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Students and faculty use business knowledge to give back

Ben Smith, Staff Reporter

Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) is an international network of students, professors, and business leaders that aims to help local and international communities by offering business skills. For the past few years, SNU's SIFE has been relatively inactive, but this year is proving to be a great year for both students and professors are active in SIFE.

This year, SNU's SIFE decided to look into helping Southern Africa Nazarene University (SANU) in the town of Siteki. SANU had purchased a 400-acre property with hopes of developing a for-profit farm that could be cultivated and used to help fund scholarships while providing vocational experience for the students who attended the university. SNU's SIFE team has decided to aid this project by presenting business plans to develop a honey farm on part of this 400-acres, with hopes that by Aug. 1, the hives will be active enough that SANU will be able to harvest honey and begin the process of further developing the rest of the acres. The town Bulemba, which is northeast of Siteki, will be able to provide the first honey hives needed to start the project.

The 18-month plan for this project is focused around creating and benefiting from a demand for honey in the Swaziland area. The second phase would be to begin to deliver honey to Mozambique and South Africa, where there are many hotels and restaurants that could be used as potential sources of income. The third phase would be to hopefully be able to begin marketing the honey in the United States.

The honey project has greatly benefited from the help of SNU graduate Clint Walker and his wife, Janice Walker, who own a honey farm in

Texas. The Walkers will be helping supervise the planting of the honey farms at SANU.

SNU's SIFE team is hoping to take a trip to SANU during July to observe and help in the development of the hives.

SNU's SIFE team's local project is to help the business "Reaching Our City" (ROC) on 16th and Rockwell. The team is hoping to establish ROC on the internet, whereas right now it currently has no social media access, which is in turn making marketing difficult. SIFE plans to set up an "electronic garage sale" according to Professor Dave O'Bannon. This will involve

helping the store transform its computers so that they are up-to-date. It is hoped that this project will allow the store to reach a wider audience, marketing to the Church of the Nazarene and people within the area.

O'Bannon notes that SIFE is in open-recruitment throughout the year, and would love to have more students participating.

For those interested in more information regarding SIFE in general, the website is www.sife.org. For more information regarding SIFE at SNU, students are encouraged to contact O'Bannon at dobannon@mail.snu.edu.



Siteki is located in Swaziland, just east of Lobamba. map provided by theworldatlas.net

NEWS BRIEFS

**CONGOLESE EX-WARLORD CONVICTED OF USING CHILDREN AS SOLDIERS**

The International Criminal Court in The Hague on Wednesday found former Congolese warlord Thomas Lubanga guilty of using children as soldiers, the first verdict in the panel's 10-year history. He could face life imprisonment. steel obelisk. After a three-year trial, the court convicted Lubanga of recruiting boys and girls younger than 15 as soldiers during a civil war in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

latimes.com
Robyn Dixon for LA Times

**SENATE PASSES 2-YEAR TRANSPORTATION BILL**

The Senate easily approved a two-year, \$109 billion transportation and infrastructure bill on Wednesday, putting pressure on House Republicans to set aside their stalled version and pass the Senate's before the federal highway trust fund expires at the end of the month. Senator Harry Reid of Nevada, the majority leader, extolled the measure, passed on a bipartisan vote of 74 to 22, as "a jobs bill in the true sense of the word."

nytimes.com
Jonathan Weisman for New York Times

**BLAGOJEVICH HEADS TO 14-YEAR PRISON TERM**

Former Illinois Governor Rod Blagojevich, who was never one to mince words during his political career, had a final moment in the spotlight on Wednesday when he made a statement before reporting to a federal prison to serve a 14-year sentence for corruption.

msn.com
Reuters, Associated Press and NBC Chicago

Jamie Williams' grant gives kids a place to learn

Baker Pitts, Staff Reporter

Most students do not begin a grant writing assignment expecting it to result in a reading garden for an elementary school. Jamie Williams had just that surprise, finding out her grant had been both submitted and awarded.

Jamie, a freshman Biochemistry major and honors student, wrote the grant last semester as a part of her Academic writing class. Out of the classes' assignments the three best were selected, and then those were narrowed down to one which was then submitted to the Lowe's Toolbox for Education Program.

"I really didn't expect to even be considered for submission; I just expected to get my grade and move on," said Jamie.

The grant will provide \$4,400 to Council Grove Elementary to create a colorful reading garden that will allow students to cultivate their minds and get their creative juices flowing in a space that fosters community and learning.

Council Grove is in an impoverished area of Oklahoma City. With many students on reduced or free lunches, the school doesn't have much in the way of outside-the-box learning areas, so anything that provides a break from traditional classroom teaching is very much appreciated.

Every year for the past six years, Lowe's has donated \$5 million to help thousands of schools throughout the U.S. For a school to receive a portion of the money, one must submit a grant outlining a project he or she would like to be

accomplished at the school -- including detailed plans of how the project will be achieved and the budget needed to implement those plans. Once a grant is submitted to

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the Lowe's Toolbox for Education Program, a review board that looks over all of the applications submitted decides how and where to allocate the grant funds.

Dr. Gina Weaver, the professor of the academic writing class that resulted in the successful grant explained, "I created this assignment in keeping with the Honors Pro-

gram's goals of service learning and real-world application of academics. The honors students write mock grant proposals to Lowe's TBFE Program on behalf of Council Grove Elementary. Jamie Williams' proposal was selected as the most well-thought out and in-line with the Lowe's TBFE goals and was submitted to the program for consideration."

Grant writing is a process that Jamie has apparent natural talent for, considering she had never heard of the grant writing process until it was talked about in class; with only two class periods of practice she managed to write a grant that has the potential to positively influence under-privileged children for years to come.



Jamie Williams, freshman

Neighbor school hosts conference in honor of former teacher

Brian McNatt, Staff Reporter

Southwestern Christian University looks set to start a bold new collaborative program this year with the Noel Brooks Memorial Conference. The date of the event is Friday, Mar. 30, and it will take place on SCU's campus, right down the street from SNU.

The Noel Brooks Memorial Conference will be a collaboration of numerous university departments, including the library, the Academics Department, and the Theology Department, along with other partners within the campus and community. The conference theme is merging the realms of Christian faith and learning.

"Our goal is for each event in the NBMC series to explore, in a sound scholarly manner, a variety of topics and modern challenges utilizing theology, history, doctrine, ethics, social, cultural and behavioral developments, all through a Christian, and distinctly Pentecostal, Holiness, Charismatic, and Evangelical perspectives" said Marilyn Hudson, Director of Library Services at SCU.

The conference is scheduled for 8:00am to 4:15pm, with lunch provided from 11:45 to 1:00. The day's events will include presentations on who Noel Brooks was and why people should care, the presentation of a paper on the theological methods of Noel



Rev. Noel Brooks Photo courtesy: blogspot.com

Brooks and responses to this paper, NBMC poster presentations, the reading of a winning essay entry, and two panel discussions.

Among the events already listed, several authors will be attending with their own books on education, theology, and other topics relevant to the proceedings. All of the covered topics

and work of Noel Brooks, after whom the conference is named.

Noel Brooks (1914-2006) was a British born pastor, teacher, church leader, educator, and author. He served in several churches and colleges throughout Great Britain and North America, both in official capacities and visiting to deliver papers and sermons.

In particular, Noel Brooks taught at Southwestern Christian University in the mid-70s, when it was known as Oklahoma City Southwestern College -- working in the religion department.

SCU has held events honoring Noel Brooks since 2003. These events went on hiatus for several years recently, which is why this new, revamped and re-dedicated conference has garnered so much support and excitement from the university.

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will be approached from a distinctly Christian perspective, and should prove to be a grand venture.

According to Director Hudson, the aim of this conference is also to give honor to the life

The cost to attend the conference is \$15 with lunch included. As neighbors to SCU, students of SNU attending would make for a fine show of friendship community between the two universities.



OPINIONS

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Viral video from Invisible Children gets praise and critique.

Hannah Marchant,
Opinions Editor

The non-profit Invisible Children released a short film on the web last week that has since gone viral worldwide, but has also drawn criticism. While it's easily picked up supporters for the campaign, it's also sparked conversations that would not have happened otherwise.

The film aims to make the world aware of Joseph Kony, the leader of the Lord's Resistance Army, famous. Kony and his army were known for mutilating and abducting children and forcing them to carry out violence.

The film features Jason Russell, a founder of Invisible Children, and his toddler-age son. He tells his son the bad things Kony is responsible for, and makes him aware. It seems that when there is one person or collective group that holds the source of the conflict, campaigning and awareness becomes much more effective. The film does not delve into the complete context or history (which can lead to misguided activism), but its simple approach to fixing the problem and marketing tactics is what has made it viral. There's one clear bad guy and one seemingly clear solution: Joseph Kony is evil and we must stop him.

Patricia Vanderbilt, a writer on Huffington Post's Blog, notes that, "We aren't asked to understand the history of the L.R.A. or to sit through debates about what the best course of action might be, but only to sign a pledge, buy an action kit and sign up to donate 'a few dollars a month'."

Vanderbilt, while applauding the awareness that the film brings about the conflict, makes a statement about the marketing tactics

of the film.

"Watching Kony 2012, I feel manipulated. It is as if the filmmaker has found components of successful YouTube videos and packed them into 30 minutes. There's a toddler! A dramatic voiceover! Shots of the earth from space, neat graphics, a catchy tune -- even a couple of explosions make it in. The formula is working really well, but the approach is almost insulting and cheap, given the situation that the film is discussing. I don't want to be coddled like a toddler or seduced by filmmaking strategies that appeal to my age demographic. I want to be challenged to understand the world differently."

I admit that I cried while watching the film. I felt sad, excited, and passionate. I noticed the persuasive tactics used, but felt that the cause was one worth being passionate about. The video is a great awareness tool, but it seems we are being made aware of a campaign, rather than the conflict and needs of the Ugandan people. It might be difficult for some to look deeper past the hundreds of young people, dressed alike and holding up peace signs; who wouldn't want to join that?

What may be surprising to some is the recent criticism from northern Ugandans. Al Jazeera reporter, Malcom Webb, reported that Ugandans in the village Lira, a village highly effected by Kony's war crimes, were angry with the film. A local charity screened it for the villagers, since they had not yet heard of this world phenomenon. The screening ended early due to rocks being thrown at the screen.

The villagers thought the film would document their suffering, that it would tell their story, but were disconcerted by the white



Kony 2012 Campaign posters ride on the election theme of this year. Image from Invisible Children.

American man and his son appearing in much of the video and the focus of Kony's war crimes from years ago.

Dr. Beatrice Mpora, a director of a local community health organization expressed that they want help with rebuilding and starting over, not "celebrating" the man one of the villagers compared to Osama Bin Laden. "There has not been a single soul from the LRA here since 2006," she said. "Now

we have peace."

An important part of advocacy, philanthropy, and investment is that you are doing this on behalf of others. Invisible Children has addressed this, declaring that they in no way want to celebrate Kony. Their intention is to make him infamous and gain support for his arrest. But, if a widely successful marketing concept is offensive

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Viral Video from Invisible Children, continued

and disagreeable to the victims of heinous war crimes, should it be used? Perhaps it is a tool mainly for those outside of Africa, but is it implanting this mentality of us-saving (fixing)-them?

Laura Pearson, senior international studies major, provides a perspective from the community through her experience with Ugandans and Invisible Children. She became involved with Invisible Children efforts her freshman year at SNU through advocacy and donations. In 2010, she and a group of students from SNU camped outside of Senator Tim Coburn's office to advocate for the LRA Disarmament and Northern Uganda Recovery Act. Coburn was keeping the act from being passed through the Senate, but from public pressure, he eventually signed on May 24.

Pearson had the opportunity to visit Uganda in high school for three weeks and returned for

the summer of 2010. "I lived and worked with people on a refugee community farm mostly comprised of widows and orphans and fell in love with the people and culture. Many of the teenage boys at the farm had been abducted by the LRA as children and tell stories that trump any horror movie I have ever seen.

Hearing these people who are so full of joy, tell their devastating histories and of the injustice in their pasts, started a righteous anger and passion in me to do everything I personally could do to keep this from happening anymore."

Pearson sees the film as an

ends to the ultimate goal of helping people.

"Amidst all the frustrations and disagreements about KONY 2012, I want people to remember that the campaign deals primarily with the very real suffering of *people*. Posters, letters, and even "viral" videos and blogs, are all just extra pieces of the ultimate purpose--*people*."

"Now I know another argument is that there are suffering people all over the world, so why Uganda? Why now? My answer: Why not? I support Kony 2012 because peace in Uganda is one of my deepest passions. Find a cause YOU care about and support that. If you are passionate about peace

in the Middle East find a lobby or advocacy group that focuses on Palestine or Syria. If you are passionate about the problems in the foster care program here in the US, get involved and help change it from the inside. If you choose not to support the KONY 2012 campaign in any way, shape, or form, that's totally fine, but I do believe we are called as Christians to an active love so pray that God would put something in your heart to pursue and take action to make it happen."

Awareness is not always going to come in the form of an interesting youtube video. Education must be sought out. This education includes news sources as well as professionals in the fields where we seek truth. As Christians, we are called to active love-to find out what is going on in the world and prayerfully advocate for "the widow, the orphan, and the alien."

After criticism and questions about the organization's expenses and money use, they released a statement, including this graph. Image from Invisible Children.



The bag, a short story

Garron Park, Guest Writer

Yesterday he was sitting there at the store, just waiting for his time to come, the time that he would be off, off to escape the grocery, the world, to feel the wind on his skin. Oh how he longed to be outside.

"I can't wait to see the sunrise," he thought to himself. It is what he had been dreaming of his whole life.

The sound of busy shoppers, cell phones ringing, and the rattle of that one wheel on every cart that has a hard time doing its job plagued him. He could barely stand the constant clamor. It was always growing louder and louder. He assumed it was because his mind couldn't take it anymore, but the truth was that he was coming closer and closer to the front of the line. He noticed he was inching his way forward, and the excitement of being at the front was steadily increasing. The anticipation rising. And then it came. His turn. The young lady in line grabbed her low fat strawberry yogurt, her sugar-free gum, and her Diet Coke, placed them inside of him and of they both went.

He was so happy, swinging back and forth at her side. He could feel the cold surfaces of her items as they pressed against his plastic skin. It was so refreshing. On top of the pleasure of fulfilling his purpose, he was now on his way out the door to experience it all. It's all he wanted. The whole world was right there. The young lady glided to her car in her high heels, khaki A-line skirt, and black blouse; she opened her trunk, grabbed the low fat strawberry yogurt, placed it on the floor board of her Cadillac Escalade, put the gum in her two tone brown Coach purse, and held the Diet Coke in hand, letting him fall to the ground. He did not care that this promenade was so short.

He loved being free.

As he hit the ground he could feel the coarse asphalt rub against his exterior. He just laid there, his thin handles out wide, overjoyed at the new sensation of the sediment contact he was encountering, unable to move (out of pure satisfaction

of course). The young lady got into her car, and backed up, running him over. He felt the pain surge through his body. He had never felt that before, and he knew right away that he didn't like it. The young lady drove away, leaving him flattened, with a black tire mark running across his blue logo.

Suddenly a huge rush filled him. He was flying. The air entered him, a deep breath, lifting him high off the ground, and he floated away. He was soon high above the store he had just left. He saw the gray roof, and the AC units, the cameras on the storefront, the black Cadillac leaving the packed parking lot, into the daily traffic, which was rushing around below. He kept floating eastward away from the setting sun. He was hovering, engulfed in pure ecstasy, soaking up the whole wide world.

Then, just like the ebb and flow of the oceans' tides; the wind took him in an earthbound plummet. He couldn't escape. He was cy-

clone downward. Earth, sky, earth, sky, earth. Oh how he loved the sky, he hated the earth, sky, earth. And KLAH-POW-EEY! He hit the ground, bounced twice and landed atop the rusty, barbed wire fence behind the grocery, from which his journey began. The barbs stuck into his frail skin. This pain was worse than the other. He would have much preferred that.

He was trapped, and with each gust of wind, pain flooded through him, and the fence's teeth sank deeper into him. He was a prisoner. He sat and stared. The back wall of the store stared back, as if laughing an evil conniving laugh. The store had planned this. Planned to just let him taste freedom, then take him back into imprisonment, like the Evening Promise, blooming at night, but its picturesque petals shrink back before dawn. It was awful. Whilst he was sitting there, he saw one of his brethren, floating across the ground; so happy. He

wanted that. He missed it already.

Days went by, then weeks, and all he could do was focus on his fellow bags escaping with their freedom. It was early in the morning, still dark, as he watched a shipment of new recruits unload off the transport headed in to serve their time. He felt happy for them. Their fate was better than his. Unexpectedly, a newbie escaped from his box, and sprinted towards the gate and with one big boost jumped up, but he too got stuck on the fence's fangs.

The newly trapped bag turned and said in a calm, fleeting voice, for, being young, he did not have the resolve to handle such a painful infliction, "Hello good friend, how are you?"

"How am I, How am I, can't you see I'm stuck in the prison?!" he said very angrily.

Ignoring the question the newbie simply replied, "Beautiful isn't it?"

He slowly turned to see what the newbie was gazing at. The sunrise.

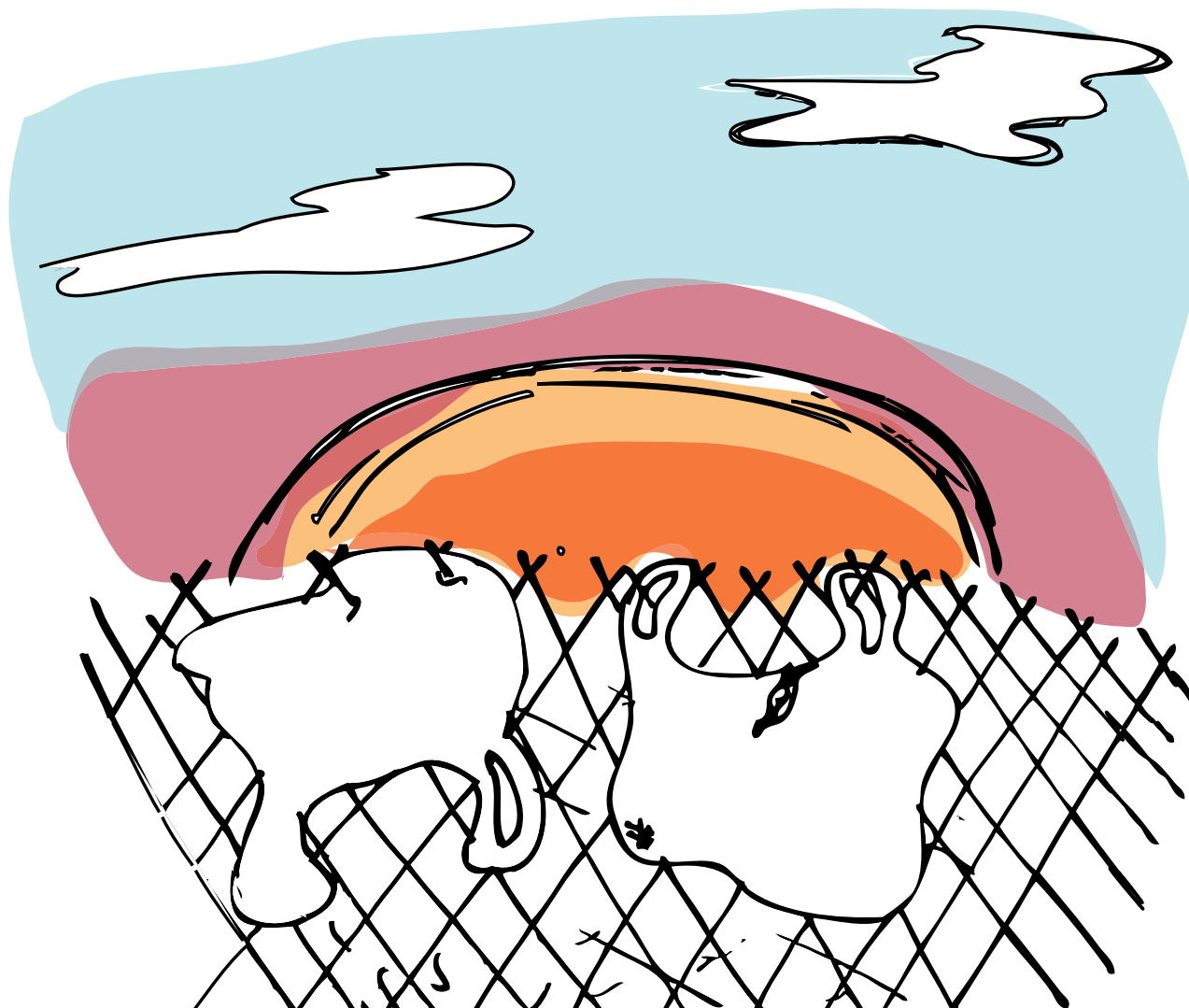


Illustration by Hannah Marchant.

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SNU switches to NCAA Division II

Josh Riley, Staff Reporter

Southern Nazarene University plans to switch to NCAA Division II for all its sports in the fall of 2012. After the discussion of the NAIA and NCAA merging, there are going to be no changes in the near future, which caused

the school to pursue membership with the NCAA Division II.

What does this mean for scholarships and the athletes? SNU's athletic department states, "SNU seeks to give the max amount of athletic scholarships that the NCAA Division II allows in each sport." The department continues, "This is expected to put the athlet-

ics department on an even playing field with the rest of NCAA Division II and keep the

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competitive atmosphere that SNU has had over the nearly 50 years of varsity athletics."

The school began pursuing this option throughout the past year; however, it will not be fully complete until four years of membership. SNU's athletic department states, "the process in total time is expected to take three years with the fourth year

being a full fledged membership with NCAA Division II."

The department continues, "the first two years of the process are called candidacy while the third is called a provisional."

SNU is currently competing in the NAIA and the Sooner Athletic Conference while it is pursuing candidacy for NCAA Division II. Next year, the school will compete in the NCAA and the Great American Conference.

How will this affect post-season? The athletics department declares, "The NAIA and NCAA both have a ban on post-season play during the second year of candidacy so SNU would not be able to compete for an NAIA or NCAA championship in any sport sponsored by either association." The department continues, "the third year is the provisional year and will run for the 2013-2014 academic year. There is still a ban on post-season play, but SNU will play a full NCAA and GAC schedule."

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Stay tuned for SNU's athletics and their switch into the NCAA Division II.



Beginning Fall 2012, SNU will switch from NAIA to NCAA division II. Photo from NCAA.com

SCORE BOARD

BASEBALL

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| Central Okla. | L 2-4 |
| | W 9-3 |
| Okla. City | L 0-10 |

SOFTBALL

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| St. Mary | W 9-0 |
| LSU-Alexandria | W 10-5 |
| Lyon (Ark.) | L 0-4 |
| Williams Baptist | W 2-0 |
| Science and Arts | W 5-2 |
| | W 4-2 |

TENNIS

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| Okla. Baptist | W 7-2 |
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Results and scores at
sports.snu.edu

Southern Nazarene took down John Brown

Sports Information

LAWTON, Okla. — Southern Nazarene stepped out of conference and stepped up in division as SNU split a double-header with NCAA Division II Cameron, winning the first game 7-5, but lost on a walk-off single in the seventh, 4-3, in the nightcap.

The Crimson Storm (33-8) got out to a big lead in the opener and had to hold the Aggies (21-19-1) off down the stretch. SNU took a 3-0 lead in the second game, but Cameron finished off the comeback unlike the first game.

Hale quickly gave the Storm a 2-0 lead in the opener when she hit a two-run home run to dead center in just the third at bat of the game. Hale added another run in the top of the fourth when she singled up the middle to score Daphne Stewart as SNU took a 3-0 lead. The Storm added three more in the third to lead 6-0 on a Kristina Forest sacrifice fly and a two-run double by Stewart.

Cameron got two back in the sixth on a two-run shot to make it 6-2, but the Storm answered with one in the seventh on a Katie Turner single up the middle that scored Allison Fields to give SNU the 7-2 lead. The Aggies though got three back on a pair of home runs in the bottom of the seventh before Jordan Simmons was lifted for Tiffany Gossett. The senior retired the next three batters as she picked up her second save of the year. Simmons moved to 15-3 on the year after she allowed five runs on 12 hits. She also struck out three.

Hale led the way for SNU after she went 4-for-5 with three RBIs and a run scored. Fields also went 3-for-4 with two runs scored. Stewart also drove in a pair of runs and scored one while going 2-for-5 at the plate.

SNU broke the scoreless tie in the nightcap when Kara Crawford hit her second home run of the year; a three run shot to left field as the Storm took a 3-0 lead. Cameron cut into the lead

with a run in the bottom of the fourth and then tied it in the fifth with a pair of runs.

The Aggies took advantage of a Hale error to lead off the first and then pushed the runner over to third with a sac bunt. Cameron then got a walk-off single through the left side by Kelsy Hebert to take the win.

Tiffany Gossett (2-2) took the loss after allowing one run on two hits in two innings of work. Kaci Crawford through the first 4.1 innings and allowed three



Hale went 6-8 in the double-header. Photo from Sports Information.

runs on three hits, but walked six in the no decision.

Hale also went 2-for-3 in the nightcap.

The Crimson Storm now get to host Rogers State for a crucial Sooner Athletic Conference doubleheader, Tuesday, at 2 p.m.

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BASEBALL

Sat, Mar 17 @Mid-America Christian @ 1PM

Tues, Mar 20 vs East Central @ 2PM

GOLF

Mar 26-27th @ Battle At The Primm in Nev.

SOFTBALL

Fri, Mar 16 vs.Texas Wesleyan (DH) @2PM

Mon, Mar 19 vs. Southwestern Christian @2PM

Tue, Mar 20 vs. Langston (DH) @1PM

TENNIS

Mon, Mar 19 Northwood in Orlando

Tue, Mar 20 Embry-Riddle in Orlando

Wed, Mar 21 Webber International in Orlando

SNU Men and Women's Golf place at the Lions Classic

Sports Information

FORT SMITH, Ark. — After running out ahead of the field

on day one, No. 10 Southern Nazarene shot just four strokes worse with a 305, but watched

No. 1 Oklahoma City and Newman (Kan.) shoot identical 288s to finish first and second at the Lions Classic at the Hard-scrabble Country Club.

Both OCU and

Newman were 8-over par on the 6,412-yard, par 70 course on the final day. Oklahoma City's Clark Collier won the overall title after firing a 69 on the final round and totaled 143 over two rounds, finishing at 3-over par. Newman's Ed Herzog was two strokes behind in second.

SNU's Heinrich Frylinck mirrored his 73 from the day before and finished in a tie for third with Midwestern State's Antonio Herran as they were three strokes behind the lead. Brandon Blevins finished 14th (151), Blake Jackson took 16th (153), Johan Andersson tied for 21st (157) and Sam Russell finished in 30th (162).

On the women's side, Erika Dolezelova took 11 strokes off her day one score with a 4-over par 74 on the 5,806-yard course as she totaled a two-round total of 159. She finished just one stroke back of Oklahoma City's

Paige Martin in a tie for second place. Drury's Katrina Choate finished in a tie with Dolezelova as she led the NCAA Division II 13th-ranked Panthers to the overall title with a 663. No. 4 Oklahoma City took second at 667 while Arkansas-Fort Smith took third at 673. SNU was fourth at 694.

Amanda Arrington shot 87 for the second straight day to finish in a tie for 14. Macy Douglass and Heather Fulcher shot identical scores again as each shot an 89 for a 181 two-round total. McKenna Walker also took 23rd with a total of 190.

The men's team hits the links again, March 14-15, at the UST Mamiya Intercollegiate at the at Hawkes Creek GC in Westworth Village, Texas while women are back in action when they travel to Primm Valley GC in Primm, Nev., for the CBU Spring Break.



Erika Dolezelova just missed winning the individual title on the women's side by one stroke. Photo from Sports Information.

Storm place fourth at UST Mamiya

Sports Information

WESTWORTH VILLAGE, Texas — When it was time for the senior to shine, Johan Andersson decided to start to make a run. The Sweden native fired the lowest round of the day and the second lowest round of the tournament as he shot a 69 in both rounds to finish at 6-under par and captured the UST Mamiya Texas Intercollegiate.

Andersson finished one stroke ahead of Texas Wesleyan's Zach Monson with a 138 as he scored his first tournament victory of the year. Andersson was the second SNU player to win a tournament as Blake Jack-

son won a tournament in the fall. The only reason Andersson didn't have the lowest round of the tournament was because that came from Sam Russell who ripped off a 6-under 66 in the opening round. Russell finished in a tie for 12th at 143. Jackson tied for 21st at 145 while Andrew Abercrombie shot a 148 to tied for 33rd. Eric Smith also shot a 150 as he tied for 41st.

SNU who led after day one with a 279 in the first finished four strokes back of No. 3 Oklahoma City and No. 1 Oklahoma Christian as the Stars took the playoff from the Eagles. Texas

Wesleyan finished fourth at 575, Rogers State was ninth at 593 and Lubbock Christian was 10th at 599.

The Storm will now get set to travel to Nipton, Nev., for the Battle at the Primm, March. 26-27.



Blake Jackson ponders his next move. Photo from Sports Information.

Arts & ENTERTAINMENT

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Symphonic band's first concert this semester is a hit

Patrick Bonham, Staff Writer

Last Thursday, March 8th, Southern Nazarene's Symphonic Band performed their first concert of the semester under the direction of Dr. Phil Moore. The repertoire included many folk pieces by Percy Grainger, Dr. Moore's favorite composer. Paired with the works of Grainger were two marches symbolizing the American music scene and a slow ballad, which for me was the highlight of the concert.

The concert started with the iconic American march appropriately named, "Americans We." The band performed this piece very well, keeping the tempo quick and fierce and adding in huge dynamics to differentiate the repeated sections between one another. The march did not last long enough; I was left tapping my foot and immersed in the rhythm well after the piece ended.

Next on the list came the Grainger collection. Grainger had spent a year in England searching the local countryside for inspiration. He set out to compose

a collection that did not alter or change the original folk song. In this sixteen minute, six-movement collection, Grainger did just that, holding true to the original folk song. Each movement was distinct and had its own difficult sections.

"Tonight's performance was the best performance in the history of Southern Nazarene University Symphonic Band."

I found the multi-meter composition of the pieces most interesting. The band played through the collection with ease, sending the audience to the green, lush countryside of Lincolnshire, England, allowing them to sense the cool England breeze and the beautiful landscapes of the countryside.

The concert continued with the ballad, truly bringing out the

emotions from the audience. The fluctuation between dynamics is what set the piece at the top of the concert. I truly felt the ballad was the climax of the evening, allowing the listener to transcend to a tranquil place of peace. Following the climax, the audience was treated with another collection of pieces directed by three Music-Education majors: Lynleigh Cooper, Robert Diagle, and Dillan Francis. The student directors performed and led the band with such grace and excellence, due to their instruction by the great professors within SNU's School of Music.

The concert ended with the second march of the evening, which had the same level of intensity of tempo and dynamics. With the conclusion of the march, the audience erupted with applause and gratitude. Dr. Moore looked extremely pleased with the performance.

"Tonight's performance was the best performance in the history of the Southern Nazarene University Symphonic Band," he said to the band afterwards.

Local Events

3/16/12 OKC Thunder vs. San Antonio Spurs
Chesapeake Energy Area
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

3/18/12 Metro Strings
Full Circle Bookstore
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

3/119/12 Art Moves
Arts Council of OKC
12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

3/21/12 Post Comedy Theatre
Bethany Library
10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

3/22/12 Oklahoma Quarter Horse Spring Show
OK State Fair Park
All Day

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Happy Spring Break everybody! Travel safely this weekend and have a great break. Also, be praying for safety and success for the basketball teams as they are at Nationals.

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Whiz Kids changes lives as a Christian tutor program

Jaclynn Gray, Staff Writer

Since 1996 Whiz Kids has been changing lives as a Christian volunteer tutoring program that tutors individual students from first through sixth grade. This program caters to children who live in the inner city works of Oklahoma City.

One day a week, at numerous locations around the metro, a group of adults volunteer their time and love to these kids. They meet at a church to mentor, pray with, serve dinner to, and better educate a child.

"I have been with Whiz Kids for one year, and it is the greatest feeling in the world knowing that you are impacting a child's life and have a chance to give back," Whiz Kids mentor Jana Gray said.

The Whiz Kids Mission statement is the driving factor in this program. It reads, "the mission of City Care's Whiz Kids is to improve the well-being of inner city youth through academic tutoring and positive mentoring relationships as well as communicating spiritual and moral values."

"For many, Whiz Kids is the one and only influential thing in their lives," Gray said.

Being a volunteer comes with a lot of responsibility and patience. According to the Whiz Kid Website, Whiz Kids mentors concentrate on self-esteem, reading, communication skills, goal setting, and character building.

"For some, like myself, it is hard to believe how many people in Oklahoma are struggling with gang violence, drugs, alcohol, and no food," Gray said.

"This program really puts life in perspective and sometimes its frightening knowing that this is what the future generations are doing; I take advantage of every opportunity to show them a positive way of life."

This mentor-tutoring program begins by pairing a child with an adult to go through the school year with them. It is dedicated to helping improve the lives of disadvantaged children. Some mentors have had the same child for as many as 5 years, and a special bond is made.

Each week the mentors are responsible for working at least an hour with their child and driving them home. Whiz Kids has been changing the lives of children all around the Metro, and will continue to do so with the help of the dedicated, caring volunteers.

Each year there is a Whiz Kids banquet called Seeds of Hope; every mentor in the State of Oklahoma can attend for free, and additional tickets are \$100. This year the event will be held at the beautiful Great Hall in the Cox Convention Center. The speaker is Wes Moore, author of the New York Times bestseller, *The Other Wes Moore*. Gerald McCoy, Oklahoma City native and current defensive tackle for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, will be a special guest.

Whiz Kids is a growing non-profit organization that will never give up on offering children better education and lives. They are always looking for volunteers; to volunteer visit whizkidsok.com and follow the instructions.



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Definitely my guitar

Three Words that Best Describe Me:

Friendly, Focused, Hard-working

Best Advice My Parents Gave Me:

"Don't give up"

Biggest Fear:

Completely blanking out on stage

As a Child, I Dreamed of Being:

A writer

I Would Like to Have Witnessed:

The premier of Stravinsky's Rite of Spring

A talent you possess:

Music

Pet Peeve:

Hearing Kesha. It's NEVER okay.

Best memory:

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Jake's movie review of *The Way*: you don't choose a life; you live one

Jake O'Bannon, Staff Writer

There are films where you have to search for spiritual truth, and then there are films where it is right in front of you. The latter is the case for the 2010 film, "The Way," starring father and son combo Martin Sheen and Emilio Estevez (which I know what you're thinking, yes – it is hard to take the coach of the Mighty Ducks seriously sometimes). The film revolves around the relationship between the two, both during life and after death.

Estevez's character, Daniel, is a man who needs something new from life. He realizes that his current life is not giving him what he truly wants, and he desires a change. That change comes by way of an 800-kilometer walk along the "Camino de Santiago." This is a long pilgrimage across Europe that many people take each year for a number of reasons, such as religion, health, or escape from past life. Daniel's reason, of course, is to find a new adventure in life.

Since the death of his wife, Sheen's character, Tom, has not had a stable relationship with his son Daniel. They rarely talk as Tom is busy with his ophthalmology and Daniel is too busy exploring life. But they do get together, one last time, when Tom drives Daniel to the airport before his flight to Europe. Tom strongly disagrees with the decision to walk the Camino, but that does not stop Daniel from following his passion, claiming, "you don't choose a life, you live one."



Photo from learningvoyager.blogspot.com

Just one day into the trip, Daniel tragically loses his life in a fatal fall while taking the journey alone. This news takes Tom by storm, leading him to travel to Europe himself to claim and return the body. But as happens with life each day, that plan fell through. Once Tom saw the body of his son, he knew what he was there for. He knew he needed to walk the Camino.

Choosing to cremate his son, Tom took the ashes and Daniel's belongings and began the 800-kilometer trek, leaving a portion of his son's ashes at each stop. Along the way he meets up with three new friends: a woman with a smoking habit from Canada (Sarah), an author from Ireland with writer's block (Jack), and a man from Switzerland dealing with a weight problem (Joost). Each of these three find themselves as

broken people looking for meaning in their lives through the walk.

The four come across many different people along their journey, each with a different story. After meeting with each new person, they are always sent off with the blessing "Buen Camino!" Through my years and years of Spanish language study, (A.K.A. two semesters) I am able to translate that to "good walk." These words serve as motivation to continue on toward the goal of finishing the walk.

Eventually, Tom and his friends do finish the walk. They stop at a sea of roaring waves where Tom leaves the final remains of his son's ashes. It is at this point where he finds the true meaning of his sons words, "you don't choose a life, you live one." Tom thought his life as a doctor was chosen for him and that is all he was worth. But he

learned, through his son, that he had to ability to truly live if he so desired. As a final way to pay homage to his son, Tom signed his certificate of completion as "Daniel."

What a great story; one that I recommend for all ages. But what can we learn from this film? How does God speak through it? For me, He is speaking quite clearly. Our lives are not chosen for us; we get the freedom to live. Not just day-to-day-get-things-done live, but being able to take the world around us and live. Enjoy our surroundings, love those around us, learn something new, and live. I am guilty of living without living sometimes.

My challenge is to stop that, and learn how to truly live. And I pray that you can do the same. So what is your walk? What is the thing holding you back from living? I wish you luck finding that. Buen camino!

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