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Musical cast members enjoy opportunity to “be goofy,” entertain audience

Jaclynn Gray, Staff Reporter

The cast and crew of *You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown* have put in hours upon hours into making the set and running through lines to ensure perfection when performing.

“We want to put on the best show that we can, and also make sure that we are having a blast doing it,” cast member Caleb Dickenson, junior, said.

This show is based off the famous comic strip *Peanuts*, which led to several cartoons. This musical is written like a fun-centered comedy strip, and is recommended for the whole family. It brings back many childhood memories for the cast members.

“It is fun to be playing the role of a kid and getting to recapture those moments I lived as a kid,” cast member Ryan Hannay, freshman said.

“I love this musical because we get to be kids and be goofy, while putting on a show for our audience makes it a great time,” Dickenson said.

Preparing for a production has its ups and downs, but staying positive is key.

“Memorizing all the music, all the scenes, all the choreography, and all the blocking for your scene is probably the most challenging part,” Dickenson said. “Also, what it really boils down to is memorizing everything.”

You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown will affect the cast for the rest of their musical careers by helping them develop useful skills.

“I like that this show challenges my acting ability, and that it forces me to be a better performer and use more body language,” Hannay said.

Personal goals are a driving force for this cast to have a successful show and to entertain the audience.

“My personal goals are making sure that I have my stuff prepared and am ready for

every practice because we all depend on each other as a cast for motivation,” Dickenson said.

Preparing for a big show can be stressful, but having motivating cast members and directors make it a lot easier.

“It is fun to be...getting to recapture those moments.”

“I try and never beat down a cast member; I keep telling them that they can do it and will always try to help them out in any way that I can,” Dickenson said.

With the show just around the corner, the hours of preparing and making it perfect will

soon come to an end, but not just yet.

“We all spend probably 20 hours a week practicing and preparing,” Hannay said. “I spend most of the time with my cast members, but also quite a bit of time in the practice rooms perfecting my music and my part.”

You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown has its first performance Wednesday, November 9, at 8 pm in Herrick Auditorium, and will run through November 12th. The musical is one of the Homecoming events. Ticket prices are \$12 for adults; Senior Adults are \$10, as well as all Faculty, Staff and Adult Studies Program personnel. Students are \$5, and SNU Students are \$4.



Ryan Hannay (left) and Joe Burleigh rehearse a scene from the musical. Photo provided by Stephany Reyes.

NEWS BRIEFS



US CUTS FUNDING TO UNESCO AFTER 107-14 VOTE RECOGNIZES PALESTINE

By a 107-14 vote with 52 abstentions, UN culture and education agency UNESCO on Tuesday recognized Palestine as a state. The US responded by cutting all funding to UNESCO; the US provides over 20% of its funding. Despite US and Israeli claims that it hurts the peace process, Palestine plans to continue to seek recognition by UN agencies.

csmonitor.com
Adel Hana/AP



HACKER GROUP DEMANDS DRUG CARTEL RELEASE ITS KIDNAPPED MEMBER

Online hacker group Anonymous posted a video demanding that the Zetas, a Mexican drug cartel, release a member who had been kidnapped. In the video, a masked member threatened to release the names of approximately 100 Zeta contacts, possibly on November 5. Security experts suggest this plan, dubbed #OpCartel, if carried out would endanger both Anonymous members and those they denounce.

nytimes.com
The Atlantic Wire



WORLD POPULATION REACHES SEVEN BILLION, ACCORDING TO UN ESTIMATE

While exact dates and numbers are impossible to confirm, the UN designated Monday, October 31, as the day that the planet's population reached seven billion. UN estimates suggest by 2025 the world's population will be eight billion, and by 2083, ten billion.

time.com
Randy Olson

Dr. Michelson selected to study the Green Collection

Brenda Rivera, Staff Reporter

Dr. Marty Alan Michelson has received the honor of becoming a Scholar-Mentor with the Green Scholar's Initiative. Students working with Michelson will be able to further their knowledge of the Green Collection through access to this vast resource, the largest privately-owned collection of Dead Sea Scrolls known to our planet. These texts have not been researched or translated at any time, presenting an opportunity for students to fully immerse themselves in the Bible.

"This will allow teams of scholars to study the ancient wisdom of the Bible - for applied discernment and extended influence in advancing good news for the future of our world," Michelson said.

The collection of texts is owned by the Green Family, who

are also the owners of Hobby Lobby, Inc. and a private Biblical collection that was on display at the Oklahoma City Museum of Art. This collection is known

"The Greens have done the world of biblical scholarship a great favor."

as the Passages exhibit and is now being exhibited at other museums.

Michelson had the opportunity of being a designated respondent to a lecture called "Answers to New Theories Regarding How We Got the Bible" held at the Museum of Art while the exhibit was still in Oklahoma City. His presentation will also soon be available on DVD and he looks forward to viewing it.

Michelson is quite happy with how the Green family is making

these texts available for viewing and the beginning of research.

"The Greens have done the world of Biblical Scholarship a great favor in their willingness to share these important ancient texts. The Bible has shaped the culture of the world and the willingness to share these important, ancient texts demonstrate their kindness and their contribution to a world that is aware of the influence of the Bible," Michelson said.

Part of the world's biggest collection of ancient texts and items having to do with Judeo-Christianity, this is an international project that makes it possible for young scholars to make scholarship opportunities around the Green Collection. The project includes many institutions and allows for the mentoring of students. It is a great opportunity not only

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Dr. Marty Michelson (far right) will have the opportunity to study the Green Collection. Photo provided by Todd Brant

Obama presents student loan reform, plan criticized by GOP candidates

Abbey Marra, Staff Reporter

There are two simple words in the English language which, when combined, immediately bring connotations of dread, anxiety, and despair: student loans. While it continues to increase, the total outstanding debt of college students in the United States has recently surpassed \$1 trillion, which is more than the nation's credit card debt.

The College Board announced that 56 percent of students with a bachelor's degree from a public university graduated with around \$22,000 in debt, while 65 percent graduating from private universities averaged \$28,000.

While the vast majority of college students in the United States face this student loan debt, President Obama is attempting to alleviate some of the stress associated with the heavy burden.

"College isn't just one of the best investments you can make in your future, it's one of the best investments America can make in our future," Obama said at the University of Colorado in Denver. "We want you in school. But we shouldn't saddle you with debt when you're starting off."

Recently, he announced a new plan regarding student loans in the United States. He plans on accelerating a law that was passed by Congress last year which will lower the annual required payment on student loans from 15 to ten percent of one's income. Additionally, instead of the remaining debt being forgiven after 25 years, the new plan reduces this number to 20 years. This change will only apply to those borrowers who take out a loan in 2012 or who have taken out loans between 2008-2012.

Professor, continued

for Dr. Michelson and his students, but also for the school itself. Being a representative from the Church of the Nazarene will allow for many future opportunities and will also help to convey the mission of the school.

"The fact that the Green Family is committed to scholars and mentoring relationships, demonstrates that this is not a short-lived commitment by the Greens. By encouraging established scholars to share research and engagement of ancient texts with emerging scholars demonstrates a life-long- extended commitment to excellent scholarship in the area of Biblical studies," Michelson said.



The Financial Assistance Office offers information on loans, grants, and more. Photo provided by Stephany Reyes.

"We should be doing everything we can to put a college education within reach for every American," Obama said. "It's never been more important, but let's face it: It's also never been more expensive."

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While this new plan might be appealing to students in debt, not everyone is on board with the president's proposed changes.

GOP presidential candidate Newt Gingrich, at an education forum in New

York, regarded the president's proposal as a "Ponzi-scheme," arguing that, "by promising every student, 'You don't have to pay off your student loans as a student,' the president will inevitably bankrupt the country.

At the same education forum, Minnesota congresswoman Michelle Bachmann argued, "I believe it is an abuse of power from the executive to impose via an executive order a wholesale change in the student loan."

Bachmann said the change creates a "moral hazard" when it comes to student debt.

"There is a morality in keeping our financial promises, and I don't think we should push that off onto the taxpayer," she said. "The individual needs to repay and be responsible for repaying their student loan debt."

FAST FACTS

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\$1,000,000,000,000.

56% of students graduating from public universities with a bachelor's owe approximately **\$22,000.**

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OPINIONS

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Suffering continues after catastrophes when novelty trumps need

Brad Crofford, News

The 24-hour news cycle can at times be helpful and at other times irritating. In a constant struggle to break the next story, sometimes important, but more drawn-out and therefore seemingly less-interesting, stories are mentioned once but then quickly forgotten. This seems to be especially true for disaster stories, which grab the headlines immediately before and after the disasters occur but forgotten while the need is still great and recovery is far from complete.

I had the opportunity to help with recovery efforts for a day in Joplin, MO, this summer with Kansas City First Church of the Nazarene. During that one day, I often found my jaw dropping over at the sheer devastation that had been caused by the tornado that had destroyed a third of the town. My job was helping to shovel debris from what remained of a house. Glass, pans, insulation, books, and toys were scattered everywhere. From a brief tour of the city, it was clear that recovery would probably take years, and may never be complete for families whose lives were destroyed.

The ongoing drought and the associated famine in the Horn of Africa is another example of a story that has not received the attention it continues to deserve. The Associated Press reported early in October that according to the U.N., over 750,000 Somalis are at risk of death in the next four months because of the famine.

In August, Cosmos Mutowa, the Africa Regional Coordinator for Nazarene Compassionate Ministries, visited the Dadaab refugee camps in Kenya. In an article for Engage Magazine, he described



Somali refugees make the trek to refugee camps in neighboring countries, carrying all their belongings with them. Photo from *The Examiner*.

horrific stories of what the people there have experienced: “We heard story after story of mothers whose children had died along the way to the camps after traveling for days

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without food or water. Teenagers were raped on the way, and some families were forced to choose which of their children to continue the journey and which ones to let die.” Other stories Mutowa describes, such as a man watching

his family members die one by one on the way to the camp, bring to my mind stories of death marches during the Holocaust described in Elie Wiesel’s book *Night*.

When the ABC program *Nightline* started, each broadcast would reference the Americans being held hostage at the U.S. Embassy in Tehran. After 444 days, the hostage crisis was finally over. We need some sort of constant reminder like this in our time when the latest story, from Herman Cain’s cigarette-smoking staffer to countless reflections on Steve Jobs’ life and career, seems to always take priority. With the dominance of politics and sports in our news, we must remember to follow up and follow through with our response to humanitarian crises like the Jo-

plin tornado and the drought in the Horn of Africa. As we enter the month of Thanksgiving, Black Friday, and Cyber Monday, when it is more tempting than ever to indulge, it is a good time to remember the truth that has often been repeated, but is far too infrequently lived out: “Live simply so that others may simply live.”

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?

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Occupy movement reaches across the pond, where does the Church fit in?

Tim Rice, Staff Reporter

The Occupy Wall Street movement and its offshoots around the rest of the nation are not alone in the world. A sister movement has sprung up in Great Britain and set up camp not in a park but in front of St. Paul's cathedral in London. The cathedral has been leery so far of the protest movement on its doorstep. Rumors have been circulating that it would be in a favor of efforts to evict the stationary demonstration. This has caused some of the clergy assigned to the cathedral to resign in protest.

They are not the only parts of the Church opposed to treating the occupation like dust to be swept under the rug. Several Christian groups have stated that they will form a circle around the encampment if it is threatened. Any effort spurred on by the cathedral would be completely compromised, at least ideologically, if it brought about images of praying people being manhandled and teargassed. Also, the cathedral is widely seen as being compromised long ago by the attitudes and processes that brought about the latest financial crash. And compromised it may very well be: the Guardian states that it recently suppressed a report detailing the moral bankruptcy of those whom the Occupy movements refers to as “the one percent” for fear of stirring controversy.

Now let's turn our attention to our side of the Pond. Oakland was an unmitigated disaster. A peaceful protest was broken up by what was described as a one-sided battle by police from around northern California against overwhelmingly peaceful protesters. The fire hoses of the Civil Rights era were replaced by teargas, lead-core rubber bullets and more disturbingly, flashbangs. Scott Olsen, a veteran, was wounded near the police line. What is surprising is



Occupy London protesters demonstrate outside of St. Paul's Cathedral. Photo from Huffington Post.

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STORMSPORTS

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FCA students build relationships and community

Erica Hicks, Staff Reporter

It's not every day an offer such as two for the price of one is available with easy access. For Southern Nazarene

by spreading the word of God through their athletic abilities, not just in their playing setting but in the presence of God, surrounded by a circle of peers.

This is a time for athletes

and competitive games, this provides athletes a chance to set aside those focuses and reflect on their spiritual foundation by sharing their praises, prayer requests, stories or struggles.

"I enjoy it the most because it is our peers talking to us. It is a comfortable relaxed environment and we try to make it more of a discussion than just hearing someone talk each time we go." Women's volleyball player, Taylor Jacobs said.

Although the basis of the program is designed around athletes the organization is open to everyone and students are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity.

"It is another great

"It sets time aside to interact with others athletes on a deeper and more spiritual level..."

opportunity of fellowship with your team mates and other athletes in the school. It isn't only for athletes but I don't think we have ever had a non-athlete show up, hopefully that will change." Jacobs said.



The heart and soul in sports[®]

University, Fellowship of Christian Athletes or FCA, is a great deal that student athletes shouldn't pass up.

FCA is a nationwide Christian organization that encourages Christian athletes to further their faith as well as spread the truth through their talents. The program is offered in junior high, high school, collegiate and professional athletic levels.

Southern Nazarene University offers a variety of small groups and clubs which allows students to use their interests to build new relationships. FCA here at SNU is looking to do just that

to come together for prayer, worship and fellowship. In these meetings the athletes will praise and worship together, listen to a speaker and share devotionals.

"I think that FCA is a great idea on any high school or college campus because it sets time aside out of everyone's busy week and allows them to interact with other athletes on a deeper and more spiritual level that they may not have ever gathered with without feeling of being judged." Women's basketball player, Sharmeda Johnson said.

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Men's Soccer

vs. Mid-America Christian T (2-2)

vs. OkCU L (1-2)

Women's Soccer

vs. Mid-America Christian W (4-1)

vs. OkCU, L (1-3)

Volleyball

@ Mid-America Christian W (3-2)

@ SW Assemblies of God (@ (3-0)

vs. TX Wesleyan W (3-0)

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

vs. Central Oklahoma University
Friday, Nov 4th, 7pm

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

@ Evangel (Mo.) Sat, Nov 5th, 6 pm

CROSS COUNTRY

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Sat, Nov. 5th

FOOTBALL

vs. Bacone
Sat, Nov 5th, 2pm

WOMEN'S SOCCER

vs. John Brown Sat, Nov. 5th, 6pm

VOLLEYBALL

@ Lubbock Christian, Fri, Nov 4th, 7pm
@ Wayland Baptist (Plainview, TX) Sat,
Nov 5th, 1pm

OCU ends men's Storm soccer season

Sports Information

BETHANY, Okla. — Brock Amaya, freshman, scored his third goal of the season for Southern Nazarene in a 2-1 loss to Oklahoma City in the final game of the season.

The Crimson Storm (5-11-1, 4-5-1 SAC) were looking up a 2-0 deficit until the 65th minute when Amaya sprung new life when he headed in an Edgar Pineda, sophomore, free kick that bounced off the post.

That was it for SNU though as the Storm put five of their 13 shots on goal, but couldn't find the back of the net again. The loss drops SNU into a tie

for eighth place in the Sooner Athletic Conference with Wayland Baptist and the Pioneers have the head-to-head tiebreaker with SNU, thus ending the season for the Storm.

OCU's Steven Short scored the first goal of the game in the fifth minute after rebounding his own Shot. Kieran McLachlan made it a 2-0 game in the 55th off a nice cross from Drew Hall.

Tyler Wythe, freshman, made two saves as OCU put four of its 18 shots on goal.

Niall Best, senior, and Ricardo Valentini, junior, also played their final game for SNU as the Storm end their final season of play in the NAIA.

Men's Storm basketball shows promise

Sports Information

WEATHERFORD, Okla. — Ryan Aaron scored a game-high 16 points for Southern Nazarene in a 71-54 loss to Southwestern Oklahoma State, Tuesday night, in an exhibition game with the future Great American Conference Rival.

Jones was 4-for-8 from the field and 2-for-5 from 3-point range. He also hit six of his 10 attempts at the line. The junior college transfer also added six rebounds and three steals.

Daniel White was nearly perfect from the field going 4-for-5 with 13 points and three assists. The senior was also 5-for-7 from the field. Jon West added 10 points and four rebounds as he

went 6-for-10 from the line.

SNU shot 50 percent from the field (8-16) in the first half, but struggled in the second half, going just 7-for-23. The Storm also had troubles hitting from outside, going just 2-for-16. Southwestern forced 25 turnovers and shot 45.8 percent from the field.

SNU led early and were up 12-10 on a Bradley Toone layup, but the Bulldogs went on an 18-2 run to lead 28-14 and began to stretch the lead from there. Southwestern took a 45-24 lead into the half and led by as much as 25 in the second half before SNU cut the lead late.

The regular season tips off Friday at 7 p.m. when SNU hosts Central Oklahoma.

After another win Storm football has a chance at league title

Sports Information

GOODWELL, Okla. — Southern Nazarene nearly had its second shutout of the year if not for a last second touchdown as SNU took care of their final road game of the regular season with a 28-7 win over Oklahoma Panhandle State.

The Crimson Storm (7-2) controls their own destiny at this point, and with two more wins can claim the Central States Football League title and clinch its first playoff berth in school history.

SNU scored a touchdown in each quarter and had three touchdowns come in different ways. The Storm had two touchdowns on the ground, one through the air and another interception returned for a touchdown.

The Storm almost had 400 yards of total offense with 287 through the air and 94 on the ground for 381 total yards. Brady Wardlaw, senior, threw for 123 yards and was 14-for-27. He scattered the ball to four different receivers as Jarod Martin, sophomore, had four receptions while Terrence Smith, sophomore, had three. Jordan Newby, freshman, and Jakeil

Everhart, junior, both had a pair of catches as well. Wardlaw threw for one touchdown and ran for another. Derick Perkins led the way on the ground with 55 yards on 15 carries and a touchdown.

Michael Hicks, freshman, led the way on the defensive end with 15 tackles, the most in any game this season. He had four tackles for a loss of 14 yards, forced a fumble and returned an interception back for a touchdown. Trevon Hartfield, freshman also had a pick while Anderson Depee, freshman, posted a pair of sacks for a loss of 17 yards.

Everhart was also a bright spot on special teams, not in returning punts, but punting. He had 331 yards on nine punts for an average of 36.8 yards per punt. He also had two inside the OPSU 20-yard line.

The Crimson Storm scored on their opening drive when Wardlaw capped an 8-play, 59-yard drive with a 3-yard run. SNU took a 14-0 late in the second quarter when Wardlaw hit Newby for a 48-yard strike after the two teams traded interceptions.

The Storm held a 14-0 lead in the third quarter and stretched it to 21-0 with 4:56 left when Perkins ended a 5-play, 30-yard drive with

a 7-yard run. SNU took over at the OPSU 30-yard line after the Aggies fumbled.

SNU put its final touchdown on the board when Hicks picked off a Brendan Crawford pass and took it 27 yards to the house to help give the Storm a 28-0 lead with 12:59 left in the game.

The Aggies had been held under

200 yards coming into their final drive, but Crawford hit two big passes in the 3:05 of the game, including a 54-yard strike to end the game.

Two games remain on the Storm's schedule and first up is Bacone. SNU hosts the Warriors, Nov. 5, for a 2 p.m. kickoff inside the SNU Football Stadium.



Michael Hicks scored more tackles than any player this season. Photo provided by Sports Information.

Volleyball sets school record for most wins in a season

Sports Information

BETHANY, Okla. — Southern Nazarene set a school-record for most wins in a season as SNU swept Texas Wesleyan, 3-0 (25-21, 25-22, 25-19), to score the 28th win of the season.

The Crimson Storm (28-5) closed out the home season in style as Ellen Martin, junior, led the way with 12 kills and eight digs all while hitting .500 (12-1-22). She also had two blocks.

Five women in all posted kills as Jamie Hope, sophomore, had nine while Kira Roberts, sophomore, and Courtney Sheid, freshman, each had seven. Hope also had four blocks while Roberts had

three. Kaylee Piatt, sophomore, notched 36 assists and was a dig short of a double-double with nine. She also had three blocks Natalia Oliveira, junior, recorded a match-high 15 digs while KateLyn Bidy, senior, followed up with 13 and Emily Troup, freshman, had 12.

Southern Nazarene hit .274 (45-13-117) on the night and recorded eight team blocks.

SNU battled back from being down 8-3 in the first set and used a 16-7 run started by a Roberts kill to lead 19-15. The Lady Rams got no closer than two points the rest of the set as SNU took a 1-0 lead.

The Storm hit .326 (18-3-46) in the second set, but once again faced an 8-3 deficit early. The Storm answered with a 7-2

run to tie it at 10. After four more ties, Roberts and Martin each had a hill to give the Storm a 17-15 lead. TWU but it to once twice and had it at 23-22 to force an SNU timeout. An Oliveira kill gave SNU set point and a Texas Wesleyan error gave the Storm the set and a 2-0 lead.

SNU again had to battle back from behind in the final set, but after Martin broke a 10-10 tie with a kill, it was all SNU from that point on. The Storm closed the set with a 15-9 run as SNU won its fifth straight match and 14th out of its last 15.

The Crimson Storm will now focus on closing out the regular season. All that's left is the West Texas road trip. The first match is set for Friday, at Lubbock Christian, at 7 p.m.

Stars take Sooner Athletic title away from Storm

Sports Information

BETHANY, Okla. — The drive for the first undefeated conference season for No. 23 Southern Nazarene came to an abrupt stop in the final game of the regular season with a 3-1 loss to No. 15 Oklahoma City.

The Crimson Storm (15-3, 10-1 SAC) fell just one game short of capturing the Sooner Athletic Title, but will still host the first two games of the Sooner Athletic Conference Tournament.

SNU struck first in the 25th minute when Kayla Thomson, sophomore, tipped in long cross off a free kick from Jackie Acevedo, senior, to put the Storm up 1-0. That was the only goal for SNU as the Stars (15-1-1, 10-0-1 SAC) scored three straight to put it away.

Sheridan Horner scored the game-tying goal in the 31st minute to take a 1-1 tie in the half. OCU got the game-winning goal in the 69th minute when Meghan McMahon scored and



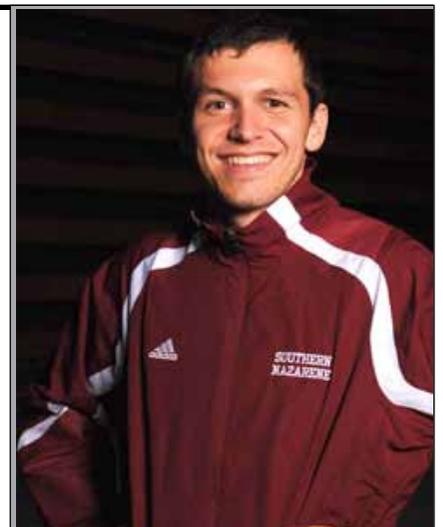
Kayla Thomson scored the only goal this game. Photo provided by Sports Information

then put then added insult to injury with a goal at the last second.

SNU out shot OCU 12-9, but the Stars put more on goal with five compared to SNU's two.

Rachael Wade recorded two saves on the night.

SNU will now host John Brown, Tuesday, in the quarterfinals of the SAC Tournament.



CROSS COUNTRY COLLIN WHITSETT

Senior
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Interests and Hobbies:

Nerdy ecology stuff, running in cool places, nature photography.

Most Prized Possession:
SNU Student Handbook

Word that best describes you:
Tawdry

Best Advice your parents have given you:

From my mom: "Collin, don't try too hard when racing."

You would like to have witnessed:
Steve Prefontaine at a home meet

Non-athletic talent:
Library nap sessions

Three famous dead people you would invite to dinner:
Steve Jobs, Jesus, and Anna Nicole Smith

Best Memory at SNU:
Late nights after crummy action movies

Biggest Fear:
When Carson quits cutting the vegetables...

There is no limit to art or the appreciation of it

Jake O'Bannon, Staff Reporter

The Halloween season is strange. Everything about the holiday just screams weird (Get it? Screams? Halloween? It's punny). But I want to make it clear up front, there is nothing wrong with strange.

In fact, I love the Halloween season. I feel like it can at times be one of the most artistic holidays of the year. From costume formation, scary movies, and activities like pumpkin carving, there is a lot of art within this holiday.

To my delight, the Oklahoma City Museum of Art held the same belief. To celebrate the art of the season, the museum created a themed film week titled, "Hitch in High Def," which took place last week, showing a different Alfred Hitchcock classic each night from Tuesday through Sunday. I was, in Halloween terms, "thrilled" when I heard about this, and made sure to take a trip downtown.

I chose to go to the showing of "Vertigo," a Hitchcock classic from 1958 starring James Stewart and Kim Novak. And just like the Halloween season, this movie is strange. But do not forget my original disclaimer, strange has the capacity to be really good.

Besides the fact that the love connection in the film takes place between a fifty year old actor (Stewart) and a twenty-five year old actress (Novak), there are so many other scenes and images in the film that leave the audience scratching their heads. But art museums make us do that too, right?

The film revolves around Jimmy Stewart's character, John Ferguson, a former cop who retired after an incident that caused him to find out he suffers from vertigo. He has com-

mitted himself to spending his days "exploring." That doesn't seem hard to do after seeing all the beautiful shots from the films setting, San Francisco, California. Through a series of events, Ferguson is assigned to follow an old friends wife around the city, seeking to find out why she has been acting so strange.

I don't like to give away the ending of a film in hopes that the readers of this article will go out and watch it themselves. But I'm sorry, that is what I'm going to do here.

Eventually, Stewart's character begins to fall for Novak's character. This all starts after he saves her from a suicide attempt when she jumps into the San Francisco Bay. The reasoning behind her suicide attempt is that the ghostly spirit of a woman who died many years ago is haunting her. Sound strange enough yet? Well, it is just getting started.

As the film progresses, the plot twists grow even more successive and the audience's ability to guess the conclusion of the film declines rapidly. I love that about this film! All these questions and twists culminate with one of the most frightening endings to a film I have ever encountered. And it is not a "jump out of your seat" kind of scared, rather an "I can't believe that just happened" kind of scared. It all can be credited to the genius of Alfred Hitchcock.

Now I know that Halloween season is over. But there is no time limit to art and the appreciation of art. And there is no doubt that Hitchcock's "Vertigo" is a piece of art. I give the film 4.5 out of 5 stars, and strongly recommend it to fans of films that are filled with mystery, art, and countless plot twists. So go check it out. And remember, strange is not always a bad thing.

Local Events

11/4: Owl City and Days Difference
(Diamond Ballroom)
8:00 p.m.

11/50: Drop-in Art - Sunflower Still Life
(OKC Museum of Art)
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

11/4&5: The Girlie Show : An Art Show With a Curve
(OKC Farmers Public Market)
Friday 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.
Saturday 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.

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

SNU Events

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Volleyball @Lubbock Christian
Men's Basketball vs. UCO

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Cross Country Meet
Volleyball @Wayland Baptist
Football vs. Bacione
Women's Basketball @ Evangel

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Spring Enrollment - Sophomore/Freshman

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Chapel: Brad Strawn

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Musical: You're a Good Man Charlie Brown

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Homecoming Elections
Musical
Kingdom Come

Study abroad: Changing the way students view the world

Kira Roberts, Section Editor

Too often students become stuck with complacency, content with the routines they are so comfortable with, but there are so many opportunities to experience new things that are often overlooked. One of these opportunities is the chance to study abroad and learn more about the world while growing as a person at the same time.

Southern Nazarene University offers many different options for places and particular areas of study for about the same price as the tuition to stay on campus. Tons of students have taken advantage of this in the past or are planning to in the future, including Junior, Ashley Buchanan.

Buchanan is traveling to Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu India next semester to take classes about the culture and religion, international business, and a class on Indian society and social work intervention. She will also be working in an internship position.

“When I started to consider studying abroad last spring, India wasn’t my first choice. I think I was scared of how dramatically different it was from the United States. But after learning about the religions of countries all over the world in a discipleship training program this summer, I was intrigued and felt that God was changing my heart and mind about where I wanted to go,” Buchanan said.

While she said that she is still pretty nervous, she knows that since she feels that god is calling her to go there, he will protect her in India. She said she is most excited to experience another culture and, of course, wearing traditional



Junior, Ashley Buchanan. Photo by Kira Roberts.

Indian clothing.

Buchanan, much like many other SNU students, has never been out of the United States before. Obviously this makes leaving the country for an entire semester pretty intimidating, but it will be so worth it in the end.

They speak Tamil in Coimbatore and, without knowing a single word of the language, this brave student is stepping out of her comfort zone to experience something different, something bigger than the same old routine of being on campus and surrounded by a community of believers. She said the reason she decided to study abroad in the first place was because she wanted an adventure and it’s obvious that that is just what she will get.

Buchanan said, “Everyone is really supportive and excited! My parents are a little nervous, like me, but we all realize that this kind of opportunity is once in a lifetime!”

Along with Ashley Buchanan, there were nine other SNU students accepted into the study

abroad program for the 2012 Spring semester. Brad Crofford will be joining the American Studies Program in Washington, DC, Amanda Landers and Sarah Handley are going to Uganda, Dena Beals will head to Ecuador, and Bethany Gray will be studying in England. Also, Jenny Jasper, Brianna Parnell, Kinsey Parnell, and Amy Sattler will join the Quetzal Education Research Center in Costa Rica for the semester.

If you feel like you are stuck in the comfort of this campus and want some adventure, if you want to learn about other cultures and about yourself, or if you want an incredible adventure, the study abroad program is for you. If you have even the slightest interest in traveling and enjoying an amazing experience, but have some questions, contact Don Dunnington.

The easiest time to travel is in college. Not only are you not bound to a full-time job yet, but you are also only paying what would be normal tuition if you didn’t go. The real question is, why not go?



FINE ARTS Caleb Dickenson

Bethany, Oklahoma

Interests & Hobbies:
Riding horses

Most Prized Possession:
My relationship with God

Three Words that Best Describe Me:
Hardworking, Fun, Funny

Best Advice My Parents Gave Me:
Never give up. Know who you are and who's you are.

As A Child, I Dreamed of Being:
A Professional Baseball Player

I Would Like to Have Witnessed:
The death and resurrection of Jesus

Pet Peeve:
Don't Lie!

Favorite Verse:
Philippians 4:13
“I can do all things through him who strengthens me.”

A Talent I Possess:
Outside of singing, I can dance a few different ballroom dances

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