



New Resident Directors begin the year
Jocelyn Bullock and Anthony Puryear began work this year as the RD's of Bracken/Chapman and Snowbarger, respectively.
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SNU equestrian team to be led by new coach
SNU alumna Megan Parker has taken over the job as barn manager and equestrian coach at the horse barn.
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New campus organization created to raise diversity awareness



MSN members wore T-shirts at the NSI fair with MSN's motto "One love, one God". Photo provided by Yamille Tullis.

Erica Hicks, Staff Reporter

Students and faculty are proud to recognize a new organization on campus this year, the Multicultural Student Network (MSN). In hopes of expanding diversity awareness on campus, students as well as MSN adviser Lois Jones hope to provide opportunities for the SNU community through this program.

Jones is an advising specialist for the Student Support Services, which is a program housed on the third floor of the library.

"I look forward to seeing students who don't hang out, start to hang out through the Multicultural Student Network and build new college experiences," Jones said.

The group was established at the end of the 2011 spring semester. MSN hopes to reach out to international students, show the community God's love by participating in community service activities and use their diverse backgrounds to connect with others through a spiritual vision.

The group will meet in the Academic Resource Center on the third floor of the library. Other

than outside activities and events, they only plan on meeting once a month.

"I feel like this would be a good way for students from different backgrounds to interact and better serve our community," MSN member sophomore Kevin Noriega said.

The students of this organization want to encourage different cultures throughout the SNU community to come together. Anyone is eligible to be a part of this growing association.

In 2010, 33 countries were represented at SNU, as were 36 states.

It is evident that SNU's community has increased in its variety of cultures and backgrounds in the last decade.

"I don't want students to feel that this organization is strictly for international students; the whole idea is to combine all sorts of backgrounds in order to achieve our mission," Jones said.

The Multicultural Student Network encourages students and faculty to join their Facebook page by finding them at MSN at SNU. MSN may be contacted at msn@gmail.com or through Lois Jones at lojones@mail.snu.edu.

NEWS BRIEFS

**EAST AFRICA IN MIDST OF WORST DROUGHT IN 60 YEARS**

Severe drought in East Africa has led to widespread crop failures and food shortages. Currently, as many as 10 million are at risk. Refugee camps are swelling in the midst of this humanitarian crisis. Dadaab, a refugee camp designed for 90,000 people, is now the world's largest refugee camp, with over 380,000 people.

cnn.com
Getty Images

**GUNMAN IN NEVADA KILLS 3, WOUNDS 8, KILLS SELF**

On Tuesday morning, a lone gunman killed a woman and two National Guard members at an IHOP in Carson City, Nev. before shooting himself. Eight others were wounded. This is the first homicide in Nevada's capitol in four years.

latimes.com
Cathleen Allison/AP

**TEXAS WILDFIRES DESTROY OVER 550 HOMES**

Fueled by winds from Tropical Storm Lee and dry conditions, a wildfire in Bastrop County, 30 miles east of Austin, burned over 550 homes by Wednesday. This makes it the most destructive wildfire in Texas history. Since November 2010, fires in Texas have burned over 3.6 million acres, an area about the size of Connecticut.

nytimes.com
Eric Gay/Associated Press

Swazi 5K raises funds for food, medicine, scholarships

Brenda Rivera, Staff Reporter

For students who like to run, get their power walk on, and be a part of a good cause, the Swazi 5K may be just what they're looking for.

The Swazi 5K helps to raise money and awareness throughout the community in order to help fight the AIDS epidemic in Swaziland. All proceeds from the event will help provide funding for food and medicine for those suffering with AIDS and volunteer scholarships to help volunteers travel to Swaziland.

The 5K also helps to promote a healthy lifestyle choice for the people in the community. This particular event is designed for individuals at many different fitness levels; everyone is encouraged to attend the cause.

"This is a good time to get out and walk with friends, not just run," race director Karen Dedmon said.

The Swazi 5K will begin on Sept. 17 at 8 a.m., on the SNU campus, and will continue through the streets of Bethany before finishing back at the campus. For those who do not wish to participate in the 5K, there is also an indoor fun walk in the Sawyer Center and a

"This is a good time to get out and walk with friends, not just run."

self-timed 1-mile run or walk, both beginning at 7:30 a.m.

Throughout the morning there will be music and vendors for the enjoyment of those in attendance. There will also be plenty of other entertainment provided all morning long, along with over one hundred door prizes and coupons in the running bags.

Those interested in participating can pre-register either online

or by picking up a form at Bethany First Church or other locations throughout town. The cost of pre-registering for the 5K is \$20. Registration will be \$25 on race day. For the one-mile walk or run, the charge is \$15 or \$20 on race day.

Entry fees are non-refundable, and the race will be held in rain or shine. Those who want to pre-register online or to print a form can go to www.swazipartners.org/swazi-5k; more in-depth information about the Swaziland Partnership can also be found at that web address.

Online registration ends at midnight on Sept. 15th. Those who register and pay by Sept. 11 will receive a free race T-shirt.

Whether students are walking or running, with a roommate, a friend, or even someone they just met, they will come join the 3rd Annual Swazi 5K to help bring care and support to the many people infected by AIDS in Southern Africa.

SWAZI 5K

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 17, 2011

1 Mile Fun Run / Walk begins at **7:30am**

5K Run / Walk begins at **8:00am**

SOUTHERN NAZARENE UNIVERSITY

Bethany, Oklahoma

A 5k Run/Walk and 1 Mile Fun Walk will be held at Southern Nazarene University in Bethany to raise public awareness and funds for the efforts in Swaziland. The proceeds from this run will be used for volunteer scholarships, through Bethany First Church of the Nazarene and the HIV/AIDS task force in Swaziland. The task force funds will help provide food, medicine and care for those with AIDS.

www.swazipartners.org/swazi-5k

Third floor of library houses numerous programs to assist students

Liz Sluder, Staff Reporter

For students who enjoy helping others in their education, or for those who want diligent help in your academics, the third floor of the library is the place to go. It houses numerous programs designed to assist students in their

studies, including the Academic Resource Center (ARC), Student Support Services (SSS), and the McNair Scholars Program.

The ARC offers tutoring in psychology, Greek, biology, chemistry, philosophy, and many other academic subjects. Tutoring through the ARC is free. One of the most commonly used benefits of the ARC is the Paper Resource Center, where peer tutors help students work on writing skills and writing assignments.

The tutors are students who do academically well in their studies, and have outstanding work ethic. To receive tutoring, students can sign into TutorTrac (available as a link through MyS-NU) and set up an appointment for a certain time and day. The ARC is also equipped with computers and tables for students who want to book some study hours.

SSS is another program for students who want to be successful in their studies. To qualify to be part of SSS, students must 1) be a first generation college student, or 2) have a documented physical or learning disability, or 3) be eligible for a Pell Grant.

Only 160 students are chosen to be a part of this program each year. SSS hosts events like peer leadership workshops.

They will also have evening workshops about time management, study skills, note taking, careers services, and financial literacy.

This program can assist student members for the next 4-6 years of their college careers. Each semester, anyone can apply to join SSS again. The main focus of SSS is to help students academically be a part of the school campus and thrive in the college environment.

Students interested in going to graduates school may apply to be a part of the McNair Scholars Program. McNair Scholars do a variety of events each semester. A lot of the events center on cul-

tural appreciation, such as watching *The Lion King* live on stage. This program gets students involved going out of state and in state touring graduate schools. The members meet periodically so the director of the program can check the progress of each member.

Criteria for McNair Scholars Program:

- US Citizen or Permanent Resident
- Full-time student with sophomore standing or better
- Serious intent to pursue graduate education leading to doctorate
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 preferred w(GPAs of less than 3.0 may be considered under extraordinary circumstances as space allows)
- Be BOTH a first-generation student (neither parent earned a college degree) AND income eligible
- OR be from a group underrepresented in graduate school (Hispanic/Latino, African-American, Native American, Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander)



The McNair Scholars Program is named after astronaut Ronald E. McNair. Photo from the University of Southern Mississippi.

Academic Resource Center

Accounting

Tuesday 7-9pm
Royce Brown 129

Biology

Cells and Systems
Tuesday 7-9pm
LRC 327

Human Biology
Thursday 8-10pm
LRC 327

Greek

Monday 4-5pm
LRC 327

Chemistry

Monday 8-10pm
Wednesday 7-9pm
Thursday 4-6pm
LRC 327

Christian Faith and Life

Sunday 8-9pm
LRC 327

Math

Monday 1-5; 7-9pm
Tuesday 1-5; 7-9pm
Wednesday 1-3pm
Thursday 3-5pm
SCI 202

Principles of Management

Monday 7-8:30pm
Wednesday 7-8:30pm
Royce Brown 136

Philosophy

Monday 8-9pm
LRC 327

Psychology

Tuesday 6-7pm
LRC 327

Spanish

Monday 8-9pm
LRC 327

Statistics

Monday 5-6pm
LRC 327

Paper Resource Center (PRC)

Monday 10-12; 3-5; 6-10pm
Tuesday 9-10:45; 2-5; 6-10pm
Wednesday 9-11; 2-5; 7-10pm
Thursday 9:45-10:45; 6-10pm
Friday 1-3pm
Saturday 3-5pm
Sunday 8-10pm

OPINIONS

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Cycle of hate reaches from U.S. to the Middle East

Hannah Marchant, Opinions Editor

“Where did you spend your summer?” is the first question you are usually asked when you return to campus. My answer to that frequent question is not one that could be easily summed up in one article, much less a few sentences. Even declaring where I went, to some, may be a politically charged statement needing further explanation.

I would like to share part of my summer, an experience that was brought to the forefront of my mind when I saw a news article recently.

For two months this summer, I lived in the West Bank, one of the Occupied Palestinian Territories. My sister and I lived with a Palestinian Christian family in Bethlehem and volunteered at local organizations, along with attending lectures and Arabic lessons. The organization that provides the program focuses on nonviolent resistance and empowering the community and aims to educate about the conflict and human rights violations. The program we participated in took us on small trips around the West Bank and in Israel to tour important or holy sites.

One city we visited, for its significance in understanding part of the conflict and settler violence, was Hebron. A settler is someone who lives in a settlement. In Palestine, a settlement is a place in the West Bank or Gaza where Israeli citizens have illegally settled. They do not ask or gain permission; it is land-grabbing, squatting. It is illegal by the Israeli government and international law. The land they take has been Arab Palestinian land for centuries, but the biblical significance and of the land for some Jews overrides the law. Thus, vineyards, towns, and homes are systematically taken over and native Palestinians are pressured, most times forcibly, to leave their source of income and heritage.

In Hebron, a city in the West Bank, the settlers actually began taking over in the center of

the old city. It started with a hotel and they gradually expanded, forcing Palestinians out of their homes and businesses. This is why Hebron is a hot spot for hostility and violence between settlers and Palestinians.

Adding to the tension is of the city is the holy site of Abraham’s tomb, which is located in the Ibrahim mosque. We had the chance to go inside and walked into the main hall where Rachel and Leah’s tombs stood. Unable to appreciate the biblical significance, I was over-



Image courtesy of Guardian.co.uk

come with grief, for it was a place where a massacre over racial and religious prejudice had occurred.

In 1994, Baruch Goldstein, an American-born Jew who had settled in Hebron, walked into the mosque where the people were praying. In a religious fervor to further his people’s presence in Hebron and as a symbolic act on the holiday of Purim, he shot and killed 29 Palestinians. He injured another 125. The survivors then beat Goldstein to death.

I stood there in repentance, asking forgiveness for the cycle of violence we as humans perpetuate. That experience will stay with me forever.

For this reason, I am struck with anger whenever I see forms of “islamaphobia” or any hatred or prejudice against those of a different nationality, race or religion. I came across an article on www.guardian.co.uk about a chil-

dren’s coloring book, entitled “We Shall Never Forget 9/11: The Kids’ Book of Freedom.” The book was released by publisher Really Big Coloring Books. This Missouri-based company published the book to educate children about the facts surrounding 9/11. From the quotes provided, the “facts” seem more like propaganda.

A line from the book reads, “Children, the truth is, these terrorist acts were done by freedom-hating radical Islamic Muslim extremists.

These crazy people hate the American way of life because we are FREE and our society is FREE.”

“Facts” like these are ethnocentric and misleading. Depicting events with specific cultural and historical contexts in a simple children’s cartoon image is dangerous to a developing worldview. Any child viewing the image shown will now associate any woman wearing a hijab as a friend of terrorists.

Hate begets hate and violence follows suit. Those with extreme sociopolitical views may be brushed off, but the fact that things like this coloring book exist says something about our society.

Witnessing violence and hate this summer in the name of religion, power, or ethnicity has made me more aware of the problems we have right here. Our society is sick. The fight against hate and prejudice did not die with the triumphs of the Civil Rights movement. New generations bring new giants the peacemakers in us must overcome. What are you doing to stop the cycle?

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EDITORIAL

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Freedom is a costly privilege, not a right

The Twin Towers, powerful symbols of commerce and American ambition, and the Pentagon, center for the defense of our nation – these two iconic buildings were the targets of terrorist attacks during the most tragic day in the United States in the past ten years. Following the grief, reconstruction efforts, and inquiries after 9/11, the United States entered a period of paranoia, and with it, heightened security measures. Understandably, fear and indignation ruled. Ten years later, we have left behind much of our fear, but indignation of another sort has infiltrated the American attitude.

Drastic security measures were taken following 9/11, including the creation of the Department of Homeland Security, and its agency, the infamous Transportation Security Administration. President George W. Bush passed the Patriot Act, which allows the government to monitor private and public communication records, among other sources of information.

Outcry from the American public was immediate; many resented the seeming violation of privacy. Other complaints arose from disgruntled travelers, who soon wearied of the complex security processes at airports. The country still mourned its lost ones quietly, but a clamoring of complaints has drowned out the last of our tears for the tragedies of 9/11.

Americans love our freedom – no one knows that better than the current generation of free-spirited college students. Our generation in particular has grown up in a country of vast personal freedoms and liberties. We've come to see freedom as a right, and when that our freedom is threatened, we feel violated.

The problem with this mind set is, freedom is a privilege. We can debate whether freedom is basic human right and to what extent this ideal applies, but within the context of a complicated and imperfect world, personal freedom is a privilege, not a guarantee. Instead of stomping our feet and crying at the top of our



Memorial Pavillion at Ground Zero. Photo courtesy of Google images.

lungs in self-righteous indignation, we should consider what we have already lost. The countless lives devastated by the 9/11 tragedies are grave counters of the extent of the damage; however, we seem to have forgotten them. Emotional amnesia set in when security clearance lines grew longer and personal information became less personal.

In light of thousands of deaths and injuries, should we really protest the government's right to read our e-mails? In light of the attempted destruction of the ideals the Twin Towers and the Pentagon represent, what difference is an extra hour spent in the airport? Is our incremental loss of privacy and a few extra hours of our time too high a price to pay for a more secure country?

Granted, Americans would not live up to our name if we did not protest the injustices, big and small, which often arise in our nation and world. Protesting is often healthy and admirable; we should stand up for what we believe in and seek to protect American ideals, especially when the nation approaches the slippery slope of monitoring its people. The problem is, we

are missing the point of the government's actions.

Heightened security measures do not seek to violate us; they seek to keep us alive. They do not undermine American ideals of freedom, but seek to protect them. Were security measures made more lax and Americans allowed to travel and communicate on their own terms, national and personal security would be threatened. Our protests would then be against the gross injustice of our government doing a poor job of protecting the country. The government and these advanced security measures are not the enemy; the enemy is terrorism.

Now is the time for Americans to stop acting like pampered children and take adult responsibility for paying the high price of freedom, remembering there are some who lost much more than we will. The battle for freedom is costly. The enemy is our attitude of entitlement; the enemy is amnesia; the enemy is ungratefulness; we must begin to fight.

Questions or Comments?
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Candidate deemed as best choice

Brad Crofford,
News Editor

If you took just a brief glance at him, you might mistake him for Republican presidential co-front-runner Mitt Romney. They do admittedly have several things in common, including deep ties to Utah, adherence to Mormon beliefs, and a hairstyle that would fit in a “Touch of Gray” commercial. But Republican presidential candidate Jon Huntsman sticks out from his fellow candidates in terms of his political views.

While Romney, Texas governor Rick Perry, and U.S. Representative Michele Bachmann seem to be tripping over each other in their race to the right, Huntsman is painting him-

self as a more moderate Republican who could beat Obama by picking up independent voters and even some Democrat. And he’s right.

Perry has come out and said he doesn’t believe in evolution or global warming; Huntsman tweeted on August 18, “To be clear. I believe in evolution and trust scientists on global warming. Call me crazy.”

He also told ABC’s *This Week* the Sunday following the tweet “When we take a position that isn’t willing to embrace evolution...I think we find ourselves on the wrong side of science, and, therefore, in a losing position.”

According to the *Boston Globe* on August 15, Huntsman also supported civil unions for same-sex couples while governor of Utah. During the Iowa Republican debate, Huntsman refused to outline a clear policy on illegal immigration beyond securing the border, stating that until the border was secure, such talks had “zero intellectual credibility.”



Photo courtesy of Google images.

**“By electing Huntsman...
Republicans could make
it clear they want more
bipartisanship.”**

Of course, Huntsman does line up with the Republican Party on many other issues. His signed into law a major tax cut in Utah and helped create a flat tax. He declared himself as being pro-2nd Amendment during the Iowa debate. Huntsman has also been willing to criticize President Obama, who had appointed him as ambassador to China, telling CNN on August 22 that “He’s failed us on the most important issue of our day.”

Huntsman’s moderate stances and lack of national recognition compared to Perry and Romney have kept his polling numbers down. Real Clear Politics on August 31 put Huntsman’s support at just 1.2 percent, lower than Herman Cain (4.7 percent), far behind Perry (26.3 percent), and trailing even non-candidate Sarah Palin (10.6 percent).

Huntsman could do well in a general election. His moderate stances and refusal to compromise beliefs to the Tea Party and survey

data would go a long way toward attracting moderate voters. His business experience is a boost to his economy credibility, and his years as ambassador to China give him valuable foreign experience all the other candidates lack.

As a former independent, now Democrat with moderate viewpoints, I had hoped to see a shift toward more moderate viewpoints in this upcoming election. Politics have become so polarized that it is damaging our government’s ability to function. By electing Huntsman as their presidential candidate, Republicans could make it clear they want more bipartisanship, more cooperation. They could also distance themselves from claims that they are anti-intellectual and anti-science. I wish Huntsman could win, and that the Republican Party could move toward finding middle ground, but as of now, neither of those possibilities seem very likely.

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STORMSPORTS

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Jaclynn Gray, Staff Reporter

Former barn manager and equestrian coach Bill Bowen has, after 13 years, handed over the reins to SNU graduate Megan Parker.

Megan Parker was announced as barn manager and head coach of the equine program in June.

Parker, from Junction City, Kansas, completed her bachelor's degree in Equine Business and Management in 2007. She competed on the equestrian team and was successful during her college career at SNU. To Parker, Bethany is like a home away from home. Her grandparents live here, as do her aunt, uncle and cousin.

"I think it is great to have someone who went to school here and completed a degree from the equine department take over our program," junior Jennifer Huffhines said, "I think she will bring a lot of positive and fresh new changes out to the barn."

Parker's number one goal is recruiting and getting the program spread out to students looking for a college with a horse program and equine degrees.

"So far Megan has really done a great job in organizing ways to get our program name out there right along with other schools looking to find prospective students," Huffhines said.

Parker comes from one of the largest graduating classes in the equine program. She is a successful all-around competition in all events of the showing world; not to mention, she can break and train horses.

"I love how she can train horses and has the gift of teaching us all that we know," junior equine student Caleb Dickenson said. "I learn something new every day."



New equestrian coach Megan Parker at the SNU horse barn. Photo by Jaclynn Gray.

Parker brings a very driving, ambitious positive attitude with her to work every day.

Former coach Bill Bowen ran a successful breeding program. Parker will continue to grow the breeding aspect of the barn life and continue to take on more clients, showing them the great opportunities the equine facilities offer.

Parker will take over the coaching of the equestrian team and get them ready for their season. This will be a key part for the athletes because she competed during her college career, and riders can take advice and advantage of that in the show ring.

"I am excited to have workouts and practices with her and to learn from her past experiences," Huffhines said. "Megan is good at what she does and we as a team are very fortunate to be coached and led by such a talented person."

Parker also brings veterinarian experience

back to Bethany with her. Following her graduation in 2007, she began working as a Vet-Tech for Equine Medical Associates (EMA). EMA is one of the best veterinarian practices in the states. She assisted some of the top doctors' in medicine work. Later she worked for a small vet in Arnett, Oklahoma, where she resided before moving back to Bethany.

"Megan's background with equine medicine is a help, because we can save money and not have to call a vet out every time for sick horses. She knows what to do and how to take care of them most of the time," Dickenson said.

With her successful horse background and knowledge of equine medicine, Parker fits the job perfectly. With high expectations and ambition this program as well as the team can only go up from here and continue succeeding in all aspects of the equine life.

ON DECK

FOOTBALL

vs. Haskell Indian Nations
Saturday, September 10
6 p.m.
vs. Friends
Saturday, September 17
6 p.m.
@Bethel
Saturday, September 24
6 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

vs. Morningside
in Hastings, Iowa
Saturday, September 10
1 p.m.
@ Oklahoma City
Tuesday, September 13
7 p.m.

MEN'S SOCCER
vs. Oklahoma Wesleyan
Friday, September 16
8 p.m.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

vs. Trevecca Nazarene
Saturday, September 10
in Mt. Vernon, Ohio
TBA
@ Central Oklahoma
Tuesday, September 13
4 p.m.

Jake The Movie Guy



Jake O'Bannon, Echo columnist

If you are reading this article I take it you are one of three types of people. Either you are an avid reader of *The Echo* and enjoy browsing all the paper has to offer, you are a movie buff and seeing a section about film sparked your interest, or you are just shocked that I am writing for a paper at all and want to see what I could possibly have to say, which I believe will be the category most of my close friends fit into. Well no matter which group you find yourself in, my goal for this section is to appeal, in some way, to all of you. I'm no licensed critic or professional film reviewer, I'm just a guy who loves movies, and loves to discuss movies even more.

So that is what this weekly article is going to be about – just a simple conversation on movies. There are times when you may agree with me and times when you may think I'm dead wrong. Either of those reactions is just fine with me. I love it when a good movie discussion is created, and I'd love to hear your feedback as the semester progresses.

For this column I will be switching back-and-forth each week from a new release to what I consider a "classic" film. My hope is

to not only give my opinion of the movie, but also to put into context history about the films and discover new insight on everything from the actors involved to the writing of the script.

I love learning the ins and outs of a film, and I hope to display that desire to you the reader. Along with feedback, I would love to hear suggestions from you throughout the year on films you would like to be considered for review in this column.

I'm going to start us off easy next week with a film that takes college students like ourselves back to our childhood. I'll invite you too get into your imaginary time machine and set the date to the year 1995: the era of Power Rangers and Easy-Bake Ovens.

My first review will be a classic that I consider not just a ground-breaking movie for the future of film, but simply a piece of art. The movie is "Toy Story," and is a film that is more significant than you may think. Join me next week as I talk about this movie that was a significant part of many of our childhoods (and for extra credit watch "Toy Story" this week, and check out my Supplemental Viewing of the Week – "The Pixar Story").

Local Events

9/10 Pool Tournament
(The Wolftrap)
7:00 p.m.

9/10: Jessica Tate-Live Jazz
Harp Music
(Avanti Bar and Grill)
8:00 p.m.

9/10: Lisa and Laura to Perform-
Live music
(Full Circle Bookstore)
7:30-9:30 p.m..

9/10: Midwest City Farmer
Market
(Charles J. Johnson
Central Park)
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

SNU Events

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Homecoming
Court Eligibility
Opens

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Volleyball @ OCU

Women's Soccer
@ UCO

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Chapel: Zach
Bond

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Volleyball vs.
UCO

Mens Soccer vs.
Oklahoma Wes-
leyan

17

Cross Country
Meet
Football vs.
Friends
Ice Blocking
Band/Chorale
Retreat

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Chorale and band retreat to Tishomingo



Chorale at St. Nicholas Church in Prague, Czech Republic. Photo provided by Jim Graves.

Josh Roebuck, Staff Reporter

Intense togetherness is one experience Chorale and Band will take part in at Tishomingo, Oklahoma’s Camp Bond, as they leave for their retreat Sept. 15th. This retreat is open to all current band and chorale students.

As with other campus retreats sponsored by the university, a strong emphasis is put on the growing of student’s relationships with God and with others.

Band director Dr. Phil Moore made it evident he wanted to see the band growing together in more than a superficial manner. He stressed the importance of the student’s “ownership” in their experience at the retreat.

“At the end of each year I have to ask myself, did this group grow together as a community?” Moore said.

As Dr. Moore and choir direc-

tor Dr. Graves grapple with knowing the heartbeat of their groups, there is hope. A new year brings new opportunities, like the first chance for the retreat to be at Camp Bond. Both the Chorale and Band are more than excited about the upgraded facilities offered at the camp.

As Dr. Moore put it, “this is our camp.”

Nazarenes fund and operate Camp Bond, and with a camp director like Dwight Campbell, it is sure to be an organized as well as safe experience for all.

Band, along with Chorale have not had many international trips over the last ten years and the retreats are a way for the students to not only get in some intense practices, but also to experience some togetherness they may not be getting from everyday class sessions.

It is difficult to get all the time in with one another that is necessary

to build relationship in a one or two hour practice or class. It is also equally difficult to get the needed practice for the busy schedules both groups maintain.

As the directors ready their students, they are also readying themselves for the year to come. Each group has goals this year, introducing incoming students to a new environment is one, but even greater is building relationships and providing a Christian music experience through what is considered mostly a secular music form by some.

As students get ready for the year they need to consider how much time they need to allot for studying, practicing, and rehearsing, but also remember the importance of community. As both groups make their way down to Tishomingo, it is evident they are going as a community and with the support of their larger community of friends.



FINE ARTS
Leslie Fast
Oklahoma City

Interests & Hobbies:
Drawing, Painting, Illustrating, Mural painting

Most Prized Possession:
2 fragile pallet knives from my Grandmother

Three Words that Best Describe Me:
Artsy, Laid back, Determined

Best Advice My Parents Gave Me:
Do what you love and you will never work a day in your life.

A Non-Musical Talent I Possess:
Art

As A Child, I Dreamed of Being:
An artist, but if that wasn’t going to happen then an astronomer

I Would Like to Have Witnessed:
The sinking of the Titanic. I want to see if James Cameron truly deserved all that money for historical accuracy

Pet Peeve:
When people put toilet paper backwards in the bathrooms...seriously

Favorite Quote/Verse:
“Not all treasure is silver and gold, mate.” Captain Jack Sparrow

Biggest Fear:
Working in an office, or camel spiders

Best Memory:
Traveling to England/Scotland with my high school class.

Get involved @ SNU

Don’t forget to pick up a packet next week for Kick for the Cure, the 5th annual charity soccer tournament and festival. The event will take place on Thursday, September 22nd. For all you freshmen who are interested in getting involved with the university’s Student Government Association (SGA), sign up and get prepared for your election day, also on Thursday, September 22nd. If you don’t want to run for office, start thinking about who you want to have represent your class. Don’t forget about the Council Retreat this weekend starting Saturday, September 10th, and the Intro to ministry retreat starting Friday, September 23rd. For more information visit the SGA office in the basement of the Commons building.

New resident directors on the run

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Rumor has it that SNU has new Resident Directors on the run. Okay, it isn't a rumor; SNU really does have two new incredibly awesome RDs.

Anthony Puryear, the new RD for Snowbarger, is a graduate student from Mid America Nazarene in Kansas City. He has a degree in Youth and Family ministries. He graduated from a high school in St. Louis, Missouri. In high school, Anthony was in show choir and band, played baseball, basketball, and golf, and managed a job at Joe's Crab Shack.

Puryear was born on August 25, and is now 28 years old. He has been married to his wife, Julie, for six years. The couple doesn't have children, but they do have a desire for children in the future.

"Good luck, Katy Bradley, to your new adventure," Puryear said.

Anthony was brought to Southern Nazarene University for campus ministries, and the chance to be a resident director also gives him the opportunity to attend graduate school next fall to receive a masters degree in counseling.

Some upcoming events in Snowbarger are the 'Slim Down' weight competition and the 'Burleyball' competition, organized by Resident Advisor, Clay Milford.

"This year I would like to see the young men in Snowbarger get more involved with the community, and I want to be able to help



New Snowbarger RD Anthony Puryear with RA senior Dwayne Powell. Photo by Zach Smith.

provide them a way to grow in integrity," Anthony said.

Jocelyn Bullock, the new Resident Director for Bracken and Chapman, was born on July 30 and is 28 years old. She is a graduate student from Central Christian College of Kansas in McPherson, Kansas.

Bullock received a bachelor's degree in Psychology and Theology, then went on to graduate school at Dallas Baptist University where she received a masters degree in counseling and also certifications in small claims and family law.

Back in Omaha, Kansas, where she attended High School, Bullock was involved in drama, school mu-

sicals and school plays. She also had a job at the Zoo. Chris Peterson recruited Bullock to SNU as a student ten years ago. Then, during her job search, she heard that an RD position had opened up at the school and, since she needed a change, she took the job.

"It was a God thing," Bullock said.

In Chapman and Bracken this month are some interesting events like hall parties, the battle of the sexes and a baking party. Also going on is a sleepover in the Bud Robinson room for the freshman girls living in A.M. Hills.

Bullock has many goals for the students living in Chapman and

Bracken. She wants them to grow as men and women of God, learn how to resolve conflict the biblical way, learn how to make friends while not judging them by the color of their skin, how much money they have, or where they came from. She always wants them to succeed in their classes and see people as Christ does.

After this school year Bullock plans to learn how to ride a horse, fly a plane, open a bakery, and wants to go skydiving, along with finishing her reverse bucket list of thirty things she wants to do before she is thirty. She loves a good prank so everyone should be watching their backs.

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