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College seeks to help students prepare with Career Services

Brian McNatt, Staff Reporter

College students studying hard for that dream job now have another way to prepare by utilizing Southern Nazarene University's career services.

A series of career services sponsored events are sprinkled throughout the semester. These events are designed to provide students the opportunity to gain knowledge while practicing the skills necessary to be successful in the professional world, all within a friendly yet realistic environment. Workshops, seminars, mock interviews, and fairs provide whatever information attendants may need to find and acquire the jobs they seek. Life after college is the name of the game.

Southern Nazarene University's career services office has been assisting students for well over ten years. The office maintains two websites, HireSNUgrads.com and HireSNUstudents.com, which offer job search databases, resume builders, and many other career planning aids.

Each year, multiple departments request that the director of career services speak to their students regarding resume writing, interviews and the hidden secrets of the job market. This year, events are being held in the AM Hills classroom, the Heritage Room and classrooms in the Royce Brown business building. Despite the clear advantages presented, attendance to career services sponsored events in the last several years has been less than satisfactory.

"It's a great resource that's not fully utilized" says Chris Peterson, Director of Career Ser-

vices & Student Employment here at SNU, in regards to attendance. Mr. Peterson has worked on the career services program for the past several years and knows the situation better than many. Whether the situation is apt to change is something to be seen.

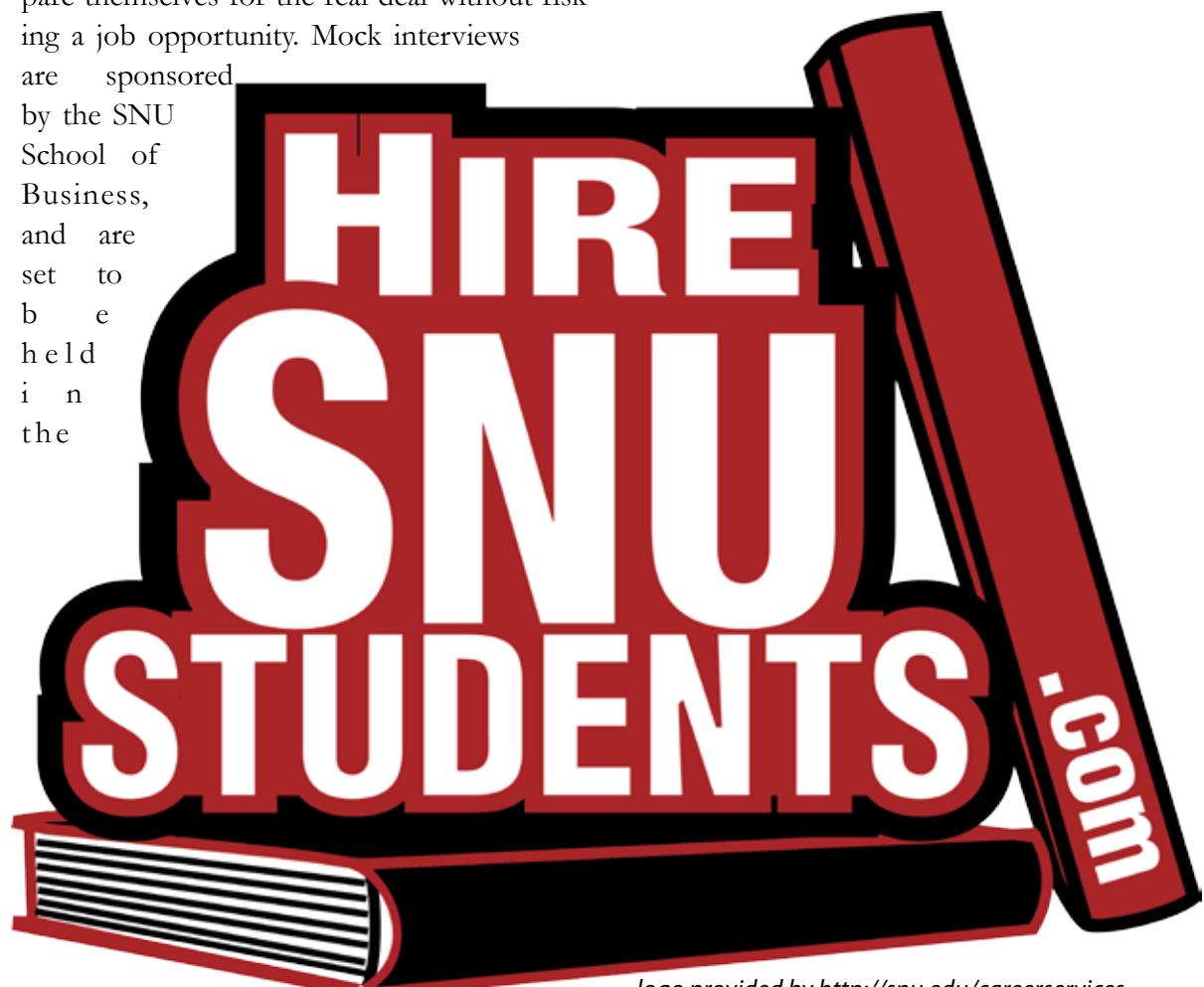
The next career service event to take place will be mock interviews on Feb. 25th.

These mock interviews will simulate the quality and tone of a real interview, allowing participants to prepare themselves for the real deal without risking a job opportunity. Mock interviews are sponsored by the SNU School of Business, and are set to be held in the

Royce Brown classrooms.

After the interviews, events for the remainder of the spring semester include the Greater Grads Career Fair on March 2nd at the Cox Convention Center and the SNU Career and Internship Fair on April 18th, to be held on campus in the SNU Webster Commons. The date for Internship Fair may be subject to change.

The goal of education has traditionally been for the betterment of students and the purpose of providing them with positive futures. These career services proudly continue that role.



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NEWS BRIEFS



INTERFERENCE FEARED IN PHILADELPHIA PAPERS

Last week, Gregory J. Osberg, chief executive and publisher of the Philadelphia Media Network, which publishes The Inquirer, The Daily News and Philly.com, summoned the news organization's three most senior editors to his office. Over three hours, he told them he would be overseeing all articles related to the newspapers' impending sale.

nytimes.com
Jessica Kourkounis
for New York Times



FRANCE'S NICOLAS SARKOZY MAKES HIS REELECTION BID OFFICIAL

After weeks of what the French press branded "false suspense," President Nicolas Sarkozy on Wednesday night finally announced what everyone expected: He will seek a second term in office. The first balloting in France's two-round presidential election is scheduled April 22. The runoff comes in May.

latimes.com

Kim Willsher for the Los Angeles Times



TCU DRUG BUST INCLUDES 4 FOOTBALL PLAYERS

Authorities arrested 17 students at Texas Christian University on Wednesday as part of a six-month drug sting, an especially embarrassing blow to the school because it included four members of the high-profile football team.

abcnews.go.com

Normaan Marchant for the Associated Press

Friends of the Metropolitan Library System Book Sale

Hannah Marchant,
Opinions Editor

A crowded warehouse filled with volunteers and used books, magazines, and tapes can be found in the Oklahoma Expo Hall at the Oklahoma State Fairgrounds from Friday, February 24 through Sunday, February 26, for the Friends of the Metropolitan Library System's Annual Book Sale.

This is the nonprofit's 32nd book sale, the first one being in 1981. The website claims it hosts one of the largest books sales in the nation, with most of the 600,000 and more books selling for one dollar or less over the course of the weekend.

"Membership fees include tickets for the pre-sale event and can cost six dollars for two tickets."

Doors open for the pre-sale event at 5:30 PM on Friday night to those willing to buy a membership online. Membership fees include tickets for the pre-sale event and can cost as low as six dollars for two tickets.

The Friends of the Metropolitan Library System began in August 1978 as a non-profit organization, committed to enhancing the library system and maintaining its service to Oklahoma County.

Their website reads, "The Friends provide valuable community support and public relations for the library system. In the past, they have assisted the library in winning approval of a county ad valorem millage levy and with funding programs and projects for the library and staff."

Bringing in over \$100,000 since

1997, the book sale is the organization's largest project and fundraiser. Last year it brought in \$155,242, bringing the total close to 4 million dollars since the book sale's first year. About 3 million dollars

each year."

The books and other merchandise come from donations, small and large. While small donations can be dropped off at a nearby library, large donations that come in the form of a truckload must be taken to the sort site facility, where volunteers, the backbone of the whole project, work to sort through the donations.

Without the volunteers for this massive event, there would be no sale. Some volunteer every week sorting, while others only work a single shift during the weekend of the book sale. Any volunteers who work a minimum of eight hours are invited to a pre-pre-sale for volunteers only.



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Dr. Andy Johnson to present at annual Rothwell Lectures

Ben Smith, Staff Reporter

The Rothwell lectures are a set of lectures that SNU offers once every year. The lectures will be taking place Tuesday, Feb. 21 through Thursday, Feb. 23. They will be held in Cantrell Auditorium at 11:45 on Tuesday, 11:00 on Wednesday, and 9:25 on Thursday. The message of this set of lectures is "Holiness and the Messio Dei, the Mission of God."

sion of God." They will be presented by Dr. Andy Johnson, who is the professor of New Testament at Nazarene Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Missouri.

These lectures are a continuation of the earlier Ripper-Rothwell Lectures, which originated in 1965, in hopes to provide Christians scholars who would present relevant facts on theology and religion. Speakers of the past have included Timothy

Green, Dan Boone, Scott Daniels, Steve McCormic, Mike Lodahl, Susie Stanley, Thomas Oord, Tim Crutcher on our own faculty, Steven Greene, Thomas Noble and George Lyons.

Hal Cauthron, Department Chair of Theology and Ministry, said, "The lectures are desig-

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nated to be on some dimension of the proclamation of the teaching of the life concerning the biblical call to holiness. So we tend to call them the Rothwell Holiness Lectures. That's the overarching theme but it's been approached from a variety of perspectives, by specialists in Bible, specialists in theology, specialists in Church History, people who are more pastoral in their orientation, Old Testament, New Testament and so on and so on."

Cauthron says, "In keeping with the teaching of the ministry of Dr. Rothwell the lectures seek to present the best academic scholarship and integration with the highest expectation in Christian Living."

The Lectures are not required for Theology/Ministry majors, yet they are highly encouraged to attend and they are open to the public.

Dr. Mel-Thomas Rothwell's son, Dr. Paul Rothwell and his wife fund the Rothwell lectures. Dr. Mel-Thomas Rothwell earned his doctorate from Boston University in the area of Philosophy. After graduation, he took a job at Eastern Nazarene University and then moved to Bethany Nazarene College in 1959 and taught here until 1977. His son is a long time medical doctor who resides in Bethany.



The Echo congratulates junior Hillary Johnson on being chosen as the 2012 Southern Nazarene University Heartpal Queen. Johnson was coronated at the annual Heartpal Banquet February 10 at the Oklahoma City Museum of Art. [photo provided by Kyle Pierce]



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OPINIONS

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Give up that extra three hours and help the poor

Staff editorial

Recently, attention has been drawn to a Southern Nazarene University student who was attacked on a Saturday night while taking food to a community of homeless people at Lake Overhulser. This young man, a sophomore, is part of a group of students who go out twice weekly and minister to the homeless in the areas surrounding SNU.

While the public television and newspaper coverage of the attack was angled from the view that it is great that students are doing something other than drinking and partying on Friday nights, there is more to this story, and to the story of volunteers in general, than the activity-to-replace-partying.

The real story here is that the hearts of these students were, and fortunately still are, open to others, what Jesus would have called “even the least of these.” They are not self-focused, living their lives for themselves; they are focused on loving and helping others. They sacrifice their weekends and weekday afternoons to help those who have less than they do.

There is a lot of activity on the spectrum that has “drinking and partying” on one end and “giving to the poor” on the other. Even

harmless, wholesome and SNU-approved activities like game nights, going out to dinner, and watching movies are “better” than drinking and partying. But are they better than devoting our time, money, and energy to helping others? Arguably, no, they are not.

A campaign began this year called “Two-

Rather than sitting through a mind-numbing flick stuffing our faces with popcorn, we could have the fulfilling experience of helping out our fellow human beings, leaving with full hearts instead of overfull stomachs.

Buck Tuesdays,” wherein on Tuesday chapels students are encouraged to donate two dollars or more to the fund that will be used to supply AIDS testing kits to people in Africa. Brad Strawn mentions giving up that

“daily Starbucks” drink or Taco Bell run in exchange for helping those less fortunate.

Brad Strawn is on the right track. What if we were all like the student who was attacked earlier this month? What if we spent our money not on “self-expression” through our wardrobes, cars, or phones, and not on entertainment through buying ourselves a lunch out with friends or a movie ticket, but on the poor instead? What if we took just half of the spending money we enjoy and donated it to the poor?

If we gave up half of what we do not need,

the community would be changed, as would our hearts. Rather than sitting through a mind-numbing flick stuffing our faces with popcorn, we could have the fulfilling experience of helping out our fellow human beings, leaving with full hearts instead of overfull stomachs.

Some might argue that at this stage in life, we are poor college students; we cannot afford tuition and the necessities, much less to give to others. This may be true for some of us, but for others of us, this is definitely untrue, and we know it. We drive nice cars, wear nice clothes, buy ourselves nice meals, and can generally spend money whenever we want to. For those of us who fit the bill, there is no excuse for not donating a portion of our money to helping our fellow humans.

For those of us who truly do not have extra money to spend, and who are strapped for cash as it is, there is still plenty of volunteer work we can do. For instance, if we give up that weekly 10 hours of watching television, we can instead spend that time accompanying men and women like the ones who ventured out to Lake Overhulser. We may not be able to buy pizza or drinks to give out, but we can be the man (woman)power driving these efforts.

The basic point is, we all have something to share - a ten-dollar bill, a few hours of our afternoon, or even half a Sodexo peanut butter and jelly sandwich. Try it this week.

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Cameron finds solution to the U.S.'s problems; a fix or flaw?

Hannah Marchant, Opinions Editor

Fathom Events is bringing a brand new feature to your theaters for one day only. "Monumental," the newest film from Kirk Cameron (you might recognize him from *Growing Pains*—remember Mike Ceaver?) is Cameron's journey into history to rediscover how our founding fathers made this country so great.

On Cameron's website, he wrote, "Our country has changed so much since my days of fighting with Carol and Ben. America has always been known as "the land of the free" and "the home of the brave." It's the richest, freest nation the world has ever seen. Everyone wants to live here. But as I look around, I'm left with a sinking feeling that America is losing her way. Big time. The soul of our country is sick, and history shows me we are headed for disaster if we don't change course now."

"I turn on the news looking for answers, but all I hear is noise. Everyone is pointing their finger at the Left or the Right when, frankly, neither side seems to get it. Time is flying by too quickly for petty arguments. My children's future won't wait. I've got to do something now."

"Here's my hunch: Could it be that we have simply forgotten what made us such a great nation in the first place?"

For some reason, I feel Kirk and I have the same sense of urgency, both from a moral standpoint, but with completely different plans to combat this "problem".

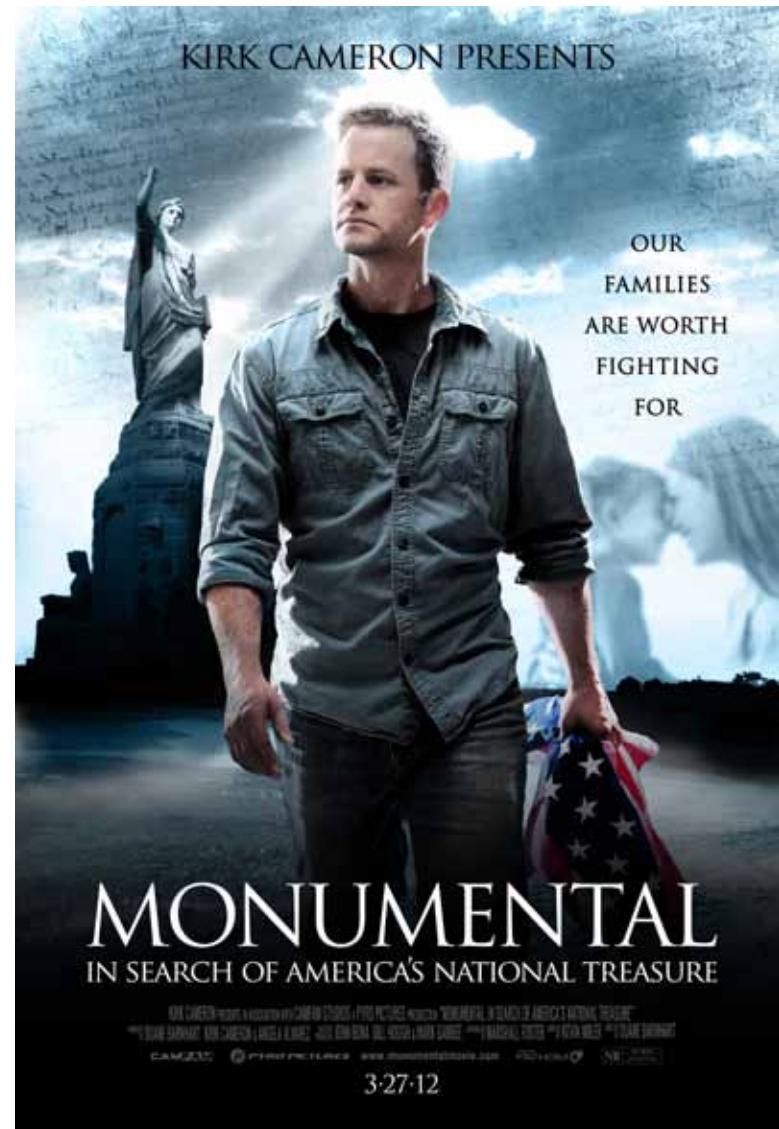
First off, what does he see as the problem? From the information gathered from his blog and

trailer (the movie will premiere March 27), Cameron's fears for his family are based on the way our country has fallen away from its founding principles and former greatness. Based off of his appearances on Fox News and his performances in the "Left Behind" series and "Fireproof," my guess is the fears he has for his family are based on the failing economy, wayward politics, and the moral decline of the country.

Is the answer to our problems to go back? If you have been paying attention to trends in the Church, we have seen a movement of those who have become disenchanted, looking back to the early Church and trying to apply their practices to renew our contemporary ways of worship. While it's important to take into account the 2,000 years of tradition we have from the Church, this has mainly been a positive movement of genuine Christ-following.

Renewing past systems and principles, in the case of the Church, can revive faith. In the case of the U.S., I am not so sure. A major problem of the Church in the U.S. is the way God's power and faithfulness is equated to the success of our country; since our founding fathers used and incorporated religious language into the first documents and landmarks, we must have a claim on God's blessings.

The constitution, however, is not God's Word (infallible, inerrant, or whatever you claim it to be). The wisdom literature of the founding fathers should not be equated to the Ten Commandments. Our founding fathers did not create a perfect nation that would never fail. What example of any form of government have we seen in history has



Movie poster from press kit available at kirkcameron.com.

taught us invincibility?

The idealization of the founding documents and the founding fathers has blinded us from seeing certain truths. Most of the founding fathers were deists (in evangelical and most Christian circle terms, not Christian) and our country was founded on free labor in the form of a race-based slavery, not ideals of equality.

Why are there those that insist that going back to our roots will send us in the right direction? The principles of freedom for all and equal rights are core values I am willing to fight for, even though they did not exist at the founding of this country (and still do not reach every citizen as of now). I am not saying we should throw every-

thing else out. If we are going to look back, let us look through the eyes of history and see how the Declaration of Independence was written in response to events and actions of the colonizing nation. They analyzed, adapted, and overcame. They took a form of government that was not working and adapted it and implemented new systems. Instead of shaking our fist as the ship takes on water, could we adapt and try and steer it towards the shore?

Correction

In the February 10th issue, the "Anonymous tweets" column on page 6 read the wrong byline.

The article was written by Hannah Marchant.

STORMSPORTS

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Softball team ready to do what it takes to get to Nationals

Jaclynn Gray, Staff Reporter

Crimson Storm softball team opened their 2012 season February 10th at the Javelina Softball Tournament at Texas A&M Kingsville.

While there are returning faces, there are also new ones that have chosen to have their college softball journey at SNU.

"I came to SNU to play softball initially because this is where my sister was, but now I enjoy being here and it's worth all the time and effort" returning senior catcher Kara Crawford said.

Any athlete knows that personal goals give that extra push and make the light at the end of the tunnel seem possible.

"My goal is to not have any regrets, and just leave it all on the field," Crawford said.

Numerous hours and mental and physical preparation have been done to get ready for the 36 games the team has to play.

"I have put in a lot of extra work, running, and hitting," Crawford said.

Getting a second wind half way through a season is much needed; having teammates that are supportive make it easier.

"We all motivate each other by being loud and yelling, and just being there anytime for each other," Crawford said.

"My goal is to not have any regrets, and just leave it all on the field"

The softball team has one goal in mind, and that is to have no regrets and to make it to nationals.

"Win! Win! Win!" Crawford said. "We want to go to nationals" this is the last year for many of the girls get to the national tour-



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

nament since the switch over to Division II."

Of course every team the girls will face will have their own challenges, but one team seems to always stand out every season.

"We definitely want to beat OCU," Crawford said. "They are tough competition; we have only beat them once in school history, and that was last year."

Returning back to the field in 2012 from the best season the Softball team has ever had in school history plans to raise the bar higher and take care of business.

For more information on the Softball Team, visit www.snuathletics.com.

SCORE BOARD

Baseball

Peru State (Neb)	L 4-8
Northwood (Tex)	L 1-10
	W 6-5

Men's Basketball

Oklahoma Baptist	L 58-63
Saint Gregory's	W 69-67

Women's Basketball

Oklahoma Baptist	W 69-45
Saint Gregory's	W 79-61

Softball

Javelina Softball Tournament	
Texas A&M	W 2-1
Southeastern OK State	L 0-5
Midwestern State	L 3-4
Texas A&M Kingsville	W 6-5
Tarleton State	L 1-9

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ON DECK

BASEBALL

Sat, Feb 18th @ 12pm vs.
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Tues, Feb 21st @ 1pm @
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vs. Oklahoma Christian

SOFTBALL
Sat, Feb 18th @ 12pm vs.
Bethany (Kan)

Tues, Feb 21st @ 1pm vs
Oklahoma City

TRACK & FIELD
Husker Tune Up (neb.)

Storm baseball scores first win

Sports Information

CEDAR HILL, Texas — Southern Nazarene can finally take a deep breath and hopefully can get on the right side of a streak after the Crimson Storm scored its first win of the year with a 6-5 win over No. 24 Northwood.

SNU (1-5) held on for dear life and faced the winning run in scoring position in the bottom of the seventh, but got behind the staff of John Basnight and the final out by Nate Saquilon to record the win. Basnight (1-0) went all but one out away from a complete game, going six and two-thirds innings and allowed just three earned runs on six hits. He also struck out seven.

SNU struck first in the nightcap when Saquilon drilled a two-out double down the right field line to score Ryan Williams. The Knights took the lead in the bottom of the second, at 2-1, taking advantage of a pair of Storm er-

rors. Southern Nazarene responded though in the top half of the third when Saquilon drew a bases-loaded walk to tie it at 2-2 before Ryan McIntosh singled to center to score James Tunnell and Williams.

The Knights cut it to 4-3 with a run in the third, but SNU drove two more runs across in the top of the fifth on a Josh Riley single down the left field line to score Williams and Jacob Inbody. Northwood added one in the fifth to make it 6-4 before heading into an intense seventh inning.

The Knights recorded two straight singles with one out before Basnight recorded a strikeout for the second out of the inning. Cutter Forman then drew a walk to load the bases before Saquilon took the hill. Saquilon walked the first batter he faced to put the tying run just 90 feet away and the game-winning run on second, but the junior transfer worked himself out of the jam and into his first save of the season.

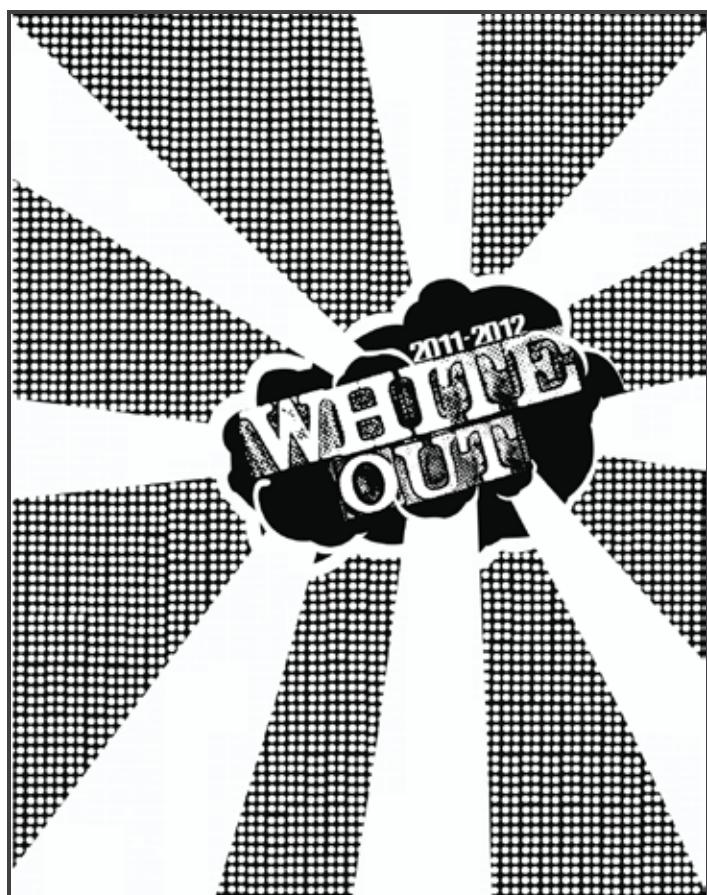
Tunnell went 2-for-4 with a run scored while both Saquilon and McIntosh drove in a pair of runs. Saquilon went 1-for-3 at the dish while McIntosh went 1-for-4. Riley also went 1-for-4 with a pair of RBIs while Inbody went 1-for-2 with a run scored.

In the opener, the Storm gave way to a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first, but answered in the top half of the second on a two-out single to right field by Riley that tied the game at 1-1. That was only run SNU scored in the first game. The Knights scored four in the third, one each in the fourth and fifth innings and closed it out with three in the sixth to make it 10-1.



Nate Saquilon leads the team in RBIs so far this season.
Photo from Sports Information.

Riley went 2-for-3 with an RBI while Tunnell went 2-for-4. Tim Cole (0-2) took the loss, allowing five runs on seven hits in two and one-thirds inning of work.



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Close call with the Cavs

Sports Information

BETHANY, Okla. — He may not be the flashiest player on the floor, but Horace McGloster saved No. 23 Southern Nazarene from what would have been a devastating loss. Instead the senior forward scored 14 of his 16 points in the second half, and had seven of those in the final 3:33, to lift SNU to a 69-67 win over Saint Gregory's.

McGloster had just two points in the first half and was 0-for-3 from the field, but went 6-for-9 in the second half including a pair of 3-pointers. One of those treys came at the 3:33 mark in the second half. The Cavaliers had just taken their first lead of the game

at 57-56 with 4:42 to play and pushed it to 59-56 when McGloster kissed a trey off the front of the rim to knot the contest at 59.

Then after he grabbed a defensive board on the other end, he got a feed from Daniel White, who had just grabbed an offensive rebound, and gave the lead back to SNU at 61-59 with 2:35 left to play. SGU's Fayzon Richey, who was blanketed all night by the SNU defense, was fouled on a 3-point attempt and hit all three free throws to give the lead back to the Cavs.

Ryan Aaron, who scored a game-high 19 points, threw down a monstrous dunk to regain the lead for SNU and then McGloster gave the Storm a 65-62 lead with

1:17 left with another jumper. The Storm then hit just enough free throws down the stretch for the win.

The win snapped a three-game skid for the Crimson Storm and avenged an earlier loss at SGU. Aaron went 7-for-9 from the field and 5-for-6 at the charity stripe. He also added eight rebounds. McGloster had five boards to go with two steals and a block. White also added nine points, four rebounds and four assists.

SNU shot 42.3 percent from the field and were 20-for-25 (80.0 percent) from the charity stripe. The Storm made the most of all 13 SGU turnovers, scoring 17 points off of those miscues.



MEN'S GOLF
Sam Russell

East Sussex, England
Sophomore

Best advice your parents have given you:
Go and follow my dreams!

Prized possession:
My golf clubs

Word that best describes you:
Competitive

As a child, you dreamed of being:
A professional football (soccer) player

Non-athletic talent:
Sleeping

Three famous dead people you would invite to dinner:
Winston Churchill, Michael Jackson, grandad

Biggest fear:
Not following my dreams!

Pet peeve:
Nails down a chalkboard



Jamie Hope qualified for her first NAIA Indoor Track and Field National Championship. Photo from Sports Information.

throw with a toss of 13.16 meters and placed ninth in the shot at 12.80 meters.

On the women's side, Jackie Stevens just missed qualifying for her second event with a 12.52-meter throw in the shot put to take fifth. She also took second in the weight throw with a 14.43-meter toss.

Chesney Burgweger took eighth in the 800-meter run at 2:29.80. Aubrey Burroughs tied for fourth in the pole vault as she cleared 2.98 meters (9-feet 9.25-inches).

The Storm will now split squads, Saturday, sending its field athletes back to Norman for the Sooner Invitational while the track athletes will head to Lincoln, Neb., for the Husker Tune-Up.

Track and Field:

Sports Information

NORMAN, Okla. — Southern Nazarene hit the jackpot this weekend qualifying a slew of athletes for the NAIA Indoor Track & Field National Championship.

Three newcomers solidified their trips to Geneva, Ohio.

Gerrod Coney was the first to qualify on the day when he ran a 49.56 in the 400-meter dash to take second. Travis Boyd will also be heading to indoor national after he notched a 15.52-meter throw in the shot put to take second. Jamie Hope rounded out the qualifiers as she cleared 1.62 meters (5-feet 3.75 inches) in the high jump to take third.

On the men's side, Andrew Leahey and Nigel Hampton were just short of qualifying in the 1,000 meters as Leahey took second with a time of 2:34.49 and Nigel Hampton was fourth at 2:35.55.

Chad Mathis took 10th in the 200-meter dash at 23.90. Dewayne Powell took eighth in the weight

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Student form bands as an outlet of self expression

Baker Pitts, Staff Reporter

Music is one of those things that nearly everyone enjoys and can relate to in some way, shape or form. It comes as no surprise that many students here at Southern Nazarene University choose to express themselves through the creation of their own music and lyrics.

SNU places quite a bit of emphasis on the importance of music and the arts, as evidenced by the large and successful music department that many students are apart of. But while SNU provides the musically gifted with ample opportunities to grow and showcase their skills, some decide to venture out and form their own bands. Connor Schultze and Nathan Holliday are two shining examples of students making music their way.

Nathan Holliday is a junior music business major who is both the namesake and front man for

'Nathan Holliday'. Nathan has a full band backing him up when he records and performs shows. At this time his band is composed of himself on vocals and guitar, Tim Davidson on electric guitar, John McCall on bass, Jordan Huckabaa on drums, and David Wellman on keys.

"I view my band as a type of business, and a business is always looking for ways to grow and develop. In that sense, I would like to see us go somewhere big. However, that isn't the main focus. I think when you aim for fame you often lose sight of the reason why you do what you do, and I don't want that to happen. It would be awesome to be doing 'big' things, but I think the 'small' things are what make music and life so special," Nathan said. Nathan Holliday has a new album dropping this fall entitled 'Out of the Darkness,' it will be available on iTunes

along with his previous albums.

While Nathan Holliday is a few people over being a one-man band, Connor Schultze is at the limit with his band RL+KL. Connor is a freshman graphic design major who uses his guitar to produce a sound with no genre-specific definition. Schultze said that the music he writes is reflective of how he feels whenever he sits down to write, and, as such, the way it sounds can change drastically with his moods.

Connor says that his favorite part of playing shows is when, "People I don't know come up and tell me that they enjoyed it. I make music that isn't necessarily a 'fun to watch' performance, so it means that the person really enjoyed the music, not just the energy level of the set."

RL+KL has an album available for download on Connor's website: rlpluskl.bandcamp.com.

Get Involved @ SNU

Similar to Fields of Faith, which takes place every Fall semester, Courts of Praise is a time for all athletes to come together in a time of worship and fellowship. This year, however, it is open to all students who would like to come. Everyone is encouraged to join in Sawyer on Wednesday, February 22nd.

Local Events

2/19/12 Music Olympics Winners Concert
Oklahoma City University
3:00 p.m.

2/20/12 FREE Admission Day
OKC Zoo
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

2/21/12 OKC Thunder vs. Boston Celtics
Chesapeake Energy Area
6:00 p.m.

2/22/12 Photographs by Carl Short Jr.
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Chesapeake Energy Area
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Jake's movie review: Oscar predictions part one

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I've mentioned before that I get totally geeked out when it comes to awards season. And the pinnacle of my "geeked out-ness" is the Academy Awards. In case you have yet to check your Oscars countdown tracker today, the majestic event is only nine days away.

Can you feel the buzz? Do you sense the excitement? Are you unable to sleep at night, knowing that in nine short days Billy Crystal is going to take the stage once again? If so, you are a strange bird and you spend too much time watching movies. Go out and do something for a change.

I'm kidding of course. But, as a movie buff, I truly am excited for the Academy Awards. As way to properly prepare us for the event, I thought it would be fun to write a two-week special on my picks for the Oscars. So, ladies and gentlemen, welcome to Jake's Oscar Picks 2012: Part I (I made it a two part series so I could make more money, i.e. "Harry Potter" and "Twilight").

This week I'll focus on Directing, Actress in a Supporting Role, and Actor in a Supporting Role. Let the predictions begin!

Directing:

- The Artist – Michel Hazanavicius

- The Descendants – Alexander Payne
- Hugo – Martin Scorsese
- Midnight in Paris – Woody Allen
- The Tree of Life – Terrence Malick

As usual, all 5 films nominated for Directing were also nominated for Best Picture. So it's obvious that these are all great films. But the Directing award is different in that it is not just about how good the movie is overall, but also about how smart the film is.

Do you know what I mean? For a film to win Best Directing I think you have to watch it and have thoughts like, "Wow, what a perfectly placed scene," or "Holy cow, that was unexpected."

Keeping that in mind, I want "The Tree of Life" to win this award. The whole time I was watching that film I was wondering how in the world someone could think of something so mysterious and beautiful. That is what is necessary to win this award. But, unfortunately, my true pick has to go to "Hugo," because people just love Scorsese. Sorry Mr. Malick, you deserve this one.

Actress In a Supporting Role:

- Berenice Bejo – The Artist
- Jessica Chastain – The Help
- Melissa McCarthy – Bridesmaids
- Janet McTeer – Albert Nobbs
- Octavia Spencer – The Help

"The Help" has been getting a lot a buzz this year. People love the movie, and I can fully understand why. But when I first saw it, my thoughts were, "Well that was a good movie. Won't win any awards or anything, but it was good!" Boy was I wrong on that. Not only is "The Help" nominated in this category, but also the film has TWO nominees.

To be honest though, this category really is a two-woman race. That race is between the silent star Bernice Bejo and the strong-willed maid Octavia Spencer. I am having trouble picking this category, as they both were great. But I lean toward the belief that Bejo is going to be the winner of this one. I cannot get over how stunning she was without saying one word in the entire film.

Actor In a Supporting Role:

- Kenneth Branagh – My Week With Marilyn
- Jonah Hill – Moneyball
- Nick Nolte – Warrior
- Christopher Plummer – Beginners
- Max von Sydow – Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close

The two actors I want to win this category have no chance. It would be my dream if Jonah Hill or Nick Nolte would win this award. Both of these men had awesome performances in their respective sports-based films. But it seems like the choice has already been made on this one. Christopher Plummer gives what sounds like a gripping performance of a gay man who comes out to his family after years and years of hiding his true self. With all the controversy over Prop-8 right now, Plummer is a shoe-in for this one.

Next week: Best Actor, Best Actress, and Best Picture.



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Interests & Hobbies:

Volleyball, YoungLife, anything athletic or creative

Most Prized Possession:

A small wooden boot my grandfather made me

Three Words that Best Describe Me:

Genuine, Loving, and Spunky

Bet Advie My Parents Gave Me:

Never give up!

Biggest Fear:

Snakes

As A Child, I Dreamed of Being:

A firefighter

I Would Like to Have Witnessed:

My parents in high school

Pet Peeve:

Inconsiderateness

A Talent You Possess:

Juggling

Best Memory:

YoungLife Camp

Favorite Quote or Verse:

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13



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Fighting Addiction Through Education: A non-profit organization



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Kira Roberts, A&E Editor

Have you or someone you know ever struggled with use or abuse of alcohol or other drugs? Well, you are far from alone. FATE (Fighting Addiction Through Education) is a non-profit organization that does exactly what their name implies.

They go to high schools and colleges throughout Oklahoma to teach students about the benefits of choosing to live substance free and the dangers of alcohol and other drugs. With a special interest in educating athletes because of the heightened risks, FATE provides a program called OKLOA (Oklahoma Life of an Athlete, www.okloa.org) that specifically addresses the negative impact alcohol and other drugs can have on athletic performance.

The American Athletic Institute and the National Life of an

Athlete Program recently named FATE's Executive Director of FATE, Jim Priest, Preventionist of the Year. Priest is also an ordained Nazarene minister and a lawyer.

Priest said the mission of FATE is to "educate and motivate" people about substance abuse.

"We're not just another 'Just say no' program," he said. "We want to focus on the positive aspects of living substance free."

Statistics from the State Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services confirm that both drug and alcohol abuse and addiction pose a tremendous economic burden and health risk to the people of Oklahoma.

The cost is seen in lost lives, like that of Austin Box, University of Oklahoma linebacker, who died last year from a prescription drug overdose. It's also seen in the dollar drain on the state: it is estimat-

ed that substance abuse costs state government over a billion dollars a year on such things as corrections, treatment and child abuse services. Although FATE is not a faith-based organization, it is involved in what Priest called "a spiritual mission."

"We believe God does not want people in bondage; the abuse of alcohol and other drugs can make slaves of those who get hooked," he said.

"We are engaging the culture on this important subject because it's a way we can minister to the most pressing needs of our community."

College students who drink or use drugs socially may not think what they're doing is a problem, but they are choosing to walk a path that will take them places they don't want to go. Even if they don't struggle with addiction, the use of alcohol and other drugs leads to risky behavior, danger in driving, unprotected and/or unwanted sex and incidents of physical abuse.

FATE focuses its effort through different media; www.fate.org is the main website, aimed at young people, parents, policy makers, and others who want to know more about the issues relating to substance abuse.

Presentations take place at middle schools, high schools, and college campuses. Personal and group contact is made with government agencies and legislators to educate and encourage public and private leaders to address these issues through programs, funding, and legislation.

Another method of education

utilized by FATE is media communication with the general public. Their Facebook and Twitter pages, along with their website, provide updates, facts, and inspirational ideas to promote their cause.

According to the website, FATE's vision is that, "every Oklahoman will understand the danger and significance of the substance abuse and addiction problem in our state and take action to ensure neither they, nor others they know, become addicts or abusers."

FATE's ultimate mission is to "change the culture of our state about alcohol and other drugs; it is incredibly important for everyone to understand its true dangers so they can be a positive influence and role model. While parents have a huge influence in early years, young people tend to listen to their peers more as they grow older. This is why it's increasingly critical for students of all ages to recognize the risks associated with drugs and alcohol and the benefits of being substance free."

"The dictionary defines 'fate' as 'an inevitable and often adverse outcome, condition, or end; a disaster, especially death.' Unless action is taken on substance abuse and addiction in Oklahoma, there will be inevitable and adverse outcomes for the state and for individuals. But we can avoid this fate. We can choose our own fate. Oklahomans are not victims of fate—they can overcome the problems of substance abuse and addiction by taking action."

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