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Black Friday to start late on Thanksgiving Day as retailers move sales earlier

Brenda Rivera, Staff Reporter

Next week, many students will be spending quality family time during the Thanksgiving holiday, but on November 25, Black Friday will draw many student shoppers to malls and super stores. Being the biggest shopping day of the year and marking the beginning of Christmas shopping, Black Friday is a highly anticipated day. Shoppers across America actually strategize and plan out for weeks how they are going to find the best deals out there. For many people, Black Friday shopping is also considered a family tradition.

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“It’s a family tradition that all the girls in the family go out on Black Friday. We spend all day shopping at the mall and I don’t think we get home until 2 am,” Maci Lambert, freshman, said.

This is a day taken seriously by many people as they spend numerous hours in line waiting



Large screen TVs were major sellers during the 2010 Black Friday. Image from blackfridayusa.com. for stores to open their doors. Some shoppers even go as far as camping out in front of places such as Target and Best Buy. In fact, these two stores are competing heavily against each other with blockbuster deals. Opening their doors at midnight, Target stores will be offering all of their door buster items as long as supplies last. Best Buy stores open at midnight as well, but for those standing in line at 10 pm, they will receive tickets for door buster items. Walmart will also be

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The Echo interviews VP Scott Strawn about school’s policy on homosexuality

Recently, *The Echo* sat down with Vice President for Student Development, Scott Strawn, to discuss the university’s stance on gay and lesbian students on campus:

Echo: To begin with, what are SNU’s official policies regarding homosexuality on campus?

Scott Strawn: Well, our policies absolutely mirror the Church of the Nazarene’s position. In essence, we believe in a traditional, biblical view of human sexuality; that [it] is a gift from God to be shared by a man and woman inside the bounds of holy matrimony. So anything short of that, be it extramarital

or premarital sex, which, I would define homosexual sex as being kind of a subdivision of extramarital or premarital sex, is outside

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the bounds of what scripture has laid out for us. All that said, we have tended to focus I think as a culture on homosexuality as kind of like this benchmark sin, and I know that the church and the university doesn’t treat homosexuality as any more serious a sin than any other issue.

I think as Christians we get into trouble when we start categorizing, “these are the bad sins, these are the good sins.” So we [the administration] focus on behavior. We certainly have students who are “out” that the university is aware of on campus.

Echo: Have those students approached the administration before coming out?

Strawn: Some have come out, and we’ve had conversations about what the lifestyle expectations are of the university. Some have said, “You know, I disagree with the

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NEWS BRIEFS


SUPREME COURT TO HEAR CASE ABOUT OBAMACARE, ISSUE RULING BY JULY

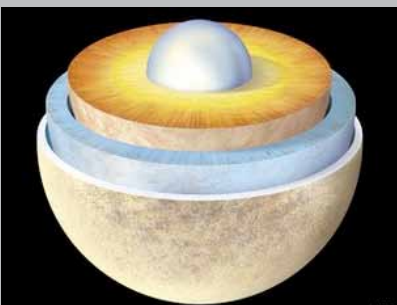
The Supreme Court has agreed to hear arguments about the Affordable Care Act, derisively termed Obamacare by critics. One of the main topics will be the individual mandates, which would require individuals to purchase health insurance by 2014. If the law is struck down, it could potentially have a devastating on Obama's 2012 presidential campaign.

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BULLETS RECOVERED AFTER STRIKING WHITE HOUSE, SUSPECT ARRESTED

Oscar Ramiro Ortega was arrested on suspicions of having fired a semiautomatic rifle at the White House. Bullets were recovered on Wednesday. One struck protective glass while the other struck the White House in an unspecified location. The President and First Lady were not there at the time. This is the first White House shooting since 1994.

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NEW FINDINGS SUGGEST LAKES BENEATH THE SURFACE OF JUPITER MOON

Scientists have discovered that plumes of water may be welling up beneath the surface of Europa, one of Jupiter's moons. This suggests the potential for underground lakes. The US and Europe are planning a mission to Europa either this decade or next decade.

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Theme Housing helps fight sex trafficking in community

Jaclynn Gray, Staff Reporter

Courtney Redwine, Bethany Crownover, Allie Oakes, Sarah Bell, and Shelby Oxner are 5 girls who are trying to both fight and raise awareness of human sex trafficking around the campus and the city.

"We all are best friends who are striving to glorify God by being his hands and feet in whatever way possible to reach out to the girls who have no voice," Courtney Redwine, sophomore, said.

These girls have started a campaign with Theme Housing to help girls and women who are trapped in this awful form of slavery. They all felt God tug on their hearts and immediately wanted to make a difference.

"We want to help raise awareness about this issue here on campus and in the community," Redwine said. "People don't realize how it happens locally in Oklahoma; we want to make a difference and our slogan is 'speak for those who have no voice.' Proverbs 31:8-9."

A few weeks ago, these girls got together in the AM Hills classroom and had a craft night. This night consisted of making hearts and fellowship while spreading the word about human sex trafficking and showing people how they can help. One of the main crafts that were made were hearts.

"We actually made a variety of crafts to sell at the Arts Festival on Saturday, November 12, during Homecoming weekend," Redwine said. "All of us wanted to have a fun way people can get involved and give back to All Things New which is an organization helping fight sex trafficking."

All Things New is an organization that resides in Oklahoma City that the five girls have decided to partner with while trying to make a difference. According to All Things New website, they offer an unprecedented safe haven and rehabilitation for women and



Theme Housing sold crafts at the Arts Festival. Image provided by Courtney Redwine.

children who are victims of sex trafficking.

All Things New is a faith-based ministry providing shelter, protection, restoration, and rehabilitation. The All Things New Campaign is dedicated to raising the awareness of the second largest and fastest-growing crime of our time --the sex trafficking of human beings. According to its website, All Things New hopes to take back the lives of people whose lives have been taken by sex trafficking.

"All you need is a passion to love others and accept them. We want anyone who feels led to help us out, the more the merrier."

"We all wanted to help fight against an awful form of slavery. Theme housing was a new idea on campus, so we decided to apply for it," Redwine said. "We all felt a passion in this area and God has opened doors for us."

While there are no specific requirements to be a part of this group, they do ask for loving hearts that want to serve.

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love others and accept them," Redwine said. "We want anyone who feels led to help us out, the more the merrier."

While this group is still new to the community, they have been focusing on getting everyone involved.

"We are still in the beginning stages. We are up for new ideas and events. We found out last May we would be in the Theme House. Since then we each have been thinking of ideas and we allow God to work through us in the ministry," Redwine said.

While at some point all these women will graduate, they are trying to properly set up this campaign to continue to grow and make a difference for years to come.

"Hopefully, by the time we graduate it will be a solid 'club,'" Redwine said. "We want to be able to pass this down to younger girls to keep making a difference."

With a lot of love and an open hearts to let God work, these girls invite anyone to stand up and make a difference for the ones with no voice.

"This issue is not a quick fix. Hopefully, over time more people on campus and in the community will learn about sex trafficking and fight to end it," Redwine said.

Scott Strawn interview about SNU's policy on homosexuality, continued

university's policy, but I'm willing to live and do my best to live under the expectations of the lifestyle covenant," and we have no issue with that student. So orientation is not the issue. Behavior within that orientation could become an issue depending upon what occurred.

Echo: Have there been any students who have been asked to leave because of behavior within that orientation?

Strawn: I guess I would say that there have been students on this issue and lots of other issues who have either shown by their actions or shown—maybe even in a positive conversation with us—"I can't live underneath that guideline," and then have therefore not been a part of the community anymore. Removal from this institution is the repeated willful violation of the lifestyle covenant. Generally speaking, single violations of anything don't get a student removed—now there are exceptions to that, particularly when they become felonies. But that said, a student who wants to work and is willing to strive to live under the expectations of the lifestyle covenant, when that student is willing to do that, we will work with them as much as we possibly can to make sure they're successful.

I think students have this impression that "you violate the lifestyle covenant and you're out," and that it's our goal to kick students out. It's actually our goal to make sure students graduate and can be successful. So, the homosexuality issue would be the same as anything else. A student who says

that they are willing to live by our lifestyle covenant is able to be a student here.

Echo: What about situations with hate crimes or hazing that have been committed against those students? How is that dealt with?

Strawn: I think if you review our Clery report data, we have not had any reported hate crimes. I would say based on my awareness of our community that that is because students haven't reported it, which is hurtful to say, but I believe that's probably true. When you talk to students who are self identified as being homosexual or lesbian, they would say that they've had very hurtful **"they would say that they've had very hurtful things done toward them or to them."**

things done toward them or to them. It hurts me that those students don't feel like this is a safe place for them. Safe place is different than accepting.

Echo: Do you know of students who have chosen to withdraw from SNU because of not being accepted?

Strawn: Yes.

Echo: In closing, do you have any final statements?

Strawn: Yeah, again I would say that every student has the right to be safe; every student has the right to be respected and treated appropriately. I would say the burden as Christians is on us to make sure that students are loved and included

regardless of their behavior. We again, as a culture, have picked this one issue out, and have held it up almost like a litmus test on "how Christian are you?" To me this is a very destructive thing. We certainly have a responsibility in Student Development and feel very passionately about the lifestyle covenant, and why it's important in terms of helping students develop into people of character. We want to work with students to live up to it, not work with students to weed people out. Our goal is to work with students so they are successful and they are able to live up to those expectations. And we are comfortable with disagreement; we don't need agreement. We just need a respect for and an acknowledgment of and willingness to live by those expectations. I think we do a pretty good job of being up front as an institution about who we are. I think students today are really interested in why certain rules might exist, and we can always get better at communicating those things to students. I do think that we are overt in our "Christianness." When I hear students say, "Well I didn't know that," I generally am very befuddled by that, because that means they either weren't paying attention, or they don't have the cognitive ability to understand because it's out there. So generally I think they're not paying attention, which befuddles me because this is one of the most important decisions you might make in your life. So I put that back on students, frankly. And we talk about, well why didn't you know? Because you should've.

Black Friday offers discounts, continued

starting its sales on Thanksgiving Day. Their Black Friday sales on top toys, apparel, and home items will begin at 10 pm on Thanksgiving Day. Meanwhile, their electronic door buster deals do not begin until midnight. Other stores to look forward to receiving deals from are GameStop and Kmart. Some GameStop stores will be opening at 12 am, with the remaining other locations opening at the usual time of 5 am. Kmart stores will be offering deals from 5 am to 11 am as well.

With retailers advertising their lowest prices of the year in order to compete with each other, and with numerous websites and advertisements touting these deals, Black Friday can be an overwhelming experience for shoppers, and has at times even been dangerous. Greedy shoppers have occasionally broken into fights, and some have been trampled to death as shoppers rush into stores.

"On Black Friday, I do not go out shopping. I just stay home and spend time with family,"

Avarilla Anfuso, freshman, said.

Black Friday has traditionally been a time for retailers to greatly increase their sales; one explanation for its name is that it is the day that retailers' books go from red to black. However, the increasingly early time has some crying foul. Susan Brooks Thistlethwaite, for example, wrote an opinion piece for the Washington Post calling the move by retailers "profoundly immoral" and unfair to workers who will be forced to work on Thanksgiving.

The Echo congratulates Bryan Poff and Laura Pearson as the 2011 Homecoming King and Queen

Students participate in government simulation at Oklahoma State Capitol

Brad Crofford, News Editor

For five days, students debated legislation and court cases at the Oklahoma State Capitol building as part of the Oklahoma Intercollegiate Legislature (O.I.L.).

O.I.L. is a statewide student-run organization that is currently in its 43rd year of existence. It simulates all the main aspects of Oklahoma's government, including the executive, legislative, and judicial branches. With over 200 students participating, this fall session had the highest attendance since 2006.

Though there were delegates who had previous experience with O.I.L., there were also delegates who were experiencing it for the first time.

"Being an introvert by nature, I went into OIL not expecting to gain a lot. I felt that OIL would be an opportunity to get to argue for my own legislation but besides that I felt I would be out of my comfort zone," Ben Smith said. "Looking back at OIL, I feel I did gain a lot."

For those in the Senate and the House of Representatives, there is the opportunity for students to write legislation on a wide range of issues, allowing them to pick social problems that they consider important and present their solutions in a legislative format.

Bills written by SNU students were very successful during the session. Travis Vernier, senior, authored a bill that would create a bottle recycling program; this bill was passed by the Senate. Brad Crofford and Smith, juniors, wrote a bill that would remove Oklahoma History as a graduation requirement, instead substituting a class in logic and persuasion, which passed the Senate with almost unanimous consent.

Wes Horton and Kylie Cooper wrote a bill called the "Equality on Every Campus Act of 2011" that would ban discrimination based on sexual orientation at Oklahoma's universities that was passed by the House and Senate and then signed by O.I.L.'s governor, Shane Williams. Horton spoke about the bill to O.I.L.'s newspaper, the *O.I.L. Reporter*.

"It's a very prevalent and heated issue in American society today...if you're not going to talk about it, leave the senate, leave the house, because you're in a key position to do something about it," Horton said.

Laws that are passed by O.I.L. are

assembled into a packet that is then presented to Oklahoman legislators.

The wide range of issues that are discussed reflect the wide range of backgrounds represented at O.I.L.

"[The] majority of O.I.L. were students who had an interest in politics, yet I found almost every major, ranging from mathematics to theology," Smith said.

Luke Winslow, sophomore, competed in

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the Moot Court competition. This year's case involved the legal status of a forum moderator whose site was used to issue threats against the president of the United States. Winslow advanced past the first round in the single elimination competition, but was eliminated in the second round. The Moot Court competition involves both undergraduate and graduate students.

Besides debating legislation and court cases, O.I.L. gave back to the community through a canned food drive and a morning of service at Feed the Children.

After long days in the Senate chambers, House chambers, and committee rooms of the State Capitol, students were able to relax and socialize with members of other delegations during social events. These included a dinner, Laser Quest, a movie night, and the Governor's Ball. This year's ball featured state treasurer Ken Miller and state senator Jerry Ellis and took place at the Jim Thorpe museum.

Travis Vernier, Trey Caldwell, Wes Horton, Francisco Castro, Ben Smith, and Brad Crofford participated in the Senate. Tim Rice, Kylie Cooper, and Patrick Bonham were active in the House. Luke Winslow competed for his third semester in the Moot Court.

Contact faculty advisor Dr. Bob Lively for more information about O.I.L. and the option to take it as a course for credit.



Members of SNU's delegation pose with the O.I.L. governor during the Governor's Ball. Back row (L to R): O.I.L. Governor Shane Williams, Trey Caldwell, Wes Horton, Brad Crofford; Front row (L to R): Kylie Cooper, Patrick Bonham, Ben Smith. Image provided by Kylie Cooper.

OPINIONS

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Republican presidential candidate websites for most part slick, but not unique

Brad Crofford, News Editor

Websites can be critically important tools during presidential campaigns. During the 2008 presidential campaign, a key contributor to President Obama's success was his campaign's effective use of not only technologies such as text-messaging, but also its significant investment in its website. Now with just under a year left in the presidential campaign, the highest-profile Republican candidates (Mitt Romney, Rick Perry, Herman Cain, Newt Gingrich, Michele Bachmann, Jon Huntsman, Rick Santorum, and Ron Paul) seem to have taken a hint with their own websites. Here is how they measure up with each other, as of Monday, Nov. 14.

As should be expected, all the candidates' websites show up at the very top of the first page when searched. (The only exception is Bachmann, whose congressional webpage shows up above her campaign website.) For the most part, the candidates went with

their full names for their URL, though some opted for a more informal tone: Huntsman's is www.jon2012.com while Gingrich's is simply www.newt.org.

Most of the candidates opted for a landing page that asks people to enter their email address and zip code. However, Gingrich's and Paul's go immediately to the home page. Santorum's landing page comes across a bit more forcefully than the others' as it asks for money leading into Iowa. He's clearly behind in terms of polling and fundraising, and this comes across as a bit desperate. Cain's landing page emphasizes his 9-9-9 plan, while Bachmann's promotes her book *Core of Conviction*. Since she probably won't win anyway, why not at least get some book sales? The landing pages are all accompanied by pictures, but Cain's is noticeably the only one that doesn't feature a grinning candidate. I'm guessing that his marketing team could be trying to prove that he is a serious can-

didate, counter-balancing his jovial tone in early debates.

A key component of any campaign website is a tab dealing with the candidate's position on various issues. Cain plays to his strengths with two separate tabs: 9-9-9 and "The Issues." Most of the other candidates go for a generic "Issues" or "The Issues." Gingrich and Santorum brilliantly deviate from the crowd though. Instead of talking about issues, Santorum's tab lists "Where I Stand," which suggests a certainty on issues that is unwavering. This could even work as a subtle dig on Romney, who other candidates accused of changing positions throughout his career. Gingrich, rather than mentioning issues, has a tab for "Solutions." He also has a tab labeled "Contract," referring to the Contract With America from earlier in his career.

All the websites seem to do a good job about having a variety of ways to connect. All of them have links to an associated Facebook and Twitter, while others also include

Vimeo, Youtube, Flickr, Google Plus, and an RSS feed. Now that the campaign has been going on for months, there are numerous well-produced campaign ads and updates available for viewing, including attack ads against both President Obama and Romney.

While all of the websites are somewhat similar, Romney's is, in my opinion the best. It is easy to navigate and aesthetically pleasing, but also includes more substantive discussions of issues in the form of downloadable PDFs than some of the other candidates. (Sure his logo reminds me of a French flag, but at least it has the red, white, and blue.) Gingrich also deserves an honorable mention for a fairly comprehensive list of legislative proposals and executive orders; this doesn't surprise me given his long background in the legislative branch. Santorum's website is the weakest overall. The "Where I Stand" section, while cleverly titled, is devoid of any in-depth content.

The image displays two side-by-side screenshots of campaign websites. The left screenshot is from ricksantorum.com, featuring a dark blue header with the name 'RICK SANTORUM' in large, bold, white letters. Below the header, the page is titled 'WHERE I STAND' in blue. The content is organized into three sections: 'Champion of Faith & Families', 'Defender of the Taxpayer', and 'Believer in American Exceptionalism'. Each section has a short paragraph of text and a 'Read More...' link. The right screenshot is from mittromney.com, featuring a dark blue header with the name 'ROMNEY' in large, bold, white letters and the tagline 'BELIEVE IN AMERICA' below it. The page is titled 'DONATE TODAY' in blue. The main content area is a donation form with a 'Select Amount' section, a 'Payment Information' section, and a 'Personal Information' section. The 'Select Amount' section has radio buttons for \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100, \$250, \$1,000, and \$2,500, with a '\$ Other' option. The 'Payment Information' section has a 'Card Type' dropdown, a 'Card Number' input field, and a checkbox for 'Make this a recurring donation'. The 'Personal Information' section has input fields for 'First Name', 'Last Name', 'Email', 'Phone', and 'Address'. The bottom of the page has the text 'MAKE A DIFFERENCE' in blue.

Santorum's website lacks depth while Romney's site offers substantial information on the candidate's views. Images ricksantorum.com and mittromney.com

Is this electric fence on or off? The experiences of a gay SNU student

Wes Horton, Guest Columnist

An entire silent subculture quietly pervades this school. In lieu of upsetting the status quo of heteronormative SNU life, a few students at Southern Nazarene keep their true identities hidden from even their closest friends. The students I speak of are gays, lesbians and bisexuals that live in community with us everyday. As a gay student on campus I dealt with extreme anxiety over what would happen to me. I spent my entire freshman year weekly fearing every moment that someone would find out and I would be kicked out. The time has come for homosexual orientation to finally be recognized as valuable to the diversity on campus.

Though I would love to give an

introduction into its formation, I will leave it up to you to research the theoretical genetic, hormonal, and social roots of homosexuality. Even the general superintendents have come to a consensus that “homosexuality is real” and the orientation is “rarely a choice.”

“An entire silent subculture quietly pervades this school.”

SNU is not a welcoming campus. I have experienced harassment from strangers and, sadly, some of my closest friends. The school’s lifestyle covenant, forbidding “homosexual be-

havior,” needs clarification. In many communities in Oklahoma simply attending a musical or not conforming to every gender stereotype would be considered “homosexual behavior.” In all humor, I’m pretty sure some of the activity in Snowbarger Hall would fall under that definition.

In my opinion, the entire clause about “behavior” should be stricken entirely and homosexuals should be treated like any other heterosexual student with the freedom to care, commit and show affection for their significant other within Christian morals.

But many of the leaders of this school have maintained a stance of ambivalence or silence. The time has come for Southern Nazarene’s

officials, and more importantly the student body, to make a decision as to whether they are going to welcome people to live here in community regardless of sexual orientation or blatantly state that homosexuals need not remain on this campus. If this school doesn’t take action then homosexual students will continue to feel passively isolated leading to continued depression, loneliness, and avoidable suicides.

My final word goes to the homosexual students on campus. Southern Nazarene University is not the safest place for you. Try to remember that ignorance and homophobia are our biggest foes on campus, not the students, faculty or institutions themselves. Stay authentic.

Reevaluation is needed for SNU and Church policies on homosexuality

Kyra Rogers, Editor - in - Chief

The lifestyle covenant is a constant source of debate in our community, which ultimately stems from a larger debate over morals, ethics, and acceptable behavior within the Church and various Christian communities. From my experience in Christian circles, tension over behavioral expectations often represents generational differences and family values. One issue in the lifestyle covenant--and within churches and Christian communities alike--which has caused deep divisions, is homosexuality.

The SNU lifestyle covenant states that students will “abstain from pornography, premarital or extramarital sex, immoral heterosexual activity and homosexual behavior.” The lifestyle covenant does not say that homosexual students cannot attend this university, but that no student can engage in homosexual behavior. This implies (as, I would argue, does the larger Church standpoint on homosexuality) that gay students are more than welcome at our university, in our friend groups, on our chapel pews, in our classrooms,

on our courts, and in our clubs so long as they do not engage in any homosexual behavior whatsoever. This leaves homosexual students here, and in the larger Christian community, two choices: to act on their sexual orientation and hide those actions from SNU, or to remain, for all intents and purposes, asexual. Neither one of

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these options present psychologically healthy lifestyles, but ones of frustration, and possibly guilt.

Sexuality and sexual expression are large components of our humanness, and to ignore all sexual tendencies and urges in order to remain asexual in thought and practice, is to discard a large portion of what makes us full-functioning humans. To force oneself into asexuality seems like no life at all. If the heterosexual crowd were to ask itself what life would be like without their boyfriends, girlfriends, fiancés, or spouses the answer would be something along the lines of “less than spectacu-

lar.” The idea of encouraging gay students at SNU to live without those relational intimacies makes me very sad. When I imagine a life in which I would have to deny, hide, or feel ashamed about the loving relationship I share with my fiancé, I can’t help but feel dismal, to say the least. Needless to say, forcing homosexual students

to abstain from intimate relationships not only seems unnatural, but also cruel and morbid.

But this leaves Christians and SNU in a tight spot, if they are to continually hold that homosexual behavior is sin against God. However, many Christians are beginning to change their beliefs that homosexuality is indeed a sin. I’ve talked to a variety of professors and students on this campus who have a wide range of opinions when it comes to whether or not homosexuality is actually a sin or not. One professor has told me that she has no problem with homosexual relationships, so long as

they abide by the same commitments to marriage, monogamy, and respect as other Christian relationships do. Another student has told me that he personally thinks homosexuality is a sin, but he firmly believes that gay couples should be afforded every right that heterosexual couples are. This student, and certainly many SNU students, is able to separate his personal convictions concerning homosexuality, and every person’s prerogative to civil and political rights, regardless of sexual orientation.

This sentiment is one I have found rarely outside of the millennial or younger X generations. It seems that as a Christian body, and as a school, we are largely unable to afford gay couples the same rights as heterosexual couples, regardless of whether or not we agree with homosexuality as a lifestyle. But isn’t that what we claim Jesus did for us? Christians believe Jesus gave them the right to a relationship with God, redemption, grace, forgiveness, and the chance to get into heaven. Jesus did this even though he

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“Black Friday” becomes Thursday, employees to miss Thanksgiving with families

Hannah Marchant, Opinions Editor

As Thanksgiving approaches, Black Friday starts crawling to the forefront of my mother’s mind. I start wondering if my mother will rope me into an early shopping trip.

I can recall memories from last year, when Walmart partially opened at midnight at the close of Thanksgiving day. It was certainly more convenient to go then, and I certainly did not mind not having to wake up at 4 in the morning.

Conscientious customers have started noticing the cons to this marketing strategy as Target and other large stores, such as Best Buy have advertised earlier openings. Walmart went a step further, announcing they would be selling toys, home, and apparel starting at 10 pm Thanksgiving Day.

While this means roll-back savings and deals even sooner for our consumer society, it also means large amounts of employees leaving their family on a national holiday much too early. For many, this means no Thanksgiving dinner with the family.

It’s not the food, it’s not really even the “sacredness” of the Thanksgiving tradition, that should make us angry. It is the fact that we cannot set boundaries. It is the fact that, as a society, we are constantly rushing around, blinded by the thrill of finding the next high. It is the

Reevaluation continued

probably didn’t agree with the lifestyles we were living. Should our response to gay students be the same? Should we provide them with the same rights to intimate relationships and social acceptance that heterosexual students have?

I’m not saying I hold the answer as to which direction is best for SNU and the Church, but I think the only sustainable way to proceed is with tolerance. If Christians and SNU



Department stores like Macy’s, will be opening at midnight. Image by shefinds.com

fact that these large corporations, who provide millions of jobs, are pushing their weight around,

“What will you really miss out on?”

pressuring employees to give up what is most important to them.

Anthony Hardwick, a 29-year-old Target employee, decided to fight back. Putting his job at risk, he started a petition on Change.

org to pressure Gregg Steinhafel, Target’s President & CEO, to push back their opening time to 5 am. So far, 136,462 people out of a goal of 150,000, have added their name to the petition.

Another 50 petitions have started to ask other competitors to do the same.

What causes us to wake up in the middle of the night, join in the frenzy, to the point where we trample our fellow human beings?

Isn’t it ironic that the “spirit of the holiday”—treasuring those we love and human life—the spirit that pervades throughout all the advertising leading up to Thanksgiving and Christmas, is so easily forgotten the very next day? Now, it does not even last the rest of the day!

I urge you to sign the petition, to have conversations with your family about the situation, and just maybe, sit this Black Friday out. What will you really miss out on?

students, faculty, and administration make an effort to talk to gay students about their experiences, feelings, and lifestyle, tolerance and understanding are almost inevitably going to be the outcome. Christian circles are too quick to call homosexuality a sin, without ever having talked to someone who identifies as gay. Whatever direction SNU and the Church choose to pursue, I deeply hope the attitude of intolerance and hate

will quickly become unacceptable and insupportable. Until those goals can be achieved, I encourage all gay students to know that there are those at SNU who love and accept you. I also encourage students, faculty, and administration to actively educate themselves further on homosexuality, and to begin to ask fundamental questions concerning acceptance, tolerance, grace, and understanding.

Is there an important or pressing issue that you feel has not been covered in the ECHO or on campus? Have you witnessed atrocities, suffering, or hurt in our community or around the world that you would like to share?

Write a Letter to the Editor!
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STORMSPORTS

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SNU football breaks school record as they head to play Mid-America

Sports Information

BETHANY, Okla. — Let the celebration begin; Southern Nazarene University is the 2011 Central States Football League Champions after No. 15 SNU took down No. 19 Langston, 38-34, to secure the league title and the school's first bid to the NAIA Championship Series.

The Crimson Storm (9-2, 4-1 CSFL) increased their school-record for wins and set the school-record for most wins in a conference season as well.

"It's such an emotional high



Terrence Smith pulled a career-high 127 yards and notched two touchdown catches. Photo from Sports Information

because you work so hard and grind through a season and fight just to get there," SNU Head Coach Mike Cochran said. "There's no feeling like it."

The final game of the regular

"Against good teams the ups and downs of a game will happen. You're going to have to battle for every inch you can get and we did that today."

season couldn't have painted a better picture of the entire season for the Storm. SNU got up quickly on the Lions (7-3, 4-1 CSFL) just like they started the season with a flurry of five straight wins. The Storm then watched Langston scored 27 straight to lead 27-19 at the half and it felt like the middle of the season when SNU dropped back-to-back games and moved into the second half the season. The Storm though closed out the night just as strong as they closed out the season and held on for the victory.

"Against good teams the ups and downs of a game will happen," said Cochran. "You're going to have to battle for every inch you can get and we did that today."

Brady Wardlaw threw for 332 yards on 19-of-32 passing and

threw for five touchdowns for just the second time this season. Terrence Smith had the game of his early career as he totaled 127 yards and two touchdowns on six catches. It was the most receiving

yards of any receiver in a single-game all season and set a career-high for Smith. Four different receivers pulled in a touchdown catch and seven different receivers caught passes.

"Terrence has come a long way," said Cochran. "He's fun to have around and has made some big plays for us the past two weeks. He just keeps getting better each week."

Wardlaw also hit a couple of milestones as he went over 10,000 yards in total offense, 9,000 passing yards and 100 passing touchdowns in his career.

"Brady is a guy that people have confidence in because he's a humble leader and he's proven he can get the job done," said Cochran. "He went out and played this game like he always does. He's a playmaker."

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@ Southwestern Okla. State

L 54-71

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L 83-87

vs. Southwestern Christian

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W 81-47

vs. Southwestern Christian

W 100-49

Football

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BASKETBALL
vs. Ozark Christian
Saturday, Nov 19th
M: 5 pm

FOOTBALL
Championship Series
@ MidAmerica Nazarene
Olathe, Kan. 1pm



VOLLEYBALL KAT BIDDY

Senior
Springdale, Arkansas

Interests and Hobbies

Tennis
Pinterest
Crafts

Best Non-Athletic Talent

Being on Pinterest for four hours straight

Prized Possession

my bbydino

Best Advice From My Parents

"Don't be so hard on yourself"

As a Kid, I Dreamed of Being

an Olsen twin

I Wish I Could Have Witnessed

The French open in Tennis

Word That Best Describes Me

Spunky

Three Dead People I'd Invite to Dinner...

William Shakespeare, Heath Ledger, and Anne Boleyn

Biggest Pet Peeve

The Hills' fire alarm

Biggest Fear

Suffocating in my sleep

Best Memory of SNU

Meeting my fiancé playing sand volleyball

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Langston loaded up on the run and held the Storm to minus-14 yards rushing the entire game. The SNU defense held the Lions to under 300 yards as LU totaled 294 yard with 106 coming on the ground and 188 through the air. Johnathan Jenkins-Dill led the way on the defensive side with seven tackles, two sacks and a forced fumble. Michael Hicks also had nine tackles.

"Except for one big run, we really shut their run game down," Cochran said. "They have a great running back (Carlos Ross) and we kept him in check."

Shawn Mingledorff put SNU on the board on the first drive of the game with a 30-yard field goal before Wardlaw hit Jordan Newby on the first play of ensuing drive for a 40-yard strike to make it

10-0 with 6:10 left in the first.

The Storm got a gift on Langston's next drive when an errant snap on a punt bounced out of the back of the end zone for a safety to give SNU a 12-0 lead. The Storm went on top 19-0 when Wardlaw hit Jarod Martin for a 25-yard touchdown pass to complete a 6-play, 40-yard drive.

The momentum did a complete 180 in the second quarter as Langston totaled 152 yards in the second quarter along as they it racked up 27 points to take a 27-19 lead into the half.

The Storm rallied late in the third as Wardlaw and Smith connected on back-to-back touchdowns that gave SNU at 32-27 lead heading into the fourth quarter. Wardlaw then capped the

night with a 6-yard pass to David Balenseifen to give the Storm a 38-27 advantage. The touchdown was set up first by Jenkins-Dill who forced a fumble on the Langston 40-yard line before Hicks jumped on the ball to give it back to SNU. Wardlaw then hit Smith for a 36-yard pass before Balenseifen closed out the drive.

The Lions cut it to 38-34 with 6:38 to play and then got the ball back with 5:11 left with an interceptions. Langston went three-and-out and punted to SNU, but the Storm got three first downs on the drive and ran out the clock from there.

SNU will now await the NAIA Championship Pairings that will be announced, Sunday, at 2 p.m.

Men's Storm basketball scores first win of the season

Sports Information

BETHANY, Okla. — It was a night of firsts for Southern Nazarene as SNU got its first win and gave Southwestern Christian its first loss of the year in a 71-49 win Friday night.

The Crimson Storm (1-1) got a game-high 18 points off the bench from Ryan Aaron, junior, who was nearly perfect from the field, going 7-for-8. He also added five rebounds and was 4-for-6 at the line. Daniel White, senior, added 16 points, four assists and three rebounds while firing 7-for-10 from the field and Horace McGloster, senior, chipped in with 14 points and six rebounds. Tyrone Lyons, junior, added 12 points and six boards off the bench as well.

SNU's bench nearly doubled the Eagles' bench as the Storm's reserves scored 32 while SCU's had 19. Southern Nazarene also won the battle in the paint, outscoring Southwestern Christian 34-26. SNU shot 49.2 percent (29-59) from the field

Neither team led more than two points and they had eight ties through the first 13:30 of play until SNU broke a 17-17

tie with a White jumper and an Aaron layup to make it 21-17. The Eagles cut it to 23-22 with just over two minutes to play when Lyons hit a layup to make it 25-22 at the half.

The Storm stretched it to 30-24 early in the first half, but SCU scored seven straight to lead 31-30. The Eagles held a 33-32 lead with 14:11 left in the game when

a White sparked an 18-4 run to give SNU a 50-37 lead.

The lead never came back down under double figures again. SNU lead 50-40 with 8:40 left when Jon West, senior, ignited a 21-7 run for SNU as the Storm closed out the night.

SNU will now get set to host Ozark Christian (Mo.), Nov. 19, at 5 p.m.



Ryan Aaron is averaging 16.5 points per game off of the bench. Photo provided by Sports Information.

Ferris Bueller's Day Off is worth revisiting for fresh perspective

Jake O'Bannon, Staff Reporter

"Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it."

Are these words of a famous philosopher? Maybe they are the words of a poet? No, these are the words of a rambunctious high schooler named Ferris Bueller.

There are movies made in the 80s, and then there are 80s movies. Do you know what I mean? There seem to be a select few group of movies that have gone down as having 80s style; normally involving high school students who are sick of being brought down by "The Man." They are filled with young people who are adamant about living life to the fullest, and doing it their own way. Of these movies, Ferris Bueller's Day Off is the cream of the crop.

The entire movie takes place in the matter of one day. It is a day where Ferris Bueller, played by Matthew Broderick (who performs one of my favorite roles in movie history), realizes that he just does not want to go to school. And why would he? It was a beautiful day. In order to get out of the prison of high school, he fakes a sickness that his dim-witted parents completely buy. This being much to the chagrin of his jealous sister, played by 80s queen, Jennifer Grey (Dirty Dancing).

Thus the question becomes what is there to do? Ferris realizes that in order to make this day reach its full potential, he is going to need his friends. He then proceeds to ask his sick friend Cameron to join him. Cameron is in the business of playing it safe, mostly because of the possible wrath of his father if he, God-forbid, would do anything wrong. But after much convincing, Cameron decides to join Ferris on his quest to play hooky. The two also bring along Ferris' girlfriend Sloane.

Excuse my personal moment, but I must say that I have had a bit of a crush on Sloane since the first time I saw this movie at age ten. Back then she was my dream girl. What they would have called back then a "stone cold fox."

Ferris, Sloane, and Cameron are finally together, ready to take on the day ahead. They do everything from sneaking into a fancy restaurant to being the main act of a citywide parade. And they do all of this just because they can. Isn't that an interesting idea? Ferris was sick of the monotony of life and decided to do something about it. I for one cannot argue with that.

I am not saying that we all need to go out and defy authority so we can do what we want. There is a line that must not be crossed. But what I am saying is that life can

be bland sometimes. It is easy to get caught up in life things and not enjoy life itself. In a moment of vulnerability, I must say that I am guilty of this much too often. The majority of you reading this are college students. So as a word to us as students, we only have a short amount of time here at this place. And this is a special time that we do not get back. Realizing that, I think we all should take the challenge and enjoy life as much as we can.

Coming from a Christian perspective, I believe this topic carries the same weight. God blessed us with lives that are filled with joy if we allow them to be. It is our job to open our eyes and take hold of those opportunities God gives us daily. So, with Ferris in mind, I challenge you to enjoy the beauty around you, study hard with the knowledge God gave you, live it up with the people you share this journey with, praise God often for it all, and most importantly, remember how fast life moves.

I love how movies can give us that kind of perspective on life. It is art at its finest. I give Ferris Bueller's Day Off 4 out of 5 stars. Join me back here next week as I DON'T review the new "Twilight" movie. Have a great week!

Local Events

11/19: Opening of Christmas in the Park
Yukon Community Center
5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

11/18-20: "Next to Normal"
(Civic Center Music Hall)
Friday 7:30 p.m.
Saturday 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Sunday 1:30 p.m.

11/18-30: Art Exhibit: Oil Paintings
(Contemporary Art Gallery)
12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

11/23: OSU-OKC Wednesday Farmers Market
(OSU-OKC Horticulture Pavilion)
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.s

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Jazz band leads audience to another era in their latest performance



Vocalist Lindsey Rauner leads the band with a solo. Photo by Patrick Bonham.

Patrick Bonham, Guest Reporter

The SNU Jazz band crowded Cantrell Hall for their performance the evening of November 3rd. The band led the audience back in time to the era where jazz music was king with emotional and high-energy pieces from iconic jazz composers.

The audience was treated to solos from guest vocalists Alison Boswell and Lindsey Rauner, as well as the surprise performance from Dr. Phil Moore. The concert also included instrumental solos from many of the jazz students.

Dr. Phil Moore, director for thirty-eight years, thirty-one have been at SNU, led the jazz band and talked about each piece with the audience. Along with the Jazz band, SNU offers symphonic band, percussion ensemble, trombone choir, and woodwind quintet for students to express their musical talents. Many band members find themselves participating in multiple music groups throughout the semester.

“I consult a lot of sources for

repertoire selections, and also listen carefully to suggestions from current students,” Dr. Moore said. “This fall’s program, in fact, features four pieces that were recommended by members of the Symphonic Band. Each of them is worthy of our effort, and will be a treat for our community to hear.”

The band program, in conjecture with the SNU choirs, has plans of touring the SNU region within the spring semester. In May, there are plans of initiating an honor band for home school and Christian school students within the surrounding community. “It will be the first of its kind and will allow our students a chance to teach and interact with these young musicians,” Dr. Moore elaborated.

“I think an ensemble gives me a group of friends outside of my classes that I can interact with,” Andrew Sharp, freshman Music Education major, said in response to the band program affecting many aspects of campus life.

Sharp also included that, “What has impressed me the most about

band has been the fact that every rehearsal, in all of my ensembles, begins with prayer. The professors pray for us on a regular basis, and it really means a lot, especially when we are having a rough time.”

“Band is a familiar place for me, and it definitely keeps me busy but I love being there.” Erin Hicks, also a Music Education major said. “Its also been really helpful to have a director like Dr. Moore that is so willing to give any sort of advice on future jobs and help us in every way he can to really get involved in the Oklahoma band world.”

Band is not only a place for music education majors. The band includes members from all over campus, such as SGA members, science and mathematics majors, theology majors, athletes, and many others. Band offers a place for students to come together and share the one thing they all share, music.

Most students in the band have commented on their interests in performing for the community. Cameron Taylor, junior, would like to see more opportunities to perform for the public similar to the amount of performances given by the choirs. Taylor also feels that band is a place where students can use their own musical creativity to bring the best out of their character.

“Playing our music for others is a way of showing our talents combined and what we can do when working together,” Taylor said.

The School of Music as a whole emphasizes the sense of servanthood in hopes that the students will model this in their own worshiping communities. Currently the band has a decent number of students, but there is always room for more members. Dr. Moore is always looking for students who have the passion and desire to play their instrument and encourages them to try out for one of the many ensembles and music groups here at SNU.



FINE ARTS

Amy Snyder

Tomball, Texas

Interests & Hobbies:

Hiking, Camping, Reading, Playing Music, Photography, Fashion, Art

Most Prized Possession:

A picture of my family from 1992

Three Words that Best Describe Me:

Extreme, Energetic, Silly

Best Advice My Parents Gave Me:

“Only hit someone if they hit you first, then you deck them in the face.”

“Follow your dreams and do what you need to do.”

As A Child, I Dreamed of Being:

A Missionary

I Would Like to Have Witnessed:

The Beatles first album release

Pet Peeve:

Smacking. Please don’t do it around me.

Biggest Fear:

The dark and the unknown in it.

Favorite Quote/Verse:

Place me like a seal over your heart, like a seal on your arm; for love is as strong as death, its jealousy unyielding as the grave. It burns like a blazing fire, like a mighty flame. Song of Songs 8:6



“Playing our music for others is a way of showing our talents combined and what we can do when working together”

*Hilary Galbraith, trumpet soloist (Right)
Andrew Sharp, Trombone soloist (Left)
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