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Academic Center for Excellence: helping students succeed

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It may surprise you to know that in its early stages the Academic Center for Success did not look like much. Students know it today as the overarching program home to student services like L.I.F.E. and tutoring, but in 1997, there were just two professors working with mainly eight struggling students. It took the work of Dr. Gwen Hackler to apply for and receive a grant for ACE in 2001, which has been awarded three times. Instead of the modest number of 8, 160 students are involved in L.I.F.E., and 90 students benefit from the disability services.

The Academic Center for Excellence is home to Disability Services, L.I.F.E., Writing and Tutoring Services, the testing center and Aca-

ademic Services.

There is something for everyone in ACE, whether it be tutoring support or academic counseling. Dr. Loral Henck, who has been the director of ACE since 2000, said, "[The program] builds community; it helps [struggling students] know that they're not the only one out there." There is an active community in ACE, especially in the L.I.F.E. mentoring program.

Eligible students can apply and be accepted into L.I.F.E., which stands for leadership, integrity, friendship and education. Its former name was SSS – student support services. To be eligible, students have to be enrolled full-time and meet two of three criteria:

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Academic Center for Excellence

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Cabinet Chat: what's going to change on campus

Grace Williams, Business Manager

On Thursday, October 24, Students posed questions to several members of the cabinet: Melany Kyzer, Provost, Mike Redwine, Vice President Student Development, Terry Toler, V.P. for University Advancement and Church Relations, Linda Cantwell, Vice President for Enrollment Management and Scott Strawn, Chief Financial Officer. Michael Houston, Associate Dean of Students, also attended and offered insights. Instead of sitting on a panel, the cabinet was dispersed among the student tables in order to foster a

better discussion environment.

Can the Health Center be open during Chapel and lunch?

Redwine said, "The reason that the health center is closed during chapel is so that we can show that our campus truly values chapel. We don't want students running on campus errands during chapel hour. Additionally, we have seen an increase in health center usage. In August and September 2011, 242 students used services, in 2012, 501 and this year 699. However, enrollment has stayed flat, and the health fee has remained the same, so the staff is seeing

more students without more resources. If students want to pay more in health fees, then we could consider opening it during these times."

Can SNU contract a Masseuse?

Strawn said, "We have hired a masseuse during finals week and other such events. We are willing to look into it."

Redwine said, "I will look into options and talk to the health center about it."

Can the WIFI be improved?

Strawn said, "We are working on the wifi. We moved to the new snu wifi, which is better but has

less coverage. We have worked to improve specific areas where internet access wouldn't reach at all. If someone is having a problem with coverage, please fill out a work order. The hard thing about improving the internet is that every time we buy more bandwidth more is used. We recommend students bring ethernet cables to plug in items like video game consoles, computers and tvs in the residence hall."

Can webprint.snu.edu be improved?

Strawn said, "We are moving

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Yearbook staff draws back arrow for another year



Photo provided by SNU Arrow

Clay Milford, Staff Writer

As the first semester begins to near the last lap, we will soon be approaching the most anticipated time of the year--the end of classes. Along with that comes yearbook time, and this semester, the SNU Arrow staff is already hard at work coordinating page layouts, gathering awkward freshman mug shots and writing articles on the newest campus club.

Jeff Carden, Editor-in-Chief of The Arrow, says he is excited about the 2013-14 yearbook staff. "We have the largest staff since the past 2-3 years. We are pulling from so many different creative people,

beyond just the editor, which is how it has been in the past."

Carden also says the new features of the upcoming Arrow are worth looking out for. "This year we have an app! We are partnering with our yearbook production company, Jostens, and are using an app called Replayit. This app allows students to submit their own pictures for the staff to use. It doesn't matter if you own a DSLR camera or are just really good with an iPhone. It creates an Instagram-like feed of all the submitted pictures for everyone to see. As a staff we are excited to show not only our aspect of the

year but also the view of the students. There is a page in the book that is dedicated to these photos, and they will also show up on actual event pages." Along with the new Replayit app, students can look forward to the theme of the newest Arrow. "This year's theme focuses in on an aspect of a Christian's life concerning trying to align ourselves with the Kingdom."

For those interested in joining the Arrow staff, Carden offers a plethora of advice and encouragement. "Being on staff gets you involved in almost everything at school, from SGA Events to

Recitals. You really get to see how awesome this campus is and all the exciting things that are happening. Being on the Arrow staff is a great experience for anyone going into a creative field. The ability to tell a story in whatever medium (photography, writing, or design) is a wanted skill in today's world. Yearbook has taught me how to work with people and the importance of communicating. Not everyone understands the creative process and being able to explain it to the staff has helped me prepare to explain the 'big idea' to anyone, especially those who do not consider themselves 'creatives.'" Lastly, Carden points out that experience is not a key factor in joining The Arrow. "We involve anyone that wants to connect and learn a new skill. It is a great place to explore your creative side."

With new features, a new theme and a large staff, The Arrow should prove to be an exciting and informational yearbook for the 2013-14 school year. Whether you are a member of the tennis team or are hearing that SNU has a yearbook for the first time, be sure to flip through the pages of The Arrow at the end of the year; you just may see yourself in there.

Academic Center for Excellence: helping students succeed cont.

being a first-generation student, certain financial status or have a disability. L.I.F.E. offers services like counseling, student support and even a student mentor program. Jill Funk, who is L.I.F.E.'S advising specialist, can meet with students to give them a pre-advising meeting so they can better prepare for an actual meeting with their advisor. Overall, this grant-funded program helps students face and overcome their academic and personal struggles.

Who would not want to get a better grade on their next paper? The writing and tutoring center offers paper reviews to all stu-

dents. For those who need help in a particular class, students can receive free tutoring sessions through TutorTrac.

The testing center, which was remodeled and moved four or five years ago, is home to standardized testing. It serves not only SNU students but high school students as well, especially for standardized tests like the ACT, SAT or CLEP. For students with disabilities or those who need additional help, the testing center is a quiet, distraction-free zone.

Students with physical or learning disabilities can meet with Tabitha Pope and receive further help in

testing, like alternative formats or extended time. The disability services also provides any number of other accommodations.

In the department of academic services, students can find assistance through academic counseling, and undeclared majors receive guidance in which direction to go. In general, academic services helps students who are not fully academically prepared. There are also courses for things like academic strategies and skills, critical thinking and reading strategies. It provides personal support but also helps within the broad scheme of academics.

ACE is "proactive in helping students," said Dr. Dennis Williams, dean of the College of Teaching and Learning. If a professor notices a student considerably struggling, they will notify ACE, who will contact the student. ACE wants nothing but for students to succeed.

"It is extremely fulfilling watching these students graduate," said Loral Henck.

ACE is located in the third floor of the library. Students who are struggling in any area can go to the front desk of ACE, and Stacie Veitch can steer them in the right direction.

Cabinet Chat: what's going to change on campus cont.

to a new printer system that will be implemented by next semester called paper cut. All the on campus printers will be replaced with smarter printers that require the person printing to tap their ID to pick up their print, which can be done on any printer on campus. Students will be able to pick the pages they want to print, print double sided, turn the documents, print up to 5 documents at once and print color on any printer for a larger fee. All prints will now cost 5 cents, and students will be given \$25 worth of credit each semester."

Can we have a forum on my.snu.edu or a place where students can pose questions to the right person and get a timely response?

Strawn said, "It is technologically possible, but it may not be the best option for what is wanted. We will discuss the option as we develop the new computer system." The cabinet chat participants discussed different possibilities that could improve this option.

Can we post the order number on the tv's in Pops rather than having an employee yell the orders, which does not create a good envi-

ronment in the commons?

Strawn said, "That is a great suggestion, and we will keep it in mind as we evaluate a new food service plan."

Can the dinner hours be adjusted in Pops?

Strawn said, "As it is set up now, the staff stays here in the afternoon. With the new contract we can change the system completely, and with upcoming focus groups, we hope to know what the students want for a provider."

Can the Snowbarger boys get something to dry their hands on?

Houston said, "The reason we no longer provide paper towels is because an entire stack of paper towels were stuffed down a toilet

on three different occasions. This cost SNU \$18,000 to repair all the damage associated with this. We have been researching hand dryers and found that all hand dryers made before 2008 are not hygienic. They spray the germs all around the bathroom. The new dyson ones are sanitary but cost \$3,000 each. Ron Lester in facilities man-

agement has bids on hand dryers currently. We hope to have some soon but cannot say when we will get them."

How can we involve the whole campus in recycling efforts?

Strawn said, "Our current waste management provider is now offering plastic recycling. We will soon have a bin for plastic, paper and aluminum outside of Hills and Chapman. People can bring their recycling bins outside to these areas, and it will be recycled. Someday, I hope SNU can purchase single stream recycling,

where we would throw everything into the trash can, and a company would sort our trash for recyclable products and recycle them."

Will SNU install 'Hero' lights when replacing and installing outdoor lights to combat light pollution?

Strawn said, "We really don't think about light pollution very much. On the new science building, the lights are dark sky compliant, and we try not to buy lights that throw light 360 degrees around. However, our main focus

when it comes to lighting are having cost efficient lights that lit an area appropriately so that it is safe at night.

Why were people chopping branches on the Shoe Tree?

Houston said, "In order for the tree to be healthy, we must prune it. If an ice storm comes while it has many branches, the tree will die. We will have to prune the shoe tree again. The shoes will also be put back on the branches."

Why were R.A.'s replaced with people that did not go through the application process and chosen as alternates?

Redwine said, "We do not choose the best 28 people to be R.A.'s; we choose the best 8 to work in Bracken, 4 to work in Chapman etc. Each residence area has different needs that can be met by different people. We will be changing the alternate system for next year so that will not be an issue. We will either have alternates by residence or not have alternates at all."

If you want to discuss any of these issues or bring up something new, come to the Campus Conversation Club on October 29th on the 3rd floor of the library.

"We will have to prune the shoe tree again."

2013 SNU musical: Pirates of Penzance by Gilbert and Sullivan

Macy Sliman, Staff Writer

Every year the SNU Music Department School of Music hosts a musical for the benefit of the community of Southern Nazarene. This year the fall presentation of Pirates of Penzance by Gilbert and Sullivan will premiere October 30 through November 2 in Cantrell Music Hall.

This production is an exciting and humorous tale of a young man named Fredrick, who by an unfortunate turn of events winds up as a slave for pirates. As his journey continues, Fredrick must eventually choose between his love, Mabel, or his loyalty to

the Pirate King.

Conductor Dr. Melissa Lewis, Directors Rebekah Ambrosini and Audra Faust and Assistant Director Aubrey Ross, as well as the students playing as the cast and music put on the this production.

"This production is an exciting and humorous tale"

Brendon Weaver and Ryan Smith will be playing main character Fredrick. Along side Fredrick, Catherine Etter and Kylee Bowman will be playing main character

Mabel. Laura Miller, who plays a sister in the production, expressed her excitement about the coming production,

"This musical has been so much fun to prepare. It's been exhaust-

ing and sometimes frustrating but it will be worth it when we get to perform, and I am so thankful for the opportunity to get to be a part of this production."

Laura is a senior Music Education major and is looking forward to the production. This is Laura's first musical production for SNU School of Music and she is looking forward to it. She graduates next December and hopes that she can be a part of one in the future again. Her plans are to teach music somewhere, therefore she should be putting on musicals wherever she is working, and she is looking forward to that.

Laura said her favorite part about putting the musical together is the eventual actual production

of entertaining the crowds and hopefully making them laugh. She really enjoyed the process of auditions and now putting all the hard work into the production and getting to show it off at the actual show. Laura also said that she was exhausted and practically had no social life, but knowing she would be performing for people's enjoyment made it all worth it.

This event premiered on Wednesday October 30 at 10:00 am for a school matinee, Thursday October 31 and Friday November 1 at 7:30 pm, as well as Saturday November 2 at 2:00 pm and 7:30 pm. Tickets will be sold for \$12 per adult, \$10 for senior adults, SNU faculty, staff and ASP \$10 and students \$4 with ID or free with a crimson card.

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SNU women's soccer: one goal at a time

Alyssa Glitzke, Guest Writer
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Last year the SNU women's soccer team was the runner up at the NCCAA national tournament. This year the team has set new goals for themselves. The first is to win 10 of their 18 games this season so that they may make a reappearance at the Central Regional Tournament. The Lady Storm is only one game away from this goal of ten as of their Friday night defeat, 2-1, over the East Central Tigers. This goal is only the first step for the team. The second goal they have in place for this season is to win out regionals so they may again have the opportunity to visit Florida. Last year the girls were able to do this in only two games. The same is expected this November. Lastly, the ultimate goal for the season is to make their way back to nationals but this year to claim the title.

For now, the team is focused on their last three games, all of which are on the road. Monday, October 28, they face Northeastern State, and then on Halloween day, the team sets off for Arkansas where they will face Ouachita Baptist,

whom they have fallen to once this season and Harding University, whom they defeated 1-0 just a few weeks ago.

Wins are not the only thing our women's soccer team has their minds set on. The girls use their team verse, "Iron sharpens iron. So one person sharpens another" (Proverbs 27:17 NIV) on and off the field in the way they interact with each other daily. They constantly strive to push each other in practice by shouting encouraging demands, they are continuously laughing together and they will always be the first to step up if a teammate is facing a tough situation.

When asked what her favorite thing about the team this year is, senior captain Sherri Collins answered, "My favorite thing about the team this year is the way we look out for one another. There are days you have your highs, and there are days you have your lows. No matter what may happen you can always count on a teammate to help you get through it. Not many teams have this kind of chemistry, and that's what makes our team so special. Rarely will

you find teammates willing to sit with you and actually help you with your homework, stay late and help you practice or ask you how your day is going and actually want to know. In the end these may be all little things they do, but sometimes all these little things mean the world to a teammate. That's why I love my team so much."

One step the women's team has taken to creating this bond is the team prayer board in the locker room. The prayer board was created about half way through the season when a few of the upperclassmen had something laid on their heart they needed to share. The board hangs on one of the walls in the women's locker room and is open to every player or coach on the team to write any prayer request they may have. From family issues to injuries, the board is full of different life situations the players are faced with.

The SNU women's soccer team would like to sincerely thank all those who have come out to support them this year, including parents, students and faculty.

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NBA preview: an inside look at the upcoming season

Zach Friesen, Staff Writer

As the calendar year moves closer to the winter months, a new NBA season is almost upon us. The new season does not come without drama or intrigue, with top teams atop both conferences having multiple question marks heading into the new season.

Heading into the new season, much of the attention will be focused on the team in South Beach. The Miami Heat come

into the season the two-time defending champions, being led by their "Big Three", comprised of Dwyane Wade, Chris Bosh and four-time league Most Valuable Player LeBron James. The Heat also have a supporting cast comprised of valuable role players such as Ray Allen, Shane Battier and Mario Chalmers, among others. Having a roster with this much star power along with other players who know their roles puts Miami in a great position to

contend for their third consecutive title.

The road to the finals will not be a cakewalk for Miami, though, as there are multiple teams who could give them a run for their money in their quest for the title. One team that will give them good competition is the Indiana Pacers. In the past two seasons, the Pacers have given the Heat all that they can handle thanks in large part to a smothering defense. Led by emerging star, Paul George, as well as Roy

Hibbert and Danny Granger, the Pacers will look to finally overtake the Heat as the top team in the East.

Also in the hunt to take down the Heat are the Chicago Bulls. The Bulls are engulfed in intrigue, as they surpassed almost all expectations last year, making it to the conference semi-finals before getting eliminated by the eventual champions. All of this was done

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without star point guard and former league MVP Derrick Rose, who spent the entire season recovering from knee surgery. With Rose back in action, and reportedly better than ever, the Bulls look to make a serious playoff run with the help of returners such as Joakim Noah, Luol Deng, Jimmy Butler and Taj Gibson.

In the Western Conference, the title of top team is up for grabs, with more than a handful of teams trying to lay claim to the title. To many, the favorites to win the West are the San Antonio Spurs. Coming into the season as the defending conference champions, many would think they were in a great position to defend their title, especially with the return of key players such as Tony Parker, Tim Duncan, Manu Ginobili, Kawhi Leonard and Danny Green. However, much of San Antonio's roster is aging, and though they have been able to hold off father time for a while now, this could easily be the year it all catches up to them.

Another team to keep an eye on is the Oklahoma City Thunder. After reaching the NBA Finals in 2012 and finishing the regular season last year as the conference's top seed, the Thunder looked to be in a position to make deep playoff runs for years to come. Then, in the first round of last year's playoffs, All-Star point guard Russell Westbrook was injured in a freak incident, tearing the meniscus in his knee and forcing him to miss the remainder of the playoffs as well as the start of this season. Despite the best efforts of Kevin Durant and Reggie Jackson, who stepped in for Westbrook, the Thunder were simply not able to make up for the loss of their catalyst, as they were eliminated in the conference semi-finals. This year, Oklahoma City has many question marks, as Westbrook will miss the first 4-6 weeks of the season, as well as failing to replace sixth man Kevin Martin. Instead, the Thunder will rely on developing the young players they already have, such as Jackson, Jeremy Lamb and the ever improving Serge Ibaka. Plus, they still have superstar Kevin Durant, and as long as he is suiting up, the Thunder will have a good chance to win.

There are also several up-and-coming teams that could lay claim to the title of the top team in the west. Teams like the Golden State Warriors, Memphis Grizzlies and Los Angeles Clippers have improved significantly in the past few years, and each team is looking to make the final step to the NBA Finals. The Warriors come into the season with a relentless offensive attack, led by Stephen Curry, Andre Iguodala and Klay Thompson. On the other hand, the Grizzlies rely on stifling defense and great low-post offense, anchored by big men Zach Randolph and Marc Gasol. The Clippers may offer the biggest competition, with a very balanced roster led by Chris Paul, Blake Griffin, DeAndre Jordan and sixth-man Jamal Crawford.

With all of the question marks and things left to be seen this season, it is safe to say everything is wide open in both conferences. Even with the top teams from last season looking as strong as ever, many of the teams below them have gotten quite a bit better, making the race for the NBA Finals sure to be a good one this season.

Student Athlete of the week

Cass White

Football

Position: Wide Receiver

Class: Junior


Hometown: San Diego, Calif.

White tied a school single-game record with 13 catches in a 22-19 loss at Arkansas-Monticello.

Student Athlete of the week

Megan Johnson

Women's Cross Country



Class: Sophomore

Hometown: Norman, Okla.

Johnson took third place at the Great American Conference Championships with a time of 18:25.9. She also earned All-GAC recognition.

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A restaurant that has taken too long to try

Joy Holton, Guest Writer

Monday night, October 14, I went out to dinner with a friend. When I asked him where we ought to go, he said, “Anywhere with food,” which left me to try and make the decision. Earlier he had suggested Chinese; so, I had decided on Mandarin Express. However, a few days ago I passed a sign that said “Vietnamese Noodle House” which caught my attention. In fact, it intrigued me. So, that is where we ended up going. When we first walked in, the atmosphere was not what I expected. Instead of being slightly rundown or dirty, like I had anticipated, it was clean and organized. It was quiet, yet busy;

the coloring and placement of the tables was stylish and polished, and on all of the tables were chopsticks and Chinese spoons.

We were immediately seated and handed menus. After examining the menu for a few minutes, I was skeptical. I had never considered having BBQ pork, brisket or rare steak in a soup. Needless to say, at that point we decided that it might be best to get an appetizer of crispy egg rolls, something we both knew we enjoyed and to get dessert elsewhere. After finally settling on a Hu Tiu Tom Cua Thit for me, which consisted of shrimp, crab and BBQ pork in a noodle soup and a Pho

Tai Nam Gau for my friend, which consisted of rare steak, flank and brisket in a noodle soup, we sat back and waited. We were not terribly optimistic. However, the food came very quickly, and the smell was absolutely terrific.

Not only was the food incredible but the service was quite prompt and polite. The servings, although they may seem expensive, were enormous and easily shared between multiple people. We had ordered a small bowl of soup, but even with a small serving a to-go bowl was necessary. To give you an idea of the sizes, a large was about the size of half a basketball. Next

time I go, I would love to try some of their beverages or desserts; they sound rather exciting.

Even though it may not be the closest restaurant to SNU, it is definitely worth making the trip out there. Get a group of friends together and make it an evening out. The meal you will receive will be extremely authentic, and the service will be quite pleasant; it is an experience you will not want to pass up.

Want to try something different, something cultural and unusual? Go and try Pho Lien Hoa, a Vietnamese Noodle House on 23rd just off of Western Ave.

Good wings in a good atmosphere: Buffalo Wild Wings

Matthew Scott, Staff Writer

Good wings are hard to come by, but there are many places where you can get average wings. Now think about this, a place where you can get good wings and enjoy your favorite team or game and just have a great time. This place exists, and I have been there before many times. It is a chain restaurant that first opened in Columbus, Ohio in 1982, and it has been booming ever since. Buffalo Wild Wings is a great place to go for all ages, whether you are a great sports fan and want to catch the game with a good group of people or you are just hungry and in need of some good wings, you are all set at wild Wings. Now, if you do not like wings at all, then there is no need to fret about it; they serve more than just wings. For example, burgers and nachos; sometimes I have even seen pizza on the menu.

Now this particular Wings I vis-

ited is off Rockwell. I went there with some friends, and they no one was disappointed. There is a right time to go and a wrong time. If you want to go there to enjoy a sport, go ahead and do that, but it depends on the game you want to see. Especially at these particular wild wings on Rockwell. Also there is the UFC Fights that are popular everywhere, so if you go to Wild Wings at the time of the fight, then you will be fighting to get a seat and will have to wait for a very long time. This kind of restaurant can be too crowded to get a seat. That was not the case when we went Tuesday night around 11:30 pm.

We were able to find a seat fairly quickly because it was not crowded at all. So that was not an issue. Some places I have been too it takes a long time for the waiter or waitress to get there. Because we were there so late, the waitress got there really quickly and we were



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able to get our drink orders in as soon as possible. Throughout the night they constantly refilled our sodas. I ordered the medium size wings with medium sauce. For the other half of wings, I ordered

honey barbeque, and they got the food out really quickly. The food tasted fantastic, and it was great service overall. So, it made for a very great experience, and I would be happy to go back.

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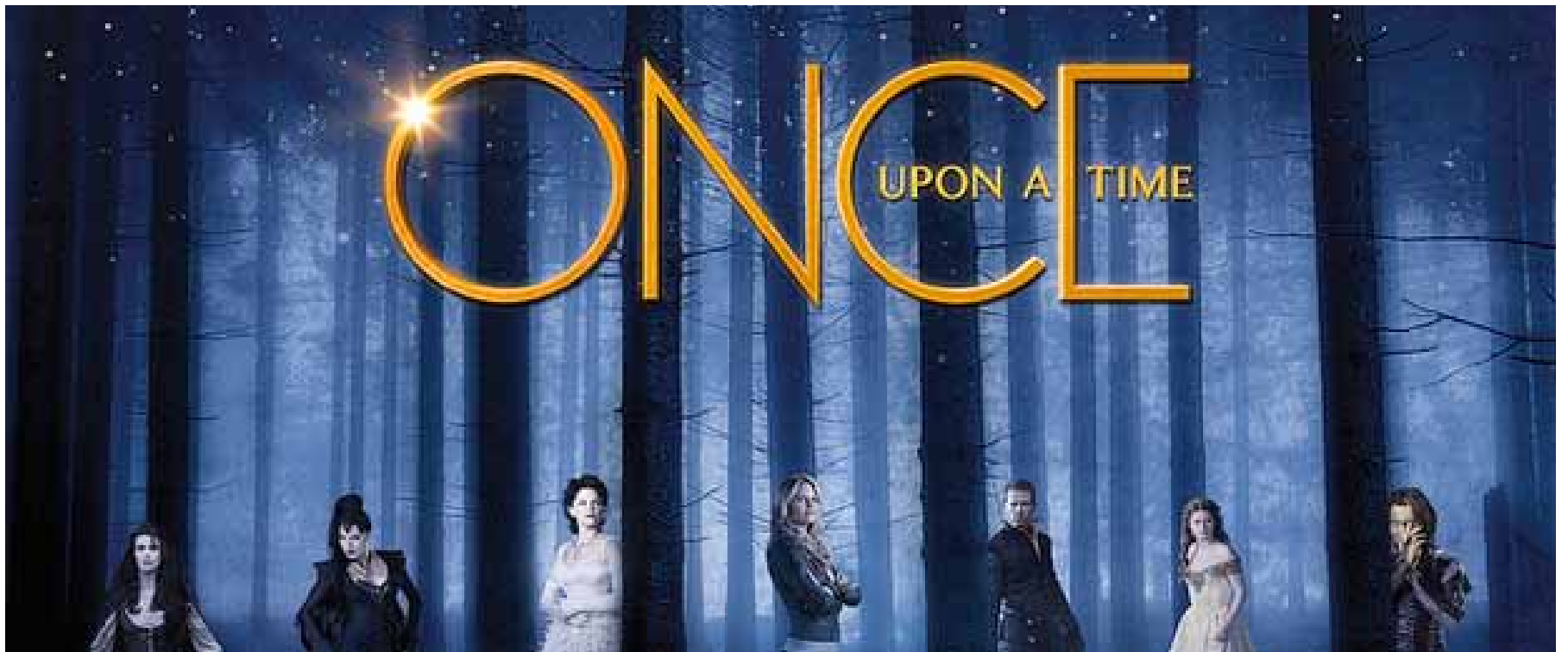


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Macy Sliman, Staff Writer

Everyone grew up knowing fairytales. There were the classics like Snow White and the Seven Dwarves, Aladdin or Hansel and Gretel. This was my childhood, and I was probably one of the most dedicated. So, as if to spurn on this childhood obsession, a TV show called Once Upon A Time has been my fix lately. This show is an adult version of every fairy tale in the book with a unique twist to every tale.

Once Upon A Time is an ABC original show on its third season. In this story, all fairy tales are part of one large story--all connected. The story goes that the Evil Queen got fed up with Snow White and Prince Charming ruling the kingdom in happily ever after. This results in

the Evil Queen banishing all of fairytaledom to our world with a curse, where they forget who they are and take up new lives with everything upside down. With this curse in effect, there is only one person who can save everyone, and that is Snow and Charming's child who was sent away for safety, in hopes she would return and save everyone.

One consistent underlying theme of this show is faith. Throughout the development of the story and the individual lives of the characters involved, each character is tested and pushed to take a leap of faith. They are forever having to put faith in something they cannot see or even in someone that has failed them before. One of the main characters, Henry, is a little

boy who has unshakable faith, representing the childlike faith everyone had at some point in their own life. His faith is in love and his family, and his naivety is beautiful because he believes that the good in people can prosper over anything.

Another constant theme is redemption. After each episode, there is some sort of redemptive aspect to the story. While the humanity in each character is shown by some failure or shortcoming, there is always a moment when they can choose a different path to forgiveness. As the plot progresses the writers pull the audience in with a love for the characters because of their imperfections and humanity but also because they can be good, and sometimes that

is the path that they choose. The Evil Queen, aka Regina, is a regular portrayer of this quality. The writers wanted the audience to hate her character because her actions cause chaos and unhappiness to the people around her, but then her character starts to develop and reminds the audience that even really bad people are capable of change.

The positive thing about this show is that it connects people to their past. It reminds them that fairytales are what taught us to believe in silly things like true love, Prince Charming and unrealistic expectations of hair.

The negative thing is that it is addictive and has twists that will give you a heart attack. But I recommend it, if only to stare at Captain Hook and admire.

Write for The Echo!

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

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

Ender's Game: A book review

Ron Crouch, Guest Writer

Imagine you are in an outer space version of the Hunger Games known as the Battle School. You will be here for several years while constantly being monitored and evaluated. While there are classes, the main thing that matters is your performance in a zero gravity battle arena where you struggle to beat enemies who are older, who have more experience and respect and who have help from the teachers. You must beat every single opponent you ever face because if you lose, it means that you are not perfect, and nothing short of perfection will allow you to graduate. Only perfection will enable you to destroy a hostile alien race that is bent on colonizing the entire universe and destroying any other contenders.

No pressure.

It is under these circumstances that Andrew "Ender" Wiggin is brought into the Battle School a year earlier than anyone in the history of the school to begin his training for defending Earth from the third invasion.

In the book *Ender's Game*, humanity is not alone in the universe. A surprise attack by an alien race began the Human-Formic War, which has lasted for decades. In response to the threat, Earth has united under the common goal of surviving by any means necessary. The resulting Battle School has produced some of the greatest military minds of the human race. But time until the third invasion is running out, and earth needs a new kind of leader. And so Ender is taken through the Battle School's most grueling program ever created. All he has to do is graduate alive and then defeat an invasion from an unrelenting, always-growing, always-learning alien race. But that is easier said than done.

Orson Scott Card, the author of *Ender's Game*, uses the alien threat to explore the competing ideas of sacrifice and survival. Ender is perpetually faced with the decision to either preserve himself by staying out of harm's way or to save the human race by sacrificing himself.

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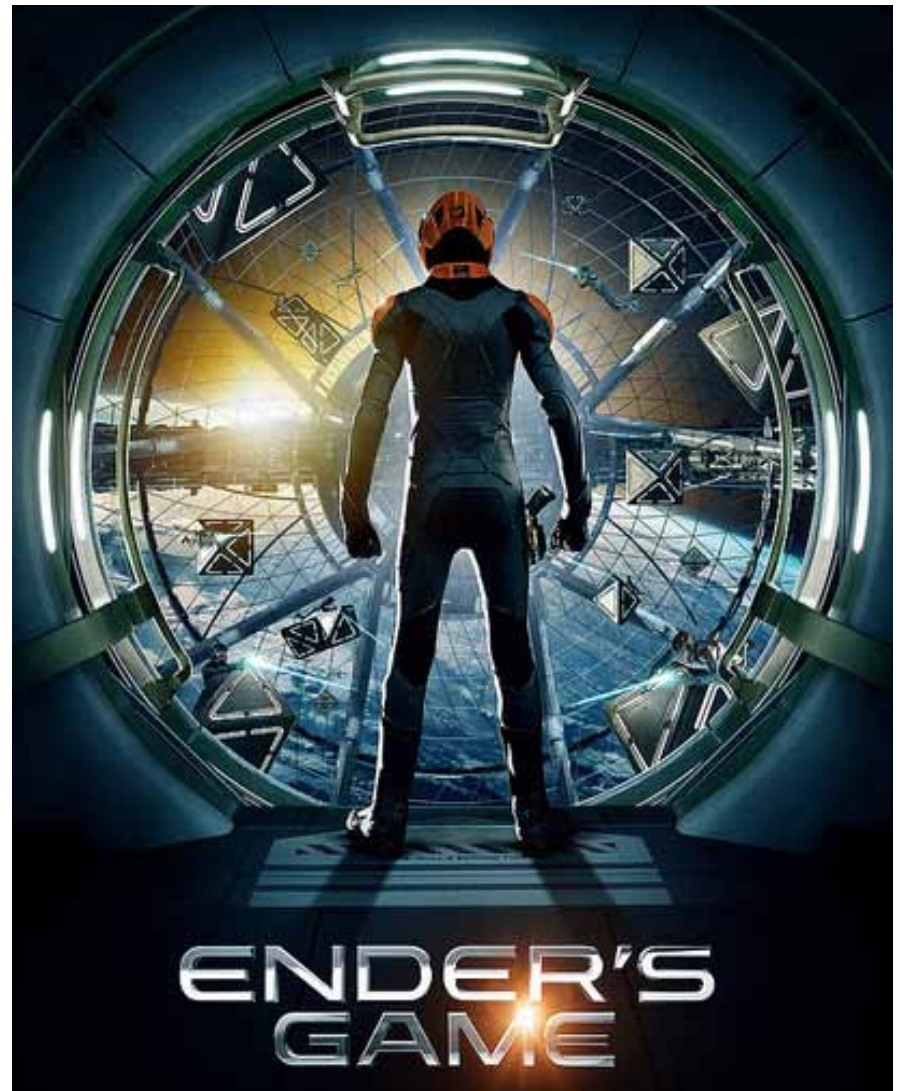


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Cooking on Campus: Pumpkin Spice Cookies

Shelby Wilson, Guest Writer

It is that time of year again! Pumpkin is everywhere! Pumpkin patches, pumpkin carving, pumpkin pie, pumpkin spice lattes and, my new fall favorite, pumpkin spice frosted cookies. I found the recipe to these little pieces of heaven on Pinterest. They are delicious but also highly addictive.

I know that as students we do not have tons of time to just sit around and bake, but we all need to take tasty breaks, especially during crunch time. This recipe is super

simple. They are from scratch, so you might have to do some shopping.

Here are the ingredients that you will need.

Cookie Dough:

- 2 ½ cups of all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon of baking powder
- 1 teaspoon of baking soda
- 2 teaspoons of ground cinnamon
- ½ teaspoon of nutmeg
- ½ teaspoon of ground cloves
- ½ teaspoon of salt
- ½ cup of butter, softened

- 1½ cups of sugar
- 1 cup of canned pumpkin
- 1 egg
- 1 teaspoon of vanilla extract

Frosting:

- ½ cup of butter, softened
- ½ cup of cream cheese, softened (½ an 8 oz. box)
- 2 cups of powdered sugar
- 1 teaspoon of vanilla extract
- 1 teaspoon of ground cinnamon
- This recipe makes about 2 dozen cookies.

Baking Instructions:

1. This first thing you need to do is preheat the oven to 350 degrees.
2. Then, in one bowl, mix together all your dry ingredients for the cookie dough. Combine the flour, baking powder, baking soda, cinnamon, nutmeg, ground cloves and salt.
3. In a different bowl you are going to mix together the ½ cup of butter and the sugar. (Do not try that mixture; it is not very good...believe me).

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4. After you have mixed the butter and sugar, you are going to mix in the pumpkin, the egg and the vanilla to it.
5. After you finish mixing all the wet ingredients together, you are then going to slowly start-mixing in all the dry ingredients to the wet mixture. When I made these I used a kitchen aid mixer. However, you can use a normal mixer, or you can stir it by hand. It might take a bit longer to do it that way, but the reward will be worth the effort!
6. After everything is all mixed together, you then use a tablespoon to scoop some of the dough onto a greased cookie sheet. Because the dough will be sticky, I would suggest spraying the spoon with Pam or whatever non-stick cooking spray you use. They should then slide right off the spoon.
7. You bake these in the oven for

15 to 20 minutes. 15 minutes was just right for me.

Frosting instructions:
While the cookies are baking, you can begin making the tasty frosting. It is super simple, and you are definitely going to want to taste test it.
1. First, you mix together your butter and cream cheese until it becomes super creamy.
2. After you have mixed those together, you mix in the powdered sugar. Mix that until it becomes nice and thick, and then add in the cinnamon and the teaspoon of vanilla.
3. When the cookies are done, pull them out of the oven and let them cool. When they are cool, you can add your frosting to them!

When I made these, I was a little concerned that the cookies seemed a little “spongy” but that is more than okay; that is just the way that pumpkin bakes. These cookies are really dense and are more like little



Photo by Shelby Wilson

pieces of cake.
I hope you enjoy these cookies. They were fun for me to make, and everyone loved them. This is my absolute favorite time of year, and making goodies for people is one of my

favorite things to do. This recipe will be one that will definitely become a frequent staple in my baking repertoire. I hope that you try to make some of these delicious cookies, and I want to hear what you have been cooking on campus!

UPCOMING CAMPUS EVENTS

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| Nov. 1- Science Scholars weekend | Nov. 1- Home Men's soccer @7pm | Nov. 1- Musical 730pm; Nov. 2- 2pm & 730pm | Nov. 5 Creative Writing Club @7pm |
| Nov. 7- Jazz Band Concert @ 730pm | Nov. 7- Howdy Homecoming @ 830pm | Nov. 8- College Days | Nov. 8- Homecoming Coronation Chapel |
| Nov. 8- Home Volleyball game @2pm | Nov. 8- Home Women's Basketball @ 6pm | Nov. 8- Home Men's Basketball @8pm | Nov. 9- Home Football @ 130pm |

Fine Arts Student Feature

Morgan Mosshart



Hometown: Yukon, OK

Hobbies and Interests: Finger painting, tasting exotic cheeses, taking meaningless strolls, playing Hide and Go Seek, graphic tees, overalls, quality folk music,

strange movies

Most prized possession: Probably my iPod, because music is a HUGE deal to me and I have a ton of it on there.

Three words that describe you: Eccentric, Sarcastic, Creative
Best advice your parents gave you: Lock your car doors, be thrifty, love Jesus

A talent you possess: I can fit my hand in to anything. Small cookie jar? No prob.

Biggest fear: Toads. Or perhaps crickets. They're both so stinkin' unpredictable! You just never know when/ where those guys are gonna strike, but when they do, you know it's going to be ridiculous.

I would like to have witnessed: Dinosaurs. But from behind an extremely safe wall, Jurassic Park style. Even though that didn't turn out very well...

Best memory: My current favorite memory happened only a month or so ago. Me and my high school best friends were driving back from a prayer ser-

vice where we had talked and prayed with each other for around two hours. We had nothing on our agenda to worry about, and were driving fast down the highway (going the speed limit) and music more or less blasting. We were all just laughing because of our joy with being in each other's presence, and had our feet stuck out the windows like heathens and our hands surfing the wind like kids. It is such a simple memory, but for me, a very perfect one. Extremely Cliche as it sounds, at that time we felt young and unstoppable.

As a child you dreamed of being a..... An artist! Always an artist, and never dreamed of anything else.

Pet Peeve: Egos. And non-ironic, cliché hashtagging

Favorite Quote or verse: Micah 6:8 And He has shown you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? Do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with your God.

Ender's Game: a book review cont.

One of the main themes in the book is whether it is right for society to destroy some members for the survival of the rest. The students of the Battle School are six years old when they join. Contact between earth and the Battle School is basically impossible for students, and they do not see their families ever again. The entire program is designed to strip the students of any past allegiances or loves so that they may serve earth better. Ender

eventually grows to understand that by committing everything to defeating the alien race commonly known as the buggers he will ultimately destroy himself. This idea is reinforced throughout the book as Ender takes on more and more responsibility and pressure. Another theme of the book is the struggle between those who want to push Ender to his limits and those who want to keep him safe. This struggle constantly places him in danger.

Other major characters in the book are Ender's two older siblings, Peter and Valentine. Both were unfit for Battle School because of their emotional tendencies. Back on earth we see Card using the characters to personify the two things that not only keep Ender going but nearly all humans as well: fear and love.

Throughout the book, Ender is plagued by his inner conflict of loving his enemies but destroying

them so that they can never come back to hurt him. Ender is also burdened with the understanding that he can never rely on anyone to take his place because he is the only way that humanity can defeat the buggers and thus continue to live.

Ender's Game leaves the reader not only with an awesome adventure, but also with several profound ideas about the human race and what we are willing to do to not only survive--but live.

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