that a career in sports was the path I wanted to follow and I felt as though I could talk or write about

sports as a career.

Another memory is really more than one. Getting to go to OU football games with my dad over the years are times I will never forget. Being able to share a love of sports, especially football, is such an amazing thing and full of experiences that will last a lifetime. We have seen some great games together. From the triple overtime Baylor game, the Air Force game with the jets over the stadium, or the last OU Nebraska game.

Being able to spend so much time with him throughout my youth made it easier to leave for college, where I can't spend as much with him. Also, both of us joining in on Jump Around at the Texas Tech game this year might be my most favorite memory of all. When I have kids, I want them to have the same experience with me that I have had with my father.

Professional sports would probably have to be my first and so far, only Thunder game.

I went with a fraternity brother of mine, my big as the term goes in Greek life. Again, it was just an amazing experience. He really is like the brother that I never had. He was the same major as I am now and we just bonded over school and sports. There was rarely a time we were not talking about sports.

The reason I am writing this is to not talk about myself, but to talk about the importance of sports beyond the games. Sports can make a difference in some people's lives. They are more than just people creaming others on a field. They are distraction from reality and a connection between parents and their children.

Sports can bring people together in ways that nothing else can or they can cause division, but either way, they can make a difference. When somebody says, "it is just a game," they're right, but in a deeper sense, it is much more.

Men's Basketball

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Bronchos Rout OCU

EDMOND (Nov. 30) – Seth Heckart scored eight points during a 22-6 run early in the second half that put Central Oklahoma back in control and the Bronchos went on to roll over Oklahoma City 85-63 Saturday afternoon at Hamilton Field House on the second day of the UCO Classic.

The Stars had trimmed a 14-point first-half deficit to four early in the second half before Heckart scored five straight points to ignite the big scoring spurt that ended with UCO holding a 20-point cushion and the Bronchos coasted in from there.

It was the fourth straight win for UCO, which improved to 6-1 in finishing off a two-game sweep in the weekend event.

"We played really well yesterday in second half and today we played a pretty complete game except for the last five minutes of the first half," said head coach Terry Evans, whose team rallied

from a 14-point deficit to beat Southern Nazarene 82-78 Friday night. "We did a good job with our inside game and any time you can make more than 10 threes in a game you're going to be happy."

The Bronchos shot a season-best 51.6 percent (33-of-64) from the field, hitting 12-of-24 (50 percent) tries from 3-point range. UCO also scored 38 points inside the paint.

Josh Gibbs once again led the way, finishing with 24 points and 12 rebounds for his seventh straight double-double. The senior star went 10-of-15 from the field with a pair of 3-pointers and had nine of his boards on the defensive end.

Cal Andrews was 5-of-6 from beyond the arc in scoring 16 points while also blocking two shots. Heckart made 5-of-7 shots with three treys in adding 13 points and six assists and Philip Brown chipped in 10 points and six boards.

The Bronchos never trailed after

Gibbs hit a long 3-pointer just five seconds into the game, were up by double digits (14-4) after five minutes and led by 14 (35-21) with 3:50 left in the half.

OCU ended the half with a 12-3 run to get within 38-33 at the break and had the margin down to four at 40-36 early in the second when Heckart kick-started the decisive outburst.

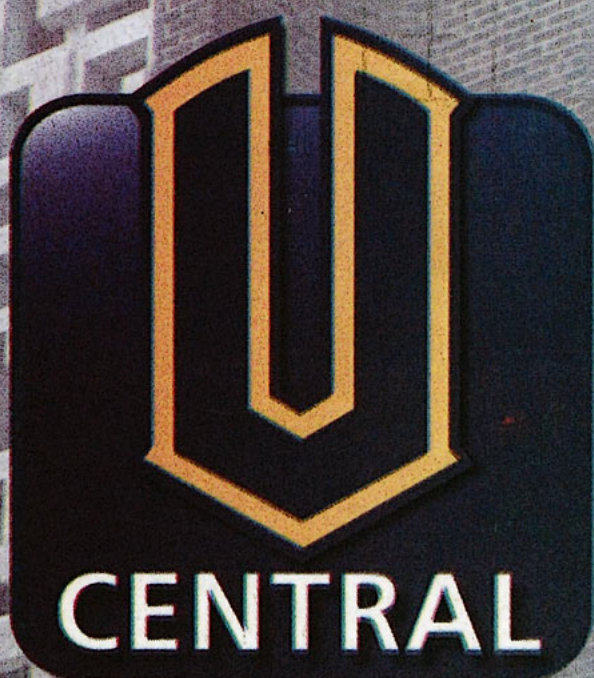
The sophomore guard made an eight-foot jumper and followed a Andrews block on the other end with a long-distance dagger from the top of the key to quickly push UCO's lead back to nine and that became a 20-point advantage four minutes when Heckart fed Brown for a layup to cap the run that made it 62-42 at the 12:56 mark.

OCU never got closer than 16 the rest of the way.

The Bronchos go on the road to open Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association play next Thursday at Lindenwood.



Senior forward Josh Gibbs against OCU on Nov. 30, 2013. Photo by Cyn Sheng Ling, The Vista.



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UCO wrestling looks toward national duals

Rick Lemon

Contributing Writer

UCO wrestling's season might seem like it's just started, but the Broncos are already tuning up for the National Wrestling Coaches Association Division II National Duals in January.

So far this season, UCO has seen great individual success with at least five wrestlers placing in every tournament they have attended so far. Over Thanksgiving Break, however, we finally got to see some team success from the Broncos, as they won their

first dual of the season against Missouri Baptist with a score of 49-4.

The Broncos will have to rely on their tournament success for experience as they are only scheduled for one more dual, a home match against Ouachita Baptist University on Dec. 5.

Other than those duals, the Broncos are scheduled to make appearances at both the Fort Hays Open in Fort Hays, Kan. on Dec. 7 and the Jets Invitational in Wichita, Kan. on Dec. 15. No sports have activities on the week of Dec. 9, due to fall semester final exams.

So far, multiple Broncos have posted im-

pressive records to start the season including the three-weight class gauntlet of Jordan Basks (149), Cory Dauphin (157), and Chris Watson (165), who have all gone undefeated to start the season.

If the Broncos first dual is any indicator, the third ranked Broncos are in for another dominant season. The Broncos controlled every facet of the dual and dominated the entire match in almost every weight class against Missouri Baptist.

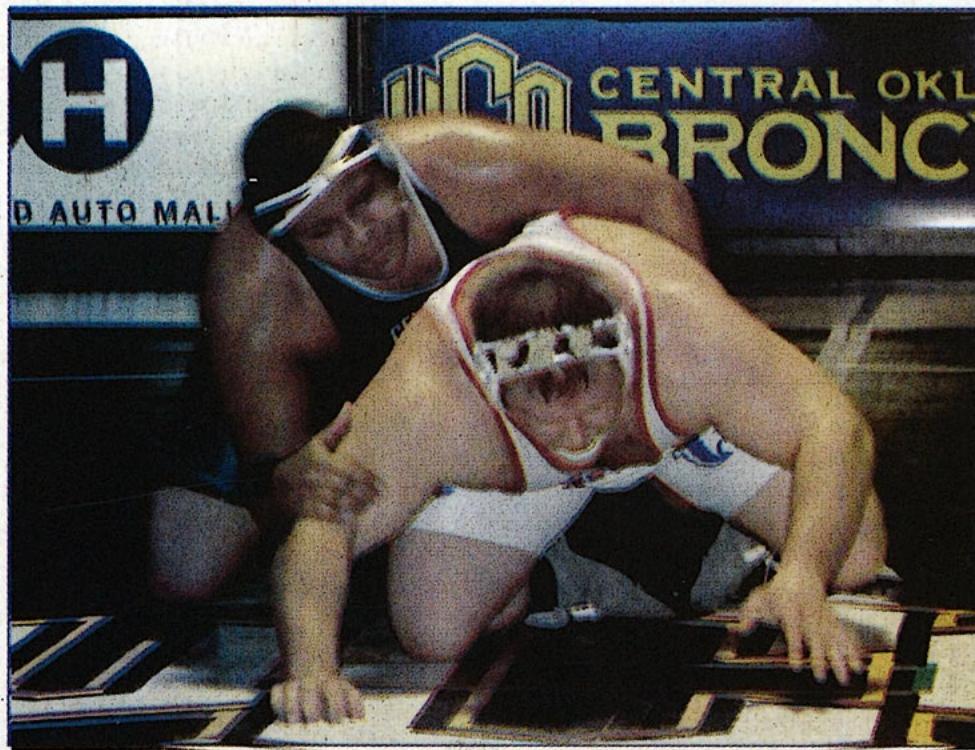
The 49-4 win, UCO's 11th win overall and 16th straight at Hamilton Fieldhouse, was highlighted by a four consecutive match pinning spree at the weights of 149, 157, 165,

and 174. The dual also featured major decisions for Casy Rowell (133 lb.) and Garrett Henshaw (197 lb.) and a technical fall for Kaleb Craddock (141 lb.). Missouri Baptist's one-match win came at heavyweight Julius Anglickas.

The Broncos' dual against Ouachita Baptist University will be at Hamilton field house on Thursday, as UCO tries to increase its home winning streak to 17. Ouachita Baptist started the season ranked 9th in the pre-season polls and look to be the toughest test for the Broncos so far this season.



Senior 184 lbs Znack Ferrell during a match last season. Photo by The Vista Archives.



Senior heavy weight Cody Dauphin during a match last season. Photo by The Vista Archives.

Women's Basketball

Women's basketball returns to action on the road in Missouri



Senior guard Rachel New during last season. Photo by The Vista Archives.

Austin Litterell

Sports Reporter

The UCO women's basketball team will be on the road in their return from Thanksgiving Break. UCO will travel to St. Charles, Mo. to take on MIAA foe Lindenwood University. UCO comes into this game with a 5-2 record, while Lindenwood is at a 4-3 record on the season.

Lindenwood is ranked sixth in the MIAA in scoring offense at 74.8 points per game. UCO's defense will have to be able to stop the seventh best scorer in the conference, Marissa Lehnig. She is averaging just over 17 points per game on the season. UCO is eighth in

the conference in scoring with a little over 73 points, led by Jill Bryan at 15.8 points on the season.

For UCO, shooting the ball well is key to their chances in this game. The Broncos have to avoid the long dry spells where they cannot hit a basket. UCO has not shot the ball well in their two losses this season, but has in their five victories.

In their losses, the Broncos have shot a combined 29.8 percent from the field. In their wins, UCO has shot 38.4 percent from the field. If UCO wants to succeed, they will need to have successful shots and knock those shots down.

UCO will have some confidence when they play on Thursday. The Broncos had a tough

two-game stretch down in Denton, Texas, losing both games they played. They managed to find their winning ways again against Southwestern Oklahoma with an impressive 98-75 victory over the Bulldogs.

The Broncos lost a close to the Lions last season. Lindenwood came out on top, 81-77. Marissa Lehnig chipped in with ten points in last year's game and shot just 4-10. She will need to be kept in check on Thursday. UCO tied the game at 72 with fewer than two minutes to play, but the Lions were able to hit their free throws and secure the victory.

This game is one of a two-game road trip for the Broncos, who will then play Lincoln University on Saturday. Tip off is at 5:30 p.m. against the Lions.

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