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Joel Mullen named new Associate University Pastor of Student ministries

Rachel Whatley, Staff Writer

In September 2013, Southern Nazarene University welcomed a new member to the Spiritual Development Team: Joel Mullen. He will be on staff as the Associate University Pastor of Student Ministries.

Joel Mullen has had a continual interest in missions ever since he was a teenager. He, along with his wife Sara, were called to missions when they were in their teens. Today, however, he looks at calling differently.

"We express our calling in terms of obedience. I'm not called to 'missions' as much as I'm called to 'obedience.'"

Mullen and his wife started volunteering in Italy in 1996, right after they were married, and ended up serving in Europe for fourteen years. They also did some church planting in Palermo, Italy, and Mullen served as the Italy District Superintendent starting in 2004.

"Since last spring, I sensed that God was preparing me to go in a new direction in ministry," Mullen said regarding his new position at SNU. "In the summer, I found out about this ministry opening, and I was immediately interested in the challenges and opportunities it would hold." He acknowledges this point in time at SNU as a piece of his calling to obedience.

Mullen's main objectives will be organizing the summer mission opportunities and working with the rest of the university pastors to minister to and support the SNU community. This will also include mentoring and discipleship.

"I know that SNU has a long tradition of helping students engage in ministry and missions, and I hope to continue that legacy," he said, "I want students not just to participate but for their participation to be transformational for their lives and their futures."



Photo by Jonathan Hane

An SNU alumni, Mullen received his Master's in divinity in 2001 from the Nazarene Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Missouri. He was born in Missouri, but he considers Rogers, Arkansas to be his hometown. Joel Mullen and his wife also have two adopted children: Lia born in Missouri, but he considers and Levi, ages two and three.

New Service provides "solace" for students

Clay Milfrord, Staff Writer

On Monday, September 30, the Office of Spiritual Development at Southern Nazarene University hosted its first Solace service at 7:30 pm in Herrick Auditorium. The gathering included student and staff-led worship, various sacraments such as communion and a more laid back approach to what an ordinary chapel service would look

like. Blair Spindle, University Chaplain and Vice President of the Office of Spiritual Development, said that while Solace is considered a chapel service, it hums a different tune than what goes on Tuesdays and Thursdays. "It is a chapel service at SNU - it's just on Monday nights and is longer so it allows

"It hums a different tune..."

more time for response. We take communion and are planning on having a baptism service toward the end of the year."

Banning Dawson, Director of Chapel Music in the Office of Spiritual Development, said that Solace is a service "created around prayer." Said Dawson, "It is our hope that this

would be a time for students to come and rest in the Presence of God through prayer, song and sacrament. We believe it's a great time to come and re-center or reorient ourselves. The idea was birthed after Tony Campolo came and spoke at chapel last year. He made mention of the importance of center-

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Through the eyes of an international student: Marion Brodys

Macy Sliman, Staff Writer

Everyone has a story. They are all so different, and all of the diverse backgrounds we have on campus is part of what makes this place so beautiful.

Marion Brodys is from Bremen, Germany (which is in the northern part of Germany, near Hamburg – not hamburger, just Hamburg.) Her native language is German, but she can speak a variety of other languages including Spanish and English. Her major is International Studies with a double major in Spanish. She came to SNU on a golf scholarship.

About life in the United States Brodys said, “It is so much different from living at home, obviously, but it is always very exciting. And it just makes me grow and become more independent by living on my own and not having my parents take care of everything.”

While she does like it here, she

also loves living in Germany. She suggests everyone take the opportunity to visit if given the chance.

When Brodys gets homesick, she misses her grandma’s food, certain places, and getting to talk in German. While she does get homesick, she also feels very blessed to be in the US, and she finds comfort in the international student community.

Marion says there are small differences between the US and Germany that stick out to her, like being homesick or not getting to go home on the weekends like most students. There are challenges to living in a new place, but to Brodys it is something you can overcome.

Marion loves the weather here because in Germany, the summers are short and it does not get too hot. Her favorite things about home are her dog and her family. She also loves the area she lives in because it is easy and fast to travel



Photo provided by Macy Sliman.

to other places in Europe, which is something she enjoys.

“I think the best advice to a new international student would be to have fun! It is important to be aware of the fact that sometimes

life is hard here but if you give it a little time, it will turn out fine, and, in the end, we can all just be so thankful that we are given the opportunity to be here!”

New service provides “solace” for students cont.



Photo by Clay Milford

ing ourselves upon Jesus Christ daily.”

Solace, or the comfort one finds in a time of distress or sadness, is the exact ideal upon which the new time of worship is based. Said

Spindle, “Chapel on Tuesday’s and Thursday’s plays multiple roles but doesn’t give us enough time to really respond and focus. It began to dawn on me that our students often feel overwhelmed

by life, which at times feels turbulent and even hurtful. Solace is comfort and peace in times of turbulence. It offers students an opportunity to engage in sacraments that are meaningful in our

community and another time to just come together for prayer and worship.”

Both Spindle and Dawson agree that Solace is a service of its own. While the music and speaker lead chapel, Solace is more led by the congregation. It can be longer or shorter from time to time and is nearly stripped of any sound at all save for the music. As Dawson says, “Typically there won’t be the 25 minute message or sermon for these services.”

After one meeting, Solace has proven to be an effective time for students to come to simply listen, pray and think. There are two more planned Solace services for this semester, as there will be three per semester. Dawson said, “All are welcome.” So whether you are a student at Southern Nazarene University, a parent, a professor or not involved with the university whatsoever, you can find Solace at the next service: Monday, October 28, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.

Sodexo campus services: working locally and thinking globally

Amber Noyes, Guest

In partnership with the Global Vision Initiatives at SNU, Sodexo Campus Services is Flying in Chef Aldo Cardini of Lima, PERU to showcase the Peruvian Culture and Cuisine to the University's Students, Faculty, and Staff. October 14th and 15th, 2013.

Chef Aldo studied at Le Cordon Bleu Peru. After working as a line cook at Le Cordon Bleu, he then moved to Miami, FL to work as a banquet cook at the Four Seasons Hotel. He returned to Peru and continued to work in the hotel industry as an Executive Chef. In 2009 Chef Aldo started with Sodexo at the Catholic University of Peru where

he was the Catering Chef. He returned to Florida in 2010 to work at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in various positions. Chef Aldo again returned to Peru and Sodexo in 2011. He was asked to be a part of the "Peru Passion for Food" program in 2012, visiting Barcelona and Madrid, Spain where he demonstrated Peruvian cuisine. Chef Aldo has been part of the Sodexo Dakar Rally team for 2 years, 2012 and 2013.

The Global Chef Program is one of Sodexo's newest initiatives to bring foreign food to college campuses. The program enlists 41 chefs, each representing their home countries, who travel on a month-long tour to several universities across America.

According to Sodexo, this program

was initiated in 2003 to "increase clients' satisfaction and bring a fresh and distinctive experience to dining."

By facilitating the exchange of foreign chefs all over America, Sodexo hopes to share authentic recipes and cooking techniques with our own cooks. Sodexo's Global Chef program is an international chef residency program that provides an opportunity for top chefs worldwide to travel to different countries and share authentic international cuisine with local teams, students, faculty and staff.

"I feel that this is an invaluable opportunity, for not only the Campus Community, but for our Oklahoma Community as well. The exposure to different cultures and cuisines is es-

sential in raising awareness of the cultural differences, as well as the similarities that can be found as we commune around a table and enjoy learning about each other. Passion in culture, and passion in cuisine can be found worldwide, and I am excited to bring this opportunity to the community at SNU. In communicating with Chef Aldo, he has expressed a huge desire to learn about our culture and cuisine during his visit.

It will be a busy 5 days, but we intend on giving him the full "Okie" experience while he is here. Who knows, you may just see us around as we show off what makes Oklahoma OK...." said Executive Chef Ian Wagner—Sodexo at Southern Nazarene University

UPCOMING CAMPUS EVENTS

Oct. 12- SNU volleyball @ South Western	Oct. 12- Home Football game @ 2 pm	Oct. 12- Home men's soccer game @ 7pm	Oct. 13- Home Women's soccer game @ 2 pm
Oct. 14- Home Volleyball game @ 2 pm	Oct. 14-Men's soccer @ Eastern New Mexico	Oct. 15- Homecoming Court elections	Oct. 15- Capture the Court @ 8 pm
Oct. 17-18: Fall Break	Oct. 17- Home Men's soccer game @ 7 pm	Oct. 18- Home SNU volleyball game @ 2 pm	Oct. 18- Women's soccer @ SWOSU

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Sports Information Department



David Noblett and Matt Shellenberger. Photos provided by David Noblett

Matthew Scott, Staff Writer

Have you been to a southern Nazarene Sports game of any kind? If you have, then you know what goes on during those games; it takes many people to put the games together. Especially the Athletics department and, in particular, the sports information department. A lot of people are involved in making the sports information department what it is, but the one person that is there through all of it is the Sports Information Director (SID) David Noblett.

He has been a sports information director for around 10 years, working around at different plac-

es, and he just began his fourth year at SNU. It is not just loving sports that keeps him going when the job becomes very stressful. "Working day to day with students and developing relationships with student-athletes [keeps him going]. When you spend that much time with kids, you have a real chance to make a lasting impact," said Noblett.

For Noblett, purpose is very important; it is necessary to enjoy what you are doing. It is not all fun and games; it is hard work and can at times be very stressful. "There are a lot of different little things that can go wrong, and you

have to know how to fix them all," said Noblett.

You may wonder what exactly the sports information department does. "Pretty much anything and everything behind the scenes," said Noblett. Noblett shared their duties on game days. "We broadcast every home football, basketball and volleyball game and do select broadcasts of baseball and softball," said Noblett.

They cover 17 varsity sports around campus. "We write every article on every event, home or away," said Noblett, "We write a bio for every student-athlete." Time management is very important. "[Time management] is probably the most difficult thing. We go 60-70 hours most weeks from August to May. Finding time to do everything we want to do is difficult," said Noblett.

"We work very hard to promote our student-athletes and the athletics department at Southern Nazarene," said Noblett. That is the main goal; it is all about the students' athletics. "We strive to do everything we do with excellence and class, while creating an enjoyable experience for the people in sports information."

The MLB playoffs are now underway

Matthew Scott, Staff Writer

After six long months of teams fighting one another, dealing with adversity and jostling for position in the standings, it is finally here. It is finally playoff time for Major League Baseball as the postseason is now upon us. Eight teams will now fight for the chance to rewrite the history books and cement their place in

history as world champions. The only question now is, "Who will rise to the top?"

In the American League, the playing field is wide open, with all teams having their own advantages and leaders. The Boston Red Sox go into the playoffs holding the best record in the American League, also tied for the best record in all of baseball. They

were able to make it this far with a great balance of timely hitting and pitching. Offensively they are led by mainstays David Ortiz, Dustin Pedroia and Jacoby Ellsbury, though many different players, such as Mike Napoli, Shane Victorino and Daniel Nava, have stepped up throughout the season when called upon. Their pitching

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staff has been impressive as well, with Clay Buchholz leading the starting rotation and the bullpen being anchored by closer Koji Uehara.

It will be no cakewalk for the Sox, however, with the American League being very deep. The Oakland Athletics finished just one game behind Boston for the best record and are a very dangerous team. They do not have the star power many other playoff teams have, but they are able to beat teams through good all-around team play and lethal execution, both in the field and at the plate.

The Detroit Tigers, on the other hand, are a dangerous team because of the many star players on their roster. Their pitching staff is possibly one of the best in all of baseball, led by Cy Young candidate Max Scherzer, as well as Anibal Sanchez and Justin Verlander, who won

the 2011 American League Most Valuable Player and is widely considered one of the top pitchers in all of baseball. Offensively they are led by last year's MVP Miguel Cabrera, as well as Prince Fielder, Austin Jackson and Torii Hunter.

This year's Wild Card winner, the Tampa Bay Rays, could possibly be more dangerous than any other team in the American League, having made a miraculous late-season run to stay in the playoff race, as well as winning two win-or-go-home games, both on the road. They are successful thanks in large part to their pitching staff, led by last year's Cy Young winner David Price, as well as young hurlers Matt Moore, Alex Cobb and Chris Archer. The offense has also been deadly as of late, being led by players like Ben Zobrist, Wil Myers and Evan Longoria.

With the amount of balance there is in the American League,

the National League could possibly be even tighter of a race. The St. Louis Cardinals come into the playoffs as the top team in the National League. They could possibly possess one of the most complete rosters in the league, with standout pitchers such as Adam Wainwright, Lance Lynn and Michael Wacha, while the offense is one of the deadliest in the league, led by stars Matt Carpenter, Yadier Molina and Matt Holliday.

Not far behind the Cardinals are the Atlanta Braves, who finished just a game back of St. Louis and has one of the best pitching staffs in the National League. They are led by starters Mike Minor and Kris Medlen, as well as closer Craig Kimbrel. Offensively they rely on a roster that can catch fire at any given time, led by stars Justin Upton, Freddie Freeman and Brian McCann.

Also in the hunt for the National League crown are the Los Angeles

Dodgers and the Pittsburgh Pirates. The Dodgers have been one of the hottest teams in baseball the second half of the season, led by Cy Young front-runner Clayton Kershaw, as well as rookie sensation Yasiel Puig. On the other side, the Pirates are one of the better stories this postseason, as this is the first time since 1992 that Pittsburgh will be a playoff team. They are led offensively by Marlon Byrd, Starling Marte and MVP candidate Andrew McCutchen, as well as pitchers A.J. Burnett, Francisco Liriano and closer Jason Grilli.

With so many evenly matched teams facing off this postseason, fans can expect plenty of great matchups to watch and even better games, especially the closer teams get to the coveted World Series championship. Judging by how entertaining the regular season was, this October should be one to remember.

Student Athlete of the week Michael Hearne: Golf



Hearne won his third straight tournament in as many chances as the junior captured the Texoma Championship. He shot a 219 this past week with two par-72 rounds

Student Athlete of the week Edgar Pineda: Soccer



Pineda scored three goals on the week with two coming against Southwest Baptist and one at Lindenwood. He now has six goals on the season.

OPINIONS

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New diner on 39th: Stray Dog Cafe in review



Photo from facebook.com/straydogcafe

Grace Williams, Business Manager

If you ever want to grab breakfast or lunch and are sick of Sodexo, then you should head just across the street to the newly opened Stray Dog Cafe (6722 NW 39th Expressway, Bethany, Oklahoma 73008).

It opens at 6am, serves breakfast until 11am and then serves lunch until 2pm.

This restaurant has clearly been remodeled and is in great shape for a restaurant in Bethany. I went on opening day, Friday October 4, and

thought it looked clean and shiny, as a new restaurant should. They have outdoor seating on the patio, along with a lot of booth seating and a few tables inside.

Stray Dog's decor does not scream diner, but the atmosphere and menu certainly do. I went in the restaurant having no clue what kind of food to expect; I was hoping for fruit on a pancake, but, unfortunately, breakfast ended at 11am. I had been experimenting with vegetarianism for three weeks before my visit to the Stray Dog, but they have no meals that do not include meat. They serve specialty hamburgers and have a large variety of hot dogs. These items do not come with a side but fries, macaroni with bacon, tabouli and more can be ordered as a side.

I ordered a hamburger with spicy jack cheese. It was so delicious, and I am an avid hamburger fan. It came with the yummiest whole-wheat bun. The bun had

flaxseed, which made it even better. It was the perfect amount of spiciness and juiciness. If my vegetarianism does not stick, then I will certainly be ordering that again.

My friend and lunch date, Bree Parker, senior Biology major, ordered a hot dog with tabouli.

"The hot dog was really great, but I wasn't a fan of the tabouli. One hot dog was not enough to fill me up; I wish I had ordered another."

Opening day was extremely busy, every table was filled, and a stream of people were continually paying at the cash register during our hour-long visit to the Stray Dog. The staff was overwhelmed by the opening day business. Even so, they gave us fresh food within 20 minutes of ordering and kept our glasses full of water the entire time.

If you love hot dogs or hamburgers, then definitely check out the variety at Stray Dog. I hope to check out the breakfast menu sometime soon.

Create: because you were made in the image of the creator

Kira Roberts, Editor-in-Chief

For a long time I thought I was not a creative person because I cannot draw. When I say I cannot draw, it is an understatement. My handwriting is barely legible, my doodles look more like scribbles and I never did like to color inside the lines. What took me way too long to realize though, is that being artistic is only one small component of creativity.

I once had a professor ask, "If God created all things but specifically created us in His image, what sets us apart from the rest of creation?" Wow. He went on to briefly explain his belief that animals can be futuristic in instinct,

even if only slightly. They can grow and learn from experiences just as we do. However, no other living creature has the ability to create on the scale that we can. Just look at how far we have come since the beginning of time. Technologically, relationally, and creatively we have advanced to a point far beyond any early man or woman could even imagine.

If you think about it within this context, we are all creative because we were created in the image of the creator. See, there is really no way to separate my passion for leading a creative lifestyle from my faith because they are so intertwined.

Sometimes I think about cre-

ativity in two categories: creating something out of nothing and creating something out of something already in existence. Obviously, God is the only one who has ever truly created something out of nothing. However, I think artists, musicians, dancers, carpenters and many others emulate this by turning inspiration and hard work into something creative for other people to enjoy.

Photography has become my medium for creating. I would group this in the second category, as I work with an existing person or scene to capture and create something beautiful, whether it is meant to help represent memories

or simply be interesting to look at.

While many professions and hobbies fit in both categories, the talent to create is nothing short of a gift from God. Using them can even be a form of worship as we use them for the good of the kingdom and reflect all praise toward him instead of us.

On a different note, the sometimes hidden key to creativity is grit. Tchaikovsky famously said, "A self-respecting artist must not fold his hands on the pretext that he is not in the mood." Inspiration cannot be based on mood and situation because more often than not, life is not calm, quiet, passionate or

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rousing. Typically, it is busy, chaotic and filled with mundane tasks that seem to never end.

Charles Bukowski wrote a poem in 1992 called "Air and light and time and space" that I would like to share with you.

"--you know, I've either had a family, a job, something has always been in the way but now I've sold my house, I've found this place, a large studio, you should see the space and the light. For the first time in my life I'm going to have a place and the time to create."

no baby, if you're going to create you're going to create whether you work 16 hours a day in a coal mine or you're going to create in a small

room with 3 children while you're on welfare, you're going to create with part of your mind and your body blown away, you're going to create blind crippled demented, you're going to create with a cat crawling up your back while the whole city trembles in earthquake, bombardment, flood and fire.

baby, air and light and time and space have nothing to do with it and don't create anything except maybe a longer like to find new excuses for."

Do not wait until you have the time or for the inspiration to come to you. Go now. Because you were created to create.



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Chickasha, Oklahoma Corn Maize screams Fall

Amy Lauver, Layout editor

What else screams “fall is here” like the annual Oklahoma Corn Maize? It literally screams it!

Every year, Reding Farm is home to the largest corn maze in the state of Oklahoma, located in Chickasha. However, this is not a typical roam-through-the-corn type of corn maze. They have hayrides, a mini cow train, and, for those who love to be spooked, they have a haunted hayride and haunted corn maze option! This fall experience does not end at the hayride and corn maze. After getting lost in the mazes, there is a bonfire where people can warm up. There is also a pumpkin patch, a corn cannon, a sandbox and many farm animals to see. After seeing Reding Farm, people can pay a visit to the concession stand for some food, s’mores kits and hot chocolate!

It is ten dollars for the regular hayride and corn mazes. For the haunted hayride, it is an additional ten dollars, and for the haunted maze, it is an additional fifteen dollars. However, they have package deals that give

you access to a variety of activities. Package A is fifteen dollars and includes all activities with unlimited rides, except for the haunted options. Package B is twenty dollars and includes all the haunted activities. Package C is thirty-two dollars and gives you access to the entire farm and activities.

Every year they have a theme that they literally depict in the cropping of the corn. This year’s theme is in correlation with the Oklahoma City Zoo’s 30th year of Haunt the Zoo, which is a trick or treating night at the Zoo. The corn has been shaped to pay tribute to this and some of the animals you can find at the zoo. These animals make up the different mazes with each having a different level of difficulty.

On October 19 and 26, the Oklahoma City Zoo will be bringing the animals to Reding Farm to add to this year’s corn maize experience.

If you are not quite feeling like it is fall yet, this is the perfect place to get you into the boots and scarves season!



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Fall Break photo contest

We want to see what you did for fall break!

Snap a photo of your fall break, and email it to The Echo at kirarobe@mail.snu.edu

It could be published in the next issue!

Fine Arts Student Feature

Emily Lauver



Hometown: Fort Smith AR that great) or I write music

Hobbies and Interests: I like to read, crochet, shop and make music Biggest fear: heights and tornadoes
I would like to have witnessed: the big band era

Most prized possession: My cat Best memory: seeing Wicked in New York

Three words that describe you: funny, kind and eccentric As a child you dreamed of being a..... Veterinarian

Best advice your parents gave you: to be the best I can be Pet Peeve: when people scrap their forks on their teeth

A talent you possess: I can semi sorta beat box (I'm not Favorite quote or verse: Col-losians 2:2

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