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SNU selected for \$2 million grant for online learning thanks to Dr. Hackler

Abbey Marra, Guest Reporter

The US Department of Education has notified SNU that it has been selected as the recipient of an approximately \$2 million Title III grant under the Strengthening Institutions Program (SIP). The grant will be spread over five years and will go towards the university's online learning program.

"What I especially appreciate about this [grant] is that now students who are unable to come here and live on campus will be able to take courses online, and may eventually be able to earn a degree from SNU. This grant helps us make our courses much more accessible," Dr. Linda Wilcox, sociology professor and project director for online learning, said.

While a large number of students at SNU benefit from programs such as the Learning Community, the McNair Scholar's program, Student Support Services (SSS), and the Honors Program, what a majority of the student body most likely isn't aware of is that none of these programs would be in place if it weren't for one faculty member's talent at procuring grants for the university.

Dr. Gwen Ladd Hackler, a professor in the English department and former general education director, has also taken on the role of academic grant writer for SNU, acquiring more grant money for this institution than most people will earn in a lifetime. Her most recent accomplishment in receiving the Title III grant for online learning will help to benefit an even larger number of students, allowing a broad range of courses to be offered online.

Hackler's numerous achievements have not gone unnoticed by her colleagues, who were more than acquiescent to chime in regarding her success, both past and present.



Professor and grant writer Dr. Gwen Ladd Hackler lectures in mythology class. Photo provided by Abbey Marra.

"[Because] quality and excellence were two of her trademark characteristics, we asked [Dr. Hackler] to assume responsibility for writing academic grants as part of her workload as a professor. Since that time, [she] has

"...grants worth over nine million dollars"

channeled her love for student learning into producing grants worth over nine million dollars," Dr. Don Dunnington, professor of theology and ministry, said.

English professors Dr. Pam Broyles and Dr. Peggy Poteet were also eager to com-

ment on Hackler's hard work over the years.

"Dr. Hackler started writing grants for SNU with the singular purpose of resourcing students and faculty across campus, [with] a vision for [the university] that goes beyond what we are today to what we can become tomorrow," Broyles said.

Poteet, chairperson of the English department, complimented Hackler's "phenomenal mind and extensive vocabulary with words for any time, place, or situation."

"Our division is very proud of what Dr. Hackler has done and continues to do for SNU," Poteet said.

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NEWS BRIEFS

**'UNDERWEAR BOMBER' PLEADS GUILTY FOR ATTEMPTING TO BOMB AIRPLANE**

Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab (pictured above) has pled guilty to eight felony charges regarding his attempted attack on an international flight on Christmas Day, 2009. His plea came on the second day of the trial and against his lawyer's advice. He will face up to life in prison when he is sentenced in January 2012.

latimes.com
AFP/Getty Images

**ALLEGED IRANIAN ASSASSINATION PLOT HEIGHTENS TENSIONS WITH US**

An alleged assassination plot against a Saudi Arabian diplomat in the US has heightened tensions between the two countries. The US is calling for sanctions on individuals involved, but may hold back on tougher sanctions to prevent further destabilization.

nytimes.com
Shamil Zhumatov/Reuters

**ISRAELI SOLDIER TO BE RELEASED IN RETURN FOR 1000+ PALESTINIANS**

Israeli officials and the militant Islamic group Hamas have reached a prisoner exchange agreement that will free Israeli Staff Sgt. Gilad Shalit (above) in exchange for 1,027 Palestinians, including about 300 who had been convicted of killing Israelis. Shalit was held by Hamas for over five years.

washingtonpost.com
Reuters

Global Vision Week highlights study abroad, film, Bob Goff

Brenda Rivera, Staff Reporter

Global Vision Week will start October 16 and run through October 19. This week provides opportunities for students to become involved, and to focus on international engagement. Through the programs and activities of Global Vision Week, students can gain awareness about the possibility of studying abroad.

"I want them to be aware of options available to go abroad and also believe that it is possible," Jason Hubbert, associate of Spiritual Development, said.

Besides the opportunity to spend a semester abroad, students will have the chance next summer to travel to Peru, Haiti, and Africa.

During the week, many important events will take place. One such event is the showing of the documentary

With God on Our Side on Oct. 18. Following the film, Dr. Bob Lively, professor of history and political studies, will lead a discussion. This

controversial documentary reveals a rising conflict in the Holy Land.

This film was suggested by Hannah Marchant, who was a part of the Palestine Summer Encounter program this past summer and lived in Bethlehem during that time. Marchant is an example of students studying abroad, and then bringing back what they have experienced. Marchant hopes that the film will show how Christian Zionism affects theology. For more information on the film, go to: www.withgodonourside.com.

A second important part of the week will be speaker Bob Goff's return to campus. This will be his third time speaking here. Goff will be speaking to those who attended

LEAD retreat at 5:30 pm Monday evening and then again at 7:30 pm for the rest of the student body. He

will share about his work in Africa and then dialogue during a question and answer time. He will also be speaking at Tuesday morning's

chapel service as well.

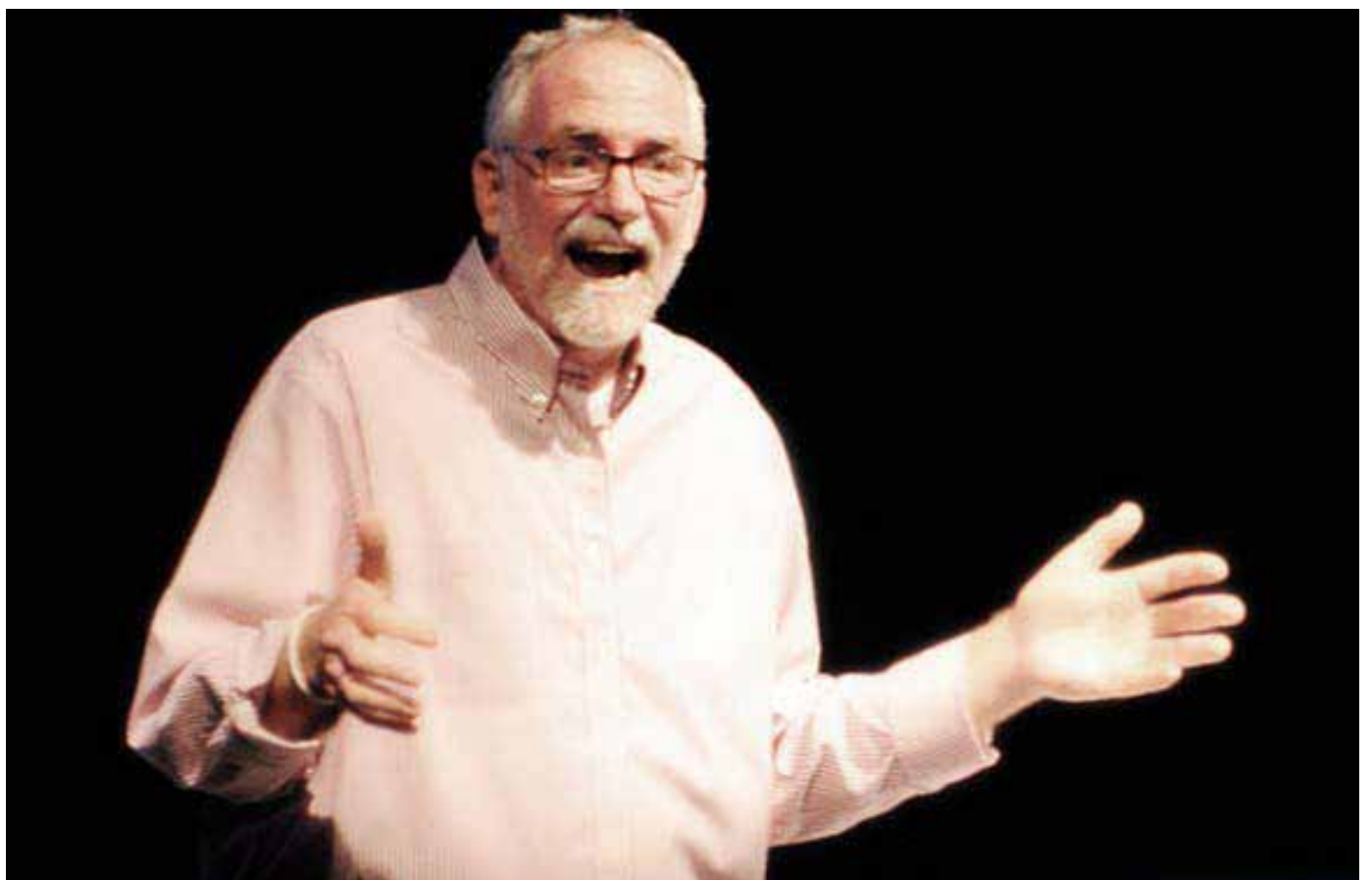
Considered one of the university's most popular guest speakers, Goff is president and founder of an organization called Restore International, which works within justice systems to bring situations dealing with the sex trade industry to court.

There are also many other events to participate in during Global Vision Week as well. To kick off the event on Sunday night, there will be a tent city on the Bracken lawn at 6 pm. From 7-8 pm, a concert featuring the Logan Henry Band will be held as well. The film *The Bourne Supremacy* will be shown at 8:30 pm, followed by a fire pit and s'mores. Hubbert encourages all students to come be a part of these early activities.

On Monday through Wednesday, there will be fairs in the Commons where booths will be set up to encourage studying abroad and engaging in global missions.

"The idea is to get students abroad and to allow them to integrate what they learn with their academic studies," Hubbert said.

"one of the university's most popular guest speakers"



Restore International president and founder Bob Goff will be speaking for Global Vision Week. Photo provided by Jason Hubbert

Grant, continued

Even colleagues who have since relocated to other universities recognize and respect Hackler's seemingly flawless talent at grant writing.

"Few academics have demonstrated the level of success in receiving grant awards that Dr. Hackler possesses," Dr. Martha Banz, former SNU Vice-Provost for undergraduate programs and current Associate Dean, College

of Liberal Studies at the University of Oklahoma, said. "She has an unparalleled ability to conceptualize projects that are worthy of funding, identify funding agency priorities and match those with institutional needs, articulate clear goals and outcomes for the designated projects, clearly structure appropriate timetables and methods for accomplishing the desired outcomes, and to realistically identify the financial and human resources required to meet a projects' goals."

Banz also commented on Dr. Hackler's "great thoroughness and attention to detail," which "help to make a compelling case for support."

SNU has benefited significantly from Hackler's diligence in tirelessly working on grants that have ultimately given aid to students in their collegiate learning process. It's safe to say most would agree with Dr. Banz's concluding sentiment that "Her strong track record of achievement speaks for itself!"

Upcoming bike ride to memorialize international student murdered in 2008

Jaclynn Gray, Staff Reporter

On October 22, 2011, at the Stars and Stripes Park there will be a 50-mile memorial fun ride around Lake Hefner. The ride is in honor of Philip Gokool, a former student from Trinidad and Tobago.

Gokool attended SNU until July 8th, 2008, when he was murdered outside Penn Avenue Church of the Nazarene. He was shot and killed after delivering groceries to people in need. His murder remains unsolved.

His serving actions on the night of his murder were typical for Gokool, who was highly

involved in service to the community.

Gokool became a dedicated volunteer and active member of the Penn Avenue Church, as well as becoming involved with the non-profit OKC Compassion organization. His love for others and involvement in the community allowed him to touch the lives of many of Oklahoma City's disadvantaged.

The cost for the memorial ride is \$25 per rider. The complete ride will be five laps around the lake on the designated paved bike paths.

This event is offered as a memorial to his compassion and service to those in need. In keeping with his servant's heart and acts to

help the community during his life, all proceeds from the Philip Gokool 50 Memorial Ride will benefit OKC Compassion in order to continue his legacy of service to the poor and disadvantaged.

There will be a free lunch provided after the ride to registered riders and the immediate family members in attendance. There will also be a long sleeve t-shirt given to the first 100 registered riders. Sponsorships are available to organizations and businesses for this event.

For more information and to download the application visit www.okccompassion.net/memorial-ride

Global Vision Week

Sunday, Oct. 16

6 pm- Tent City (Bracken Lawn)

Tent set-up at 6

Concert at 7 with the Logan Henry Band

Movie at 8:30, *The Bourne Supremacy*

S'mores After Dark

Monday, Oct. 17

11-1:30 pm- International Studies Fair (Commons)

11-1:30 pm- International Lunch (Sodexo)

3-4 pm- Commission Unto Mexico Informational Meeting (Heritage Room)

7:30 pm- Bob Goff on Africa (Heritage Room)

9 pm- Guided Discussion- People Who've Gone Abroad (Heritage Room)

Tuesday, Oct. 18

10:50 am- International Studies Chapel

11-1:30 pm- International Lunch (Sodexo)

11-1:30 pm- International Studies Fair (Commons)

11-1:30 pm- Global Missions Fair (Commons)

3-4 pm- Haiti/Swaziland Informational Meeting (Heritage Room)

5-6 pm- Dinner discussions (faculty area, Sodexo)

7 pm- Film *With God On Our Side* (Heritage Room)

Wednesday, Oct. 19

11-1:30 pm- International Lunch (Sodexo)

11-2 pm- Global Missions Fair (Commons)

OPINIONS

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Buy once but pay twice if you stick with big banks, debit cards

Brad Crofford, News

Following Bank of America's lead, other major banks in the US, including Wells Fargo and J.P. Morgan Chase, are going to place a monthly fee on debit card usage. These fees will vary from \$3 (Wells Fargo) to as high as \$5 (Bank of America). Banks are instituting these fees in order to recoup multibillion dollar losses that will likely result from the Durbin Amendment to the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.

In really brief, simple terms, what the Durbin Amendment did was limit how much debit card issuers could charge per transaction. Before, debit card issuers typically charged merchants about 44 cents per transaction; with the passage of the Durbin Amendment that per transaction amount is now limited to approximately 24 cents.

The author of the amendment, Senator Dick Durbin (D-IL), noted that the Federal Reserve had found that the interchange fees Visa and MasterCard fix for big banks grossly exceed the cost of processing a debit card transaction" by approximately 400 percent. In other words, banks were charging about four times as much for debit card transactions as it was actually costing them.

With the old system of debit card costs, merchants passed these transaction costs on to the consumer, regardless of payment type. Whether people paid with cash, credit card, debit card, or check, they were paying more for their goods to compensate for the disproportionately high debit transaction fees that the merchant



Is it time to cut up the debit cards? Photo from Google Images

has to pay.

It seems as if the Durbin Amendment and the resulting banking policies are leaving consumers worse off than ever.

"It seems that we will have to not only continue to pay these higher prices, but will now also have to pay higher fees"

First, these debit card fees are not entirely based on usage; if consumers use their card even once in a month for a transaction (not including ATM transactions, which already have different fees), they will be charged the fee. This could cost individual consumers

as much as \$60 a year.

Second, while merchants should be seeing a fairly significant savings from essentially halved debit card transaction fees, it seems unlikely

that they will drop prices. After all, what business would turn down additional profit earned without price increases?

Before, we had to pay for the banks' billions in profits in debit transactions in the form of higher prices. Now, it seems that we will

have to not only continue to pay these higher prices, but will now also have to pay higher fees at banks in order to allow banks to keep their profits.

Fortunately, there are still options other than banks. Credit unions may not offer as many promotions and rewards programs as big banks, nor have as many locations, but according to Candice Choi, writing for the Huffington Post on October 7, they "are known for offering more favorable fees and rates as member-owned nonprofits." Perhaps the biggest benefit of credit unions now? You only have to pay your merchant for your purchases, rather than your merchant and your banker in the form of your monthly \$5 pound of flesh.

Civil disobedience hits Wall Street and major cities around the US

Luke Winslow, Columnist

“Civil disobedience is our only hope for this country,” says Pulitzer Prize-winning author and political journalist Chris Hedges. Are we really in such desperate times to warrant such a statement? Walk down a block in the financial district of just about any major city in America right now and you might be convinced.

Since September 17th, a core of social justice activists has been “occupying” the Wall Street area in New York. What first started out as a local sit-in quickly grew into a full-scale occupation as it gained attention from groups on Facebook, Twitter, and multiple political activism sites. Now known as the Occupy Wall Street movement, thousands of ordinary citizens have gathered in the streets of New York to protest what they call “the 1 Percent.”

The occupiers consider the 1 Percent to be the wealthy upper class businesspeople, economists, CEOs, politicians—you-name-it—that are seen to be corrupting America’s democratic process and controlling the other “Ninety-Nine Percent” of society.

The original Wall Street protest is now over three weeks strong and has organized medical clinics, living spaces, libraries, and soup kitchens in the streets where they now live.

It is true that the protesters have been met with police violence—over one thousand have been arrested so far—but no one is going home yet. Despite the challenges of organizing such a large and spontaneous movement, it will be interesting to see what goals and changes the occupiers will unite behind.

While the mainstream media has been slow to discuss and give attention to this movement, that is not stopping activists from coming together over the Internet to spread the occupations to multiple major cities in the country, even right here in Oklahoma City. For the past few weeks, interested local have been meeting in Will Rogers Park and Kerr Park to plan an occupation in the Bricktown area in solidarity with the rest of America. The official OKC protest will most likely set off in the next week (updates can be followed at www.occupytogether.org.)

“The courageous and honorable protests underway in Wall Street should serve to bring this calamity to public attention, and to lead to dedicated efforts to overcome it and set the society on a more healthy course,” comments social critic Noam Chomsky. At its basic level, the Occupy movement



Around 200 people gathered at Kerr Park in Bricktown Saturday, Oct. 7 to share ideas and plan the logistics of Occupy OKC. Photo by Collin Whitsett

is a combination of the “Internet generation” and direct democracy. Average citizens in the modern world have been increasingly frustrated with the lack of honest, reliable representation in their lives and are taking matters into their own hands. This is what

we saw this summer with a week of rioting by the working class in London. This is what we saw with the widespread Middle East revolutions less than a year ago, now called the Arab Spring. Are we witnessing the beginnings of the American Autumn?

WE ARE THE 99%



Protesters are gathering around the country. Images posted to Occupytogether.org

Occupation Wall Street: restricted protest for 99 percent

Tim Rice, Columnist

I first heard about the Occupy Wall Street initiative while researching the hacktivist group Anonymous. My first thoughts were skeptical. Anonymous is quite infamous for misdirection and overstatement, but I was curious for a few minutes. Further searching yielded little concrete information and I lost interest. The whole affair slipped my mind, until September 17th came around.

Occupy Wall Street (OWS) is a hard beast to classify. Its goals are varied and hard to predict, kind of like... democracy. And so far, OWS is a rare example of spontaneous direct democracy. Thanks to restrictions placed on it, it has also spawned novel communica-

tion methods like the People's Mic and hand signals to show opinion without interrupting the flow of verbal information.

A good place to see why thousands have set up shop in a park in the rain is the "We Are the 99 Percent" photo blog on tumblr.com.

A sizable percent of this nation's population is without work and likely in debt. We are the richest nation in the world, yet every day more and more of our fellow citizens face problems like hunger and homelessness.

A worrying sign is that many of those in the OWS movement are recent college graduates with with minuscule employment prospects and enormous amounts of debt.

Current federal law makes it so that student debt cannot be escaped by bankruptcy. This means that lenders can hound debtors, and their families, till the debt and its interest are paid. College has long been touted as a key to employment in this country, and for many, this key is not working.

It is hard to say where the Occupy Wall Street movement will end up; and even harder to tell where its sister occupations will go. By the time this reaches you, the occupation in Oklahoma City will be in full swing. Facebook isn't the best place to look for information about it, though. As of this week it seems that the group dedicated to it is being censored away.

A look at the line up: what conservatives should notice

Garron Park, Columnist

Starting at the top, we all need to look at the presidential candidates, well the ones that might be worth their salt. The Gallup Poll has placed Obama on top of all candidates in the "Obama vs. Republican Candidates" poll, except Mitt Romney.

The incumbent President Obama had 508 promises from his previous campaign, and at this time has kept only 148. (PolitiFact.org) While he has made progress in his promises, he has failed to convince the public that he is "Change." During his reign he renewed the Patriot Act, renewed the "Bush-era" tax cuts, and expanded the current wars the US are involved in. Maybe as good-hearted conservatives we should let Obama get the GOP presidential nomination.

Next in line at the polls is the top contender for the GOP nomination, Mitt Romney. Romney has this expansive idea to send five bills to congress in his first day, as well as five executive orders. While all of them are well

intentioned, it is doubtful that Congress will act as expediently as Romney hopes. Also a red flag to you die hard conservatives; Mitt was a huge advocate of the Massachusetts' health care reform, which looks oddly similar to Obamacare. A final note about Mitt, he sure is the most attractive candidate, even ahead of Michele Bachman.

Next on the list, the heavy hitter, and probably the most experienced politically out of the candidates, having been the Texas governor since 2000, Rick Perry. While he has wooed Texas into reelection, I doubt that his recent reduction of the education system in Texas will sit well with the rest of the U.S. Perry is often referred to as another Bush, but realistically, he is more anti-establishment and is less likely to compromise with the left. The cherry on top of this candidate is his rank of Eagle within the Boy Scouts of America. Now, there are some solid core values (not sarcastic).

Finally there is the "dark

horse," Herman Cain. He is the true rags to riches story that everyone wants to read about, and you can in his book *This is Herman Cain?*. In his book he prophesies that he will be the next President, which may be a little overzealous, but he's confident.

This man grew up in a home where his father worked two jobs in order to help Cain rise out of poverty, and he has. He received a degree in computer science, while employed in the Navy. He went on to become the VP of the Pillsbury Company, then moved down to manage a regional Burger King division, and within three years made that region the best performing region in the company. Later he became the CEO of Godfather's Pizza, and brought them out of bankruptcy within 14 months. He clearly understands economics, and may be what the nation needs. He has tasted poverty and risen above, he has seen budget deficit and corrected it, and he can hold his own in a debate.

THE CANDIDATES



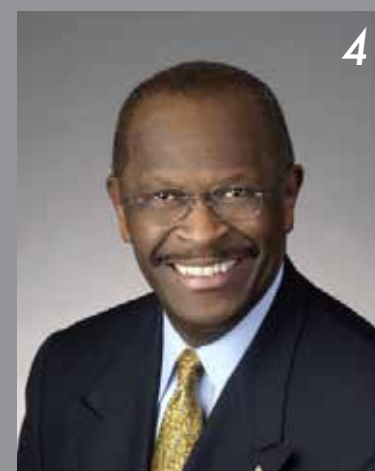
President Barack Obama



Former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney



Texas Governor Rick Perry



Herman Cain

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Women's soccer breaking school records

Sports Information

SHAWNEE, Okla. — Forget the record she tied early in the year, and then forget the record she broke the next game because Jackie Acevedo, SR, erased them all with a school-record seven goals in a 13-0 win over Saint Gregory's.

The senior scored the first four goals for the Crimson Storm (10-2, 5-0 SAC) and the rout was on. All four goals came in the first 20 minutes as Bruna Da Cas, Sara Eguren and Kayla Thompson assisted on the final three of the first four goals.

Acevedo added another goal in 34th minute on a Rachel Atnip assist before Sherri Collins and Bekah Stewart had the other two assists on Acevedo's final two goals in the 70th and 80th

minute.

Collins and Da Cas each added a goal while Da Cas had three assists and Collins had one. Mallary Schaub, Kira Dowis, Thompson and Liana Phan all had goals as well. Mia Vabolis, Phan and Dowis all had an assist as well.

Neither Rachael Wade or Taylor James were tested as the Cavaliers (1-10, 0-8 SAC) put just one of their two shots on goal. It was the sixth combined shutout of the year for SNU. The Storm peppered the SGU net with 28 of their 36 shots being on goal.

Jennifer Tabor posted 12 saves for the Lady Cavs.

The Storm now get set host Oklahoma Baptist for a Saturday conference contest at 6 p.m.

Storm volleyball:

Sweeping season honors

Sports Information

SHAWNEE, Okla. — In the first sweep of this season's weekly volleyball honors, Lady Storm leads a trio of teammates as Sooner Athletic Conference Volleyball Player of the Week for Oct. 3-9.

Kaylee Piatt, sophomore, has been named both Player and Setter of the Week, while her SNU teammates Taylor Jacobs, sophomore, have been named Hitter of the Week and KateLyn Bidy, senior, Libero of the Week.

Piatt, a sophomore setter from Bryan, Texas, had a four-set season-high with 50 assists against Lubbock Christian and Texas Wesleyan. She averaged 11.69 assists per set, as well as 3.23 digs. Piatt also had three aces, two blocks and 10 kills for the week.

Jacobs, a sophomore from Fort Worth, Texas, had a .333 attack percentage to help SNU to a 3-0 week with wins over TWU, LCU and Wayland Baptist. She averaged 3.62 kills, including a career-high 17 in back-to-back SAC matches. She also had a career-best 11 digs in a double-double (13 kills) against Texas Wesleyan.



Jackie Acevedo, Sr, has scored at least five goals in three different games this year. Photo from Sports Information

SCORE BOARD

Football

Northwestern Okla. State L 12-28

Women's Golf

OCU Starts Fall Classic 5th of 12

Men's Soccer

John Brown W 1-0
St. Gregory's W 2-0

Women's Soccer

John Brown W 4-1
St. Gregory's W 13-0

Volleyball

Wayland Baptist W 3-2
Lubbock Christian W 3-1
Okla. City W 3-0

Results and scores at
sports.snu.edu

ON DECK

CROSS COUNTRY
Chile Pepper Festival (Ark)
Sat., October 15th

FOOTBALL
@ MidAmerica Nazarene (Kan.)
Sat., October 15th @ 2 pm

SOCCER
vs. Okla. Baptist
Sat., October 15th
W: 6pm, M: 8 pm

@Wayland Baptist
Thur., October 20th
W: 5pm, M: 7 pm

VOLLEYBALL
@ Okla. Baptist
Tue., October 18th @ 7:30 pm

vs. St. Gregory's
Thu., Oct 20th @ 7 pm

After first loss, Storm football ready to bounce back physically and emotionally

Erica Hicks, Staff Reporter

It is a brand new week for the Crimson Storm football power house. After facing their first loss of the season last Saturday against Northwestern Oklahoma State, the team

is fully equipped mentally and physically to bounce back and play the best they know how.

“We will prepare for this team just like any other team. This week we each have to focus on doing our own individual jobs and no one else’s.” Senior line-

backer Luke Olsen said.

The two teams hadn’t faced each other since the 2003 season. In that game Mid-America Nazarene defeated the Storm 21-14. If good football is what the community is searching for,

it will be found in this game.

“If we do our jobs and trust out teammates to do theirs, we won’t be stopped. We also have to be disciplined in the way we play in not picking up penalties in critical situations. It’s going

“If we do our jobs and trust out teammates to do theirs, we won’t be stopped.”

to be a dog fight and I’ll take my teammates over another team any day in that situation.” Olsen said.

Students and faculty are encouraged to spread the word about the game this weekend. The university is witnessing history in the making with the Storm football program this year, so car pool, tailgate and go out and support your Crimson Storm football team.



After a seven game winning streak, the Storm lose their first game against Northwestern. Photo from Sports Information

Lady Storm takes fifth at OCU Stars Fall Classic, concluding fall season

Sports Information

Southern Nazarene shot a 323 on the final day to finish fifth at the OCU Stars Classic, Tuesday afternoon.

The Crimson Storm were 10 strokes above

what they shot Monday while Lubbock Christian was heading the other way as it shot a 308 in the final round to jump ahead of SNU for fourth.



Amanda Arrington, senior, drives her ball on the final day of the OCU Stars Fall Classic. Photo from Sports Information.

Erika Dolezelova, senior., shot a 78 in the final round for a combined score of 152 to finish in eighth. Amanda Arrington, senior, was three strokes back in a tie for 11th after shooting a 79 in the final round. Taylor Williamson, freshman, totaled a 162 (80-82) to finish in a tie for 29th while Heather Fulcher, senior, took 40th with a 167 (83-84). Makenzie Walker, sophomore, tied for 53rd with a 175 (90-85). Macy Douglas, sophomore, who was playing as an individual, tied for 59th at 172 (82-90).

Oklahoma City took the overall title by firing a two-round 598 on the par-72, 6,081-yard Lincoln West Golf Course and the Stars’ Jessica Scheile took the individual title with a 1-over par 145.

Wayland Baptist finished sixth at 655, Oklahoma Baptist was seventh at 657 and Rogers State took ninth at 666.

This tournament concludes the fall season for the women’s golf team and will pick up action again in the spring semester.

Guitar Students Perform at the Austin City Limits Live Theater

Josh Roebuck, Staff Reporter

Five SNU guitar students joined with ninety-one other student guitarists on the new Austin City Limits live theatre stage on October 1st.

The Saturday night event called “Austin Pictures” is an event that Matthew Hinsley, Executive Director of the Austin Classical Guitar Society headed up.

This event was created to showcase the musical arts as well as the creativity of painting.

The evening included the showing of eleven different works of art, which were each commissioned to show one theme of Modest Mussorgsky’s Pictures at an Exhibition.

Joseph Williams II, Music Writer and Musician, wrote the 150 guitar ensemble piece named “Austin Pictures”, after the event for which it was performed.

The five movement piece was used to describe five “Austin scenes: The Hill Country, Floating on Lady Bird Lake, The Dance of the Grackles, Violet Crown with Cicadas & Capital City Construction,” according to the ACGS.

The Conductor for the event was none other than Peter Bay, Conductor of the Austin Symphony and Music Director of the Britt Festival Orchestra in Jacksonville, OR since 1993.

“I’ve never worked with a mass group of guitarists... this will be a brand new experience for me” said Peter Bay.

Mr. Bay’s words ring true for all the students and performers that were present Saturday night, as none of them had experienced anything quite like the 150 guitar ensemble

before.

SNU guitar students had the privilege of performing on the same stage as Jorge Caballero, Peruvian guitarist who won the Naumburg International Competition.

They also shared the stage with the Miró String Quartet, internationally performing classical string quartet.

“Some of the SNU guitar students were even on the front row of the guitar ensemble,” Tanner Smith, guitar student, said.



Photo by Google Images

All the SNU students were able to travel to and from Austin for free because of a grant provided by the Oklahoma City Public Schools.

The only out of pocket expense for the students was food costs.

On top of enjoying a world class group of musicians from around the country, guitar students performed their talents before an audience of around 1500 music and art enthusiasts.

“The experience of playing with all the other schools and for 1500 people made the trip well worth it,” Smith said.

The five guitar students left SNU on September the 30th and made their way down to Austin, Texas.

On October the 2nd they came back with Austin City Limits on their music resumes.

Local Events

10/14 Ultimate Terrors Haunted House
(Crossroads Mall)
7:00 p.m.

10/15: Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure
(RedHawks Ballpark)
7:00 a.m.

10/15: Shawn Gallaway “I Choose Love” Concert
(Unity Spiritual Life Center)
7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

10/14-11/5: An Art Opening Photography
(Contemporary Art Gallery, OKC)
Wed-Sat 12:00-5:00 p.m.

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Fall Break (No
classes)
Soccer @ Way-
land Baptist
Volleyball @ St.
Gregory’s

If the Bible were a movie, it would be rated R

Jake O'Bannon, Staff Reporter

I must preface this article a little bit before I start. First, this could get me in trouble because some people may strongly disagree with me on this topic. Second, I realize that I attend a Nazarene University, and not so long ago it was "Of the Devil" to even go to a movie, much less one that was rated R. And third, I don't have any answers to this subject, just a lot of questions.

So I guess the first question I'm asking myself is what on earth are you doing, Jake? What gives you the right to talk about a subject like this? Well, the answer is nothing. Nothing gives me the right to talk about a subject like this. All I ask is that you listen to what I have to say, because it is something that has been on my heart.

As an avid movie viewer, and even more so an avid (growing) Christian, I struggle with the balance of the two. Can I be a Christian and still watch a rated R movie? Or in doing so am I participating in idolatry? Jesus didn't watch movies, so maybe I shouldn't. But what I do know is that Jesus did see in person the stuff we see today in many R-rated movies that are filled with redeeming value.

Now when I say R-rated I don't mean stuff like *Superbad*, or *Borat*. There are movies that as Christians we should obviously guard our eyes from. No, I'm talking about the R-rated films that show us Christ through the story.

I want you to stop reading this article if you have never gone through or known someone who has gone through an addiction, or experienced violence, or suc-

cumbed to sinful "things of the world."

Are you still here? I figured you would be. In these situations, when we go through or hear about pains like these, sometimes that is where God speaks the loudest. In times of trouble we find God in the strangest places, so why can't one of those be in film?



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In an article from *Time Magazine* in 1963, renowned theologian, Karl Barth, mentioned that he once advised young theologians to, "take your Bible and your newspaper, and read both. But interpret newspapers from your Bible." For the sake of my argument, let's substitute newspapers for film.

As Christians, we cannot minister to the world if we don't know anything about the world. And film is one of the best ways to learn what is important to the world at a given time. The key distinction for Christians here is to watch and interpret these movies from the Bible.

Take for example *The King's Speech*, last year's Academy Award

winner for Best Picture. If there were one film I'd like to change the rating of, it is this one. The redeeming value in this film is incredible. It follows the story of a man who becomes king, but has a speech disorder that causes him to absolutely dread public speaking. But through the film, we the viewers see this man find his voice and who he truly can be.

I find God in this film; I had an encounter with my creator while in the theater for this movie. And it is rated R! There are many other films where I got this same feeling, including, but not restricted to *127 Hours*, *Slumdog Millionaire*, *Schindler's List*, *The Shawshank Redemption*, *The Fighter*, and *The Book of Eli*.

That is a short list of many. But let me be clear, I'm not telling you to go out and watch every R-rated movie that comes out. There are obviously films we should guard our eyes and hearts from. But as Christians we are called to reach the world by understanding the world and bringing Christ to it. And film is one way that I get that understanding - most often from rated-R films, the ones that show truly broken people.

I'm no educated theologian, I'm just a growing Christian and movie buff trying to figure out how to truly reach the world, while discerning what is right and what is wrong. And I believe, with the Bible at the center, film is a great way to understand the world.

I promise I'll actually review a movie next week. Join me as I review the new release *The Big Year*, starring Steve Martin, Jack Black, and Owen Wilson (it's rated PG, I'm a hypocrite!).



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My dog, Boss

Three Words that Best Describe Me:

Loud, Determined, Opinionated

Best Advice My Parents Gave Me:

Say what you mean, and mean what you say, you have to give respect to get respect, and live your life for the Lord, be a leader not a follower

As A Child, I Dreamed of Being:

A professional athlete or a doctor

I Would Like to Have Witnessed:

Michael Jackson in concert

Pet Peeve:

When someone calls you, you call them right back and they don't answer

Favorite Quote:

"I know everything, but sometimes I don't know anything"

Best Memory:

All of them seem to have something to do with traveling

Biggest Fear:

Failing

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Don't forget about SNL! Southern Nazarene Live is tomorrow night at 7:00 in Herrick so go support your fellow students, relax, and have a good time. Get ready for Global Vision week and make sure to welcome our guest speaker, Bob Goff. Keep checking your email for updates on homecoming and campus events. Girls, there are only a couple more weeks to get your TWIRP on so be creative, be bold, and ask someone!

Think Less. Eat More: The Naked Truth About American Fast Food

Lauree Stewart, Guest Reporter

Fast food is getting America nowhere fast. We want what we want, and we want it now. This concept of “fast food” is not necessarily a terrible idea by itself.

In fact, it jumps into the bustle of every other quick fix we’ve adopted--“get rich quick” schemes, “get news quick” apps, “get results quick” weight loss and “get hitched quick” dating services. In our world, if it’s not fast, it’s dead. And so the irony ensues.

Fast food chains in America offer all types of food across the spectrum. Fast Mexican food? Taco Bell. Fast American food? Chick-Fil-A. Fast Italian food? Fazoli’s.

The options are almost endless, just like the health risks that tag along behind them. It should make any American shudder to read the raw facts and ingredients of what we consume on a regular basis at these fast food favorites. And by “raw”, I mean highly processed, homogenized and mummified materials that are present on all of the menus.

Consider a normal meal at Taco Bell, the promoter of more eating and less thinking. A normal meal of Chicken Quesadilla with Mild Sauce, chips with guacamole, and a 20oz Dr. Pepper would bombard the body with 1,145 calories, 52 grams of fat, 143 carbs and 1,922 milligrams of sodium, opening fire on major organs such as the heart, liver, stomach and kidneys.

Fazoli’s offers fast Italian food but at great cost. A simple plate

of Fettuccine Alfredo will charge the consumer 800 calories, 26 grams of fat, 108 carbs and 1,480 milligrams of sodium. What about a healthier choice of the Country Caesar Salad? 780 calories, 51 grams of fat, 48 carbs and 1,830 milligrams of sodium is the unexpected price for that seemingly healthy decision. It is unfortunate when the healthiest option on the menu is two slices of Triple Cheese Pizza with about 500 calories.

Speaking of healthy, chicken seems to be a wholesome choice. Perhaps perusing the nutrition facts of Chick-Fil-A will prove to lower the gap between fast food and healthy food...maybe if one waffle fry is the only thing eaten.

A typical meal at Chick-Fil-A consisting of a Chick-Fil-A Chicken Sandwich, an order of waffle fries with Chick-Fil-A sauce and a medium sweet tea, proves to have the same toxicity as the meal from Taco Bell! With 1,090 calories, 51 grams of fat, 123 carbs and 1,770 milligrams of sodium, Chick-Fil-A qualifies to be in the same noxious category as any other fast food chain.

These numbers should send shivers through every clogged American organ taking the heat for the tasty food bought at a toxic price, not to mention the shivers in wallets, feeling the burn of the amount of money spent on cheap fast food. In 1949, Americans spent 22% of their income on food. In 2009, Americans spent only 10% of their annual income on food. The downfall

THE BEST & WORST OF FAST FOOD: MENU ITEMS

PEOPLE LOVE TO TALK ABOUT HOW BAD FAST FOOD IS FOR OUR HEALTH. WHILE THAT IS TRUE FOR MANY ITEMS ON A FAST FOOD MENU, NOT ALL OPTIONS ARE BAD FOR YOU. WE SCORED THE MENUS TO FIND THE GOOD, THE NOT-SO-BAD & THE UGLY.

BURGER KING	DAIRY QUEEN	JACK IN THE BOX	MC DONALD'S
GOOD \$5.99 TENDERGRILL SALAD, NO DRESSING	GOOD \$5.39 GRILLED CHICKEN SALAD, NO DRESSING	GOOD \$6.09 GRILLED CHICKEN SALAD, NO DRESSING	GOOD \$5.09 ASIAN SALAD WITH GRILLED CHICKEN
NOT-SO-BAD \$4.29 TENDERGRILL CHICKEN SANDWICH, NO MAYO	NOT-SO-BAD \$4.99 GRILLED CHICKEN SANDWICH	NOT-SO-BAD \$2.99 CHICKEN PITA, NO SALSA	NOT-SO-BAD \$1.99 GRILLED CHICKEN CLASSIC SANDWICH
UGLY \$3.99 DOUBLE WHOPPER WITH CHEESE	UGLY \$3.99 CHICKEN STRIP BASKET	UGLY \$4.37 BACON ULTIMATE CHEESEBURGER	UGLY \$4.95 DOUBLE QUARTER POUNDER WITH CHEESE
POPEYE'S	SUBWAY	TACO BELL	WENDY'S
GOOD \$3.99 SPICY CHICKEN BREAST, NO SAUCE OR BREADING	GOOD \$4.39 GRILLED CHICKEN & SPINACH SALAD	GOOD \$1.69 CROWNIT TACOS, FRESCA STYLE, NO CHEESE	GOOD \$1.81 CHICKEN CAESAR SALAD, NO DRESSING
NOT-SO-BAD \$3.99 MILD CHICKEN THIGHS	NOT-SO-BAD \$4.99 TURKEY BREASTS-1/2-1/2 SANDWICH, NO CHEESE	NOT-SO-BAD \$2.99 CHICKEN BURRITO, FRESCA STYLE	NOT-SO-BAD \$2.99 JL BACON CHEESEBURGER
UGLY \$3.99 PO'BOY SANDWICH	UGLY \$3.75 MEATBALL MARINARA 1/2-1/2 SANDWICH	UGLY \$4.99 FIESTA TACO SALAD	UGLY \$5.29 THE CLASSIC TRIPLE WITH CHEESE



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of this frugal resort to fast food follows a logical pattern: cheaply-made food equals jumbo-sized products sold for less, which leads to higher consumption of said foods. Higher consumption leads to more weight gain and, in turn, diminishes health in more ways than just obesity. Diminished health naturally leads to higher consumer spending on health care.

Therefore, this cheap and fast food not only comes at a high

health cost, but ultimately ends up digging deeper into American pocketbooks for needed health care as a result of the damage.

So, do we really support this “eat more; think less” mentality, a second nature of easy food that can lead to clogged arteries, obesity, Type II Diabetes and countless other health risks?

It’s time to start thinking about that the next time we’re tempted to get the American quick food fix.

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