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Excel camps benefit more than just the campers

Jaclynn Gray, Staff Reporter

SNU and the Athletic Department offer Excel Camps during the summer for kids ranging from 6-18 years of age. This is an opportunity for students to work and also earn a summer income as a camp counselor. The sessions offered are Horsemanship, Karate, Woodworking, Music Camp, Reading, and Science and Math.

Excel is a concept modeled after SNU's highly successful Camp for Champions. Campers receive individual attention because the format clusters them in small groups, each with at least one adult director, usually a university professor and several SNU student helpers.

The first sessions begin June 8th, and the second session resumes after the week of the Fourth of July. Workers are off the week of July fourth. The camps last from 8-12p.m. and are located on campus.

Christian instructors and college students are sincerely interested in the total development of your child and they give each student the opportunity to enjoy a camp activity founded on Christian principles.

"I teach the Horsemanship Camps all summer," Counselor, Morgan Sneed, said. "I enjoy getting to work with kids and teaching them something that I have a passion for."

This camp is a great way to model Christian learning, and lifestyles to the younger generation.

"Getting to work with kids and watch them

improve on life skills and to know that I am impacting their life in a positive way is a great way to spend the summer serving the Community," Sneed said.

Excel Camps offer great teaching and leadership experiences for SNU students who stay around the Community for the summer.

"Working the Excel Camps for SNU is convenient and a

great opportunity and also a learning experience as well," Sneed said. "Excel Camps are also a great to get SNU's name out in the community and provide beneficial classes to help kids in their future."

For more information, contact the SNU Athletic Department or visit www.snu.edu.



Bill Bowen helps an Excel camper saddle a horse. Photo courtesy of Linnea Wood

Reception held to honor departing resident director

Brad Crofford, Staff Reporter

On Monday, February 28th, students, faculty, and staff mingled in the Student Development office for an hour-long informal reception to celebrate and thank Taylor Brown for his service as the Snowbarger Hall Resident Director.

After serving from August 2008 to March 2011, Brown is voluntarily moving on to a position with Fedex Ground after taking some time to think about it, pray about it, and discuss the opportunity with his wife.

Brown first came to SNU as a student in August of 2002, and then graduated in May 2006.

He became the Resident Director for Snowbarger in August of 2008. Brown feels that he has truly benefited from his time at SNU.

"Being an SNU employee has contributed to my personal development. I've learned so much about myself. I've grown in all areas of my life. Being an RD has allowed me to gain experience in many areas, which will help me in my future endeavors," Brown says.

When asked what he would miss the most about his job, Brown said "I will miss the students most. I think that is the same for any person who has the privilege to work with col-

lege students. It really is amazing how students grow and change in one school year."

When asked about what he would not miss about being a Resident Director, Brown listed fire alarms, having to speak to students about discipline issues, and living where you work, because "You don't have the chance to leave your work at work."

Overall, being an RD at SNU has been a positive experience for Brown.

"It has been a fast two and a half years, with its challenges, and successes. I am grateful to

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NEWS BRIEFS



WISCONSIN CAPITOL LOCKED DOWN AS STATE ASSEMBLY TAKES UP BILL

Throng of protesters gathered in Madison, Wisconsin, Thursday, pounding on the windows of the state legislature one day after the Senate passed a controversial bill meant to curtail the bargaining rights of most state workers.

cnn.com



MUSLIM CONGRESSMAN WEEPS AT TERROR HEARING

Minnesota Democratic Rep. Keith Ellison, the first Muslim congressman, gave emotional testimony Thursday to a House of Representatives committee hearing on radicalization in the U.S. Muslim community.

msnbc.com



WHAT IS A 'SUPERMOON'?

Next week -- on March 19 -- the moon won't just be at its closest approach to Earth in its elliptical orbit, enthusiasts say it will be closer to Earth than it's been in 18 years. The moon's orbit around us is slightly elliptical, and when the moon is at the near point it is known as a lunar perigee.

abcnews.com

Reception continued

SNU and the Student Development Staff for the opportunity to work at a school that I love so much," Brown notes.

Brown is well-liked by both students and other staff.

"I'm really sad to see him go. It's been great working with him for almost three years," Michael Houston, Associate Dean of Students, said.

"He's done a great job with Snowbarger," Houston added.

"He's a good guy, very personable" Chris Tabor, senior, and Snowbarger Resident advisor, said.

"He got to know you as a person, not just a face walking around," Tabor added

"Taylor is always upbeat, laid-back, and fun to be around. He

will be truly missed," Josh Frees, sophomore and Snowbarger resident advisor, said.

The SNU community joins the Student Development and Residence Life staff in wishing Brown well.

Snowbarger Hall, the residence Brown served as RD over for 3 years. Photo by Sarah Privott, Photo Editor



Congratulations to Jody Bowie

Ashley Lugrand, News Editor

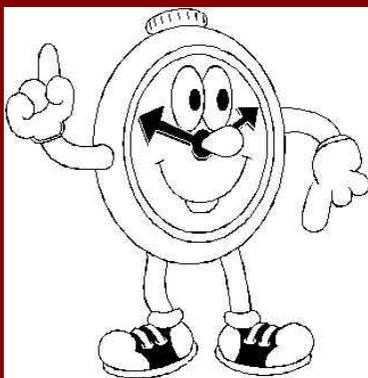
Last week, Jody Bowie was honored by Putnam City public schools as the Teacher of the Year.

Bowie teaches physics at Putnam City High School and is known for his ability to engage students by integrating technology into his lessons.

Less than a month prior to

this award, Bowie was honored by the Oklahoma Technology Association as teacher of the year in Oklahoma.

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Don't forget to spring forward!

Daylight savings time begins this weekend, so remember to set your clocks ahead by one hour this Saturday night.

Did you know, Daylight Savings Time was first suggested by Benjamin Franklin, around 1784 before modern DST began?

Students plan to spend Spring Break serving

Kira Roerts, Staff Reporter

It's easy for college students to find themselves stuck in a routine. Between class, sports, work, and other activities or obligations, most of which occur on campus, sometimes the college life can seem to lack excitement. Especially on a campus as small as Southern Nazarene University, thrills aren't incredibly common and most extra entertainment comes from things like eating out with friends and just being together.

In the middle of a long semester with loads of schoolwork and stress, Spring Break exists as an opportunity for adventure and a chance to do something different and apart from the norm.

While some have extraordinary plans, this week holds the possibility for all sleep-deprived students to relax and catch up. For the majority going home, wherever home may be, this break will be a much needed chance to spend time with family and old friends.

For some, who live close to home, this break might not be much different except for the

lack of educational obligations; but getting to go home is quite a treat for those who live far away.

While some are planning on relaxing for the week, many others travel plans are much more action-packed. Led by Professor Bowie, eight SNU students are venturing to England for Spring Break.

They will have four, day trips to Stonehenge and Bath, Oxford and Stratford, Canterbury and Dover, and Hampton Court. They will have two free days in the city and one day in Paris.

Senior, Meghan Ramsey, said it all started a couple years ago when she promised herself she would go to London the next chance she got, after spending a day there for a layover on the way to Africa.

In response to her excitement about the trip, Ramsey commented, "I am most excited about getting to explore the city with friends! We were given a lot of freedom on this trip, and it's going to be great just to explore and see everything."

According to the SNU website, Beyond the Beach missions trips aim to expose students to both the rich variety of cultural experiences available in the United States premiere cities while ministering to the homeless, impoverished, and marginalized caught within its systems.

Luke Winslow and Kirsten Michael are just two of the students going to Denver with the program for these very reasons.

Winslow said that he's been on a lot of mission trips before but he's looking for something different this time.

Since he hardly knows anyone else going, he decided to go to push his comfort zone and is sure that something good will come out of it. He also mentioned that one of the biggest reasons he wanted to go was because Brad Strawn was leading the trip.

"There is definitely a part of me that would like to go home and relax but I felt a calling to go, plus I want to make the most of my college years and these once in a lifetime opportunities," Winslow said.

SNU-Tulsa Campus Grand Opening

Laura Poff, Media Strategies Team opening of the campus.

Southern Nazarene University Ribbon cutting and dedication hosts grand opening celebration will take place at 12:00pm. for the new SNU-Tulsa campus.

Please join SNU faculty, staff, and friends on Saturday, March 5, The SNU-Tulsa campus is located at Regal Plaza, 8210 S. Regal Court (105th and S. Memorial).

from 11:00am to 3:00pm for food, music, and tours celebrating the The 17,000 square foot building contains nine classrooms along

with administrative offices, a computer workroom, bookstore and student lounge.

The SNU-Tulsa campus offers evening and weekend courses for adult learners in both graduate and undergraduate degree programs.

Southern Nazarene University - Tulsa is a fully staffed satellite campus that brings SNU non-traditional adult education to northeast Oklahoma.

The university offers adult students the opportunity to return to college and attend class one night a week while still allowing them to work full-time.

The Tulsa campus offers eight master's

degree programs and three bachelor's degree programs.

For more information, please visit www.snuforadults.com.

Southern Nazarene University's mission is to transform lives through higher education in Christ-centered community.

As a Christian community of scholars, we model the hospitality of grace, the pursuit of truth and the practice of discipleship, all within the Wesleyan-holiness tradition, as we prepare graduates who THINK with clarity, ACT with integrity and SERVE with purpose.

SNU's Tulsa campus. Photo courtesy of the Media Strategies Team



This week, the front page of The Echo was designed by Sarah Privott, a senior Mass Communication major.

Privott designed the page as an assignment from her Publication, Production and Design class.

The Echo staff congratulates Sarah Privott and thanks all students from Professor Feisal's class for the hard work they put into this assignment.

OPINIONS

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“Trendy” is as “trendy” does

Morgan Koehn, Opinions Editor

Well, it's official. Everyone in the world is now a craft connoisseur. Sewing, quilting, and stitching are back in. People are binding their own books and making custom chair cushions. There are more photographers in the world than there are grains of sand on the beach. (I would argue that just because someone has a nice camera doesn't mean he or she has the ability to take good pictures.) A new cupcake creation is posted on a blog every 30 seconds. And thrift stores can't keep the shelves stocked.

Value used to be placed on the price of the item purchased. Now, I'm recognizing it's much cooler to spend less money in the store and more hours at home fixing it up. Thrifters can spend hours in one store sifting through items that have been acquired from various garage sales over a span of 5 generations.

At first I thought the trend only existed because the people around me are poor college students who are barely willing to spend \$1.09 on a pack of index cards at Wal-Mart. However, when I found out the wealthiest person I know was hunting for treasures at Hobby Lobby instead of Anthropologie, I knew there was something to talk about.

I have nothing wrong with people who make headbands or use a sewing machine to design their own clothes, but what bothers me is that the trend to be “trendy” suggests it's not “cool” unless it's a craft, which is a motto not everyone can follow. What constitutes

being “trendy” anyway?

Urban dictionary is not a huge advocate for “trendy” people. It defines the word “trendy” as “a walking set of contradicting philosophies which have been melded together by the media. The biggest contradiction of them all is thinking they are incredibly urbane and ‘grown up’ when in fact

are basically the bee's knees. The more gear you have, the bigger the mountain you can climb, which suggests that you actually did climb that mountain sometime in the recent past.

The better quality brands also grab the attention of other students. If you have Patagonia or North Face gear, other stu-

dent eat tasty cuppies and sip a little joe just because. They are the true, to-the-core trend-keepers, which makes a statement to “trendy” people around the world. That message says, “Stay true to your trends,” which is a quality I can respect.

To reword a popular quote from Forrest Gump, “‘Trendy’ is as ‘trendy’ does.” And in my opinion, it doesn't matter what trend you set. It's more important to know the things you enjoy doing and go after them. Be passionate about the way you spend your free time. Whether you categorize yourself as a hipster or not, it's obvious trends come and go, but what's important is that you recognize the things you truly love and participate in them because of that fact alone. Sure, it's also okay (and probably encouraged) to step out of your comfort zone and try new things. But when it comes down to the activities you remain constant in, do them because you love it, not because it's what everyone else is doing.

Eat at Big Truck Tacos if you love it enough to go there alone. Wear Chacos during the winter if you don't mind the cold. And spend time shopping on Woot if it's something you can't help. But I won't categorize you as “trendy” unless you've proven worthy of the title. Don't pose, or I will call you out. Make your trends part of your lifestyle, because if you trend-hop, you are not really “trendy.” And lastly, if you care about being categorized as “trendy,” then you probably aren't following any of my guidelines anyway.



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they listen to pop music aimed at teenyboppers.”

I think “trendy” means something different here on campus than in the rest of the world. It's not a bad thing to be up on the trends, but it definitely isn't “cool” if you're following the trends just because you want to be “trendy.”

Spend just a few hours on campus, and you'll quickly notice how SNU has its own set of trends that students have adopted.

Toms are still awesome. The more eco-friendly shoe, the more Christian you are.

Also, if a student has the latest backpacking gear, then they

dents will comment on the quality of your purchases. And if the “trendy” backpacker can say they got it half price on Steep and Cheap or Woot, they are even cooler because they saved money in the process of looking outdoorsy.

Cuppies and Joe has been the hot spot for hipsters lately. The newness of the homey little coffee shop has worn off, so those that still attend are the true customers. The group of students who still congregate there may have originally set the trend, but they are also the ones still integrating it as a location option to meet up with friends and hang out. They no lon-

Telling the obvious before it's obvious

Ashley Lugrand, ECHO Columnist

These days, it is almost impossible to find a company or organization that has not had to deal with issues involving the dissemination of information. These are all problems we constantly face: who gets to know what, when they are entitled to access to the information, and how to present the information.

Relationships are no different. The access to information is one of the many minefields each of us willingly steps into every time we begin a new relationship. We must decide what parts of our personality, our past, and our habits we are planning on divulging, and we make these decisions quickly, and they often come back to bite us in the rear.

I had a friend who was slightly germaphobic, but he thought this was not an attractive quality, so he decided to sit on this information. He then suffered through a three-month relationship with a girl who didn't wash her hands after blowing her nose. If he had opted, instead, to share something that was a big part of who he was, then he might not

have completely blown up after a few slightly germmy months.

There really are no written rules, no justifiable set of rules that you should always follow when it comes to giving information to



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your significant other. But there are a few common sense rules that I feel should be applied and would be more than happy to share.

First, any information that can be found on Facebook is information you should share before it is, well, found on Facebook. There is absolutely no reason they shouldn't know things that you have previously decided the en-

tirety of the Facebook world can be privy to. These things can be as simple as the amount of siblings you have or as complex as your week-old breakup.

Second, anything that they should know about your friends or family, they should know before encountering your friends and your family. There is absolutely no reason anything major about the people close to you should surprise your date. Everything (from a lazy eye to the attitude of that one relative who thinks no one is good enough for you) should be on the table.

Basically, the rule I suggest is this: never let anything surprise your partner. Anything surprising should come directly from you, not through any other source. The most damaging thing about hurtful or even mundane things is the fact that your partner is going to feel like you didn't trust them enough to give them that information yourself. This is not always enough to end a relationship, but it can cause some major bumps along the way.

Finally (and this is an opinion of mine that others don't always agree with), openness is usually best. If you are going to spend the rest of your life with the person you are with, they are supposed to know you better than anyone else. This means you have to tell them the awkward, uncomfortable truths.

Facebook gives out phone numbers

Courtesy of uwire.com

Ten years ago, cell phones were a luxury used primarily for business calls.

Today, children have cell phones capable of navigating the Internet, holding gigabytes of music, and reading full books.

We're happy to see technology advancing but believe we should be able to choose if our personal information remains private.

Facebook recently decided to create an online phonebook that aggregates mobile phone numbers of Facebook friends and those in your physical cell phone.

Without warning, personal cell phone numbers were made available to anyone with access to your page. There's a difference between friending 800 people and wanting 800 people to have your cell phone number.

Another cellular invasion of privacy was announced Monday by AT&T Inc. It will use cell phones' location-sensing technology to send customers ads and coupons based on location.

While this technology can only pinpoint users to within a one-mile area and doesn't use a physical address, we feel this treads too closely to physically tracking

users.

Some users may find this a cool new feature, but we still have a problem with corporations handing out our personal information for financial gains.

We envision numerous unrequested interruptions during class, work, and personal time alerting us about the best deals on Campus Corner. While everyone is interested in knowing about great deals, AT&T shouldn't be allowed to send us the information without consent.

To prevent unsolicited notices, customers should be able to opt out of receiving information.

AT&T and Facebook should email or send messages to all of its users whenever changes will be made.

We should be asked what information we want to provide and receive, not be forced to find where on our Facebook pages we need to go to remove our phone numbers or what number we need to call to stop receiving cell phone advertisements.

Facebook, and all entities that have our personal information, should ask us what information we wish to provide instead of assuming we would willingly share it.

LEFT *vs* More Left State Education Legislation

Brad Crofford, ECHO Columnist

As evidenced by the presence of State Question 744 (which would have required Oklahoma to match the regional average for expenditures per student) on the ballot in the 2010 election, Oklahomans take education seriously. Unfortunately, Republicans in the state legislature are undermining education with a wide variety of bills, including harmful school vouchers and impractical pension reform.

With HB1029, Republican state Representative Mike Reynolds is proposing that students in public schools be allowed to receive “education choice scholarships” upon request by their parents that could go toward paying private school fees.

The amount of these scholarships would, for most students, be 60% of the state’s calculated expenditure per student from the previous year; the other 40% of the money would go into the state’s General Revenue Fund, not helping the school district. However, it is important to note that Oklahoma’s spending per student is well below the regional average, which indeed was the impetus for SQ744; private school costs are well above 60% of per-pupil expenses.

For example, Heritage Hall costs between \$11,875 and \$15,325, while Bishop McGinness costs between \$7,800 and \$10,950. While these “scholarships” (basically just school vouchers) might make a private education possible for some who could not otherwise af-



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ford it, it will significantly hurt underprivileged students, not to mention teachers whose jobs will be cut. If a school is under-performing, it needs an influx of funding and effort, not an exodus to privileged private schools that only aggravates the school’s dire circumstances. For

the party that promoted “No Child Left Behind,” Republicans sure seem bent on leaving underprivileged children behind.

Republicans are also trying to change the way public employees’ pensions operate with HB1003. Instead of being a defined benefit plan, wherein the employees essentially receive a pension after they retire, employees will now simply receive one lump sum at retirement that they will have been forced to save with withdrawals from their pay throughout their career as part of a defined contribution plan.

While it is helpful that these funds will be partially matched by schools, it is worth noting that this kind of lump sum cannot deal with inflation as efficiently as a good cost-of-living adjustment could. Also, there are just too many practical problems that arise while switching to a new system. For example, Dr. James Wilbanks, Executive Director of the Oklahoma Teacher Retirement System (OTRS), notes on the OTRS website that this proposal is “fiscally impossible.” Even during a recession, our students’ educations and our retired teachers’ security should never be threatened.

Tim Rice, ECHO Columnist

Let me offer you a modest proposal. Let’s sweeten the deal for those economically able to leave public schools for whatever reason they want. While we’re at it, let’s cripple teacher’s pensions. After all, doesn’t this go along with what the Republican Party has taken as its imperative? Aren’t they furthering the aims of those who are already ahead, reinterpreting the separation of church and state, and seeing how long this can all go on before it comes crashing down ... again?

See for example Oklahoma House Bill 1029. If passed, this bill would offer funds to families who wish to transfer their children

to private schools. Although what would be given to them pales in comparison to the tuitions of the vast majority of private schools in the state, it could be seen as some reward for doing so. After all, if you can separate yourself from using some public institutions, why should you pay taxes? This bill should go further and exempt those who do not send their children to public schools from paying the taxes used to pay for public schooling. It’s more efficient, after all.

And in the next display we have Oklahoma House Bill 1003. This would deprive teachers of their traditional pensions and let

them lock away one of two percentages of their salaries in savings accounts instead. Once they retired, they’d be able to withdraw this as a lump sum. Inflation may have destroyed it by the time they get it, but it saves the state quite a bit of paperwork over time.

Also, the state has no obligation to them for their service to the community once it is done. Aside from teachers, who loses? This bill also has the potential to keep the same teachers on for longer, as he or she maximizes the not-quite-pensions anymore. Then, there are even fewer times that new contracts have to be written up. Face it; no one likes nego-

tiation.

My dear, fellow citizens, I encourage you to watch the legislative process in our state. No one ever knows when a new law could single out a certain group. Once again, I urge you all to register to vote so your voice will be heard.

Disclaimer: As you very quickly picked up, the above is very much satire. It is very true that many public schools in Oklahoma are not to par, but awarding families to make them worse does not help at all. The state budget has seen better days too, though I can hardly see how making teachers’ lives even harder will help in the long run.

STORMSPORTS

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Men's Basketball

@ Oklahoma Christian W 86-66
@ Rogers State W 90-48
@ Northwestern Oklahoma State W 66-52

Women's Basketball

@ Oklahoma Christian W 69-55
@ Lubbock Christian W 75-67
@ Rogers State W 52-48

Baseball

vs. Briar Cliff (DH) W 3-1, W 13-3
vs. Wayland Baptist (DH) W 6-1, W 5-3
vs. Wayland Baptist W 9-7

Softball

@ Baker W 3-0
@ Lyon W 6-0
@ LSU-Alexandria W 10-0
@ Lindenwood W 6-4

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Stamping the ticket

Sports Information

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. — Expectations were high for Southern Nazarene when the 2010-11 season started and after seeing the smiles and nets being cut down, one expectation has been met after No. 15 Southern Nazarene claimed the Sooner Athletic Conference Title with a 66-52 win over Northwestern Oklahoma State.

The Crimson Storm (26-7) won the program's third SAC Tournament Crown and won their third straight game in the tournament in convincing fashion.

"It's encouraging that we are playing our best basketball right now," said SNU Head Coach Adam Bohac. "We're thrilled that we get another week of practice and then get to continue our season.

We think we can continue to get better next week and iron out some things and hopefully be hitting on all cylinders as we head to Kansas City."

SNU had seven players all score at least six points as all seven were

only separated by seven points. C.J. Henry led the way for the Storm with a game high 13 points as he went 5-for-10 from the floor and he hit a pair of 3-pointers. He also had six rebounds and three assists. Henry was named the SAC

aged four rebounds and 2.3 assists per game.

"We really guarded well this weekend and that gets us out in transition," said Bohac. "That gave C.J. great looks with guys driving it in transition and him spotting up.

When he's shooting like that it spreads the floor and gives everybody more room to operate. We certainly hope he keeps making them."

Xavier Alexander was just a rebound short of a double-double with 11 points and nine rebounds. The senior also had four assists, two blocks and a steal.

"Xavier does so many things for us that fans may not understand," said Bohac. "He solidifies us. His personality this week was great. His energy and toughness permeates all the way through our team. When he's playing like that and playing that hard, we're pretty tough."

Horace McGloster and Daniel White combined for 19 points off the bench. McGloster went 4-for-6 from

the field as he scored 11 points and pulled down five boards. White added eight points and four rebounds. A.J. Thomas was also in



Storm celebrates Conference Championship victory. Photo by David Noblett, Sports Information

Tournament MVP after he averaged 18.3 points and went 10-for-18 (.556) from 3-point range over the last three days. He also aver-

ON DECK

BASEBALL vs. USAO

Saturday, March 12
1 p.m.
@ Friends (Kan.) (DH)
Monday, March 14
2 p.m.
@ Northwestern Oklahoma State
Thursday, March 17
2 p.m.

SOFTBALL

@ Houston-Victoria (Texas)
10 a.m.
@ Spring Hill (Ala.)
12 p.m.
@ Trevecca Nazarene (Tenn.)
5 p.m.
Friday, March 11

MEN'S GOLF

@ Westworth Village, Texas
March 14-15
@ Primm, Nev.
March 21-22

WOMEN'S GOLF

@ Primm, Nev.
March 21-22

WOMEN'S TENNIS

@ Mc Murry, Texas
Monday, March 14
@ Webber International, Fla.
Tuesday, March 15
@ Embry-Riddle, Fla.
Wednesday, March 16



GOLF
McKenna Walker

Graham, Texas
Freshman

Nickname
Mac

Interests & Hobbies
Playing golf, working out, hanging out with friends

Most Prized Possession
The score card where I finally beat my dad

Three Words that Best Describe Me
Friendly, determined, dedicated

One Word That Describes My Coach
Stressed

If I Could Have Any Superpower It'd Be
To fly

A Non-Athletic Talent I Possess
Sleeping

Biggest Fear
Failure

As A Child, I Dreamed to Be
Asian

What Motivates Me
To prove to those people who said who said I couldn't make it

If I Could Be A Type of Food, I'd Be
Hot sauce and chips

Best Memory
Hawaii

Pet Peeve
Having the T.V. on while no one is watching it

Favorite Quote/Verse
"Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence."

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double figures with 10 points while Jon West added seven and Jeremy Lightfoot had six.

Alexander and White were named to the SAC All-Tournament team while A.J. Thomas received the Hustle Award.

"The guys were sharing the ball well tonight," said Bohac. "The way Northwestern guarded us forced us to pass the ball quite a bit.

They trap and double you and that leads to a balanced attack when you play them."

The Crimson Storm broke the game open midway through the first half when Henry broke a

13-13 tie with a trey that sparked a 22-6 run to end the half with a 35-19 lead.

Northwestern scored five straight to open the second half to cut it to 35-24, but SNU answered with a 12-3 run capped by Alexander's first 3-pointer of the year to lead 47-27 with 12:07 left to play.

The Rangers fired back again with a 12-2 run to cut it to 10 at 49-39 with 8:46 left, but that was as close as Northwestern came.

McGloster the scored five points in an 11-0 run as SNU took its biggest lead of the game at 60-39 and held off the Rangers from there for the title.

Back in the winner's circle

Sports Information

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. — This exact same time last year, Southern Nazarene watched Oklahoma City University cut down the nets inside the Sawyer Center and as expected a fire was ignited. Almost 365 days to the moment, the fire still burns as SNU brought home the program's ninth Sooner Athletic Conference Tournament title with a 52-48 win over Rogers State.

"You can't win games in the post-season if you don't have your role players step up and everyone we needed to play well did," said SNU Head Coach Lori Carter. "The way we have played lately really reminds me of the 2004 team where someone different led us every night. This team has that same capability."

While SNU has had different people step up at different times the past three days, no one has been more dominant than Sharmeda Johnson who averaged 17.3 points per game and scored a game-high 19 points and pulled down 10 rebounds for her seventh double-double of the season. The junior forward was named the SAC Tournament MVP while Abbey Marra and Logan Martin were both named to the SAC All-Tournament.

"Sharmeda has just been huge

for us these past couple weeks," said Carter. "People have been doubling Abbey and she has earned that with what she has done this year, but Sharmeda can be just as dominating in the paint. I've been hard on her all year and our team knows that. She needs to bring that blue collar, 'I'm going to do the dirty work,' mentality to the floor every night. Sharmeda deserved that honor and I am proud of her for it."

Eight different Storm got in the book as Johnson was the only one in double figures, but SNU got eight points and 10 rebounds out of Marra and seven points each out of Oumoul Thiam and Kristen Milster.

SNU again was held to a low percentage from outside hitting just three 3-pointers, but much like the semifinals, SNU rarely missed from the line. The Storm went 11-for-13 from the charity stripe, and were 9-for-11 in the second half.

Neither team led by more than seven points at any point in time in the entire game as there were eight lead changes in the first half alone. The Storm picked up momentum heading into the second half with an 8-1 run to take a 26-21 lead at intermission. SNU stretched it to 28-21 out of the gate in the second half, but

"We finally settled down and made a run late in the first half," said Bohac. "We sure didn't look poised or composed until about 10 minutes left. After everyone had subbed out and got their legs and caught their breath we played well from that point on."

It was the first time since 2007 that SNU claimed the SAC Tournament title and was Bohac's first in his three year's as head coach.

The Crimson Storm will now wait and see where they will be seeded when the Buffalo Funds NAIA Men's Basketball National Championship bracket will be released Wednesday.

the Storm didn't give up the lead until the 2:06 mark when Roger State's Hunter Peterson buried a trey to give the Hillcats a 42-41 lead.

SNU went right back to where it had the past two weeks in Johnson, Marra and Martin. Johnson gave the Storm the lead for good with a traditional 3-point play before Marra sank a bucket in the paint before Martin hit two free throws with 29 seconds left, but RSU didn't go away. After Oumoul Thiam hit a pair at the line to give SNU a 50-45 lead with 19 seconds left, but Angie Criner nailed a try to make it 50-48 game with just 15 seconds left.

Marsha Durr through put the game on ice with two more free throws and the celebration was on.

"We've been in that situation several times this year and there was no panic on any of our faces," said Carter. "That's something we talked about earlier in the year; focus on the defensive end especially in close games and we have and found ways to win."

It was the first SAC Tournament Championship for SNU since 2007. The Storm now get set to head to Jackson, Tenn., for the NAIA Women's Basketball National Tournament, March 16-22. The bracket will be released Wednesday.

Boen goes out as one of the best

Foster Biggers, staff reporter

Who do most people think of when we think about men's basketball here at SNU? Some might think about Xavier Alexander. Others might think about the CJ and AJ combination. Jeremy Lightfoot is the big force down low for SNU, he is also a big force with the students. But the one name that stands out the most and has been around longer than anyone else on the team; Kyle Boen.

Kyle Boen is a senior shooting guard from Fort Worth, Texas who has been the glue for this SNU team ever since he arrived back in 2007. Kyle will leave SNU after this season is done as one of the most "winningest" players in the history of the SNU basketball program, who currently has 96 total wins.

Kyle won 23 games his freshmen year, 20 wins sophomore year, 27 wins his junior year, and 26 wins so far this season with a chance to add on to that winning total going to the national tournament. And if SNU has the run like they did last year in the big dance, where the team made it all the way to the elite eight, he could reach 30 wins this season and a total 100 wins.

"I enjoyed playing with Kyle these past two years. That's one teammate who went hard no matter what," said senior center Jeremy Lightfoot.

Boen knows how to win, and the record shows it. Whether it be while he is on the floor shooting the big three ball or sitting on the bench supporting his team; Boen has learned how to get the job

done.

Kyle has had a unique road when it comes to playing time. Just like any freshmen coming into an elite program, Kyle got minimal playing time.

Sophomore year was a different story as Kyle appeared in 30 games for the Crimson Storm and started two of them.

Junior year Kyle started 21 of the 34 games he played in and lead the Crimson Storm deep into the National Tournament.

Then this season, Boen has only

the bigger goals and is willing to sacrifice whatever for our team to get there," said senior forward Xavier Alexander.

Boen has shown exactly what it means to be a team player here at SNU. Most players who play a lot for two seasons then sit for the majority of their senior season would complain and get extremely frustrated, Boen has done just the opposite.

Kyle is the first one up on the bench to give a teammate a high-five when they come off the court, he jumps up and down when on the bench when someone makes a great play on the court, and most of all you never see him complaining when his team is losing. He has shown everyone how the game should be played on and off the court.

"Kyle has been an amazing teammate and him becoming the schools all time "winningest" player shows exactly what he is about," Alexander said.

And with the season coming to an end and the National Tournament just a week away, there is nothing more that Boen and the rest of his team would like to do to than to end his career, and end the season, with a National Championship.

It would only be fitting for the most "winningest" player in school history to end on top.

Lightfoot said, "All Kyle was about was winning, even if he wasn't playing. He is a big part of our team and we will miss him. Great job Kyle Boen."



Senior Kyle Boen is recognized for four years of commitment to team. Photo by Sara Eguren

started one game for the Storm. But don't tell him that because he has just as much intensity on the bench as he does when he is playing.

"Kyle is a big part of our teams success these past two years. He is going to do big things in life, not only because he has great leadership skills, but also because he sees



Photo by Benjamin Collier

BASEBALL Tim Cole

Mulvane, Kansas
Junior

Nickname
Timmy

Interests & Hobbies
Hanging out with friends, watching movies, playing guitar and piano

Most Prized Possession
My salvation

Three Words that Best Describe Me
Funny, passionate, lovable

One Word That Describes My Coach
Awesome

If I Could Have Any Superpower, It'd Be
Super strength

A Non-Athletic Talent I Possess
Playing guitar and piano

What Motivates Me
My coaches, family, friends, and most of all God

If I Could Be A Type of Food, I'd Be
Steak

Best Memory
Taking a missions baseball trip to Nicaragua

Pet Peeve
When I'm in a car and I hear stuff rattling

Favorite Quote/Verse
"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courages, do not be terrified, do not be discouraged. For the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

Playing the "Grace Card": new film encourages audience to "love your neighbors"

Abby Johnson, staff reporter

As we have been told throughout our lives to love our neighbor as ourselves, we find that loving others can be more challenging than we could ever imagine. With the idea of continually loving others being the main theme of a recent movie "The Grace Card", audiences across America are being moved by such a powerful story.

"The Grace Card" is the first production out of a Memphis-based corporation, Graceworks - the production company worked hand in hand with Calvary Pictures, a group based out of the Church of the Nazarene in Cordova, Tennessee.

Having been inspired by Sherwood Pictures, the group that made the movie Fireproof, Calvary and Graceworks began working alongside numerous screenwriters and actors. Set in the racially torn area of Memphis, the movie follows the lives of two police officers, Sam Wright and Mac McDonald. Sam is an African American on the police force and a part time minis-

ter on the side, and Mac is a man still coping from the death of his son 17 years before. The two men learn through trials and tribulations to accept and love each other for who they are.

With the major theme of the movie being the idea that we should continually love others even when they do not wish to be loved, we see this work continually throughout the film. As Mac continues to overcome his long-held racism, we begin to see how the positive and loving impact of Sam affects Mac. He slowly becomes more loving and in the end accepting of those around him, regardless of their skin color.

Another recurring theme we see throughout the film is the idea that everything can change in an instant, yet take a lifetime to unravel. As we continue to live our lives, this quote to me is something that is of extreme importance. We all know that life is extremely short, yet we continue to build up barriers with others, and ourselves and continue to love less. Which is something I believe we should



graphic provided by thegracecardmovie.com

all learn to change and learn to encourage each other as shown in "The Grace Card."

With just one simple smile or encouraging word towards others, we can become just like Sam and Mac, we can learn to love and forgive others who have done us wrong or just break down the barrier that we've built up. By simply loving and accepting others, we can make a difference. So as we've all heard throughout our lives, let us go out and "love our neighbor as ourselves."

Local Events

03/11: 2nd Friday
Circuit of Art
(Norman Arts
Council Gallery)
6:00 - 10:00 p.m.

03/12: OSU-OKC
Farmers' Market
OSU-OKC
(10:00 a.m. -
1:00 p.m.)

03/13: Sunday Nature
Hikes
(Friends of
Martin Nature
Park Center)
2:30 p.m.

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Elemental Coffee grand opening set for April 1



photo by Stephen Shenold

Stephen Shenold, staff writer

I like to think I have the inside word when it comes to all things coffee. Recently I caught word of a new coffee shop known as Elemental Coffee. If what I had heard was true, I knew I would be in for something special.

Elemental Coffee is located at 815 N. Hudson in the heart of Midtown. For the past two years Elemental has solely been a coffee roasting company, roasting and selling beans to be served in some local favorite venues such as The Deep Fork, The Wedge, and Cuppies and Joe.

To be honest, Elemental isn't even open yet. That's right, their grand opening is scheduled for April 1st. However, if you can't wait to sample what they have to offer then you had better set your alarm clock. Even though their coffee shop itself is still being renovated, Elemental is brewing up coffee from 7:00 to 9:00 weekday mornings and 7 to noon on Satur-

day mornings out of the side of their building.

Last Thursday my alarm went off at seven and thanks to the Jaws of Life I was able to actually get up. As I drove around Midtown I began to realize that finding this place was going to be a little harder than I thought, but don't let this discourage you; it was well worth the hunt.

Elemental Coffee is a currently a white and unmarked building. If it weren't for my GPS yelling at me that I had arrived and the small sign next to the garage door, which stated "knock for coffee," I probably would have missed it. I parked on the far side of the building and following their posted instructions, knocked on the door. Within seconds the door was raised, revealing a small table with all the fixings of an espresso bar... inside a construction site. The two people inside greeted me and ushered me inside. I ordered a simple latte and the barista went straight

to it. While he was busy I got a chance to meet the owner Laura Massenat.

Laura chose Midtown for her location because she was interested in helping revitalize the surrounding community and is looking to contribute to the "Growth of Oklahoma City." It is evident that she has a great passion for coffee and looks to have people engage in the "conversation of coffee."

My latte was soon crafted and served. I took it with anticipating hands and was entranced instantly. One sip was all it took. Originally having been a coffee roaster for the past two years I feel like Elemental has a deeper understanding of the coffee process from the beginning up until it is served. This allows them to practice quality through all stages and it absolutely shows in the caliber of their craft.

So here is the bottom line: even though they are currently only open two hours in the morning they are well worth the trip. If you're really not a morning person then just wait until April 1st for the grand opening in what looks to be a very promising beginning.



FINE ARTS

Erin Hicks

Lumberton, TX

Interests & Hobbies:

Color guard, music, reading, and canvas art

Most Prized Possession:

My Buffet Festival clarinet

Three Words that Best Describe Me:

Creative, procrastinator, optimistic

Best Advice My Parents Gave Me:

"Everything has a reason. Whatever God brings into your life, it's there for a reason. You just have to wait and find out what that reason is."

A Non-Musical Talent I Possess:

My craftiness

As A Child, I Dreamed of Being:

A ballerina

I Would Like to Have Witnessed:

A Michael Jackson concert or the 80's

Pet Peeve:

Slow drivers

Biggest Fear:

Revolving doors

Favorite Quote/Verse:

Jeremiah 29:11

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Best Memory:

Last summer with Remedy

What Motivates Me:

going to Haiti this summer

Opinion column: listen to music for the music or for the lyrics?

Michelle Bowie
guest columnist

When it comes to music, I think Logan has bad taste, and he thinks I have none. We do agree on some artists, but there are more differences than similarities. Our conversations frequently go like this:

LH: I really like so and so. You should check them out.

MB (after listening and hating): Why on earth do you like them?

LH: Did you hear the lyrics?!

Blah blah blah about lyrics and words and other stuff.

MB: Yes, but did you hear what they actually sound like?! Yuck.

See, he has these lofty ideals that music must mean something. That artists should be creating for themselves and writing lyrics that are worthy. I just think it should sound good loud and be sing

along-able.

Whenever you hear “Gagaoohlala” or “I ain’t never been to space before. But I ain’t never seen a face like yours” or even “Take that and rewind it back,” don’t you instantly start singing along in your head? Don’t you just feel good and like life is fun at that moment? Even lines like “Said I wouldn’t call, but I’ve lost all control. And I need you now” evoke the same sort of response—emotion + singing. None of those lyrics describe my life, but they connect with me. I sing, alone in my car, like the songs belong to me.

“Heavy in Your Arms” by Florence + The Machine, “Forget You” by Cee Lo and “Cameras” by Matt and Kim are three of the several songs that, currently, I will hang up with you on the phone if they come on. It’s like the song isn’t complete unless I am singing along with it.

Yes, I listen to groups with esoteric lyrics that are powerful and can change your

life (see some of the above as well as artists like Tupac, The Cure and Mumford & Sons to name a few). But, I also like the way they sound. At heart, I am music floozy. I will drop you, Mr or Ms Literary Crooner, for someone like Bieber, Panic! at the Disco or Nicki Minaj, in a heartbeat.

My point is songs can be written for grand purposes with poetic lyrics. Sometimes, great lyricist meets great sounding music, and the results are art. (Adele is my current recommendation on that front. Please give her a listen!) When that happens, great. But, don’t tell me I should listen to those artists because of that. If I want powerful words, I’ll read a book, a poem or watch a great film. If I listen to music, I want pure emotion—cheap or otherwise. It’s all the way it makes me feel. And, how good it sounds turned up really loud in the car with me as the featured soloist.

Logan Henry
guest columnist

I think Michelle is a little confused when she says “gagaoohlala.” I think you meant to say after that unsettling feeling in the pit of your stomach went away from picturing what Lady Gaga actually looks like, you really started to listen and then all you could hear was “ma-don-aa-aa-aa”, because she’s already done all this. Sure, sometimes I might indulge myself with “California Girls” while I fist pump in my apartment alone, but no matter what, when Snoop Dogg says “bikinis, tankinis, martinis, no weenies, just to get in betweeny” I always laugh because that is one of the dumbest things ever recorded.

I understand the idea behind writing these songs though. There is big money involved, because these songs will play in the clubs. People have such short attention spans these days that no one can pay attention long enough to know that the lyrics sound like they were written by a sixth-grader. All they want is to dance to that pulsing 808 kick drum hoping that someone will take them home. I just can’t take most things on the radio seriously.

It’s fine to listen this stuff sometimes. Occasionally there are songs that come out that are just catchy, but catchy isn’t substance. Eat only candy and eventually you’ll get a cavity.

What I did agree on is emotion. A great song has emotion. The song itself should exude emotion, but it should also evoke emotion in the listener. Have you ever been to a concert where the performer

or band starts to play a song and everything just gets quiet simply because everyone at that moment in time could feel something? A connection between you and the artist and maybe even those other people there with you.

Have you ever started crying when listening to song for no apparent reason? That is emotion. It is the staple of good music. Great songs stay with you. They remind you of great, or not-so-great experiences. The words stay with you. A great melody is just a vessel. When great lyrics are married with great sound, then something truly special happens. Sometimes a song pulls out the poisonous sword that is life from our ever-deteriorating emotional bodies and just lets us escape. And no Justin Bieber or Katy Perry song will ever be able to do that.

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