



Meet the Heartpal court

This year's Heartpal candidates were voted upon Thursday, Feb. 9. One will be crowned Queen at Heartpal tonight. Read more about the event and the candidates on pages 2 and 3.

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Sophomore Snowbarger resident begins recycling revolution

Baker Pitts, Staff Reporter

Recycling is one of those things that most everyone acknowledges is an issue, but is perfectly fine ignoring, Southern Nazarene University's Blake Jordan is not one of those people, and he started Snowbarger recycling to prove it.

Jordan, a sophomore computer science major here at SNU, has been described as affable, and "versatile and curious." It was that same curiosity that led Blake to start Snowbarger recycling last year.

It all began when Jordan walked out of his Snowbarger dorm his freshman year with a few bottles to throw away and noticed several more bottles laying in the trash can he was preparing to use.

"I saw on top that there were about five bottles just laying there, so I wondered, if there are about 24 trash cans in Snowbarger, and five just laying on the top there, how many could I get?" Jordan said.

He placed a box next to the trash can on his floor and put a simple sign with the words 'RECYCLING' and an arrow pointed down. With-

in a day Jordan had a box filled with discarded bottles and cans. Due to the success of the first day, he began to separate bottles from cans and started collecting paper as well, and within the first few days had a closet in his dorm filled with bags full of recyclable goods.

It was then that Jordan realized that the reason students in Snowbarger weren't recycling was because they didn't have the option to do so. Blake set off around the dorms placing boxes with 'RECYCLING' signs (this time they were signed by RA's so the janitors wouldn't take them down) next to the trash cans to see if students would take an interest in recycling if given the choice.

Within a week of starting Snowbarger recycling, Jordan had been given an entire storage room in which to store the recyclable refuse he collected. At this point, people were asking him about the project and wanting to get involved in the recycling revolution that was going down. Blake decided that instead of taking trips everyday to drop off the recyclables, it would be better to store it up in the storage room, which

has now been moved to a bigger room in the basement, until they had a large amount, and then transport it via a few trucks "to save some time and some gas."

Around this time Gang Green, SNU's environmentalist group, got involved in the project and helped out with the collecting and disposal of collected materials. Though there was a bit of a lull in the collecting routine near the end of the year, it was due mostly to finals and those involved having to fulfill their other obligations as college students. To help lessen the load on the small group of people that run this environmentally friendly effort now, Jordan hopes that he can get more of the campus involved in his recycling campaign. Students interested in getting involved with the Snowbarger recycling effort may e-mail Blake Jordan at bljordan@mail.snu.edu.



Day one of Snowbarger recycling, day two of Snowbarger recycling, and R.A. Jordan Serracino authorizing a recycling box. Photos by Blake Jordan.

NEWS BRIEFS

**PUTIN WARNS OF GROWING 'CULT OF VIOLENCE'**

Vladimir V. Putin, the prime minister of Russia, warned on Wednesday of a growing "cult of violence" around the world and expressed concern that upheavals in the Middle East could spread to his own country. In his remarks, Mr. Putin referred to the continued disorder in Libya and warned of the "horrible consequences of interference."

nytimes.com

Michael Schwirtz for New York Times

**PRESIDENT OBAMA AIMS TO ACCENTUATE POSITIVE WITHOUT FORGETTING NEGATIVES**

Four years ago, President Obama ran on hope and change. This time around, underline the hope, lowercase the change. People who say America is in decline "don't know what they're talking about," he said in his State of the Union address.

latimes.com

Kathleen Hennessey for the Washington Bureau

**WAL-MART PLANS SIMPLE LABEL TO IDENTIFY HEALTHIER FOODS**

Wal-Mart is unveiling a simple icon that it says will help consumers make a snap decision about whether a food is healthy, without delving into the nitty-gritty of the nutrition label. The first "Great For You" icons will start appearing in produce aisles in April, company executives said. The labels then will gradually roll out on certain store-branded packaged items throughout the year.

msnbc.com

Allison Linn for The Bottom Line

Online learning center to open in library

Brian McNatt, Staff Reporter

Life and learning through Southern Nazarene University are heading toward a tremendous change, as work continues on the university's new online center.

The purpose of this new faculty development studio, soon to be located on the third floor of the SNU library, will be to help professors and faculty develop new online classes and improve on online classes already offered.

Students of SNU will be able to finish whole courses online, and even entire degrees if they so choose, allowing for greater flexibility in their schedules.

Professors will not be the only people to use the online center however. During the times it isn't being used by faculty, students will be able to use the center themselves. The full extent of what can be done in the center however is yet to be revealed. Uses for the online center are continuing to de-

velop as it is built.

Completion of this ambitious new project is expected to occur sometime before Easter, or the end of the semester. Despite the

"The grant gives SNU \$2 million to work with over a five-year period, allowing superb levels of focus and effort to be put into this new endeavor."

long wait, decisions have already been made and professors chosen to help run the online center. Jodie Bowie and Laurie Koch are two who have been hired to staff the center.

This new SNU facility has been made possible by the Title 3 grant awarded to the university by the U.S. Department of Education. The grant gives SNU \$2 million to work with over a five-year period, allowing superb levels of focus and effort to be put into this new en-

deavor. With the grant, SNU seeks to change for the better the way students can relate to the university and to learning. The online center could not come at a better time for SNU. With current tuition and enrollment just enough to allow the university to continue on as it is, the promise of new online classes and degrees is hoped to catch the interest of people unable or unwilling to attend on-campus. If successful, the result of this would be increased revenue for better facilities and more exciting school events without an increase in tuition.

Minor effects of the new facility have already made themselves apparent as the library adjusts. Old storage has been emptied out for space, the circulation area has been reorganized to improve student employee projects and the Fred Floyd Archives has seen some reorganization.

As work on the project proceeds, the future of Southern Nazarene University unfolds to reality.

Students gather for a night on the town

Brenda Rivera, Staff Reporter

The much-anticipated social event, Heartpal, will take place tonight from 7 – 10 p.m. at the Oklahoma Museum of Art. This is an off campus event that many students will be attending, dressed in their very best.

This black tie affair will be a downtown evening filled with several activities, including the crowning of a new Heartpal queen. This year's queen candidates are Jamie Keoppel, Hillary Johnson, Kara Pirog, Brooke Williams, and Kaylee Couchenour. As each girl on the court is introduced, her father will walk her out as her escort. The girls will then wait for 2011

Heartpal queen, Chesney Burgweger, to pass on her crown to the new queen. One perk of being on the court are the videos the candidate's friends produce, which will be shown as part of tonight's activities.

"One of my favorite parts about Heartpal are the videos that the candidate's friends make and share! They are usually very hilarious and showcase how great these girls truly are," SGA Social Life executive senior Courtney Roberts said.

Something else to look forward to are the snacks being provided tonight, including a chocolate fountain to dip several kinds of desserts in. The Oklahoma Museum of Art will also be completely reserved for the event, making the whole museum

the school's for the night. The museum's being closed to the public will give students the opportunity to observe and enjoy the variety of art that the museum has to offer. Students have been busy planning.

"Planning Heartpal has overall been much easier than planning TWIRP. I am hoping it all just comes together and so far the court should be great. Besides being part of the planning process, I just love school events and the fact that the student community is able to come together for something that is going to be worth while. It should be a great time and everyone will also be looking their best," said Avarilla Anfuso, Freshman Social Life Member.



HEARTPAL COURT

What has been your favorite part of SNU so far?

“The amazing friendships I have made”

Brooke Williams

“All the people I have met and all the lifelong friendships I have made. I also love the faculty/staff that has encouraged and supported me through my college career.”

Kara Pirog

“Developing new friendships and being challenged academically and spiritually.”

Hillary Johnson

“The welcoming community; I was a transfer and I have loved being able to jump in and be a part of my awesome class!”

Jamie Keoppel

“The community! It really is a great place to get my education while building life long relationships and furthering my walk with the Lord!”

Kaylee Couchenour

In what ways do you feel you contribute to the/our community?

“I am an RA in Asbury, I co-lead a small group for freshman girls, and I try to play as many intramural sports as I can.”

Brooke

“I’m a Resident Advisor this year in Hills. I’m also a small group leader and a President’s Ambassador. I’ve also been a part of SGA my freshman and sophomore year.”

Kara

“I have been involved in SGA, various committees, and have been a student staff photographer for Media Strategies Team.”

Hillary

“On campus I am a RA in Hills. And off campus I am an assistant girls basketball coach at Western Oaks Middle School and I am also a youth worker at BFC and have a high school girls small group.”

Jamie

“I am an RA this year for Imel Townhouse, I have been an icaptain for 2 years, I am a small group leader, and I work in the SNU Alumni Office.”

Kaylee



Do you have a favorite memory you’d like to share from your time at SNU?

“Living on second floor Hatley sophomore year.”

Brooke

“Living with all the awesome girls of Hills 4th floor, and all the hilarious times we’ve had this year.”

Kara

”Some of my favorite memories are causing a ruckus in the halls of Hatley. There are so many amazing memories from living there with so many wonderful and fun girls!”

Hillary

“One of my favorite memories at SNU (too many to say) was winning the powder puff games all 3 years!”

Kaylee



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OPINIONS

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You can study abroad this semester right where you are

Brad Crofford, Guest Columnist

You may have already read in the A&E section about the wonderful opportunities that SNU students are given to study off-campus. I am one of the students who is taking advantage of it this semester. These past three weeks in Washington, D.C. have been a blur, a good blur.

On the one hand, I have had some time for sight-seeing. So far, I have had the chance to: get a private tour of the Pentagon from an SNU alumnus (thanks Bruce!), have a personal interview with the ambassador of Benin, listen to N.T. Wright speak in person (British accents are great to listen to), and attend a Chinese New Year parade. I have also visited the Holocaust Museum, Air and Space Museum, American History Museum, American Art Museum, National Portrait Museum, Union Station, the Library of Congress, the Titanic Memorial, and the Navy Museum.

On the other hand, I have

also had some time for more challenging experiences. As part of our semester, we are required to spend 24 hours engaging in our neighborhood, whether through attending ward meetings or volunteering at local nonprofits. Riding the buses and walking on the sidewalks, I have passed more people in severe circumstances in three weeks than the past two and a half years at SNU.

The coursework is challenging us to think about how there can be both unbelievable amounts of power and poverty located in such a small geographic area here in the District of Columbia. This has been a difficult problem to think about and experience, and it is so much more

real whenever I am walking on the sidewalks rather than driving by in a car.

Besides the chance for

growth that this type of experiential learning offers, I have also been stretched spiritually.

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Brad Crofford and his classmates went to the Navy Yard, home of the display ship USS Barry. Photo from Brad Crofford

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Anonymous tweets have campus astir: the effects of social media

Brad Crofford, Guest Columnist

98.9% of students here are Facebook users. About 60% of the students have a Twitter account, and 37% are on Linked In.

While those numbers are completely arbitrary and bogus, the odds are that the majority of our student body is participating in social media. While we claim who we are on our profiles and have numerous photos to show what our face looks like in multiple forms, the power we gain or feel from the computer screen curtain has affected the way we communicate and handle conflict.

This did not just start with the internet. It began with the telephone. Would you be able to scream at that same telemarketer (who's company swindled you into buying a "free" trial) if he came to your front door? Or would you be able to jump out of a moving vehicle as easily as you hang up on your significant other when he angers you?

With the intersection of social media and middle school chil-

dren, we see the rise of cyber bullying, a platform for early-onset sociopaths and misguided teens.

We have also seen the rise of online dating, where online "winks" and messages replace nerves and bad first impressions (note: bad first impressions can definitely be made online, but are easily avoided with a little Photoshop and a white lie).

Included in these cultural revolutions is the countercultural rabble-rouser, activist, or ironic comedian. It is known that social media, prominently Twitter, played a part in organizing the protests in Egypt last spring. It also gives a platform and venue for activists to speak their mind and communicate their cause with the safety net of anonymity.

Instead of being arrested on the street for protesting, you can spread the message through these other means (even though a true activist would still be on the street).

This wave of web-based anonymous activism has hit our campus. Students do not suffer from a dictator nor are they beaten in

prison if they protest, but there will always be an opposition to the institution and it's administrators.

It all started with "SNUPrezzy" on Twitter, an unknown user who took on the name of Loren Gresham. Followers eventually figured out this was not the real Gresham (will the real Gresham please stand up?), an experience one could compare to the realization that The Onion's story on an abortion megaplex was a farce.

Some of @SNUPrezzy's tweets were racy, and while the Twitter user continues to tweet, many followers were lost to a controversial tweet in August. The tweet was an ironic twist on President Gresham's speech about pioneer students and many vocally unfollowed him. (This is something I will never understand--why announce you are unfollowing someone when this undoubtedly draws more attention to the tweeter?)

Over the school year, other anonymous tweeters have made their debut. The tweets from these users have mainly been the

cause of much laughter and self-reflection, but have also been the subject of scorn or ridicule.

Self-awareness and the ability to poke fun at yourself or the trivial matters of your surroundings is acceptable, but the cruel jokes at the expense of a person's self-worth or image is not.

That is when the anonymity has turned from an empowering voice of critique to a little bully aching for more followers to make him feel that self-worth he so easily steals from those around him.

We need to stay connected in a real and tangible way. We need to be truly known, to break down the wall of anonymity that keeps us from connecting to each other and actually facing the conflict we run away from.

I accept and enjoy some of the anonymous tweets that show me we do not all think the same on campus. That voice is a necessity. We can not, however let that keep us from looking speaking truth to one another by looking each other in the eye.

You can study abroad *continued*



Brad visiting the Chinese New Year parade in Chinatown. Photo by Brad Crofford
If you would like to see what Brad is doing throughout the semester, follow his blog at bradcrofford.wordpress.com.

I have been going to different churches trying to find one to call my home during the semester, so I have had the chance to listen to sermons from a variety of traditions. This exercise is challenging me to critically the sermons to see if they line up with what I believe. From a historically African-American congregation to a French-speaking service, I have also appreciated the cultural diversity.

You can have an experience like mine, right now, this very semester, if you want to. There are lots of things to do

and see in OKC: the Western Heritage Museum and Hall of Fame, Museum of Art, Thunder games, the free art collection and wonderful architecture of the State Capitol building, Barons games, Civic Center events, Oklahoma City University musical performances, Pops in Arcadia, Redhawks games, and much more. There are also plenty of great organizations to volunteer with that would allow you to experience the city in a new way.

You can have a study abroad experience wherever you are if you are willing to break out of your normal routine and see your environment in a new way.

STORMSPORTS

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Baseball season is here and striking fast

Jaclynn Gray, Staff Reporter

The baseball team plans to come out swinging as they begin their 2012 Season, with their new coach, Robert Lee, who has been the assistant coach for the Storm for seven years. With a schedule of tough teams ahead, the overall goal is to win it all.

“The team goal is to win it all; we need to link our wins together and take control in the post-sea-

son,” senior catcher Josh Riley said.

With a lot of new faces and new coaches, many things have seemed striking as why to pick SNU to play baseball.

“I came to SNU because I was given more opportunity with a stronger program. I fell in love with the program and the coaching staff, which translates into being my best college baseball experience I have had,” Riley said.

While there are familiar faces returning and new ones, the team plans to play like a team with consistency and a purpose.

It goes beyond personal goals, but it starts with each player having a drive and self-motivation.

“I want this program to mold me into a better player, which will get me to the next level.”

Riley said. “Personally I want to throw out every runner that tries to steal on me.”

Personal preparation will help this team reach its ultimate goal of winning it all.

“I have worked hard with the hitting coach, which has helped me with fine-tuning my swing as well as working hard with the defensive coach on my catching skills so I can be the best player possible,” Riley said.

With over 35 games to be played this season, motivation will be the driving force as the season keeps rolling.

“I strive to be the leader on the field; being a senior and catcher, it forces me to take control of the team in all aspects of the game,” Riley said. “I need to be a leader at all times so I can inspire and push those competing beside me.”

Bringing in a new coach has been a positive and hopeful change for the Storm Baseball Team.

“The new coaching staff has brought order, consistency, and determination to the program,” Riley said.

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Hernandez went 2-for-4 on the day with an RBI. Photo from Sports Information.

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Sat, Feb 11 @10 AM, 3:30PM vs. McPherson (Kan.)

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Feb 10-11, Javelina Softball Tournament @ Kingsville, Tex.

TRACK & FIELD
OC Invitational #2 @ Norman

Lady Storm beat Rogers State

Sports Information

BETHANY, Okla. — You're always told to get back up when you're knocked down and No. 15 Southern Nazarene did just that responding to Thursday's loss with a 63-51 win over Rogers State.

The Crimson Storm (17-7, 11-5 SAC) held Rogers State to less than 30 percent from the field and gave up just two 3-pointers the entire game. The Hillcats (16-8, 10-6) went 18-for-62 from the field and 2-for-11 from beyond the arc. It was the third time this season SNU has held an opponent under 30 percent.

Oumoul Thiam scored a game-high 20 points, going 6-for-9 from the field and 3-for-4 from 3-point range. The junior guard was also 5-for-6 from the free-throw line. Logan Martin added 16 points and eight rebounds while Abbey Marra matched her on the boards with eight and chipped in with 11 points.

The Storm fired 34.5 percent from the

field (20-for-58) and buried five of their nine attempts from 3-point range.

The Crimson Storm broke open the first half with 10-0 run capped by a Samantha O'Shields 3-pointer at the nine minute mark to lead 22-12. Rogers State cut it to 24-17 before SNU closed the half on a 13-5 run to take a 37-22 lead at the half.

SNU opened the half with a 7-2 run to lead 44-24, but Rogers State cut the lead to 50-41 with 7:04 left with a 17-6 run.

The Storm though answered right back with an 11-3 run to lead 61-44 with 2:18 left

and held off the Hillcats the rest of the way.



Oumoul Thiam notched her third 20-point game of the season. Photo from Sports Information.

The Crimson Storm now will get set to travel to Oklahoma Baptist, Thursday, for a 6 p.m. game.

Coming up short

Sports Information

BETHANY, Okla. — Southern Nazarene has been so close twice this season, but is still looking for its first win of the year after a 10-5, 3-2 doubleheader sweep at the hands of No. 24 Northwood (Texas.), Tuesday afternoon.

The Crimson Storm (0-3) gave up a big inning in the opener, but led 2-0 in the nightcap before giving up three runs in the third and then had the game shortened by lack of light.

Northwood struck first in the top of the first in the opener with a pair of runs and added another in the second to lead 3-0.

The Crimson Storm got on the board when Luis Hernandez singled up the middle to score Ryan McIntosh who ripped a one-out triple. The Knights added another in the top of the third, but the Storm answered with two in the bottom of the third. Jacob Inbody and McIntosh ripped back-to-back

singles to score Tyler De Trinidad and Nate Saquilon to make it 4-3.

The Knights though opened up the game with five in the top of the fourth to take a 9-3 lead. Northwood added another run in the top of the sixth, but the Storm answered with two in the bottom half of the inning. Riley Morrow scored the first run of the inning on a Northwood error before James Tunnel drove home Hernandez with a sacrifice fly to left to make it 10-5, but that was all the offense for SNU.

Hernandez and McIntosh both went 2-for-3 with an RBI and a run scored. Tim Cole (0-1) took the loss after giving up seven runs, four earned, on five hits. Roman Gomez (1-0) recorded the win for the Knights after throwing three innings of relief and allowing just two runs on two hits.

In the nightcap, Southern Nazarene jumped on board quickly with a pair of runs in the bottom

of the first when Ryan Williams doubled to left to score Tunnell before Nate Saquilon ripped a single through the right side to score Williams.

Zack Swart (0-1) had given up just one hit through the first two innings before the Knights erupted with four straight hits to score all three of its runs in the top if the third.

The Storm managed just one hit in the final three innings of play before the umpire crew decided there was not enough light to com-

plete the seven scheduled innings.

Swart gave up just three runs on five hits in five innings of work and struck out seven. Both Williams and Saquilon went 1-for-2 with an RBI.



Jake Bidelman thrusts another fastball. Photo from Sports Information.

Men's basketball: Cats survive Storm

Sports Information

BETHANY, Okla. — Ryan Aaron was just two points off a career-high with 30 for No. 15 Southern Nazarene in an 80-74 loss to No. 6 Rogers State.

The Crimson Storm (17-7, 10-6 SAC) dug a hole in the second half and nearly climbed out of it in the second half, but the Hillcats (18-4, 11-4 SAC) had just enough room to score the win.

Roger State led by as much as 18 in the first half after RSU went on a 15-2 run on a 3-minute span in the first half. The Hillcats led 38-20 before taking a 41-26 lead at the half. Rogers again had an 18-point lead

in the second half, but the Storm began to chip away little by little.

The Hillcats led 58-43 with 11:30 left to play when an Aaron Jones 3-pointer sparked an 8-2 run as SNU cut it to 60-51. Adrian Hunter then got to seven when he knocked down two RSU players to grab an offensive board and put back to make it 62-55 game. Jones then hit another trey with 4:48 left to make it 64-58 before RSU stopped the bleeding for a moment with five straight points to lead 69-58.

RSU led 72-61 when Jon West sparked a 9-3 run to make it 75-72 with 35 seconds left. Aaron also had a late layup with 23 seconds left to cut it to 77-74, but

that was as close as SNU came.

The loss marks the first time SNU has dropped back-to-back games.

Roger State shot 44.8 percent (26-for-58) from the field and were 42.1 percent (8-for-19) from 3-point range. SNU was held to 38.5 percent from the floor and 25 percent from beyond the arc.

The Storm turned the ball over just 13 times and gave up just eight points off of turnovers. SNU got 23 points off of 18 Rogers State turnovers. The Storm bench out-scored Rogers' 43-23.

Jones and West both finished with 13 points as West added six points and three assists. Daniel White also chipped in with 10 points and five rebounds.

Track and Field: Adding to the numbers



Jackie Stevens' previous best in the weight throw was 14.37 meters. Photo from Sports Information.

Sports Information

LUBBOCK, Texas — Southern Nazarene took a trip out west as it took on several NCAA Division I schools at the Texas Tech Open.

Jackie Stevens became the second person to qualify for the NAIA Indoor Track & Field National Championships after she hit the "B" standard mark in the weight throw. She took sixth with a toss of 15.04 meters, which also set the school record.

Kalicia Williams came up big again in the shot as she took third place with a toss of 12.69 meters.

Jamie Hope took eighth in the

high jump as she cleared 1.60 meters (5 feet-3 inches).

On the men's side, the 4x400-meter relay team was almost a full second under the qualifying time - it recorded a 3:20.96, taking 12th.

Gerrod Coney just missed qualifying again in the 200-meter dash as he ran a 22.61 to take 21st. Sterling Wright was also in the top half of the field running a 22.85 to take 29th.

Andrew Leahey took 13th in the one mile at 4:29.65 while Nigel Hampton took 14th in the 800-meter run with a time of 1:59.54.

Michael Piatt also cleared 4.43 meters (14 feet-6.25 inches) in pole vault as he tied for ninth.

Baseball season, continued

"With all of these being combined together, it makes the program very inspiring to play for and allows us to have the drive to win."

Preparing for the season happens all year long with hitting

practice, workouts, and many more levels to playing this game. Each team brings their own challenges to the Storm, but one team in particular sticks out the most.

"No doubt, OCU is the

team to beat," Riley said. "They are currently ranked number one and I am looking forward to dominating them in every series we have with them."

The Storm baseball schedule is available at snuathletics.com.



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Social unawareness

All city guitar concert with Robert Gibson in Cantrell

Patrick Bonham, Staff Reporter

Last Thursday night SNU hosted the first All City Guitar Concert in Cantrell Hall. Classical guitar players gathered together from the Oklahoma City Public School district consisting of U.S. Grant, Capitol Hill, and Classen School for Advanced Studies, along with world-renown classic guitarist Robert Gibson.

The concert began with Robert Gibson playing a piece by Augustin Barrios. This Latin piece was a great start for the evening as it set the mood for the audience to dive into the realm of classic guitar music. Gibson paused between musical selections to offer a short explanation and background of the music and composer before continuing with his performance.

After an hour, Gibson concluded his portion of the concert with three movements from Joaquin Rodrigo; I Fandango, II Passacaglia, and III Zapateado. Gibson was able to produce these pieces with the utmost grace and emotion. His playing style not only captivated me, it moved me as well.

After a short intermission and rearranging of the stage,

the OKC high school guitarists began the second half of the concert. The students from U.S. Grant played "Moonlight Sonata" by Beethoven followed by a piece called "Warriors" composed by Richard Wright.

With no previous experiences of high school guitar ensembles before U.S. Grant, it was amazing to see the level of musicianship from each student as they played through their selections.

Following U.S. Grant, Capitol Hill played their one selection, "O the Beautiful Treasures," arranged by Marsters and Scott Sunderman. Capitol Hill provided just as exciting of a performance as U.S. Grant had done before them. "O the Beautiful Treasures" is a piece about our heavenly treasures. The piece demands the listener to join in dance and sing along with the performance.

Classen School of Advanced Studies came third in the program. They performed a piece by Antonio Vivaldi called "Concerto in D major," featuring Dr. Robert Gibson as the soloist. This selection was my favorite out of the three high schools, but I am biased towards any Vivaldi piece.

I absolutely enjoyed Dr. Gibson's perception of the solo throughout the piece as well.

After Classen SAS finished their selection, all three high schools combined to perform two pieces. Under the direction of Dr. Matthew Hinsley, the combined ensemble performed "Palladio" by Karl Jenkins first, followed by "Asturias" composed by Isaac Albeniz. I had never heard the first selection in live performance, so it was nice to experience something new in the music world.

The second piece was what I had been waiting for throughout the whole concert. Listening to over a hundred classical guitarists play "Asturias" was amazing. I left the concert highly pleased and satisfied mainly due to their performance of that song.

This concert was the first ever combined ensemble concert in Oklahoma City. It was an honor for Southern Nazarene University to have the chance to host the first combined concert. The great thing is that as a student of SNU, the admission is free. Hopefully next year you will have the opportunity to experience the relaxing sounds of classic guitar music.

Local Events

2/11/12 Local Honey - Live Music
Full Circle Bookstore
7:30 p.m. 9:30 p.m.

2/12/12 FREE Admission Day
OKC Zoo
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

2/14/12 OKC Thunder vs. Utah Jazz
Chesapeake Energy Area
7:00 p.m.

2/15-16/12 Mamma Mia
Civic center Music Hall
7:30 p.m.

2/16/12 Get Motivated!
Business Seminar
Chesapeake Energy Area
8:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

SNU Events

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Heartpal

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Men and Women's Basketball vs. St. Gregory's

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Chapel: Jason Hubbert

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Kingdom Come
Men's and Women's Basketball @ Northwestern

Movie review: "Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close"

Jake O'Bannon, Staff Reporter

Some of you might hate me. You might hate me because this is a tough subject. I put myself in an uncomfortable situation by deciding to review a film centered around 9/11. Let's start with some fun facts about me and film. Here are some of the characteristics of film that I like: movies that are critically acclaimed, movies with good acting, movies that take on tough subjects, and movies that bring out emotion in me (crying optional, sometimes preferred).

Now, let me describe to you what I saw after watching the trailer for *Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close* last week: this movie is nominated for Best Picture at the Oscars, this movie has Tom Hanks and Sandra Bullock in it, this movie is taking on the subject of 9/11, and that trailer just brought a tear to my eye. Needless to say, my expectations were unbelievably high going into this movie. Here comes the part where some of you might hate me.

"Extremely Loud and Incred-

ibly Close" is a disrespectful movie. It is disrespectful to America, it is disrespectful to film, and it is especially disrespectful to those involved in the events of 9/11. Listen, I enjoyed certain parts of this film, but for the most part I was a bit offended. I was offended because the makers of this film tried to manufacture emotion by making up a story from a very real, devastating event. I realize that this movie was based off a novel. And there is nothing wrong with paying respect to such an overwhelming tragedy like 9/11. But it was the way it was done that offended me.

I understand what the filmmakers were trying to do. They worked hard to portray what this tragedy did to individuals involved both directly and indirectly. But it just was not sincere enough. I don't feel like those involved in the actual events of 9/11 were truly respected and memorialized through this film. Instead, I felt like the intent was to generate tears by taking on a subject that would undoubtedly make the audience emotional. Unfortunately, my emotion was

more offended than it was moved.

Hear me out, if you liked this movie I completely understand. There were some very touching moments in this film. The child actor that played the main character, Oskar, was phenomenal. Even more impressive is that this was his first acting role. I was amazed by his performance. There is an extremely touching moment between Oskar and his mother (Bullock) toward the end of the movie. This scene was the closest I was to crying, and if you read my review last week, I can be quite the crier.

I wish I could say that I appreciated the relationship between Oskar and "The Renter," but it just didn't play out as I wished it would. But here is some good I found in the film: the entire story is based on the young boy finding a lock to the key he found in a vase in his deceased father's closet. Spoiler alert – the outcome of the key story is a disappointment for the child. But what the audience realizes is that the journey is what it was all about. In his search for the lock, Oskar meets hundreds of people all over New York City, and all of these people worked to bring some kind of joy to the boy after hearing about his father. This tells us one thing: enjoy the journey. The end result might not be what we expect, so the best we can do is to enjoy the journey. The outcome of this movie wasn't what I wanted, but if I watched it again, I'd remind myself to enjoy the journey.

If you disagreed with me about this review, please let me know. I don't normally write negative reviews on films, so I would love to hear your responses if you felt like I was insincere, especially when writing about such a touchy subject. My e-mail is jakobann@mail.snu.edu, feel free to shoot me an e-mail anytime.



FINE ARTS
Linnea Wood
San Diego, CA

Interests & Hobbies:

Eating bacon and riding horses. Ideally at the same time.

Most Prized Possession:

My Bible. It's crazy old and worn out but has a lot of memories.

Three Words that Best Describe Me:

Amazing, talented, and (obviously) humble.

Biggest Fear:

SNU telling me last minute that I can't graduate.

As A Child, I Dreamed of Being:

A horse, but when I realized that wasn't a possibility, I settled for a beast instead.

I Would Like to Have Witnessed:

Dr. Gresham's reaction to reading some of this.

Pet Peeve:

Schools that overcharge for education.

A Talent You Possess:

Crushing a soda can between my shoulder blades while doing push ups. Am I joking? Maybe. I'll let you be the judge.

Best Memory:

Taking our miniature horse, Eeyore, on campus. You really don't want to know where we took him.

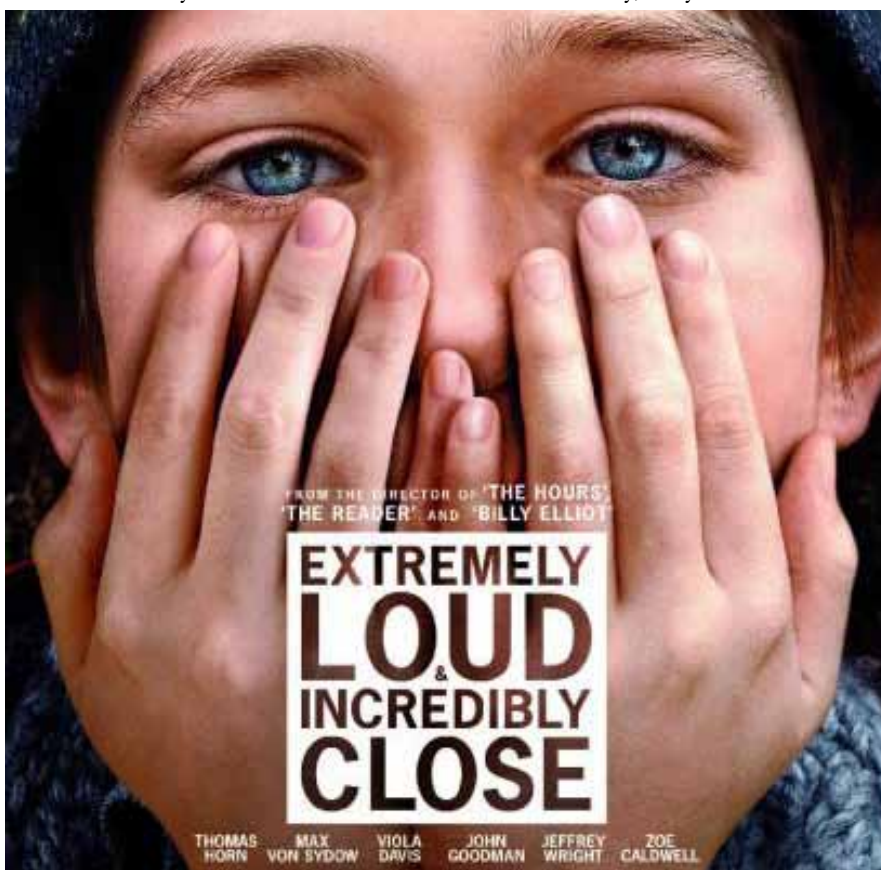


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Study abroad program flourishes as students travel the world



The view of the Capitol from the Jefferson Building of the Library of Congress. Photo by Brad Crofford.

Ben Smith, Staff Reporter

Study abroad is a opportunity SNU offers to study outside of the confines of the Oklahoma state boundary. From Los Angeles to India, there are many places that students can travel to study with this program. Opportunities like study abroad offer students a different educational experience. Beth Gray is one such student, who is studying at Oxford in the UK.

“The British education system is completely different than the American education system. Most

of your homework is research oriented, which is great preparation for graduate school. When you write your weekly papers, you have to argue a point. I’ve had to become more confident in the way that I think, more clear in the way I write, and more poised in the way I debate my case,” Gray said.

Bree Parker, a junior who is studying in Costa Rica said, “I have learned just how destructive simple things like driving your car to work can be to the planet. As soon as I get back to the States, I want to be as eco-friendly as I possibly can be

to save places like the rainforests of Costa Rica; the most beautiful places I have ever seen in my life.”

Brad Crofford, a junior studying in Washington D.C, said, “This program has us thinking about the paradox of a city that is home to both significant power and devastating poverty. This is a question I have had to grapple with as I navigate between sidewalks where people ask for money and the walks of power. It’s a tough thing to think about.”

Not only do these places provide a different environment to

further education, they also provide new cultural experiences.

“I have also come to appreciate the lives of people who come from a very different demographic than myself, not only here in Costa Rica, but with the students here from all regions of the U.S. Studying abroad. Despite its difficult moments, is definitely worth the experience,” Amy Sattler said.

Sattler is a sophomore who is studying in Costa Rica through the Quetzal Education Research Center, also known as QERC.

Junior Dena Beals, who is studying in Ecuador through the NILI program, said, “I have really loved the culture, and the people I get to spend my days with, although trying to learn an entire language in just a few short months has been a little tedious!”

Dr. Don Dunnington, who oversees the study abroad opportunities, said in regards to financial aide, “SNU students accepted to most of our approved programs can use all of their financial aid for that semester (except any performance based scholarships) for the off-campus study program.” This list of places to study abroad include, India, Washington D.C., Oxford, Ecuador, Costa Rica, Middle East, Latin America, China, L.A. Film studies, Uganda, and others.

Applications to study abroad for the Fall Semester are due no later than April 1. The website, snu.edu/study-abroad can provide more specific information.

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