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2014 Heartpal preview

Celeste Forrest, Staff Writer

It is that time of year again!

You know, that time of year when you hear random Mexican music playing in Sodexo and giggling girls are walking around doing scavenger hunts? It is that special time of year when Southern Nazarene University holds the annual “Heartpal” banquet!

Heartpal is a traditional formal event that is put on in February, around Valentines Day, to celebrate both “hearts” and “pals.” During the Heartpal season, guys are encouraged to ask girls to the event in fun and creative ways. From balloons to secret messages, this is often an exciting and traditional part of Heartpal that many students enjoy doing.

In addition to guys asking the

ladies, Heartpal is a time when friends can dress up, hang out and really just enjoy the night while eating chocolate cupcakes and learning how to Tango.

Yes, this year students will receive instructional dancing once again! From learning the waltz, to salsa and the tango, this is an opportunity you do not want to miss out on!

This year’s theme is “The Great Gatsby.” Even though students are not required to dress up, if you’re feeling the “Roarin’ 20s” vibe, you are more than welcome to!

No Heartpal is complete without its court. This year’s 2014 Heartpal queen candidates are Madison Busic, Holly Willard, Kate Srader, Avarilla Anfuso and Allison Par-

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SNU students spend their Christmas break serving others



Photo provided by Sydney Ketchum

Ronna Fisher, Editor-in-Chief

While many students wiled away the last days of their Christmas vacation by skiing, lounging in front of the television for days or sleeping for thirteen hours a day, thirteen SNU students traveled to Monclava, Mexico to be a part of a life changing missions experience.

The students returned changed and grateful. “I could not believe how grateful the people of Monclava were for how little they had. God taught me to be grateful for what I had. Going on this trip has made me see things a little differ-

ently now,” said freshman nursing major Sydney Ketchum.

Heather Cox, senior biology major said, “I learned what it means to die to myself in my own preferences and to take on the preferences of the Lord. The lessons I learned on this trip have permeated into my personal life and have affected my relationships with my family and friends.”

Many students expressed a desire to serve more, integrating missions into their lives. “This trip showed me how much passion I have to

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Introducing the Wesleyan Holiness Digital Library



Wesleyan-Holiness Digital Library

Katie King, SNU Library Director

Almost two years ago, I received an invitation from Nazarene headquarters to come and chat with other Library Directors about the feasibility of creating a digital library for the denomination. I wish I could tell you that I foresaw what was going to come out of that meeting, but I honestly thought, “Oh dear. This is probably going to be boring and may or may not be useful.” I decided to attend the meeting out of a desire to be participatory, and I’m so glad I did.

What I found was a group of passionate and competent people who wanted to come together to creatively solve a global Nazarene problem: a lack of pastoral, training and scholarly resources. For three days, we spent our time together laying the foundation and casting the vision for what is the Wesleyan-Holiness Digital Library (WHDL), and it officially

went live on May 30, 2013!

So, what is the WHDL? It’s a liberal-arts library that provides free, open-access online resources in multiple languages to support scholarship, research, ministerial development and life-long learning in the Wesleyan-Holiness tradition. So what does that actually mean? First, most everything in the WHDL is free and is easily accessible from the Internet in an easily-downloadable format. The site itself is available in the top 5 most-populous Nazarene languages, and individual resources are available in as many languages in which we have them.

The material currently in the WHDL focuses on Course of Study content (ministerial training and preparation coursework offered by the Nazarene denomination) since the initial funds for the WHDL came from the Books for Pastors Taskforce (their mission is to get pastors the books and other

resources they need to continue learning), but we are also adding secondary sources, archival material, current publications, scholarship, etc.. Soon, the WHDL will also feature SNU-specific contributions, including some of the excellent work you do as students!

I’m really excited about this work because it’s cooperative, interesting, challenging and it benefits SNU; I’m most excited, though, about what the WHDL means for the global church. For example, pastors in Fiji have a problem with books lasting over time due to Fiji’s high humidity levels. Well, last winter, pastors in Fiji received the WHDL downloaded onto tablets! Humidity problem solved. Another example: this radically changes how missionaries and laypeople are resourced in creative-access countries. Rather than smuggling Bibles and other books in a few at a time, a person can now smuggle copies of the entire WHDL in on

flash drives. Awesome!

Final example: our sister universities sometimes don’t have enough money to buy resources to support the teaching and learning on their campuses, so professors lecture from their own knowledge, and students go without textbooks. Enter the WHDL, where we will be uploading material (for which we have copyright permissions) so professors and students can teach and learn in a more dynamic and better resourced way!

One of my esteemed colleagues, Lon Dagley (Computer Services Librarian at MidAmerica Nazarene University), said that this project is a game-changer for our time much like the Gutenberg press was for the 15th century (and the centuries that have followed), and he’s right. In the same way as the Gutenberg press made the communication of ideas via the printed word widely available (and changed societal structure), so the WHDL (and the foundational technologies that support it) is making Wesleyan-Holiness resources instantly available regardless of geography and, eventually, language.

I’m grateful to be a part of a team that’s moving the Nazarene church and other Wesleyan-Holiness denominations forward into the 21st century, and I’m excited to see how the SNU campus will support our work!

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due. The court is selected from eligible junior girls by the student body. All students are encouraged to vote during the event’s selection process!

In addition to dancing and a great court, there are sure to be lots of snacks and drinks for everyone to enjoy as well as music and fellowship!

Still not convinced that Heartpal is your thing? See what these students had to say about it!

“Heartpal is a great chance for me to spend time with my girlfriend, and it allows me to have the opportunity to make her day special.” -Bobby Cranston, Sophomore

“What I enjoy about Heartpal

is being able to hang out with friends, and get dressed up. This is my last Heartpal event, so I want to make it special!” -Jenny Lyles, Senior

“I’ve never been to Heartpal before, but I’m looking forward to spending time with my friends!” -Carl Everett, Freshman

“What I look forward to about

Heartpal is spending time with the girls and getting the chance to dress up!” -Kyndal Jayroe, Sophomore

Heartpal will take place on Friday, February 7th in the Oklahoma History Center from 8:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. So whether you’re with your “heart” or with your “pals,” this is sure to make for a memorable night. Hope to see you there!

SNU student joins team to typhoon ravaged Phillipine's

Todd Aebischer, Guest Writer

A great Christmas break in Singapore turned into a tremendous ministry opportunity for SNU freshman Jonathan Hane. The son of missionary parents, Dave (SNU class of '81) and Kim Hane, Jonathan grew up in the Philippines and Singapore with a love for the people of Asia and the Pacific. When he learned his parents were organizing a work team to the typhoon ravaged area of the Philippines two days after he was to return to SNU, he postponed his return and joined them.

Typhoon Haiyan, known locally as Yolanda, made landfall in the early morning hours of November 8, accompanied by relentless 195 mph winds and 5 - 10 foot

storm surges along a 200 mile wide path. The Super Typhoon leveled coastal villages, destroyed crops and wrecked the local fishing industry. The UN estimates Haiyan left more than 6,000 people dead and 11 million people displaced, making it one of the worst storms in recorded history.

The Nazarene team that Jonathan joined was truly a multi-national, multi-cultural team. Members of the team were from Singapore, Malaysia, China, Japan and the Philippines. They worked alongside of their Filipino Nazarene brothers and sisters from January 9 – 12. In addition to helping construct two temporary church structures, the team participated in activities designed to help children and teens deal with the psychological impacts of the destruction and loss.

A newly built parsonage and church building in Dulag, the home church of Rev. Edgar Longcop, Eastern Visayas District Superintendent, was destroyed with only the front and back walls of the church still standing. Jonathan joined the team and a group of skilled local carpenters to raise rafters and support pillars made from coco lumber. In the coastal village of Salcedo where the Nazarene parsonage and church buildings were also leveled, the team assembled The Ark, a temporary but durable pipe and tarp structure given by JESUS Film Harvest Partner donors.

Jonathan's Facebook post captured the week: "What an amaz-

ing week this has been, blessed with the incredible opportunity to travel to the Philippines with an awesome team to help with the massive job of disaster clean up and aid from Typhoon Yolanda. Doing everything from helping build several churches that were completely washed away in the typhoon to spending hours upon hours simply playing and bonding with the many children there who have lost so much. Please don't ever, ever, ever take for granted what you have been given."

For more information on how you can donate or get involved in the relief and rebuilding effort, please visit: www.asiapacific-nazarene.org/volunteer-now/ or <http://ncm.org>.

SNU students spend their Christmas break serving others cont.

serve people. I loved knowing that I was able to help someone by just giving them some reading glasses or just attempting to talk with them with the little Spanish I know," said Ketchum.

The students were divided into teams, including a medical team. Travelling to eight church sites, the medical team set up clinics for the local community. "People from the communities were able to come get their vital signs checked, see the doctor and then we even had a pharmacy for people to receive medications. We had many reading glasses donated, so

we were able to hand those out as well," explained Ketchum.

Cox added, "We were able to touch the lives of many by providing them with personal care packages. I remember there was one woman who said that she really needed some glasses. I remember seeing her face light up as soon as she put those glasses on and was able to read the print on the page that she was holding. It was moments like this, along with many others, that truly brought joy to my heart."

Building relationships is a common and memorable theme throughout the students' individual experiences. "I really enjoyed bonding with the people there. I built some wonderful relationships with people from all different backgrounds and cultures," said Cox.

For some students, this was their first mission trip. "I was extremely excited to go on this trip. As time got closer, I did become somewhat nervous about what the trip would actually be like, but my excitement definitely took over that feeling once I was on my way to Mexico. I just prayed for the trip and for my heart to be changed while in

Mexico," said Ketchum.

The participants encourage anyone even remotely interested to pray about going on a missions trip. Ketchum understands that leaving your home and stepping out of your comfort zone is hard, but the shorter length of the Monclava trip is an easy first step into missions. "I am so thankful that I got to be a part of this trip, and I hope that anyone who is interested would go."

Cox agrees, "The people you meet and the relationships you build will change your life. I'm so grateful I had the opportunity to go on this trip and serve."

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Have story ideas you want to see in The Echo? Join our staff this semester. Come to our meetings at 5:30, room 221 in the Library.

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Storm baseball is taking the field

Saydi Dowd, Staff Writer

The Crimson Storm Baseball team took the field last Saturday, February 1 against our sister university Mid-America. SNU Baseball ended their 2013 season with an overall 20-25 record and a 9-21 record in the GAC. The boys are more than ready this season to jump out there and take the field.

Coach Lee, head coach for SNU Baseball said, "Last year, our first season in the GAC, kind of understanding what the new conference was gonna be like, was a little bit different brand of baseball. I thought that we were pretty competitive; we had a few injuries that set us back a little bit, but we also had some guys step up that got some good experience, which is going to lead into some positive things for us this year."

The boys have a whole new pitching staff this year and a great



Photo by Amber Turnbull

senior catcher with a lot of experience. With a stack of returners and a few dark horses in the mix, the boys are more than ready to get their season going.

To help publicize the new sea-

son, SGA hosted Baseball Cap Day on Monday, February 3 for the team's games against cross-town rival Southwestern Christian. Student Government gave out hot dogs and sunflower seeds to pro-

vide support for the team and student involvement.

The next home baseball game will be on Saturday, February 8 at 1pm. So come on out and enjoy America's favorite pastime!

The dark side of the Olympic Games

Carlos Font, Staff Writer

The XXII Olympic Winter Games in Sochi, Russia are set to begin on February 7, 2014. The Olympic games are one of the biggest sporting events in the world, where thousands get together and watch phenomenal athletes compete for their countries and give all they have for a gold medal.

During the games, we see athletes break records and countries coming together to cheer for their countrymen. Unfortunately, not all is joy and friendly competition during the Olympics.

Throughout the course of time, we have seen different types of controversies before and during the Olympics. These manifestations or

protests are caused by different groups' opposition to the games due to religious or political factors. The most violent act of terrorism that we have seen during the Olympics was in the 1972 Summer Olympics in Munich, West Germany. On September 4 of 1972, a Palestinian group called Black September snuck into the Olym-

pic village and held hostage eleven members of the Israeli Olympic team, who were eventually killed at gunpoint.

Now in 2014, almost 42 years later after the Munich Massacre, we are seeing a large amount of controversy involving acts of terrorism around the Sochi winter Olympics. An Islamic militant group in Russia

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is threatening Russian president, Vladimir Putin, telling him that if he proceeds with the winter games, they will give him and tourists a present, referring to suicide bombings.

Russia is doing all they can to protect the citizens, tourists, athletes and the Olympics as a whole. Dressed in all black, security guards are already patrolling the Olympic park and village. Russian authorities are also looking for a female suspect under the name of Ruzana Ibragimova, a 22-year-old widow, who is believed to be a suicide bomber. The authorities believe that Ibragimova has already made her way inside Russia. Security forces are also trying to hunt down three other fe-

male suicide bombers. The women known as the "black widows" are the widows of militants who were killed by Russian forces.

Earlier this month, five countries' national Olympic Committee received letters in which they stated that they were target for terrorist attacks. Even though Russian authorities have confirmed this as a hoax, US authorities are not going to take any chances.

Even though President Obama will not be attending the winter Olympics due to Putin's anti-gay laws, the US is sharing counter-terrorism intelligence with Russian Authorities. According to BBC Europe News, the US has also posted two warships offshore in the Black Sea as a precaution.



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Atheletes of the Week

Austin Samulowitz

Baseball



Austin Samulowitz went 4-for-7 and hit two RBIs in a split against Mid-America Christian.

Atheletes of the Week

Meagan Johnson

Women's Track and Field



Megan Johnson took eighth in the 3000-meter run at the MSSU Lion Invite, running a 10:39.41, and set the school record for the women's 3k.

OPINIONS

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In Review: Frozen

Amy Calfy and Celeste Forrest, Staff Writers

Warning! This article contains spoilers! Read at your own risk. Do you want to build a snowman? Well, it may not be “snowman” weather right now in Bethany, Oklahoma, but it’s definitely freezing out there! Speaking of freezing, Disney’s newest animated film, *Frozen*, recently came out into the box office.

Loosely based off Hans Christian Andersen’s “The Snow Queen,” *Frozen* is a coming-of-age story. The main characters, Princess Elsa, who has power over all forms of ice and snow, and her little sister, Princess Anna, share a tight bond. This bond is tested, however, when Elsa’s powers get out of hand, and she nearly kills Anna. In order to save her life, Anna’s memory is wiped, and she has no recollection of Elsa’s powers at all. Fearful of harming her sister or anyone else, Elsa isolates herself



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from the world and shuts her sister out of her life. When Elsa finally “lets go” of her powers, the snow queen is born.

Now without further ado, Celeste and Amy will discuss the story of *Frozen*, what they liked or disliked about the film and share

their overall thoughts about the message the movie portrays.

Celeste: From the very beginning of the film, I could tell this story was going to be very different compared to many Disney Princess films. First of all, you have princesses Elsa and Anna,

who, just like the rest of us, have flaws. They’re quirky and awkward, they’re not afraid to get dirty and they make some mistakes. However, this is what makes them so unique compared to traditional Disney princesses.

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Reader Alert

Trenten Wilkinson, Staff Writer

Who is a reader at SNU? When you find time to read do you read intensely plotted thrillers like the works of Stephen King, Dean Koontz, Lisa Jackson, Iris Johansen or even James Patterson? All of these writers are known for twisted plots and thrilling trails of events. Sadly, they are also antagonizing to your mind and hard to come to grips with some of the conclusions. Would you like a change from the tragic endings?

In this week’s Reader Alert, come to know a phenomenal alternative to these writers: Ted Dekker. With supernatural elements and heart-pounding plots, this author is known for turning scary events into a glorifying ending for the wellness of your heart and the

characters. Dekker was born in Indonesia to a Dutch-Canadian and American missionary couple. He has quickly gained writing stardom by using some of his past memories of living in the Netherlands. When interviewed by CNN, Ted Dekker states, “I grew up in one of the darkest places in the world you can imagine, in [the] jungle, with cannibals. I know we have certain images in our mind when we talk about cannibals, but we’re talking about animism, heavy spiritualism and tremendous amounts of fear.” With these gruesome life events, Dekker uses his wonderful mind to tell stories and pull you into the book.

The Reader Alert book this week is Dekker’s novel *House*. Co-authored by Frank Peretti, this book

is a suspenseful story that keeps you guessing until the last pages. To summarize briefly, *House* starts with a troubled couple heading to a marriage counseling session. Trying to save time, the couple winds up wrecking their car and become stranded at The Wayside Inn. This particular inn is the home of a mother and two sons. The couple then meet another couple who had a vehicle malfunction as well. The four of them quickly realize that they are not at The Wayside Inn by accident. “Tin Man,” the antagonist, shows up and swiftly starts his game. By pitching a tin can down the chimney with simple instructions written on it, Tin Man begins yet another game of wits with the patrons of the inn.

House is not only about a mys-

terious man who enjoys playing games and tormenting people. The house itself is mystical and uses mirrors and illusions to reveal some dark secrets. With the mind tricks at play, Tin Man tries to manipulate each character into doing unthinkable things and following his house rules. The instructions written on the villain’s can were simply:

1) God came to my house and I killed God.

2) Anyone who comes to my house I will kill like I did God.

3) Give me one dead body by sunrise and I will let rule two slide.

Suspenseful enough to give it a try? You will not be disappointed in the ability of this author to take a statement like this and bring you to tears in the final pages.

Restaurant Review: The Inca Trail



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Brett Smith, Staff Writer

Authentic Peruvian cuisine is hard to find in the United States. I had heard mention a truly authentic Peruvian restaurant, so I decided that it would be first on my list of places to review this semester. I came to the Inca Trail a little on the skeptical side, partly because I was raised in East Texas where anything labeled as Mexican, Chilean or Peruvian food was always just simple Tex-Mex. My expectations were not very high. However, I was soon proven to be very wrong.

Like my previous trips, I saw it necessary to bring a few friends in order to get an idea of several people's opinion. Two of my suite mates, Mickey DeMarzo and Brandon Hart, as well as Jonathan Hane joined me for this trip. I invited Mickey in order to hear his opinions about the food since he was raised in Peru until the age of seven. I figured that if anybody would know if this was authentic or not, it would be him.

When we arrived, we were seated very quickly. The restaurant had a welcoming feel, and it was a nice change of atmosphere. One wall was decorated entirely with a panoramic view of Machu Picchu, while the other walls were decorated with pictures of different locations and people from Peru. There

was a projector behind us that was showing a soccer game. It seemed a little odd that it was a projector rather than a TV, but it was not something that really bothered me during the visit, mostly because my inner music major was distracted by the Spanish music being played throughout the restaurant.

I barely had time to look at my menu before I heard Mickey say, "Oh, they have Papa la Huancaina!" Apparently this appetizer was something that he had not had since he was in Peru. We decided that this would make a good start to our meal, so Mickey was quick to order Papa la Huacaina for our appetizer.

This food was definitely not Tex-Mex, and it was all new for me. Papa la Huancaina is a potato that is served with a creamy sauce and red peppers. We allowed Mickey to take the first bite, and he assured us that it was the real thing. The three of us then dove in after him, and we all thoroughly enjoyed the appetizer. Our waiter was surprised at how fast it was gone.

Our main courses came with chicken soup prior to the actual meal. The soup was good, but there was nothing really special about it. However, our main courses were absolutely wonderful, and they were not small dishes by any means.

Mickey ordered the Lomo Saltado with beef, and Jonathan ordered the Churrasco Encebollado. Brandon ordered a seafood dish called Picante de Camarones. This dish included rice, mussels, shrimp and calamari. All of them said that their food was excellent, and I have no reason to doubt them.

I ordered the Adobo de Puerco, a pork chop dish served with green rice and beans. Cooked to perfec-

tion, the pork chop was tender and seasoned very well. It was served on a bed of green rice that was remarkable. The main thing that stuck out to me about this dish were the beans. I have had many different styles of Tex-Mex, all of which came with either refried or baked beans. My expectations for these beans were low, but they were amazing. By far, these were the best beans that I have ever had. The seasoning was spot-on, and they were cooked perfectly.

All of us cleaned our plates, which made our waiter smile again. We then paid for our meal on the way out. Pricing was decent, and I spent about what I had intended to. According to my own scale, I would give my experience at the Inca Trail an A-, and that is a hard scale to succeed on. If you want truly authentic Peruvian food, then the Inca Trail is your next stop. Located at 10948 North May Ave, it is a bit of a drive. However, I assure you that it is absolutely worth the trip. I encourage you try something new here in OKC, and the Inca Trail is the perfect place to go.



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Frozen: a movie review cont.

Amy: I agree. There is something unique about the story that, in my opinion, makes the film special. Mainly, the relationship between the two sisters. I became emotionally attached to both characters from the beginning of the movie, mostly thanks to the “Do you want to build a snowman?” sequence.

Celeste: I noticed in that sequence, you really get the chance to see both characters as individuals, and the entire song allows the audience to truly relate to the characters. I also liked that the beginning of the movie gives you enough background on Elsa’s character that, even though she becomes the “snow queen,” her reasons behind acting “cold hearted” are justified or, at least, understandable. She’s

not entirely the “evil villain” of the story.

Amy: I really liked that Elsa was not the villain; she is just a scared and misunderstood girl who has been completely isolated from others for most of her life. Her song “Let it Go” is one of my favorite moments in the movie because of how well it shows the emotional moment of her accepting her powers for the first time in forever.

Celeste: It’s crazy how that song seems to get stuck in my head all the time! It’s a very powerful song about transition and acceptance. It’s the moment when Elsa finally lets go of her powers and frees herself of the control and isolation she had been experiencing. Idina Menzel, in my opinion, was just perfect for the part of Elsa.

Amy: The strong Broadway vibe of the soundtrack is part of what sets the movie apart from others and is probably part of what makes both the soundtrack and movie so popular!

Celeste: The songs in the *Frozen* soundtrack are just remarkable and catchy!

Amy: What sets *Frozen* apart from practically every other traditional Disney movie is that the true love in *Frozen* isn’t between a girl and some guy she just met (seriously, who marries a man she just met that day?) but instead, it’s the love between two sisters who truly care for each other despite everything they have been through. The crisis in the movie is created when Elsa isolates herself out of fear that she’ll hurt Anna,

and the resolution comes when they finally re-enter each other’s lives for good

Celeste: I completely enjoyed the different take of “true love.” I agree with you, Amy. Often, true love is depicted (not just by Disney, but many of us) as love between a man and a woman, or a prince and a princess. However, we see love here as the sacrifice Anna was willing to take in order to protect her sister and the forgiveness that Elsa experiences when she realizes that her selfishness had gotten in the way of what truly mattered: her family. This message that Disney portrays is very different and powerful! It’s a message that we all truly need to hear: forgiveness and sacrifice are two ultimate forms of true love.

UPCOMING CAMPUS EVENTS

SGA Events

Feb. 7- Heartpal @7:00pm

Misc.

Feb. 10- SGA Exec apps available

Sports

Feb. 8- Home Women’s Basketball game @2:00pm

Feb. 3- Home Men’s Basketball game @4:00pm

Feb 11- Home Baseball game @1:00pm

Quit playing games with my heart and just play a game

Ronna Fisher, Editor-in-Chief

Does anyone remember the scene from *The Jungle Book* when the four vultures are bantering back and forth the same two lines, “What we gonna do?” “I don’t know. What’d’ya wanna do?” (Watch the scene here: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MGTWmrnPdgk>.)

Even though we’re surrounded by opportunities to participate in highly stimulating activities: movies, television, video games, the whole world wide web, and so on and so forth, I frequently find myself asking that one question on repeat, while making no move toward activity. Sometimes, I’m just bored of sitting and watching.

Fortunately, I love games. Card games. Board games. Slow games. Fast games. Loud games. Quiet games. I’ve collected quite a large repertoire of games over the years. Here’s to the unplugged moments, the waiting moments, the bored moments.

Here are three great games that require little more than playing cards, paper or pencils:

Fishbowl: One of my favorites, this game has become a VIG (very important game). All you need is a

paper that you can tear up into little slips, writing utensils and a large bowl (hence the name “fishbowl”).

Participants usually sit in a circle, and two teams are divided by every other person in the circle. Each player gets three slips of paper, writes something down on each, folds it in half and places it in the bowl. Things written on the paper can range from as simple as a color or person in the room to a long scientific term or famous quote from a piece of literature; it is completely up to the creativity of the individual.

There are three rounds: a catchphrase round, a charades round and a one word round. Each player gets 45 seconds for their team to guess as many slips of paper as possible. The player either describes the word on the paper, acts it out or says one word that relates to what’s on the paper, depending on the round. The player keeps the pieces of paper that his or her team guessed correctly.

After the 45 seconds, the bowl is passed to the next person. The round keeps going until all of the slips of paper in the bowl are gone. The amount of slips of paper each

team has total is the points. The slips of paper are put back in the bowl to be used again on the next round. This game is great with any size of group. For more specific directions or examples, visit this [blog](#).

Nertz: This fast paced, intense card game is perfect for super competitive people. Basically, this is a group version of solitaire. This game requires each player to have his or her own deck of playing cards. It makes things easier if each deck of cards has a very different back and if the faces of the cards are simple and easy to read (no crazy colors or pictures on the faces).

More fun with four or more players, the game can also be played with as little as two players. Played right, Nertz will often result in shrieks, yelling and fiercely competitive banter. This is not a game for sore losers. I won’t bore you with the rules and directions for playing, but they are found [here](#).

Fun fact: The same game with the name “Speeding Demons” was played on *Downton Abbey* this season.

Magic Hand: While I tend to be very terrible at Magic Hand, I can’t not play this game. More fun with plenty of room for running, this game is a more exciting version of spoons. The game is played exactly like spoons, except, instead of spoons, your hands are “magic.” When the first person has four of the same cards, their hand automatically becomes magic. That player places their hand anywhere they want (across the room high up on the wall, under a table, on the ground right next to where the game is taking place, outside on a tree, etc). Everyone must place his or her hand on the first player’s hand. The last person to reach the group is out. This usually results in the image of a person running for their life, while a mob of shrieking players chases after them. Warning: someone will get hurt. Injuries are inevitable. Trust me, it’s worth it.

There you have it. Three games to replace the repetitive what-ya-wanna-do dialogue or the weekly Netflix marathon. There’s more where that came from. What are some of your favorite games? Let me know in the comments.

Break out and try Faith and Film

Claressa Cortesio, Staff Writer

*Spoiler Alerts

Faith and Film takes place on different Mondays from 7:00-9:30pm in the Herrick Building at Southern Nazarene University. On January 27, 2014, *The Truman Show* was shown. In this movie Truman slowly discovers that he lives a fake life on the most popular TV show in the world. His life is manipulated by his friends who are actually actors on the screen. Throughout the film,

Truman overcomes both physical and mental obstacles to find the ultimate truth.

As students entered Herrick they were given a flier about the film and its main points, one of them being “Breaking Out of the Bubble.”

Expounding on this point, Jim Carrey stated, “The point is that if you’re not happy with your life, it’s time to go into the unknown. That’s where you really get reward-

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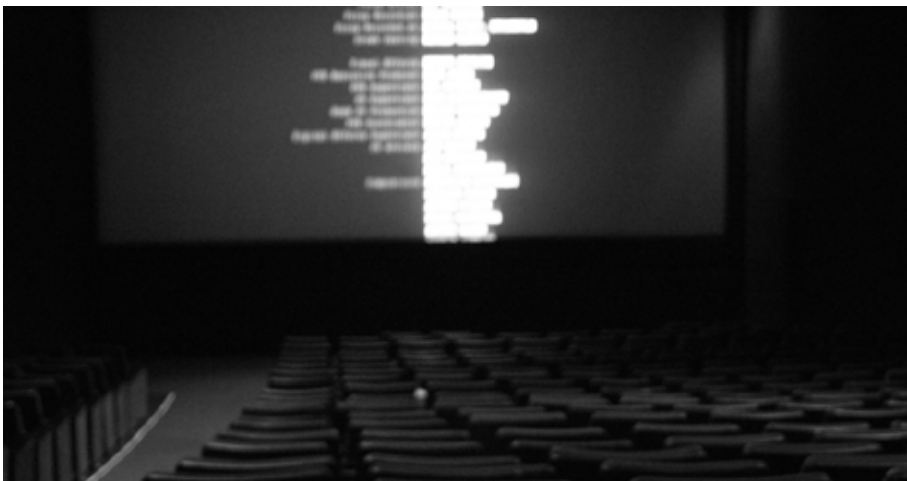


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Spring Break on a budget

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Spring break is probably one of the most exciting events to look forward to when you're feeling overwhelmed with school. You can go somewhere warm, enjoy it for a week and take a little break from school. I asked a few students around campus where they would like to go for spring break and some said to the beach, to go skiing or maybe even to escape the United States. But travel gets expensive. As a college student, it's hard to afford a trip, especially when it's out of the United States. One thing that will help

is being on a spring break budget. There are a few things that will help you achieve an inexpensive trip:

Going on a trip with a group of friends instead of alone will save tons of money.

If going on a road trip, splitting gas with friends and having a car with good gas mileage helps a lot. Sharing and splitting hotel rooms will help make the whole trip really cheap.

To go to a beach or out of state, you will save money if you stay at a family member or friend's house. Going somewhere in the states will

be more affordable. Traveling to a different country would be too expensive.

Buy groceries instead of eating out a lot. Buying groceries and using coupons is probably some of the best ways to save money.

Limit entertainment like going out to movie theaters, going bowling, going to Pops in Arcadia, adventure park, etc. Instead, try looking for activities that are free.

One example of a thrifty trip is when I went on a small road trip with my siblings and a few friends. We all split the gas and two hotel rooms. In total we each spent \$67,

and our extra money was for food, activities, etc. Our trip was really affordable, and I am proud of us for not spending too much money.

There are a few websites that give some interesting and places to go. [Men's Health](#) gives you a few tips. Also, [Groupon](#) has really good deals for hotel rooms. USA Today created a list of [economic spring break destinations](#).

There are so many different resources for cheap spring break trips. Just be smart on how you spend money and you're sure to have an awesome and memorable trip.

Break out and try Faith and Film cont.

ed, when you separate yourself from other's wishes and follow your heart."

When asked what she thought about Faith and Film, English major Sarah Townley replied, "It's one of my favorite ways to get chapel credit, which I always need – so easy!" According to Townley, Faith and Film is an event focused on pleasing the student body. "I think they pick adequate films," she said, "They are usually ones that people are interested in."

Regarding the frequency of this event, Sarah Vernier, said, "Faith and Film is offered two to three times a semester." Vernier admits that at times Faith and Film can compete with the intrigue and education that chapel

at SNU may have to offer.

The purpose of Faith and Film is not only to provide snacks and an easy chapel credit, but to allow students to gain insight about integrating faith into real life. University Pastor and Chapel Dean Blair Spindle said that he "urges students to be aware of what the movie is trying to say."

He thinks it is important to not only recognize and understand belief patterns that may not line up with Christianity but to learn from them. "It's more than entertainment," he said, "Christianity cannot be totally understood until it's experienced." Spindle believes that everything in life can be seen through a theological lens.

The next Faith and Film will be held March 24.



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