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eNews for SNU Faculty, Staff and Students  
September 8, 2009



What are you doing tomorrow?  
Next month?  
Next year?

We all make plans, and the university is no exception. This week's look at the accreditation process and the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) Criterion 2 of the self-study revolves around planning for the future.

## PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

**HLC CRITERION TWO:** 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.

HLC expects SNU to

- prepare for the future with a realistic knowledge of trends
- use resources to support quality educational programs
- make continuous improvements through evaluating and assessing
- focus planning on accomplishing the SNU mission

SNU has a new Vision Statement in addition to an updated Mission Statement. This vision calls SNU to "be a school of choice in the South Central Region of the United States, known as one of the finest small teaching universities in the country with one of the most transformative campus experiences on earth." This Vision Statement provides the overall direction for university planning process and preparations for the future. The SNU Self-Study document highlights specific strengths related to this criterion for accreditation:

University planning processes continue to become more informed and future-focused. The reorganization of SNU's Strategic Planning Commission deliberately includes input from an environmental scanning subcommittee. SNU's November 2008 SWOT meeting illustrates trends in using relevant information contexts, focusing on long-term planning, and involving many constituencies, including trustees, faculty and staff, and students.

SNU has accomplished many unit planning goals during the last ten years. Resources have been used to support the quality of education in the areas such as technology, academic support services, and improvements to academic facilities. SNU has also made progress in updates to campus facilities and grounds, including Imel Townhouses, the Marchant Family Alumni & Welcome Center, and various facilities in the athletic complex.

Planning processes provide key linkages within the university. A shared planning focus helps units to coordinate projects. Deliberate links with the directions of the SNU mission inform the planning process, as demonstrated by several budget allocations for the 2009-10 year: online learning, global engagements, learning communities, and dormitory renovations.

In relation to this criterion, SNU is working to upgrade the institutional administrative data system to become more efficient in operations and services to students. The university is also working to strengthen recruitment and retention strategies and to develop a comprehensive plan for professional development of staff employees. Further ahead, it will be important to increase funding for technology and facilities, to attend to both fiscal soundness and quality in academics and service, and to optimize linkages between planning, budgeting, and evaluation and assessment processes.

## FAQs

### 3. *What is the Higher Learning Commission (HLC)?*

The Higher Learning Commission is the agency of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools responsible for accrediting colleges, universities and other institutions of higher learning. Founded in 1895, the North Central Association is one of six regional associations in the United States. The North Central region includes Arkansas, Arizona, Colorado, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, North Dakota, Nebraska, Ohio, Oklahoma, New Mexico, South Dakota, Wisconsin, West Virginia, and Wyoming.

The Higher Learning Commission's name refers to the emphasis in higher education on accountability for student learning. The Commission's mission is to serve the common good by assuring and advancing the quality of higher learning. HLC is committed to strengthening institutional quality by developing and maintaining high standards of excellence.

The Higher Learning Commission's Web site is [www.ncahigherlearningcommission.org](http://www.ncahigherlearningcommission.org).

### 4. *What does the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) look for when it accredits universities?*

HLC has adopted a new set of criteria for evaluation that went into effect in 2004-2005. The five new criteria areas are these:

Mission and Integrity  
Preparing for the Future  
Student Learning and Effective Teaching  
Acquisition, Discovery and Application of Knowledge  
Engagement and Service

Further discussion of each criterion appear in the HLC Handbook on Accreditation at <http://www.ncahlc.org/download/Handbook03.pdf>.

Blessings,

Mary Jones  
Provost

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[Mjones@snu.edu](mailto:Mjones@snu.edu)

## Chapel News & Information

### Chapel Information

#### Tuesday - September 8

Andrea Green Director of Student Ministries

#### Thursday - September 10

A Liturgical Service

Brad Strawn VP for Spiritual Development & Dean of the Chapel  
Tony Griffin Director of Zig Zigar Center

## eFORECAST ANNOUNCEMENTS & NEWS

### **McNair Fall Research Presentation and Reception**

Start: Thursday, September 17, 2009 - 1:30 PM

End: Thursday, September 17, 2009 - 3:30 PM

Location: Webster Commons Heritage Room

Contact: Jennifer Clark, at [Jennifer Clark](#). The campus is cordially invited to attend the 2nd Annual McNair Scholars Research Presentation and Reception. Five talented undergraduate researchers will present their projects. A schedule of project titles, presenters, and times will be posted on the McNair Scholars Website: <http://www.snu.edu/scholar-research>. For additional information, please contact the McNair Scholars office at 789-6400 x 6540 or [mcnair@snu.edu](mailto:mcnair@snu.edu)

### **Ethics Club Meeting**

WHEN: Wednesday, September 23

WHO: Any Student

WHERE: Royce Brown, ROOM

TIME: 12:00 - 1:00 pm

FOOD: TBD

### **SEMESTER IN COSTA RICA!**

Have you heard about SNU's cloud forest campus in Costa Rica? For information on spending a spring semester at the Quetzal Education Research Center (QERC) come to a student meeting on Friday, Sept. 11th at 1:30 p.m. in room #304 of the science building.

### **Please vote for Nazarene Compassionate Ministries ! ! !**

A large American cookie company is giving a grant to non-profits based on the number of votes received on their website. By October 15, please go to [I Love Christie Cookies](#) and vote for Nazarene Compassionate Ministries Inc. (NCMI) in Lenexa, Kansas. Your vote, and that of your friends, could mean a significant grant for Nazarene Compassionate Ministries.

Thank you so much and God Bless!

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### HEALTH UPDATE

### H1N1 Influenza Information

See the SNU Health Center website for the latest information on the University's response to H1N1.  
<http://www.snu.edu/influenza-information>

### INSPIRATION



So the Chapel theme this year is

#### **Sacred Stories.**

The idea is that God comes to us through the Sacred Story of Scripture. Scripture is actually the Story of God and how he is continually reaching out to us!

The task for us is not to get God into our story, but to get our story into God's larger Story. How can we do that?

Well I think one way is to read scripture for all it's worth. We need to stand in awe of the wondrous depth of Scripture.

The stories in Scripture are full of moral lessons, salvific promises, and prophetic proclamations. Have you ever

noticed three Macro stories of scripture? There is the common Priestly story of what God does in Jesus Christ on our behalf, but there are at least two others

as well. There is the Exodus story of a people caught in bondage to a foreign pharaoh.

We know something about

Howard Culbertson

## Repeat Announcements

### Presenting . . . The School of Music Faculty Recital Series

Begins in September featuring piano duo Steve Betts and Mark Reighard. There will be two performances: Thursday, Sept. 10 and Friday, Sept. 11 at 7:30 p.m. in Cantrell Music Hall. All tickets are general admission - \$10; SNU Faculty/Staff - \$5; SNU Students with ID are free. Tickets are available for pick up in the Music Office.



### The SNU Music Department Presents . . . THE MUSIC MAN



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 are posted on the Music Department office window

Feel free to contact Rebekah Ambrosini with any questions at x 6344 or [Rambrosini@snu.edu](mailto:Rambrosini@snu.edu).

### PEG Activity Courses Starting Dates

Aerobic Exercise I/II, Weight Training I/II, Mat Pilates, Walking I/II, Elem. Horsemanship will start the week of September 29, 2009. (MWF classes will begin Sept. 28; TTH classes will start Sept. 29)

### H1N1 - Influenza Information

See the SNU Health Center website for the latest information on the University's response to H1N1. [Influenza Information](#)

### INTRODUCING . . . the CRIMSON CARD!!

The year, we are offering a discount card to faculty, staff and students that allows free admission into events as well as great discounts in the community! This is a wonderful opportunity for you to support your Student Government Association and get some great discounts too!

The cost of purchasing the card is \$30 and here's what it includes:

Admission into \$56-worth of SGA school events

1/2 price entry for Softball Marathon, Dodgeball, and Broomball (why not put together a fac/staff team??)

AND discounts to 13 merchants including:

\*\* Sonic (99 cent large drinks - no limit - all day!!)

\*\* Cuppies & Joe (buy a cuppie and a drink - get another cuppie FREE!)

\*\* Los Amigos (FREE drink with a meal)

\*\* Chopper Hair Cuts (\$5 off)

\*\* Wally Wash Car Wash (\$1 off)

and \*\* MORE \*\* !!!

For a complete list go to [The Crimson Card](#) to purchase a CRIMSON CARD, come to the Student Development office anytime from 8-5 or keep an eye out for our table in the commons during meal time over the next couple of days.

### TRAVEL THE WORLD NEXT SEMESTER!

September is the month to apply for BestSemester.com programs for studying abroad for the Spring Semester. October 1 is the deadline for applications. Plan now for an exciting semester of learning in China...Russia...the Middle East...Uganda or other great locations. The world can be your campus! Check out the opportunities! For further information contact Prof. Don Dunnington (Rm. 100 in the Religion Building or at [ddunning@snu.edu](mailto:ddunning@snu.edu)). A semester studying abroad will be



being held in bondage don't we? And there is the Exile story, about a people longing for home. Don't we often long for home - in more ways than one? God is present in all these stories. He is the God who saves, releases us from bondage, and brings us home! I hope that with our new SNU policy that offices will be close to internal business during chapel hours that more and more of you will be able to join us as we stand in awe of these powerful stories of Scripture. We come together to worship to remember who we are, why we are here, and to whom we belong.

Grace & Peace,  
Brad Strawn,  
Dean of the Chapel

**GEARING UP  
for a Great year!**

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

### September Birthdays

1st  
Reggie Coleman  
Rita McClain

2nd  
Todd Brant  
Jeff Caha  
Carol Courtney

6th  
Sonja Kroutil  
Taryn Petty  
Joy Sims

10th  
Linda Wilcox

11th  
Ken Hardee

13th  
Annie Shadid

your Best Semester ever!

### **ATTENTION TEACHER EDUCATION MAJORS**

As you know, the OGET (OKLAHOMA GENERAL EDUCATION TEST) is one of the requirements for admission to the teacher education program here at SNU. It is also required as a prerequisite for the upper division education courses. There are two (paper-based) test dates for this Fall - Sept. 19 and Nov. 14. Additionally, there is now a computer based testing available for the OGET.

If you're interested in taking the OGET this Fall (either the Traditional Paper-Based or the new computer-based testing program, Please contact Dr. Taylor in the School of Education. You can also contact the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation at 525-2612 or the Testing website: [www.CEOE.NESINC.COM](http://www.CEOE.NESINC.COM). Test registration is also available online.

### **LOST**

No, not the television series - the Commons Office has been overwhelmed with requests for lost keys, ID cards, books and other miscellaneous items. Since the new students are brought by the Commons as the "Lost & Found" in the NSI tour, naturally they are coming here to seek their lost item.

It would be very helpful to the students and to the Commons helpers if everyone on campus could send their items over to the Commons Office when found so that students can retrieve them.

We often receive sought after items later in the semester when the student has replaced it or the year is over. If you need someone to pick up the items, we would be glad to send a runner!

All Lost & Found items brought to the Commons are logged in the database and numbered.

When a student retrieves an item, they are required to identify the item and present their ID.

If you have an item of extreme value that you wish to retain at your office, send us a detailed description and who the student may contact.

We can also make note in the database if you or your department wish to have the item(s) back at the end of the year if not claimed. Thanks for all of your help!

### **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)

### **Ziglar Scholars Learn Ethics in Politics**

Eleven outstanding students from Southern Nazarene University (SNU) 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 [Ziglar Center Press Release](#).

### **Announcements Welcome**

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

14th  
Kevin Ingram

15th  
Jai Sarmiento

18th  
Linda Sharp

19th  
Jessica Smith  
Sherri Stipes  
Jim Wilcox

21st  
Phil Budd

22nd  
Robin Potts  
Eunice Trent  
Peggy Hampton

23rd  
Marion Redwine  
Beth Wetmore

24th  
Phil White  
Pam Broyles

25th  
Pam Bracken  
27th  
Rhonda Thorson

28th  
Billie Bowan  
29th  
Laureen Springer

let us help you get the word out. Send your announcements to [Forecast@snu.edu](mailto:Forecast@snu.edu). The eFORECAST is sent out the beginning of each week

**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](http://www.aacn.nche.edu/accreditation)

#### Quick Links

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### eFORECAST ON THE WEB!

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FACULTY & STAFF page - [CLICK HERE](#)  
 CURRENT SNU STUDENTS page - [CLICK HERE](#)  
 My.SNU - Log on to My.SNU



### CALL FOR APPLICATIONS ALPHA LAMBDA DELTA NATIONAL HONORS SOCIETY

Students! Scholars! Servant leaders! If you have 12 or more hours of college course credit at SNU and you have a 3.5 or higher GPA, you can be a part of SNU's chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta, a national Honors Society for second-semester freshmen or older students.

NOTE: This will be the only time students higher than second-semester freshmen level may apply. SNU is reactivating its chapter of ALD, which provided service to the community for many years through SNU students' efforts in Bethany and around the metro. Alpha Lambda Delta is a national program to promote academic excellence and servant-style leadership in college communities around the nation. College graduates who are members of Alpha Lambda Delta recognize the importance of membership in this organization, and member and non-member employers recognize your willingness to work hard and serve those around you. It is open to all students who meet criteria, regardless of whether or not you are members of the SNU Honors Program.

Here is what those of you with 12 or more hours of credit and a 3.5 GPA need to know:

- 1 - You pay \$25 ONE TIME and you are a member for life - even if your GPA changes, even if you do not choose to be involved in ALD organizational and service activities after your induction
- 2 - If you have been in New Student Institute and completed a service project there or elsewhere since your first semester, you have already completed the prerequisite service project!!
- 3 - Honors, Student Development, Spiritual Development, and other offices around campus continue to offer service projects where anyone can get involved, so you will have many more opportunities for service while you're here. However, ALD only requires one for membership

4 - You are eligible for ALD-only scholarships amounting to between \$1000 and \$3000 per year!!!

5 - You can put your membership on your resume or curriculum vitae and show the world your investment in academic and service accomplishments

Here is how to apply:

Brochures and applications may be found outside the door of Dr. Jacobs, Rm 423 Science Building. Please pick up one of each, complete the application, make a check payable to SNU for \$25, and return all to Dr. Jacobs' office by next Wednesday, Sep. 9, at 4:30 PM. Our induction and welcome ceremony will be at 4:30pm on Sunday, September 13. The ceremony will take approximately 30 minutes. You'll receive more information after Wednesday if you decide to become a member of ALD. If you want to be a member of ALD but cannot come to the ceremony, please let Dr. Jacobs know when you turn in your application and membership fee.

FIRST SEMESTER FRESHMEN ONLY:

YOU TO CAN JOIN!! You'll just need to wait until Spring Semester so we can verify your hours and GPA. We will have a second induction, with a celebration of all Fall 2009 and Spring 2010 members, in March or April. In January we will have another call for membership. We look forward to serving you, and helping you serve your community!

If you want to read or learn more about Alpha Lambda Delta, please go to the following website: [www.nationalald.org](http://www.nationalald.org) If you have any questions, please email Dr. Jacobs at [njacobs@snu.edu](mailto:njacobs@snu.edu), or leave a message at 491-6682.

## UPCOMING CAMPUS EVENTS



[CRIMSON STORM CALENDAR](#)

[CLICK HERE](#) to access the full SNU Calendar of Events

*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.*

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