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Dr. Kyzer named New Chief Academic Officer

Macy Sliman, Staff Writer

On July 9, 2013, the Southern Nazarene University Board of Trustees announced the promotion of Dr. Melany Kyzer to the position of Chief Academic Officer with a unanimous vote.

Dr. Kyzer is SNU Alum and has been an active member of the campus community for the past 28 years. She has worked in numerous positions all over campus, the most recent being Dean of the College of Humanities since 2011. Before that, she served as the Director of Housing, the Director of Academic Services, Director of Community Life and Resident Director, along with teaching as professor for the odd class for the English Department.

Not only is Dr. Kyzer qualified for this position by experience alone, but she also has the education to back it up. In 2008, she received her Juris Doctor from the

Oklahoma City University. She has a Bachelor of Science in Biology Education, class of 1988, as well as a Master of Arts in Communication Education, class of 1984, from BNC. Kyzer is also licensed by the state of Oklahoma Bar Association to practice law since 2009.

Kyzer has also been awarded many highly esteemed awards for her acts of service, such as Outstanding Alumni for SNU in 2009, Dean's List for Law School at OCU in 2007, CALI Award for OCU Law School in 2007 and Manager of the Year for SNU in 1992.

In the Press Release of her promotion, President Gresham had something to say about this devoted member of the community:

"For nearly three decades, Dr. Melany Kyzer has been a vital part of this educational community. She embodies the heart and soul of this institution and will contribute in a major way to the next chapter of

the university. Her coming to a new role will be one of the most seamless and easy transitions of any major administrative change we have made in recent times. I wish her every success in this next phase of her service to Southern Nazarene University."

On top of it all, Kyzer is also involved in a number of other off-campus activities. She dedicates some of her time to serve as a Pre-Law Advisor since 2011. She is also a member of the SNU School of Children Board, On-line Instructor Training, SNU School of Education, Bias Review Committee, New Student Institute Faculty Mentor and Senior Celebration Master of Ceremonies. To continue this extensive list, she is also a Spiritual Development Pod Leader, a part of the MacNair Scholars, College Days faculty panel, Sheep Factory Missions and Committee Service.

Kyzer is also a member of Beth-



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any First Church of the Nazarene and the National Communication Association. Currently, she is also the Executive Director for the Oklahoma Speech Theater and Communication Association.

Student representatives on university committees

Grace Williams, Business Manager

Every fall before classes start, your Student Government Association nominates students to sit on a variety of councils and represent the voice of the student body. Many students are unaware that these councils exist, let alone that they have fellow student sitting on these councils. Although these students are oftentimes not allowed to give input unless directly asked,

they are still there to represent the needs, goals and desires of the student body. If you have any ideas, suggestions or input that relate to the goals of the following councils, do not hesitate to let your student representative know. You have a voice on campus; you only have to know how to use it.

Academic Council: Studies and reviews all phases of academic policy/procedure, curricula and

recommends changes to the faculty when appropriate.

Student Representatives: Emily Gammill and Ben Siems

General Education Council: Monitors the effectiveness of the general education courses in light of the objectives of the program and University. Reviews all General Education curricula and recom-

mends curricula changes within the General Education program.

Student Representative: Courtney Redwine

Athletic Committee: Sets guidelines for the number and extent of the varsity athletic programs the University can adequately maintain.

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So we get a free laptop when we come to SNU...



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Grace Williams, Business Manager

During the first semester at SNU, the freshman all receive a laptop as part of the tuition (and an optional, upgrade with purchases) and are told to go to the laptop center for any problems. So how does this system work?

Each Spring, Mark Murray, director of SNU's laptop center, speaks with representatives from different laptop companies to choose the free laptop for the new students in the upcoming academic year. The criteria that Murray looks for is the warranty and quality of computer for the budget he receives.

"The warranty was the major factor in choosing the Fujitsu laptop this year. We typically buy computers in May or June but don't give them to the students un-

til August or even January, meaning that months of warranty are being wasted while no one is using the laptop. Fujitsu, however, doesn't start the warranty until the student picks up the laptop. We had a huge problem with the Lenovo Thinkpad last year and were almost out of warranty when we discovered it. This lead us to seriously consider an alternate company."

The warranty is so important because it means that if something is found to be wrong with a computer that was not caused by accidental damage, then it can be repaired or replaced free of charge. The laptop center is here to help complete or facilitate all repairs whether a student is under warranty or not.

Murray said, "Bring your computer to laptop as soon as you en-

counter problems because the later you bring [it] the more likely it is that the warranty has run out. Plus, the laptop center is willing to provide some services that we won't advertise for free on a case by case basis. Spills and accidents are not covered under warranty, but we will still help you fix it."

The laptop center is a Fujitsu repair center, so almost all repairs on the Fujitsu laptop can be done in house. If a repair needs to be done off site, the laptop center will take care of all details (including getting your computer to the service location) to find you the cheapest deal on repairs, if you leave your computer with them. The exception is often for Mac computers because the Apple store is easily accessible to students, and it is usually faster

for the student to take it there than the staff. For the most part, the laptop center can take care of repairs the quickest and cheapest way possible because when computers are returned or are replaced for only one malfunctioning part then those broken parts become parts machines for the University.

The laptop center is becoming the place for any computer issues regardless of whether it is a software or hardware issue. I.T. is currently the place for issues such as resetting your active directory password or moodle problems, but it can be confusing to remember the distinction so the laptop center will now be the place for students to get all help on their laptops.

Email support is available at support@snu.edu

Campus Question

Question:

Why the switch from iPrint to Papercut (webprint.snu.edu)?

Answer:

Mr. Mark Murray, Director of the Laptop Center, responds: "I.T. makes these decisions, but they had very good reasons to switch to Papercut. The old iPrint system became completely incompatible for Mac computers. Plus, papercut allows you to print from any wireless device (phones, tablets, etc.), while it is logged into SNU wifi, to any printer that students have access to without installing it." If you need help using the new printing system, watch the instructional video at <http://help.snu.edu/instructional-vid->

Low gas prices around SNU and nationally

Ashlynn McGuire, Staff Writer

Cheap is a relative term when it comes to college students. Among the things that can be cheap and expensive, gas prices play a part in their everyday lives.

There are three gas stations that are the cheapest, as well as closest to the campus.

The cheapest gas station is 7-Eleven located on 8001 NW 23rd Oklahoma City, OK. The regular gas price is \$3.29 and is 2.7 miles away from campus.

The second closest and cheapest station is Valero (Flash Mart 2), which is located on 5850 NW 39th Expressway in Warr Acres. Its regular gas price is \$3.45 and is .8 miles away from campus.

The third closest/cheapest gas station closest to campus is OnCue Express with a regular gas price of \$3.47. The station has 18 pumps and is open 24hrs. Its location is 7101 NW 39th Expressway.

Richardlyn Hilton, freshman Pre-Med major, lives in Oklahoma City and prefers to get her gas there. Due to going home on the weekends and going to work, Hil-

ton has to get gas every week.

“I prefer to get gas in Oklahoma City because it is much cheaper,” she said.

On a Nationwide scale, many different issues influence the numbers.

According to Brad Tuttle of TIME Magazine via, as of January 09, 2013 the national regular gas average price is \$3.30. In 2012 gas prices around the country reached the highest point of \$4 a gallon of regular gas. At this point, Tuttle says it will repeat the same as last year in the fluctuation of prices.

The highest price of gas in the country is in Hawaii with an average price of \$4.34, according to Daily Fuel Gauge Report. Hawaii’s gas prices are so high due to shipping costs because of the oil having to be shipped across the ocean. Hawaii is known for having one of the highest excise taxes on gas across the nation of 69 cents a gallon. Compared to the excise tax in Hawaii, Oklahoma has one of the lowest in the country of only 16 cents per gallon according to Oklahoma General Excise Taxes via



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taxrates.org.

The state with the lowest price of gas is Wyoming. The average price of gas is \$3.27. There are four operating refineries which are among the fourth highest in the nation. The amount of refineries help lower the gas prices. In April of 2013, Wyoming held the lowest price of gas with \$2.84 a gallon. The average gas tax in Wyoming is

32.4 cents per gallon, which is lower than any state except for Alaska. The lower gas prices have made Wyoming the most affordable state in terms of transportation.

The type of car can also affect the amount of gas that is used. Some cars require more gas than others to run. With this variable in thought, a key to cheap gas is the kind of car being driven.

Student representatives on university committees cont.

Reviews the annual budget and approves various means of raising revenue by varsity athletics. Assures proper balance in programs for men and women.

Student Representatives: Jennie Liles and Jake Garrett

Student Learning Committee: Advisory group to guide the assessment of students’ learning outcomes.

Student Representative: Grace Williams

Student and Spiritual Life Council: Evaluates, develops and pro-

motes programs, activities and services for the well-rounded student life at SNU for residential and commuting students. Develops and monitors implementation of student retention activities. Reviews any necessary SGA candidates, policies, programs and recommendations.

Student Representatives: Laura Miller, Emily Gammill and Taylor Greenhill

LIFE (SSS) Advisory Board: Reviews evaluation material and recommends changes for improvement; ongoing program review to assure the LIFE program is achiev-

ing their project goals with participants.

Student Representatives: To Be Announced

Publications Advisory Board: Oversees and acts as an advisory board for all University publications. Nominates and elects student editors for student publications.

Student Representatives: Katie Simpson, Nick Tucker and Sam Duce

Strategic Planning Commission: Oversees and evaluates in-

stitutional initiatives and progress based on institutional vision and mission. Recommends resource allocation for initiatives that are tied to mission and vision.

Student Representative: Jordan Leibold

Technology Advisory Committee: Provides overall guidance and direction to the operation and continued development of computing resources for Southern Nazarene University.

Student Representative: Jeff Carden

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Food Choice: vice versa in Sodexo



Photo by Gabe Carr

Gabe Carr, Guest Writer

Have you ever been so hungry you felt as if you would eat anything, only to pick up an entrée from Sodexo, take a bite and immediately lose your appetite? If the answer is yes, then I, and plenty of others, can relate to you. However, I believe Sodexo, our campus's main nutritional source, is not inherently trying to live up to a bad rep and/or make us gag. No, this notion would be very uncharacteristic of their friendly, hardworking and helpful staff. I feel the real issue broods in the specific strengths of the kitchen. For every few unsavory entrées, the Sodexo kitchen manages to masterfully produce one delightfully, tasty dish. Yes, I have been pleasantly surprised by the quality of food served to me at

times. That is why I am writing this article: to share with Echo readers, what I believe to be, the most delectable items in SNU's café: the ones Sodexo makes well.

Butternut Squash Curry Soup

Baby barf, oh so it seems... This grainy mush sits to the right of the cashier and, on the best of days, takes on the appearance of cream of wheat. When one ladles it into their bowl, they might be repulsed by the gratuitous viscosity of the liquid, allowing it to appear watered down, baby regurgitation. However, these are mere aesthetic shortcomings, at least to a visual mindset, and do not hinder the soup's flavor.

Oh, sweet magnificence, the fla-

vor of this soup has a dichotomy that needs to be tasted to comprehend. Although, I will do my best to describe what makes it so great. Sweet and sour sauce, sweet and tangy marinade, sweet and salty chocolate covered pretzels; sweetness has been partnered with seemingly, ineligible tastes to create deliciously original flavors. However, how often does one encounter a sweet and spicy dish? I will go on a limb to say not often, unless one is of Eastern heritage. However, the Butternut Squash Curry Soup provides this experience to anyone who is blessed to try it.

Once fed to the taste buds, the sensation of an understated sweetness initially overwhelms the palette. Being of the same garden family, the flavor of the contained, butternut squash is comparable to that of a sweet potato. I refer to it as understated because it lacks the richness desirable in desert foods, but this is preferred because it is intended to be an appetizing first course. Another reason it could never be a desert: it detonates. After the initial splash of a pleasantly

sweet mouthful is swallowed, the curry, Eastern Indian spices, goes to town. The consumer should taste these spices emerging from their butternut coverings accompanied by a slow burn all the way down the throat. Thus, the full extent of the dichotomy is revealed.

This sensation is quite enjoyable in a mildly masochistic way. The best word I can think of to encompass this food experience is satiating. This soup slows the eater's pace because a short cool-down time is needed after each bite in order to keep from losing the contents of the sinuses. I may seem like I am making this dish to be significantly hot; it is actually quite mild. I am really emphasizing the relative spiciness of the dish. These spices work to squelch the palette's need for flavor. The curry spices and the sweetness of the butternut squash, blend to render a complete, and tasty, event inside of the mouth.

Well done Sodexo.

Look for this soup right of the cash register, and, if you like it, request that they make it more often!

Prayer: a powerful weapon and tool in college

Celeste Forrest, Guest Writer

The Key to Surviving College... College has started! I remember coming in as a freshman and feeling so excited to begin classes, make new friends and basically start my life as an independent. However, between organizing my room, meeting new people and memorizing my ID number, I almost forgot a key factor for success in college: prayer.

I learned in college to pray. Pray A LOT. The truth is, college is chaos. Whether it is finals, friends, family and, yes, perhaps that special some-

one, expect to be caught up in so many issues; it will be difficult to find those few precious moments to stop, think and spend time with God. It does not matter if you are a freshman or a senior; prayer allows you to have those moments of peace and reflection that the spirit needs in order to grow. Prayer is the chance to have that intimate quality time with God and allow Him to help you when college may prove to be a little too tough. It is easy to get caught up in college life, and sometimes we forget that

prayer is a necessary tool in our walk with Christ, as well as surviving college. Even God asks us to "Be still, and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10). In other words, when we get side-tracked with the hustle and bustle of college life, we have to be able to step back, take a deep breath and say, "I remember You, Lord."

Prayer, as a college student, has helped me remain focused on what truly is important to my life: my relationship with Jesus Christ. It has helped me overcome the stress of

piles of homework and has comforted me in times of struggle. Having that personal time with God made my life as a college student seem a lot less chaotic and more joyful. It has even helped me battle something even deeper than just final exams but a personal struggle of mine I wish to share with you.

I struggle with anxiety disorder. Anxiety is an evil monster when it gets its hold on you and can ruin your day if you let it. My best weap-

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Tips for off-campus students who want to be involved

Rachel Whatley, Staff Writer

Commuter students might feel that they are on the outside looking in when it comes to campus life, but that should not stop them from being successful.

Commuters have to be more deliberate in getting involved than residential students do because so much of student life happens on campus. Even though they might feel that it is harder to connect or that finding parking is a hassle, there are certainly many advantages to living away from campus. Some students commute to save money, and others may feel it helps their studies.

Misty Jagers, Director for Student Success, said, “There might be less distractions because you’re not living in a residential setting with all your best friends.”

One excellent way to get connected is through Student Government. While SGA is a good organization for students to be part of, it can also help other students get involved in the events created by it.

Many majors have clubs or organizations that can be helpful for off-campus students to get to know other students in their field of study.

Jagers recommends that off-campus students go to as many events as possible. “You’re going to see someone you know there.... You’ll see someone from your class, or someone from your NSI family group.” Whether it is a concert or a sports game, there are plenty of opportunities to meet new people. “If you don’t go [to events], you don’t feel like you’re a part,” said senior Kylee Bowman.

Off-campus students should also take advantage of commuter lunch because they can get lunch

“...go to as many events as possible”

for a dollar every other Wednesday. This gives them an opportunity to eat lunch with their on-campus friends. Last semester, a new service was started to help off-campus students: commuter breakfast, which will take place in Pop’s and occur less often than commuter lunch.

“We’re going to be starting commuter connection,” said Jagers, “where we highlight a part of campus.... That will be one portion of the night. The other part will be



Photo by Stephany Reyes

getting to know other commuters over dinner before a school event.”

Freshman commuter students also have paired classes made up of their NSI family groups. This way, they can get to know their classmates even before school starts and, therefore, ease some of the worries of finding friends.

Off-campus students can make good use of their time between classes to do homework. The library is helpful to those looking for a quiet place, but if noise isn’t an issue, students can go to the fine arts lounge. Bowman recommends getting as much homework done as

you can before heading to an event and to stick to a schedule.

Since only about a third of the student body commutes, it can be hard for the university staff to know what those students need. Off-campus students include not only those who live at home but also older students who might be living on their own – it is a broad range. So they should give feedback as much as possible. “Let your voice be heard,” said Jagers, “and tell us what you need.”

For more information or help regarding commuting, Misty Jagers’ office is located in Student Development.

Prayer: a powerful weapon and tool in college cont.

on to combat this monster? Spending quality time with the LORD through devotions and prayer. I pray whenever something triggers my anxiety. At night, I do devotions to wind down, and when I do, I sleep amazingly well. Again, knowing that God is taking care of me gives me a great sense of peace that helps me overcome my anxiety. And, here is another important piece of advice for surviving college: never pray by yourself! 1st Thessalonians 5:11 says, “Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.”

What better way to encourage and build one another up than through

prayer? You can never go wrong with asking someone to pray for you or with you. In Philippians 2:19-26 the apostle Paul talks about the importance of loyalty and the willingness to look after our friends in times of trial. We can demonstrate our support and love to our friends by simply praying for one another in times of struggle and in times of joy. So, my advice for success in college? Pray and talk to God. He understands this crazy stuff called “college-life.” He also knows your heart better than you do. If you struggle with something as serious as grief or as mild as pure anxiousness, pray. God is here for you, and he is ready to hear your words.



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STORMSPORTS

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East Central Baseball Player, Christopher Lane Killed

Zach Friesen, Staff Writer

A baseball player from East Central University was out for a jog in Duncan the night of August 16 when he was fatally wounded by a gunshot to the back. Police have arrested three local teens who, according to police, were bored so they decided to kill someone.

Christopher Lane, 22, who was in the town of Duncan visiting his girlfriend, decided to go out for a jog, during which he passed the house where the three boys were staying. The three boys then got into a car, followed him for a few blocks and then shot him once in the back with a .22-caliber handgun, according to local authorities.

Witnesses rushed outside upon hearing the gunshot and recall seeing Lane stagger and collapse to the ground. Despite CPR attempts, Lane died on the scene, due to the bullet collapsing both lungs, fracturing two ribs and tearing through his aorta and pulmonary artery.

The three teens, all from Duncan, have been taken into custody

since the incident. Chancey Allen Luna, 16, and James Francis Edwards, Jr., 15, have been charged as adults with first-degree murder. Michael Dewayne Jones, 17, was charged with using a vehicle in the discharge of a weapon and with accessory to first-degree murder. Jones is considered a youthful offender but will be tried in an adult court.

Police Chief Danny Ford interrogated Jones, who provided a detailed confession.

“They saw Christopher go by, and one of them said: ‘There’s our target,’” Ford said. “The boy who has talked to us said, ‘We were bored and didn’t have anything to do, so we decided to kill somebody.’”

Lane, who was originally from Melbourne, Australia, had come to Oklahoma to play college baseball and pursue an education. Before arriving at East Central, Lane attended Redlands Community College in El Reno, where he earned his Associate’s Degree in Business Administration.



Photo from cnn.com

Even though Lane was receiving a baseball scholarship, his main goals were to receive a degree in finance and to start a real estate business with his parents, according to ECU Athletic Director Dr. Jeff Williams.

Lane’s family has received an enormous outpour of support from those who knew Chris, as well as complete strangers who just want to try and provide some comfort to those who were closest to him. There is currently an online fundraiser, set up by a former teammate of Lane’s, which was created

in order to raise money to allow his family to fly to Oklahoma, receive his body and take him back to his hometown. With the original goal set at \$15,000, the fundraiser raised \$171,881 as of Friday afternoon. According to Lane’s father, Peter Lane, all money left over will go toward the creation of a Christopher Lane Foundation in his memory. If anyone would like to make a donation to the fund, it is listed under the name “Christopher Lane Fund” at www.gofundme.com. (www.ecutiger.com/news and cbnews.com.)

From rivals to friends: two teammates coming together

Matthew Scott, Staff Writer

Can two people who are supposed to be the greatest of enemies become the best of friends? That is a question that was answered today: back in 2011, two High School football players who were the best at what they did, came together at Southern Nazarene University from two rival schools. Ten minutes apart from each other, Dalton Davis, who played for Union, and Michael Edwards from Broken Arrow played football against each other, not knowing they would be playing with each other in the near future. This is their story.

Who would have thought that two people, who were supposed to be enemies could become friends in college? In Oklahoma, if you are one of the best, you are invited to The Jim Thorpe All-Star game, which consists of the best in the state. Being in this game and being on different sides of the ball, they often went one on one with each other constantly during the game. That is really where they met to begin with, joking around on the same field, both getting ready to go off to college, and when they arrived at SNU they became the best of friends.

An average day in Practice consists of many things. First they warm-up to get ready for practice, and then they are together on field goal team. Then they go their separate ways: Davis goes to the Defensive line drills, and Edwards goes to the Offensive line drills. They get together on different kind of drills, for example, pass rush, inside run and 11 on 11.

During practice, they face each other every single day, and every single day one would think their friendship would be tested, but that is not the case at all. “We joke around before and after the

whistle, but we have a job to do,” said Edwards. They know that during practice they need to do what is good for the team and that is getting your own job done to help the team. During practice they push each other and try to make the other better; the whole team does that: be a buddy outside of work, but during work get the job done. They get on to each other all the time during practice; you just cannot let it go outside of football. Outside of Practice Edwards and Davis hang out with each other more than most and have become the best of friends on and off the field.

Phoenix rises with new sound in album "Bankrupt"



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Clay Milford, Staff Writer

Phoenix rises with new sound

When Thomas Mars and his French band mates released their new album "Bankrupt!" this summer, they were fresh off of an electrifying set on the Saturday Night

Live stage, showcasing two new songs, "Entertainment," the lead single from the album, and "Drakkar Noir." Those two tracks were musically unlike anything Phoenix had ever produced, but they were both still tinged with Mars' sig-

nature teen-indie-pop chanting. Now returning from a festival-filled summer, including a trip to Lollapalooza, Phoenix can revel in the shade of their top-to-bottom solid LP.

The album opens up with "Entertainment," a synth-washed ode to excess and capitalism. Mars is on point, singing verses over palm-muted guitars and pounding toms. The track starts and ends in lovable chaos, with everything from changes in time signature to Japanese inspired synthesizer riffs in between.

For the next track, Phoenix seems to have taken a note from their friends Daft Punk, relying on the rhythm of a drum machine throughout "The Real Thing," with Mars singing about lost love. Says Mars, "it was almost the real thing."

"S.O.S. in Bel Air" is prob-

ably the most "Wolfgang Amadeus Phoenix"-sounding song on "Bankrupt!". A fast-tempo four-on-the-floor motivational song, "S.O.S." displays Phoenix' ability to inspire their listener. As Mars' says, "you can't cross the line, but you can't stop trying."

Opening with airy synth, drum and claps, "Trying to Be Cool" is the "coolest" song on this album. Mars discusses the confessions of many men trying to get a girl: "I'm just trying to be cool." Well-placed keyboard solos carry this track. Although this is a great song, it also can get old listening to a rock star sing about "trying" to be cool, when we all know he is.

The title track, "Bankrupt!", has to be the most all-over-the-place song I might have ever heard. Starting with acoustic guitar, this record runs the gamut of instruments from a Rhodes keyboard, to

Creative and inexpensive ways to organize your dorm

Cynthia Davis, Staff Writer

By now you should be settling into your dorm room and living with a roommate, but is there still some clutter that you cannot get rid of and need some tips? Or maybe you are an incoming freshman and need a few pointers. As college students, money is tight and has to be the most of the little that you have, so here are some cheap "do-it-yourself" organizational tips and ideas.

-Need more space in your closet, use coke tabs--yes, coke tabs. Simply take the tab and slip one side onto the hook of the hanger. Place another hanger on the other end of the tab.

-Use tin cans for desk organizers. You can paint them or cover

them with paper to match your room or leave them plain silver. It is a simple and easy way to clear up the clutter on your desk

-DIY closet hat organizer, costing about a dollar to do. All you need is a hanger and "C Hooks" for shower curtains. Attach opened hooks to hanger and then place hat on the hooks.

-Corkboards for jewelry is a cheap way to keep all your jewelry organized. All you need is a corkboard and tacks; you simply hang things from the tacks. An easy way to make it match your room is putting colorful paper over the cork.

-Organize nail polish, rings and earrings with a hanging jewelry organizer. It fits nicely in your closet

and keeps everything together. Pricing ranges from \$8 to \$20 depending on size and style.

-A more costly organization idea is to get a bookshelf (and it can be used for more than just books). You do not have to get a large one; a smaller one can easily fit on your desk. This gives you space for books and other things. You can even get cloth storage box bins in an assortment of colors to place on your shelves, and these cost about \$10. The bookshelf itself depends on what you get. Shopping at a second hand store might be the best choice, but, of course, Wal-Mart also carries them.

Looking online for DIY projects for a specific need always gives

you options for your specific price range. Pinterest is a great place to find ideas and tips. If you do not have a Pinterest, here are some other sites that have DIY ideas for organizing and decorating:

-www.housedressingstyle.com
-www.buzzfeed.com
-www.iheartorganizing.blogspot.com

You may not think that getting organized is that important, but the busier you become the more you will not have time to dig around in a junk draw for something. Remember the small, cheap things usually work best and help the most. Another tip: put things where they belong, do not just throw them down; it will greatly reduce clutter.

Come to one meeting and write one article a week for an hour of class credit. Ask your advisor to sign you up for Newspaper Practicum today!

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The Echo!

Not required to be:

- Brilliant
- An English major
- A 'grammar hammer'

Required to:

- Enjoy writing
- Bring story ideas to the meeting each week
- Want to help provide news and entertainment to the campus

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

Is that a new Fine Arts casino? Dr. Wilcox's thoughts

Jim Wilcox, Guest Writer

I knew the General Assembly of our Nazarene denomination assembled in Indianapolis this summer, but among the news items of what happened there, I never heard anything about joining our Native American brothers and sisters in constructing casinos.

(I wonder how this is going over in Olathe, Kansas.)

Wouldn't it be great if we could get Englebert Humperdinck to perform there? Or the Beach Boys? That would be awesome.

And if we put in slot machines, it seems logical to suggest that tuition would go down.

Do any of you watch "Duck Dynasty"? I was introduced to it by my older grandson, who finds it hilarious. I watched it with him one night, and his hysteria was contagious. I have to confess, I am so hooked!

One episode I like is when two of the younger duck-call-making brothers go to the driving range to hit golf balls. As they're trying to out-hit each other, the camera pulls back and shows their dad and uncle shooting at the balls as if they are skeet. (I wish they'd do that in the PGA. Maybe those four-day tournaments would be interesting.)

I also like the one of the two old guys (picture ZZTop) when they go to "Career Day" at their grandkids' school. As that grised geezer begins to go on and on and on about his days in the Vietnam war (he just calls it "Nam"), I'm sitting



Photo by Amy Lauver

there in my family room, about to lose a lung.

And when the other one begins to demonstrate to a biology class how to skin a duck or a rabbit or some animal with a lot of blood, I'm on the floor, holding my belly! Those school children were choking back bile and gasping with shock and awe.

Do you think that if the century-long tradition of taking a three-month break from public school had been originally scheduled for December-to-March, our favorite season would be winter?

When I ask students what their favorite season is, most say summer, but I think that's mostly because of the long break from school rather than the blazing sun. (Understand that I start to get hot and sweaty at 60 degrees.) Who could love 100

days of 100 degrees? I mean what sane person could love 100 days of 100 degrees?

That's what I meant.

This summer was an anomaly of comparatively mild temperatures. And frequent rain. And green grass. And edible homegrown tomatoes. I'm thinking it's all because Gary England is retiring.

My parents celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary this summer. Seventy! Seven-0! I'm certain that's a lot longer than my dad was bargaining for when he said "I do" in 1943.

You know the record is 83 anniversaries. Friends of our family lived to celebrate their 80th. The 25th anniversary is called Silver. The 50th is called Golden. I think the 80th should be called Dust.

Anyway, we had quite a family

reunion. Imagine a lot of old people in the same house sharing stories of our most recent disease or the surgery we had in June or how much our backs hurt when we take the National Geographic magazine to the garage. "I don't know," one shrieks, "how that stack got so high."

It was nice to see my son from Portland for a couple of days, and it was fun to be with my twin brother again. We went to his church one Sunday (he's the pastor, so it's called "his") and several of the flock mistook me for him. By the third time, I was thinking about announcing that the church would pick up the tab for everybody's lunch.

But that would have bankrupted that church. They'd probably have to build a casino in order to recover.

Students who are interested in participating in Commission Unto Mexico this year: Professor Ruger is having a meeting on September 12th at 8:30 pm in Religion 106.

Phoenix rises with new sound in album “Bankrupt” cont.

to crunchy synthesizer, chimes, harpsichord and pads. The plethora of instrument, however, is the only impressive thing about this song. I could have done without the addition of the out-of-place and forced vocals within this awesome six-minute jam session that most likely was created due to insomnia, which always make for the best songs.

“Drakkar Noir” and “Chloroform” team up as two songs that rely on chord hits and the drumming of Thomas Hedlund to drive them. “Drakkar Noir” has hints of Fleetwood Mac within, and even a nod back to Phoenix’s own “Too Young.” These two songs, however, lead us to my person-

al favorite on the album.

“Don’t” begins with a keyboard mess, all culminating into a snare heavy, 80s teen cruising tune that could easily be mistaken for appearing on the soundtrack of “Fast Times.” Even the lyrics, as Mars’ proclaims “reach out for me,” sound like the epitome of the 80s: emotions.

After a quick stint with awkward “Bourgeois,” Phoenix finishes this album off as intense as they started with “Oblique City.” Filled with Phil Collinsesque tom fills, arpeggiated synthesizer the entirety of the song and, of course, our dude Mars wailing over it all, “Oblique City” brings “Bankrupt!” to a satisfying and fulfilling close. I cannot wait to see what this band does next.



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Fine Arts Student Feature Andrew Sharp



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Hobbies and interests: writing music and playing jazz

Most prized possession: my trombone

Three words that best describe me: hard-working, driven, ambitious

Best advice my parents gave me: experience God in everything I do

A talent I possess: music

Biggest fear: failure

As a child I dreamed of being: a composer

Pet Peeve: incorrect grammar/spelling

Favorite Quote or Verse: I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength. Philippians 4:13

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