

PUT IT IN PERSPECTIVE

Looking back at your experience at SC, is there anything you will always carry with you?



LISA ROTH

My time at SC has definitely been one that I will enjoy looking back at in the years to come.

The thing I will probably carry with me most is the friendships I have made. Whether they were just friends for a little while, or friends for a lifetime, they were all relationships that I learned from.

I have had some great, and

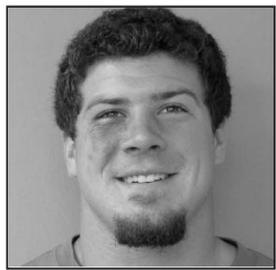
some not-so-great times during college, but they were all worth it in the end.

I also will take with me the knowledge that I was able to complete something that a lot of other people weren't. I worked hard to earn that walk across the stage in a few weeks, and I am proud of that.

I have met some amazing people, learned some life lessons, and got an education that will help me start the next step of my life.

College is a time of learning both inside the classroom and outside of it, and surviving everything is a testament of strength of character. I really love Southwestern, and will be sad to leave, but also really happy about the experience I have had.

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TYLER LAMPERT

The things that I will carry on after leaving SC are vast and enriching.

Through my first three years at SC I learned what it took to "get by" and how to create a vast social network of entertainment while flying below the radar.

Transferring to SC from Florida was a huge culture shock for me and I quickly learned that it isn't who you know it's what they know (about you).

Along the way I made some lifelong friends and learned what it takes to be a man through my time spent on the gridiron.

I've shared my experiences and learned that you can actually have fun if you know where to look when spending a summer in Winfield.

That was my first three years...after starting the MBA program this last July I quickly figured out how far preparation, diligence and hard work can reflect in the classroom. I had always knew how far those three things would carry in the world of athletics, I just never took the time to do more than "get by" in the classroom.

Once preparation, diligence and hard work was applied to academics my education's worth became so much more. I will graduate on the 8th of May with a bitter sweet memory of never graduating in our stadium but leaving vast memories of Saturday afternoons in both Sonner and Richard L. Jantz Stadium. I will take my experience off to South Carolina this fall.

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End of an epic era draws near

INGER FURHOLT

Graduation is a celebration of the completion of one's studies. All of us in college did, at some point, graduate from high school and choose to go further into education. That's how we ended up here.

While spending time on campus, faces have come and gone, memories have been made in this place and so have plenty of friendships.

It's been four long years for those of us who are about to walk over the stage. Four years of good and bad, tears and joys, friendships and arguments, energy and sleepless nights.

College has been a time for trying new things, a time for becoming successful while also

allowing failure. When looking back there are probably some things some wish they had done different, while others wouldn't change a thing.

It's about learning, not only in the classroom, but about life.

When we came in as freshmen, it was easy to think that we knew it all. But, life lessons and trying to figure out who we are and what we want in life quickly threw us back into reality.

The life of a college student isn't always as easy as one thinks it is. The freedom is quite fun at first, but after a while it can almost become confusing as time management can be hard to handle.

At first the schedules can seem to be great. We can pick the classes we want and what time

we want to take them as long as they are offered. However, we will quickly learn that in order to get that paper in the end, students actually have stop procrastinating and face the classes we need to take instead of trying to enjoy college life 24/7.

It's been said that you only live once and that these are your younger years, so you're supposed to have fun before you settle down. Well there's only one thing right about that statement, and that is that these are our younger years. But, after we walk over that stage and receive our diplomas, we'll still be young and have plenty more young years ahead.

We don't always get things right on the first try. College is sometimes about trying again,

and asking for advice so we can make it past the next obstacle.

This is it. We've made it this far. Some are about to graduate and others on their way to another year of college to eventually do the same thing.

Trying to survive the last week of tests to pass and move on into another year of college or the life of adulthood and different challenges can seem overwhelming and stressful. However, if we've been able to stick in it for this long, the past week shouldn't be hard to handle.

Change will come, maybe even if it's just for the summer this year.

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EDITORIAL

Comedian delivers laughter in different form

SAMANTHA GILLIS

Does laughing until your belly aches sound appealing? What about talking to a comedian for several hours to cure any pre-finals anxiety? If so, "Bossypants" by Tina Fey will ale any worry about that 500-point portfolio and leave tears of intense laughter running down your cheeks.

"Bossypants," is a rare glimpse into the master mind of Tina Fey. Fey delivers a light-hearted, captivating autobiography with a beam of feminism woven in. Her quirky humor laces the pages but never overpowers the content.

She begins by telling about herself, her family, her early memories and her journey to becoming a television comedian, writer, producer and actress. In the typical Fey manner she addresses issues such as growing up, beauty, women in the work place, motherhood and career success. When she addresses age she does so in a chapter called,

"What turning forty means to me." And in three sentences she declares the only difference is that now she has to take her pants off as soon as she gets home.

One of the best chapters is called, "Dear Internet" where she answers fan mail. I probably read this chapter three times to myself and then several more out loud to friends and family members—each time hysterically laughing. I won't ruin what the chapter is about but I will say all of the mail she answers is from people who don't necessarily like Fey. Her retorts are sarcastic, witty and brilliant.

Fey does gives some more serious advice especially to younger women (although, this book is great for anyone who enjoys Fey, no matter their sex). One bit of advice she pawns off to women is that they aren't competing against other women for jobs, they are competing against everyone. This was interesting especially for women who may be going into the show business

or television. Fey speaks a lot about the Sarah Palin bit she did for Saturday Night Live and how she thought it was odd that people would think she would be hurting Palin's feelings, when actors like Will Ferrell were never criticized for hurting George W. Bush's feelings for doing his impressions.

She speaks about her fellow crew members at SNL with fondness. The anecdotes about the habits of writers and the interactions between comedians are fascinating and outrageous.

Throughout the book Fey includes photos of herself which add to the depth of the book. One especially great photo is of her in an all white denim suit, which she was/is especially proud of. There is another of her as a child in glasses which is particularly hilarious as well. Another element that adds to the depth of the book is how she has a plethora of lists scattered throughout the book, each adding humor in

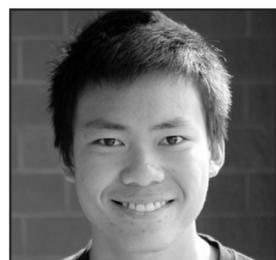
a way full paragraphs could not. One piece of the book I wasn't particularly fond of was how Fey felt the need to always put herself down. Although it can be entertaining to poke fun at one self, I thought after she got done telling about her awkward younger years the jabs to herself would stop, but they did not. I just wanted her to embrace her weirdness and proclaim her awesomeness—but that never happened.

The book was a fantastic combination of humor, insight, content and words of wisdom. It is a great read for anyone who enjoys reading for leisure but wants something lighter to cool down from the end of the semester. The entire time I was reading the book I felt like Fey was in my living room speaking to me. I would just have one bit of advice, don't read the book while in a crowded place—because I guarantee you won't be able to keep your laughter harnessed.

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BOOK REVIEW

Devastation brings people around the world back to prayer, faith



JONATHAN WOON

Ironically, we are once again found down on our knees crying out with deep angst to the one greater than us; the Creator. Young and old, good and bad, ugly and gorgeous, we all turn to God.

The earthquake that hit Japan on March 11 triggered one of the worst damage-causing natural

disasters ever known throughout the human race, the tsunami.

Remember back in 2004 when Aceh suffered a similar fate? Although the Japanese are no strangers to earthquakes, this catastrophe definitely concerned geologists, meteorologist, and people.

What went wrong? Day-to-day life diverts our focus away from God. It is obvious how far away our focus has been from God. This does not only refer to the Japanese but also to the rest of the world; you, me, us.

Once again, we are hammered from the top of our heads and are caught off guard when going about doing our day-to-day routines. All of a sudden, we find ourselves down on our knees pleading, "No, we're sorry God for what we've done yesterday.

Please spare us and show us grace one last time."

Sadly, such fear and anxiety only blinds us from the truth. We are shaken rock hard to the bottom of our spirits and guts.

The Bible talks about such holocausts, specifically happening during the end times. Wow, does this imply that we are already living in the end times? Most Biblical scholars have begun to agree to the notion of us living in the end times.

Looking at the trend on Facebook, blogs, Twitter and other social networking sites, it is clearly proven how good a job we're doing as Christians. If you use Twitter, I'm sure you re-tweeted "#prayforJapan" or maybe came up with your own hash tag trend. The previous tsu-

nami that hit was in Indonesia, back in 2004. If we haven't been bothering about God ever since only until the recent tsunami in the land of the rising sun, that makes six years of nothingness. Zero God.

Down on our knees once every six years? Hmmm, God must be looking down from above and laughing at our childish behavior.

Most of the time, we go to him in prayer when there is a need—a big and life changing need.

Do we bother to pray for our president and his cabinet for a better tomorrow? What about school, professors, tutors and the ones who help shape and mold us during our four-year period here instead of swearing at them or complaining about their

bad teaching skills? Why do we pray only when Dad gets cancer or when Jackie the poodle gets a tummy infection? Of course not everyone falls under this category but for the majority of us the answer is yes.

We do not realize that the less we care about God, the less we understand regarding these happenings. Some blame God and ask why he would destroy his own creation. Read the Bible, silly.

In the complacency of life, we forget about our personal spiritual clock that we are accountable

for. Yes, the clock is ticking and only those who are found worthy in his eyes will gain the ultimate reward, he has in store for us.

Be careful for not everyone will be invited into his courts—only those who truly believe in him.

Just as Tsunami caught us unaware this time, we should start asking ourselves about the one that is to come. Obviously, he will come like a thief in the night. Are you ready?

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PERSONAL COLUMN

Word on the Hill

How often do you pray?

By Jonathan Woon



"Four times a week, including prayer group."

Rutendo Jokomo
biology
sophomore



"Every time I eat."

Salynda Lindsay
athletic training
freshman



"At least once a day and sometimes more depending on others if they need help."

Rhena Cable
Sodexo employee



"Before I go to bed, going over what happened throughout the day."

Jenna Griffin
undecided
freshman



"A lot. I pray with my church, with my class, with my group. I pray a lot."

Melissa Williamson
assistant director of campus life



"Before football games."

Eric Shipley
communication
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