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Proposed UCOSA transparency bill failed last semester despite passing the Senate

JOSH WALLACE, Staff Writer

Last year, during the fall 2012 semester, a bill was written and introduced for consideration by our student government, the UCO Student Association (UCOSA). The bill, Senate Bill 12-01, was authored by former UCOSA President and Senator Matt Blubaugh, and was described as "an act amending the UCOSA statutes to provide greater transparency, legitimacy, and accountability to the Student Activities Board (SAB)."

Ultimately, the bill failed to come to fruition, despite passing the Senate after the bill's introduction on Oct. 15, as well as passing subcommittees afterward. There are two differing sides of the story surround the fate of the bill, with some agreement between the two on what took place during the last few weeks of the fall semester.

The bill sought the inclusion of two new members to the SAB, the president of Broncho Battalion, and president of the Student Athletic Advisory Council, and "six at-large members comprised of three House Representatives and three Senators." In addition to the changes introduced to membership of SAB, new rules were proposed that would require all SAB meeting and budget defense dates be posted publicly in the UCOSA office, a requirement that all SAB members be notified of meeting times and locations at least three days prior to said meetings, and all organizations seeking emergency funding to be notified of time and location of budget defense meetings no less than three days prior to the meeting.

Blubaugh puts the bill's failure on the

House, led by Speaker, Jason Robinson, claiming that the House had weeks to consider the bill after it passed the Senate. Blubaugh claims that instead of hearing the bill, the House dragged it out through subcommittees and eventually postponed the bill during the last House meeting, effectively killing it.

Blubaugh also contends that Robinson claimed to have not received the bill after it passed the Senate, and that he had to forward digital copies of the bill via e-mail. Copies of those e-mails have not been made available to the Vista as of the time of this writing.

Robinson agrees to the effect that it had passed the Senate, and then went through several subcommittees that had objections to the bill initially, and eventually passed, but disagrees that it was stalled on purpose. As for the allegation of not getting a copy of the bill after passing the Senate, Robinson disputes this, stating that in a text communication, Blubaugh told Robinson "Oh, I forgot to get this to you, can you look at it?" He added that he didn't receive the bill from Blubaugh until a couple of weeks after the communication.

According to UCOSA House Meeting notes, the bill was brought in for discussion Nov. 7, and after passing committee, was scheduled for the House agenda on their last meeting. Both parties generally agree as to the events transpiring at this final session.

While his bill was to be heard during the final House meeting, Blubaugh described his frustration with the fact that the bill was

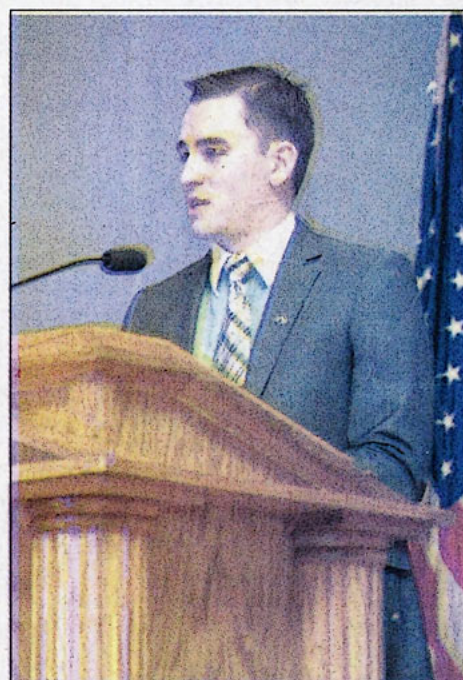
scheduled towards the end of the meeting's agenda, and that he believed it should have been brought up early in the session. At the top of the agenda was a new procedure, brought in by Robinson, a vote of confidence in his role as speaker and two others that serve with him.

The vote lasted the majority of the session, which Blubaugh claims was designed to purposely delay his bill. Robinson agrees that the confidence vote was a new procedure, but disagreed that the action was to delay the bill, and instead stated that it was an action to gauge how effectively members of UCOSA thought he was operating in his current position.

After the vote had completed, both sides agree that a number of UCOSA members were leaving the meeting, at the time 12-01 was about to be brought up. According to both Blubaugh and Robinson, UCOSA sessions typically last for around an hour, to accommodate for member's busy schedules.

Robinson introduced the bill, and proposed a motion to postpone the bill, which was seconded and then accepted. Blubaugh claims this was done deliberately, and was dissatisfied with the issue, vocally speaking his complaints to the members still there. Robinson agrees this took place, but defended his position of postponing the bill, adding that with numbers of UCOSA members leaving the room, he didn't feel it was fair to put the bill to a vote without giving it enough time to be heard.

When asked if the bill would be taken up this semester, Robinson said it would, "It's



Former UCOSA President Matt Blubaugh authored Senate Bill 12-01. Blubaugh puts the bill's failure on the House. Photo provided

going through the process right now, I don't know how long it will take for the committees to finish their review of it. Right now it's in its current form, but I don't know whether it's going to stay like that," he added that there were a lot of things that people wanted to keep but said that there would probably be more amendments added.

MEDICINAL MARIJUANA

Is it time for Oklahoma to decriminalize the drug?

AP Photo/Ted S. Warren, File

BROOKS NICKELL, Staff Writer



Young Hindu monks smoke marijuana at Sri Panchayati Bada Udasin "akhara" or sect of Hindu holy men, during the Maha Kumbh festival in Allahabad, India, Monday, Jan. 28, 2013. Millions of Hindu pilgrims are expected to attend the Maha Kumbh festival, which is one of the world's largest religious gatherings that lasts 55 days and falls every 12 years. (AP Photo/Rajesh Kumar Singh)

With the advancement of progressive marijuana laws, legislation, from decriminalizing recreational use to legalizing for medicinal use, continues to be a hot button issue and Oklahoma could be finding its way into the spotlight with states like Washington and Colorado.

Oklahoma Senator Constance Johnson has filed two bills; one proposing the legalization of medicinal marijuana and the other reducing the penalty for those caught with smaller amounts.

Currently, those caught in possession of up to 1.5 ounces can spend a maximum of one year in jail and be fined up to \$1,000.

Bill 914 would reduce that fine to a maximum of \$200 and lower the amount of time spent in jail to ten days.

Bill 902 aims for the State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision to develop and adopt regulations that allow people with debilitating medical conditions to use marijuana medicinally, pending the patient's approval

by a physician.

The bill would also call for the establishment of fees for the licensing, production, distribution and consumption of medicinal marijuana.

Bills 902 and 914 will be fighting an up-hill battle; the Senate Health and Human Services Committee denied Johnson an interim study on medicinal marijuana just last year.

However, Recent developments in legislation throughout the states could aid in Johnson's attempt to ease Oklahoma's tough marijuana laws. 18 states and the District of Columbia currently allow patients, meeting requirements similar to those outlined in Bill 902, to use medicinal marijuana.

"We've seen it legalized now in Colorado and Washington. It's something that needs to be discussed in our state. We have some tough drug penalties in Oklahoma. The voting in those places might mean the bills are taken more seriously this time around, I don't know if it will ever get to a floor vote though," Rusty Olsen, a student in UCO's Political Science Graduate Program, said.

Olsen isn't the only one who recognizes the change in social and political marijuana views.

"There is momentum for legalization, it's building. It may not be this year or next year but perhaps not that long in the future we might see a bill like this pass in Oklahoma," Dr.

Louis Furmanski, of the University of Central Oklahoma's Political Science Department, said. "There is sufficient debate about the medical benefits. It's not a cut and dry issue. Some say that alcohol abuse is more destructive. Within reasonable parameters, I don't think that legalizing it would be the slippery slope that a lot think it would be."

Another point Dr. Furmanski brings to the table addresses Bill 914, saying that there are too many in prison for victimless crimes.

"They're really just hurting themselves, if anyone. It's costing the state and the state's taxpayers big bucks to keep them in prison. They would be much better served within drug programs that try and target addiction or mental health. Prison is not the place for a recreational marijuana user."

Like most legislation dealing with controversial subject matter, such as that in the bills Senator Johnson has written, there is plenty of opposition.

"It's an absolute joke," Rogers County Sheriff Scott Walton said in an interview with KJRH correspondent Daniel Pearlman. "I stub my toe and now I need a script for a dime bag of weed? I think that should be a slap in the face to the medical profession or the pharmaceutical profession."

If accepted and approved, Bills 902 and 914 will go into effect Nov. 1. Oklahoma's legislative session begins Feb. 4.

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The Fruits of Twitter's Latest Endeavor Going Rotten on the 'Vine'

Twitter's calling card has always been brevity. Never loosening their 140-character limit on tweets, the company introduced their next venture on self-imposed limitations: Vine. Twitter's Vine is an iOS app that dropped last week. The app allows users to splice six seconds of footage together, add locations and hashtag the subject matter to boost searchability. Once the user completes their video, the six-second clip loops like a GIF.

So what could possibly be problematic with the video-sharing platform?

Search "#ocean" and you are treated to the idyllic footage of vacationers. Search "#food" and you are treated to sandwich making barrages, tea steeping, and pasta disappearing acts. Vine seems fun. Vine seems innocent. Well, until one of the Editor Pick videos on the homepage Monday was of a pornographic nature.

Yes, porn strikes again. Twitter apologized for the accident, calling it "human error." Currently, videos that have been flagged as

inappropriate feature a disclaimer. Users can touch the screen if they still wish to watch the extreme content, but presently there is no age restriction. Without an age restriction, parental groups will never endorse its Internet safety.

When the image was discovered Monday, a Twitter spokesperson said, "Users can report videos as inappropriate within the product if they believe the content to be sensitive or inappropriate (e.g. nudity, violence, or medical procedures)."

"Uploaded videos that are reported and determined to violate our guidelines will be removed from the site, and the user account that posted the video may be terminated. Please review the Vine rules for more information on these violations."

Apple, who approved the app, is now upping the pressure on Twitter to find a more permanent solution.

And Twitter better act fast. Compare the responses of Flickr and Chatroulette when pornography infiltrated their products: Flickr became extremely strict

regarding the content they allowed on the site. Chatroulette, however, was not proactive in regulating content and kicking rule-breaking users off the site.

Flickr flourishes. Chatroulette, well, Chatroulette is a soon-to-be ghost town, whose remaining users are seemingly just male genitals.

Twitter needs to borrow Flickr's model. To access explicit or "#NSFW" content, at the very least, Vine should implement age restrictions. The platform must establish how many complaints it takes to remove a clip from the site.

Vine is a brilliant idea. The six-second constraint forces users to be creative. Here's to hoping Vine rebounds and reconfigures. Otherwise, we may have to watch Vine crawl to the backroom of the Internet, and take its place alongside the likes of Chatroulette, Myspace, and Google Plus.



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WHAT FOOTBALL COULD BECOME UNDER THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION.

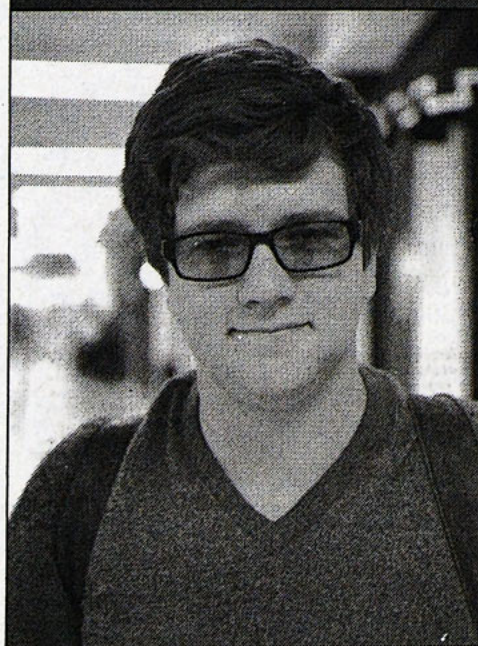


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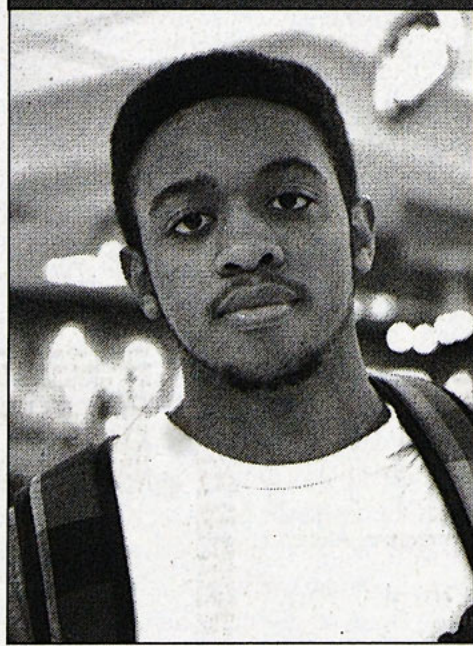
Do you think medical marijuana should be made legal in Oklahoma?

PAUL TRAVIS
English Education - Junior



"Yes, I just think that it's not government place to say if it's legal or illegal."

JORDAN WRIGHT
Marketing - Freshman



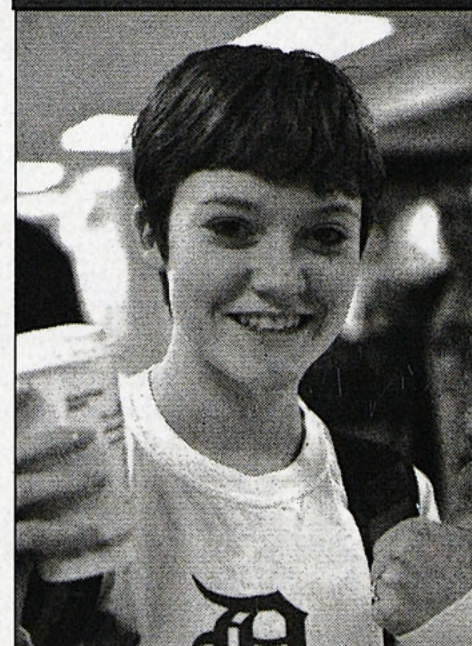
"No, government shouldn't regulate it because it'll be bad for businesses."

RAVEN CABANISS
Advertising - Junior



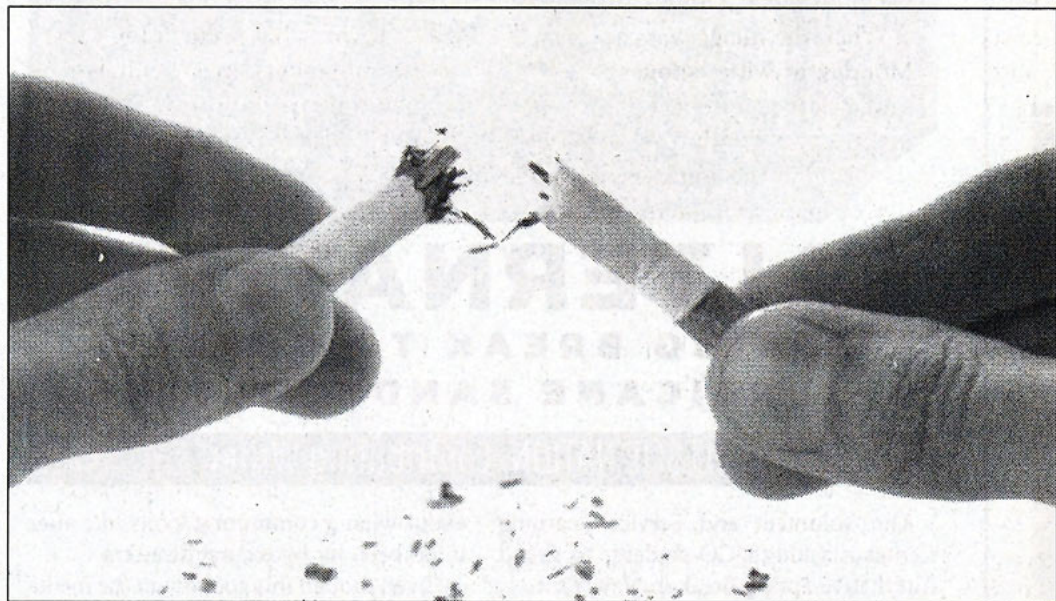
"Yes, I think it could be beneficial to people more than being harmful."

KATHERINE LAVENUE
Forensic Chemistry - Freshman



"Yes, because during the Temperance movement, alcohol was seen to be abused more than before. For example, your mom tells you not to enter that room, and you would want to do it more. It's likely to happen with marijuana."

UCO WELLNESS CENTER OFFERS FREEDOM FROM CIGARETTE ADDICTIONS



The UCO Wellness Center is now offering classes to assist smokers to quit smoking and target their addiction to cigarettes.

• Lindsey Rickards, Contributing Writer •

Susan Adair instructed the first session of the American Lung Association's Freedom from Smoking Program at UCO on January 23, 2013.

Adair is a certified American Lung Association "Freedom from Smoking" facilitator.

"I want to be part of the solution," said Adair.

The educational program consists of eight sessions that take place from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Wellness Center.

The sessions take place in a small group setting, with the optimum number of participants ranging from nine to ten.

"Get strength from group strategies," said Adair, concerning accountability and support. "Always someone in the group to help with the strategy or have some kind of trick to help quit."

The cost is \$10 for all eight sessions, which includes support and tools to aid smokers in the quitting process.

According to Adair, the kits given to participants include tools like nicotine replacement gum, toothpicks and rubber bands to help occupy the time of smokers who may have a hand or oral fixation.

Adair said, to get all of the benefits from the program, participants need to come to every session.

Adair teaches the three links to addiction, physiological, psychological and social, as well as how to break the links.

Adair incorporates self-awareness through pack tracking to help participants realize what they are doing when a large urge for a cigarette occurs.

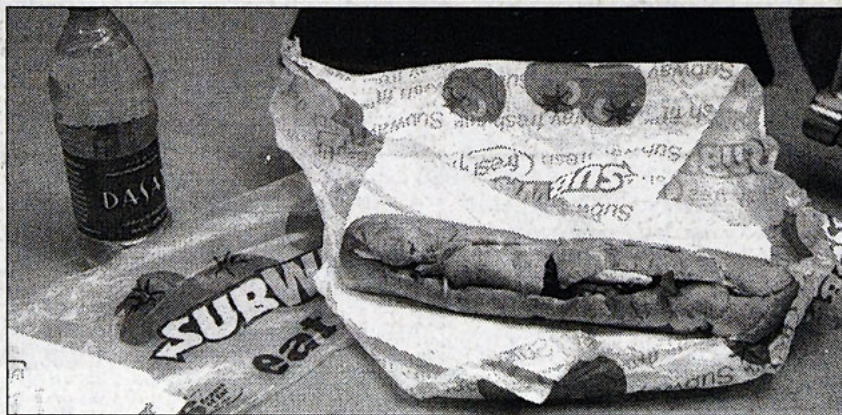
"There are jillions and jillions of other things to do besides smoke," Adair said. "Get into a hobby if you don't have one, engage yourself in your hobby if you do."

Adair suggested distractions like walking or watching a movie as substitutions to smoking.

"Right now, only faculty or staff enrolled in the class," said Brittney Criswell UCO Health Promotion Coordinator. "If we offer the class again I do hope that students and the general public will enroll in the course because it is a great program for those who are ready go quit smoking."

Subway faces "footlong" suit

• Geoff Mulvihill, Associated Press •



(AP Photo/Seth Wenig, File)

Two New Jersey men sued Subway this week, claiming the world's biggest fast-food chain has been shorting them by selling so-called footlong sandwiches that measure a bit less than 12 inches.

The suit, filed Tuesday in Superior Court in Mount Holly, may be the first legal filing aimed at the sandwich shops after an embarrassment went viral last week when someone posted a photo of a footlong and a ruler on the company's Facebook page to show that the sandwich was not as long as advertised.

At the time, the company issued a statement saying that the sandwich length can vary a bit when franchises do not bake to the exact corporate standards.

Stephen DeNittis, the lawyer for the plaintiffs in the New Jersey suit, said he's seeking class-action status and is also preparing to file a similar suit in Pennsylvania state court in Philadelphia.

He said he's had sandwiches from 17 shops measured — and every one came up short.

"The case is about holding companies to deliver what they've promised," he said.

Even though the alleged short of a half-inch or so of bread is relatively small, it adds up, he said. Subway has 38,000 stores around the world, nearly all owned by franchisees and its \$5 footlong specials have been a mainstay of the company's ads for five years.

DeNittis said both plaintiffs — John Farley, of Evesham and Charles Noah Pendrack, of Ocean City — came to him after reading last week about the short sandwiches.

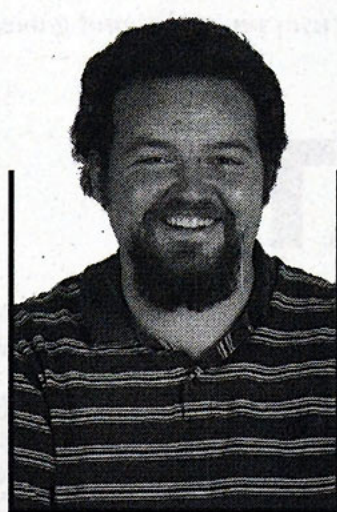
DeNittis is asking for compensatory damages for his client and a change in Subway's practices.

The Milford, Conn.-based firm should either make sure its sandwiches measure a full foot or stop advertising them as such.

He points to how McDonald's quarter-pounders are advertised as being that weight before they are cooked.

Subway did not immediately return a call to The Associated Press on Wednesday.

Opinion



BE3N JAMMIN!

By Ben Luschen

Growing Up Ginger

My hair used to be a rusty, but bright, orange, like the leaves on your granny's old oak tree in autumn.

This was years ago. Over the last decade, I've stared in my bathroom mirror and watched that orange fade to red, red to auburn, auburn to the light mouse shade I currently model. I figure the only thing left for my hair to do is thin at the roots and fall out. My follicle life is in a transition to winter.

I have a class in the sociology department. One day, we talked about the way redheads (gingers) are sometimes treated in England. The answer: not too well.

Our teacher scanned the class for any redheads. She couldn't find any. That's weird, she usually had at least one or... her eyes stopped at me. She couldn't decide if I was one. I told her I was. Always will be. She asked me if my hair color had ever affected my life in an adverse way. I didn't know how to answer.

I knew the point she was making. No, I've never been a victim of direct discrimination due to my hair color. No one casts prejudicial glances at me as I walk down the street (well, except that time I ripped my pants on a swing in the neighborhood park). I knew the correct answer was 'no,' but I was speechless because my personal identity as a redhead goes deeper than overt discrimination. To simply say no, to me, would give the impression that my hair color was as inconsequential of a characteristic as the width of my shoulders. Growing up ginger played a part in the man I've become today.

Today my hair blends in with the rest of the flock, but in elementary school I was a practical peacock. At this age, any nail that sticks out is bound to get hammered, and I heard it from kids all over. I was given all sorts of hair-based nicknames, but for whatever reason the one that hurt the most was the seemingly mild classic, "carrot top."

I don't know why I took the most offense to carrot top. Maybe it bothered me because carrot tops are actually green. Maybe it was just because I hated vegetables, who knows? One day during recess, I complained to the teacher on duty that a group of kids were call-

ing me carrot top. He told me to take it as a compliment because there was a comedian named Carrot Top and he was a pretty funny guy. I had no idea who Carrot Top was until several weeks later when he made an appearance on Live! with Regis and Kathy Lee. It didn't make me feel any better about myself. Worse, if anything.

Some scientists say gingers will interbreed their way to extinction within the next hundred years. Others say 50. Whenever I read reports like these, I get legitimately angry. I'm not angry with the hack scientists or these scandalous, foul, wretched breeding gingers. I'm mad at nature for making my identity — my redness — a recessive one. You see, red is as much my heritage as it is my hair color. My brother is a ginger. My sister is a ginger. My mom. My dad. My dad's sister. Their mom. It goes on.

What characteristic defines your family? What if I told you it could disappear from the face of the Earth within your lifetime? How alien would you feel?

Being red isn't just a physical feature; it's an attitude. If you grew up ginger, then you grew up with people constantly remarking on, admiring or even hating your hair color. To grow up ginger is to grow up looking for an alternative way to distinguish yourself.

It's not that we hate being red. Most of us love it. There's just something unsettling about your most loveable trait being something you didn't do and can't control. This is why the red head you know has such a distinctive personality. Or just likes to think that they do.

Growing up ginger had no adverse effect on my life. I'm a white man in middle class America, what do I know about adversity? Serious adversity doesn't define my life journey. But being red does, and even as my hair fades into darkness, I'll never treat it as a passing trait.

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Campus Cook Ragin' Cajun Jambalaya

Ingredients:

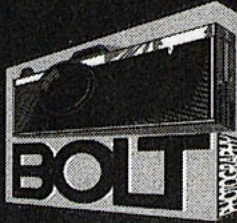
- 16 ounces smokes sausage (cut into slices)
- 1 pound chicken breast (cut into strips)
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1-1 1/2 cups white rice, uncooked
- 2 cans Rotel (undrained)
- 2 cans chicken broth
- 1 can tomato sauce

Directions:

1. Cook sausage and chicken in large saucepan over medium-high heat until chicken is no longer pink.
2. Remove from saucepan, cover to keep warm.
3. Cook onion and garlic in the same saucepan for 3 minutes until onion is tender, then add to chicken and sausage.
4. Cook rice in the same saucepan for 5 minutes or until golden brown, add meat and onion/garlic mixture to the pan and mix well.
5. Stir in Rotel, broth, and tomato sauce, bring to boil.
6. Cover, reduce heat to low and simmer for 20 minutes. Stir before serving.

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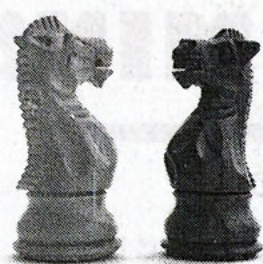
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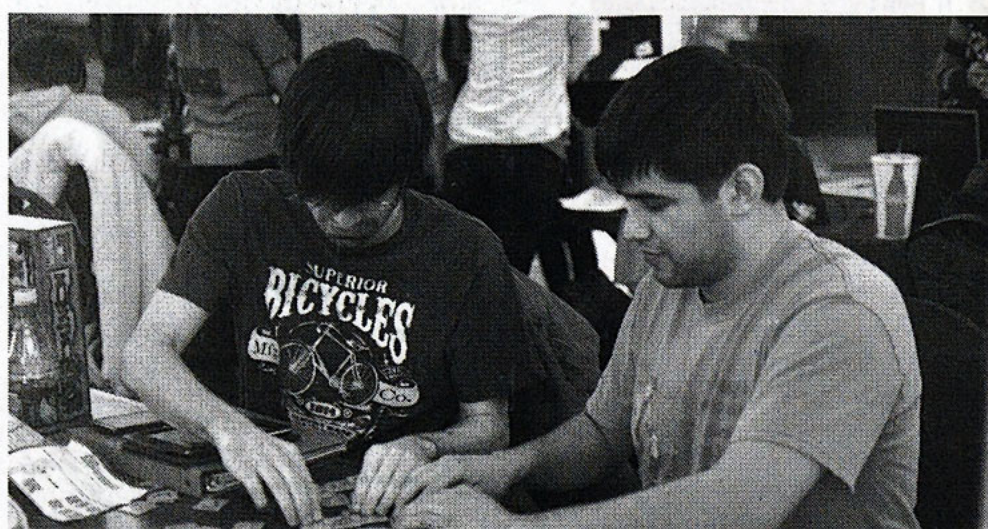
Campus

CHECKMATE

UCO Chess and Games Club focuses on traditional gameplay.



ALEXANDRIA CANOY, Contributing Writer



James Grider (right) and Shey Ramsey (left) are playing a game of Carcassonne during UCO Spring Student Involvement Fair at NUC Ballroom, Jan. 23, 2013. Photo by Cyn Sheng Ling, The Vista

As he makes his way to room 211, deck in hand, he is eager to face the tabletop for adventure and the opportunity to use his skills and take risks.

This may be a common feeling for a student headed to one of the weekly meetings in the Liberal Arts building of the Chess and Gamers organization, a club started in 2008 as a way to give students the chance to engage in gaming without a screen or controller.

"If you can think of a tabletop or pen and paper game we probably have someone who knows about it or people willing to try it," said president Shey Ramsey.

Many different styles of games are played each week, giving the students something new to try each time.

"Currently some of the popular ones have been deck building games and some cooperative games," said Ramsey. "The new Marvel legendary deck building game has been played a bit as well as one called Dominion. A deck building game consists of currency cards that are used to buy new cards into your deck, victory cards that help you win the game, and specialty cards that you use to build your deck and make a strategy."

Aside from the entertainment value the club activities provide, there are also other benefits to playing games in this social setting.

"For me the social nature of board games is the biggest benefit over a video game," said Ramsey. "When you are face to face with the people you are playing with its just more memorable and fun. Not to say the people in this club don't play video games or are taking an elitist stance against them. It just that I mean it's hard not to get to know someone you are sitting at a table with for like an hour or two."

The club recently had a table at the student involvement fair to promote their presence on campus.

"We announce all our meetings over Centralities and show up reliably to Student Involvement fairs," said adviser Dr. Mark Silcox. "We also have connections to some community organizations, including the OKC Mind's Eye Society, The Oklahoma Chess Association, and the OKC Area Gamers Meetup group."

The group meets from three to six on Fridays.

"Gaming is a great way to meet interesting new people in a fun, stress-free environment, and an excellent way to decompress on Friday evening after a week of hard work and studying," Silcox said. "Also, snacks are provided."

BIGWORDS

FINDING THE CHEAPEST TEXTBOOK

ADAM HOLT, Staff Writer



Cyn Sheng, The Vista

Today's online textbook marketplace offers students more options in buying, selling, and renting books than prior generations. We may now search a number of book merchandisers or price comparison sites to find the rarest of textbooks. Yet, near the beginning of every semester, you will find lines of book-carrying students stretching to the back of the campus bookstore.

These lines bring about questions concerning our ever-growing online shopping world. What are the advantages of the bookstore? What are the advantages for online purchases?

One of the most popular companies in the online textbook business is BIGWORDS.com. The website is not a retailer itself, but a price comparison site, similar to what Orbit is to online travel. BIGWORDS searches through the inventories of 40 online booksellers to find the cheapest prices for its customers. It also explores rental book inventories.

Jeff Sherwood, CEO, lead programmer, and designer of BIGWORDS, was very matter-of-fact about what inspired the creation of his company.

"I went to college," he said. "There really was no online presence at all. You had to wait two hours in line. I just thought there had to be a better way."

An advantage online book retailers offer that a bookstore cannot is the packaging of books from multiple websites and the automatic use of coupons and sales.

For example, a student searching for three textbooks submits the titles to BIGWORDS. The website will find the combination of prices to create the best overall deal. If one book is cheapest on Half.com, another on Amazon.com, and the third on Textbookx.com, they will be packaged together to get the lowest price. BIGWORDS will also incorporate any sales and coupons the websites offer into the price.

A practice that has become popular in recent years is the renting of textbooks. Using sales and rental data from August to November 2012, BIGWORDS conducted a study comparing the cost of renting a textbook compared to buying and selling a textbook. The website's conclusion was that it was more advantageous for a student to buy and sell rather than rent.

Sherwood stated the reason for this being companies who rent books predict their depreciation, and more times than not the estimated depreciation is overstated. This bodes well for those who sell back books.

Philanthropy



ALTERNATIVE SPRING BREAK TO BENEFIT HURRICANE SANDY VICTIMS

LESLIE NATION, Contributing Writer

The Volunteer and Service Learning Center is asking UCO students to spend Alternative Spring Break in New York.

The VSLC has partnered with New York Cares to aid the cities hit by Hurricane Sandy in late October. New York Cares is the city's largest non-profit volunteer organization.

"They are more of a coordinating body for any kind of needs that are in the area anywhere in New York," Rachel Winters, Assistant Director at VSLC, said.

Alternative Spring Break will take place March 17-23 specifically in Gerritsen Beach of the Brooklyn area and Far Rockaway, N.Y. In these communities, the volunteers will be helping to "muck-out" houses, clean up debris and begin the rebuilding process.

"Whatever they want to train us on we'll probably be doing," Winters said.

Winters hopes that students who apply to volunteer will gain some awareness

about what a community looks like after it has been hit by natural disasters.

"Even though this goes out in the media spot light there is still work to be done for years to come afterwards," Winters said. "I hope that they will find that this meaningful service experience will encourage them to serve in their own communities when they return."

The VSLC plans to take 11 students. The costs for students to go on Alternative Spring Break will be \$200, which will cover flight, lodging, and food. Students who apply must be registered UCO students and possess some form of health insurance.

Applications for Alternative Spring Break are due by 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 8. Students can apply by picking up a form at the VSLC, Room 212 in the Nigh University Center, or online at www.uco.edu/student-affairs/vslc.



Eddie Saman shows off his home which he has insulated with blankets donated by the Red Cross, Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2013 in the borough of Staten Island in New York. The house was badly damaged by Superstorm Sandy and will have to be renovated. Meanwhile, because of the extreme cold weather, Saman has been spending the night in a tent nearby operated by the volunteer group Cedar Grove Community Hub. UCO students, in cooperation with the VSLC office, will journey to New York March 17 to help clean up and rebuild. (AP Photo/Mark Lennihan)

AROUND OKLAHOMA

Associated Press

OETA SEEKS MORE FUNDING

The new director of Oklahoma's public television network is asking the Legislature for a more than 50 percent boost in state funding, even as some lawmakers are calling to eliminate state funding for the agency entirely.

The Oklahoma Educational Television Authority's new Executive Director Dan Schiedel discussed his agency's budget needs Monday before a joint House and Senate budget panel. Oklahoma lawmakers are reviewing individual agency bud-

gets before the legislative session begins next week.

Schiedel asked lawmakers for a \$2 million increase in its annual budget to help pay for increasing employee benefits, more state legislative coverage, and a statewide satellite distribution.

But OETA is facing opposition from a growing number of conservatives in the Legislature who argue the network is not a core function of state government.

TURNPIKE REOPENS AFTER BOMB SCARE

Authorities have reopened the Creek Turnpike in Tulsa County after the discovery of two unattended suitcases prompted a bomb scare.

Lt. George Brown says the Oklahoma Highway Patrol received a tip at about 4:20 a.m. Monday regarding two suspicious suitcases that were placed in the westbound pay lane at the Jenks toll plaza.

Brown says the Oklahoma Highway Pa-

trol's bomb squad responded to the scene and westbound traffic was rerouted onto city streets.

Brown says X-rays showed that neither suitcase contained explosive or dangerous items. He says the suitcases were taken into custody for further investigation.

Westbound lanes reopened shortly before 8 a.m. Monday.

EDMOND SCHOOLS PUSH FOR \$80 MILLION

The Edmond School District is asking voters to approve \$80 million in bonds so it can build three new schools.

The item is on the Feb. 12 ballot and school officials say the bonds would go toward funding a new high school, middle school and an elementary school.

The Oklahoman reports that approval would mean the city would get a 17th elementary school and a sixth middle school. There is also expected to be

enough money to buy land for a fourth high school.

The middle school would cost \$27 million and the elementary school would cost \$16.5 million.

Bond money would also go toward maintaining existing facilities.

Backers say the tax rate would remain the same at 24.21 mills as the new bond issue would replace retiring bonds.



Linda Phiel places a "Whopper Jr." sandwich from Burger King on the casket to be buried with her father David Kime, Jr. at Prospect Hill Cemetery in York, Pa. on Saturday, Jan. 26, 2013. Phiel and other mourners went through the drive-through at Burger King and each got the hamburger to honor Kime, Jr. who loved fast food. (AP Photo/York Daily Record, Jason Plotkin)

FAST FOOD FUNERAL

YORK, Pa. (AP) — Mourners at a Pennsylvania fast-food fan's funeral wanted him to have it his way, so they arranged for his hearse — and the rest of the procession — to make one last drive-thru visit before reaching the cemetery.

David Kime Jr. "lived by his own rules," daughter Linda Phiel said. He considered the lettuce on a burger his version of healthy eating, she said.

To give him a whopper of a send-off Saturday, the funeral procession stopped at a Burger King where each mourner got a sandwich for the road.

Kime got one last burger too, the York Daily Record reported. It was placed

atop his flag-draped coffin at the cemetery.

Phiel said the display wasn't a joke, rather a happy way of honoring her father and the things that brought him joy.

"He lived a wonderful life and on his own terms," she said.

Kime, 88, a World War II veteran, died Jan. 20.

Restaurant manager Margaret Hess said she knew his face and his order. She and her crew made 40 burgers for the funeral procession.

"It's nice to know he was a loyal customer up until the end — the very end," she said.

NEW ZEALAND TO ERADICATE PET CATS?

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP) — Gareth Morgan has a simple dream: a New Zealand free of pet cats that threaten native birds. But the environmental advocate has triggered a claws-out backlash with his anti-feline campaign.

Morgan called on his countrymen Tuesday to make their current cat their last in order to save the nation's unique bird species. He set up a website, called Cats To Go, depicting a tiny kitten with red devil's horns. The opening line: "That little ball of fluff you own is a natural born killer."

He doesn't recommended people euthanize their current cats — "Not necessarily but that is an option" are the site's exact words — but rather neuter them and not replace them when they die. Morgan, an economist and well-known businessman, also

suggests people keep cats indoors and that local governments make registration mandatory.

Morgan's campaign is not sitting well in a country that boasts one of the highest cat ownership rates in the world.

"I say to Gareth Morgan, butt out of our lives," Bob Kerridge, the president of the Royal New Zealand Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, told the current affairs television show Campbell Live. "Don't deprive us of the beautiful companionship that a cat can provide individually and as a family."

For thousands of years, New Zealand's native birds had no predators and flourished. Some species, like the kiwi, became flightless. But the arrival of mankind and its introduction of predators like cats, dogs and rodents

have wiped out some native bird species altogether and endangered many others.

"Imagine a New Zealand teeming with native wildlife, penguins on the beach, kiwis roaming about in your garden," Morgan writes on his website. "Imagine hearing birdsong in our cities."

But many New Zealanders are against the campaign. Even on Morgan's website, about 70 percent of respondents were voting against making their current cat their last.

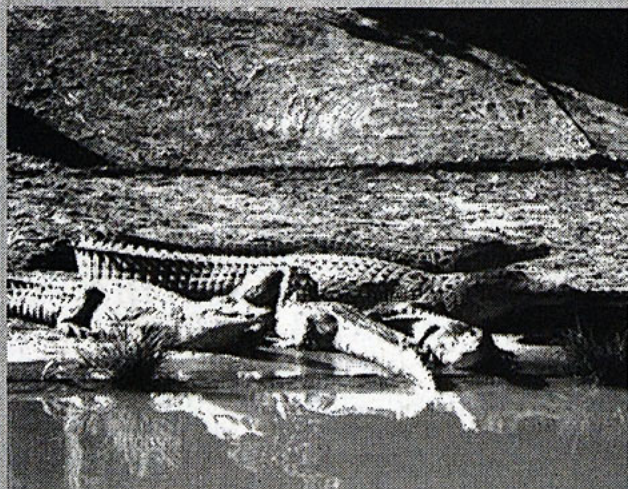
Morgan could not be reached for comment.

And the science remains unclear. Some argue that cats may actually help native birds by reducing the population of rodents, which sometimes feed on bird eggs.

MAD WORLD

Bizarre news from across the globe

THE GREAT CROCODILE ESCAPE



This photo taken Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2013 shows some of the recaptured crocodiles back safely on the farm they escaped from, at Pontdrif, South Africa, near the Botswana border. About 7,000 of the creatures escaped when the gates on a dam were opened last week to alleviate pressure created by rising flood waters. (AP Photo)

JOHANNESBURG (AP) — Calling all crocodile experts — South African police say you're needed to help capture thousands of crocs out on the lam.

Thousands of crocodiles escaped a breeding farm along a river on the South Africa-Botswana border when the farm's gates were opened earlier this week to alleviate pressure caused by rising flood waters.

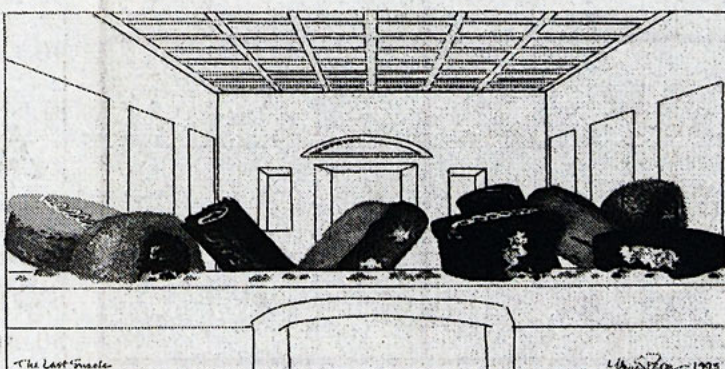
Efforts are now being made to wrangle the reptiles and get them back to the Rakwena Crocodile Farm, from where the vast majority escaped. Hangwani Mulaudzi, a spokesman for the police in Limpopo Province, said Friday that experts are needed right away to help sort out the crocodile crisis.

"Due to the number of crocodiles that have been washed away there is a need for expertise, people who have expertise to come and assist," Mulaudzi said. "So we are just making appeals to anyone ... who has knowledge of catching crocodiles to come and assist."

News reports from the scene show people hunting down smaller crocodiles at night, tying them up and taking them back to the Rakwena Crocodile Farm in northern South Africa. The crocodiles are easier to hunt at night because their eyes glow when hit with a beam of light. The farm's website shows crocs up to 5 meters (16 feet) long, though crocs of all sizes escaped, Mulaudzi said.

It isn't clear exactly how many crocodiles are on the loose. Mulaudzi said he believes around 10,000 from multiple farms remain on the loose.

ARTIST'S OBSESSION WITH TWINKIES SPANS FOUR DECADES



This undated image shows artist Nancy Peppin's "The Last Snack," modeled after Leonardo da Vinci's "The Last Supper," one of the dozens of pieces of art Nancy Peppin has created over the years using Twinkies and other Hostess products. A graphic artist by day for slot machine-maker International Game Technology, Peppin doesn't like to eat Twinkies. She uses them to depict popular culture similar to Andy Warhol. (AP Photo/Courtesy Nancy Peppin)

RENO, Nev. (AP) — Long before Hostess Brands' plan to shut down made Twinkies the rage, Nancy Peppin found something special about the cream-filled snack cake.

No, she doesn't have a sweet tooth for them.

But she has featured Twinkies in hundreds of pieces of quirky, satirical artwork because of an obsession with what she calls the "ultimate American food icon."

The prolific Reno artist says she was first influenced to focus on Twinkies in 1975 by Andy Warhol, who demonstrated that even a Campbell's soup can could be an object of art.

"He showed you a new way of looking at a familiar object," said Peppin, who has sold and exhibited her artwork. "That's what I'm doing with Twinkies. I'm having people look at Twinkies in a brand new way and in an entertaining way."

Shortly after Hostess Brands Inc. announced plans to go out of business last year, Peppin was among those who joined the rush to stores to fill shopping carts with boxes of the spongy cakes.

But unlike others, she didn't buy 12

boxes with 10 Twinkies each to turn a profit on eBay or Craigslist.

"I needed art supplies," said Peppin, who uses Twinkies and their packaging to create some of her pieces. She also features renderings of the snack cakes in watercolor paintings, mixed media, prints and artwork.

Her works include her "Twinkies in history series," which portrays how scientists such as John James Audubon, Charles Darwin and Leonardo da Vinci would have sketched and written about Twinkies in journals or books.

Peppin, an Oakland, Calif., native who earned a bachelor's degree in anthropology from the University of California, Berkeley, in 1966, conducted extensive research to make the series seem as authentic as possible.

Her Audubon series on the "North American Twinkie (twinkopus hostus)" includes illustrations of three "important subspecies — Cream-bellied Twinkie, Strawberry-throated Twinkie, Golden-backed Twinkie" — as well as writings describing the "birds" and explaining their migration patterns.

"Twinkies radiate out from the

spring St. Louis breeding area to the summer nesting habitats throughout the world. Populations are heaviest in the North American 7-11 meridian," she wrote. St. Louis and 7-Eleven stores both share a long history with Hostess and its brands.

She updated the Audubon series after Hostess shut down operations in November: "It went from being the most popular snack cake in the world to sudden extinction due to consumption by raptors — capitalist vultures (cathartes wallstreetidae)."

Her painting titled "The Last Snack" is a takeoff of da Vinci's "The Last Supper" featuring Twinkies, Ding Dongs, Ho Hos and other Hostess products at a table with the same arrangement and background as da Vinci's classic.

Her parody of a "girly" calendar from an auto body shop features a partially undressed "Miss Twinkie" standing next to her Harley.

The artwork reflects the offbeat sense of humor of a woman who by day creates special effects animation for Reno-based International Game Technology, one of the world's largest slot machine makers.

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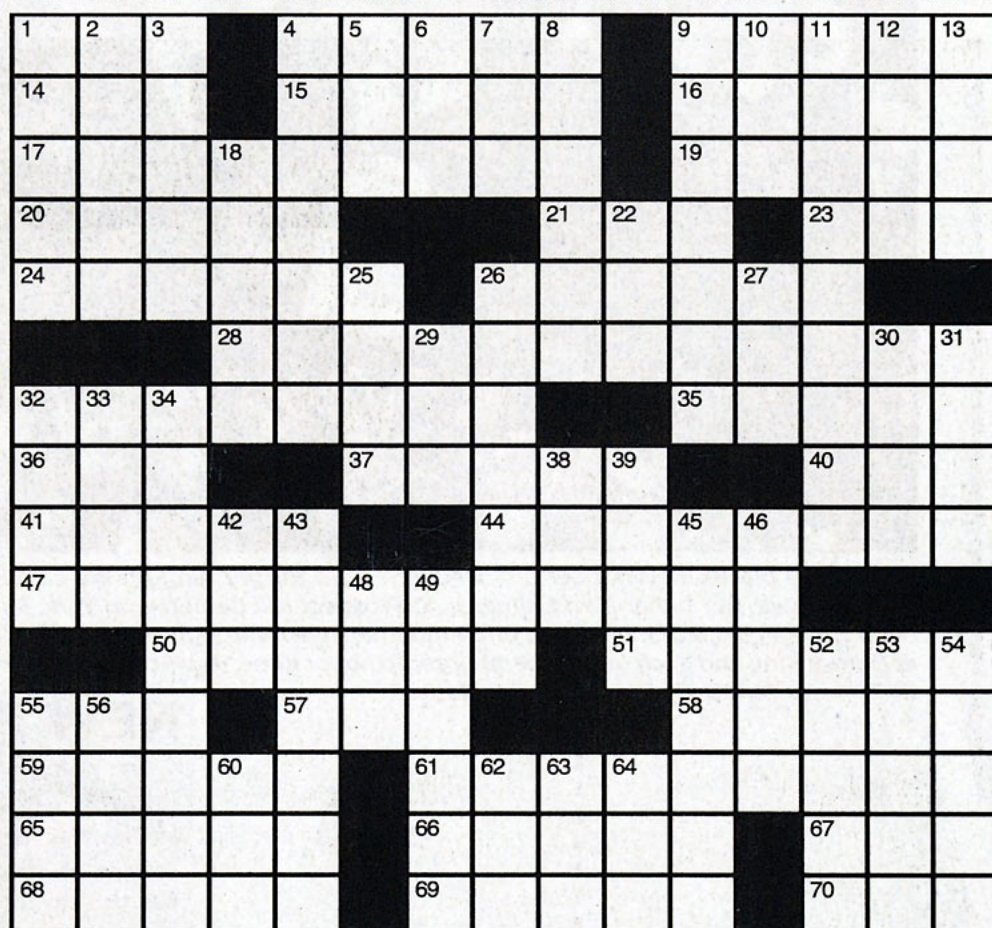
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Across

1. Pan, e.g.
4. Baked, in Bologna
9. Poison plant
14. Prefix with acetylene
15. Architectural projection
16. Be bombastic
17. Sound familiar
19. Lowest female singing voices
20. Involving two
21. "At Seventeen" singer Janis
23. Dash lengths
24. Rent payer
26. Older
28. Act of sending a message
32. Verse in which certain letters such as the first in each line form a word or message
35. "La Bohème," e.g.
36. Anguish
37. Bender
40. Grassland
41. Shine
44. Available
47. Resort town in northeast Florida on the Atlantic coast
50. Appetizer consisting of a thin slice of bread spread with caviar or cheese
51. Beneficial

55. "Is that ___?"

57. "Gosh!"
58. Add up
59. Tearful
61. Shad-like North American marine fishes
65. Confidence game
66. Decorative jugs
67. Ed.'s request
68. Club publication
69. Prone to friendly informal communication
70. "For ___ a jolly ..."

27. Clairvoyance, e.g.

29. Barely beat
30. Sundae topper, perhaps
31. Indian bread
32. Blown away
33. Ball-and-socket joint between the head of the femur and the acetabulum
34. Using again after processing
38. Charlotte-to-Raleigh dir.
39. Biblical birthright seller

Down

1. Small goat antelope with small conical horns
2. Heavy water, for one
3. Force units
4. People who try to persuade by blandishment
5. Sun, e.g.
6. 20-20, e.g.
7. ___ el Amarna, Egypt
8. Large genus of perennial and biennial pungent bulbous plants
9. No-goodnik
10. www.yahoo.com, e.g.
11. Military equipment and supplies
12. Bit
13. British tax
18. Enthusiasm
22. "Aladdin" prince
25. Beanery sign
26. Attribute
42. In-flight info, for short
43. British unit of weight equivalent to 2240 pounds
45. Bliss
46. Up, in a way
48. Dundee denial
49. Cave dwellers
52. Soft tissue of the body
53. Arm bones
54. Recuperation in which the symptoms of an acute disease gradually subside
55. Early pulp
56. Set lower
60. Calypso offshoot
62. "Concentration" pronoun
63. "What's ___?"
64. "48 ___"

DAILY QUOTE

"To laugh often and love much; to win the respect of intelligent persons and the affection of children; to earn the approbation of honest citizens and endure the betrayal of false friends; to appreciate beauty; to find the best in others; to give of one's self; to leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch or a redeemed social condition; to have played and laughed with enthusiasm and sung with exultation; to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived—this is to have succeeded."

- Bessie Anderson Stanley

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RANDOM FACTS

Technically, green peppers, zucchini, cucumbers, and tomatoes are all fruits. But don't try telling that to the U.S. Supreme Court. Per the 1893 case *Nix v. Hedden*, the court decided that tomatoes were veggies and therefore subject to the vegetable tariff. The Supreme Court's reasoning? Tomatoes have to be vegetables because they're usually served with dinner, not dessert.

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).

Despite his amazing success as a songwriter in the early 60s, Paul McCartney wanted to test the theory whether it was the Lennon-McCartney name that made hit songs. He wrote "Woman" for Peter & Gordon using the pseudonym "Bernard Webb." The song became a hit.

While sailing around the world in 2000, TV journalist Geraldo Rivera was followed along the coast of Somalia and nearly attacked by modern-day, Uzi-wielding pirates. The good ship Geraldo could have been a major haul for the pirates, but they were foiled when the newsman had his crew fire flare guns, drawing attention to the vessel and frightening off the attackers.

CROSSWORD ANSWER

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Bronchos successful at UCO Invitational



Erika Guerrero during the UCO Invitational on Saturday, Jan. 26, 2012. Photo Provided

NORMAN, Okla. (Jan. 26) — Central Oklahoma's Lacey Rhodes captured a pair of titles to pace the Bronchos at the UCO Invitational Saturday at the Mosier Indoor Complex.

The junior standout and two-time high jump All-American soared to a

season-best 5'8" in easily capturing that event while also cruising to a runaway victory in the triple jump with a 36' 5 1/2" effort and coming in third in the long jump at 17' 1 1/4".

Fifteen teams competed in the all-day event, with the Bronchos coming up with several other top-eight finishes.

"We had a pretty good day," UCO coach Martha Brennan said. "Several girls had their personal bests and we had a bunch of high finishes, so I was happy with how we competed."

The Bronchos had five of the top-six placers in the pole vault, led by Daysha Harak's runner-up showing with an 11' 2 1/2" vault. Courtney

Peck came in third at 10' 8 3/4", followed by Erika Guerrero, Alyssa McCarthich and Lauren Clonts.

Rhodes led three UCO placers in a pair of events, with Erin Funderburgh coming in fourth and Paige Locke eighth in the high jump while Audrey Price and Dietra Reece placed 4-5 in the long jump.

Ashlyn Carroll took third and Paige Slayton seventh in the 60-meter hurdles and the Bronchos also had good finishes by Katie Kerns in the mile (fourth), Madison Berryman in the 60-meter dash (fourth) and Ashlynn Willhite in the 800-meter run (seventh).

Berryman also led off for the 1,600-meter relay unit that came in third with a 4:09.95 clocking, with Reece, Carroll and Alayna McGee rounding out that team.

UCO's 880-yard relay team of Andrea Engelhaupt, Price, Guerrero and McGee also placed fifth.

The Bronchos go to Warrensburg, Mo. — site of the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association Championships Feb. 23-24 -- for the Mule Relays next Friday and Saturday.

UCO Results

*Top Eight finishers

High Jump — 1, Lacey Rhodes, 5-8; 4, Erin Funderburgh, 5-0 1/4; 8, Paige Locke, 4-10 1/4.

Pole Vault — 2, Daysha Harak, 11-2 1/2; 3, Courtney Peck, 10-8 3/4; 4, Erika Guerrero, 10-2 3/4; 5, Alyssa McCarthich, 9-9; 6, Lauren Clonts, 9-3.

Long Jump — 3, Lacey Rhodes, 17-1 1/4; 4, Audrey Price, 16-3; 5, Dietra Reece, 16-2 1/4.

Triple Jump — 1, Lacey Rhodes, 36-5 1/2.

Mile Run — 4, Katie Kerns, 5:27.96.

60-meter Hurdles: 3, Ashlyn Carroll, 9.60; 7, Paige Slayton, 10.00.

60-meter Dash: 4, Madison Berryman, 7.93.

800-Meter Run: 7, Ashlynn Willhite, 2:33.14.

Wrestling

Wrestling team wins at Lindenwood

Chris Brannick

Sports Editor

The UCO Wrestling team notched its fifth straight win and improved to a 6-0 conference record after defeating Lindenwood 35-6 on Friday, Jan. 25.

"We took care of business and came out with a good conference win on the road," David James said. "Overall it was a good effort on our part and we continue to make good progress, but we just need to keep moving forward."

Kicking off a three-match road trip, the Bronchos showed little signs of letting up on their recent domination on the mat. MIAA Wrestler of the Week Jordan Basks pinned his opponent Corey Duncan in 2:14 in the 149 lb. match. The junior from Claremore, Oklahoma recorded his ninth straight win with the pin, and improved to 14-3 on the season overall.

Cody Dauphin, another junior, also scored a fall by pinning Matthew Atley in the first round of the heavyweight bout. Dauphin has won his last four matches by pinfall, making it five of his last six, all by pinfall. Dauphin is 11-3.

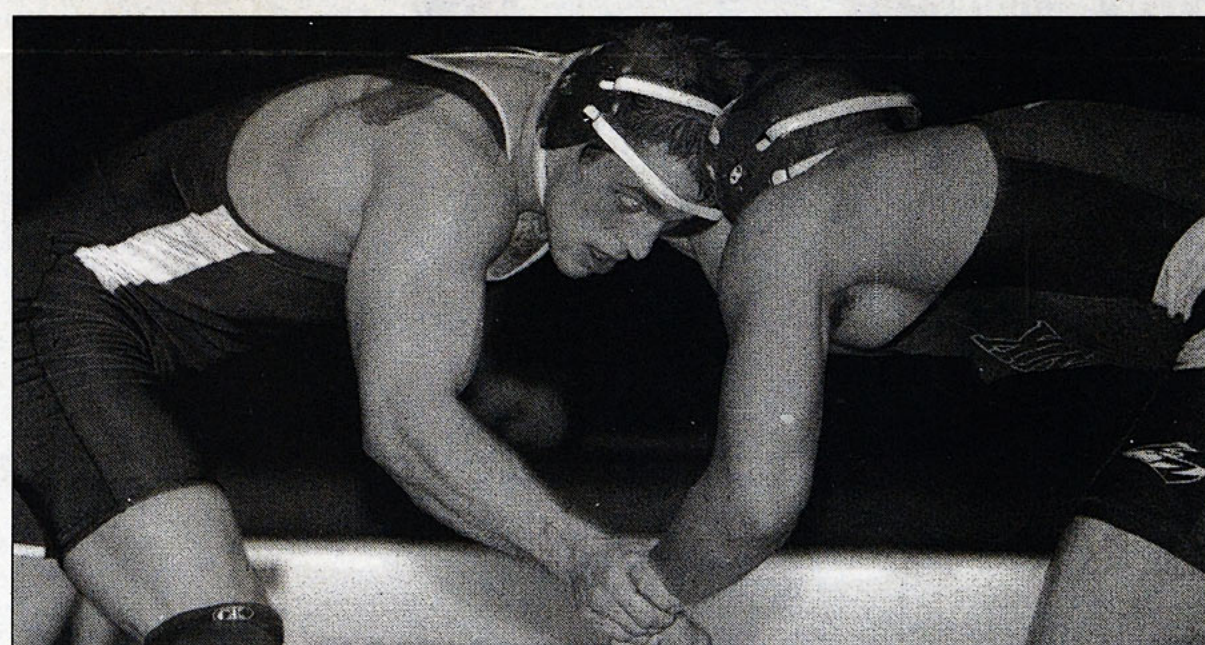
Lindenwood's lone victory of the night came at 165, when Luke Roth pinned Chris Watson.

Casy Rowell scored a technical fall against Michael Caldwell at 133 and it was the junior's 17th win in a row.

The Bronchos won in nine of 10 matches dropping the Lions to a 2-5 record and 1-2 in the conference.

UCO is back on the road this week for two more conference matchups. The Bronchos head to Truman State on Wednesday and Central Missouri on Thursday. Truman State Bulldogs from Kirksville, Mo. are 5-2, 0-2 this season and the Mules from Warrensburg, Mo. are 6-5, 2-2.

The two matches this week will



UCO junior Casy Rowell wrestles against Ryan Bauer from Nebraska-Kearney on Thursday, Jan. 17, 2013. Photo by Alik Dyer, The Vista

mark the last conference matches of the season for the Bronchos. Standing at 6-0, Central is in first place in the conference. Half of their wins have come in conference with wins

over Fort Hays State, Nebraska-Kearney and Lindenwood.

Sunday, Feb. 10 Hamilton Fieldhouse will host the first MIAA Championships featuring the six

teams.

Saturday, Feb. 2, Central hosts Ouachita Baptist and Colorado State-Pueblo in their last matches of the season.

Opinion

Whitt-ness This: Stretch of Sports Spectacles



Whitt Carter

Staff Writer

Throughout certain times of the year, there are stretches that just seem better than others.

For example, take the September-November-December stretch. You get the leaves beginning to change colors, the start of cool weather, football, Halloween and sometimes the election.

Also during that time, people get to enjoy Thanksgiving, the countdown to the best holiday ever, followed by Christmas itself, and it's all culminated by the celebration of a new year.

Pretty impressive four-month span if you ask me.

In sports, the same thing happens. There are time periods that people like more than others. People from the north love this time of year, whereas people in Alabama and Georgia,

well, they'd rather it be August, so they can quit talkin' about football and start watchin' it.

For me, the February-March-April-May stretch is my favorite of the sports calendar year, every year.

But for some reason, I just know this year has something different about it.

Something special.

Within the next week, the most popular American sporting event will go off in New Orleans. Sure, there will be 100,000 fans that paid gobs of money for tickets, along with millions of more fans at their local Super Bowl parties, stuffing themselves with chip and dip.

But this year will be different. Two brothers-yes, brothers- will stand on opposite sides of the field, trying to scheme against their former bunk bed pal.

Not only that, but you've got the return of the Niners and Ray Lewis giving you one more emotional national anthem.

You couldn't write this stuff. But you can dang sure write about it. Amazing.

Post Super Bowl will be NBA All-Star Weekend. Now I know it's an all-star game and every man on the floor looks like Manti Te'o's girlfriend on defense, but hey, who doesn't love seeing the best athletes in the world play a pick-up game? Plus, the dunk contest? And the celebrity all-star game?

If I were voting, I'd say this is the best all-star game in any sport. I'm always down for it.

Let's wander into March; I think you know what's coming.

We'll start with spring training. Man, not a better time for baseball, outside of October, than the beginning. Everyone is healthy and teams have hope (some more than others). The start of baseball is a beautiful thing. Everything looks so pure for the first month or so, kind of how baseball is supposed to look. Love it.

Ahh, yes: March Madness.

What an unbelievable sporting event. IT NEVER FAILS. Not once since I can remember, which was 1998, when I fell in love with North Carolina, has it not been out-of-this-world good.

From buzzer beaters, to upsets, to pagentry, it has it all. There are multiple dreams that come true every year and I don't know another sport that can claim that.

Oh and by the way, the majority of writers, analysts and people who know more than myself about basketball, say that this year will be the craziest in recent memory. Buckle up.

Just as the tournament is carrying over into April, my favorite event begins.

The Masters.

You can hate golf. You can be bored by golf. You can trash on golf.

But no one, in their right mind, can dislike The Masters. It's impossible.

The most beautiful spectacle in all of sports, Augusta National, is on display for four days,

testing the character, toughness and skill of some of the world's most underrated athletes.

There are twelve tournaments between now and The Masters, so watch a few and get ready for it, because it is outstanding year in, year out.

Oh, and Tiger just won his first tournament of the year, so I'll go ahead and pick him as the 2013 Masters Champ, as if my "fan hood" doesn't scream it loud enough.

And finally, after golf's greatest display, comes the wrap up of the NBA regular season, followed by, what I believe, is quickly becoming America's favorite time of the year: the NBA Playoffs.

Starting in late April and moving into May and June, the NBA playoffs are full of energy, and it lasts for the entire two months.

There are stars, storylines, personalities, epic individual performances, everything.

And what place better to be in than Oklahoma City? This Thunder bunch is playing well, and all roads point to another deep run, which I know excites a few people around these parts.

Yes, this time of the year is special. It always is.

During this four-month stretch, something - and more - will happen that takes your breath away.

Just make sure to take that next breath, because you won't want to miss what's next.

Hockey

Bronchos quickly get back to winning ways



Sophomore Corey Allan (2) fights through a pair of CSU defenders during a game Jan. 24 at the Arctic Edge Ice Arena. Photo provided by UCO Hockey/Betsy Timken

Chris Brannick

Sports Editor

The freshman on the UCO Hockey team continued to shine last weekend in a blowout win over Colorado State University on Thursday night in Edmond at the Arctic

Edge Ice Arena.

Thierry Martine kicked off a scoring frenzy for the Bronchos with a goal late in the first period. Martine would be a name called often following that goal. The freshman, who scored only four goals in the Bronchos first twenty games this season, put together his first hat

trick as a collegiate athlete against the Rams.

A native of Oliver British Columbia, Martine scored in the first, second and third period on the night, improving the Bronchos record to 18-12. Central is 7-1 in the New Year.

"We have been playing more of

a complete game so far this semester, focusing on our defensive zone responsibilities first, which I believe has led to our success," Tory Caldwell said. "We knew coming into the semester we had to go on a run to qualify for the national tournament. It is a big credit to our coaching staff."

Connor Tamai scored the lone goal for Colorado State late in the second frame but CSU hardly got another opportunity in against the sophomore Caldwell. The UCO goalie came into the game with a just over three goals allowed per game average but came up big on Thursday saving 15 of 16 shots faced.

"Our defensive core has been doing an exceptional job in front of me, blocking shots and clearing lanes so I can see the puck and make saves. The have made my job a lot easier with how well they have been battling in our defensive zone," Caldwell said.

Peter Kressner, another sophomore netted a slap shot early in the second period to extend the Bronchos lead to 2-0. Anthony Knuth took advantage of a power play opportunity to push Central out in front 3-0 and after Martine's second

goal of the night, the Rams changed goalies.

The change did nothing for Colorado State's offense however, and after Martine's final goal in the third, Central won 5-1 dropping the future Western Collegiate Hockey League opponent Colorado State to 13-10-3 on the season.

Only one game is on the slate for UCO this week. Friday, Feb. 1 the Bronchos welcome Iowa State to Edmond for a rematch of an earlier season matchup in which the teams split the two-game weekend series.

Remaining Schedule

Feb. 1 Iowa State

Feb. 8 Oklahoma

Feb. 9 at Oklahoma

Feb. 15 North Dakota State

Feb. 16 North Dakota State

Basketball

Road trip continues for Men's Hoops



UCO freshman Seth Heckart splits a double team against Northeastern on Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2013. Photo by Alike Dyer, The Vista

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Sometimes, games away from home can be a good thing.

For UCO (7-10, 5-4), the road has been kind, to say the least, as the Bronchos captured another impressive road victory on Sunday night, winning 77-71 at MIAA foe

Emporia State in the first of a three-game road trip.

Junior Josh Gibbs was outstanding for the Bronchos once again, as he poured in 25 points on 7-of-11 shooting to go with a game-high nine rebounds and five assists.

Freshman Cal Andrews, had his best game as a Broncho in his rookie campaign, scoring 16 points on

four 3-pointers, while seniors Spencer Smith and Jamell Cormier both added twelve points apiece.

"That was another big conference win for us on the road," said head coach Terry Evans, whose team is now 4-1 in MIAA away games. "We didn't panic when we got down in the second half and did a great job coming back. We made a lot of big

plays on both ends of the floor in the last seven minutes."

As they have done all year, UCO shot the ball very well away from Hamilton Field House. The Bronchos shot 47 percent from the floor and 44 percent from behind the arc, knocking down a season-high 13 three-pointers, thanks to the four from Andrews, three from Gibbs

and two apiece from Smith and Cormier.

Next, the Bronchos will travel north to Fort Hays State on Wednesday, before closing out the three-game vacation at Nebraska-Kearney on Friday evening.

Fort Hays State (11-6, 5-4) is fresh off of a 74-68 road win at Truman State on Saturday night, after losing two straight to Pittsburg State and Lindenwood. The Tigers shot 53 percent from the field in the win at Truman.

Junior forward Dwayne Brunson, who is averaging 14.6 points, eight rebounds and two blocks per game, leads the Tigers on the offensive and defensive end. Brunson leads the MIAA in blocked shots.

More impressively, three other FHSU players average double figures on the year.

Senior guards Lance Russell (14 PPG) and Ben Conguista (13.6 PPG) help lead an up-tempo offense. Freshman guard Craig Nicholson averages 13.2 points per contest and also leads the MIAA in assists per game (6.9).

The Tigers are 7-2 at home in 2013, with their only two losses coming to Northwestern Oklahoma State in November by two points and a one point loss to Washburn earlier this month. Four of the Tigers' six losses have come by three points or less.

Fort Hays State readies for Lady Bronchos

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Another bad shooting performance was too much to overcome for a struggling UCO bunch, suffering their seventh straight loss on Sunday afternoon, losing 89-57 at Emporia State in the first of a three-game road trip.

The Bronchos shot only 34 percent from the field and 32 percent from three-point range in the loss. UCO was also outrebounded by a large margin, allowing 49 rebounds to the Hornets, while pulling down only 26 of their own.

UCO (8-9, 1-8) held a two-point lead midway through the first half, before the Hornets took complete control of the contest.

Freshman forward Mackenzie Solberg led the Bronchos in scoring, as the Chandler native scored 14 points on 5-of-7 shooting.

Senior forward Alyssa Fuxa also added 11 points and six rebounds in the loss.

"We're just banged up," said UCO head coach Guy Hardaker. "We've just got to keep fighting. It's been tough, but these girls keep

playing hard."

Now, the Bronchos will travel to Fort Hays State for another conference road game on Wednesday evening, before wrapping up the road swing with a contest at Nebraska-Kearney on Friday night.

Fort Hays State (12-5, 4-5) started the year 10-0, but has recently cooled off. The Tigers lost in double overtime at Truman State on Saturday night, after winning comfortably at Lindenwood last week.

Junior guard Katelyn Edwards led the Tigers in the 57-55 loss with a double-double, posting 12 points and 10 rebounds. FHSU shot only 33 percent from the field and a dismal 17 percent from three-point range in the loss to Truman State.

Senior center Katie Lehman does everything for the Tigers. The 6-foot-4 inside star leads FHSU in scoring, rebounding and blocks. Lehman averages 16 points, nine rebounds and four blocks per game. Lehman is the NCAA Division II leader in blocked shots.

Fort Hays State has had trouble closing games as of recent. In their last three losses, the Tigers have led by six or more points with 10 or less minutes to go, but fell in all



UCO sophomore Chelsea Robinson (13) passes the ball to a teammate against Northeastern on Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2013. Photo by Alike Dyer, The Vista

three to Emporia State, #18 Pittsburg State and Saturday night to Truman.

The Tigers are 7-1 at home in 2012-2013, with their only home loss coming to conference leader and nationally ranked #14 Washburn, 63-60, earlier this month.

UCO Basketball Leaders

	Men's	Women's
PPG	Josh Gibbs - 16.6	Alyssa Fuxa - 12.2
RPG	Josh Gibbs - 6.3	Alyssa Fuxa - 5.9
APG	Jamell Cormier - 2.9	Jill Bryan - 2.8