



Moody Madness

SMU students abuzz over recent success of men's basketball team

by Kate Moody



Despite my absolute lack of knowledge about or enthusiasm towards sports, I found my Floridian self willingly standing in a line at six in the morning in thirty-degree weather. The objective: Student tickets to the Men's Basketball Memphis and Cincinnati games. I found the early wake up time and brutally cold weather to be worth it though as I stood in section 100 for the Memphis game. A week later, I returned to section 100 for the Cincinnati game and two hours later was rushing the court with my fellow Mustangs. Without a second thought, I woke up once more to stand in the cold weather in an attempt to snag tickets. Walking away with tickets and a photo of Larry Brown and I in my hand I knew I had caught "Moody Madness".

After its \$21.5 million renovation, the Moody Coliseum welcomed the Men's Basketball team back in January. Since then, the Men's team has yet to lose a home game. Most notably, they are ramping out for tickets and at e

very few home games around the corner, the campus buzzes with excitement for what the future might hold, hoping they may get to see their very own Mustangs play in Arlington for the March Madness Final Four.

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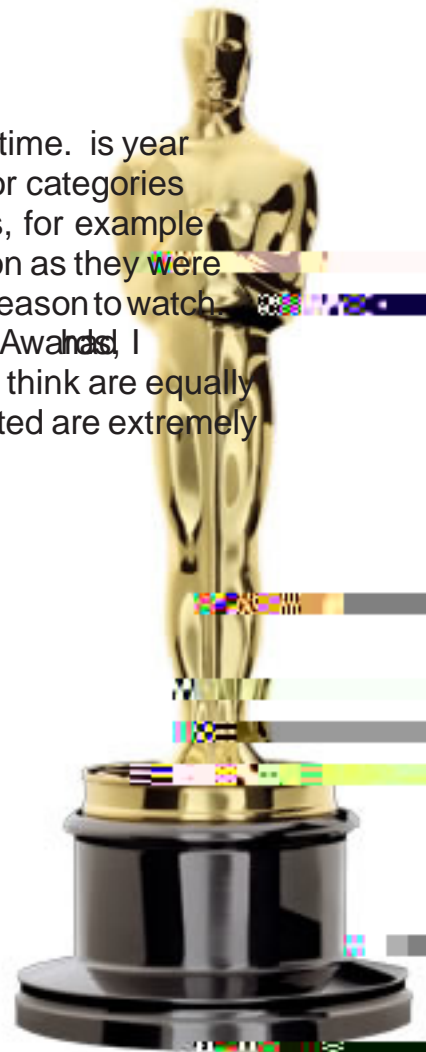


The 86th Academy Awards

by Graham Lumley

On March 2^d, Ellen Degeneres hosted the Oscars for her second time. This year was pretty exciting considering the competition inside the major categories like Best Picture, Best Actor, and Best Actress. In other years, for example 2011, it was a clear victory for *The King's Speech* and *Black Swan* as soon as they were nominated. Take the competition out of the Oscars and there really is no reason to watch.

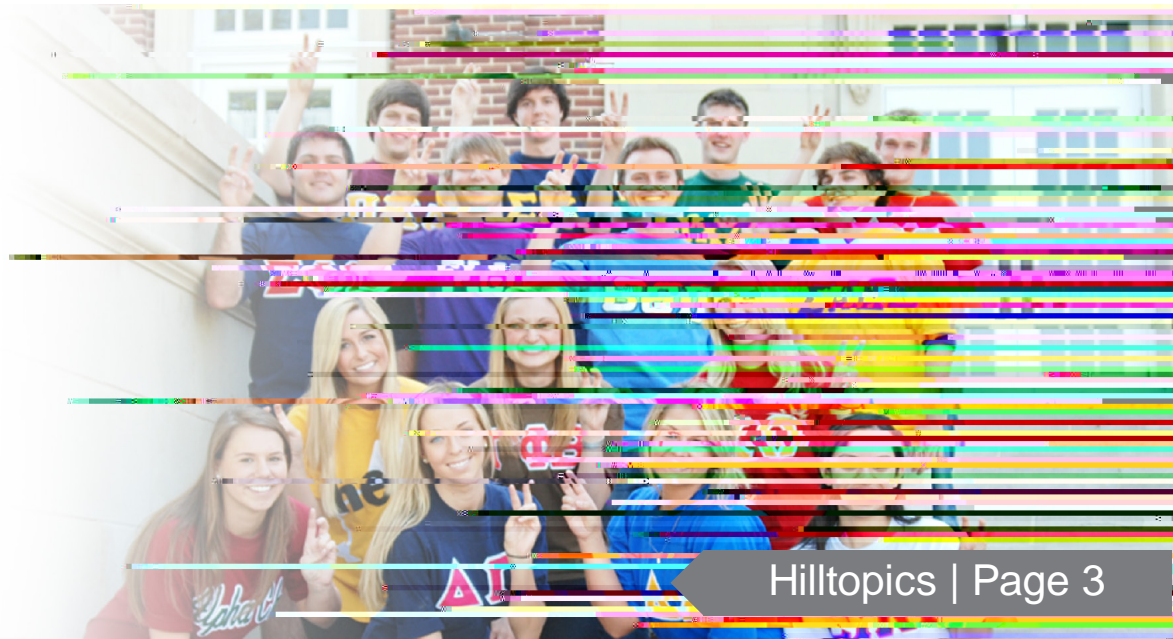
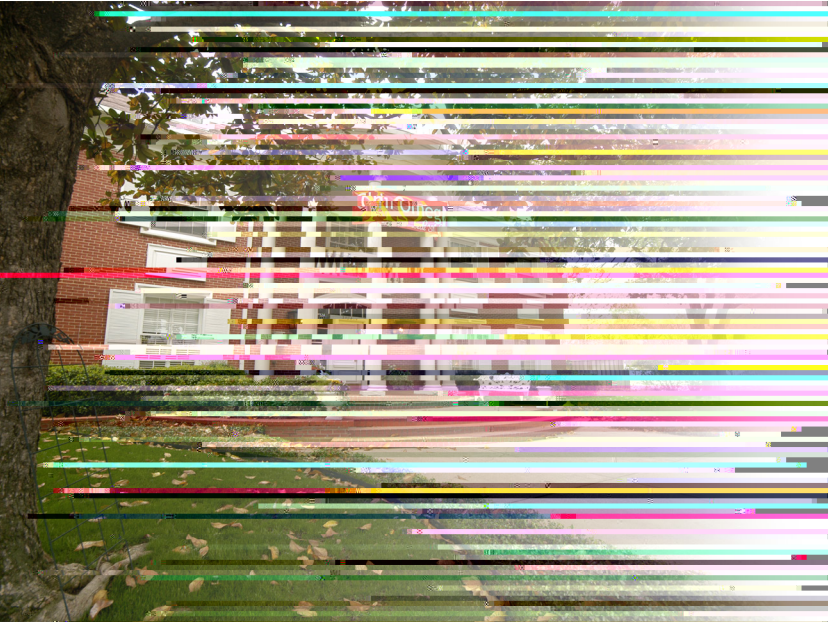
In my opinion and from the results of this year's Golden Globe Awards, I narrowed down some of the categories to a couple contenders whom I think are equally deserving of the award. In Best Picture category, all of the films nominated are extremely

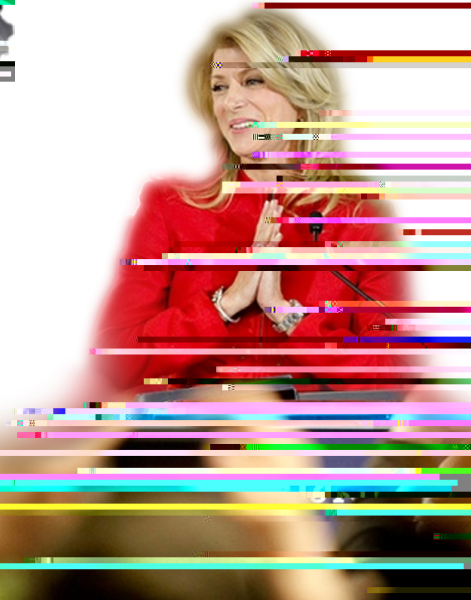


Greek Spring Happenings

by Abigail Foster

Chances are (unless you have literally been holed up in your room this semester) you have noticed so many changes going on around campus. Grey quarter-zip jackets and a litter of pins are seen on the regular. Umph. Girls and guys alike seem to be sporting Greek letters more frequently than ever, and Instagram is constantly blowing up with pictures of giant bins of sorority gear. All these are tell-tale signs that recruitment has commenced, and the new member period has begun. This means that all SMU men and women who





Sochi Problems or Our Problems?

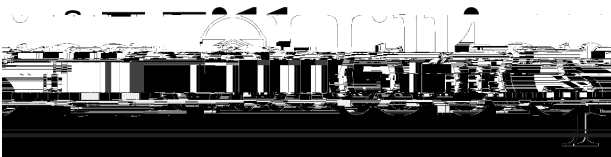
by Camille Aucoin

Every Olympics has a defining moment or a series of events that make it stand out, but this year, the Sochi Winter Olympics seem to be defined not by the games themselves, but by the conditions of Sochi. Located on the shores of the Black Sea and quite close to Russia's border with war-torn Georgia, Sochi isn't exactly the first place I would expect to find stunning 5-star hotels.

Yes, Sochi has had seven years to construct amenities for Olympic visitors, but in a country whose main export is cold, maybe they've had some other priorities since they were approved for the 2014 Olympics back in 2007.

Since reporters started arriving in Sochi, pictures and stories of staircases that lead nowhere, dual toilets, stray dogs, and odd bits of construction have emerged all over social media. While some of these problems are legitimate and threaten the safety of Olympic guests, such as doors that won't open, a large portion of grievances have involved petty issues. American reporters seem to have forgotten that almost every non-first-world country has a problem with stray dogs. As for the construction, Sochi has invested around \$50 billion for these Olympics, mostly in infrastructure and other amenities for visitors. The Sochi Olympics did not have the luxury of being held in an already-developed metropolis like London, Vancouver, or Beijing. The 2014 Olympics have completely transformed Sochi in just seven years. Reporters would have had more than just a lack of shower curtains or shared bathrooms to worry about in 2007. Instead of recognizing Sochi's progress, however, social media has placed the focus of the Olympics on Sochi's faults just to bring up our favorite jokes about Russia. The Internet seems to find it more





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