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# The Echo

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## Student body prepares to welcome new SGA executive council

Brian McNatt, Staff Reporter

Each year, students of Southern Nazarene University have the opportunity to vote for their favored candidate in the SGA Exec elections. The elections took place yesterday.

The winning candidates were Zach Bond for President, Jake O'Bannon for Campus Ministries, Jamie Keoppel for Social Life, Kara Pirog for Office Administration, and Jared Webster for Athletic Relations. Candidates for campus communications will interview next week.

The SNU Student Government Association is a group dedicated to representing the entire student body and its needs. SGA members work to create a warm and friendly atmosphere around campus.

Service to students and development of student activities and programs are some of the

**"The elections took place yesterday, Mar. 8, with Run-Off Elections today if necessary."**

ways this is accomplished. Annual SGA elections also help realize this goal by providing a way for SNU students to get involved in shaping campus life.

There were five positions to be filled in the election. Candidates for these positions were Zach Bond for President; Jared Webster for Athletic Relations; Courtney Redwine, Jamie Keoppel, Bethany Crownover, and Katey Osborne for Social Life; Eric Smith and Jake O'Bannon for Campus Ministries, and Taylor Greenhill and Kara Pirog for Office Administration.

The one exception to this is the position of Campus Communications. Those newly elected to the other positions will interview the two candidates, Bekah Barkocy and Sharyl Moseley. The candidate they select will serve in Campus Communications.

students were able to visit candidates at their booths and ask whatever questions they may have had.

Chapel on Election Day was devoted to sharing candidates' videos as a final piece of advertising before voting.

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Before any positions are offered, however, the election process had to be completed. Campaigning began on Monday, Mar. 5 and was explicitly not allowed before that date. The following Wednesday there was an election fair on the main floor of the Commons. The fair took place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.. Here

The voting itself was done online at my.snu.edu. Students voted for the candidates of their choice from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. that evening.

For years SGA has served the student body in brightening up campus life. This is the time that the same student body decides how they want this to be done.



*This year's SGA Executive Officers. Photo courtesy snusga.com*

## NEWS BRIEFS

**CHINA'S HIGH-SPEED BUILDING BOOM**

A 30-story hotel in Changsha went up in two weeks. Some question the safety in that, but the builder defends its methods. In early December, Liu Zhangning was tending her cabbage patch when she saw a tall yellow construction crane in the distance. At night, the work lights made it seem like day. Fifteen days later, a 30-story hotel towered over her village on the outskirts of the city like a glass and steel obelisk.

latimes.com

Jonathan Kaiman for LA Times

**DEPUTY, GUNMAN AMONG 3 HURT IN SHOOTING OUTSIDE TULSA COURT**

A gunman, a sheriff's deputy and a bystander were wounded Wednesday afternoon during an exchange of fire outside a Tulsa courthouse, according to news reports. One deputy and a bystander suffered wounds that were not life-threatening, the Associated Press says. Police identified the gunman as 23-year-old Andrew Joseph Dennehy, who was shot twice. His condition was not given.

usatoday.com

Michael Winter for USA Today

**SOLAR BLAST COULD HAVE EARTHLY IMPACT**

The sun unleashed one of the biggest flares ever seen during its current activity cycle late Tuesday — an X5.4-class outburst strong enough to trigger a radio blackout. The resulting geomagnetic storm could affect electrical grids, communication links, satellite navigation systems and airline schedules over the next couple of days.

msn.com

Alan Boyle for MSNBC

# Students are honored at state capital

Patrick Bonham, Staff Reporter

On Wednesday, Feb. 22, Student Support Services traveled to the state capitol to take part in Oklahoma's 2012 Trio Day. The Trio Program is a national program that provides services and assistance to students who come from low-income situations, or are first-generation college students, or individuals with disabilities. Trio Services helps students progress through the academic pipeline from middle school to post-baccalaureate institutions. The Trio Program includes services such as Student Support Services, McNair Scholars, Upward Bound, Talent Search, and a few others. SNU has both SSS and the McNair Scholars programs on campus.

Trio Day took place inside the honorary House of Representatives of the Great State of Oklahoma, where students had the opportunity to sit at the desks of Oklahoma's honorable representatives. The day started off with the presentation of the United States and Oklahoma flags by the Star Spencer High School Army Junior ROTC Color Guard. Mrs. Angie Kemp-Strader from the University of Central Oklahoma performed the National Anthem followed by Mr. Warren Queton from the University of Oklahoma performing the Kiowa American Flag Song.

## Cultivating fresh vegetables and friendships

Brenda Rivera, Staff Reporter

Students interested in gardening will be happy to learn that they can take part in the new on-campus community garden. The garden is located on Peniel Street between 41st and 42nd, directly across from the sand volleyball pit. The overall purpose of the community



Governor Mary Fallin, the first governor of Oklahoma to attend Trio Day, gave her proclamation after the colors exited the House. Governor Fallin proclaimed Feb. 22, 2012 officially as Trio Day in the state of Oklahoma. Following the Honorable Mary Fallin, the audience heard from guest speaker Congressman Tom Cole. U.S. Representative Tom Cole is a major leader in supporting the Trio Program in the legislature in Washington, D.C. Congressman Cole spoke of the current advancements in the nations capitol dealing with the Trio Program and how other states are moving in support of the program alongside Oklahoma.

Other guest speakers Dr. Bill Pink, Oklahoma State University Oklahoma City, and Chancellor Glen D. Johnson, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, both spoke, giving great stories of their pasts and encouraging students to continue in their education and to advance to a university

upon graduating high school.

Trio Day continued with the testimonials of four students who have been involved in the Trio program. These students came from different programs within Trio Services and explained the help they had received and how the services allowed them to attend college and how they are better prepared for the career world.

Every year Trio Services allows for each participating school to choose a Hall of Fame student for each service the school offers. This year, Southern Nazarene chose Dwanne Powell, Kailiana (K.O.) Odom and Fransisco Castro as this year's Trio Services Hall of Fame students.

Anyone with questions about Student Support Services or the McNair Scholars Program is encouraged to visit the third floor of the library where the Trio Services offices are located. Information may also be obtained online at [www.ed.gov](http://www.ed.gov), the U.S. Department of Education website.

garden is to provide a place for students to work with each other and nature, for the betterment of their health and education regarding gardening. The idea for a community garden is one that has often been brought up, and faculty member Katie King is currently helping to bring the project to life.

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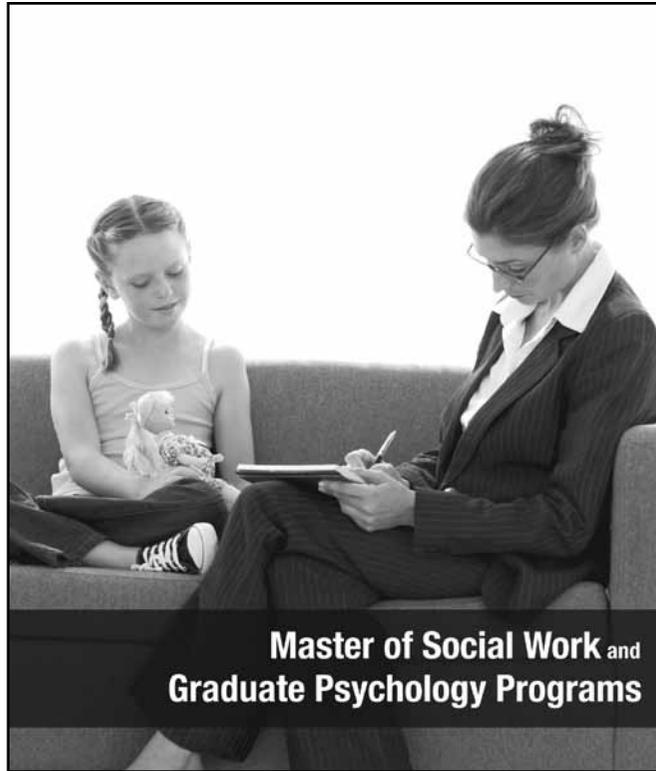
have been possible without the generosity of the Kirkpatrick Foundation. Their grant sponsors the Sustainability Learning Community, which provided the SNU Community Garden with enough funds to buy start-up supplies. The garden space, shed, and raised beds would not be here without the help of Facilities Manage-

## Garden continued

ment,” said King, Project Manager, SNU Community Garden.

The current community garden team includes King and the students of the Sustainability Learning Community, who will be receiving three hours of community service by participating in the project. The community garden is not only for the Sustainability Learning Community, but is open to new members who have an interest in gardening and sustainability. Students interested in the project may contact King by e-mail at [kking@mail.snu.edu](mailto:kking@mail.snu.edu)

It is hoped by those organizing the garden that it will be a place where a diverse mix of students can come together and form new relationships through gardening. Another hope is that students will become more educated on growing their own vegetables as an alternative to buying from grocery stores. Vegetables bought from the super markets lack nutrients, flavor, and many other qualities. By growing vegetables in the community garden, students will save money and time, while also reaping the benefits of consuming more nutritious produce.



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“I also hope that, at some point, I can offer a class titled “Basics of Sustainable Gardening.” This class would cover a lot of information about how to garden, including what tools one needs for which jobs, how to care for the soil, pest prevention, plant care, etc. That class could also feature hands-on projects like build-

ing raised beds or a standalone composter, learning about vermiculture, or how to cook or store the food you grow,” said King.

The Community Garden is a place for any students interested in growing their own food or those simply looking to have some fun in the dirt, all while forming new friendships.

## Special banquet celebrates junior and senior students

Brian McNatt, Staff Reporter

Just one week before Spring Break, as the hard work and stress of Midterms is still on students' minds, juniors and seniors of Southern Nazarene University can experience a night of fun and excitement at this year's Junior/Senior event. The theme for the event this year is “A Night at the Oscars.”

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This year's Junior/Senior will take place tonight, Friday, Mar. 9 from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Ticket cost was \$7 for juniors and \$2 for seniors.

Locations for past Junior/Senior events include The Express Barn in Yukon last year, and the Putnam City High School gym the year before that. Each year has had something unique and exciting for its participants.

This year the banquet will be held at The Palace Event Center, located west of Yukon and just 15 minutes from downtown Oklahoma City. Here guests can find a 2,800 square foot wood dance floor, private dressing rooms, an elevated stage, projector with screen, house sound system and a full-service licensed bar --



though the last listed amenity will not play a part in the night's proceedings.

All of these details look to work perfectly into this year's Junior/Senior theme. The event will be a true second Oscars for those who attend, complete with a red carpet, awards and

speeches.

Tonight's event will include various forms of entertainment. Along with the previously mentioned awards and speeches, there will also be a full banquet, including salad and dessert, a live Jazz band, and a performance by acclaimed magician Will Rader.

Rader has performed at restaurants, corporate functions, and theme parks such as Frontier City for over 10 years. His skill and experience promise to be on full display at this event.

This event could not come at a better time in the semester. While midterms abound and students are still waiting on spring break, a night out at a ritzy establishment with food, music, and live entertainment will likely be a welcomed break from study madness and crazy schedules that often accompany this time.

However the evening goes, the junior and senior classmen of Southern Nazarene University can be expected to have a wonderful time.

# OPINIONS

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## Rush Limbaugh either did not listen, did not understand, or did not care

Brad Crofford, Guest Columnist

I will admit that, for a politics major, I don't listen to much talk radio or watch many political talk shows. Instead, my car radio is most often turned to 104.1 (the classic rock station), my TV is rarely turned on at all, and I obtain my political fix through online news sources. Yet, sometimes when I hear of how much influence the Rush Limbaugh and Glenn Beck types wield, I am intrigued to find out what they are saying. Last week, as I read some transcripts from Rush Limbaugh's radio show, I am glad I do not regularly listen.

The specific incident I was reading about was his repeated derogatory remarks toward a third-year Georgetown Law student, Sandra Fluke. Fluke testified before Congress about the need for contraception to be available for students like her who attend colleges that do not cover contraception as part of the student health insurance plan. In her testimony, Fluke provided mostly anecdotal evidence of friends who needed contraception for medical purposes, but, due to the plan's lack of coverage, were unable to afford it; one of them ended up having her ovaries removed and is dealing as a result with the traumatic early onset of menopause and an inability to have children. What I find troubling is the way some, including Limbaugh, have skewed her words in such an extreme way and referred to her with words

that will not be repeated here.

I present here an excerpt of one of his radio shows, available for free to the public from his website as "I'm a Danger to the Women of America?":

"She [Fluke] gives the numbers: \$3,000 worth of birth control pills worth of sex. She's paying anywhere from \$35,000 to \$50,000 a year to go to Georgetown, \$20,000 room and board, and can't afford the \$1,800 to \$3,000 a year for birth control pills and wants us to pay for it."

This passage in particular of Limbaugh's address bothered me because it suggests he perhaps did not listen to, did not understand, or simply did not care about Fluke's testimony.

First, Limbaugh suggests that it is Fluke who is engaging in sexual activity. In fact, she does not say this in her testimony, so to suggest this is simply a baseless ad hominem attack that seeks to portray her in a negative light rather than consider her position.

Second, he equates birth control with sexual activity rather than the potential medical uses that Fluke emphasizes throughout her testimony. Thus, he fails to address the thrust of Fluke's

argument and trivializes real medical concerns.

Third, he suggests that if she has enough money to attend Georgetown, then she must have enough money to pay for birth control pills. Fluke, however, specifically said "For a lot of students who, like me, are on public interest scholarships, that's practically an entire summer's salary." As someone like Fluke who is only able to attend a private college because of scholarships, I recognize that the college one attends is not always a reflection of one's financial means.

Fourth, Limbaugh seizes on the \$3,000 figure for most of his address (though he does qualify it somewhat in the previous excerpt). Fluke, however, specifically says "Without insurance coverage, contraception can cost a woman over \$3,000 during law school." As Fluke repeatedly mentions stories of people seeking to

obtain prescription birth control, it is obvious that this figure does not necessarily point to promiscuity, but rather the high cost of drugs (something that is certainly not unique to birth control).

I do find it reprehensible the way Limbaugh and others have so viciously attacked her, and I find it commendable that President Obama has reached out to Fluke with the kind gesture of a brief phone call. (Of course, Limbaugh and the Right do not have a monopoly on such vitriolic rhetoric; both sides of the political spectrum have indeed been guilty at times.) Though this is a complex topic with important drivers (such as the separation of church and state as well as health rights), such misleading and misguided rhetoric will not further the conversation, and is hurtful not only to well-intentioned individuals, but also to civil debate.



An image used by online petition site Sumofus.org to urge companies to pull advertising from Limbaugh's show. Used under Creative Commons.

## Election process isn't perfect, but provides a rare opportunity for students

Hannah Marchant,  
Opinions Editor

It was the day of Student Government executive elections when a particular and memorable class discussion occurred. Discourse was encouraged in my Contemporary Social Issues class, and SGA elections would not pass by without comment. The discussion probably started with someone commenting on a funny skit or catchy tune, but it turned into frustration. Someone said something close to, "They treat us like we're not smart enough to make a knowledge-based decision. Whoever makes us laugh the most wins." Others commented that it was just a popularity contest—whoever won was because they had the most connections.

I agreed that the chapel full of skits and videos with catchy tunes, slogans, and guest appearances had been very entertaining, a little too entertaining. The laughter made me feel good and the candidates' abilities to connect on a humorous level with the crowd made my subconscious appoint credibility to those candidates who could do so. However, I was disappointed with some of the quick speeches that preceded the videos.

I knew most the candidates and knew they were full of character and any of them would have and have done a wonderful job, but I wanted to hear more about what they were offering as a candidate. I wanted what they actually said in their speeches to stand out more and win me over more than laughter did.

"But that's what you want!"

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or video, no one would vote for them," I said. A few nodded in agreement. I had agreed with previous comments and knew that a change was needed in the election process. I had come to a realization, though. This change would be nearly impossible to start alone as a candidate. It would just give the other candidates an advantage if you spoke solely on what you would actually offer. I knew there was a forum with the candidates where students could ask questions, but I also knew

that only a minuscule fraction of students in chapel would attend.

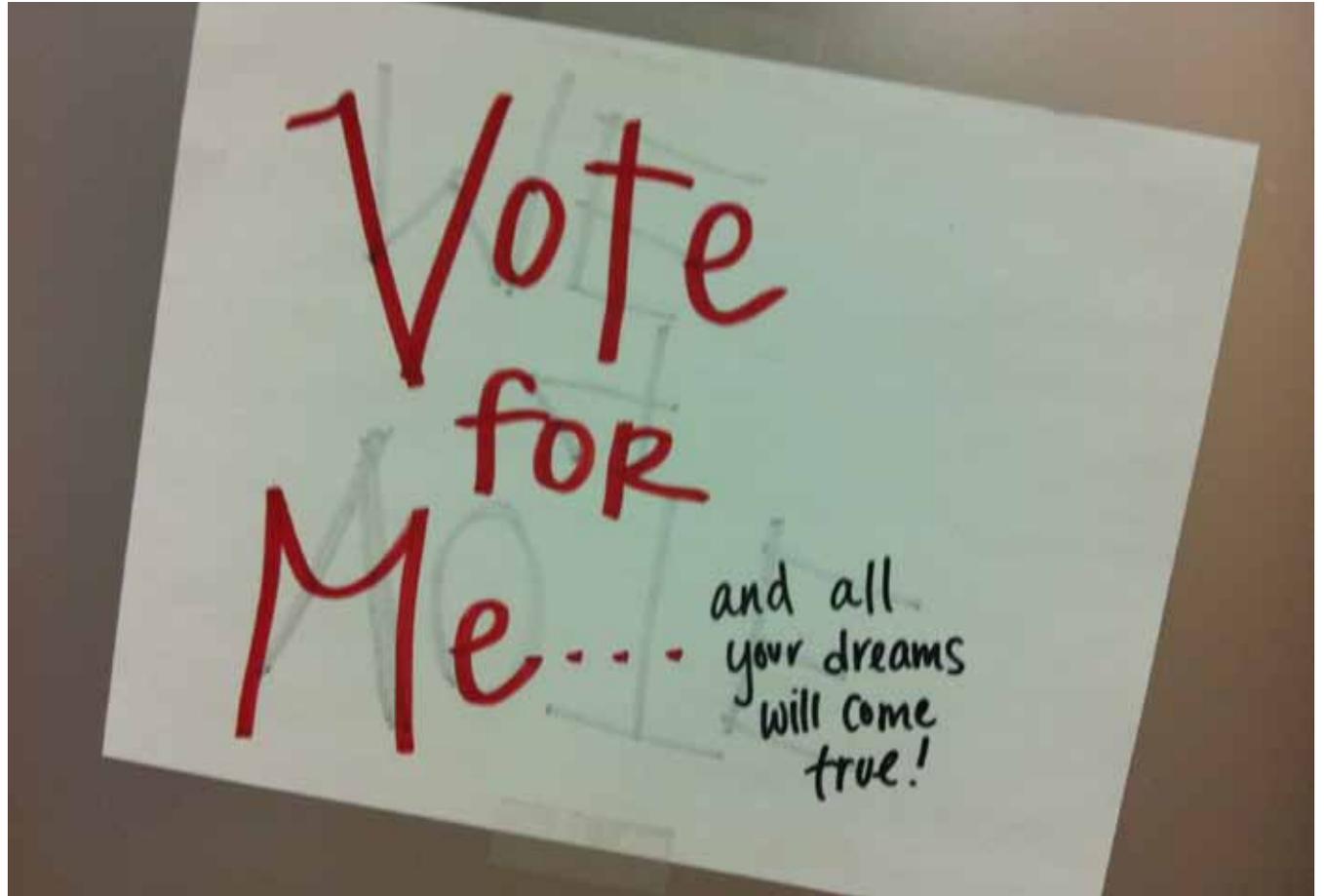
I am not suggesting throwing out campaigning altogether.

I enjoy slogans and well-designed posters and free Band-aids and temporary tattoos like everyone else. I am suggesting a different way of doing the election chapel: giving each candidate an equal opportunity to showcase what they would bring to the university. This could be done in multiple ways. One way would be to hire a videographer to film the candidates' speeches (for those with stage fright). Another would be to only allow a speech from each candidate. A speech gives room for humor, personality, and a slogan, but doesn't let the voter

discriminate based on your creativity in campaign videos (a talent which is unnecessary for most of the positions).

The point of the story from my CSI class is not, however, is not to invoke change for this year's executive election process—by now, the new executives have been announced.

What I want is for the student body to pay attention to the class elections and next year's elections. I want students to listen to what the candidates really have to say. I want the student body to care enough to vote. Our SGA executives receive large scholarships that come from student fees. No, these elections are not the United States Presidential election, but they are one of the opportunities you have to choose where your money goes on campus. This small outlet of empowerment awaits you. Are you willing to engage?



*Lofty promises, an entertaining and crucial part of any campaign poster. Image by Hannah Marchant*

## Couldn't make it to Cabinet Chat? See if your question was answered

Hannah Marchant,  
Opinions Editor

Last Tuesday, February 28, at 5:30 p.m. in the Heritage Room, students and a sampling of the cabinet—including President Loren Gresham, Vice President of Spiritual Development Brad Strawn, Vice President for Student Development Scott Strawn, Provost Mary Jones, and Mike Redwine—met for the spring semester's first Cabinet Chat.

While a majority of the students present were SGA members, Student Body President Carson Calloway presented previously submitted questions by the student body to members of the cabinet present. The cabinet members decided to move from the long table at the front of the room to a circle table closer to the students, creating a more casual environment.

Most of the questions in the last cabinet chat were dedicated to concerns with Sodexo's food

services, but the recent chat discussed anything but that. Questions included everything from the anonymous twitter accounts to grading scales.

A student requested that a kitchenette be constructed in Bracken. The cabinet answered that a kitchen is under construction and the supposed completion date is Spring Break.

A request was also made, concerning better cell coverage in the dorms. Scott Strawn answered that they have been in contact with companies who work to improve coverage and make sure reception is provided in emergency situations.

A Snowbarger resident asked if the back West door could be a functional entrance and exit. Scott Strawn said security would have the answer to that, but knows that they have tried to limit entrances into the building for security purposes. This lets them know who has come in and

out of the building (through the use of fobs and security cameras).

One student submission stated that the televisions in the commons were never turned off. Scott Strawn said that they are supposed to be on timers, but the programs that control this are not kept up. If you see a television on when it should be turned off, let the Commons Office know.

A Resident Director evaluation, similar to students' class evaluations, was requested. The cabinet responded that a recent survey sent out to the student body included ways to evaluate student and professional staff members.

A student present asked why publications are a part of SGA and if it was possible for the Arrow and *The Echo* to be their own organizations. The cabinet answered historically, they have been a part of SGA. Also, SGA

funding comes from student fees, as does publications. This will be something they consider in publications board meetings later this semester.

Students brought up the anonymous twitter accounts, noting that some of them had made personal attacks and wondering if there was a way the university could address this issue. The cabinet encouraged students to hold each other accountable and withhold support by not "following" the accounts.

Some students shared frustration about the grading +/- scale. They felt the system, which varies by department and sometimes by professor, is hurting students. Mary Jones explained that the scores are equalized out when students send in applications to grad schools and when those schools look at students' grades, they do not see it with that scale. The faculty has voted on this academic standard.

## Wesleyan scholars gather for a weekend of presentations and conversations

Ben Smith, Staff Reporter

This weekend held the annual conferences for the Wesleyan Philosophical Society (WPS), Wesleyan Theological Society (WTS), and the Society for the Study of Psychology and Wesleyan Theology (SSPWT). Different groups from around the world gathered at Trevecca Nazarene University to discuss current research in several fields.

Representing SNU were Professors Tim Crutcher, Brint Montgomery, Brad Strawn, Ron Wright, and Kelly Yates. Senior students Allison Beaty, Josiah Daniels, and Carson Calloway attended.

Regarding a reason for attending conferences, Yates said, "It provides an opportunity to learn and see friends from around the world."

Yates presented a paper entitled "The Wesleyan Trilateral: Preventing Grace, Catholic Spirit, and Religious Toleration," in which she explored the views of Wesleyan theology and how it impacted Nazarenes' outlooks on people from other religions, primarily Judaism and Islam.

As president of the Philosophical Society for this year, Crutcher gave another paper that observed the empiricism of John Wesley and its similarity to the empiricism of Aristotle and John Locke.

Crutcher and Beaty presented a joint paper entitled "Muslim Hearts Strangely Warmed? Interpreting non-Christian Mysticism in Wesleyan Ways" which covered the reading of Islamic poetry and the different effects that this

poetry took on once it was read through a Wesleyan viewpoint.

As a favorite part of the conferences, Crutcher says, "I enjoy presenting my papers, I enjoy hearing good papers, and I enjoying the 'accidental' conversations that arise among my colleagues, especially with those I don't get to see very often."

Yates agreed with him, citing the ability to give papers as one of her favorite parts of the conference.

Daniels comments that as a student, "the conferences certainly encourage me in my studies. They allow us lowly undergraduates to get to see what is being done in our fields and interact with some of the major players in the field."

Because there was a tornado

in the area during the three days of the conference, Daniels said that his favorite memory from the conference was "Getting to watch Yankees freak out because there are tornadoes within fifty miles of their location."

If students are interested in presenting at such conferences, Montgomery offers this advice, "The Number one suggestion is to get to know your professors in your major! If you consistently do good work—that is beyond just studying for a passing grade, professors are always ready to showcase their good students and to support them as they grow from merely academic 'customers' to actual scholars trying to make a contribution to their field and wider human knowledge."

# STORMSPORTS

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## Storm sweep SCU in double header

### Sports Information

BETHANY, Okla. — Southern Nazarene picked up its second doubleheader sweep of the year with a 4-3 win in the opener and a 10-1 run rule in the fifth in the nightcap over Southwestern Christian.

The Crimson Storm (12-8) have now won four of their last five and now head into their final tournament of the regular season.

It took a while for the Storm to get going as SNU had just four runs on six hits in the opener, but got a gift of five errors from SCU to score the win in the opener.

Southern Nazarene finally broke the scoreless tie in the bottom of the fourth with a single down the left by Aubrey Jones and then took a 2-0 lead on sacrifice fly to center by Kacey Acker. Kaylee Allen made it 3-0 when she drove in Jones with a single to right and then scored on an SCU error to make it 4-0.

Southwestern Christian scored four in the top of the sixth, but that was it for the Lady Eagle offense as Maci-Brooke Lambert (5-3) gave up just three runs, two earned, on four hits as she tossed the complete game. Lambert also fanned seven.

Jones led the way going 2-for-3 with an RBI and a run scored. Allen also went 1-for-2 with an RBI and a run scored while Amy Madden went 2-for-4 with a run scored.

In the nightcap, Southern Nazarene struck first in the bottom of the first when Jill Clem-



Jill Clemence scored two homeruns in the second game—her first two of the season. Photo from Sports Information.

ence hit her first home run of her career with an opposite field shot to left. Kaylee Allen pushed another across in the second with a double to right center to score Kacey Acker that put SNU on top 2-0. Allen then scored on a Kristina Forest triple before Forest scored a wild throw.

SNU jumped out to a 7-0 lead in the third with a one-run double off the center field wall by Madden and a two-run shot to center by Whitney Linder. It was Linder's first home run of her career.

Clemence put SNU up 9-1 when she hit her second

home run of the day to left field in the fourth. Allison Fields then ripped a double up the middle to score Katie Turner as SNU put the icing on the cake.

Clemence went 3-for-3 with three RBIs and three runs scored to lead the way. Kaylee Allen was also 2-for-2 with an RBI and a run scored.

Kaci Crawford (5-4) gave up just one run that was unearned on three hits and struck out eight in the complete, five-inning game.

SNU will now get set to head to the CBC Invitational, Friday and Saturday, in Conway, Arkansas.

## SCORE BOARD

### Baseball

Northwestern OK	W 12-6
	L 7-12
	L 8-9
Ottawa (Kan.)	W 4-1
	L 3-10
Science and Arts	W 12-10
	L 2-5
	W 9-8
Okla. City	L 11-12

### Men's Basketball

John Brown (Ark.)	W 60-58
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### Women's Basketball

John Brown (Ark.)	W 62-51
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### Softball

St Gregory's Farmers Branch Inv.	
Houston-Victoria	L 4-5
Northwood	W 12-1
Bellevue	W 8-3
Our Lady of the Lake	L 7-9

Okla. Baptist	W 13-8
	W 8-7

### Lead Off Classic

Central Baptist	L 1-3
	L 3-10
Madonna	W 3-1
Union	W 8-3
Trevecca Naz.	W 4-3
Southwestern Christian	W 4-3

### Tennis

Central Okla	L 6-3
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# Southern Nazarene took down John Brown

## Sports Information

BETHANY, Okla. — No. 23 Southern Nazarene may have just stamped its ticket to Kansas City, Mo., after SNU upset No. 15 John Brown, 60-58, in the final game of the regular season.

“What a great win that was because John Brown is such a great team,” said SNU Head Coach Adam Bohac. “I told the guys after the game that if you ever beat

a John Brown team you should feel good about it because they don’t beat themselves. They don’t turn it over or make many mistakes.”

The Crimson Storm closed the regular season at 21-9 overall and 14-8 in the Sooner Athletic Conference and did it mostly without the services of senior guard Daniel White who played just 11 minutes. White played just six minutes in the first half after getting into foul trouble and played just the first few minutes of the second half until a scary collision at mid-court. White was diving on the floor when he collided with a John Brown player.

He was quickly attended to by on-site medical staff and was eventually taken off the court on a medical backboard and rushed to a local hospital. White was

released later Saturday night.

Despite losing its second leading scorer, SNU had four players in double figures, including a game-high 19 points from Ryan Aaron. The junior guard went 6-for-7 from the field and 6-for-10 from the free-throw line. He also hit the only 3-pointer he took. Aaron, along with Tyrone Lyons combined for all of SNU’s 29 points off of the bench as Lyons added 10 points and six rebounds.

“We lost our toughest guy and best rebounder in Dan so I don’t know if that woke the guys up, but we started getting more aggressive,” said Bohac. “The last eight minutes of that ball game we play extremely well.”

Jon West notched 12 points in his final game in the Sawyer Center while Horace McGloster recorded 11 points and eight rebounds on the night. McGloster also brought the Storm faithful out of their seats late in the first half with a thunderous dunk and then hit the free throw to complete the three-point play.

That three-point play gave SNU a 26-25 lead in one of nine lead changes in the first half alone. Lyons made it 28-25 with 3:07 left in the first, but JBU went on

a 10-0 run to end the half and took a 35-28 lead into the break.

The Golden Eagles stretched the lead out to nine on a handful of occasions, but SNU began to climb back into the picture. John Brown led the majority of the second half, until the 2:32 mark when McGloster buried a 3-pointer and West slid in for a lay up to complete a 15-4 run.

SNU led 59-55 with 1:09 left, but JBU got it 59-57 and then had a chance to tie it with 10 seconds left, but Andy Garcia missed the front end of two shots. Adrian Hunter then buried the second of two on the other end and gave the ball back to the Golden Eagles with nine seconds left. Able Galiguez had a chance to tie it, but the ball ricocheted off the rim and went out of bounds with two-tenths of a second left. JBU tried to throw a lob inside, but Lyons knocked it away and any hopes of overtime as SNU secured the win.

Southern Nazarene will now get set to defend its SAC Tournament crown, Thursday, in Siloam Springs, Ark., as John Brown plays host to the conference tournament. SNU will play Science & Arts in the first round, but no time has been set yet.



Aaron Jones only missed one shot the whole night. Photo from Sports Information.

## ON DECK

### BASEBALL

Fri, Mar 9 @ 1PM vs  
Central Okla.

Tues, Mar 13 @ 2PM @  
Okla. City

### EQUESTRIAN

Mar 10-11th Two Hunt  
Seat Shows/Regionals  
@ Baton Rouge, Lous.

### MEN'S GOLF

Mar 12-13th @ UST  
Mamiya Texas Intercolle-  
giate in Westworth Vil-  
lage, TX

### SOFTBALL

Mar 9-10 in Conway, Ark.  
@ CBC Invitational

### TENNIS

Sat, Mar 10th @ 12:30  
PM @ Henderson State  
in Durant  
@ 3PM @ Southeastern  
Okla. State in Durant  
Tue, Mar 13 @ 3PM @  
Oklahoma Baptist

## A brave split

### Sports Information

BETHANY, Okla. — Chris Eastham tossed a complete game and moved to 2-1 on the year in leading Southern Nazarene to a 4-1 win over Ottawa (Kan.) in



Chris Eastham leads the team in strikeouts. Photo from Sports Information.

the first game of a doubleheader. SNU lost the second game 10-3.

Eastham gave up just one run, which was unearned, and allowed just four hits and struck out eight. The Crimson Storm (4-11) gave up the only run of the game on an error and shut out the Braves the rest of the way.

Nate Saquilon and Tyler De Trinidad each went 2-for-2 with a run scored. Saquilon drove in a pair of runs with his third home run of the year. The home run game in the bottom of the first as SNU took a 2-1 lead and didn't trail from there. The Storm added two more in the fourth with an

Austin Samulowitz ground out and a James Tunnell double to left center.

Eastham never gave up more than one hit in any inning.

It was nearly the opposite story in the second game as Southern Nazarene took the first lead in the bottom of the first on a Jacob Inbody single up the middle to score Tunnell, but Ottawa answered with two in the third and one in the fourth to lead 3-1. The Braves jumped out to a 6-1 lead with three in the sixth, but the Storm answered with two in the sixth. That was it though for the SNU offense as Ottawa closed it out with four in the seventh to score the win.

Matt Berry (0-2) took the loss after giving up three runs on seven hits in four inning of work. Inbody went 2-for-3 with an RBI and a run scored in the nightcap.



### TRACK AND FIELD Kirsten Michael

Edmond, OK  
Sophomore

Best advice your parents have given you:  
You should pray about it

Prized possession:  
My Subaru Outback--I'm always on the go!

Word that best describes you:  
Considerate

As a child, you dreamed of being:  
An astronomer

Non-athletic talent:  
Oil painting

Three famous dead people you would invite to dinner:  
C.S. Lewis, Mother Theresa, John Muir

Biggest fear:  
Things that pop (like fireworks, especially the unwrapping of the Pillsbury biscuit cans!)

Pet peeve:  
Dishonesty

## Track and Field is up and running

Josh Riley, staff reporter

The track and field team plans on coming out of the gates strong, as the outdoor season gets under way and strives to carry the reputation of a great program under head coach Billy Miller. Southern Nazarene has a strong track program and the runners are determined to make it stronger than it has ever been.

Junior distance runner Sarah Keller says, "Southern Nazarene Track and Field has a really good thing going on right now with a great track atmosphere, a lot of talent and determination."

With a lot of new runners joining the program and Coach Miller pushing them in the direction to enhance the program, this has the potential to be the best season yet.

"I had a great opportunity

to run at the collegiate level with a program that has a good history, good coaches, and an awe-

**"Track and Field has a really good thing going on right now."**

some team," Keller states, "Coach Miller gave us training journals to follow, and that helps us stay organized and on track with what we all should be doing."

With track and field being purely an individual effort to fulfill a team effort, the members strive to achieve their personal goals. This forces the athletes to have a drive and self-motivation to achieve excellence.

"I want to set new personal re-

ords in my events, place at conference, and qualify a relay and in an individual event for nationals," Keller states, "Speaking for the mid-distance women, I would say one really big team goal to have a really strong 4x800m relay and potentially qualify for nationals."

Each athlete is forced to work hard so that they can achieve their personal goals, which will motivate the rest of the team to work hard for their events.

"I motivate by asking how they felt during a particular hard work out, and encouraging one another at practice," Keller states.

Southern Nazarene University's outdoor track and field team have been preparing and working hard for this season to start. They start the season with the Bison Relays on Saturday, March 31 in Shawnee, Oklahoma.

## Chorale heads to Venezuela to perform and have some fun

Jaclynn Gray, Staff Writer

All music majors are required to join an ensemble while on their college journey. SNU Chorale is an ensemble that travels around performing and spending the summer in another country singing and growing their musical talents. This summer they will travel to Venezuela to tour and minister to the people there.

“I thought that chorale would provide the best opportunity to sing great music and have some fun along the way,” junior Zach Lucero said.

The Chorale is the premier, and it is dedicated to performance and study.

“I wanted to challenge myself and better myself in something that I haven’t done a lot of,” Cameron Taylor said. “Being an instrumentalist, I don’t have much experience in singing, so I tried out for Chorale at the end of last year, and was lucky enough to make it. I wanted to try something new and to broaden my music abilities, and now I’m glad I did.”

While there are a lot of memories made and fun to be had, it is not always easy.

“I think the hardest part about being on tour is just the hectic schedule that comes with a tour like this,” Taylor said. “Always being on the go and performing everywhere could get a little hectic, especially with the large group.”

**“We don’t know how people will respond to our message, but whatever happens, we know we’re doing this for God.”**

Fund raising to travel internationally is also a responsibility that falls on the student’s shoulders.

“A number of us have been sending out letters to members of our family and friends who would be willing to help and contribute to the costs,” Taylor said.

“Spreading awareness can result in some amazing help. It’s amazing how generous, helpful, and responsive people can be when it comes to a mission trip like this. Being a part of an exciting ensemble that is taking an exciting trip will further one’s musical career and help

one gain personal experience. On this trip, we will be witnessing to people through our music, and I hope to learn more about God through other people,” Taylor said.

“Listening to others from other countries about what God has done for them in their lives I think will give me a perspective of God’s blessings, and how he hears our prayers and uses everything that happens for good.”

As Chorale tours this summer and continues to raise funds and prepare for Venezuela, they will continue to use their music to reach out to people through God.

“I hope that on this tour we will be able to share our message with other people who don’t know God, whether it’s by singing or just sitting down with someone and talking about their struggles. I hope we will be able to change people’s lives in Venezuela,” Taylor said.

“We don’t know how people will respond to our message; it might be 500 people just 50 people; but whatever happens, we know we’re doing this for God.”

## Local Events

3/9/12 ‘Tornado Alley’ Premier Days  
Science Museum OK  
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

3/10/12 Money Talks Art Walks  
Individual Artists of OK  
7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

3/11/12 Studio Sampler  
OKC Museum of Art  
1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

3/12/12 World Renowned Harry Potter Expert to Lecture on “The Hunger Games”  
Full Circle Bookstore  
7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

3/13/12 Job Fair  
Renaissance OKC Convention Center Hotel  
11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

## SNU Events

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Junior/Senior

10

Mens’ disc golf @  
Dolase  
Soph. lip sync  
decor work day

11

Daylight Savings  
Time Begins

12

SGA class apps  
available

13

Faith and Film  
Chapel: Brad  
Strawn

14

NAIA National  
Championship

15

NAIA National  
Championship  
Kingdom Come

## Broomball sees high numbers of participation

Brenda Rivera, Staff Writer

Most people would not expect to walk into an ice rink and see it filled with college students hitting around miniature soccer balls with sticks while wearing sneakers, but on Saturday Mar. 3, that is exactly what happened.

Broomball is arguably one of the most popular student sporting events here at SNU, so much so that the number of teams must be limited to eight to keep the event from running all night. But even with only eight teams, over 96 people showed up to attempt to claim the championship title for their team.

This year each team chose a country, some fictional and others not, to coincide with the theme of the Olympics. The teams stepped on the ice under the flags of Nova Scotia, Mordor, The Republic of Texas, Azztralia, Madagascar, Niger, Azerbaijan, and Brazil.

For anyone not familiar with Broomball, it is an ice-based sport in which two teams use 'brooms,' which are little more than wooden sticks with plastic wedges on the end, to knock a ball into the opposing teams' goal. While it may seem like a fairly straightforward idea, it is far more complicated than it sounds.

The challenge of running on ice while trying to avoid defenders makes for a difficult and hilarious endeavor. The pool play and bracket games were eight minutes in length, while the championship game was twenty minutes long and was segmented into three periods of play.

The teams battled it out on the ice until only two teams remained: Madagascar and Niger. The game was evenly matched and after the last period was over and the ice chips had settled, the score was tied, sending the game into a shoot out.

For a shoot out in broomball, both teams take turns taking a shot on the goal. Both teams make a line up of three players, which must include at least one girl, to go up against the opposing teams goalie. If after all six players have shot the score is still tied, another three from each team must go up and try again.

The shoot out between Madagascar and Niger went on for so long most everyone in the stands lost count of how many rounds it had lasted. But in the end, Madagascar stood victorious.

"It got pretty intense as we got closer to and entered into the championship because of friends on opposing teams, but I think we all were able to be good sports about it and ultimately had a lot of fun. It is by far my favorite because it gets everyone involved like no other event on campus," Madagascar team member Madie Cash said.



### FINE ARTS

**Kylee Bowman**  
Mustang, Oklahoma

#### Interests & Hobbies:

Music, poetry, paintball, and riding horses

#### Most Prized Possession:

A poetry book from 1858

#### Three Words that Best Describe Me:

Optimistic, outgoing, and driven

#### Best Advice My Parents Gave Me:

"Follow your own dreams, not the dreams other people think you should have"

#### Biggest Fear:

Clowns and elevators

#### As a Child, I Dreamed of Being:

A vet for wild cats

#### I Would Like to Have Witnessed:

The recording of Bohemian Rhapsody

#### A talent you possess:

Song writing

#### Pet Peeve:

People getting in my space

#### Best memory:

My first CD release

#### Favorite Quote or Verse:

Psalms 27:1

**Apologies from The Echo staff for the last feature. The photo used was not of Nikki Jackson as indicated.**



Photo by Kaitlyn Orwig

## Jake's movie review about "Being Elmo: a Puppeteer's Journey"

Jake O'Bannon, Staff Writer

Do you have a passion in life that you try to keep a secret? Something you don't tell people because you might be judged if you reveal it? Kevin Clash had no fear of this when in high school he had a passion for puppets. Yes, puppets. Now, I'm open to most desires and interests people have, as long as they are within reason. But let's be honest here, wouldn't you think it was a little weird if your roommate had a closet full of puppets?

Before watching the "Being Elmo" documentary I would have quickly said yes. That would be weird. Then I saw this documentary. And...well...I'm sure you have already filled in the blanks.

Kevin Clash, the main subject of the documentary "Being Elmo: A Puppeteer's Journey," grew up in a poor family living on the east coast near Baltimore, Maryland. At an early age he became infatuated with the Captain Kangaroo show, triggering his desire to be a puppeteer. He made his first full puppet out of a trench coat he stole out of his father's closet. From that point on, Clash traveled a road to stardom as a puppeteer.

I'll let the actual film narrate the entire story for you. I mean, because you are going to watch it, right? (This is the part where you, the reader, think, "Yeah, I am going to watch it. Thanks!") Good, I knew you would. So now that we settled that issue, and in such a civil matter at that, I want to focus on another aspect of the film.

As you can tell by the title (I hope), Clash is the puppeteer and voice of Elmo. This is hilarious because Kevin Clash is an African-American man that is at least six foot, three inches tall and weighs 230 pounds. He is the last person I would have ever thought could make the voice of Elmo, but I love it.

Elmo was quite literally dropped into the lap of Clash. The original puppeteer was sick of the puppet and felt the need to pass it off to someone else. Clash, being a new member of the Sesame Street team, jumped on the opportunity and took on the challenge of giving Elmo a new identity. And give him new life he did.

In the film, Clash's sweet mother says, "Kevin comes alive through Elmo." When Clash was trying to decide what Elmo's personality would be, he couldn't get away from the word love. Just flat out, no restrictions, love of everyone. Think about it, that is what Elmo is all about. Can anyone really say they have never heard the words, "Elmo love you!"? Don't tell me you haven't.

Elmo's stardom took off rapidly. Kids all over the country wanted an Elmo doll. So here is my question: What does that say about love? What does it say when a character that's only goal in life is to love others becomes the most wanted product in the country? People would physically fight to get "Tickle-Me-Elmo" dolls in the early 90s. What does that say about love? One of my favorite quotes from the film is, "The thing people love

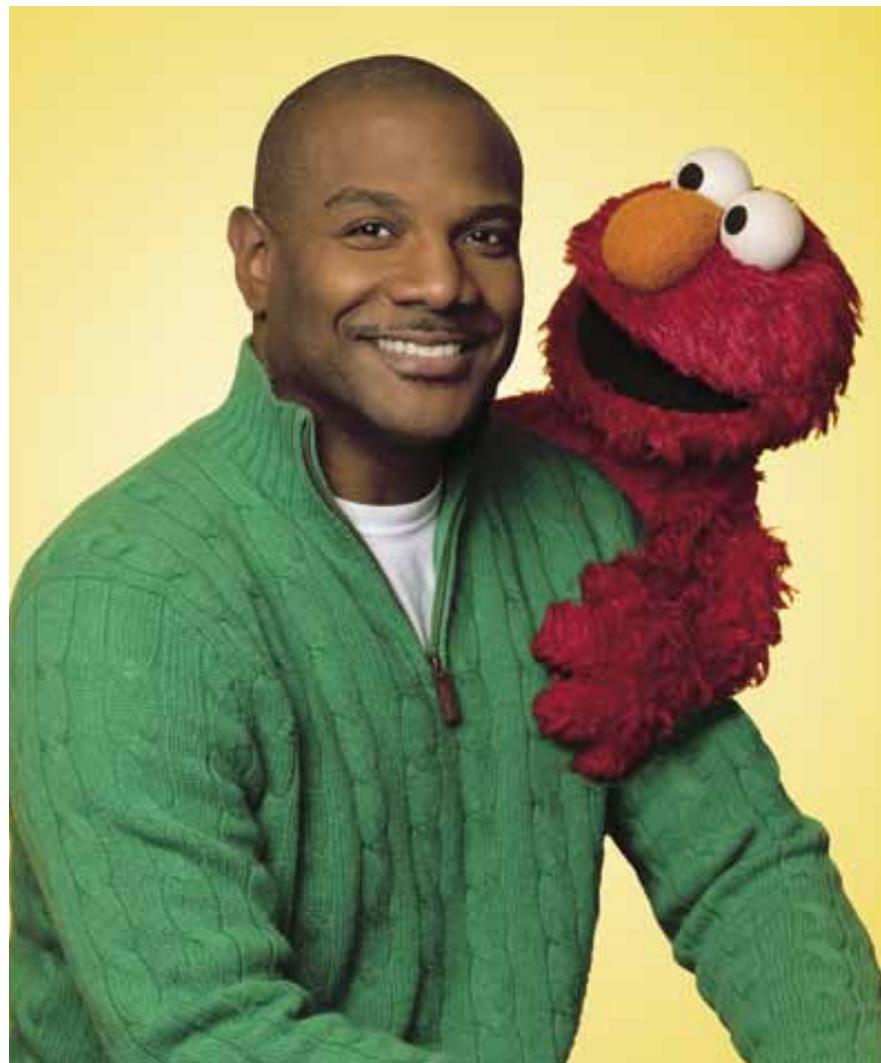


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about Elmo is that he needs them." Elmo lives off of loving others. He needs it. And others need love. What a perfect companionship.

Listen, I realize I'm talking about a puppet here. But really, I'm not. I am talking about something much deeper. There are two lessons we can learn from this documentary (which is free on Netflix, so you have no excuse not to watch it). First, follow your passion, no matter how "strange" people might think it is. You never know how much influence you can have when you are

truly passionate about something. Secondly, as Christians, we need to take a serious lesson from Elmo.

Our call from God is to be Elmo to the world. Not literally, but symbolically. We are to love others unconditionally, without judgment or disrespect. Just as our old friend Elmo does. Who knew Elmo was so Christ-like?

Oscars Update: I went 3-3 on my picks. Which, I know, is not very good. I hope you can still respect me as a person. Congratulations to *The Artist* for a well deserved win!

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