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Campus welcomes freshmen, transfers at New Student Institute

Hannah Marchant, Opinions Editor

Bright yellow shirts worn by “luggage luggers” marked the beginning of this year’s New Student Institute (NSI). “Luggage luggers” consisted of NSI mentors along with Student Government Association members and football team members; theirs were the first faces new students saw when they stepped onto campus. New faces surrounded the new students from the beginning of move-in day at 7 a.m. until the end of the day at the annual candle lighting ceremony.

A little more than 10 years ago, new students received a beanie to wear after a series of trials and exercises, but now they receive plenty of free gifts, including T-shirts, school supplies, and dorm-warming gifts at the NSI fair. The fair was held outside of the Webster Commons and featured booths set up by the many organizations students can be involved in, from Student Support Services to Oklahoma Intercollegiate Legislature. Other booths featured local churches and businesses.

There was a parent meeting in the afternoon that informed parents and guardians what they could expect from SNU in the coming years. Families split up for the university president’s welcome and dinner, but came back together for the candle lighting ceremony.

The Lamp of Learning had been burning all day Saturday, but when it came time for student body president Carson Calloway to share the flame with his peers, the fire could not hold up against the night wind.

SNU’s twitter account, @FollowSNU, tweeted during the ceremony, “First time in 26 years, the wind is too strong to keep candles lit!



Students dressed in Western gear talk before the Get Involved program at Southern Supper. Photo by Mary Haikin.

Thanks to technology...students are using the light of cell phones!”

To keep the tradition of lifting lights heavenward in the night sky, students abandoned their candles and began using the artificial backlight from their cell phones.

Professors and administration opened the dedication service on Sunday morning. Worship was led by SNU’s traveling worship band Remedy, and a choir organized the night before sang the traditional “He’s Never Failed Me Yet.” Spiritual Development V.P. and dean of the chapel Dr. Brad Strawn delivered an address of harsh realities students may face, but concluded with the hope that they may find in Christ and his people at SNU.

After lunch, NSI was over for the parents, but continued for new students. The students had been placed in family groups, each with an upperclassman peer mentor and a faculty men-

tor. On Sunday afternoon, each family group visited their faculty mentor’s house, where they shared a little bit about themselves.

The Siren, the sporting event of NSI, energized new students on Sunday night. Each family group was assigned one of four colors, which divided the students into four teams. The students were taken to the football fields, where they played ultimate football, watched a football scrimmage, participated in a tug-of-war and other contests, and cheered loudly to compete for the Siren Cup. In the end, the white team took home the trophy.

“I loved the Siren, because you finally felt a part of the SNU community,” freshman Emily Jones said.

Jones also enjoyed Southern Supper, a country Western dinner that new students attended the following night at the Oklahoma City Farmer’s Market. *Continued on page 3*

NEWS BRIEFS

**LIBYAN REBELS GIVE CITY OF SIRTE SATURDAY DEADLINE**

Rebels forces surrounding the Libyan city of Sirte have given Gadhafi's forces entrenched there until Saturday to peacefully surrender. Issues of contention include leadership in the new regime and possession of weapons. Rebel spokespersons insist "All of Libya, every inch of Libya, has to be liberated."

npr.org

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**HURRICANE IRENE COSTS UP TO \$10 BILLION**

Hurricane Irene, which hit the east coast last weekend, likely caused between \$7 billion and \$10 billion, analysts estimate. Millions were also without power in the wake of the storm. Because most of the damage was caused by flooding, it is unclear what effect Irene will have on insurers.

nytimes.com

Vyto Starinskis/The Daily Herald

**WILDFIRE IN NORTHEAST OKC BURNS OVER 5,000 ACRES**

A wildfire that began early on Tuesday afternoon continued to flare up through Wednesday. It burned over 5,000 acres in northeast Oklahoma City. The fire destroyed over 30 houses, mobile homes, numerous cars, and a church.

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Jim Beckel**Students, faculty, staff, explore "Reconciliation" at LEAD Retreat**

Brad Crofford, News Editor

Aug. 14-17, student leaders, faculty, and staff engaged in training, planning and fellowship at LEAD Retreat. Over 130 students and about 25 faculty, staff, and coaches gathered at Fin and Feather resort near Lake Tenkiller in Oklahoma for this annual event.

Students came from a wide variety of campus leadership positions, including SGA officers, publications staff,

resident advisors, athletes, small group leaders, NSI mentors, SSS peer mentors, members of the newly-formed Multicultural Student Network, and more.

During the three-and-a-half-day retreat, students engaged in worship, small group discussions, and team-building exercises centered on the theme of "Reconciliation." V.P. for Spiritual Development and dean of the chapel Dr. Brad Strawn and other faculty/staff members effectively led students through exercises meant to help them reconcile with God, with themselves, and with others.

"I have not seen the kind of emotional impact at LEAD that we had this year," Strawn said. "Issues of race, sexual struggling, loss, and self-esteem were on the forefront of everyone's mind. While we recognized and respected the difference between us brought on by race, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, etc., we were definitely drawn together as the body of Christ."

One particularly impacting activity involved all those in attendance gathering outside a large area marked off by blue tape. As director of Community Life Mar-



Students and faculty perform the alma mater as a rap. Photo by Kaitlin Orwig.

ian Redwine read descriptions of various life difficulties, from self-image problems and thoughts of suicide to family problems and addictions, students were challenged to step across the line of tape when a description fit them and to realize they are not alone.

"I will definitely remember the cross the line activity. It broke my heart to realize just how many broken and hurting people there are even among the group of leaders," NSI mentor senior Candace Robinson said. "It helped me realize that we all go through hard times and face many different things but we're not alone. It also taught me that if this is how the leaders on campus feel, then other students probably feel the same; it has really encouraged me to reach out to others."

Students also had the opportunity for some free time in the evenings, with many choosing to spend it playing games and talking late into the night.

"I really enjoyed the last night we were there, when everyone was just sitting on the porch of Soda Steve's [a restaurant at Fin and Feather] hanging out and talking about previous shenanigans,"

SGA V.P. of Student Relations, Business Administration major senior Brian Poff said.

Other fun activities included a cheering contest, singing contests where groups were challenged to sing the alma mater in various styles, and a day spent tubing at Lake Tenkiller.

"The first memory that pops into my head about the retreat was of Eric Smith jumping out of the crowd and yelling 'To the cocoon!' for our amazing SNU cheer," Mass Communication and Public Relations major sophomore Macy Sliman said.

"LEAD retreat made a lot of us grow closer to each other and to God. It a very good experience and I would recommend it to others," Mass Communication major junior Stephanie Reyes said.

The final challenge for students was thinking about ways to "bring [what they learned] back to campus."

"I hope that SNU student leaders will return to campus with a desire to break down the barriers that exist between different groups while at the same time respecting real life circumstances," Strawn said.

Crimson Card offers admission to SGA events, discounts at local businesses

Jaclynn Gray, Staff Reporter

The SNU Crimson Card entitles the cardholder to free admission to SGA-sponsored events and to discounts at several businesses around SNU and the OKC Metro area. Discounts include 10% off of purchases, 99-cent Sonic drinks all day, free drinks with meals at local restaurants, \$5 off haircuts at Salon Envy with certain hairdressers, and more.

“Crimson Cards

are really nice because when there is an event all I have to do is show my card without waiting in any lines,” junior Jennifer Huffhines said. “I do not have to worry about if I have enough money to go.”

Included with the card are three T-shirts that correspond with certain events throughout the year. These shirts are to be worn to Crimson

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Storm games to support our athletes. There is a limited number of each size available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Some of the sponsors included on the card are the SNU bookstore, Boomerang Diner, Salon Envy, Beverly’s Pancake House, Los Amigos, Papa Angelo’s, Sonic, Sara Sara Cupcakes, Qdoba, Full Cup, Jersey Mikes and Swadley’s.

“It is great to have all these sponsors on our Crimson Card; it also shows all the metro vendors that support our school,” Huffhines said.

This card is valid throughout the whole school year for events and the special discount deals on the back of the card. A Crimson Card costs \$40.00 and can be bought in Student Development or ordered online. Cash or check is accepted to pay for the card.



A Crimson Card shirt design. Photo from snusga.com

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Students dressed in Western gear and enjoyed Swadley’s barbecue while various student organizations presented ways to get involved through videos, skits, and speeches.

Seminars on campus, spiritual, and academic life filled the rest of the students’ time on Monday and Tuesday. The new students ex-

perienced a sample chapel on Tuesday morning and ended the day with the Celebration Service. During the service, the students were able to see what a “Day in the Life” of an SNU student would be like from skits performed by the student mentors. Also featured was an NSI highlight video.

“I think the freshman class is going to be a

good one,” junior Robbie Bollinger said. “As a mentor, it was fun to see the new students become more comfortable on campus.”

Director of NSI Misty Jagers believes the events “overall, were very successful.” She stated that “the changes made from last year to this year were positive ones and went over well with parents, faculty, and students.”



A choir of new and current students sings “He’s Never Failed Me Yet” during the Sunday morning dedication service. Photo by Kaitlin Orwig.

STORMSPORTS

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Volleyball, soccer, track, football teams start year out on right foot

Kira Roberts, A&E Editor

With Southern Nazarene University's acceptance into Division II for the NCAA conference, all the sports teams are hitting it hard right away to prepare for the competition this year and for years to come. NSI is over and students are settling into a routine with classes but may not realize that many of the athletes have been on campus for several weeks already. Two or three-a-day pre-season workouts, sore muscles, hurt bodies, ice baths, Advil, determination, hard work, and focus are all part of the experience. That work is finally paying off now that games have begun.

With thirteen new additions since last year's season, SNU's 2011 Women's Volleyball Team has a strong foundation to build on. With unexpected aptitude from the new freshman and some promising talent and effort from the new transfers and returning players, the team is already giving new meaning to the expression "ballin."

Their first tournament was this past weekend, and they showed the crowd what they were capable of—varsity with three wins and one loss and junior varsity undefeated. Hopefully the full stands will continue to be packed with loud, supportive fans for every home game this year.

Nat Oliveira, a transfer from Vernon College, is from Brazil and, naturally, has a different perspective than other players. She expressed

excitement about individuals' talent on the team and has no doubt that the team can do great things together as the players become even more in sync with each other on the court.

"The experience of playing sports far away from home is amazing. It allows me to learn different insights to the same game," Oliveira said.

Oliveira mentioned that some of the major differences she notices in athletics here are the existence of stats,

advertising game dates, inviting fans, and even having team bonding activities. She is a great asset to the team not only in her talent and skill on the court, but also in her genuine, lovable personality.

It is obvious that the soccer teams are off to a good start, but still have a long road ahead of them.

Junior Kendra Nixon had nothing but good things to say about the season: "We have eleven great starters and a really strong bench."

The team is ranked second in the conference and has a good chance at winning the SAC and going to Alabama for nationals this year.

The cross-country team has also been working hard and expects a great season with the addition of a couple new freshmen and several



The football team plays a no-tackle scrimmage for the red/white game. Photo by Audra Marston.

transfers. Sarah Keller, a transfer from Mid-America Nazarene, is predicted to be a talented asset to the team.

Runner sophomore Jenny Liles is looking forward to their first meet Sept. 3.

"We're getting better with each early morning practice. We nailed some mile repeats this past week. Looks like we'll have a strong top seven for conference this season!" Liles said.

With the first football game scheduled for Sept. 3, and tournaments, games, and meets in the near future, the support of SNU students is going to be critical.

All the time, hard work, and dedication the athletes have put in over the past few weeks will be rewarding during competition, but will also have lasting effects as they build lasting relationships and strengthen SNU's community of believers.

The team is already giving new meaning to the expression "ballin."

SCORE BOARD

Women's Soccer

vs. Southwest Christian W 10-0
vs. Northwood Texas W 13-0

Men's Soccer

vs. Southwest Christian W 4-1
vs. Northwood Texas L 2-4

Women's Volleyball

vs. Bethel (Kan.) W 3-0
vs. Southwestern Assemb. W 3-1
vs. College of Ozarks L 3-1
vs. Tabor W 3-0

Results and scores at
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South Central Nazarenes gather for roller coasters, fellowship, fun

Mary Haikin, Editor-in-chief

Every Labor Day weekend, campus grows strangely quiet and empty. Dorms are deserted, the dining room is full of empty chairs, and significantly fewer cars pass through. This emptying of campus could be due to the three-day weekend, but is more likely due to a tradition now in its 33rd year: SNU's Office of Admissions' Naz Nite at Six Flags over Texas.

Taking place in Dallas on Friday from 6 p.m. to midnight, Naz Nite at Six Flags over Texas will see hundreds of Nazarene friends and family enjoy rides, carnival food, and each other's company.

Tickets purchased by Aug. 19 were given a discounted rate of \$29.99 plus tax; tickets purchased between Aug. 20 and Sept. 1 cost slightly more at \$41.99 plus tax. Purchase of a discounted ticket came with a complimentary return ticket, for use anytime from Sept. 3 to Sept. 25. Those who buy tickets at the Main Gate will pay full price (\$56.99 plus tax).

Naz Nite unites Nazarenes from across the South Central Nazarene region. Intended as a night for fun and fellowship, the event also provides recruitment and outreach opportunities for the Office of Admissions, giving high school students exposure to college students pursuing Christian higher education.

SNU's worship band, Remedy, will perform live at the Carousel Stage, playing three 45-min-



ute sets. The band members spent the summer visiting summer camps in the area, a local Vacation Bible School, and the Nazarene Youth Conference (NYC) in Louisville. Remedy is part of SNU Crew, a publicity/recruitment and recreational team.

After the sets, Remedy will enjoy Naz Nite along with the rest of the participants.

"I'm probably most looking forward to riding the Titan. I'm currently accepting applications for a ride partner as well," Remedy keyboard player and vocalist junior Christian Allen said. "Males need not apply."

SNU buses will provide students with transportation to Dallas and back to campus. To reserve a spot on one of the SNU buses, students paid \$10. T-shirts were also sold for \$10. The buses leave SNU between 12 and 12:30 - students taking the bus are to meet in the Sawyer parking lot.

"The buses will leave Six Flags by 12:30, after loading up, and should be back here around 4 a.m.," Admissions recruiter Chris Kyzer said.

Although bus transportation is provided for those who registered before Friday, last-minute decision makers are encouraged to still take part in Naz Nite. Tickets, as well as food vouchers, will be sold at the Six Flags' Main Gate.

Local Events

08/2: My So Called Band
(Belle Isle Restaurant and Brewery)
9:00 p.m.

08/3: Soda Pop Sampling
(Bricktown Candy Co.)
1:00 p.m.

08/3-4: Honoring Our Heroes
Event (Bass Pro Shops)
*Bring gently used
DVD's, Video Games,
and books to donate

08/3-09/5: An Art Opening
Photography
(Contemporary Art
Gallery, OKC)
Wed-Sat 12:00-5:00 p.m.
Sun 1:00-4:00 p.m.

SNU Events

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Naz Nite
6:00 p.m.

Volleyball @
College of the
Ozarks

03

Men's Soccer @
Point Loma

Football vs.
Kansas Wesleyan
6:00 p.m.

04

05

Labor Day
NO CLASS

Men's Soccer @
Vanguard

06

Volleyball vs. East
Central

Chapel: Misty
Jaggers

07

08

Chapel: Dan
Boone

SGA hosts “Back to School bash,” movie night on lawn



Students gather to get rinsed off after the oatmeal fight. Photo by Kaitlyn Orwig.

Mary Haikin, Editor-in-chief

The SGA social life council welcomed students back to campus last week, hosting a back-to-school bash with a “Dress for the Mess” theme. Part one took place Aug. 24 and consisted of an oatmeal fight. Part two took place Aug. 25 at the football team’s red/white scrimmage. Part three was a movie night on Bracken lawn Aug. 26, a popular event both this and last year.

Students dressed down for the first event, an oatmeal-slinging food fight following an outside dinner. Sodexo dining served dinner on the grass outside Sawyer Center at 5 p.m., and the mess began at 6 p.m. Students showed up to release their first-day-of-school stress by pelting each other with clumps of the wet cereal and playing water games.

“It was really messy. They had trash cans filled with oatmeal and they had a goal of protecting ten people from getting hit with oatmeal. Everyone ran to the other person’s trash can and threw it everywhere,” freshman Garrett Neal said, “there was no winner, just because everyone was completely soaked. A fire truck came and hosed everybody off.”

Throughout the first week, SGA officers encouraged student participation, advising students to wear their white Crimson card T-shirts to the red/white scrimmage game Aug. 25. White-shirted students filled the bleachers at the game, cheering for the football team.

Friday, students gathered on Bracken lawn to watch “Little Rascals.” Root beer floats were provided as students watched the movie, which was projected the side of

the dorm building.

“I went with four friends from the Hills,” freshman Avarilla An-fuso said. “I love it when SNU has events when everyone can get together even if it’s just to sit on the lawn and hang out. Little Rascals is a great movie and it was fun to just watch it and spend time with other students.”

An 8:30 p.m. fire alarm threw the night’s schedule off just a bit, as A.M. Hills residents vacated the building. Those residents who were headed to movie night had to do without their blankets, but improvised.

“We had left our blankets in Hills when we evacuated,” An-fuso said, “so we used some raggedy blankets we had in our cars.”

SGA’s upcoming events include Ice Blocking Sept. 17 and class retreats Sept. 30 – Oct. 1.



FINE ARTS

Jennifer Sample

Guymon, Oklahoma

Interests & Hobbies:

Movies, Crafting, Baking cupcakes

Most Prized Possession:

My passport. I have stamps for Indonesia, Singapore, Venezuela, and Trinidad.

Three Words that Best Describe Me:

Spastic, Dreamer, Loving.

Best Advice My Parents Gave Me:

Don’t let people walk all over you.

What Motivates Me:

Instinct, and the fact that I want to be a good person.

As A Child, I Dreamed of Being:

An artist

I Would Like to Have Witnessed:

The first landing on the moon.

Pet Peeve:

When I knock on the bathroom door and no one answers, and then it’s locked...because someone is in there.

Favorite Quote/Verse:

“Whatever you do will be insignificant, but it is most important that you do it.”
-Mahatma Gandhi

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