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Get Involved: Toastmasters and Tabitha Pope

Grace Williams, Business Manager

We have a celebrity amongst us. Tabitha Pope, Disability Services Director, was in the top 90 in a worldwide speech competition hosted by Toastmasters. She even told her story of success on KSBI Channel 4. Pope won several smaller competitions starting from the club level up to the top competition.

“It was so much fun to meet everyone, be on T.V. and get an expenses paid trip to Cincinnati. Plus, I’ve gotten the chance to speak

about my experience in a variety of different venues,” said Pope

Toastmasters is an organization that teaches leadership and speaking skills to anyone interested over the age of 18. It started in the basement of a Young Men’s Christian Association (YMCA) in California in 1924 when the YMCA director noticed that many of the men they served were not eloquent speakers. This organization expanded internationally and is made up of over 292,000 members in 14,000 clubs.

A typical club is made up of

around 20 members that meet once a week for around an hour. Members pay dues around \$38 per 6 weeks to purchase a manual; each manual has specific projects and activities to teach and improve skills. There are two tracks of skills that people can choose to focus on at one time: leadership or speaking. The leadership track focuses more on conducting meetings, organizing conferences, and the like. The speaking track focuses on impromptu and prepared speeches and elements of proper speaking

techniques. All the members of the club help each other by providing constructive feedback and suggestions.

Pope joined toastmasters after taking the disability services director job at SNU.

“I realized that as a director I was going to have to start talking in front of large groups of students, parents and faculty members. I didn’t like speaking, I was afraid. Emmaly German came

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SNU’s University Singers 2013

Arielle Ricksecker, Guest Writer

Put your jazz hands together and start working on your jazz squares because SNU’s University Singers is back for another wonderful year! The University Singers is a group that specializes in Jazz gospel but also comes together to do a little a cappella. Occasionally, when singing, they group together with the Jazz Band, and perform for concerts. Every year they have auditions, and after tough decisions, the U Singers starts the season with a group of twelve singers. Two returning singers are senior Laura Miller, the leader of University Singers, and junior Steve Stark.

Throughout the year they hold and become a part of various con



(Laura Miller) Photo by Arielle Ricksecker

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Get involved: Toastmasters and Tabitha Pope cont.

to talk to me about disability services and mentioned that she was a part of toastmasters and got me involved.”

Pope now believes that everyone should get involved.

“The number one fear besides dying is public speaking but most of have to speak in public in our career. Toastmasters helps you be an effective and confident speaker, which calms your fears. It’s a great thing to put on your resume, especially since it is internationally known. Plus, whenever you complete a manual, Toastmasters will send a letter to your boss about the progress you’ve made. It shows that you are a go-getter and care about improving yourself beyond what is required. It is also a great way to improve your witness because it teaches you how to organize your thoughts in a logical and easy to understand manner as well as giving you the confidence to be bold.”

One of the local clubs: Conoma Toastmasters #454, which is Pope’s club, meets close to campus at Bill Merritt Funeral Service. It is within walking distance as it is north of sawyer, past Flat Tire at 6201 NW 39th Expressway. It meets each Thursday night from

6-7:30 p.m. Pope welcomes you to join her anytime. Email her at tpope@mail.snu.edu for information. You can find other club locations at <http://reports.toastmasters.org/findaclub/>.

“I would love for SNU students to get involved in Toastmasters. I would like to start a club on our campus like they have at OU, OSU, OCU, OK Christian and other colleges, but it would be really hard to sustain on our small campus given how busy students are. I think it would be cool if SNU students got involved in raising money for some of the Toastmasters clubs that meet in prisons. I want people to become better speakers.”

In order to join Toastmasters, interested people are encouraged to visit a club’s weekly meeting once or twice, compare it with other nearby Toastmasters club options and decide which club is the best fit. Then, one will request an application for membership from the Vice President and pay the member dues of \$20 and the bi-yearly dues to order the manual. From then on, one attends all the meetings they choose and manages their own progress through the manual.

“People are dying to get into our club, but really, it’s easy.” said Pope



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Pope also found that the group is a great way to network and meet friends.

“Normally, I don’t like organized social groups, but this changed my perspective and gave me a good way to socialize with others while achieving personal growth. Joining

Toastmasters is a win-win situation.”

Watch this video:

For more information, check out: <http://www.toastmasters.org/default.aspx> or Conoma Toastmaster’s #454 club at their facebook page.

SNU’s University Singers 2013 cont.

certs. This past year, in May, they traveled and sang in Venezuela, where they also helped with vacation bible studies and sharing the word of God to the community. The U singers were also a part of the National ACDA Conference, where they were the feature jazz group this past March. This year U Singers may be touring in Tennessee and the west states.

Miller says they are planning some exciting concerts this year. The first one they are planning is

this October and one in November. Miller and the U Singers usually schedule 3 or 4 concerts, along with a huge jazz festival they have every year! The jazz festival involves, of course, the U Singers, but local High School Jazz Choirs also come in and sing. The U Singers also get the opportunity to sing with a professional every year. Usually the Jazz Festival is every spring, and students are encouraged to participate.

The U Singers has recently creat-

ed an album, *By Day or By Night*. The album was produced and mastered by Jim Graves and Zach Lucero. *By Day or By Night* is now available for \$10 in the music office inside the Fine Arts building. Their album is also available on iTunes and Spotify. It is a collaboration of all three past albums, so there is a variety of songs.

Miller first saw the University Singers when she was in 9th grade. It was then she knew all she wanted was to be involved with the U

Singers.

“I did everything I could to make sure I got into SNU,” said Miller. She is now a senior and the leader of the group she dreamed of joining.

Are you ready to have your mind blown by the University Singers? Do not forget to check them out! You can hear some of their songs and see pictures at http://www.jimgravesmusic.com/site/university_singers.html#!university-singers/c1pz.

NASA summer 2013 press release

Tesica Starkey, Guest Writer

Lounging by the pool (or in front of the TV), reading for fun (or avoiding books altogether), catching up with friends (or on sleep)—these are all typical summertime activities for college students. In contrast, four Southern Nazarene University science students experienced extraordinary summers by participating in NASA Space Grant summer programs.

Erin Velders and Rachel Rindom were selected to complete the Geospatial Summer Fellowship Program, a program designed to allow students to encounter geospatial information science in a higher education context through interactive, hands-on learning. Participants conducted research and prepared to present it at the Geospatial Summer Fellowship Symposium, which will be held at the University of Oklahoma this fall. Applicants from eight Oklahoma NASA Space Grant institutions are reviewed competitively and awarded a stipend for participation.

This summer, students learned to work with spatial analysis software, called ArcGIS, before applying the new information to their areas of interest. Rindom, a sophomore biology-chemistry major, examined the different ways ArcGIS can be used in the study of epidemiology. She credited SNU classes for her academic preparedness.

“My math and science classes were helpful in that they prepared me for a more technical/multi-disciplinary project. With our ArcGIS lessons we had to think on more than one level, and the SNU math/science classes definitely helped with that.”

Velders, a senior science education major, also applied her new knowledge of ArcGIS to her field of interest, choosing to investigate demographic factors that can influence ACT scores, like median household income and crime rate. Velders values the opportunity to work with new technology and ideas and said the following in an interview:

“I really learned a lot about GIS

in this fellowship - especially how versatile GIS is. You can use GIS with just about anything, so that makes it a great tool for a wide range of businesses, schools and the state.”

Benjamin Siems and Rachel Atnip participated in the Mission to Planet Earth summer teacher workshop, a second NASA Space Grant program. The goal of this workshop is to prepare future elementary and secondary education teachers to effectively and engagingly impart aerospace content in the classroom. Upon completion of the workshop, students travel to Johnson Space Center in Houston, TX to attend informational seminars concerning the importance of teaching aerospace in schools.

Siems admits that initially he had no idea what to expect of

the workshop but quickly became comfortable because “the director was full of energy and a superb teacher . . . Each guest speaker was excellent and the abundance of hands-on activities enabled me to truly grasp the concept of aerospace education.” The combination of his summer experience and his strong math and science classes at SNU have prepared Siems to make the most out of his upcoming visit to Johnson Space Center.

Summer experiences like these NASA Space Grant programs allow SNU students to bolster their CVs with both academic and hands-on experience, making them better candidates for field or graduate work. For more information regarding future opportunities, contact Dr. Nicholas Zoller, NASA Space Grant Institutional Representative and Assistant Professor of Mathematics at SNU.

“The director was full of energy and a superb teacher...”

Join us on Mondays at 6:15 in Herrick Room 307 with story ideas you want to write about!

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Email Kira Roberts (kirarobe@mail.snu.edu) with questions

STORMSPORTS

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Sooners and Cowboys quarterbacks finding success in new ways

Zach Friesen, Staff Writer

Coming into this season, fans of both the Oklahoma Sooners and the Oklahoma State Cowboys were unsure of what to expect from their teams this year. Both teams came into the season with question marks on both sides of the ball, with the biggest mystery for both teams being what type of production would they get from the quarterback position.

For Oklahoma, this was going to be the first time since the 2007 season in which they would have an open quarterback competition. Going into the fall, the competition had been narrowed down to two candidates: junior Blake Bell and freshman Trevor Knight. Bell was the unanimous favorite going into fall practices, due to his experience as a backup to Landry Jones for two years, as well as his great success in what had come to be called the “Bulldozer” package, in which he would use his massive size advantage to run through defenders. However, Knight is also considered a “dual-threat” quarterback, with his advantage being his speed and agility, and by the end of fall practices, head coach Bob Stoops surprised many by naming Knight the starter

for the opening game against Louisiana-Monroe.

Knight would take full advantage of the opportunity he was given, making a great impression on Sooner fans in his collegiate debut. Though he would only throw for 86 yards, he had three touchdown passes, as well as 103 rushing yards. This is something that is somewhat new to Oklahoma fans, as they are accustomed to offenses led by largely one-dimensional quarterbacks, such as Jones and Sam Bradford, who would rely on passing from inside the pocket rather than extending plays with their legs. However, if Saturday night is any indication of things to come, this will more than likely be a change that is welcomed with open arms by the Oklahoma faithful (www.soonersports.com).

“...both Oklahoma and Oklahoma State have to be pleased with their season openers.”

The Cowboys came into the season with question marks surrounding the quarterback position because both players campaigning for the starting spot had very productive campaigns last season. The two candidates, senior Clint Chelf and sophomore J.W. Walsh, both saw playing opportunities last season, and both per-



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formed very well when given the opportunities. Walsh, who is very similar to Knight as far as playing style goes, saw action in 10 games last season after an injury knocked starter Wes Lunt out of the lineup and played well enough to be named the Big 12 Offensive Freshman of the Year by the coaches of the Big 12 Conference. However, he would also be injured, which opened the gate for Chelf, who would go on to start the final five games for the Cowboys, as well as earn Most Valuable Player honors in the Heart of Dallas Bowl at the end of the year.

Going into the season opener against Mississippi State, head coach Mike Gundy stated that he would use a two-quarterback system, trying to use the strengths of both Chelf and Walsh to help the team. However, on the third series of the game, Walsh would enter the game and would not look back,

finishing with 135 yards passing to go along with 125 yards on the ground. His performance would prompt Gundy to name him the starter for the next game and, presumably, for the rest of the season, putting the Cowboys into a similar position as the Sooners, as they are just as well known for having a dynamic passing game as the Sooners are (www.okstate.com).

Overall, both Oklahoma and Oklahoma State have to be pleased with their performances in their season openers. Though the playing styles may be polar opposite to what the fans are used to seeing, it provides intrigue and entertainment for those watching, simply because they have no idea what is going to happen next. Additionally, if the season openers are any indication of things to come, the success of the new offensive styles is going to be very difficult to argue with.

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Women's soccer tops Texas A&M International



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SNU Athletics

AUSTIN, Texas — Alyssa Glitzke scored her first goal of her career as Southern Nazarene University was able to knock off Texas A&M International 1-0 and grab its first win of the season.

“It was a big win; Friday’s game took a lot out of us with the

heat,” said SNU Head Coach Julie Duncan. “Today was a big bounce back win. We controlled a lot of the tempo in the game. That team was really physical.”

Southern Nazarene (1-1) posted its first shutout of the season with a smothering defensive effort. The Storm only allowed

one shot on goal, and Natasha Fuentes received credit for the save. It’s Fuentes’ first shutout of her career.

The Storm and Dust Devils were neck and neck the entire match until the 60th minute when Glitzke got a pass from Mallory

Pineda from across the field and was able to put it in the upper 90 region of the frame to make it 1-0. The Storm put the clamps down on the defensive end and forced the shutout.

The Storm put seven of their thirteen shots on goal.

Storm opens cross country season at UCO Land Run

SNU Athletics

EDMOND, Okla. — Southern Nazarene’s men’s and women’s cross country teams both took seventh place at the UCO Land Run hosted by the University of Central Oklahoma.

“Overall it was a good race,” said head coach Billy Miller. “It was a good race to see where we are.”

On the women’s side, Megan Johnson led the way with an individual third place finish and a time of 19:22.87 on the 5k course. Andrea McKinney ran a 21:05.27 finishing in 35th place and Morgan Sawyer had a time of 21:47.39 with a 52nd place finish. Kate Srader ran a 23:01.73 finishing in 68th place while Emily Keller finished at 23:09.65 ending up in 70th place and Melissa Hampton ran a 24:24.97 landing at 78th place. Jennie Liles finished with a 24:56.89 and finished in 84th place.

Oklahoma Baptist took the overall spot, while Rogers State

and Central Oklahoma took second and third. Southwestern Oklahoma State finished ninth.

Oklahoma Baptist’s Hannah Helker took the individual title with a time of 17:47.36.

Grayson Haws was the top finisher for the SNU men as he ran a 21:41.95 in the four-mile run and finished in 16th place. Andrew Leahey was not too far behind Haws finishing with a time of 21:54.35 and ended up in 22nd place. Luke Winslow had a time of 24:16.68 and finished in 64th place while Jacob Williams recorded a time of 24:50.16 and placed 69th. Richard Mead ran a 27:56.19 and finished in 77th place. Adam Youngbear finished in 79th place and recorded a time of 29:14.63.

Oklahoma City took the team title while Oklahoma Baptist and Cameron University finished second and third.

Oklahoma Baptist’s Adam Godwin won the individual title at 19:48.75.

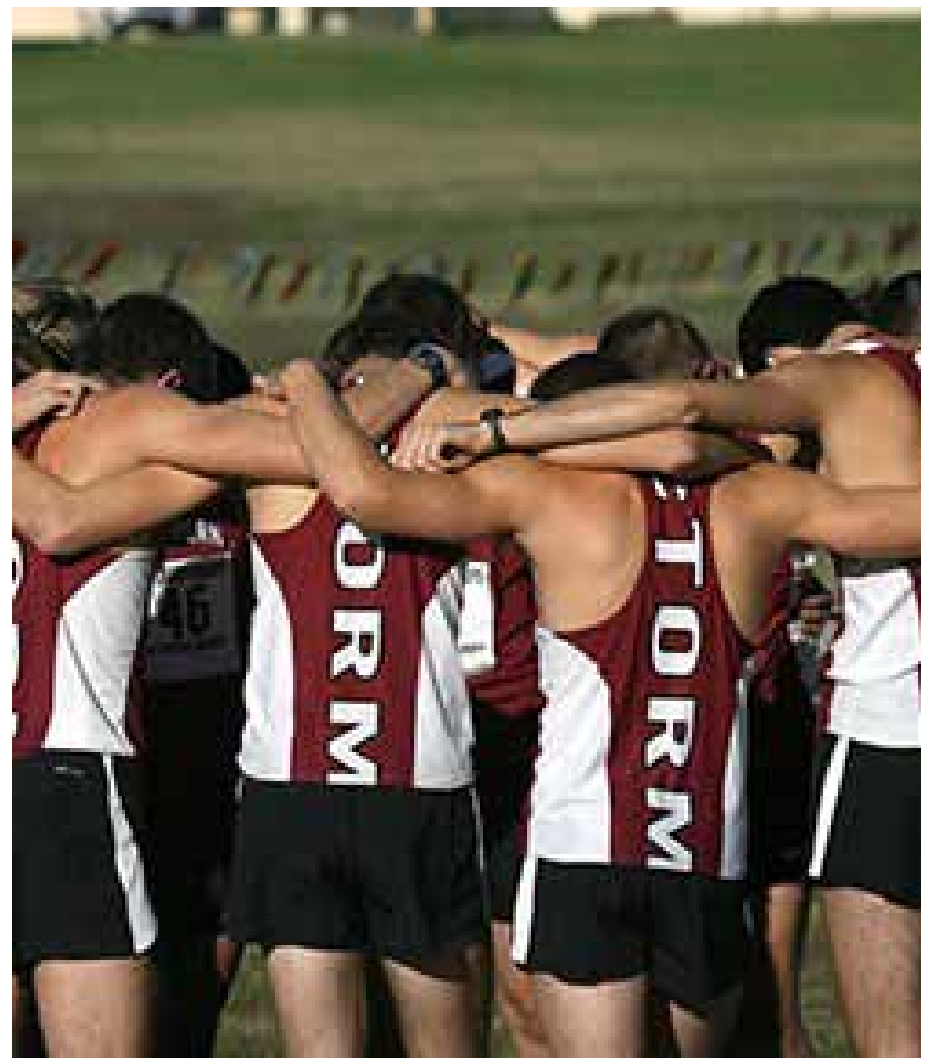


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OPINIONS

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Food choice: Sodexo's sandwich bar



Photo by Gabe Carr

Gabe Carr, Guest Writer

You have traversed the four doors after climbing the mountainous stairs that preceded them. You scanned the clearing at the top for the entrance to the Temple of Sodexo where, even still, you met another flight, and another flight, of stairs which you bested with matchless vigor. To the top you ascended only to face the revered, Buffet Guardian. One challenge, she beckoned you, to prove your worth by

presenting your greatest treasure: The One Card. With a few mighty strokes, you hath bequeathed your card to the sentinel, only to see it slid through a cryptic device and returned to your possession. “Enjoy the food”, she muttered, and you went forth in glory.

This is where your story picks up. You are standing between several food outlets and each one is serving a different entrée. You hunger. The pizza, soft and cheesy, is call-

ing out for your consumption. This insults you. You are mighty food warrior, not a peasant who indulges in squishy pizza cakes. Disgusted, you turn your head to the right to see a salad bar. You laugh aloud.

Walking forward, you notice a mass of philistines dancing around a grill fire. Their champion is twirling spatulas, presenting a select member with a meat patty every few rotations. You want nothing to do with these pagans when suddenly you glimpse the final food outlet. Heavenly light streams down to the brow of the kind smiling back at you. You smirk irreverently. The hunger is burning in your food sack. You run forward to conquer this new territory.

“Step up and grab a plate,” the golem says to you, “What bread do you want?” This direct interaction that the golem is auspiciously inviting you to take part in catches you off guard. Cheesy Italian herb, everything white sub, cornmeal dusted Kaiser, oat wheat sub, onion knot roll--the sign the golem is pointing to reads of choices, plentiful choices! You select the Kaiser. Ode to the mother country.

“Great, now which meat do you want?” Astonished, you can hardly believe his interrogative: “Which.” You are so used to stuffing your food sack with game from the hunt that you have forgotten that other meat exists. Now that you have access to this meat, you choose roast beef. Cheese is the next decision left for your judgment. You favor the provolone. As you analyze the dressing, the golem addresses you, “Try the spicy mustard; it’s the bomb”. Ah, what honor would it bring to your house to consume an incendiary! You nod decisively. Lastly, the golem requests you choose which salad toppings to taint the meat. Looking him in the eye, you laugh and take your plunder.

While sitting at the holy tables of food consumption, you tear into your new prize with your teeth. You can feel the hunger dissipating from your food sack. This treasure is satisfying every food need you have ever had. You look to the setting sun with the face of content. You have conquered the Sandwich Bar in the Temple of Sodexo. Glorious.

Newspapers in relation to a Christian walk

Ashlynn McGuire, Staff Writer

So, I was thinking the other day as I was coming up with something for the newspaper; I started to take everything a step farther. I came up with a realization that life is like a newspaper. Now, do not call me a nerd just yet. Hear me out. In the newspaper we have different sections, different writers, different stories and different viewpoints on certain topics. If you think about it, that is just like your life. Your life has different issues and topics, different

people that influence you and different objectives. In the newspaper you are the editor or staff member, and your teacher is the adviser. In life you can still be the editor, but your adviser is God. He is the one who looks over everything in your life and is the person you get all your advice from. In a way, He is the one who checks off everything in your stories and gives you the okay to go on.

The editorial is the part of your life where you are able to stand

out among the crowd. That is the part where you read and see all the things that go on around you. The definition of an editorial is an article in a newspaper or other periodical presenting the opinion of the staff as a whole. These are the times in your life where you take your stances on the subjects that matter to you the most--the time when you put your say out there and not care what the other people around you think.

Next is opinion. This is the best

part. This is the part where you can give people a piece of your mind. This is the part where you let people know how you feel about any certain topic or situation. Say you are mad at someone, this is the part where you tell that person that they should go jump off a cliff! Just kidding! But this is the part where you go to that person and ask them what is up. Or maybe, say that you are upset with someone, you go and tell them how you feel about

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Is money the biggest motivator in life? part 1

Editorial Staff

Most everyone in today's society would agree that money equals security. Because of this, it can be a major motivator. Families want to feel safe; fathers or husbands want to provide that for their families, and money is how we create social rank. In western society, social rank tends to be less about race, heritage, or intellect but about money. Instead of racism (at least visible and socially acceptable racism), our society suffers from the disease of classism. We pass judgment based on others' clothing, cars and homes. Money is how we tell the world where we belong and who we are. Unfortunately,

However, money is by no means the only motivator in life. While each seems to have either a good or bad connotation attached to it, they are all real and influential in day-to-day life. Some of these include equality, status, servanthood, feelings of fulfillment, fear, reputation and happiness. Some go hand in hand, while money coincides with several.

Some would argue that money has its place as a motivator to attract and retain individuals in situations they may not have otherwise been attached to. Think about it... why would we work if we did not have to? In everyday life, rewards and promotions are constantly utilized to encourage participation. Most would agree that this is not necessarily a bad thing. We have all heard it

in church a million times, "Money isn't bad, but the love and obsession of it is." Well, there is a reason it is said repeatedly. It is because it is that important!

John 15:19 encourages the people of God not to follow in the way of the world when it says, "If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you." This verse also implores us not to seek or expect the world's approval, which is considerably easier said than done.

Writers like Tony Campolo and Shane Claiborne from Red Letter Christians help keep the value of money in perspective. They remind the reader that Jesus cared about the poor and was constantly telling the rich how hard it would be to get to heaven. He did not want people to strive after things but to share what they had and create relationships through community.

Regrettably, our world today is completely consumeristic. Marketers spend all their time and energy trying to convince us that we need products to fulfill ourselves. The world tries to fill our heads with the notion that whenever something is wrong or not going our way there is a product that we can buy to fix it.



Photo by Kira Roberts

Dr. Allen Kenner, child psychologist, wrote in his book: *Psychology and Consumer Culture: The Struggle for a Good Life in a Materialistic World*, "Teens are inundated with so much marketing about the importance of brands to identity and image, it has changed the way they socialize with each other, interact with adults and view themselves and the world."

And yet, our society seems aware of the risks of monetary greed. It is a common theme in movies and books . . . how far can the Ameri-

can Dream take you? It has been a haunting question for decades. Take *The Great Gatsby*, for example. Set in the 1920s, we see how "enough" is never enough. Or a recent example, the movie *Paranoia*, featuring Liam Hemsworth, explores how much one will risk to be "in," to "see how the other side lives."

This is the first part in a two part editorial. Read next week's Echo for part two.

Newspapers in relation to a Christian walk cont.

what they said or did to you. Opinion is the part of your life where you are able to give your opinion and not be shot down because of it.

Feature is the part where you are able to show others your achievements and accomplishments. This is like if you went to state in a competition or made the most baskets at a game. You are being highlighted on the highlights of life itself--basically a list

"He is there for you when nobody else is."

of all the things you did that were really important to you or the people around you. For example, in life it could be graduating, getting married, getting a promotion at your job or even just being student of the month.

Feature is the part where you are featured for the accomplishments you have achieved.

Sports is the section that might be varied between different people. This is the part

where maybe you take up different sports throughout your life. It is the part where you work out or work to get better at something. This portion of your life requires physical strength and determination to achieve your goals.

In all, these sections are looked over by the Almighty God. He is the adviser and keeper of all things in your life. He is the one who puts them in motion and provides you the strength to write/do the things that are difficult in your life. He is there

for you when nobody else is. The adviser conducts and provides you with the materials to write your story. As in the story idea critique, the idea on what to do if you come to a stopping point, and just the encouragement to keep writing. God is there to lift you up and help you persevere through the trials and tribulations. If you let go and let God, He will be the writer of your life, and all you have to do is listen and follow where He leads you. "God loves each of us as if there is only one of us." ~St. Augustine

Airpark heals sore for medium range venues in OKC



Photo by Johnson & Associates

Clay Milford, Staff Writer

Few venues will ever be able to claim showcasing such a broad array of genres in its first few months of operation like the OKC Downtown Airpark. The brain child of Kirk Humphreys and Howard Pollack, the Airpark, which happens to border the crystalline Oklahoma River just to the south, opened its concert season with Sublime on July 25th and will host Motley Crue along with Stone Temple Pilots on September 13th and The Lumineers on October 3rd. If you

know anything about these four groups, then you can see just how diverse the lineups at the Airpark already are.

After the closing of the Zoo Amphitheatre, Oklahoma City was left without a go-to mid-size location for bands that typically do not play arenas or very small clubs. Kirk Humphreys set his eyes on purchasing the Downtown Airpark, which he did for a cool \$7.2 million. The Airpark is on what Humphreys describes as a “short

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Keeping it local: The benefits of buying locally

Rachel Whatley, Staff Writer

Bethany may seem like a small town compared to what Oklahoma City has to offer, and the latter may seem like it has a lot more options and variety. However, you do not have to look far to find almost anything you would need or want. According to www.manta.com, Bethany has almost 2,000 companies, which includes 60 restaurants, 23 grocery stores and almost everything in between. “But why should I buy in Bethany?” you may ask. In addition to convenience, there are many ways you and the community can benefit from buying locally.

When you buy from businesses in Bethany, much more of your money is distributed in the local economy. This strengthens the economy and points it toward a better, more financially stable path. Local businesses also provide more jobs for the community, keeping even more money circulating in the city. John Martin, former chair of the Northwest Chamber, said, “A good business climate not only

brings products that we need to us but literally keeps the town alive financially.” He went on to say that when businesses leave, the town’s ability to have a financial future leaves too.

Another benefit of buying locally is that you can keep your tax dollars in Bethany. The main way cities get financial support is through sales tax. The more you buy from local businesses, the more taxes are available for the city to use. The city government can be improved when local businesses thrive. If you like Bethany enough (chances are you will have to if you live on-campus), it would be better not shop all over the place and make purchases from lots of different cities.

Keeping it local can also help you save gas. Because Bethany is a smaller city, you do not have to drive far to find what you need or want. Instead of driving out to Oklahoma City, for example, a little research and asking around can save you time and money. “Many



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products and services that you would otherwise find at the mall or online can be walking distance of the SNU campus,” said Martin.

Small businesses are able to provide a large range of products, so you might consider your options before buying something from a chain store. If you can purchase something from a small business, all the better. More small businesses usually lead to lower prices. Nevertheless, whether you shop from local chains or small businesses, you are helping the community.

Unique, non-chain businesses

are also part of what makes Bethany what it is. Every city can have a McDonald’s or a Whataburger, but it is places like Pizzini’s Pizza that make Bethany special. Locally owned businesses comprise Bethany’s identity as a whole and keep people coming back. On the manta.com website, you can search for and find all sorts of one-of-a-kind shops and restaurants in Bethany. John Martin recommends the Bethany Antique Mall for antiques or collectibles, Homeland Grocery for food and the Stray Dog Café and Tai Pei for eating out.

Oklahoma State Fair 2013: that time of year again

Macy Sliman, Staff Writer

It is that time again, folks! The State fair has rolled into town, and they have quite the line-up this year.

This past Thursday the 12th kicked off the whole shebang with the Oklahoma State Fair Opening Ceremonies at 5:00 p.m. Opening day was a \$2 admission, and the gates officially opened at 8:00 a.m. Any other day however, it is \$9 for adults. At 10:00 a.m. the buildings and exhibits open, followed by the carnival rides opening at 1:00 p.m. Every thing closes around 10:30 p.m. Also, there are tons of free parking on both the north and south sides of the property. However if you want a good spot, it is going to be \$5 to \$10 dollars on 10th Street, Reno Ave. and May Ave.

The good thing about the fair is that there is always something to do, see or eat. This year there are some neat shows, like Disney on Ice and Xtreme Bulls, both of which are two of my favorites. There are concerts that will be showing, like Eli Young Band and Clay Walker. Among concerts and shows, there will also be pageants

and other competitions including equine, livestock, creative, band day and, drum roll please, ... arm wrestling!

Not to be overshadowed by what can only be assumed as intense displays of manliness, there is also a lot of shopping. Anything can be bought or sold at the fair. From art and photography to health and beauty, you are sure to find anything to suit your needs.

Some of the other more popular things to do are to go on rides, play carnival games and, my personal favorite: eat questionable food. The State Fair proves that most everything that will sit still can and will be fried. Not only is it bad for you, but also it tastes delicious. Try the fried snickers; they are amazing. But not you gluten-free, vegans, or vegetarians, you should avoid this area like the plague. Do not even think about it.

Of course, there are also the things you do not have to pay for that are enjoyable at the Fair. For instance, one of Mackenzie Smith's favorite things to do at the fair is to people watch.

"I really enjoy seeing all the dif-



Photo by Macy Sliman

ferent type of people that come to the fair. It's just a place that most everyone enjoys and can find something fun to do," she says.

State fairs are always an exciting part of your average American's life. It brings some change and entertainment to the monotony of everyday school and work that helps us not feel so bored.

For some, it is a chance to splurge on food that could put you in the emergency room. For others, the excitement of the cowboy shows attract you. Either way, the Fair can be described as entertainment for the whole family, even that part of the family you would prefer not to acknowledge.

Teams invited to compete in mock trial by OU law school

Brian King, OU law school

Ever watched a courtroom drama on TV and thought, "I could do that.?" Now is your chance to show what you can do in front of a judge and jury.

Student teams from all Oklahoma colleges are invited to test their courtroom skills in a mock trial competition at the University of Oklahoma College of Law in Norman. Competition dates are November 1 through 3, 2013.

The Board of Advocates Intercollegiate Mock Trial Competition is open to undergraduate students from any Oklahoma college. There must be four people per

team. The competition focuses on oral advocacy skills. Teams will conduct full trials including opening statements, closing arguments, examination of witnesses, and presentation of evidence. Resources will be available to help you refine your trial techniques. Team and individual awards will be presented.

Registration is open through September 30, but teams that register by September 20 get a discount on the fee. For more information, including rules and the registration form, visit: www.law.ou.edu/BOAMockTrial.



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Airpark heals sore for medium range venues in OKC cont.

term lease” with Howard Pollack, President of the PM Group Artist Representatives, Inc., which happens to be the organization that handles the scheduling of shows for the Airpark. The PM Group also is in charge of booking bands in casinos across Oklahoma.

Although the Airpark is a great quick solution for bringing

in unique bands, Pollack claims the space on which the Airpark is located is strictly temporary. President Pollack says the PM Group plans to find a more concrete solution, complete with a “permanent amphitheater.” Howard Pollack, however, does not want

“A downtown entertainment experience.”

future fans thinking the non-forever state of the Airpark means that they will be visiting a second-rate venue. “The stage is semi-permanent but very nice.”

From now until the end of October, which is when the Airpark’s season comes to a close, thou-

sands of fans, whether they are Oklahoman or not, will fill the 80 acres of parking, flock to the concession stands and shout into the blue sky amidst the next great music hub of Oklahoma City. As the western sun reflects off of the Devon Tower and gleams across the audience, many will take part in what the Airpark’s website dubs “A Downtown Entertainment Experience.”

Fine Arts Student Feature **Kylee Bowman**



Hometown: Mustang, Oklahoma

Hobbies and Interests: Music, Poetry, Equestrian

Most prized posses-

sion: A poetry book from 1858

Three words that describe you: Optimistic, Outgoing, and Driven

Best advice your parents gave you: Follow my own dreams, not the dreams others think I should

A talent you possess: Songwriting

Biggest fear: Clowns and elevators

I would like to have witnessed: The 1920’s

Best memory: Getting in a really gross lake for my second CD’s photo shoot while one of my photographers was

trying to hold smoke bombs behind me for effect. We ended up covered in moss and got half the smoke bombs filled with water but it was most definitely a blast.

As a child you dreamed of being a: Vet for wild cats

Pet Peeve: People assuming things they don’t know

Favorite Quote or verse: Psalms 27:1

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