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Freshman Brandon Lindeman practices his guitar under the blue tent on campus. Photo by Ryan Naeve, The Vista.

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ON THE COVER

A photo of old north tower through the lens of a photographer. Photo by Cooper Billington, The Vista/ Photo Illustration by Daltyn Moeckel, The Vista.



A Canadian goose walk around on the lawn next to Broncho Lake just North of the Nigh University Center enjoying a rare February day of warm weather. Photo by Brandi Melton, The Vista.

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What are your plans for Spring Break?

Juan Smith

Accounting

“I’ll be practicing sword fighting with my sword partner at the Oklahoma Renaissance Festival in Muskogee.”

Senior

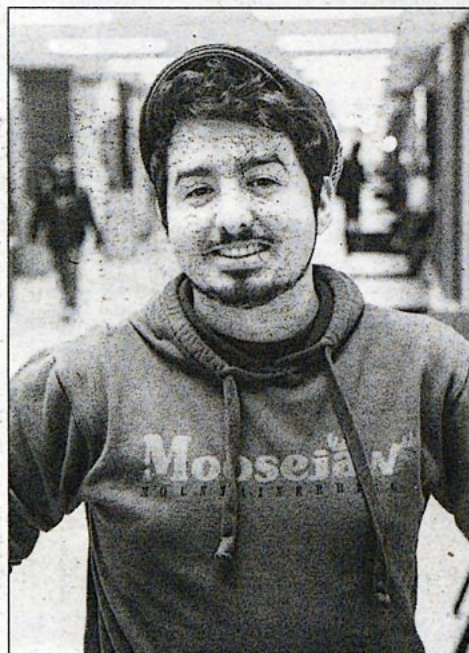
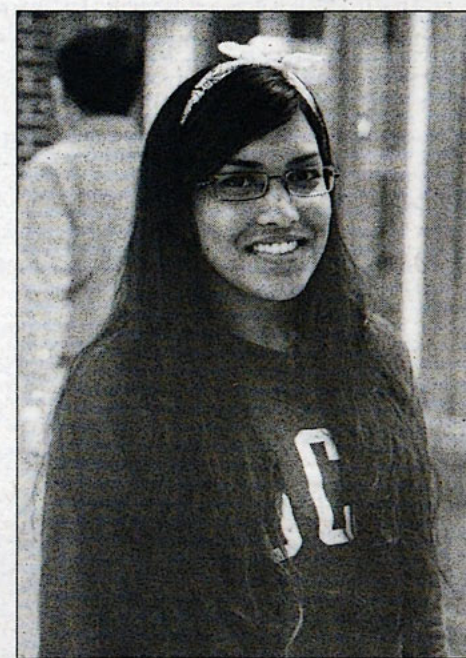


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Nutrition Dietetics and Food Management

“I’m going to Los Angeles with Christian Crusades for a conference.”

Freshman

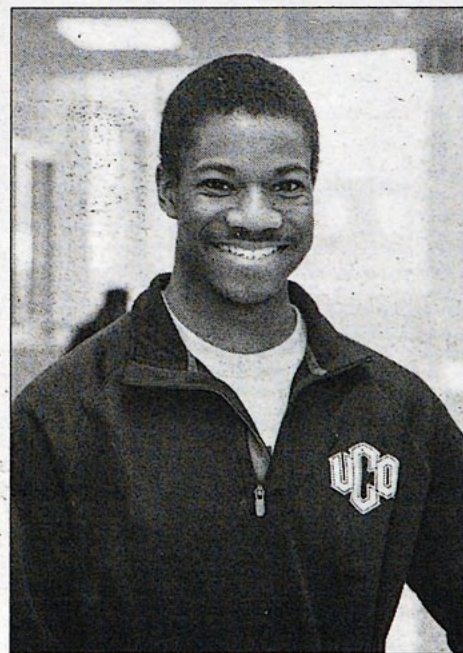


Caitlyn Hebert

Fashion Marketing

“For spring break four of my friends and I are going to South Padre for the week. We’ll be staying in a condo, hanging out on the beach, doing fun party stuff.”

Freshman



Selina Rajiah

Nursing

“I’m going to Dallas, I’ve never been there. My cousin is getting married and I’ll be there all week.”

Sophomore

UCO invites you to share your creativity and ideas on Oklahoma Research Day



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On Thanksgiving people eat, on Christmas people open gifts and on Oklahoma Research day people celebrate recent and current research.

The 2015 Oklahoma Research Day marks the 16th anniversary of the event where Oklahoma students and faculty will celebrate their, and other's, research from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 13 on the campus of Northeastern State University in Tahlequah in celebration of Oklahoma Research day.

Students from Oklahoma's institutions of higher education will present their posters over their research, creative and scholarly activities said Michael Springer, the director of the Office of High-Impact Practices.

"The event encourages networking among researchers and promotes the exchange of ideas among students in the state," Springer said. "My favorite part of the event is seeing the diversity of research, creative, and scholarly activities carried out by Oklahoma students. Their enthu-

siasm for the projects is unmatched."

Students attending the free event will need to register, which is required in order to attend the event.

The University of Central Oklahoma hosted Oklahoma Research Day in 2014 and had more than 1,200 participants from around the state, Springer said.

"The event is also an important forum for students to share their research experience with others and to get experience presenting their work outside the classroom," Springer said. "It is a great way to see all of the research, creative, and scholarly activity taking place in the state and to network with other students and faculty with similar interests."

Springer also mentioned that buses are available to transport UCO students and faculty to and from the event.

Getting the chance to observe other researchers, their work and how they are changing the world is the most interesting part, said Wenxi Zeng who is a computer

science junior.

"The banquet part is my favorite part," Zeng said. "Not only because the delicious food, but also the chance of talking to other participants while we are enjoying the food. I've participated in Oklahoma Research Day in the past two years, and three of my posters were presented during these two years."

The 2014 Oklahoma Research Day event featured over 700 unique poster presentations.

"For students who are not doing research, it is a great opportunity to know what research is, how research relates to our life and how the researchers utilize their knowledge from the book to make creative things. For the people who already conducts in researchers, it's a great time to exchange their idea with other researchers and present their achievement to the folks," Weng said.



UCO President Don Betz opens for the Keynote speaker at 2014 Oklahoma Research Day Event in the Grand Ballroom on the second floor of the High University Center. Photo by Blair GoForth, Office of Research and Grants.

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UCO celebrates 125th anniversary with a series of educational events



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The University of Central Oklahoma is celebrating its 125 anniversary this year and will include various events that will encourage students, faculty and staff to pause for a moment in reflection.

Throughout the year so far, the featured scheduled events include an art gallery Step Back into Time, the grand opening of UCO's boat house, Speaker Series, I Heart Central Week, President's Day of Learning and the end of the year gala.

The Melted Art Gallery pulled photographs from the university's archives in order to create Step Back into Time. President Dr. Don Betz showed his excitement for the gallery because some photographs are life sized and you feel like you are truly stepping into history.

Adrienne Nobles, assistant vice president to the University Relations office, said she was most looking forward to this event because it adds an extra presence in the metropolitan area for the university, students and community. The official opening will be

an daylong affair on April 18 with food trucks and entertainment.

Another series of events this spring semester will make up I Heart Central week. The week is sponsored by Campus Activities Council, Fraternity and Sorority Life, Diversity Round Table and the Volunteer and Service Learning Center. Shelby Allen, student committee chair, thinks the week will be an awesome chance for students to showcase their Central pride.

Dr. Beth Kerr, legal counsel, explained that the President's Day of Learning will have speakers touching on different things the campus takes pride in. The idea is to present to people all of the various areas UCO offers excellent services and what has been accomplished.

The 125 anniversary is a crucial celebration for the university and the city of Edmond. However, it is even more crucial for the current students.

Betz explained there will not be a celebration for the 126th anniversary and that students

should take this opportunity to take advantage of the events that will be held.

Although the university will be spending the year in reflection, Betz emphasized the idea that the pioneers that originally populated the school are no more important than the pioneers here today. The students walking on campus today are just as relevant to the university as those before.

Kerr agreed that the mission is the same but expanding. Students are still the primary focus and the history has contributed to continuing the legacy on campus.

Students and staff alike are given the opportunity to submit their event ideas online. This way, UCO's population has a chance to celebrate the year in their own unique ways.

The university wants to showcase its students because, as Nobles stated, students are the core of the university; the reason it exists.



The official logo for The University of Central Oklahoma's celebration of their 125th anniversary of operation. Used with permission.



A student holds up their very own Buddy Broncho plush toy after building it at the Build-a-Buddy event held last year in the Max Chambers Library. Photo taken from The Vista Archives.

Build-a-buddy coming back to campus



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Building a bear is a childhood memory that some wish they could do again.

There is no more need to wish because that memory can be relived right here at the University of Central Oklahoma; on Feb. 24 the Student Programming board will host an event where students can build their own buddy and help a cause by collecting books and raising money.

"Build-a-Buddy is an event put on by the Student Programming Board that allows students to show their school pride by stuffing their own miniature Buddy the Broncho or one of his friends," said Nicole Elias, Pride and Traditions director for the Student Programming Board.

The Build a Buddy event will take place on the first floor of the

library from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. There is no reservation required, simply bring your student identification card and at least one children's book.

All the books received will be donated to the Children's Miracle Network. The Children's Miracle Network Hospitals provide comfort, treatment and hope to millions of sick kids; 62 children enter a Children's Miracle Network Hospital for treatment every minute.

If students cannot participate in the Build a Buddy event there is another way to get involved and help the cause.

"The best way for students to get involved with this cause is to donate money to the Children's Miracle Network Fund, which raises money to help kids who suffer

from terrible injuries, diseases, and other conditions," Elias said.

Since 1983 Children's Miracle Network Hospitals has raised more than \$5 billion, most of it \$1 at a time, for 170 children's hospitals across the United States and Canada, according to the Children's Miracle Network website.

"This is the first year where we will allow students to order an animal if we run out of the 200 animals before they arrive. As long as they bring a book to donate, we will order an animal and they can pick it up in Campus Activities when it arrives," Elias said.

Mark your calendar and come support this event. Every book and every donation made helps make a difference in someone's life, so bring a book, build a buddy and make a difference.



Students build their own Buddy Broncho on the first floor of the Max Chambers Library on the campus of the University of Central Oklahoma at last year's "Build-a-Buddy" event. Photo taken from The Vista Archives.

UCO Design to host exhibition



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The University of Central Oklahoma's Department of Design will host Splendini! Great Ideas from the UCO Department of Design in the Donna Nigh Gallery and the exhibit highlights Central design students who have been challenged to present designs that introduce and implement solutions to social, personal and professional problems.

The featured designs include visual aids, graphics, sketches, photos, bright colors and compelling concepts. Exhibited materials will address the design process, from sketches and problem solving to graphic and interior solutions.

"These projects have challenged those to go beyond the mentality of student projects

and experiment with how they can have a social impact, how they can deal with problems and produce solutions for community-building nonprofits," said Amy Johnson, M.F.A., design department chair.

Graphic design solutions include branding packaging, posters, T-shirts and logos. Interior design solutions include issues of design for disaster and a look at interior living after a natural disaster.

"Exhibited students, which range from freshman to seniors, utilized design thinking, which examines a complex set of realities with solutions that accommodate said realities while solving problems," Johnson concluded.

The Splendini! exhibit was

kicked off with a free reception that was open to the public from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Feb. 12. The reception provided refreshments and food to all attendees.

The designs benefit Coffee Creek, a therapeutic riding center in Edmond that helps children with disabilities gain strength, coordination, balance and self image by utilizing horses as a motivator in therapeutic riding classes. Coffee Creek riding center is a member of the Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International and is a United Way Partner.

One of the featured designs is titled Kitchen of the Future and it displays a prototype for a kitchen in the year 2050. The exhibit was

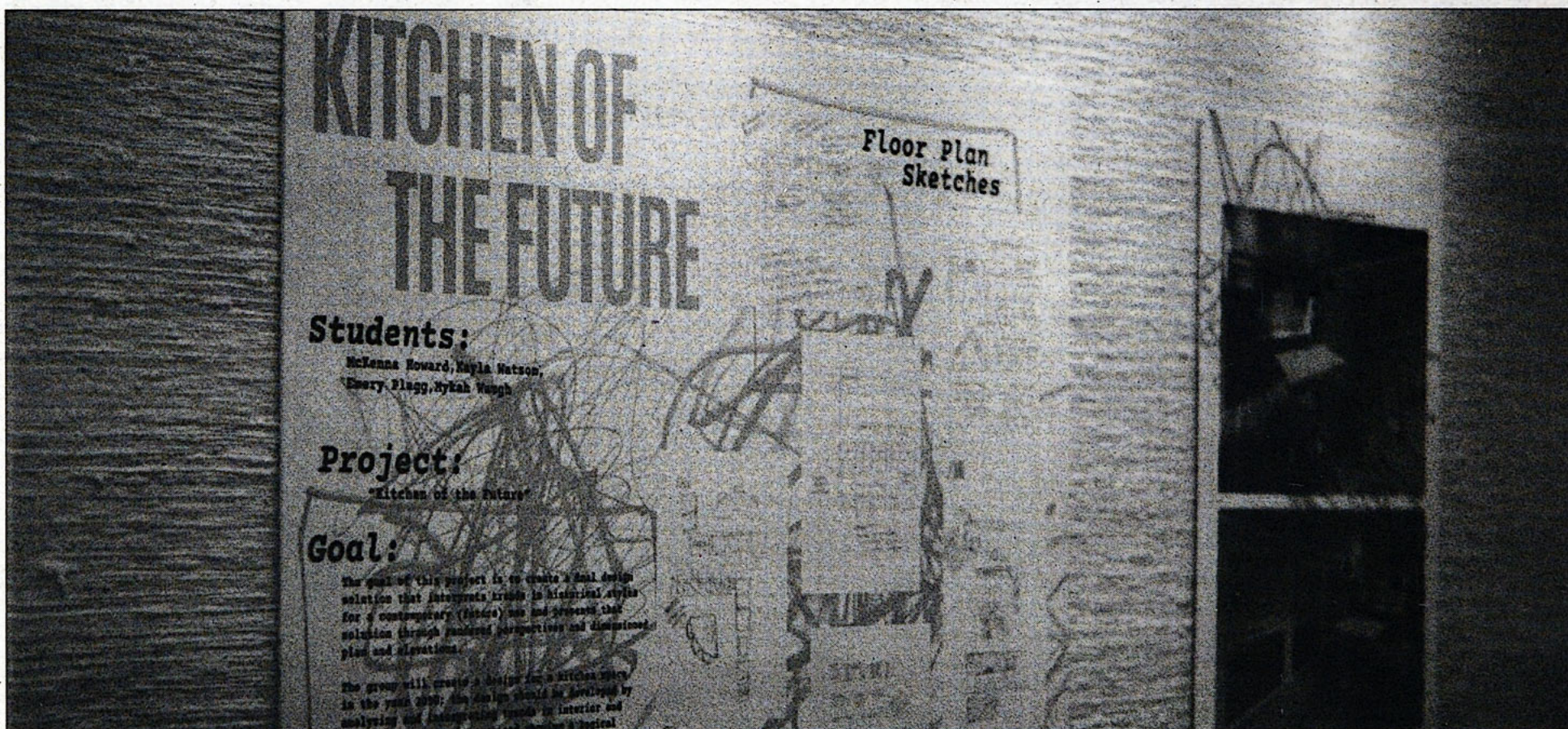
designed by McKenna Howard, Kayla Watson, Emery Plagg and Mkaya Waugh.

Another design is titled Change One Thing by Maranda Thurm and it is based on the idea of Americans using improper etiquette while traveling.

The Splendini! exhibit will be on display until March 12 on the third and fourth floors of the Nigh University Center.

For more information about the UCO Department of Design visit <http://design.uco.edu>.

For a complete listing of UCO College of Fine Arts and Design events and performances, visit <http://cfad.uco.edu>.



One of the designs that will be featured at Splendini is a design of "The Kitchen of the Future" a conceptual design of a kitchen in the year 2050. This exhibit was designed by UCO Students: McKenna Howard, JKayla Watson, Emery Plagg, and Mkaya Waugh. Photo by Lauren Capraro, The Vista.

Reachout hosts Black Hair Care Forum at the Nigh



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Reachout hosted a Black Hair Care Forum Feb. 10 in the Nigh University Center to honor and celebrate Black History Month by discussing the love of natural Black hair, breaking the good hair, bad hair stereotype and habits to adopt in order to have strong, healthy Black hair.

Natural Black hair refers to African American hair that has not been chemically processed by perms, dyes, and other treatments that alter the natural color and texture of a Black woman's hair.

"I'm natural and many of my friends are natural, and I wanted to give people the proper knowledge they need to have a good hair experience," said Keyanna Irby, president of the Christian organization and designer of the event.

She invited the CEO and Co-owner of Go Natural 24/7 and Beauty Gate Cosmetics, guest speaker Shiral Cook, to share her expertise about heating and styling natural hair.

In addition to owning a few businesses, Cook is a cosmetic formulator, business consultant and licensed natural hair stylist. She expressed her main goal is to inspire everyone she meets to live a healthier life both inside and out.

"When it comes to taking care of your hair,

balance is critical. You must moisturize and wash regularly," said Cook. "Exercise and eating healthy are great promoters of healthy hair and growth."

The audience of women listened carefully as Cook offered helpful products, oils and food remedies that brighten the life of Black hair.

"One cup of mayo, one egg and a teaspoon of olive oil is a great protein treatment for strengthening hair follicles," she said.

She informed the room there are four types of hair: naturally straight, loosely wavy, big "S" shape curls and tightly curly hair. She expressed the importance of identifying one's specific hair type she said many people could have more than one hair type.

Many women in the room shared the issues they have with their hair and openly asked Cook how they could have a better hair experience and get their desired look.

"Be patient. The natural journey can be a challenge. Embrace your own texture and what you have. It doesn't help to want what someone else has," she said.

The event ended with a raffle with many of the girls having won hair products and coupons for hair supplies, including Ms. Black UCO, who was a first row attendant.

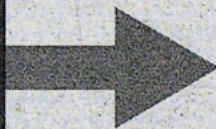
For more information on natural tips and to contact Shiral Cook got to gonatural247.com.

For more information on Reachout and other student organizations hosting Black History Month events contact the Diversity and Inclusion office at 405-974-3588 or go to their office in the Nigh University Center.

Members of the UCO Reachout student group host a forum on modern African American hairstyles and hair care in the Nigh University Center on February 10, 2015. Photo by Brandi Melton, The Vista.

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Love Boldly Week at UCO



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The Women's Outreach Center at the University of Oklahoma hosted its Love Boldly Week, which emphasized the importance of not only female students but every student taking notice of their health in relationships and physical health.

Rachel Fairchild, a graduate assistant of the Women's Outreach Center, said the week served the purpose of bringing students' attention to themselves.

"We are encouraging students to look at ways to strengthen their minds, bodies and their future," Fairchild said. "We've had a weeks worth of events that focused on those different aspects. In the first event we're really focusing on body image, then the next day we talked about ways of strengthening your body."

The Women's Outreach Center celebrates women's achievements, explores the role they play in human experience and provides resources for women as they empower themselves and each other.

"We had another event focusing on healthy relationships," Fairchild said. "We looked at what's your role in a healthy relationship, how do you recognize an unhealthy relationship, what do you do to get out of that relationship and to make sure your rela-

tionships are healthy and that you are taking care of your own needs too."

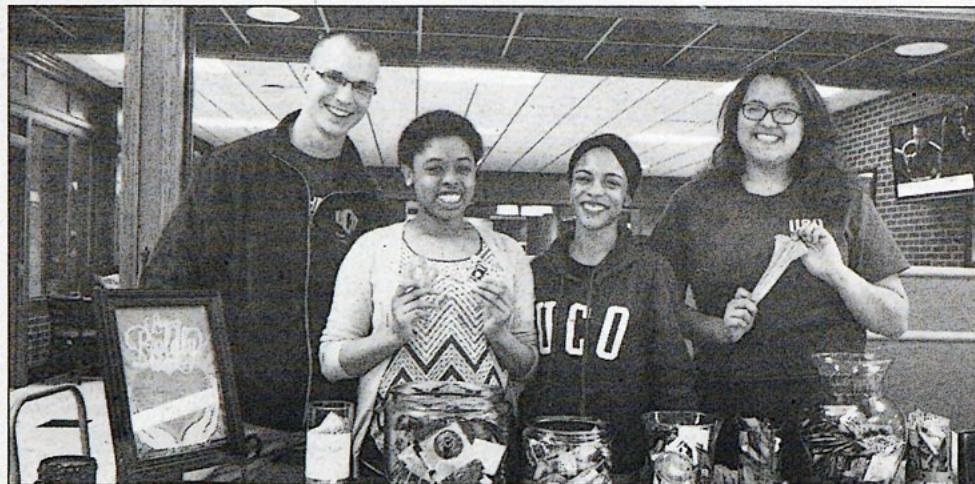
The center provides opportunities for reflection, engagement and personal growth of UCO students. The organization hosted an event called Know Your Worth Thursday afternoon, which highlighted the importance of job-related knowledge such as negotiating salaries and when to take a job after it is offered.

Initially, I came in for free food but I learned a lot said Phillip Le, a mechanical engineering sophomore.

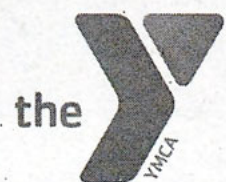
"It was interesting when they were talking about jobs and negotiating wages. finding out that I could negotiate to raise my wage at the initial point when I first get hired, it opened my mind that I could do something about the wage," Le said.

Although the event has geared the messages toward women, any student regardless of gender could relate to or understand the message.

"Both sexes have the ability to ask for a raise but they showed how people actually do it. I'm a shy person and not really assertive so I can feel how it affects me. This is going to help me in the coming weeks," Le said.



Members of the Women's Outreach Center promote Love Boldly Week in the Nigh University Center on Friday, Feb. 13, 2015. Photo by Cooper Billington



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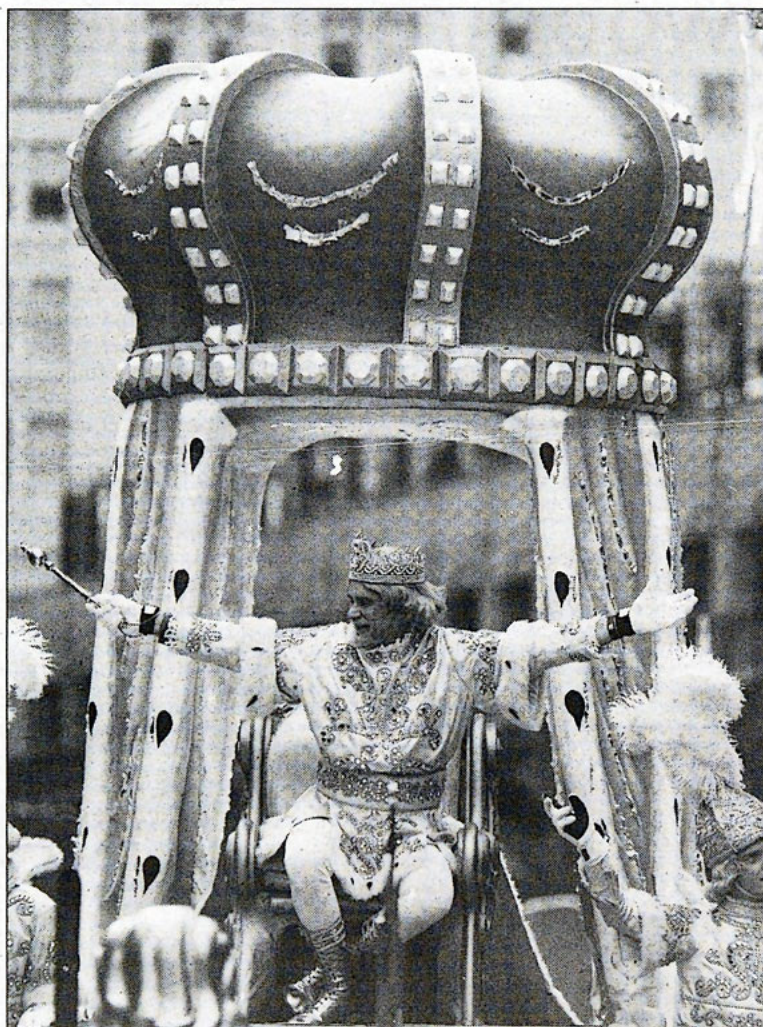
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Mardi Gras 2015 in 'The Big Easy'



Top Left, Top Right: Rex, King of Carnival, Christian T. Brown, waves to the crowd during the Krewe of Rex parade on Mardi Gras in New Orleans, Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2015. Revelers in glitzy costumes filled the streets of New Orleans for the annual fat Tuesday bash, opening a day of partying and parades. (AP Photo/Gerald Herbert). Bottom Left, Bottom Right: Photo by AP Photo/NOLA.com The Times-Picayune, David Grunfeld.

Real life, real love and real relationships versus Hollywood romance



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Hollywood love stories entertained many people decades ago, but do you really believe these love stories could be real?

Why do Hollywood movies need to make relationships look perfect and gives us an unrealistic view of love?

Is the girl really going to fall in love at first sight? Will she leave her family and friends because she fell in love with a stranger? If you agree with me, you cannot believe such a thing could happen.

With that said, I decided to do a further research on relationships and love, and here's what I found:

Relationships might have a better chance to work if both partners have self-esteem and mutual respect. They need to be independent as individuals and establish

intimacy as they progress.

Nobody can stand the obsessive partner that cannot let you go to Walmart without consent. Obsessive relationships tend to be very radical, and partners might feel trapped or in charge of each other's life.

Communication is vital to the endurance of relationships. Partners that cannot communicate well will have a higher possibility to break up or divorce. With communication you can establish, maintain and nourish relationships.

Partners that are flexible and understanding will be able to bounce back from confrontation better than others. Arguments exist in all relationships, but it's how we deal with them that can either improve or

ruin them.

Remember, relationships are a second step from friendships; partners should be friends first. They should also enjoy each other's company as well as time pursuing their own goals.

Most people have experienced the cycles or stages of love where we transition from intense passion to intimacy, and then commitment. At first, we might feel like we are in a roller-coaster, starting with great happiness to deep depths of despair.

It hurts, and most people do not know how to deal with it.

Psychology Robert Sternberg said that these cycles will gradually decrease as the relationship develops and progresses. After a period, the passion decreases and

becomes affection, empathy, tolerance, caring and attachment.

At that time, partners will become more involved with social activities and still have a connection with each other. Relationships will need intimacy, passion and commitment to succeed.

If partners have intimacy and commitment but no passion, it might lead to compassionate love where both have a long-term friendship with each other.

More importantly, partners need to understand that their relationship won't be the same as those portrayed in Hollywood movies. That's okay, it only means they are living in the real world where fairy tales are not allowed.



Photo from The Vista archives.

Fighting back against revenge porn with the Cyber Civil Rights Project



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Think before you send naked pictures to your significant other; that's what we have all been told since camera phones came into existence. With the way technology is rapidly advancing, you never know who could get access to your personal pictures.

After the Apple iCloud leak in fall 2014 where celebrities like Kate Upton and Jennifer Lawrence had nude photos hacked from their phones and distributed all over the internet, people became painfully aware of how shockingly vulnerable their private pictures were.

If you think it's bad when someone you don't know spreads your nudes around, think about how it feels if your ex posted them just to spite you: even though it's still grossly invading, at least the random stranger wasn't doing it as a personal attack.

Well now there is a way to combat this brutal violation of privacy. The K&L Gates law firm, based in Pittsburgh, has about 50 lawyers ready to fight for your right of privacy through federal copyright law.

It all started when an unnamed, female law student was the victim of revenge porn.

Revenge porn is what happens when a spurned ex-lover posts photos or videos with pornographic content to porn websites without the consent of the person featured in said photos or videos. K&L Gates is choosing to fight this unfortunate trend through its Cyber Civil Rights Legal Project.

Unfortunately for the victims, to be able to make a federal copyright infringement case, they would have to legally register the photos or videos in question. The victim would have to register sensitive, private images -- that they didn't want publicly dispersed in the first place-- to the United States Copyright Office for them to be protected by the law.

There have been a handful of successful cases, with the largest verdict awarded to the victim being \$500,000. The copyright law wasn't originally designed for revenge porn cases and it isn't always applicable, but it does provide closure for some victims brave enough to stand in front of a possibly unsympathetic jury.

Some of you may be thinking, "Well if

they didn't send them to someone, then this would never have happened to them."

You are partly right, because if they never took the pictures, then they never would have existed to be distributed, but that doesn't mean that the victims deserve to live with this form of cyber bullying.

A couple of states are in agreement with this sentiment because in the last year,

a dozen or so states-- including Florida, Alaska and Arizona to name a few-- enacted criminal statutes to protect citizens from revenge porn, making it a felony to commit the act. At this time, Oklahoma has no law in place to protect its citizens from revenge porn; it doesn't even have a proposal for one pending in the state legislature.

These victims will have to live with this personal attack for the rest of their lives; the dead URLs and links will forever come up in Google searches, which may keep them from prospective dream jobs 10 or 20 years after the fact.

Do you think that Oklahomans should be protected under a revenge porn law?

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This Aug. 2013 photo shows Shon Handrahan of Layton, Utah. Handrahan, charged in a case that spurred lawmakers to revise state law against revenge porn, has pleaded guilty to two felony counts of distributing pornographic material. Handrahan decided to accept a plea deal on Feb. 3, 2015 offered by prosecutors. Handrahan is accused of sending nude pictures of his estranged wife to her acquaintances in 2012. (AP Photo/Davis County Sheriff's Office, File)

HOROSCOPES

February 2015 — Week 3



CAPRICORN
December 22–
January 19

At long last, you have the resources to finish a project. Go, Capricorn, go! Friendships come and go. Try not to be too hard on yourself when one slips away.



ARIES
March 21–
April 19

If at first you don't succeed, try and try again. The adage is true, Aries. Don't give up. There is so much to gain. A loved one delivers.



CANCER
June 22–
July 22

A family secret is divulged, and it throws you for a loop. Take some time to digest what you have learned before you act on it, Cancer.



LIBRA
September 23–
October 22

Travel plans continue to roll along, inspiring you to work harder so you can get away faster. A little-known issue resurfaces. Put it to rest once and for all, Libra.



AQUARIUS
January 20–
February 18

Appearances can be deceiving. Assume nothing. Aquarius. Someone you think happy may not be. Small miracles at home make for big celebrations later.



TAURUS
April 20–
May 20

You lead a charmed life, but not this week, Taurus. Glitches crop up everywhere you turn, leaving you with a lot to do in very little time.



LEO
July 23–
August 22

Up, down, around and around. Prepare for a bumpy ride this week. Lucky for you, Leo, it will not last. You'll be riding high by the weekend.



SCORPIO
October 23–
November 21

Wild and crazy, Scorpio? Not you! Not when there is work to do. You know how to keep your nose to the grindstone, and this week, it pays off.



PISCES
February 19–
March 20

The sun finally sets on a project at work, Pisces, and you are free to pursue bigger and better things. A friend makes a bold financial move. Watch and learn.



GEMINI
May 21–
June 21

Strengths outweigh weaknesses this time, Gemini. Give it your all, and you will come out on top. A neighbor shares some interesting news.



VIRGO
August 23–
September 22

You're not one to push the envelope, but you have no choice, Virgo. Break through the barriers and show what you're made of. A treat kicks up creativity a notch.



SAGITTARIUS
November 22–
December 21

Teenage angst makes life difficult at home. Hang in there, Sagittarius. Things will calm down eventually. A guest drops by bearing a gift. Be grateful.

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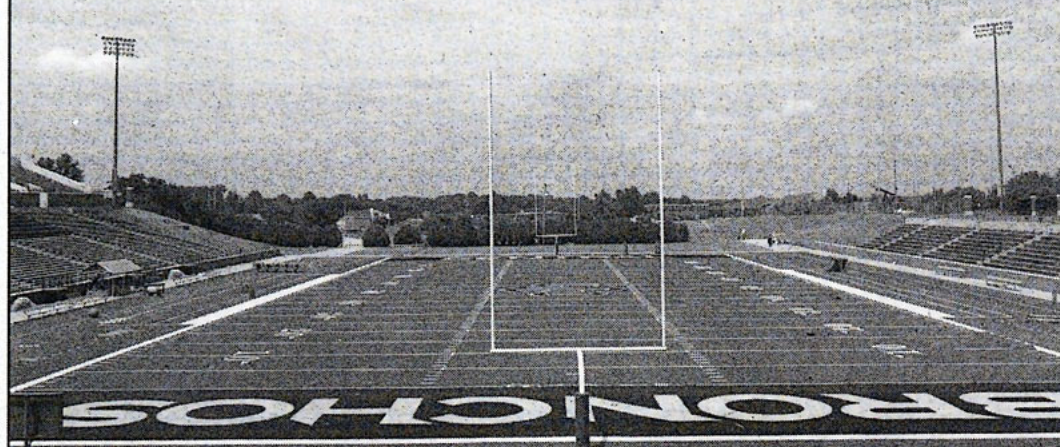
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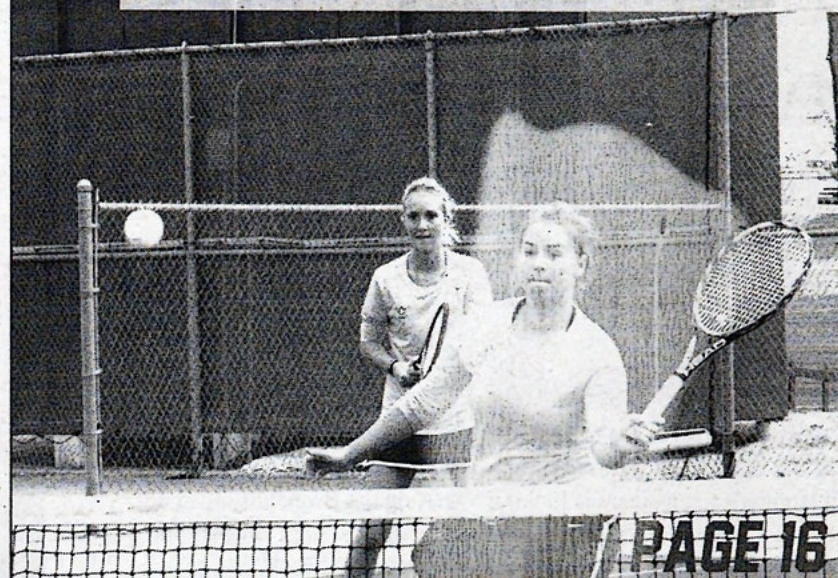
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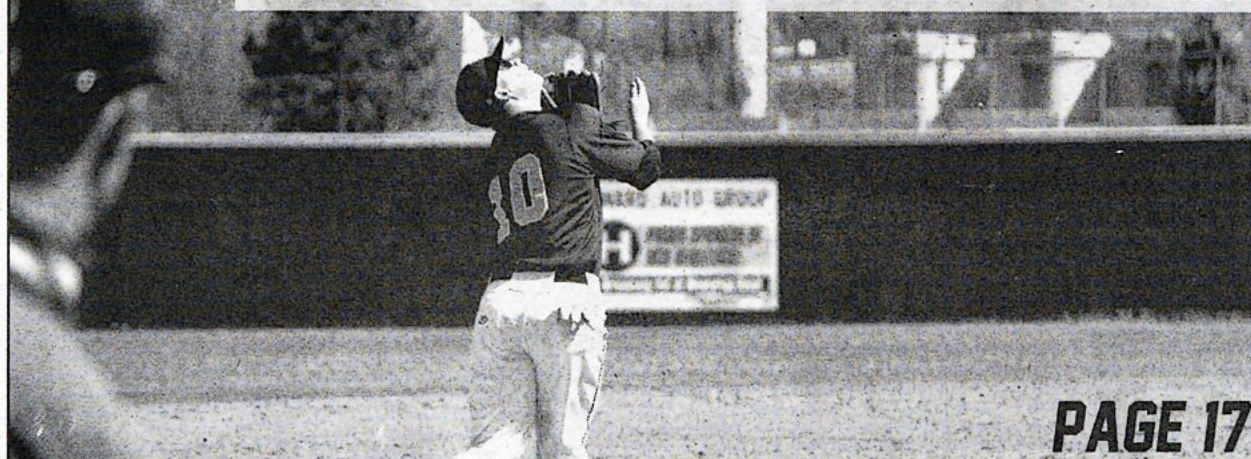


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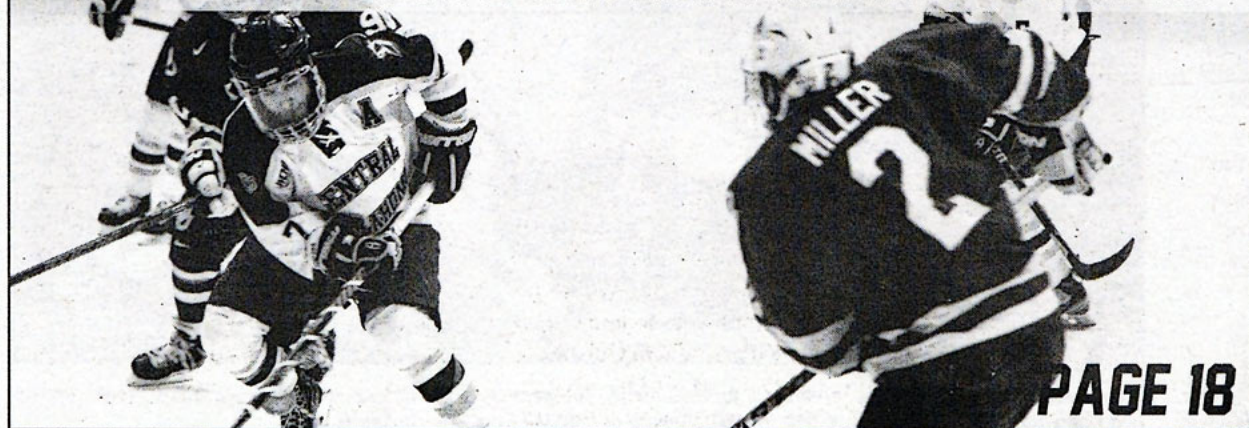
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UCO Tennis looks to bounce back after losing two and winning one game in opening weekend



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Spring sports are really heating up, and the University of Central Oklahoma's tennis team is looking to get off to a hot start this season. The Broncos had a busy week playing three consecutive days in two different states.

They played at home for their first match against East Central University. Then the Broncos took the road for two matches against Hardin-Simmons University and Midwestern State University which they played in Wichita Falls, Texas.

UCO fell to East Central at home 6-3, not getting off to the start they wanted for the first match of the season. The Broncos were successful in doubles winning two of the three matches against the Tigers.

Singles didn't go so well though, with UCO only winning one of the six matches. Natasa Brnovic was the lone bright spot for the Broncos in singles defeating Mayorga of ECU 7-5 and 6-1.

There wasn't much time to dwell on the loss of the previous day as the Broncos took to the road to Wichita Falls to face off against Hardin-Simmons University. The Broncos bounced back in a big way defeating the Cowgirls 7-2.

It was a good bounce back win for the Broncos coming off a loss

the previous day. The Broncos won two of three in doubles, getting the Broncos off to hot start against the Cowgirls and they never looked back.

The Broncos only lost one singles match, and they got big contributions from Alina Gorina, Olya Burak, Emilie Semo, and Anya Minakova who earned two points each.

Heading into the final match of the weekend against Midwestern State University, the Broncos took a step back getting swept 9-0. Nothing went right for the Broncos Saturday afternoon with Gorina coming the closest to winning a match losing in three sets.

The Mustangs ranked No. 17 played like it on Saturday afternoon. With the momentum the Broncos gained from Friday's match against HSU, they lost against the Mustangs.

The Broncos will have a week to prepare before their next two matches against Newman University and Friends University in Wichita Kansas on Feb. 21. Their first match will be at 9 a.m. and the second one will be at 2 p.m.

With the Broncos starting the season 1-2, this weekend in Kansas could be a momentum boost for the rest of the season if they play well.



Junior Alina Gorina of Moscow, Russia came closest to winning this past weekend for the Broncos. Gorina is a team leader for UCO and ranks among the best in Mid America Intercollegiate Athletics Association. Photo used with permission from BronchoSports.com



Broncho Lauren Allison is in her second year for UCO Tennis. She went 11-11 in singles matches last season as a rookie starter and won eight of her last nine matches. Photo used with permission from BronchoSports.com.

Baseball wins first game of Spring season



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Baseball season is off and running but not in the direction the Broncos had hoped.

The University of Central Oklahoma started the season 0-3 dropping all three games to Arkansas-Fort Smith coming into a matchup with Regis University on Friday. The Broncos fell down early in the ball game 2-0 until Isaac Hellbusch hit a three run homer in the top of the third inning.

Regis did not waste any time as they came back in the bottom of the third to score three runs and take a 6-3 lead. The back and forth continued as Central Oklahoma answered right back in the fourth to tie things up.

Trailing 10-9 in the top of the seventh, Brad McDonald hit a single which brought in a run and tied the ballgame.

The score remained at 10-10 until the bottom of the ninth when Regis hit a two run walk-off home run to hand UCO their fourth and most devastating loss of the short season.

The Broncos were right on the diamond Saturday for a Valentine's Day matchup with the Colorado School of Mines and another dramatic finish was in store.

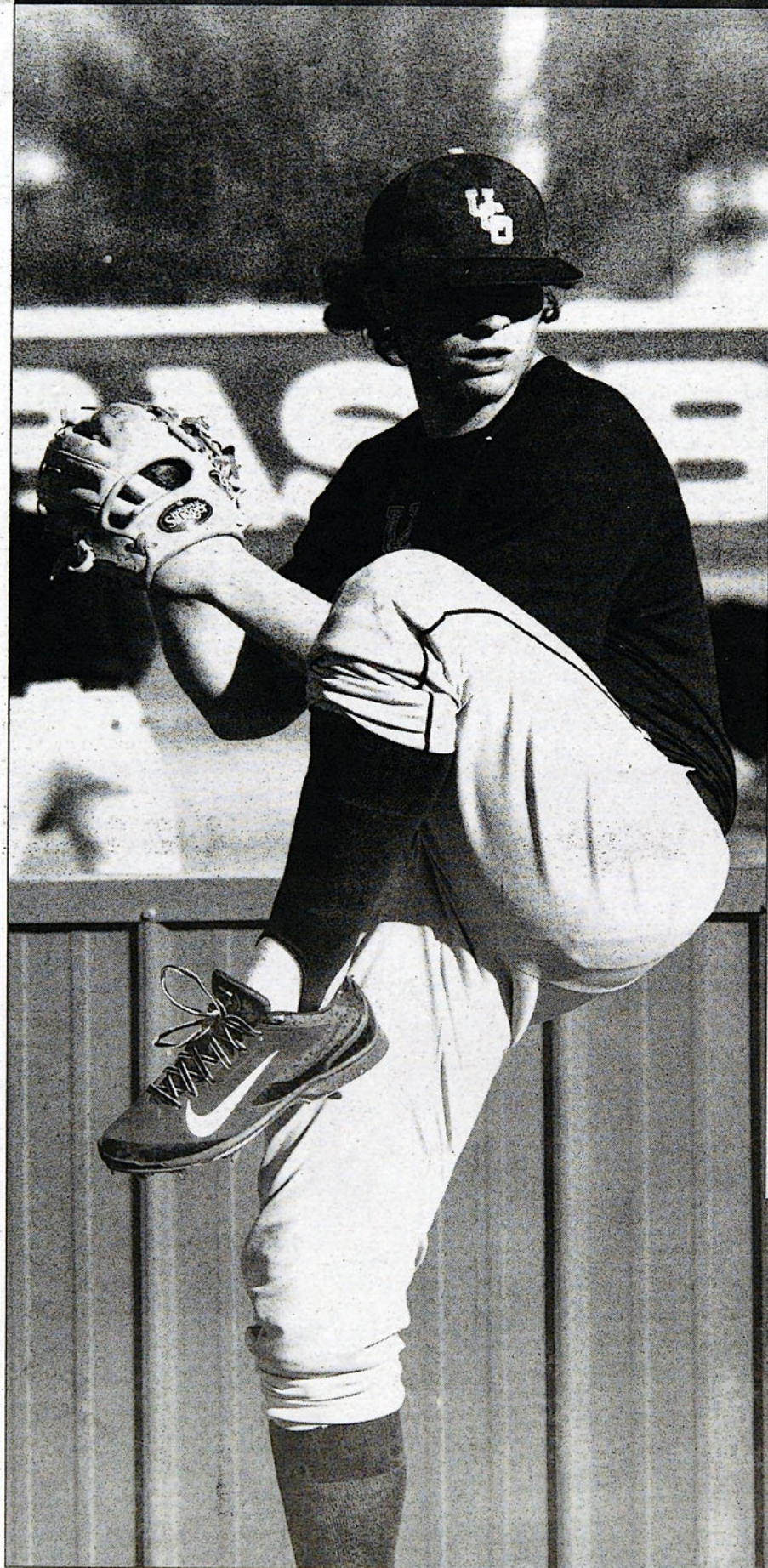
Central Oklahoma's Jake O'Brien hit a two run single in the top of the 12th inning to give the Broncos a 6-4 lead. UCO would hang on in the bottom of the 12th and go on to win their first game of the season.

The Broncos began the game strong and built a 3-0 lead after three innings, only to see it evaporate by the eighth inning tied up at three a piece.

Dilon Argo hit a solo home run in the eighth to put the Broncos back on top, but the Mines answered in the bottom of the ninth to send the game to extra innings, tying the game at 4-4. At this point the wind chill was at 12 degrees and both teams were effected by the weather. No one could break the tie in the 10th or 11th and the teams continued to freeze until O'Brien's heroics in the top of the 12th, and Tanner Ferrell's terrific pitching to strike out the side in the bottom of the inning and end the game.

The Broncos are now 1-4 on the season and will take on Nebraska- Kearney on Thursday.

Dalton Leiker a junior pitcher for the Broncos warms up this spring at Wendell Simmons field. A power pitcher for the Broncos, Leiker comes to UCO from Vernon College. Photo by Ryan Naeve, The Vista.



Hockey sends the Sooners scurrying on Senior Night; gains momentum headed to tournament

BRONCHOS ON ICE



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Entering their final weekend of play, the University of Central Oklahoma's hockey team put their four game win streak on the line with a doubleheader against the No. 7 ranked Oklahoma Sooners.

Like they have all season long, the Broncos delivered.

UCO began Friday night by honoring its five seniors: Nolan Grauer, Bretton Patchett, Peter Kressner, Tory Caldwell and Matt Prigge.

Both squads faced a dry spell after firing up 23 combined shots during the first period. UCO's Michael Rivera finally broke through

in the second with his 15th goal of the season, assisted by Brandon Formosa.

The Broncos wingman Brandon Harley later added an empty-net goal with twenty seconds left to propel UCO to a 2-0 victory.

Goalie Tory Caldwell saved 30 shots – 15 of them in the final period – and earned Player of the Game honors; it was his fourth shutout of the season.

UCO then faced a quick turnaround as they traveled to Norman on Saturday for a rematch against the Sooners.

The game went into a shootout, after

both teams had only netted one goal in the second period. Having lost their first and only shootout at home to the Sooners earlier in the year, the Broncos took revenge and won this one on the road with forward Sam Rice scoring the winning goal.

The two weekend wins gave UCO the Bedlam Series victory over OU this season 3-1. In the four contests, the Broncos outscored the Sooners by eight goals.

Ranked No. 8 to begin the year, the Broncos won their first 18 games – including a 7-4 victory over defending champion Arizona State University – and held the No. 1 slot

for four straight weeks. The team finished the regular season ranked No. 2 with a 29-5-0-1 record.

Ryan Duley finished with a team-high of 22 goals in the regular season. Formosa led the Broncos in assists and total points.

Caldwell finished his final season with a record of 17-3-0-1. Goalie Patchett went 12-2-0-0 with two shutouts as well.

The Broncos roll into postseason play with a six game win streak in tow. They're waiting for the ACHA National Tournament bracket to be released within the next two weeks and it will begin on March 6.



UCO left wing Rylan Duley receives a pass from a teammate against the boards in a game last Friday against University of Oklahoma. Photo by Ryan Naeve, The Vista.



UCO defenseman Cyril Meyer (15) looks on as Nolan Grauer (19) receives a faceoff in the offensive zone against the University of Oklahoma on Friday night. Photo by Ryan Naeve, The Vista.



(Top Left) UCO's hockey team anxiously waits to enter the arena. The final UCO home game began at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 13.

(Top Right) UCO's Travis Wellman races OU's Joe Adams for the puck. UCO won their final home game 2-0.

(Mid Left) UCO's Nolan Grauer faces off against an OU player as the puck drops in the third period of the game.

(Mid Right) Peter Kressner hugs Brandon Harley after Harley scored the final point of the game. The point was scored with less than 30 seconds on the clock, leading UCO to win 2-0.

(Bottom) The UCO hockey team celebrates their victory in the middle of the arena after beating OU.

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