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Graffiti artist inspires students at Art and Design event

Jim Smith, Faculty Adviser

Dating back to the ancient workers who built the Egyptian pyramids, graffiti has been used as a way for persons to leave their mark on the world. But what for many years was seen as an act of vandalism, has now gained acceptance as a sought after art form. While some business owners still disdain the unwelcome marking of their facades, others are now offering significant payments to commission this urban art form from truly skilled graffiti masters.

One such master was a guest on the SNU campus this last Thursday evening. Bobby Levering, a local Oklahoma urban artist who signs his art with the name ENTAKE, was invited by the Art and Graphic Design department to share some graffiti painting techniques and to conduct a live demonstration. In just over an hour, Levering filled a canvas panel with his signature character, a one-eyed walrus.

Professor Whitney Porch, who

organized the event, talked about her motivation with regard to her students. "With these kinds of events it really showcases [to students] that they can take the things they are learning in class and apply them to nontraditional means." She also talked about how we can showcase the university, especially the Art and Graphic Design department to potential students in the area. Porch invited local high school students to attend, and they made up half of the event's 40 participants.

Levering, who works as a plumbing crew supervisor, talked about what inspires his art. "I try to look at all aspects of life, I try to find the positive and pretty much life inspires me." Levering also enjoys working with other artistic mediums including sculpture, marker drawing and some acrylic and oil painting. He indicated that spray paint is his favorite means of expression that never gets boring for him.



Photo by Jim Smith

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At the end of the demonstration, 15 participants were given the opportunity to try out some of Levering's techniques on a canvas of their own. Levering was generous with his time and offered words of encouragement as he worked with the student artists. Porch also presented some art supplies to a few lucky attendees.

Oklahoma plays host to cricket invasion

Clay Milford, Staff Writer

During the months of August and September of 2013, the state of Oklahoma underwent a cricket attack of Biblical proportions. After a mild winter and an uncommonly wet spring and summer, Oklahoma has been plagued with hordes of the insect from the central to northeastern parts of the state.

Dr. Rick Grantham, an Entomol-

ogist from Oklahoma State University, says that due to the weather, the Sooner state has made itself a perfect cricket breeding ground. "We have crickets at this time every year, but some years we have more than others. Last year we had a large mating flight and this year appears to be another heavy year – actually the first time I have ever seen back-to-back years. A

hot summer followed by decent rain in late July and August seems to be the triggers for cricket flight activity. Crickets need warm moist soil to lay their eggs in, and the conditions have been good for the last two years. Nature has a way of controlling how large the populations will be through winter temperatures, moisture, predation, parasitism and cannibalism. If any

of these factors have huge swings, then populations will vary greatly."

Although the swarm has been heavy for the past few months, Dr. Grantham says that we are now at a lull in cricket mating activity. "The peak mating flights were about three weeks ago and numbers have been falling steadily since. We had

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Formally known as Global Vision Week: Go week 2013

Grace Williams, Business Manager

This coming Tuesday October 8th until Thursday October 10th is Go Week, formally known as Global Vision Week. Joel Mullen, newest University Pastor in the office of Spiritual Development, said

““We want to facilitate opportunities for SNU students to go and engage their world. ‘Go Week’ captures the idea that faith and obedience involves movement and com-

mitment.”

Go Week will be used to inform students about opportunities and challenge students to travel and serve internationally through a study abroad program or mission trip. The verse of the week is Genesis 12:4, “So Abram went, as the Lord told him...”

On Tuesday, Elieen Ruger will speak in Chapel and share about study abroad opportuni-

ties for students. Ruger will also talk about how students can get involved with Commission Unto Mexico. Directly following Chapel will be a study abroad fair in the commons with representatives from different organizations who will be able to talk specifically about locations and classes.

On Thursday, Mullen will speak in chapel to challenge students to listen to where God may be call-

ing them to go and then to take a step of obedience. Mullen will also share some information on the SIMs (SNU in Missions) trips.

Six SIMs trips have been confirmed for summer 2014 in Australia, Haiti, Germany, Brazil, and two teams in Swaziland, one with the Luke Commission and one with BFC’s station. Further information about the SIMs trips, past and present, will be given on Monday, October 28th at 6:30pm in Herrick before solace.

Spiritual development will be hosting an Amazing Race to celebrate Go Week. Teams of four will go on a scavenger hunt throughout the Bethany/Oklahoma City area and interact with the community. Teams can sign up right after chapel on Tuesday, and the first clue will be given that afternoon.

The race will end on Thursday night at 8pm with a Go Week party in Bud Robinson before kingdom come. All students are welcome to attend regardless of amazing race participation. Winners will be announced and prizes awarded at the party.



Photo provided by Joel Mullens

Oklahoma plays host to cricket invasion cont.



Photo by David Evans

a little bump in the road about a week ago, but numbers are now falling again. You will probably continue to see a few crickets until we have cold temperatures or a frost.”

For those that do not enjoy the

presence of the fall field cricket, or *Gryllus pennsylvanicus*, the most common cricket found in Oklahoma according to Grantham, there are ways to keep them away. “Exclusion and light management are the only effective ways to re-

pel. Make sure there are no cracks around doors, make sure you caulk around windows and plug or cover weep holes in bricks. Good light management is by far the most effective control and the most contentious. Crickets are strongly attracted to light and, unless you can turn them off or switch to less bug friendly types (low-pressure sodium vapor lamps or yellow incandescent bug lights), then you are going to have crickets. Also, Be sure to remove any dead crickets that pile up around lights as they will feed on dead bodies as well as their normal plant material.”

Although having a cloud of insects around your home can be a nuisance, Dr. Grantham states that having crickets “attack” is not

necessarily the worst thing to experience, as they provide food for birds and other animals that prey on them.

The state of Oklahoma seems to have recovered from their condition of shock after seeing the clouds of incoming crickets charging toward their homes, and Dr. Grantham assures everyone that something like this only happens “once every five to ten years.” So, for those shoveling piles of the dead insect away from the side of their home or school, just know you will all will get to wait at least half a decade before you have to do that again. As for now, relax and know that a cricket plague has come and gone, and we are all still here.

STORMSPORTS

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Fellowship of Christian Athletes: students growing together



Photo by Kira Roberts

Kira Roberts, Editor-in-Chief

"Since 1954, Fellowship of Christian Athletes has been challenging coaches and athletes on the professional, college, high school, junior high and youth levels to use the powerful medium of athletics to impact the world for Jesus Christ. FCA focuses on serving local communities by equipping, empowering and encouraging people to make a difference for Christ," according to their website.

The mission of FCA is to "present to coaches and athletes, and all whom they influence, the challenge and adventure of receiving Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, serving Him in their relationships and in the fellowship of the church."

Jeremy Tims is the FCA Area Representative for the OKC Metro. He lives with his family in Piedmont and has spent the last nine years working in this position. He became involved with this organization during his college years at Southeastern University when an FCA staff member asked him to join the team.

"FCA was the only tool that ap-

pealed to me as a college athlete. It allowed me to grow in my own walk and gave me the opportunity to invite my teammates to learn about the Lord," Tims said.

"I absolutely love getting to drive around the OKC Metro on a daily basis and encourage Coaches to make an impact on their student-athletes' lives."

As far as a vision for FCA at Southern Nazarene this year, Tims would like to see multiple coaches attend meetings as well as to have every team represented at FCA gatherings. He wants everyone who comes to receive the challenge of growing closer to God on a daily basis. The goal is to give Him the glory on and off the playing fields/courts at SNU and to reach out and make an impact in the local community schools.

When asked about a story that stood out to him during his time with FCA, Tims said, "Watching college athletes from all across the state come together to volunteer five days of their summer at an FCA Camp. Watching them

compete, laugh, cry and praise God together. It's amazing to see how close they come to each other in those few days and how they refuse to let anyone down as they return to their campuses to make a difference for Christ. I never get tired of seeing this summer after summer!"

"To be a complete athlete you have to be consistent in all three dimensions. To experience growth physically you must practice, work out and eat consistently. To grow mentally you must push yourself in the classroom and study. And to grow spiritually you must commit to being a part of Christ centered organizations and churches. Once an athlete has made these three dimensions a priority, they will succeed in life and will make an impact for Christ in everything they do!"

For more information about FCA, contact Jeremy Tims at jtims@fca.org or visit their website at www.fca.org. Meetings are every other Monday evening at 9:00pm in the Sawyer Storm Room.

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Athletics

Time management adjustment for Freshman athletes

Matthew Scott, Staff Writer

College Athletics is a subject that everyone always wants to talk about. Who won the game, what was the score and where are we ranked in the polls, fans ask. Fans hardly ask about an athlete's academic or social life. The biggest jump a student can make, besides going professional, is the jump from high school to college. How are freshmen handling the difference between high school athletics and collegiate athletics?

I would be the first to admit I have never played college sports, but I know for a fact there is a

huge difference between high school and college sports. Will House, a freshman that plays on the Offensive Line, said, "The biggest difference between high school and college ball is the level of competition. College is the next level of competition, and not many people are selected out of high school to go to the next level."

That is what student athletes desire: a challenge and to earn what they get. "At this level everyone knows how to play the sport really well," said Kelsi Holcomb, a freshman soccer player. College competition places students

against the best, and student athletes are up to the challenge. That does not answer the question of how students balance sports and school work.

"I think that school is harder because with traveling and being gone, it is hard to stay on top of every class and everything that we miss," said Holcomb. Every athlete arrives at college with differing opinions of what will be harder: academics or sports. "Personally, I think my sport is the harder thing to deal with. You can have a tough exam coming up, but if you study hard enough, you can do great on it," said House.

That means achieving the right balance can be difficult, and student athletes have to sacrifice things they love to do. "I sacrifice sleep, I sacrifice social life and I sacrifice 'me' time," said House.

"I knew it would be hard, but nothing prepared me for the mentally and physically exhausted days," said Holcomb.

It is difficult for student athletes to balance both academic and sports, but it is very rewarding. "It is very time consuming and always a struggle to get out of bed, but I love playing the sport, and I wouldn't change that," said Holcomb.

Student Athlete of the week

Jamie Hope



Class: Senior

Hometown: Cayuga, Texas

Jamie averaged 2.87 kills and 0.93 blocks per set along with 4.40 digs per set as SNU went 3-1 over the week. Hope had a career-high of 17 kills and was just two digs short of a career-high with 27 against Dallas Baptist.

Student Athlete of the week

Megan Johnson



WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Class: Sophomore

Hometown: Norman, Okla.

Johnson set the school record with an 18:16.48 at the Southern Stampede where she finished 11th.

OPINIONS

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LIFE: on support, encouragement and success

Patty Juliuson, Guest Writer

My name is Patty Juliuson. I am a 54-year-old senior, and I am a member of the LIFE Student Support Program. The acronym “LIFE” denotes each area this program seeks to develop in its student members: leadership, integrity, friendship and education.

Have you ever looked closely at a multi-faceted jewel? When you turn it different ways, the light catches the surfaces of the gem and reveals color and depth.

The LIFE Program is like that jewel. It is a unique organization with facets designed for eligible students of all races, ethnicities, cultures, ages and ability levels. The

assistance offered by this program is specifically for college students,

and each aspect of the program is designed to meet students’ needs. You do not have to be a struggling student, nor do you have to be a genius. The program connects where you are and helps you get where you need to go.

When I entered SNU, I had no idea what kind of scholar I would be. As a first generation college student, there were a lot of things about the academic world I did not know. LIFE became a lifeline of

information and assistance. There were days when I was a little discouraged (OK, I lie; I was very discouraged), and a visit to the peer mentors at the LIFE office made all the difference. They were

there to understand and talk me in off the ledge. When I realized I

could actually do this college thing, the staff at LIFE was at hand to encourage me to think beyond a bachelor’s degree and consider graduate school, and they made sure I got the information I needed to make well-informed decisions.

Support is the focus of this program. Support is defined as “keeping somebody stable, bearing weight, giving help and encouragement.” LIFE staff members have certainly done that for me, and they are there to do it for every student in the program. Everyone needs help at some point. Study skills, financial management and professional etiquette do not come naturally. LIFE has seminars and events that help students learn skills that are essential for academic achievement and life beyond college.

Everyone gets bogged down, too. When you are trudging along at the back of the pack and think

you are not going to make it, your LIFE peer mentors will come back and walk with you. They will do everything they can to encourage you across your finish line, whether it is turning out a quality research paper, completing that challenging class or just holding it together until the end of the semester.

Success in university has nothing to do with how cool you are, being a star athlete or becoming homecoming royalty. Success means you graduate. The LIFE Student Support Program is your very willing partner at SNU. I am blessed to be part of this program; it is not a label—it is a badge of honor that shows that I am serious about attaining my degree and I am willing to use every available tool to do it. I hope you will discover how the LIFE Student Support Program can become a partner in your quest for success.

“Support is ‘keeping somebody stable, bearing weight, giving help and encouragement.’”

In which I have become ashamed

Ronna Fisher, Content Editor

As I scrubbed off the last remnants of his name my friend had boldly chalked onto my passenger side window, I wondered when had it begun—when had I begun feeling ashamed of his name? When had I become embarrassed enough to always drive with that window down so that others’ wouldn’t see his name emblazoned on my car?

I have never been one to shove Jesus down other people’s throats. I am uncomfortable put on the spot and dislike preaching to innocent bystanders, but I’m unsure when wanting to build relationships over shouting Jesus at people turned into a desire to hide him, almost like a guilty pleasure.

Apparently, when I was younger I was bold enough to start a bi-

ble study with friends during the summer. My younger sister was in charge of worship, and we would sing cheesy songs, like “Lean On Me.” I was never afraid to invite an “outcast” to church with me because I was also an outcast. In fact, I doubt I even saw them as outcasts; they were just people.

I remember being a young, shy fourth grader praying with a friend at my church for her to accept Jesus into her heart. As a young girl, I probably did not know how to help my friends grow and continue in their faith, but at least I was bold enough to try. Now, the name Jesus hardly ever enters my vocabulary.

At a recent small group, we joked about how the Bible is shorter than all of the Harry Potter books combined, yet we failed to have read the

whole Bible. In all honesty though, I do not know how many times in the past year I have said, “Oh. I love Harry Potter.” Or, “I love Star Wars.” Or, “I love college.” “I love Taylor Swift.” “I love you.” “I love cheez-its.” And so on. How many times do I ardently profess my love for someone or something? Countless. How many times do I find myself saying, “I love Jesus” with as much enthusiasm? Hardly ever.

I now find myself turning the volume of my Christian music down at stoplights if I have my window rolled down because I do not want to be “that person.” How self-absorbed of me.

I have found that boldness can even be a challenge among friends. It takes vulnerability and courage

to ask even my closest of friends, “Can we pray together? Right now?” Again, I fear being “that person.” That person who is super religious—who always wants to pray. Yet, I find when other people are brave enough to be “that person,” I am full of relief and admiration.

If I cannot be comfortable in my faith in a place of comfort and friendship—in a place surrounded by other professed Christians, how am I to believe that I will ever make a difference outside of this safe place? I hardly recommend shouting Jesus at innocent victims on the street, unless, you know, that is your cup of tea. However, I must not let consideration for others or a desire to build relationships first turn into shame and fear.

Study abroad stories: culture shock sandwich

Katelyn Lamb, Guest Writer

“We’re in it!” my friend exasperatedly declared as the persistent man tried yet again to persuade us into his shop despite our firm refusals. “We are in it.” This has become our catchphrase for India. When things do not go the way you expect, simply proclaim, “We’re in it!” and the adversity becomes adventure. Just take it all in and label it experience. When you are yelled at on the street and you are not sure why, “We’re in it!” When you ask for your change and are handed a candy bar, “We’re in it!” When you take the wrong bus and end up in a tent city, “We’re in it!” When you eat something that looks like moldy pudding, “We’re in it!” And when you are stared at like an escaped lion from the zoo, “We are in it!”

As you would imagine, going from a small Christian college in the middle of the Bible Belt to a large, secular university in one of India’s largest cities is quite the change. I had heard all the talk about culture shock, prepared myself and expected the challenge. However, a few days after arriving for my semester abroad, I realized there was one thing no one had warned me about, one aspect of studying abroad that had been left out of all the brochures.

It was what I will call the “culture shock sandwich.” I had expected to feel uncomfortable in a new country, had assumed that learning about Indian life, culture, habits and social norms would be an exciting yet trying experience. What I had not expected was having to learn the culture of my own country.

Our group is made up of 24 un-

dergraduate students from colleges all across the U.S. Out of these 24, I am the only Christian. As I have gotten to know my fellow students, I realized that while we came from the same part of the world, we were coming from completely different places. When one of my roommates began to dry leaves on our clothesline because someone told her it was a drug you could smoke, I had a hard time relating.

When it comes to college party talk, I cannot contribute much experience beyond birthday parties and the occasional talent show. There have been moments when members of our group speak for what the “American” opinion is or, stranger still, what “Christians” believe, and I have found myself a foreigner to their point of view.

Once visiting a temple in a nearby city, a few of my new friends were truly distraught about the abuse and oppression of an elephant who had been trained to pat tourists’ heads with its trunk in exchange for a few rupees. It was a blessing, our Indian guide told us. My peers were not blessed. They were appalled at the conditions of the elephant, who was being forced to work in a small, dingy temple all day and angry that it was commercial benefit that incurred such suffering.

Now I am all for good, humane treatment of creation, elephants

included, but when I directly asked my angry friends why their compassion did not extend to the people who live in even worse circumstances just down the road, one boy replied simply, “I have no compassion for people. People are selfish.” These are the instances when my estrangement from my own culture is so glaringly obvious. As a follower of Christ, I am called to see people, in all their selfishness, and love them fiercely, just as has been done for selfish old me.

The realization that I was utterly alone in what I believe and where I come from made me terribly sad at first. I did not (and still do not know) how to be a Christian by myself. But, recognizing my complete lack of understanding, both for this new Indian culture and my new American friends, has led me to something much better than knowledge: utter dependence on God.

I have no wisdom, no idea how I am supposed to be as a believer trying desperately to love people and glorify the Lord in such a challenging place. No theology class has prepared me for the simple, daily act of trying to explain, clearly and simply, what Christians believe to someone who has no knowledge of God or scripture. No sermon series has shown me how to make a case for objective truth and an objective God

in a culture and community where self-improvement, tolerance and spirituality reign supreme. To try to work issues like this out apart from the support of my Christian friends and church requires absolute reliance on God.

For so much of my life, I have resisted dependence as a sign of weakness, a flaw to be fixed or ignored. I wanted to live self-sufficiently. It took being “in it,” surrounded by new, uncomfortable situations to make me understand that needing God is the best thing for me. The greater my dependency on Christ, the more intimate our relationship is, the closer I understand him to be. If I could do all things in my own strength and ability, what need would there be for the Gospel? And so I have come to see in a month of culture shock sandwich what I couldn’t understand in 20 years of American Christianity: I am desperately needy, thanks be to God.

So things go, and remain uncomfortable and challenging. I am still clueless, still insecure and unsure about how to convey the incredible story that is God’s embrace of humanity. But now I see that it is not up to me to have things all figured out perfectly, to fit every degree of faith into an attractive formula, to make a steely academic defense for my faith. All of that is important, but it is not as important as leaning into my utter dependency and trusting that wisdom will come from the Lord. Here is to being in it, having all the wrong answers and admitting to every inch of neediness.

“What I had not expected was having to learn the culture of my own country.”

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Amtrak: a convenient travel alternative

Rachel Whatley, Staff Writer

Amtrak: travel alternative

When it comes to out-of-state travel in America, the two most common options are car or plane. There are downsides and advantages to both. If you prefer to travel by car, you can do it on your own time, but driving for long stretches may be taxing. Additionally, if the weather is too bad, you are not going anywhere. An airplane is quick and has no interruptions between point A and point B, but you have to deal with TSA, legroom and possible delays. Then again, there is another option: Amtrak, and it attempts to incorporate the best of both worlds. Why not turn back the clock?

Amtrak train routes are available in 46 states, and the ends of some routes reach Canadian cities. The seats are roomy, and you can keep your luggage with you so that everything you might need or want is right there. The trains even provide sleeping accommodations if you want to travel overnight. Who knows, it might be nice to fall asleep and the next thing you know, you are in another city. In addition, there are many other advantages to taking

Amtrak.

When driving, you do not really get a chance to enjoy the scenery, but if you get an upper-level seat on an Amtrak train, you can enjoy the view all you like. Another advantage over driving is the dining car. As opposed to driving, there is no need to stop and find a place to eat. The food is reasonably priced and actually okay—it sure beats airline peanuts. Of course, you can bring your own food, too.

If you like the speediness of airplanes, Amtrak might not be your best bet. Nevertheless, it is a worthwhile option for the rest of us who do not mind taking it easy. The Heartland Flyer route, which connects Oklahoma City and Fort Worth, Texas, supposedly takes a little over four hours. From my experience, it can end up being hours late. However, the last time I went, we were more or less on schedule.

A big advantage over an airplane, though, is the pricing. A trip from Oklahoma City to Fort Worth and back will only cost around 70 to 80 dollars. Also, while airlines are very strict and fussy about what can be brought on board, Amtrak offers



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some more leeway. They do have weight and measurement requirements for luggage, but the restricted items list is not very long.

The Heartland Flyer does not happen to have Wi-Fi, but other routes do. On my last trip, we passengers were told to “pretend like it’s 1963.” Long-distance routes include suites and bedrooms and can be offered to just about any com-

bination of adults and children. The bedroom and bedroom suite, both for adults only, come with a private bathroom. Towels, linens and bottled water are provided complimentary in all suites and bedrooms. Additionally, meals are included with sleeping accommodations.

Now, who is up for a trip to Fort Worth?

City of Bones book review

Macy Sliman, Staff Writer

Similar to most other forms of entertainment, books have taken a different direction than they have in the past. As it would seem, the urban fantasy genre of reading material has all but taken off. For those of you who do not know, urban fantasy is a sub-genre that is more defined by place and time. It is set in a contemporary time but with supernatural aspects—think

Twilight or Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief. These are some of the more popular ones that non-readers might be familiar with. Those who are familiar, either with books in general or the genre specifically, have heard of others that are popular as well, like City of Bones by Cassandra Clare.

City of Bones takes place in a present time big city. The focus

of the story is on the main character, Clary Frey. In the beginning, Clary is just an average teen until she starts noticing things she is not supposed to, for instance a group of teens covered in strange markings killing another teen with blue hair. Only the blue-haired teen is not actually a teen but a demon in disguise, and the other killer teens are actually three Shadowhunters, warriors dedicated to

protecting humans from demons and other Downworlders, such as werewolves, vampires, warlocks and other fairy tale creatures. As Clary is pulled into the world of the Shadowhunters, she becomes more aware that the world around her is actually full of demons in disguise and Shadowhunters who hunt and kill them. Within twenty-four hours, Clary has more ques-

City of Bones book review

tions than answers. Like why an evil Shadowhunter gone rogue has taken her mother, why there are gaps in her memory and why she can see this whole other world all of a sudden that normal humans cannot see.

Character development in the story is significant. Clary discovers quite a bit about herself over the course of the plot and develops accordingly. She gains more courage and self-assurance as she is placed in more perilous situations. In the beginning of the book, she is more of the damsel in distress type, but as the story progresses, she becomes more independent and able to defend herself, if not a little. This process is slow but evident.

Cassandra Clare writes *City of Bones* in third person, mostly entirely from the perspective of Clary. While the book is excellently written, my criticism would be the danger that normally comes from writing in third person, which is over detailing. As the story progresses, the reader should be

able to get into the rhythm of the book. However, there were times when the details were overwhelming and jarred the reader from the story. Also, Clary is a sixteen-year-old girl. However, the story was written less like the thoughts of a teen girl and more like the mental process of an adult.

Most of the conflict in the book is caused by the rogue Shadowhunter by the name of Valentine who has, basically, the same political views as Hitler, just focused on the Downworlders. His ploys to exterminate all Downworlders are the focus of the main characters in the story, while there is also the sub-focus of figuring out what and who Clary actually is and how to rescue her mother. This being the case, the plot is fairly well done. There are twists and turns that the reader does not expect that make it an oddly interesting and imaginative read.

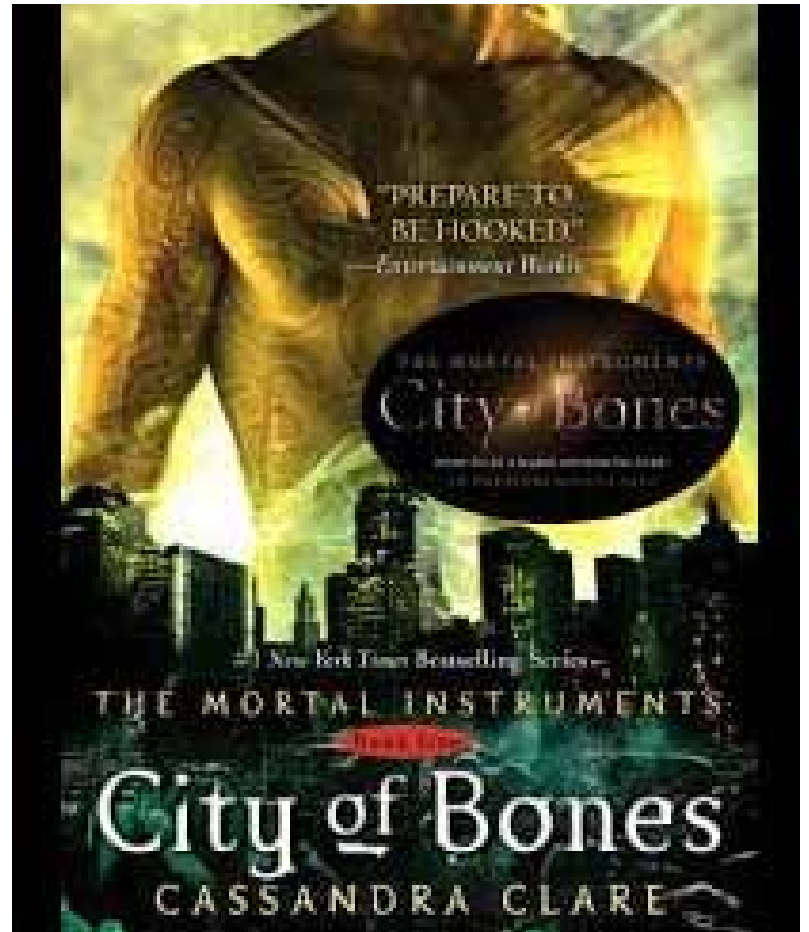


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Fine Arts Student Feature Taylor Greenhill

Hometown: Houston, TX

Hobbies and Interests: Riding my scooter, playing table tennis, and playing disc golf

Most prized possession: Either my cello or my guitar

Three words that describe you: Loyal, Kind, Witty

Best advice your parents gave you: "Stop sliding on the carpet, you'll get holes in your socks!"

A talent you possess: Leading worship

Biggest fear: Falling to my doom

I would like to have witnessed: The very first performance of Beethoven's 5th Symphony

Best memory: Watching Tom and Jerry on Saturday mornings

As a child you dreamed of being a..... MLB Baseball Player

Pet Peeve: When I open the door for people and they go out of their way to walk through the other

Favorite Quote or verse: "If you'da been thinkin you wouldn't 'a thought that." - Michael "Squints" Palledorous from The Sandlot

Campus corner in Norman: thumbs up for an entertaining afternoon

Kira Roberts, Editor-in-Chief

Pavestone sidewalks, Bradford pear trees and textured buildings of all colors lined every street. Eclectic clocks and old telephone booths graced every corner with antique flair. The perfect place to spend a Saturday morning, Campus Corner in Norman has something to offer for all kinds of people. Exploring the peculiar nooks and crannies of this center of commerce will not disappoint the curious college student.

While the environment is not necessarily the best for long periods of studying because of the tense music, Gray Owl Coffee is worth a stop for a good cup

of coffee. Visit Crimson and Whipped Cream for a cupcake and a quick stop at the photo booth to commemorate the moment. Whether you are a sushi lover, burger fanatic or Mexican food junkie, Campus Corner has a restaurant that will satisfy your craving. For all the football fans out there, the cookouts before Oklahoma University games would be the perfect getaway from campus and something to do without spending too much money.

If people watching is a favorite pastime, this is also the place for you. While it is generally known to attract college students, the dynamic range of people is quite

surprising and entertaining. Poking around the shops is a delightful experience as there are so many random things to look at. From the broad range of merchandise to the paintings and eccentric decorations on the outsides of buildings, this experience is sure to fulfill your expectations.

Overall, I would have to give Campus Corner a thumbs up for capturing my interest and providing an inexpensive and entertaining day away from school.

Next time you have an afternoon free or are bored when everyone leaves campus on the weekends, be sure to check out Campus Corner. Go to www.oucampuscorner.com for a list of merchants.



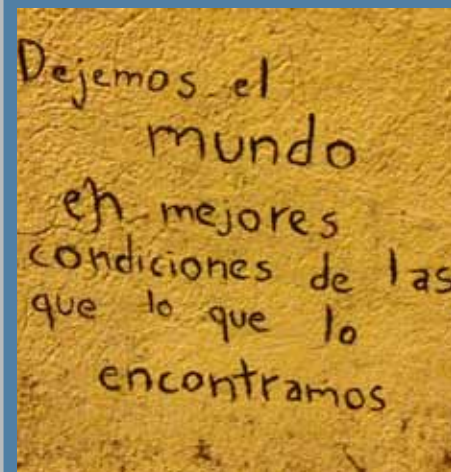
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Instagram Contest

Winner

Category: Simplicity

Amanda Cummings



"Someone wrote this on a street wall in Limón, Costa Rica. This particular port city is arguably one of the more important locations in the country (due to its exportation). However, it is poorly treated and often overlooked. In this city filled with trash that doesn't get cleaned up, someone from Limón desires a different and simple way - "leave the world in better conditions than we found it."

UPCOMING CAMPUS EVENTS

Oct. 5- Cross Country Jambo-ree @ OSU	Oct. 5- SNU Volleyball @ Henderson State	Oct. 5- SNU Football @ East Central	Oct. 5- Men's Soccer @ Lindenwood
Oct.6- Home Women's Soccer game @7pm	Oct. 8- Start of GO week!	Oct. 8- Home Volleyball game @ 7pm	Oct. 9- Fields of Faith
Oct. 10- Home Men's Soccer game @ 7pm	Oct. 11- Home Women's Soccer @ 5pm//cancer awarness	Oct. 11- Southern Nazarene Live @ 7pm	Oct. 11- SNU Volleyball @ Texas Western
Oct. 11- Start of Red/ Parent's weekend	Oct. 12 Home Football @ 2pm	Oct. 12- Home Men's Soccer @ 7pm	Oct. 12- SNU Volleyball @ Southwestern Assemblies of God

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