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Night of Redemption entertains but inspires foremost

Clay Milford, Staff Writer

On November 12 at 8 o'clock pm in Bethany First Church of the Nazarene, students, pastors and many others gathered to raise money alongside No Boundaries International in order to help combat human trafficking in Oklahoma City as a part of Night of Redemption.

The evening began with a rousing welcome by No Boundaries International founder Lori Basey and senior Eric Smith. Said Basey, "As a part of No Boundaries International, we go to where the girls in captivity are and literally break the chains of modern slavery. We can't just put up a sign; we have to go to them. We must go to the devastation. We all need to pull together, since Oklahoma City is the crossroads of Amer-

ica, our home is literally a hub for human trafficking.

"We are in crisis. In 85 hours, we found over 325 women in captivity right in our hometown, the youngest girl being twelve years old. But we can fight it. We must learn, live and love. We have to intervene and plague human trafficking. We are a small part of something so much bigger, and without Christ it is impossible. It is time to hear the call of liberation and act." Smith added, "We are here to not only cause awareness but to put our words into action. It is not about tonight. What are we going to do tomorrow?"

The musical facet of the night began with a self-proclaimed "Ca-

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Photo by Clay Milford

Students and professor perform at Civic Center with OKC Philharmonic

Kira Roberts, Editor-in-Chief

On November 1 and 2, eleven music students, three alumni and one professor performed at the Civic Center with the OKC Philharmonic along with George Takei. Among those involved were sophomore Marci Greene, senior Allie Oakes and professor Jim Graves.

According to Graves, every season the Oklahoma City Philharmonic performs different concerts that fit into their "pops" series. "Sometimes they have jazz artists, like Jane Monheit, or pop artists, like Ben Folds. Other times they do music outside the normal sym-

phonic literature. Their Christmas show fits into this program. This year they did a 'Sci-Fi Spectacular.' George Takei, 'Sulu' on the original Star Trek series, narrated, and Jack Everly conducted music from movies and television centered on the Sci-Fi theme," he said.

Greene said they had a total of 13 rehearsal hours in two days. Her favorite part was being a part of a professional group with her professor.

"This event was awesome. I had never been in a venue looking at four stories of seating. The

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Upcoming SNU mission trip opportunities

Amy Calfy, Staff Writer

Have you ever been on a mission trip? Would you like to? If you have, would you love to go on another? Did God place it on your heart to take action during Go Week? Is God pointing you towards missions even now?

Well then, what are you waiting for? It is time to sign up for the summer of 2014 mission trips!

Joel Mullen, the University Pastor of Student Ministries, encourages anyone who wants to go on a mission trip this coming summer to sign up for it before Thanksgiving. Summer may seem a long way off right now, but the final deadline to sign up for mission trips is January 15. Signing up by Thanksgiving would ensure being able to find out what team you are on by December 10.

There are six confirmed sites for Mission Trips this coming sum-

mer: two different teams going to Swaziland and teams going to Germany, Haiti, Brazil and Australia.

The first Swaziland team will work with the HIV/AIDS Task Force and Manna Farms. The HIV/AIDS Task Force trip will involve going into the homes of people with aids, providing care for and ministering to them. Manna Farms is an area where pastors are taught job skills so that when they go to pastor a church, they will be able to learn a skill and support their family. The second Swaziland team will be supporting the Luke Commission, an organization that provides free health care and the good news of Jesus Christ to Swazis who live in isolated areas.

The team that goes to Germany will be supporting a Nazarene church in Frankfurt. They will be

doing outreach to university students. The church has a coffee shop that is used to provide jobs and revenue for the church, but it also provides a place for evening activities and concerts. The Germany team will also do outreach to the elderly. This team will specialize in doing relational ministry.

The Haiti team will be split into two sub teams. One sub team will support a medical clinic. The other will be doing construction work on a school that was hit by an earthquake and is now being rebuilt.

The Brazil team will travel to two different sites. The first site, Atibaia, will involve working at a Christian school, which is also attended by non-Christians. This will involve helping to teach English, running after school activities and doing relational ministry. The second site is Campinas, where the team members will work with a Nazarene church to

do outreach and will involve working with kids in VBS type activities.

The team that goes to Australia will work with the Kimberley Project. SNU students will join with other college students who have come together at a Nazarene college to create a team of 25 or more people. This team will spend three weeks moving around doing outreach ministry. They will perform a wide variety of activities, such as working with kids, doing light construction, painting a church and more.

This is just an overview of the mission trips being offered for 2014. Several other possible mission trips are currently unconfirmed but may very well be happening. If you want to know more about a particular mission trip, the application process or the mission trips in general, then contact Joel Mullen or swing by the Spiritual Development office in the commons.

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nadian pastor's kid duo" by the name of The Royal Royal. They performed two songs, each tinged with electro claps and synthesizers mixed with acoustic guitar, most prominently "Every Little Bit of Praise," a new song that shouts exactly what it is titled.

Shawn McDonald had the next set and roots-rocked his way through four songs, including synth-pop "Through it All" and the popular "Rise." Adding to the inspiration for the night, McDonald says, "You know, I spent twenty years without God, and if I can say from experience which side of the fence is better, it is God's side."

The Charlie Hall Band followed and played through nine of their best songs, including "Rock of Ages," "Mystery" and "Revive Us Again." Hall commented on the night saying, "You may think you can't do much to help, but you and I have a lot to offer. We



Photo by Cole Trotter

have a lot to offer."

Headlining the music for the night was The City Harmonic, a Canadian band most notable for their song "Manifesto." They performed their current and new material, including "Holy (Wedding Day)," "Mountaintop" and new single "A City on a Hill." Embellished by an instrumental drum jam, which in-

cluded all members of the band and a dubstep interlude amidst the song "Glory." The City Harmonic's setlist was a grandiose way to end the show.

Before the last act, however, speaker Bob Goff challenged the audience with doing. "Quit forcing people to drink. If they are thirsty, they will grab the cups

from your hands. Simply hold the cups out by the lip. Don't tell people what they want; tell them who they are: God's."

The Night of Redemption will not soon be forgotten, and, hopefully, the shockwave will be felt across the city, state and country. As Goff said, "People should meet Christians and want heaven."

Students and professor perform at Civic Center with OKC Philharmonic cont.

people we were around were nice, and it was awesome to be in that talented of a group. My family got to come down and hear it! It was all Sci-Fi music from Star Wars, Star Trek, The Jetsons, etc. It was an experience I hope to have again," Greene said.

Oakes said her favorite part about singing with the OKC Philharmonic was having the opportunity to sing with a professional orchestra.

"Performing in the Civic Center was also really amazing, as well as meeting George Takei from Star Trek and Jack Everly, an incredibly famous conductor and arranger (he conducted music for The Hunchback of Notre Dame!)

"I feel like I gained a better understanding of professionalism through this experience. I have sung with many ensembles but never anything quite like this. It introduced me to a totally new experience, which required lots of

"I feel like I gained a better understanding of professionalism"

musicality, sight-reading ability and an understanding of what is appropriate when in rehearsals and performances. I hope to sing with the OKC Philharmonic Pops Chorale again," Oakes said.

Graves said the best part was singing "Duel of the Fates:" "That is the famous piece that John Williams wrote for Star Wars Episode I: Phantom Menace. We sang in the menacing dialect of sand script."



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STORMSPORTS

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Athletic Relations continues to bring campus together

Kira Roberts, Editor-in Chief

As many on campus know, Athletic Relations is a recently established SGA committee that strives to break down barriers between athletes and non-athletes, as well as encourage attendance to athletic events. This group consists of senior representative Ben Glidden, junior rep Bekah Stewart, sophomore rep Corbyn Holliday, freshman rep Jared Seitz and a great group of volunteers.

According to Executive Joel Frees, this committee has sponsored around fourteen athletic events so far this semester.

"These usually consist of a theme, some sort of contest or giveaway and a lot of advertisement to really get a boost of support on that specific night. We also put on the first biannual 'Pros vs. Joes' night, where non-athlete students played the off-season varsity teams in their given sport. We got a new LED outside the commons primarily to promote athletic events but really anything that we think students should know about.

We took a few suggestions to get a pep band and started to get the ball rolling on that. Dr. Mike Redwine and Dr. Rich Cantwell have both been huge helps in leading the charge to get this pep band at sporting events - they sound great!

Finally, we are in charge of the Weathermen. We currently have



Photo by Jonathan Hane

over 140 weathermen members; this is our student section crazies. If anyone would like to be involved, they can drop by at anything, and I will get them on the list."

As far as upcoming events go, Athletic Relations, along with the Multicultural Student Network, will be hosting their first ever "Teddy Toss" in Sawyer during the Men's Basketball game at 4:00 on November 23rd. In this event, the crowd will all toss their teddy bears (or donated coats) onto the court at a certain time in the game. The bears will be collected and distributed to charities while the coats will be hand delivered downtown. All will go to needy children for Christmas.

"Next semester will bring about some fresh sports, which will be a lot of fun for everyone to attend. I'm most excited to get out and sup-

port the athletes that have been faithful in supporting fellow athletes this semester. We can return the favor! And, of course, I am excited about 2nd semester 'Pros vs. Joes,'" Frees said.

"The most visible change I have seen on campus through our efforts is obviously the school spirit and support so far this year. Our student sections have been absolutely incredible and so much fun to be a part of. I am hoping that through this support, new relationships will be made between people who may otherwise never talk. Pros vs. Joes is an event that is designed to create a platform for conversation and a good time, which is part of our goal as Athletic Relations...to develop relationships and show love to our athletes who have not been as ap-

preciated as they should be in years past.

Outside of athletics, I even believe our non-music students have been a lot more supportive this year towards the different music department events. This does not have to do with Athletic Relations, but it is nice to see students support those who put a lot of time into what they do. God sure has had His hand on our campus this year and has opened hearts to new things.

My advice would be to thank an athlete for making our school proud and for all of the unseen hard work that he or she puts into his or her sport. We have great athletes at our school, but, even more than that, they are incredible people with great stories. Get to know those who represent you, they're great!" Frees said.

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Athletics

The real cost of sports: injuries and their long-lasting effects

Zach Friesen, Staff Writer

All athletes know that when they step on the field or court, they are putting themselves at risk to get hurt. Every play you make, things can take a turn for the worst and end with you laying on the ground in pain or limping off the field. Athletes have known this for years, but they still put their well-being on the line on a daily basis, thanks to the competitive fire that they all share.

That said, people all over the nation are becoming more and more concerned about the safety of high school, collegiate and even professional athletes. Injuries are becoming more and more frequent, particularly head injuries, which is causing parents and coaches to question the safety of their particular sport.

One particular sport that is drawing a great amount of criticism is football. With the amount of concussions being suffered in recent years, officials and executives have made a conscious effort to eliminate as many hits above the shoulder pads as they can. Also drawing their attention is the amount of former players that are

being diagnosed with conditions that stem from repeated hits to the head, such as chronic traumatic encephalopathy (CTE), which in some cases can cause memory loss and suicidal thoughts.

Two cases that can be used as examples for the devastating effects of CTE would be former professional football players Junior Seau and Dave Duerson. Both players committed suicide after retiring from professional football, and autopsies showed that both players were suffering from common symptoms of CTE, such as dementia, sleep apnea and depression.

These are just a couple of the many cases that the National Football League Players Association have brought up to emphasize the need to make their sport safer. They have passed many different rules in the last few years to try and ensure safety for their players, such as eliminating hits to the head and putting regulations on what kind of helmets can be used during games.

Other sports that are taking more precautions to keep their players safe are baseball and hockey. Hock-



Photo by Jonathan Hane

ey players are dealing with a lot of the same problems football players are, due in large part to the big hits they endure, as well as getting hit in the face with pucks and getting into fights with other players on a regular basis.

Baseball players, on the other hand, are dealing with one play in particular that could help with player safety: collisions at home plate. These plays have already been eliminated in both high school and college, with rules that call for immediate ejections when players try to run over the catcher when trying to score. These plays are still allowed in Major League Baseball, however, and they result

in many different injuries, from concussions to broken legs. After seeing many different players suffer from injuries that could potentially alter their career, officials in the MLB are trying to put an end to these collisions to ensure that their players can stay safe and that their careers can stay on path as long as possible.

All in all, all sports are making conscious efforts to improve playing conditions for their athletes, from upgrading equipment to revising rules. There have already been noticeable changes in games, and, hopefully, things can continue to get better for all athletes.



Athletes of **Jamie Hope**

Position: Middle
Blocker
Height: 5-11
Class: Senior
Hometown:
Cayuga, Texas

Hope recorded her first career triple-double with 12 kills, 17 digs and a career-high 11 blocks against East Central in the final match of the regular season. She hit .393 in the fiveset victory against the Tigers. She totaled nine digs and five blocks in the Crimson Storm's sweep of Northwestern Oklahoma State. She averaged 2.0 blocks per set over the two matches.

the Week

CJ Smith

Position: Guard
Height: 6-2
Class: Junior
Hometown:
Houston, Texas



Smith scored a career-high 29 points and hit the second most free throws in a single - game with 14 in a 100-89 win over Central Oklahoma.

OPINIONS

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Is Christmas over-commercialized?

Rachel Whatley, Staff Writer

Christmas seems to come earlier every year.

As soon as Halloween is over . . . bam! Our attentions are directed toward Christmas. Companies prey on our anticipation and use everything they can to get us in the mood and then some. Even flavors are geared toward the most wonderful time of the year. The power of the pumpkin spice has ended. The time has come for the dominion of peppermint. Peppermint chocolate chip. Peppermint mocha.

I have yet to hear Christmas carols on the radio, but another medium has grabbed my attention: the tele-

vision. Christmas-centric commercials are gaining prominence by the day. Marketing companies are pressuring me to buy diamonds (I am looking at you, Zales), whether or not I have that special someone. Toys 'R Us wants me to splurge for all the kids. Walmart is trying to get me to put my purchases on lay-away. "Only thirty-four shopping days left!" they exclaim. "Thanks for stressing me out," I reply.

Do not even get me started on the end-of-November Black Friday. Of course, nothing puts me in the Christmas mood more than overzealous crowds and mad dashes. I do not know about you, but I am staying put.

Has the season of cheerful giving turned into a frantic flurry of seeing who can live outside their means the most? Has consumerism replaced the Christmas spirit? The event that changed the

"The event that changed the world two thousand years ago has gotten buried in an avalanche of 'buy all the things.'"

world two thousand years ago has gotten buried in an avalanche of "buy all the things." Much of the world has forgotten about the true meaning of Christmas all for the cause of shopping. This time of the year is set aside for the birth of the most important person in the world, in all of history - the Savior of the world - yet we are more worried about whether or not will get what we wanted - the iPhone 5, the Kindle Fire, maybe a guitar - whatever the case may be. The world has lost the true meaning of Christmas and turned it into a justification



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for spoiling ourselves and maybe others if they are so lucky.

It makes me wonder what happened to Thanksgiving. Where are the Thanksgiving commercials? The turkey-flavored everything? "Who cares?" says the media. I guess they do not have anything to work off of - no gifts, no Thanksgiving carols. Nope, just Christmas.

I remember last Christmas Twitter was taken by storm by angry teens who did not get what they wanted. "Kids these days," I sigh. Really? You are mad because you did not get an iPhone? It is so sick. I have never had an iPhone, and

I could not care less. Some parts of the world do not even have Wi-Fi, much less what they need. Perspective, kids.

I will leave you with a final note: just remember who Christmas is really about. Yes, you can buy nice things for your friends and family, and yes, it is a great feeling when you get what you wanted. However, it is about giving, not getting. It is about showing God's love, not out-buying everybody. Let me put it this way: there is lots of happiness in receiving gifts, but when someone receives your gift for them and their face lights up, that is an even greater feeling.

Prehistoric Legends: I just can't face Facebook

Jim Wilcox, Guest Writer

I just can't face Facebook

Every time my lovely, retired wife tells me what so-and-so wrote on her Facebook page, I want to slam her i Air Pad Lap Top And Otr Thr Ltr Wds shut and toss that little devil into the Afterlife.

(It's on her iPad Mini, too, but we like to watch Netflix on that.)

I know I'm old-but not as old

as I look-so I know I've lived long enough to remember that "private" and "secret" and "interesting" were once in the American lexicon. But this instant tell-all-show-all-bore-all phenomenon is TMI, TMI on top of TMI.

Linda "posted" a joke-photo of me on "her page" last week, so her "friends" could thumb it up or thumb it down and "post" inane

and unflattering remarks. At last count, she had 50 "friends" respond.

How do that many people have time to Facebook (it's now a verb)? Here are just some of the things virtual people wrote:

"Hey 'friend,' Lookin' old...I mean good."

"I rmember when u had hair" (correct spelling is frowned upon).

"I thought you were dead."

"You had my grandmother as a student."

"Why the long face, Horsehead?"

Did any of that sound more important to you than the Duck Dynasty episode I was watching? As Jace would say, "No.....it did not!"

Here's another thing I don't like

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The modern art of brain puking

'Nona Miss,' Guest Writer

I am in class, and the teacher tells me to log into moodle and find the quiz. I open it up and see that all of the questions are matching. Perfect.

I had just read the chapter before class. I hadn't even had time to study the terms much-But I already knew I was going to ace this quiz. How did I know? Because I had become a master of the technique commonly known as "brain puking."

The idea behind "brain puking" is simple. All you have to do is learn a vast amount of data and remember it for a short time and then forget it immediately after you are tested to make room for the new stuff. I had perfected it in highschool, and so far it has been incredibly helpful in college.

But there is a problem. I had grown up hearing that college was supposed to be where you actually learn stuff, not just hold it for a few days and then spew it over a quiz, test or paper. But, so far, I have not seen much of that in the case of myself or my classmates. Sure, there are the few odd courses where, by their nature, you can't really "brain puke," where you actually are doing stuff. But aside from that, every other class has a really handy way of judging your brain puking skills: testing.

I am not talking about seeing

whether your work is adequate. I am talking about the multiple choice, matching, short and long answer question tests. While not everybody has perfected "brain puking," the teachers are certainly training us to get better at it. And I realize that the temptations for teachers are immense. Short answer questions are some of the easiest things to grade on earth. Multiple choice and true-false questions takes that ease to a new level. And with technology contributing, these questions are increasingly becoming more and more frequent on tests. One perfect example is scantron which grades tests and quizzes nearly instantly. But it only works if the answers are in a multiple choice format.

So what does this mean for us students? School becomes easier in some ways because we are having to do less critical thinking and more logic thinking. On tests we don't have to know why an answer is right; we just need to know which answer is right. But what does that mean for the graduates? It means that the real world will be a very different place from college, and I am not talking about the cafeteria food. In the real world, the answers are not given to us. We

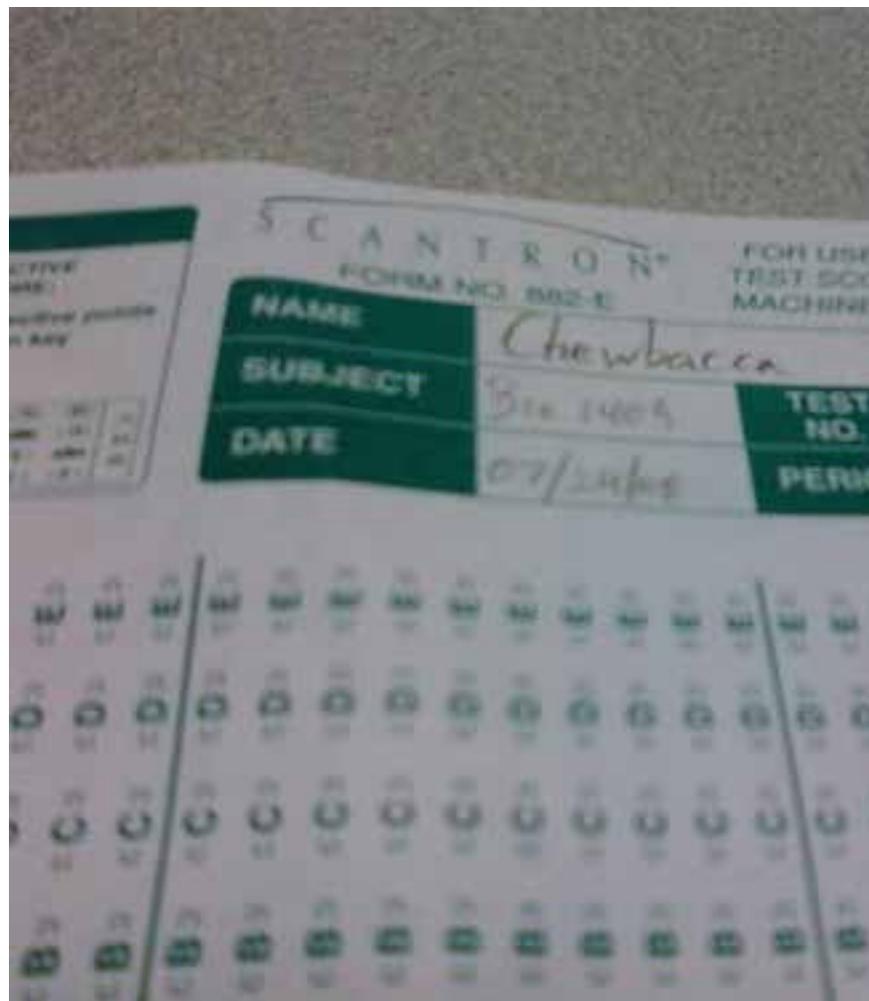


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will have to figure out the answers and why the answers are correct ourselves. We may still be given questions about which answer is best, but more often than not we will be asked to come up with the correct answer, not choose it.

So keep working hard in the classes that build your critical thinking skills, otherwise the real world is going to be a really hard place. Now if you will excuse me, I need to gorge on a chapter and then puke all over a quiz.

A letter to the Editor

Letter to the Editor,

I must say that I was super encouraged to read the story of The boys of Asbury: reaching out to little brothers in the November 8, 2013 issue. This group has caught the vision of what it looks like to care for the orphan by being in a consistent, intentional relationship with boys that need a positive influence in their lives. One might not ever know the impact they are making on one's life just by showing up every week. What a great opportunity to be a leader in the community. Keep up the good work guys!

Stephanie Johnson

Executive Director

Cole Community Impact Organization

Prehistoric Legends: I just can't face Facebook cont.

about Facebook. People write about the stupidest things on there, as if everyone in the known universe cares:

"I used a new toothpaste this morning and my husband kissed me twice."

"You should hear what my 3-year-old did this morning. First he colored on his mommy's lab coat with a tube of her reddest lipstick. Then he ran down the hall (this is so cute) with that lipstick and made a perfect wavy line from our room to the kitchen. Then he turned on all the stove burners and threw his sister's diary on top. Then when the firemen arrived, he locked the door. It's like he's gifted."

No, enabler-man, your son is pathological!

If Facebook were the only modern substitute for the back of a cereal box, then I'd have to hide only 12 hours a day, but there's another conveyance of nothingness called "Twitter," I believe.

(The very name sounds idiotic.)

Terse tweets for hash-tagging twits. Isn't that tweet-mark just the regular old number-sign made by hitting "Shift-3" on a keyboard? Why does it have to be on those tweets? (Tweets? Really?)

These things pop up everywhere. Football game broadcasts, newscasts, sermoncasts, political commentarycasts. Even on "OWN."

"About our story on the Syrian crisis. Twitter us at Anderson#Coop#er#Hash#tag and give us your opinion. Ten small words or less. But first, this commercial break."

(Commercial for "Ameripil—side effects may include stroke, hearing things, loss of vocabulary. Some people have experienced tongue tremors.")

"Welcome back to our show. Now many of you tweeted us about President Obama's response to the Russian intervention. Here's some:



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'Now the Ruskies know that capitalism works. PHW#WHP#TAG' tight P#A#N#T#S#?'
'I don't even know what intervention means, but if Obama is for it, Thank you, viewers, for your insightful insights.'
'Did you see Obama on Dancing With The Stars? Was that Putin in I can't understand them, either. But I'm learning.'

Why I would not survive solitary and other things about life

Ronna Fisher, Content Editor

As a young recluse, I would spend whole Saturdays reading. I would sit in one chair all day, reading voraciously through book after book, never moving except for meals or to pick up another book. When in high school, I was the friend who would never reply to text messages because my phone was lost; I never really used it. My facebook use was limited to approximately once a month. I could become lost in a movie or novel, barely recognizing the sound of my name being called.

Now, when forced to focus on one thing at a time, I find myself checking the time on my phone frequently, restless. A two hour movie, whether absolutely amazing or not, seems as if to

last forever. In class, I find every fiber of my being calling out to my laptop or phone, wishing to "multitask," even though I know that science has shown it is impossible. At very busy times, I have even found myself completely connected: cell phone in right hand, kindle fire in left and laptop in front of me, all plugged in and charging because of my excessive, draining use.

And the more I have found myself connected to the wonders of technology, the more I have found myself struggling to focus or enjoy one thing at a time. Because of increasing amounts of schoolwork, I have fallen into the habit of not being able to watch a movie or a TV show without my laptop on top of my lap, homework or email open.

To me, this means two things: 1) I need to feel connected. The other

day I was unable to use my laptop for about thirty minutes, and as I waited for that time to end, I realized that I almost literally could do nothing without it. I could not check email. I could not do homework. I could not watch TV. I could not even read the Bible. I did not know what to do with myself without it. Luckily, I had my phone to play a rousing game of solitaire, but without my phone, I would not be surprised if I just broke. I felt purposeless.

2) This constant need to feel as if I must be doing something (even if that something is just scrolling through iwastesomuchtime.com) has limited my capability to enjoy. I can barely sit and read a good book for thirty minutes before my mind starts restlessly wandering to my ongoing list of things to do. I do not know what would hap-

pen if I had to just sit alone with my thoughts for thirty minutes or longer. The mind is scary place. No wonder solitary is a punishment in prison.

College has changed me, mostly for the better—except for this inability to enjoy one thing at a time, to focus or be alone with my thoughts. It is probably time for me to become friends with silence, with my racing mind. It is time for me to begin the process of reverting to my days of youth. I want to become less connected with technology, with doing, and more connected with myself, with one thing at a time, with living.

Any suggestions? I'm having a hard time focusing on coming up with solutions while checking email, texting my sister and catching up with the newest episode of Modern Family.

Fashion piece 'must haves'

Macy Sliman, Staff Writer

I think we can all relate (well most women can anyway...) to that morning when you stand in front of your closet wondering why your clothes are suddenly not cute anymore. Nothing goes together, you feel frumpastic and your once spotless room now looks like a war zone.

First, something that helps me is picking out my outfit the night before. If that still does not work, go through your closet and revise it a little. There are certain timeless pieces that help pull every outfit together if you know what they are and how to use them. Here are an easy few wardrobe pieces that you should either find or get soon.

- Denim chambray: This denim button up is perfect for under or over something. You can button it up or use it for a sophisticated collar look under your favorite sweater.

- Black denim jeans: These are a must have. They are super flattering because they are black. I have a hard time not wearing mine every day. We all know that is a bad idea.

- Cheetah print flats: Cheetah

print is really in right now. These can spice up any preppy or classy look, no matter what.

- White blouse: I like mine button-up and one size bigger, so I can roll up the sleeves. It literally goes with anything and can be dressed up or down by just being tucked in or left out.

- Little black dress: This is a closet must have and is great for dinner out or paired with cute tights and a cardigan.

- Boyfriend cut blazer: Any color blazer is awesome because it can give any look that professional edge. I have a black one that I love and wear all the time.

- Leather jacket: If you have not noticed, leather jackets are back in. They can give you that classic rocker appeal when paired with boots or even just a little edge with those darling cheetah flats. They are sometimes expensive if you get actual leather, but, for me, it was totally worth it; I wear it all the time, and it is always in style.

- Denim jacket: It can safely be said that Saved By The Bell taught



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us well that the more denim the better. Just kidding. But, seriously, this is a great item for casual wear.

- Solid color cardigan: I am absolutely obsessed with cardigans. They are so comfortable and very versatile. They make any outfit cozy, and the right color and cut can be very flattering.

- Chunky sweater: This is a great pullover option for cooler weather.

You can even pair it with a cute button up and skinny jeans for a classy look.

- Color jeans: These are great and very in style. They come in every shade, so pick a color that goes with the main color pallet you have in your closet.

- Pattern scarf: This can be an easy pop piece and is perfect for cool days.

Zorba's mediterranean cuisine: a new cultural experience

Brett Smith, Guest Writer

I like to think of myself as an adventurous individual when it comes to food. So when I saw Zorba's Mediterranean Cuisine on North May Avenue, I quickly added it to my list of places I wanted to try out. I have never had Mediterranean food before I visited Zorba's, so this promised to be an interesting evening, to say the least.

I visited Zorba's with my friends Nathan Schauer, Andi Will and Drew Mitchell, and

they were also new to the Mediterranean side of food. We all approached the restaurant with somewhat low expectations. We had no idea what was in store for us when we stepped through the large, old-world doors.

Upon entering, it was quickly evident that they wanted their guests to know that this was a different kind of experience. The atmosphere really projected a strong Mediterranean feel. There was great music being played as well as a wide variety of paintings and décor that helped their guests feel relaxed and ready

for a new culture to unfold before them. One aspect that seemed a little off to me was a slide show in which they had on a television screen. Pictures of various entrées were being played through a continuous loop, and the pictures were of somewhat low quality. However, this was easily ignored once we began looking through the menu. The menu itself was of average quality, but still helped to add a Mediterranean vibe.

Their menu also offered a wide variety of dishes from all across the Mediterranean .Seafood,

stews, salads, lamb and kabobs are just a small portion of what was offered on their menu. Their prices were fair: not too much but also not incredibly cheap. It was what you might expect from a different cultural place like Zorba's.

When we gave our drink orders, we also ordered fried calamari as an appetizer. The portion was decent for an appetizer, and especially for a seafood appetizer. Drew and I had both had calamari before, but Nathan and Andi were new to this.

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Movie Review: Thor the Dark World

Matthew Scott, Staff Writer

Saturday night was a good night for me; I went to see a movie that I could not wait to see for the longest time. Thor: the Dark World was the movie, and it was a sequel to the first Thor movie that opened in 2011. The movie characters are based on the same characters that come from the comic books written by Stan Lee, who makes cameo appearances in the films. With a sequel to a movie, you never know what will happen because they are never as good as the first. With the hype this movie is getting early, if it is a bust, it will let a lot of people down. Lucky it is not a bust, and it is just as good as or even better than the first movie.

Coming out November 8, 2013, two years after the first one came out, the plot, lucky enough, is also two years after the first one ended. There are four major stars in the second Thor that are

important to the plot. First of all, there are the two characters that I think the movie is based around, and that is Thor (of course) played by Chris Hemsworth and Jane Foster played by Natalie Portman. Then there is one of my favorite characters and also one of my favorite actors. The actor is Tom Hiddleston, and he plays Loki, or the God of mischief.

If you remember, at the end of the first film, to stop Loki from ruling the world Thor destroyed the bridge between worlds. Because of that action, he could not go back to see Jane. Now, two years later, another problem starts with the device called the Eater. To keep it out of the bad guys hands, the people of Asgard hid it away, so no one will ever touch it. That ends when Jane accidentally comes upon it, and it enters her body. Now there is a race to save her, and touching the device awoke the evil guys trying to steal it. So they have to deal with



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them while trying to save Jane.

This is a great movie, and I recommend everyone go see it. It contains a lot of different genres that all react well with each other. First of all, you have the action, which of course is awesome because those are my kinds of movie. Though the action scenes in this movie were interesting to say the least, they had a

different angle to them, especially the end scenes. Another thing it has was comedy; for an action movie, it was rather funny to watch. A lot of good back and forth from the main characters made the movie better.

Again, I really would recommend this for everyone but not until you see the first one because this movie is part of a bigger picture.

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It seemed to take a little longer than expected for the appetizer to arrive, but when it did, we quickly made work of it. Nathan was unsure of what to think of it, considering the fact that calamari is just a fancy name for squid. He tried a couple bites with the marinara sauce but made up his mind that calamari was going to be added to the long list of seafood that he did not care for. Meanwhile, Andi was trying to convince herself that the calamari was just odd-looking onion rings. She soon realized that the texture of calamari was far different than onion rings, so Drew and I were left to finish the plate, which did not take long at all. We both agreed that the calamari was delicious.

After the appetizer was gone, our waiter seemed to kick into gear. I guess he just needed time

to get used to the dinner crowd because we experienced wonderful service

from that point on. While we were waiting on our entrées, our drink glasses were never empty. We were very impressed with the service we received. Our main courses came with our choice of a Persian, Greek, or Caesar salad, and these arrived soon after our appetizer was gone. I had the Greek salad, and it was marvelous. Our main courses soon arrived on our table, and we immediately were all very happy with what we ordered.

Our portions were very large, and nobody left without being full. I ordered the Gyros Dinner, which also came with rice or French fries, pita bread and yogurt sauce. I was not disappointed with my meal by any means. Nathan, Andi and Drew were also very impressed with their choices as well. Drew ordered the



same thing I did, Andi ordered the Chicken Shish-Kabobs and Nathan ordered the Chicken Banderri, all of which they would recommend.

After we left, we agreed that this was a place we would have to visit again. It is easy to pass by but

worth the stop in every way imaginable. The atmosphere was great, as well as the service. If you or a friend has a restaurant that you would like to have reviewed, please let me know. I will be returning to Zorba's in the near future, hungry for more.

Fine Arts Student Feature

Katie Simpson



Hometown: Edmond, Oklahoma

Biggest fear: bees and wasps

Hobbies and Interests: painting, graphic design, photography, art in general

I would like to have witnessed: The Gentlemen of the Road Concert

Most prized possession: My computer because it has all of my designs on it

Best memory: playing with the preschool kids in Swaziland

Three words that describe you: compassionate, spontaneous, stubborn

As a child you dreamed of being a..... Veterinarian

Best advice your parents gave you: Don't scratch your chicken pox

Pet Peeve: listening to people chew

A talent you possess: oil painting

Favorite Quote or verse: "Delight yourself in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart" -Psalm 37:4

Upcoming Campus Events

Nov. 24- Freshmen event no.1

Nov. 25- Freshmen event no.2

Nov. 25- Solace

Nov. 27 Thanksgiving break

Dec. 2 Sounds of Music @ 730 pm

Dec. 5- Yule Feast @ 5pm

Dec. 6- Class Christmas parties

Dec. 7- Winter Commencement

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