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Phase One of Campaign For the Sciences successfully funded

Ashleigh Buchanan, Staff Writer

Current and future science majors have a lot to be excited about.

The Campaign for the Sciences has been in full swing since January, and they have met their first goal of \$5.5 million through funds and commitments by generous individual donors as well as private foundations and corporations.

This \$5.5 million was needed in order to begin the planning for Phase One of the JD & Mary West Science Laboratory. Phase One will consist of 25,891 square feet base building, including five biology laboratories (including a cadaver lab), three chemistry laboratories, two research laboratories, five office spaces, six student gathering areas, an open entrance area, and a greenhouse.

Now that the funds for the first phase have been raised, the vision and plans of the new building have taken a leap from conceptual to actuality. During an in person interview, Vice President for Financial Affairs Dr. Scott Strawn said they are working on a hard timeline and hope to be making an official announcement during this academic year with details on groundbreaking and construction. Concerning how the construction of this new addition would affect all SNU students, Strawn said certain students might have to adjust daily patterns such as walking routes and parking. He hopes that the noisiest parts of construction will take place during sum-



Rendering of the future --JD and Mary West Science Laboratory. Image provided by the Office of Institutional Advancement.

mer or light times of the semester. Strawn also noted the importance of rewarding the Science Department for its excellence and said it is important to support the department's continued growth. Strawn pointed out how profound it is that a Christian university is building a new science building. He believes it speaks volumes and says that SNU is not afraid of truths and discoveries in scientific development.

Science majors will obviously gain the most from this new building. Chesney Burgweger, a Senior biology/chemistry major, is no

stranger to the current science building. She has taken many classes in the science building and has been

“it will allow SNU students to continue to excel”

a lab assistant in both the chemistry and biology departments.

Burgweger said, “I can imagine how nice it will be for future SNU students to learn and

work in new, up-to-date facilities.”

She also noted that the JD & Mary West Science Laboratory is a necessary update because “Being educated in the sciences requires a constant update of information and technologies. Our current science building has been in the same state for over 40 years and, as it was sufficient for student’s learning years ago, it’s time for an update. With the updated science building facilities such as labs and classrooms, it will allow SNU students to continue to excel in an area of education that is one of the university’s top departments.”

Global Vision Week to inform students on study abroad, mission trips

Ronna Fisher, Assistant Editor

The week of October 15th will bring the fourth annual Global Vision Week (GVW) at SNU. Jason Hubbert, associate in Spiritual Development, created Global Vision Week in 2008. The goals of GVW were three-fold: to increase awareness, expectations and participation in study abroad programs and mission trip opportunities.

“I believe in an increasingly global society. The average educated individual will need to know how to interact inter-culturally,” said Hubbert.

Rhea Woodcock, director of student ministries, studied abroad as an undergraduate at SNU.

“The insight gained into oneself whenever you go abroad is a huge benefit, and it can im-

pact your life and lead to a fuller understanding of the world around you,” said Woodcock.

According to Hubbert and Woodcock, studies have shown that a student’s semester abroad is his or her most formative semester. The semester abroad tends to be more influential than classes, teachers and even friends.

During GVW, Sodexo will be serving international food throughout the week. Last year one of the most popular items was an avocado smoothie. Students are encouraged to daringly try something new, unusual and strange. They might be surprised to find that they actually enjoy it.

One chapel will be wholly devoted to study abroad opportunities and the other chapel will be dedicated to mission trip op-



Senior Bekah Barkocy interacts with children during a mission trip to Haiti. Photo provided by Rhea Woodcock.

portunities. There will also be a Study Abroad Fair on Tuesday and a Missions Fair on Thursday. Students will have the op-

portunity to talk to different representatives about opportunities. Spiritual Development
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Global Vision Week to inform on study abroad, mission trips, continued

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will also be announcing the different mission trips that SNU will offer the summer of 2013.

Since beginning GVW, Hubbert has tracked student involvement in study abroad programs and mission trips. There

has been a significant increase in cross-cultural activities. Last year over 100 students participated in study abroad programs or mission trips. This only includes SNU affiliated activities, let alone outside trips or organizations.

Elizabeth Bertuca, a Junior mis-

sions major, said, “I’m very excited; I love to see the things that students can accomplish on missions trips.” Many students are looking forward to GVW for both the mission aspect and the push for study abroad. Amy Sattler, Junior, studied abroad in Costa Rica in the spring of 2012. “I think it’s good to get students out of our little world of midterms and classes. It’s just a reminder that there’s so much more going on around us and to remind us of the opportunities we have to impact others and interact with the world.”

University “moving forward” with impending lawsuit against government

Brad Crofford, Editor-in-Chief

While the Supreme Court upheld the Affordable Health Care Act’s individual mandate earlier this year, another component that would require insurance coverage of controversial contraceptive drugs has institutions with religious ties going to court.

Hobby Lobby has already filed suit and SNU president Dr. Loren Gresham told *The Echo* that SNU and other Christian schools in Oklahoma are “actively moving forward” in the process of filing a lawsuit.

There are two key issues at stake with this mandate, Gresham explained.

First, this mandate reflects a trend of increasing government regulation of religious institutions. For example, students at religious institutions such as Colorado Christian University have been

denied grant aid because the university was deemed too pervasively religious. This is critical as half of the funding for universities like SNU comes from loans and grants.

“We don’t know where this all ends,” Gresham said.

Second, the mandate also raises the issue of the sanctity of life.

The mandate from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) would require group health plans to provide “preventive services” that includes contraceptives approved by the FDA.

The Becket Fund, “a non-profit, public-interest legal and educational institute that protects the free expression of all faiths”

and is assisting with the lawsuits against the measure, explains on its website, “The ‘FDA-approved contraceptives’ covered by the mandate include “emergency contraception” drugs. One

of them is “ella” (ulipristal)—which is a close analogue to the abortion drug RU-486 (mifepristone)—and can cause an abortion when taken to avoid pregnancy.”

“I’ve never seen the conservative Christian community as unified as they are against this”

While churches and certain religious orders are granted an exemption, other faith-based institutions are not. This raises issues for groups like the Church of the Nazarene, whose Manual states: “From the moment of conception, a child

is a human being..Therefore, we believe that human life must be respected and protected from the moment of conception. We oppose induced abortion by any means...”

The mandate has led to some fierce opposition. According to the Becket Fund, over 31 cases involving 90 plaintiffs have already been filed.

“I’ve never seen the conservative evangelical Christian community as unified as they are against this because it’s about the sanctity of life,” Gresham said.

SNU may be joining the list of cases, along with other universities belonging to the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities.

“We’re actively moving forward with other CCCU schools in the state. We will be filing, but I don’t know the precise timeline yet,” Gresham said.

According to Gresham, the universities’ presidents have been assured by the Becket Fund and the Alliance Defending Freedom that the universities will not be responsible for court costs and legal costs; SNU’s only costs will be indirect, such as time spent assembling materials.

Gresham emphasized that the opposition to the DHHS mandate is not meant to deprive women of their rights.

“Some people view it as an attack on women, but we provide, through our employee health benefit, preventive contraception,” Gresham said. “It comes down to when you believe life starts. There is no intention on our part to in any way deprive women of their rights. None.”



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Disc golf, movies, and worship: Our interview with RD Anthony Puryear

Ronna Fisher, Assistant Editor

This is part of a series of interviews with resident directors. We interviewed Snowbarger Hall resident director Anthony Puryear in August during LEAD Retreat.

The Echo: How have your expectations coming into your second year as an RD changed compared to your expectations last year for your first year as an RD?

Anthony Puryear: Well, last year I don't feel like I had any clue what to expect, and this year, at least, I'm prepared for move-in and for students and all that stuff. I feel like I have a lot better grasp on [resident life] and all that stuff this year.

TE: I often see you in the Snowbarger lobby, watching movies with students and watching games. What sports do you like watching the most?

AP: Well, I've always liked football. I play fantasy football. That's like a big hobby of mine. I've been watching the Olympics; I've been doing that a lot. I like watching Thunder Basketball and KU Basketball. I like Basketball, that's my favorite. March Madness.

TE: What are your go-to movies?

AP: I like comedies, something I'm not allowed to watch in the lobby. "Anchorman" is my favorite. . . Another one I can't watch: "Boondock Saints." I just had my RA's watch

the whole Bourne Trilogy. So, I like those. I like a lot of different movies.

TE: So, I know Snowbarger has a unique feel because there is a unique mix of freshman and a range of ages living there. What's it like being an RD for so many freshman?

AP: It's fun. There's a lot more excitement. I think the sophomores and upperclassmen I have – if they chose [Snowbarger], then I think they knew they were going to be in a close community which is exciting to me. I loved dorm life when I was in college and this is exactly what my kind of experience was. I like being involved on the halls. Like at midnight hanging out in the dorm, stuff like that.

TE: I also know you have a kid on the way, so what do you think it's going to be like being a Dad and working at SNU? [Editor's note: Anthony and his wife have given birth to their daughter since this interview.]

AP: It'll be different for sure. One of the nicest things this past year was I had a pretty flexible schedule. I could meet and do things whenever, but now I'm going to have to be a little more structured. I'll have to enforce a little quieter standards around the dorm, at least near my apartment. . . I'm also starting Master's work, so that will change my schedule.

TE: What will you be studying?

AP: Counseling . . . It'll be good. It



Snowbarger RD Anthony Puryear leads worship at the beginning of LEAD Retreat in August 2012. Photo by Kyle Pierce.

will just be a lot busier.

TE: I know you're also an avid disc-golfer. When did you get started with that?

AP: I've been a disc-golfer close to seven years. I've probably been playing seriously for like four years, so I can compete in tournaments and travel. I'm hoping to play in the world championships this coming summer. It's in Emporia, Kansas, so it's a drivable distance.

TE: Can you tell me a little more about the history of disc golf?

AP: It's been around for a long time, probably since the 70s. They claim it's the fastest growing sport in the

world. So, I don't know if there's actual facts to support that or not, but I know there's courses popping up all over the place. In OKC alone there are 10 courses at least.

TE: I know you also enjoy playing guitar and leading worship. How long have you been doing that?

AP: Since I was 14, so 14 almost 15 years.

TE: Do you have a favorite worship song?

AP: I really just like a lot of David Crowder... It gets me pumped. Like his newest album, I've been listening to it since it came out. It doesn't get old to me.

Congratulations to the Homecoming Court!

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As I see it: You reap what you sow

Patty Juliuson, Columnist

Fall is a wonderful time of year. The searing days of summer are finally past, and the softening sunlight and crisp air shoot a tingle of anticipation into even the most fatigued heart. It's sweater weather and soup for dinner with the holidays just around the corner. And you know what that means—PRESENTS! I love presents... oh, wait, I digress. Fall, yes, fall.

One of the most powerful images of fall is that of the harvest. Part of my youth was spent in southern Idaho, and fall brought a flurry of work as farmers toiled to get the last of the crops in and prepare the fields for the next spring's planting. Kids were excused from school to help with the sugar beets, and the best specimens from gardens throughout the region were proudly displayed, fresh or preserved, at the county fair.

Harvest was a time to assess the outcomes of planting, rejoice in the results of determination and work and make adjustments so that next year's crop would be even better.

Through the years, I observed enough to know this about farming: you must plant seeds in order to have a harvest. (I know, I know. I am a genius.) A farmer can stand at the edge of a field and wish for a bumper crop, but unless he's willing to put work into his wish, all he will have in the fall is a field of crispy weeds. Another striking reflection: you reap what you sow. When a farmer sows corn seed, guess what?

He harvests corn, not potatoes. It doesn't take a degree in agriculture to recognize that. An additional stimulating fact: you reap more than you sow. One seed of our farmer's corn can grow into a stalk with several ears, and each ear yields a lot of kernels. You get the idea. A harvest requires you to wait. Our savvy farmer knows not to sow the seed one week and come back for the harvest the next week. Seasons pass while the farmer tends the field and waits for the crop. It takes time for the seed

to germinate and grow, and even when the fruit appears, it must ripen before being collected. Harvest also requires an investment. If the farmer wants to cover his costs and prosper for another year, he makes sure he sows generously.

No matter how great a farmer he is, planting only a dozen seeds won't result in a field full of corn. I also noticed that when it's time for harvest, you don't get to change your mind. It doesn't matter if our farmer decides he'd rather have a wheat harvest; he planted corn, so he's got corn. If he had wanted wheat, he should have planted it in the spring. More and more often, I find that these facts about planting and harvesting apply to many aspects of life. Some people say, "What goes around comes around," and others talk about karma; both are ways of referring to the same truth.

God's Word says, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that

shall he also reap," (Gal. 6:7).

As we go through each day, we plant seeds. Kindness, consideration, friendliness, generosity, enthusiasm, jealousy, bitterness, stinginess, pessimism, hatred: all these fall from our thoughts, our lips and our deeds like seeds flung into a field. It's time to stop and really consider what seeds our lifestyles, attitudes and actions introduce into the world. Think about it: what do you want to harvest? Although the unpleasant kernels we carelessly planted in the past may still bear some unattractive fruit, it's never too late to throw out that nasty old seed and begin sowing things that are true, honest, just, pure, of good reputation, virtuous and praiseworthy (Phil. 4:8).

God's promises are real. His Word says, "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not," (Gal. 6:9). Choose to plant good seeds. The harvest will come, and you will be so glad you persevered.



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Alumnus returns to coach men and women's golf

Matthew Wellman, Staff Writer

The golf team opened a new chapter this year after Coach Steve Hulsey made the decision to end his coaching career last Spring. SNU alumnus Derrick Taylor was hired on as both the women's and men's head golf coach this year.

Taylor played for the Storm from 1996-2000 and was a graduate assistant under Hulsey in 2000. He has worked as an assistant professional at Kickingbird Golf Club in Edmond, OK since he graduated. He also was an assistant to Hulsey from 2000-2009.

"The new coach is great," said sophomore Mike Hearne. "We get on really well and he fits in well with the golf program. He does things differently to Coach Hulsey but Coach Taylor knows

what he is doing and so far our practice sessions have been very productive. We always have drills set out for us to complete."

The new practice format must be effective considering the fact that Hearne has led the team in their first two tournaments, losing the first by only one stroke.

Coaching two teams can be tough to manage at times, especially for a first time coach.

"The balance between both teams can be difficult, but I feel over time I will have a system in place to manage them both and give equal time to both. Scheduling of tournaments is probably the hardest part," said Taylor. "Sometimes you have two tournaments at the same time but I have

to pick the one I feel will benefit each team the most and then adapt the schedule for each team."

There can sometimes be large differences in philosophy between coaches, and some players may have difficulty with the switch. Since Taylor played under Hulsey and assisted him for so long, players don't think this will be a problem.

Junior Sam Russell said, "Since he played for Coach Hulsey, his coaching style is fairly similar to him. However, discipline is a lot higher and we have to be places on time or there is punishment. Also, he is a PGA professional so he has great knowledge on technique. He is big on short game and that is where the scores are made."

International athlete feature: Natalia Oliveira

Baker Pitts, Staff Writer

Being an international student can be difficult, and being an international athlete can be even harder. Natalia Oliveira is a volleyball player from Brazil who knows just as well as any other international athlete the tribulations of being so far away from home.

Natalia, or Nat, is an outside hitter for the SNU volleyball team and has been playing here for four years. She is from Belo Horizonte, Brazil, the capital city of Minas Gerais, located in the southwestern part of Brazil. It is the third largest metropolitan area in the country.

Being five thousand miles from home for extended periods of time would be hard on anyone, but when you toss in being a full-time student and a commitment to a sports team, you have a whole lot to deal with, yet

most of the time Nat manages to avoid feeling terribly homesick.

According to Nat, the secret is staying busy. "It's probably not very healthy, but it really keeps me from thinking of my family too much."

Anyone who has truly been homesick knows how hard it can be to deal with day-to-day life when you find yourself missing your family.

"It just makes everything hard; studying, playing, you feel like the world is on your shoulders when you don't have your family here to support you," said Nat.

Homesickness aside, international athletes also have to deal with both the differences in culture and in sports. While most of the rules for many sports are the same from country to country, practices and punishments are not. Nat said that running laps for punishment for miss-

ing practices was not something that was done in Brazil, and they also did not keep track of individual statistics in every game.

"I think it's good and bad," Nat said, "When you don't have stats you play more for the team rather than yourself, but at the same time, stats help you see where you are doing well and what needs improvement."

But not all differences between here and Brazil are bad, Nat says. She feels much closer to her teammates here than she did back home.

"They become like your second family...back in Brazil, I had a team, but the bond was not as strong off the court as it is with these girls here," Nat said.

And while being away from home can be very difficult, the experience of being an international student is something that should be cherished.

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OKC Halloween activities

Ashleigh Buchanan, Staff Reporter

Learn more on the Oklahoma City Zoo's website.

October 26-31: 29th Annual Haunt the Zoo for Halloween

“Presented by the Children’s Hospital Volunteers and Kohl’s Cares, the 29th annual Haunt the Zoo for Halloween runs Friday, October 26 through Wednesday, October 31, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. nightly (rain or shine). Children will follow our pumpkin-lined pathway stopping at fun fantasy-themed booths to collect tasty treats from volunteers. Admission per child is \$6 for pre-purchased tickets or \$7 for tickets purchased at the gate during the event. Accompanying adults ages 18 and older are admitted for free. Admission includes an official treat bag and is required for anyone wishing to collect treats.”

Oklahoma Gazette’s Halloween Parade

“At 7 p.m. on Saturday, October 27th, the 2012 Oklahoma Gazette’s Halloween Parade will begin. It’s the costumed fun and entertainments metro residents have grown to love over the last six years. Plenty of food, drinks and merchandise will be available for purchase.” Learn more at the Oklahoma Gazette’s website.

PB Farms Haunted Corn Maze

The Corn Maze is open September 15th through November 10th.

Thursday 5:00 - 9:00

Friday 5:00 - 9:00



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Saturday 10:00 - 10:00
The Corn Maze and Laser Tag Barn are haunted after dark during October. This year the corn maze is in the shape of the OKC Thunder Logo! Be sure to check their calendar for specific Haunted days.

Bricktown Haunted Warehouse

The Coca-Cola Bricktown Event Center will be home to the 27th Bricktown Haunted Warehouse from October 12-14 and October 17-31. It promises “over 20,000 square feet of pure terror with blood curdling surprises around every corner.” Visit its webpage for more information.

Frontier City Frightfest 2012

“It’s a fright-filled Halloween celebration at Frontier City beginning. Called “family by day and fright by night” by organizers, Frightfest runs Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays through October 30th, featuring costumed ghouls and monsters, a trick-or-treat trail for the kids and a great haunted house for the older ones. Admission to Frightfest activities is free with park admission, with the exception of an extra charge for the haunted house.”

Visit About.com for more information and other activities in Oklahoma City.



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Five things to do in Oklahoma City during fall break

Ronna Fisher, Assistant Editor

The pace of your classes may be picking up or the general bubbly, excitement that may come with the beginning of a new semester may be starting to fizzle out . . . either way, fall break is just around the corner. For many, fall break is a chance to go home, take a road trip, or go home with a friend—anything to get away from campus.

The few left behind on campus may consider themselves unlucky. Well, don't.

Fall break may be a chance to catch up on sleep, get ahead on homework, host a Harrison Ford movie marathon and invite only yourself, or (my favorite) watch of every season of the latest TV craze, but this fall break, why not try something new?

Fall break can be a great time to explore Oklahoma City and everything it has to offer. This lets you try something, get away from campus for a while, and have something awesome to talk about when everyone gets back from their homes, where all they did was watch every episode of "Avatar: The Last Airbender." (Not that that is anything to be ashamed of.)

Read on for some different ways to spend your fall break when you're on campus:

For the Film Fanatic:

If you didn't already know, Cinemark Tinseltown Theatre has a \$4.00 matinee price. Sure, Tinseltown may get a bad rap for being "ghetto," but I've never had any problems, day or night. It's big and has clean bathrooms. And, for

some reason, online reviewers rave about its large parking lot.

For the Foodie:

Why not make your own tour of the local eats that have been featured on "Diners, Drive-ins and Dives," hosted by Guy Fieri? These restaurants must be doing something right to be featured on television. Eischen's and Ingrid's Kitchen are two of the seven featured restaurants.

For the Eternal Learner:

For some reason, there is no place like the Zoo when I feel homesick. Maybe it's because my family went to the zoo all the time when I was younger. Besides, you can always find a nice family and stalk them around the elephant exhibit or through "The Trails of Oklahoma." But, really, who doesn't love a good trip to the zoo? You may think the zoo is for little kids birthdays or animal photographers, but you might be surprised how a day out in the nice fall weather, watching your favorite lions, baby chimpanzees, or (my favorites) otters and sea lions can ease a lot of the stress and tension we accumulate during school. The tickets are only \$8, but if you bring a pumpkin larger than your head from October 6-14, you get in free!

For the Artist:

I frequently hear about The Paseo Arts District, and I think, "I wish I were cool enough to walk around The Paseo Arts District." Although there are no special events or showings occurring during fall



OKC Museum of Art. Photo by Hillary H used under Creative Commons License

break, there are plenty of galleries, shops, coffee houses, and restaurants to visit. So grab a friend and visit the creative side of Oklahoma City. Take the time to stop and smell the coffee beans and think, "Look how cool and cultured I am."

For the Museum Fan:

With your student ID it only costs \$10 to get into the Oklahoma City Museum of Art. Right now

the featured exhibition is "American Moderns 1910-1960: From O'Keefe to Rockwell." For the film buff, the museum will be showing "Beasts of the Southern Wild," a Sundance film directed by Benh Zeitlin. It won the Grand Jury Prize at the Sundance Film Festival. The tickets are \$12. Student budgets are tight, but you deserve a treat; you're more than a third of the way done with the school semester.

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