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Shine bright like a diamond

Saydi Dowd, Staff Writer

Join us for the 3rd Annual SHINE Weekend on January 30-February 1, 2014. SHINE begins Thursday, January 30th at 7:00 p.m. and concludes on Saturday, February 1st at 11:30 a.m. The girls will get to dine with influential campus females, connect with female professors and future mentors, develop relationships with current high-achieving female scholars, have fun with girls that have similar dreams as them, visit the workplaces of young female alums who have great jobs and discover academic scholarships and grants available for females. SHINE Weekend is for high school junior and senior girls looking for a college where they can shine academically!

It is safe to say that everyone's

SHINE experience is different. For Shelby Reust, a freshman at SNU, her Shine Weekend was so inspiring, that it persuaded her to attend here.

"It really was a good thing! I wasn't even on the list; it was last minute. My pastor called and got me in, and I thank God he did. I knew as soon as I went on the tour that this is where I wanted to be. I auditioned for a music scholarship that weekend, and then that was it - I was coming here."

Sophomore RA Meagan Green said, "I was dead set on going to OU, and SHINE Weekend completely changed my mind. I remember what impressed me the most was during one of my sit-ins, the professor asked the class if there were any prayer requests and



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then asked another student how their grandmother was doing, and I just thought that was so amazing that she cared enough to ask about someone's grandmother."

Reust and Green both agreed

that SHINE Weekend made them see how happy and homey the campus was. While at SHINE, both girls experienced relationships and moments that brought them here today.

SNFlu: Health Center talks Flu prevention



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Summer Howard, Staff Writer

The holidays are usually a welcomed vacation for everyone. But when the break is over and college students go back to school, homework and social life are only two of their problems. Living, eating and learning with the same group of people in the winter months can and does translate to the dreaded virus known as influenza, or the flu.

According to ETR Associates, 20% of Americans contract the influenza virus every year. January is the peak time for the flu to strike.

Although the flu normally attacks young children and the elderly, tight living quarters and interaction with many people during cold weather can cause others to contract it. This is why most colleges and universities see a spike in cases around January. At Southern Nazarene University, it is no different.

"We have confirmed eight cases on campus," Nurse Angie Hattler said, "as well as seen many more students with flu-like symptoms."

Recognizing symptoms is key to getting treatment early and avoiding

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SNU Library installs new group study rooms

Katie King, SNU Library Director

The December break was a really exciting time for the SNU Library – we installed 5 new group study rooms on the first floor, south side! These rooms all have brand-new whiteboards as well as multiple outlets for your devices! We've ordered new furniture for them which should be installed a week or so before Spring Break, and we hope these new rooms will make the Library a more hospitable and welcoming place for you



Photo provided by Katie King

to be!

We in the Library could not have made these group study rooms happen without the help of other people, including Ron Lester, Bruce Alfson, Randy Lustrina, Richard Stipes and Cody Bowen from Facilities Management, as well as Dennis Williams, Dean of the College of Teaching and Learning, and Scott Strawn, Vice-President of Business and Finance. If you see these people around, please help us thank them!

SNFlu: Health Center talks Flu prevention cont.

the spread of the illness. Studies show that a person can be contagious for up to eight days, which includes the time before and after the appearance of symptoms. Flu symptoms include fever or feeling feverish/chills, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, muscle or body aches, headaches and fatigue. If you have the majority of these symptoms, doctors advise you to pay them a visit. The nurses on campus, however, want you to stay

well. In fact, Nurse Hattler ordered double the amount of vaccinations this year to help prevent the flu epidemic from hitting the school this year.

“We have about 25 vaccinations left,” she said. “So if you haven't already received your vaccination, come and get one. It takes about two weeks for the vaccination to take effect; that is why we encourage you to get

vaccinated early. But it's not too late to protect yourself against the flu.”

“We have 25 vaccinations left.”

Vaccinations cost \$15 and are given in the Student Health Center, which is open Monday through Friday, beginning at 8:30 in the morning. But your flu shot is not the only thing that the nurses suggest you do to avoid catching this devastating virus.

“The flu is spread through contact with other people and the air,” Nurse Hattler said. “A person's sneeze can potentially leave droplets of the flu virus at your desk in the classroom or the table you sit down to eat at. One of the best things you can do to prevent the flu, then, is wash your hands, especially before meals. If you do that, along with eating right and getting enough sleep, you will most likely stay healthy.”

UPCOMING CAMPUS EVENTS

SGA Events

Jan. 31- Dodgeball @7:30pm
Feb. 7- Heartpal @7:00pm

Sports

Feb. 1- Home Baseball game@1:00pm
Feb. 3- Home Baseball game @2:00pm

Fine Arts

Feb. 4- Art & Design Live Teaching @6:00pm

Misc.

Jan. 30-Feb. 1- SHINE
Feb. 1- Football Visit Day
Feb. 2- Resident Advisor App. due

Earthquakes happening in Oklahoma

Brett Smith, Staff Writer

Tremors were felt across campus on December 7, 2013. Mainly felt from the higher floors of buildings, these tremors were caused by an earthquake that originated approximately 30 miles north-northeast of Oklahoma City. This was many people's first experience with earthquakes.

Individuals may have been unsure what to think, uncertain whether it truly was an earthquake or not. However, this sort of thing is not new to the region of Oklahoma by any means. Oklahoma has had its fair share of earthquakes since the early 20th century.

The first recorded earthquake to have centered in Oklahoma occurred in September of 1918 and was located in El Reno.

During this magnitude 5 earthquake, objects were thrown from shelves. Aftershocks were also felt the next day. On December 27, 1929, another earthquake centered in El Reno was felt across the state.

This earthquake happened to be a magnitude 6, and reportedly caused chimneys to fall onto houses.

Earthquakes were not felt again until 1959, but this would prove to be quite a year for the natural phenomenon.

On April 9, 1952, a magnitude 7 struck Oklahoma and was felt across all neighboring states. This earthquake, also centered in El Reno, caused chimneys to fall as well as bricks to loosen from buildings. Tile was also broken on many walls and floors.

Aftershocks were felt in the following months of this earthquake, however these caused minimal damage. Earthquakes occurred throughout the remaining decades of the century, as well as the early 21st century.

However, these did not cause as many damages as the 1952 earthquake. One question has yet to be answered though, why does Oklahoma seem to have so many earthquakes?

The cause of earthquakes is the grinding and shifting of fault lines in the earth's crust.

When these faults slip, they cause an earthquake. The measuring device for an earthquake is a seismograph (pictured).

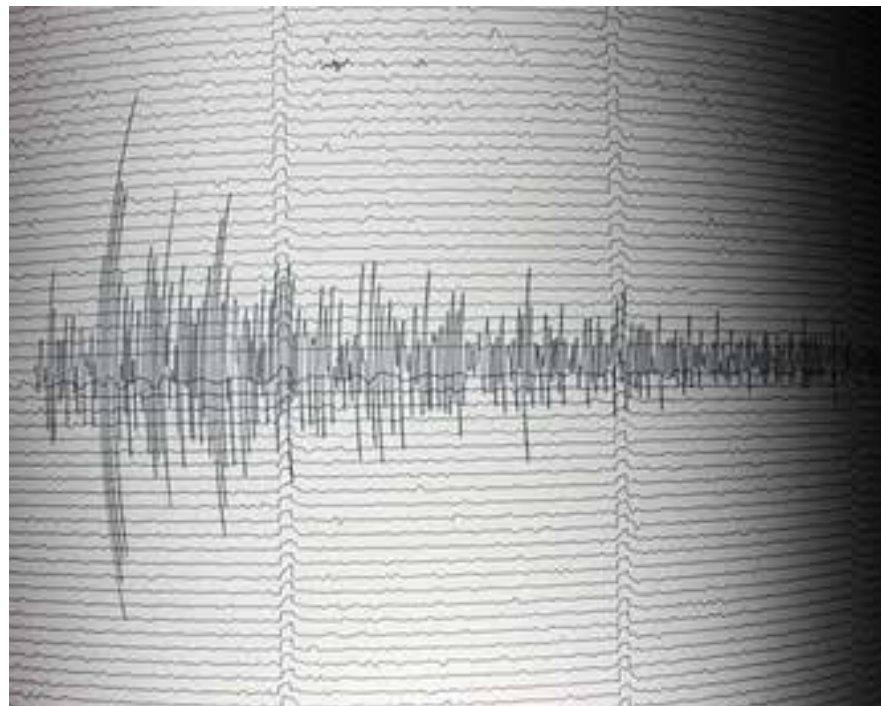


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The Nemaha fault line seems to be the culprit for the earthquakes that are caused in Oklahoma. This fault runs right through Oklahoma City, and runs into I-40 and I-35 where they intersect each other. Chances are strong that you have driven over this fault and not even known it.

A large fault, like the Nemaha fault, can have smaller faults running off the main fault in different directions. These smaller faults

can slip and cause smaller, less harmful earthquakes than if the main fault were to give in. It is unlikely the Nemaha fault will slip in the coming years, however it is not impossible.

Even if a huge earthquake may not be in the near future, smaller earthquakes may occur every so often throughout the area. These earthquakes seem to be a part of life in Oklahoma and they will not go away soon.

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STORMSPORTS

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XXII Olympic Winter Games in Sochi

Carlos Font, Staff Reporter

The 2014 Winter Olympics, officially named the XXII Olympic Winter Games, are taking place in Sochi, Russia from February 6th to the 23rd of that month. Ninety-eight events will be held from fifteen different sports.

Sochi, Russia was selected host to the games on July 4, 2007, defeating bids from Salzburg, Australia and Pyeongchang, South Korea. These games mark the first Olympics hosted in the Russian Federation since the breakup of the USSR. The USSR hosted the 1980 Summer Olympics in Moscow. Fifteen winter sports will make up the winter Olympics for a total of 98 events in an eighteen day span. Some of the sports include hockey, bobsledding, curling, snowboarding and three different disciplines of skating.

The Sochi Olympics are being overshadowed by controversies. One such controversy is the Circassian Nationalists demand that the games be cancelled or moved somewhere else unless Russia apologizes for the 19th century deaths, which Circassia refer to as an act of genocide. President Barack Obama, along side the Canadian Prime Minister and other national leaders, will not attend the Olympics as a symbolic boycott over Russia's treatment of Les-



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bian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender individuals.

The biggest controversy relating to the games, according to the Associate Press, is an Islamic militant group in Russia's North Caucasus region. This group claimed responsibility for the January 19 twin bombing in the southern city of Volgograd. In addition, the group posted a video threatening to strike the 2014 Winter Olympics.

"The Olympics are being overshadowed by controversies."

In the video, two Russian-speaking men warned President Vladimir Putin, "If you hold these Olympics, we will give you a present for the innocent Muslim blood being spilled all around the world: in Afghanistan, in Somalia, in Syria." They also added, "For the tourists who come, there will be a present too." There has been no sign from the Olympic committee to cancel the games. The United States government has issued a travel alert for all Americans mak-

ing the trip to be safe.

Not all is heart-breaking news, as the Jamaican Bobsleigh Team has qualified for the games for the first time since 2002. The two-man team call themselves "Cool Running, the second generation." Just like the famous 1988 team, the Jamaican team is struggling to finance their trip to get to the games, but, according to a source close to the team, "That won't stop the team and Jamaican Federation from walking out and waving the Jamaican flag during the inaugural ceremonies."

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A-Rod and his fight to save his legacy

Carlos Font, Staff Reporter

In 2007, Major League Baseball took a vow to clean the league from banned substances like HGH, Adrafinil, Androstadienedione, etc. This vow rocked the baseball world when a document called the Mitchell Report came out and started to name players that have been involved with illegal substances. Names of players were put out, and the Major League's commissioner, Bud Selig, started to hand out suspensions. Careers were destroyed, legacies stained and future hall of famers are being denied a ticket to baseball immortality.

Six years later, Selig's office decided to launch yet another investigation on a clinic in Miami founded by Anthony Bosch. Bosch admitted to injecting and giving performance enhancers to multiple players at different times and at different levels in the baseball system. Fourteen players were handed suspensions and out of those fourteen, thirteen accepted their suspension. Alex Rodriguez

decided that he was going to appeal his suspension.

The Yankees' third baseman felt that his suspension was unfair. All twelve players that accepted their suspension were only suspended for 50 games, except for Ryan Braun who was suspended for 65 games. Rodriguez, also known as A-Rod, who has never tested positive for any banned substance, felt it was unjust to get suspended for no reason.

Major League baseball handed A-rod a suspension of 211 games. After months of trying to prove his innocence and going through an appeal process, the panel that looked over the case decided to reduce the former All-Star suspension down to 162 games. On January 11, 2014 Major League Baseball released a statement saying, "While we believe the original 211-game suspension was appropriate, we respect the decision rendered by the panel and will focus on our continuing efforts on eliminating performance-enhancing substances from our game."



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The battle of A-rod vs. the MLB does not end here; Rodriguez continues to try to prove his innocence after his suspension was decrease by suing Major League Baseball and the player's union so he can overturn his suspension completely.

The two lawsuits were filled out as two different cases. The case against the MLB will be handled by Judge Lorna Schofield, and the case against the players union will be handled by Judge Edgardo Ramos.

Atheletes of the Week

CJ Smith

Men's Basketball



Smith scored 22 points and was 10-for-11 at the line in an 83-77 loss to Southwestern Oklahoma State.

Atheletes of the Week

Aminata Fall

Women's Basketball



Fall notched a double-double with 23 points and 14 rebounds in a 96-83 loss to Southwestern Oklahoma State.

OPINIONS

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Social media and arguing

Rachel Whatley, Staff Writer

When conversation and Internet media merge, a lot can happen. From the mundane to the bizarre and back again, the freedom of speech is hyper-active. “Is it just me, or do cats make the world go ‘round?” “This 8 o’clock class will be the death of me! #sotired.” Something as simple as a “So today I...” can turn into a life story. Cat videos, new cars, textbook woes; it is all in there.

All right, I am guilty too. I have told my Facebook “friends” about what new book I am reading, or informed them of the woes of finals (which most of them are already familiar with). However, would I ordinarily broadcast those kinds of things to hundreds of people...in real life? A million times no.

In the online scheme of things, we Internet denizens can be haphazard and injudicious sometimes. The realm of “social” media, as one to a mass audience, can have an impersonal feel to it at times (at least for me). So it is easy to hide behind a screen, type anything we want and

not even give it a second thought. Taken out of a real-life situation, we post things that we might not say in real life. We lose sight of the power that our words can have.

This seems to happen most often in Facebook debates. One controversial picture, one hot-button status and suddenly the post goes up in comments – sometimes 83 of them and counting – as the original poster and so-called “friend” carry on. Although I know some people who debate just as much in real life as they do online, other people who are not known for debating might suddenly become an ardent opponent (or activist) on the web.

I am not saying that people should not post these kinds of issues or topics, but it might be a good idea not to. On the other hand, there will always be people who disagree with us. Counter-arguments will naturally follow. Social media is in fact a great way to spread information about something and discuss topics, but

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ARE YOU COMING TO BED?

I CAN'T. THIS IS IMPORTANT.

WHAT?

SOMEONE IS WRONG ON THE INTERNET.

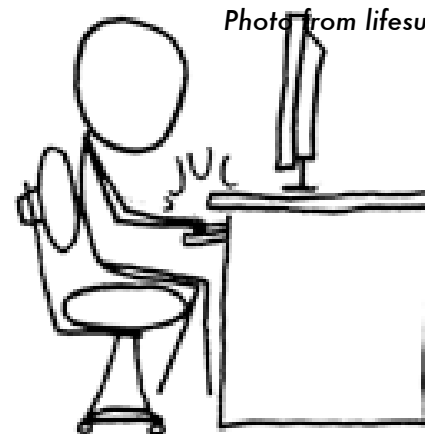


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Do you hear God calling you?

Celeste Forrest, Staff Writer

But He’s not just calling you anywhere.

God is calling you to the mission field.

Yeah, the mission field.

But before you start thinking, “Wait, I’m just a (fill-in-the-blank) major, I’m not called to be a missionary!” and decide to stop reading this article, let me explain myself.

You are being called to the mission field.

What exactly is the mission

field? Are we talking about the wild jungles of the Amazons or the Lion-King-esque terrains of Africa?

Well, not necessarily.

Some of us do have a calling for those who desperately need God’s love and salvation in foreign countries. In fact, God is already using many of

us to help those starving in Africa, care for orphaned children in Italy or build churches in Brazil. However, there is another mission field,

and all you have to do to reach it is step right outside your front door and look around.

“God is calling you to the mission field.”

There are those starving and begging for food in the streets. There are hurting children in orphanages. There are churches needing to be built in

the darkest, trashiest and scariest places in the city. There are people who are desperately searching for love and salvation. There is all of

this and much more right here, in your backyard.

This is your mission field.

Just this past Friday, I had the opportunity to meet a few missionaries in a mission-minded meeting, established for SNU students to voice their opinions and thoughts on how to expand a global ministry and grow God’s kingdom. In the middle of all the ministry related majors, there is me, a little English Education major whose heart has been called to teaching.

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What High School Musical forgot to tell you about the status quo

Ronna Fisher, Editor-in-Chief

Over the years, I have written and shared many times about my judgmental journey. My eyes have been opened to the harsh standards I set for others, the walls I created to keep people out, the friendships I have missed out on and the insecurities that my judging stems from. I have grown and learned a lot, changing the way I view others in the process. I still fail, and each time God reminds

me that I cannot love people the way they deserve on my own.

I recently held a conversation with a freshman student, and she was saying things about other people that reminded me of what I might have said my freshman year. It was nothing cruel or harsh, but it was about the “cool” people--about knowing where and with whom you belong and the insecurities that comes with attempting any kind of relationship with someone outside

of that social place of belonging. My heart broke for her. I knew exactly what she was feeling: longing to be accepted by all but aware of where her rightful place was, along with the fear and insecurities that we all daily face.

I definitely recall multiple conversations in which I would talk about the “cool” kids or the “popular” kids or even the “cool kids table.” I knew my place, and it wasn’t there. In fact, I could

probably tell you where everyone belonged. If this was a post-apocalyptic young adult novel, I would be in charge of assigning each person their role, tribe, spouse and so on. I had memorized society’s rules. I knew where the lines were drawn. And, as much as High School Musical tried, to me, the social hierarchy still existed. I would tell someone else that they couldn’t deny it was true. They couldn’t ignore the facts.

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Do you hear God calling you? cont.

In all honesty, I felt a little out of place. I found myself wondering, “I’m not a missions major or anything, can I even someday call myself a missionary?” However, the more I thought about it, the more the answer became obvious. The truth is, everyone, no matter what your background, no matter what your major, no matter who you are, everyone is a missionary.

As long as your eyes and heart are set on Christ and his kingdom, you are a missionary. If you don’t believe me, take a look at what Jesus says in Matthew 28:19: “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” Here we are commanded by Christ to spread the gospel and lead others to Him; in other words, we are being called by Christ to minister to others and do missionary work.

So how in the world can one English Ed. major “go and make disciples of all nations?” Well first, why not start here? If my calling is teaching, then why not mentor and teach others by demonstrating Christ’s love? Why not



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use the talents I was given to glorify God and grow His kingdom? If God can use an English Ed. major whose passion is teaching, than he can certainly use you. We were each blessed with gifts, things like leading, administering, giving and even mercy that are tools God has placed in our hearts to use for

mission work. Everything you do, from the words you choose to say to the choices you decide to make, create a living, breathing testimony of how God is at work in your life. How you live out this testimony is how you demonstrate mission to others. Your life is a ministry, and your career, no matter what job you end up with,

will always provide a mission field. If God wills it, it may be on the dirt paths of Malaysia. Or it may be at a dental office. However, there is no end to God’s mission field. It starts right where you stand and stretches as far as the ends of the earth.

Look around you; this is your mission field.

And God is calling you.

What High School Musical forgot to tell you cont.



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However, after and during my judgment journey, I began to sing a different tune. I would argue that of course those lines are there! But, it is our choice to ignore them, to move past the lines. Then the lines will disappear. The social hierarchy will only exist if you let it.

Now, with only a year or so more under my belt of life, I'm not so sure. I don't believe that ignoring those invisible but powerful lines makes them go away. I'm not sure that could ever really happen. It is human nature to be drawn to like-minded individuals. It is natural to be drawn together with those that

are similar to you, the people you understand and share common ground and life experiences with. We crave comfort and security. In tribes with others like us, we find safety. I think it is only natural.

Nevertheless, I also do not believe that we should allow those lines or an understanding of what

is natural to force us into a box, never to leave or grow or change. I believe that, with the awareness that those lines, this social ranking, will never completely fade away, it is our choice to step across those lines anyway. It is our decision to be brave enough to knowingly cross outside of our social borders and safety zone, standing face to face with our deepest fears and insecurities, and learn to love others anyway.

It is not moving up and down the ladder of social rank. It is passing through other lands and foreign territories, constantly. It is choosing to be socially homeless. It is looking at anyone unfamiliar and saying to yourself, I know that, according to society's standards, according to those invisible lines that keep us bound, we shouldn't get along or understand each other, but I'm going to try anyways. I'm going to try to see you as a whole and beautiful person, even if I am afraid you won't do the same.

It is saying, I know you feel safe where you are. That's okay. I will come to you.

Social media and arguing cont.

maybe it is not the best way.

And then there are people who get involved and change the course of the argument. "You're both right; now just stop" or something to that effect, or they might complain, "You're flooding my inbox with notifications."

So what should we do about this near-pandemonium when it happens? I am no expert, but here are some ideas:

If you do upload a controver-

sial post, keep in mind that people will disagree with you. Try not to take counter-arguments personally and personally attack the opponent in turn. On the same note, if you are on the opposing side and decide to add to the discussion, do so respectfully. Another option is just to not post the picture in the first place, or not to get involved.

If lots of people join the discussion, the original poster should try his or her best to keep it under control, especially if he/she asks

a question and allows for open discussion (because they are the one who posted it in the first place). If the comments section does get too long or the posters get carried away, it would be a good idea to move it to the message box or chat. On another note, personal disagreements between people, like "you said such and such to me yesterday and you should be sorry" definitely do not need to be in the public arena.

As commenters discuss the issue, they should try to stick to the topic and not veer off in

rabbit trails. If they want to argue a semi-related (but not really) issue, again, it should be moved elsewhere.

Think about how you would respectfully reply to an opponent, just as if you were talking face-to-face.

Also, it always helps to have a basic knowledge of debating before jumping in.

Personally, I think it is best just to stay out of it. Those of you who like a little competition now and then can exercise some common sense and courtesy. Nevertheless, social media should be used to build each other up, and that applies to all of us.

"We lose sight of the power that our words can have."

A guide to Oklahoma City

James Tunnell, Staff Writer

Okay, so you're an out of state freshman at SNU and after your first semester of college, you're ready to stretch your wings a bit and explore a little deeper into the heart of Oklahoma City. I myself am a transplanted Texan, having moved to OKC when I was around 13, and I know if you don't ever get out of Bethany that living in the OKC metro can seem kind of boring if you haven't done a bit of exploring. So, if you'll allow me to share some of my favorite parts of the city, I think you'll find that you're actually just minutes away from a ton of interesting people, places, and things to do other than going to Dunkin Donuts.

One of my very favorite parts of OKC is the Plaza District, located on 16th street between Classen and Penn. There are a ton of fun little shops in this area, selling everything from local Thunder t-shirts to actual pieces of art by local artists. The Plaza is also one of the more exciting culinary strips in the city. The Mule, a restaurant specializing



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in artisanal grilled cheeses located on the east end of the strip, has quickly become a favorite amongst locals. Items on their menu like the Macaroni Pony, made with jalapeno cornbread, chipotle BBQ pulled pork, 3 cheese mac and cheese, and a pickle, really make for some outlandishly good dining.

Another favorite Plaza restaurant of mine is a pizza joint called Empire Slice House. From the moment you pass by the giant pink elephant stationed outside of the

building, you know there's something special about Empire. The inside is plastered with concert flyers, posters, comic books, and just plain silly things that really help create a youthful, fun atmosphere. The pizza also happens to be fantastic, and can either be bought by the slice or as a whole pie. But perhaps the best part about Empire is that it stays open until 2am every night. OKC is sorely in need of more places that are open late into the night, and for the money,

Empire is definitely the best late night alternative to Taco Bell.

Something that often gets overlooked in OKC is our music scene. One of the best places to see local bands and small to mid-range acts is to take a short trip down to The Conservatory, located on 89th and Western. While it's not the prettiest venue in town, many of my fondest memories of local concerts are at The Conservatory.

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Prehistoric Legends: Surviving a lifetime of Accidentproneness

Jim Wilcox, Guest Writer

By genetic aberration or nutritional deficit or a series of traumatic events in kindergarten, I have spent a lot of my time, dimes and worry-lines inside the screaming walls of clinics, wards, hospitals and tiny exam rooms full of 3D models of body parts.

I've seen so many doctors, I'll be able to start my residency at Deaconess in the fall.

They say that wisdom is gained by learning from your mistakes. That adage really isn't working

for me so much. Whenever I've been called wise, it has inevitably been followed by one of any number of more specific nouns. But "wise"? I'm not close.

As a writer, I've coveted these run-ins with nature, but as a victim, I'd just as soon be done with all of that.

Name a rash—I've salved it.

Name a bone—I've broken it.

Name a crutch—I've gripped it.

Name a bleeder—I've bled it.

Name a kidney—I've stoned it.

Name a joint—I've sprained,

pulled and popped it.

Name a piece of glass, a shard of metal, a rusty nail—I've stepped on it.

All poisonous plants and flying stingers have attacked me. All low-slung doorjambes, tree limbs and cupboard doors have torn my head open. In fact, I've hit the top of my head so many times, the surgeons didn't even have to give me anesthesia to find my brain a few years ago. (But I asked them to, just in case they accidentally left the scalpel drawer open.)

One of my favorite stories occurred a few years ago as I walked across campus. I had to "run" a couple of quick errands, but I decided to walk instead. One stop was at the Bethany Post Office and another at the Bethany bank. No sweat.

As I crossed the intersection of Peniel and 39th, a car hit me. It wasn't going very fast, so I wasn't thrown too far up onto the hood, but the 10 things I was holding flew all over eastern Bethany.

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Golden Globes in review

Claressa Cortesio, Staff Writer

The Golden Globe Awards were held at The Beverly Hilton Hotel on January 12th, 2014 to recognize achievements in the entertainment industry. This year's show did better than the last, according to Brian Stelter from CNN, who said that "More than 20 million people watched the Golden Globes" (Stelter). This is the highest total audience for the awards show in 10 years.

Entertainment weekly said that "Any ratings boost could be seen as another endorsement of hosts Tina Fey and Amy Poehler, who hosted the show for the second year in a row." Fey and Poehler poked at stars with humor at the show's opening. The crowd roared with uncontrollable laughter when Fey said that Gravity is

"about how George Clooney would rather float away into space and die than spend one more minute with a woman his own age!"

Jennifer Lawrence showed equal humor when she won her second Golden Globe Award. She was nominated Best Supporting Actress for *American Hustle*. Her speech ended with a nervous "I'm sorry I'm shaking so much! Don't ever do this again!" Crowds went crazy for her as she exited the stage. Jacqueline Bisset was nominated Best Supporting Actress for *Dancing on the Edge*. Her response was a bit more straightforward. After gaining her composure she said, "If you want to look good, forgive everybody. It's the best beauty treatment."

To see the complete list of winners, visit echo.snu.edu/golden-globes-2014/.



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Prehistoric Legends cont.

(When I tell this story, Dr. Po-teet insists I reveal that the young man driving the car had been a student in two of my classes and hadn't done well at all. That somehow lends a sinister motive to the accident, but I assure you, Mike was not trying to hit me. I'm sure of it.)

By the time I got back to my office, I knew I had to go to a doctor. My knee hurt like a... well...like a 2,000-pound rolling object had collided with it.

Now the funny part of the story: the next day, three colleagues and I were to fly to a conference in Wheaton, Illinois, just a quick drive from Chicago, my second

favorite U.S. city. I was on crutches (for the fourth time in my life...it's now up to six), so I thought my trip would be about half the fun I had been anticipating.

There is one advantage to being hit by a car and sent away on crutches and knee braces: "early boarding pass." I actually got to sit in an airplane seat with a lot of leg room. The disadvantage is getting off, being put into a wheel-chair and getting pushed around an airport full of gift shops. Especially when the colleague pushing you is your wife. And for her, there's never been a gift shop she hasn't loved.

Unfortunately, she kept forget-

ting my leg was shooting straight out in front of her, so turning the chair through a doorway took more forethought than simply walking through that door. By the time we boarded our connecting flight, she had jammed my leg into 2 or 3 gift store door jams, which aren't all that narrow. Darts of hot lava rocketed up my leg every time. And she chuckled every time. She's the love of my life, but Florence Nightingale she is NOT.

The worst, however, was yet to come. On the last day of our little trip, we borrowed the hotel's wheelchair and drove the rented van to our favorite

part of Chicago. We had lunch and (st)rolled down Michigan Avenue, a magnificent downtown shopping area. We lost track of time and on the long trek back to the van, we had to cross a street at rush hour, in downtown Chicago.

We got to one intersection and had to run across but my "chauffeur" forgot to lift the front wheels when we reached the curb on the other side of the street. The collision actually catapulted me into the brick wall of the on-coming storefront.

This hurt more than getting hit by the car. And it made Linda laugh really, really hard. (Perhaps I am not the love of her life, huh?)

A guide to Oklahoma City cont.

It's basically a right of passage as a local act to play at least one show there, and the list of larger bands to have graced its stage before they got their big break is shocking (Arcade Fire, Jesse Lacey, are you kidding me??). Friday, January 15th, local pop-punk outfit Tiger Lily (which contains several for-

mer SNU students) put on a show in support of their recent EP.

Other areas of the city to check out are the Paseo, located at 28th and Walker to 30th and North Dewey, and Midtown, located on the north side of downtown OKC. Both of these areas have much of the same appeal that the

Plaza has, though each has a little something unique to offer. Plus, these areas of town are easily accessible by bike!

While I haven't gone into detail about Bricktown in this article, that doesn't mean that there isn't a bunch of cool stuff to do there. I thought it would be more help-

ful to suggest parts of the city that don't get quite the same attention that Bricktown does but definitely explore the downtown scene too!

OKC really does have a lot to offer, you just have to get out there and find whatever it is that you're looking for. Get out there and start exploring!

Fine Arts Student Feature

Cameron Taylor



Hometown: Owasso, OK

Hobbies and Interests: Spending time with friends, music, movies, musical theatre, and vacationing.

Most prized possessions: My saxophone and my film collection

Three words that describe you: Hardworking, Friendly, Humble

Best advice your parents gave you: "Do what you love and what you are passionate about."

A talent you possess: I play the saxophone

Biggest fear: Failure

I would like to have witnessed: The whole story of Moses in the Bible

Best memory: When my high school marching band made the Top 12 finalist bands at BOA Grand Nationals in Indianapolis my freshman year.

As a child, you dreamed of being: A children's author

Pet Peeve: People who don't cover their mouths when they cough or sneeze

Favorite Quote or verse: "All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them." - Walt Disney

What movies to see before January is over



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2014 is bringing us a various number of films, but here are the ones that you must see in January!

Jack Ryan: Shadow Recruit

Starring Chris Pine, Kevin Costner, and Keira Knightley, Rated PG-13 Action.

The story follows a young Jack (Chris Pine) as he finds a financial terrorist plot. The film follows him from 9/11, through his deployment in Afghanistan, which damaged him forever, and into his new job in the Financial Intelligence Unit of the modern CIA.

At the CIA, he becomes an analyst under the supervision of his handler, Harper (Kevin Costner).

When Jack believes he has discovered a Russian plot to downfall the United States economy, he goes from being an analyst to becoming a spy and must fight to save his own life and those of many others, while also trying to protect what means the most to him, his relationship with his fiancée Cathy (Keira Knightley).

Ride Along

Starring Kevin Hart, Ice Cube,

Rated PG-13 Action/Comedy

When tough undercover officer's (Ice Cube) future brother-in-law (Kevin Hart) joins him on an overnight shift, it ends up being much more than they bargained for. For two years high school security guard Ben (Hart) has been trying to win over decorated APD officer James (Cube) in order to ask for his sister's hand in marriage. When he finally gets accepted into the academy, he thinks that James will approve, but James had different plans. In order to prove that Ben has what it takes, James takes him on a "ride along." But will they even make it to the next day?

The Nut Job

Rated PG

A cute, funny animated film about a community of squirrels and what they will do for survival.

After being exiled to the city, the malicious Surly Squirrel plans a nut store heist of ridiculous amount and gets caught up in a complicated bank heist.

Surly, an independent squirrel is banished from his park and forced to survive in the city. Lucky for him, he comes across the one thing that may be able to save his life, and the rest of park community, as they get ready for winter - Maury's Nut Store.

That Awkward Moment

Starring Zach Efron, Miles Teller, and Michael B. Jordan, Rated R.

This movie follows three guy best friends, who show us how guys really act before, during, and throughout relationships. And takes us through all of those "awkward moments" that people experience when it comes down to defining the relationship.

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