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eNews for SNU Faculty, Staff and Students
August 26, 2009



Welcome!

It's the beginning of a new academic year! This past weekend, we welcomed our new freshmen and transfer students. As we look forward to this year, today we welcome back our returning traditional students to our campus as we begin a new semester of classes. Our professional and graduate students have worked hard in their evening programs all summer and continue on.

This will be an interesting and exciting fall semester for the entire campus. SNU's ten-year reaccreditation visit by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) will be October 5-7. In preparation for the visit, I'd like to use the next six weeks to explain a little bit about the process of reaccreditation and what we have learned about SNU during this process as we anticipate the visit.

A team of six peer examiners from other universities representing HLC will visit us October 5-7. During that time, they will review the report we have prepared that examined every detail of SNU. This self-study report is organized around five criteria for accreditation. HLC's five criteria for accreditation are:

Criterion 1: Mission and Integrity

The organization operates with integrity to ensure the fulfillment of its mission through structures and processes that involve the board, administration, faculty, staff and students.

Criterion 2: Preparing for the Future

The organization's allocation of resources and its processes for evaluation and planning demonstrate its capacity to fulfill its mission, improve the quality of its education, and respond to future challenges and opportunities.

Criterion 3: Student Learning and Effective Teaching

The organization provides evidence of student learning and teaching effectiveness that demonstrates it is fulfilling its education mission.

Criterion 4: Acquisition, Discovery, and Application of Knowledge

The organization promotes a life of learning for its faculty, administration, staff, and students by fostering and supporting inquiry, creativity, practice, and responsibility in ways consistent with its mission.

Criterion 5: Engagement and Service

As called for by its mission, the organization identifies its constituencies and serves them in ways both value.

The self-study report summarizes our strengths, challenges and plans for the future for each criterion. We'll talk about what we found in the weeks ahead using each week to look at a criterion in more detail. Each criterion is considered in the context of the SNU mission:

Our mission is to transform lives through higher education in Christ-centered community. As a Christian community of scholars, we model the hospitality of grace, the pursuit of truth, and the practice of discipleship, all within the Wesleyan-holiness tradition, as we prepare graduates who think with clarity, act with integrity, and serve with purpose.

More to come! Have a great week! Many blessings!

Mary Jones

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Chapel News & Information

Chapel Information

Thursday - Aug 26
Brad Strawn
Spiritual Development

Tuesday - September 1
President Loren Gresham

Thursday - September 3
Brad Strawn
Dean of the Chapel

CHAPEL DAYS HAVE CHANGED

Chapel is now every Tuesday and Thursday morning from 10:50-11:35. While we will have a number of our own distinguished colleagues speaking this fall in chapel, we will also have nationally known speaker and author DONNA FREITAS. The author of *Sex and the Soul*, she will be in chapel Tuesday, September 22nd, as well as sharing in several classrooms, participating in a staff luncheon, and lecturing that evening at 7 pm in Herrick Auditorium. We also will have our own SNU Alumni faculty member Scott Daniels who will speak during our fall Spiritual Emphasis Week.

We welcome Faculty and Staff to join us in chapel at any time!

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SCRIPTURE

For I am about to do something new. See, I have already begun! Do you not see it?... Isaiah 43:19 NLT

INSPIRATION



"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."
(Gen 1:1).

That is a great opening line, even better than "Once upon a time!" With this line we are immediately ushered into the Story of God, and we know who is in charge, who has set this all up, and to whom we are

eFORECAST ANNOUNCEMENTS & NEWS

Student Employment Job Fair

Where: Webster Commons - Heritage Room

When: Tuesday, Sept 1st, 1:30-5pm

Who: All Students!

If you need a job while attending SNU this coming school year, plan now to attend this event! There will be many hiring managers on our campus to interview you for their part-time positions. Participants will include both on-campus and off-campus managers for Work Study positions as well as hiring managers from the surrounding business community.

For more information please contact Career Services @ 491.6684 or stop by the Career Center located within the student development suite of offices.

ENROLLMENT SLOTS AVAILABLE FOR PEG ACTIVITY CLASSES

Lifetime Wellness, Aerobic Exercise I & II, Weight Training I & II, Elementary Horsemanship, Racquetball I & II, Mat Pilates, Backpacking II, and Walking II.

Check with your advisor if you would like to add one of these.

The SNU Music Department Presents . . . THE MUSIC MAN

There will be an ACTING AUDITION WORKSHOP with Director Clayton Gultner on Thursday, September 3, 2009 in the Herrick Auditorium on the stage at 7:00 p.m. This evening workshop is required in order to audition for the musical.

GENERAL AUDITIONS and Callbacks is scheduled for Saturday, September 19, 2009, on the Herrick Auditorium Stage beginning at 9:00 a.m.

The Audition sign-up sheet will be posted Friday, September 4 on the Music Department office window

Feel free to contact Rebekah Ambrosini with any questions at x 6344 or Rambrosini@snu.edu.

Calling All Singers

"You can still sing in an SNU choir! It's not too late to join the SNU Men's or Women's Chorus. Rehearsals are Tuesday & Thursday at 11:45 a.m. Don't let the opportunity to develop your talent pass you by. Come and experience some great music with us! Contact Dr. Ballweg in FA 114 with any questions."

NEW LIBRARY HOURS

The SNU Library will begin Sunday night hours on September 13 and will be open from 7:30 - 11:00 p.m.

Morning hours have been extended to 7:45 a.m. to permit picking up printing or library materials before class. Regular hours this semester are 7:45 a.m. - 11 p.m. Monday through Thursday

7:45 a.m. - 5 p.m. Friday

11:00 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday

7:30 p.m. - 11 p.m. Sunday (after September 13)

SEPTEMBER STAFF LUNCHEON

Wednesday, September 2

Heritage Room, 12:00 p.m.

Dr. Randall Spindall will be speaking.

Ziglar Scholars Learn Ethics in Politics

Eleven outstanding students from Southern Nazarene University (SNU)

indebted.

Sometimes, however, we act as if God's creative activity is finished. You know, like he wound everything up and then just let's it go on spinning. There is a theological name for that position, Deism, but that is typically not what Nazarene's believe. God is actually in the on-going business of creation. Psalms 104 reveals God has intimately and currently at work in creation. The Psalmist reminds us that it is God that makes the "springs gush forth..." (v. 10), and causes "the grass to grow for the cattle and plants for the people to use..." (v. 14). Read this Psalm and you will be reminded of all that God "creates" in an ongoing way - daily in our lives!

I am not sure where you are or how you feel about the "beginning" of a new school year, but I have some good news for you. I believe God is still in the creation business and he wants to create something new this year. I don't know what God wants to create at SNU, or in you, but what if we covenanted together to find out. Maybe you can become a new kind of employee, a new kind of friend, family member, or even believer. I am excited about this year because I believe we serve a God that still moves today!

Grace & Peace,
Brad Strawn,
Dean of the Chapel

A BIG Congratulations to the SNU Athletic Training Program !!!

The Commission on Accreditation for Athletic Training Education announced it's accreditation award of **10 years** for the Southern Nazarene University Athletic Training Education Program.

Programs typically receive a 5 or 7 year accreditation cycle. A ten year award is rare and speaks very highly of the educational quality of the SNU Athletic Training Education Program.

**GEARING UP
for a Great year!**

have been accepted into the first Zig Ziglar Center for Ethical Leadership's Ziglar Scholars' Program for Fall 2009. The Ziglar Scholars' Program is a transformational leadership development experience formed in community serving undergraduate students at SNU who excel academically and exhibit exceptional leadership potential.

To read more, click here [Zigler Center Press Release](#).

ACBSP Accreditation Visit
October 11-15 - program
accreditation visit for the
School of Business.

**Commission on Collegiate
Nursing Visit** November 18-20
accreditation visit for the
School of Nursing.

And of course...
**HLC - North Central
Accreditation Visit**
October 5-7

REPEAT ANNOUNCEMENTS



New Faculty Member joins Department of Mathematics

SNU welcomes Nicholas (Nick) Zoller to the SNU Department of Mathematics in the fall of 2009. Nick replaces former faculty member Dr. Kenny Wantz who accepted a teaching position at Regent University in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Nick earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics from Messiah College in Grantham, Pennsylvania in 2003, his Master of Science degree in mathematics from Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania in 2005, and anticipates completing a Ph.D. in mathematics from Lehigh University this coming September with a dissertation focusing on the Galois groups complex multiplication fields. He has served as a teaching assistant and teaching fellow over the past six years, and has presented at regional meetings of the Mathematical Association of America.

Nick brings to SNU a rich Christian heritage and faith that will enrich the SNU community as we pursue our mission "to transform lives through higher education in Christ-centered community."

CONGRATULATIONS DR. BRENT ESKRIDGE!!!

Brent Esridge, assistant professor in the SNU Department of Computer Science/Network Engineering (CS/NE), was conferred a Ph.D. in Computer Science from the University of Oklahoma on May 15, 2009. While completing his dissertation related to computer fuzzy behavioral hierarchies, Dr. Esridge coauthored several academic works including one with an SNU undergraduate student, Nathaniel Troutman. Dr. Esridge has been a valued member of the SNU faculty since the 2004-2005 academic year, serving not only in a teaching capacity in the CS/NE department, but also on University committees such as Student Life.

SNU congratulates Brent for his amazing accomplishment.

Professional and Graduate Studies News

There are 15 Groups Starting this fall including:

Tulsa: MSM/MBA August; FSG August; OL September; MSNE/NL September; MAMFT October

Bethany: MSM/MBA August; MBA-H ealthcare August; MACI August; FSG September; OL August, September(2); FSG September; NM September and RN/BS in September.

Announcements Welcome

We welcome your SNU News you may have for the eForecast. Student events, Class news, Staff & Faculty news, Athletics, Professional Studies,

August Birthdays

2nd
Melissa Lewis

3rd
Beverly DeVries

4th
LaDonna Moore
Whitney Porch

5th
Francine Vitamvas
Don Dunnington

6th
Carla Cooper
Johnny Stubbs

7th
Mark Wright

10th
Scott Strawn
Dale Young

11th
Suthida Yamsakul
Joshua Achipa
Carol Dorough

12th
Bruce Alfson
Anita Carden

13th
Monti Thomas
Steve Betts

15th
Amy Beaudoin

16th
Lou Dennard

18th
Jennifer Clark
Melody Harding
Katy Sigler

21st
Cathy Hutchings-Wedel
Tim Taylor

23rd

let us help you get the word out. Send your announcements to Forecast@snu.edu.

Aubree McKamie

24th
Chris Peterson

26th
Larry Mills

29th
Terry Toler

CAMPUS CHANGES

Onlookers watched as Jernigan Hall, the 1945 vintage building on the campus of Southern Nazarene University (SNU) was demolished early on Tuesday morning July 21, 2009. The building was originally used as a women's dormitory and most recently for the SNU School for Children. The cast stone emblem on the roof crown was preserved and will be used later on campus.



The Storm Cellar Cafe' has received a new facelift that ties it into Pop's Lounge, creating a great place for students to hang out.

A New Residence Hall

You can anticipate demolition for Garey Hall early this fall and look for construction to begin soon after on the new Residence Hall. This facility will house 290 students of all classes: Freshman-seniors, common lobby space, laundry facilities on each wing, programming space, hi-tech TV lounge and more. Watch for this exciting development to take place. Expected opening is January 2011.

Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools

Evaluation Visit

Southern Nazarene University (SNU) is seeking comments from the public about the University in preparation for its periodic evaluation by its regional accrediting agency. SNU has maintained continuous accreditation with The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (HLC/NCA) since 1956. HLC/NCA provides institutional accreditation, which evaluates an entire university as a whole. SNU will undergo a comprehensive evaluation visit on October 5-7, 2009, by a team representing HLC/NCA. The team will review the institution's ongoing ability to meet the Commission's Criteria for Accreditation.

The public is invited to submit comments regarding the University:

Public Comment on Southern Nazarene University
The Higher Learning Commission
30 North LaSalle Street, Suite 2400
Chicago, IL 60602

Comments must address substantive matters related to the quality of the institution or its academic programs. Comments must be in writing and signed; comments cannot be treated as confidential.

All comments must be received by September 1, 2009.

SNU SCHOOL OF NURSING Accreditation Review: Call for Public Comment

Accreditation is a voluntary process, the purpose of which is to assess whether or not an institution or program meets particular standards, as set forth by the accrediting body. The School of Nursing at Southern Nazarene University is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), which is the autonomous accrediting arm of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN). Plans are currently underway for an on-site evaluation visit, scheduled to take place November 18-20, 2009. During the visit, all three nursing programs offered by the School of Nursing will be reviewed: traditional BS with a nursing major, RN to BS completion program, and Master of Science with a nursing major. As part of the review process, major constituents (students, alumni, faculty, advisory board, employers, and the practice community) are invited to submit comments about the SNU School of Nursing to CCNE. These comments must be received by CCNE no later than Monday, October 19, 2009. Only signed comments will be accepted. Although third-party comments will be shared with members of the CCNE evaluation team prior to the on-site visit, at no time during the review process will these comments be shared with the program.

Please direct comments to:

Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)
One Dupont Circle, NW - Suite 530
Washington, DC 20036-1120
Phone: 202-887-6791
Fax: 202-887-8476

Email: www.aacn.nche.edu/accreditation

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[CRIMSON STORM CALENDAR](#)

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