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ASSMU appreciates students

Amy Pollard
Staff Writer

With awards, ice cream and door prizes, Student Appreciation Night offers students the opportunity to recognize outstanding faculty and staff and the opportunity to be recognized for their leadership on campus.

A free campus-wide event, Student Appreciation Night was held on April 4 at 7 p.m. in the Trautman Student Union Building.

“Student Appreciation Night is always a favorite of mine,” says Ginny-Beth Joiner, Director of Campus Life. “It’s a chance for us to highlight the wonderful accomplishments of students, faculty, staff and clubs over the past year.”

Along with an ice cream social and door prizes, the night featured many awards, including club of the year, event of the year

and faculty and staff members of the year. The night also recognized this year’s ASSMU Senate and featured the induction of the newly elected ASSMU Senate for 2013-2014.

“I am most looking forward to recognizing the committee members,” Tyler Calvi, ASSMU President, said before the event. “They do so much work and receive little reward and praise for their hard work. I truly enjoy getting to publicly thank them.”

Caley Wiseman, ASSMU Executive Secretary and Chair of the ASSMU Elections Committee, was most looking forward to “seeing new leaders emerge on campus through the induction of the new senate. These are the students who will lead and represent the institution next year.”

Congratulations to all who received awards this year!

2012-2013 Award Winners

Award	Winner
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Leadership in Diversity	Shalaya Sanders
Innovative Stewardship	Theã Social Squad
Visionary	The Belltower
Residential Leadership	Robert Dillon Linhart
Staff Member of the Year	Ann Adams
Faculty Member of the Year	Thomas Woodruff
Event of the Year	Taste of Culture
Student Organization of the Year	Chemistry Club
ASSMU Senator of the Year	Crystal Maria, Senator of Clubs
ASSMU Executive of the Year	Veronica Martin, Executive Treasurer
Outstanding Student Leader	Crystal Maria
Ralph Swanson Leadership	Tyler Calvi
Doug Ford	Melanie Richardson

Future SMU development coming soon

Gardenia Duran
Staff Writer

Many students are wondering what buildings are next in line to join the SMU campus. Alan Tyler, Director of Facilities and Capital Projects, has good news. He says that an Industrial Labs building, where engineers would get to do their dirty work, is in the plan. This building would be used for manufacturing and solids and fluids testing. It will also include a senior design laydown area. Action for this building can be expected in about a year.

SMU already has a donor for equipment needed for

the building; the next step is raising money for construction. Because SMU is a private institution, the school has to fundraise in order for projects to proceed. This is something to keep in mind, since one of the issues with the most recently constructed building, Cebula Hall, stands because of funding. Tyler confirms that the third floor of the building is yet to be finished, but the project should be completed soon.

Tyler also speaks about another building in the making.

He says, “There is conversation going on about the science program and building a new science building.”

In the next five years, this is the next project SMU would take on.

Further in the future, students and faculty should expect to see the old Cebula building replaced with a new fine arts building. Tyler goes on to say the City of Lacey said old Cebula cannot be used until all safety codes have been met; tearing it down will be better overall.

There are many plans for the usage of SMU’s land, and the ones mentioned are merely the next step in the growth of an ever expanding university.

STOP!

What’s your blood type?

One of our own, Shane Carlile, is in need of your help. Shane has a genetic disorder that is causing his kidneys to shut down, and he is in dire need of a new kidney. His blood type is B positive. If someone wishes to donate or get tested, they can call the University Of Washington Medical Center at (206)-598-3627 and explain they wish to get tested for a kidney donation. Blood types of B or O could be an eligible match.

Shane has received a degree in criminal justice from Saint Martin’s and is currently pursuing a degree in legal studies. He likes fixing cars and will go out in pouring rain to help a friend with a broken down car.

If you think you could be a donor, please consider helping a fellow Saint.

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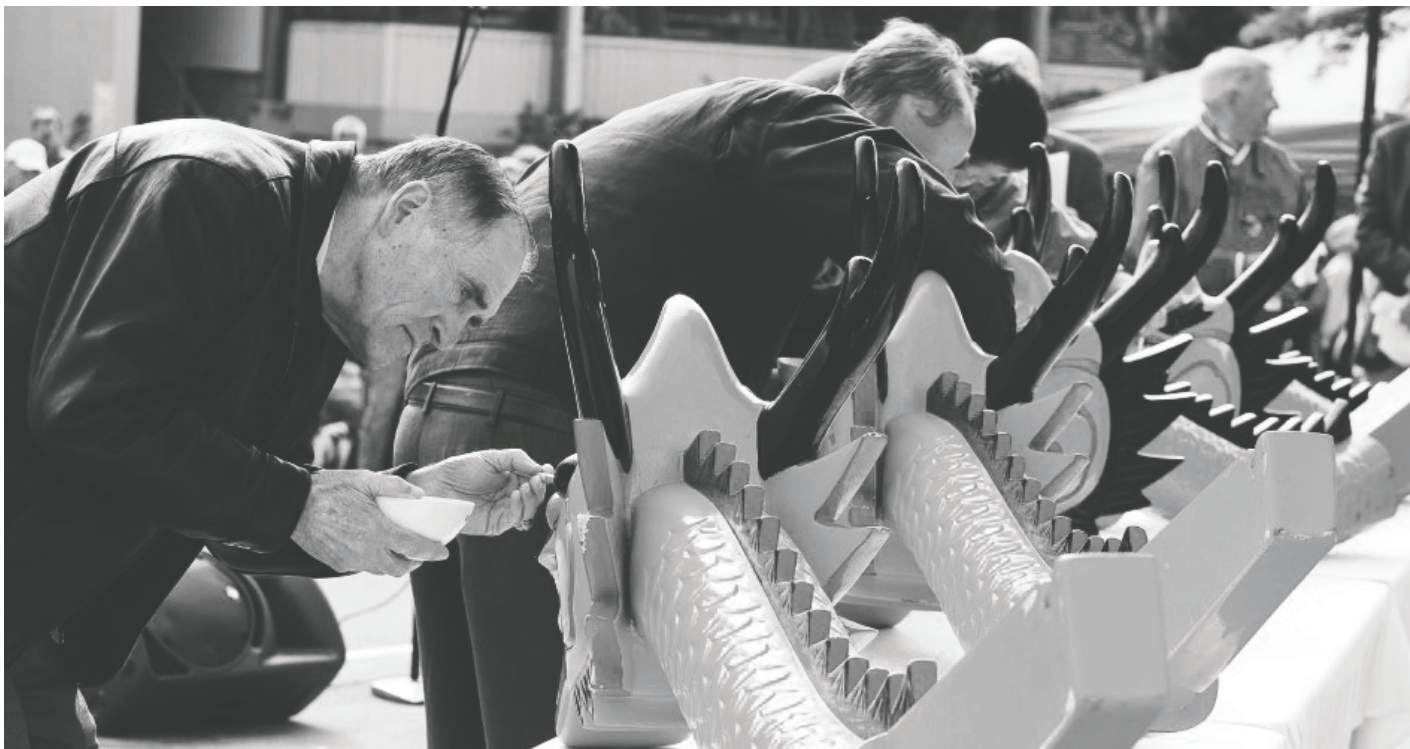
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Dragon Boat Festival: Check out what's coming up!



The "dotting of the eyes" ceremony from the 2012 Dragon Boat Races.

Rebecca Dorsey
Staff Writer

The eighth annual Dragon Boat Festival will kick off on Saturday, April 27, at the Port Plaza in downtown Olympia. It will begin at 9 a.m. with "the dotting of the eyes," a ceremony in which the eyes of each dragon boat head are dotted with a pupil. This is a tradition from the very first year of dragon boat racing. Involved in the ceremony will be Rick Panowicz, the Honorary Chair for the Dragon Boat Festival, who started the International Experience Scholarship and furthers his cause by maintaining an active role in the support of SMU's study abroad program.

With 32 boats of 22 people, the Dragon Boat Festival is sure to be a knock out. For those who are not involved in the race itself, there will be many other ways to have a blast. Attendees can grab some fresh snacks at the Farmer's Market and cheer on their boat-racing friends. When the race is over, watch the Hui 'O Hawai'i Club perform dancing routines that will have you swaying to the rhythm. River Ridge High School will also be bringing its own beat to the event with a Taiko production consisting of a beautiful drumming ensemble.

For those who are still interested in getting involved with the festival, the Office of International Programs and Development is still looking



Father Peter blesses the dragon heads.

for people to share in the experience. Do you have another idea for a performance? Do you want to be a part of one? Just email Brenda Burns, Study Abroad Coordinator, at bburns@stmartin.edu. She is asking for more volunteers to be a part of this great celebration. As the chair of the SMU Dragon Boat Festival Committee, she has put in

a lot of time and effort to make this the amazing event it is going to be.

"I hope people come down!" says Burns. "It will be a fun, festive day! Also, people should tweet. People should tweet a lot." She laughs. "I want this all over Twitter."

Don't forget the hashtag: #SMUDragonBoat. See you there!

Get involved with nature

Gardenia Duran
Staff Writer

The Procession of the Species is soon to come to downtown Olympia. This year, the event will take place on Saturday, April 27 at 4:30 p.m.

The procession takes places

in honor of the human spirit in sync with nature. Massive groups of people dress up as their species of choice for the event, and many dance or play instruments, turning the procession into a festive interspecies reunion.

This celebration was originally started in January 1995 by a group

of Olympia residents. They wanted to commemorate the Renewal of the Endangered Species Act as well as the anniversary of Earth Day.

Come show your support to your community and celebrate nature!

More information can be found at www.procession.org



Chalk art is just one way to enjoy the Procession of the Species.

Ty's World *(on the verge of destruction... or not)*

Ty Skirmont
Staff Writer

So, after a long month of exhilarating midterms and daily stress of making sure you wake up for class on time, I am here to remind you just how close the world is to death and literally paying as you weigh for flights. Now, that being said, there's a lot to cover and hopefully remind us that no matter how bad our life gets, at least we can still place faith into the absurdity of mankind.

North Korea's just getting more insane

I don't normally care about what happens in North Korea; I expect that they will eventually eat themselves and alleviate the world of that worry. Instead of eating themselves, it appears they just want to get more insane and start something – I'm banking on a food fight so they can feed their people with meatballs thrown cafeteria-style – but as they flex their military might of nuclear testing (remember, they could barely get a missile into the water a bit ago) they also have cut off people from entering a major industrial area, Kaesong. Though in North Korea, the Republic of Korea (the southern tip for those geographically challenged) has been a joint facility for both countries. Now with the rising tensions, a blocking of the facility, and Kim Jong-Un running out of peasants to eat, the North seems to be poking at starting something.

Hugo Chavez (1954-2013)

I would be remiss if I didn't mention Chavez this month. The man that not only called George Bush a donkey, but related him to the Devil, passed away after struggling with cancer. Chavez caused much controversy, including my favorite statement made by any political leader ever back in 2011 by implicating the lack of life on Mars as being caused by capitalism. Chavez will be missed, but thankfully for the rest of us, Benjamin Netanyahu has his cardboard supply of ACME bombs to keep us reminded of why we really should care more about who we put into power and be critical of them.

Gaza and Peace

Within the past few days, Israel and Palestine have still been shooting at each other. Though this is hardly surprising given the way the relationship has deteriorated faster than a relationship in a Greek Tragedy, the Israeli Defense Minister, a Mr. Moshe Yaalon, has said that these attacks would not go unpunished for long.¹ Blaming violence on Hamas – who hasn't said they were responsible for sporadic firing into Israel – there have, to date, been about 160 Palestinian victims (including civilians) and six Israelis.² The fragile peace is about set to – knock on wood, O' Cthulhu, whatever – break, and it needs to be fixed by people who don't want to kill each other. Or maybe we can just send the guys that hate each other into a MMA ring and have



Photo by Jesse Lamp

Once again, Ty takes on the world with his study-buddy Joan of Arc.

them fight each other to finally get it done.

Samoa Air

Finally, to freshen the air (pardon the pun), I found this little article on something hilarious. Samoa Air, the airline centered in Samoa, in case you were confused, is now charging by the kilogram for a flight with consideration for the flight's length. I understand that some may be confused with that odd word "kilogram", but it's a measure of weight that everyone else but the USA uses. Now that that's cleared up, Samoa Air has been found defending that they are making it cheaper, but in a section of the world that is placed number four in the world for obesity...³ This may not affect a lot of people; it's still ridiculous and people should know about stuff like this because imagine if they did this for all flights. I'd be able to fly

around the world for \$60.

Anyway, remember that the world is ridiculous. And with the escalation in North Korea and Israel, we may be talking about another war soon – knock on wood, O' Cthulhu, et cetera – and this might be the last laugh we get until they "take all our guns away." So, until next month, have fun and look on the bright side of life. After all, like the greatest philosopher of our time, Monty Python, said in paraphrase for editing purposes, life's a joke. Act like it and don't take it too seriously.

<http://www.aljazeera.com/news/middle-east/2013/04/20134316950248108.html>

² Ibid.

³<http://www.aljazeera.com/news/asia-pacific/2013/04/20134363552821877.html>

Saint Martin's from the start

Sarah Lillegard
Staff Writer

It is finally spring in Lacey. With this season of new growth and change upon us, this edition of SMU history will examine the early beginnings of Saint Martin's.

In the years before Saint Martin's was established, the population was vastly smaller than it currently is in Tacoma and the surrounding area. Ministering to Catholics and providing a place for a Catholic education presented logistical and financial burdens that were prohibitive until the late 1870's. Many railroads were still being built and were not up and running, and the road system was nothing like what it is today.

Just getting enough priests to do masses for all of the parishes in the region was a chore.

The Benedictine Order had been ministering to the people of this region for some years prior to Saint Martin's College and Abbey being officially opened in 1895. The Benedictines from the mother abbey, Saint John's Abbey and College in Collegeville, Minn., had been supplying the region with priests from time to time and on a rotating basis for some years. In particular, this abbey was able to

supply German-speaking priests to the German-speaking populations on the west coast, many of whom had travelled out from the Midwest to make a life here.

The population of Catholics in this part of the Pacific Northwest was not thought to be large or collected enough to support a larger presence until the 1880's.

By the 1880's the Catholic population in Tacoma and the nearby areas was asking for more of a presence, including schools and a greater number of priests.

A call went out to Saint John's Abbey. The call was for another priest to minister to the German-speaking parishioners and for a school to be established for the largely German-speaking Catholics of the area. The population of German-speaking Catholics in this area had become significant at the time; however, within a matter of a few short years, the demographics changed. Irish immigrants became a larger presence at the Catholic churches, and this change determined what kind of educational institution was to be established.

Sermons began to be preached in English at most masses and the Irish population came to rival the German population in size.

When Saint Martin's College, as

it was known then, was opened to male students, on Sept. 11, 1895, the school was English-speaking right from the start as a result of the rapidly changing population growth in this region. The original building, which was still under construction in the spring of 1895, had both the monastery and the school in one building.

Saint Martin's College was described with a great deal of enthusiasm in local papers, and it was hoped that it would be a boon to the local economy to have both the monks and a larger number of Catholic families in the area who would choose Olympia and Lacey because of Saint Martin's College and Abbey.

Several sites were examined before choosing the land on which Saint Martin's currently stands. Property closer to Tacoma was considered, and property in Lewis County was even considered. The benefits of being more in the country versus in the city were weighed and eventually, after months, the matter was put to a vote. This land in Lacey, which used to be far more rural, was developed as the new site for a permanent Benedictine presence in Washington.

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International Club shows hospitality in the Lacey community

Gardenia Duran
Staff Writer

Youth are known to need direction and guidance. College students are in a significantly advantageous point in life where giving directions and setting examples are backed up with energy. Recently, the International Club was seen at the Boys and Girls Club of Lacey conducting a service project with community youth.

The International Club offered activities ranging from playing musical chairs, dancing, Chinese and Japanese calligraphy stations, to a picture competition where the kids were asked to be the judges. Among the group members, Vanessa Perdomo, Vice President of International Club, actively engaged with the kids.

Perdomo says the goal of that night was "making an ordinary day at the Boys and Girls Club special."

Service projects were embraced by the International Club as an opportunity for the children to see diversity and to learn about different cultures.

Expressing the importance of involvement in the community,

Perdomo stated, "I think because as members, we have a responsibility to share our group's wealth with others. SMU prepares us academically but the community gives you a reality check. You get to see the dynamics in kids as well as bringing concern and awareness about our surroundings"

Dave Martin, Host Family and Volunteer Program Coordinator of the Office of International Programs and Development, set up the service project for the International Club. Martin made the point that kids tend to break down all barriers, such as language and culture, and with them you can become instant friends which is an important connection for International students. For this service project in particular, apart from serving the community, the purpose was to connect Americans with international students.

International Club has made an impression in the community, building a connection with the Boys and Girls Club for future projects to take place. Without hesitation, Perdomo says, "hell yeah!" that the International Club will be holding more service events.

Making the most of his year at Saint Martin's

Amy Pollard
Staff Writer

Whether discussing "The Boy in the Striped Pajamas" in literature class or performing "Gangnam Style" at the Taste of Culture, Shikou Tamai, an international student from Kobe, Japan, is making the most of his year at Saint Martin's, immersing himself not only in the English language but also in American culture.

An economics major at Kobe International University, Tamai chose to study abroad at Saint Martin's because this allowed him to stay two semesters; also, he "admired America" and wanted to experience American culture. Looking back, Tamai describes his initial Saint Martin's experience in the fall as "pretty good." He likes what he calls the comfortable climate here, as opposed to the humid climate of Kobe, and describes Saint Martin's as huge in comparison to Kobe University.

At first Tamai felt uncomfortable speaking English because the English he heard was spoken quickly. Often, he would have to ask people to repeat sentences.

Despite the initial cultural and language barriers Tamai explains, "Gradually I got used to Saint Martin's and learned American culture. My friends helped me by speaking very slowly."

Since his arrival at Saint Martin's, Tamai has noted some key differences between American and Japanese cultures. One of these differences is that American students "focus on studying" and "focus on friends." Tamai describes this style as efficient and one he would "like to emulate." In Japan, he claims that students either focus on studying or focus on friends, creating an imbalance.

Another one of the key cultural differences that Tamai notices is the friendly environment. At Kobe University, Tamai notes that students generally "avoid strangers,"

whereas, at Saint Martin's, he is often greeted on his way to class.

One of Tamai's favorite classes is literature, taught by Michael Shohan, who inspires students to think deeply about novels such as "The Boy in the Striped Pajamas." Tamai notes that in Japan he was used to sitting and listening to lectures, absorbing as much information as



Photo by Amy Pollard

Tamai, an international student from Kobe University in Japan chose to study at SMU because it allowed him to stay for a full academic year.

possible. At SMU, he explains he is actively engaged in thinking and participating throughout class.

When not studying, Tamai enjoys hanging out with friends, listening to music and watching movies. During winter break, he lived with a host family in Lacey and visited Seattle and Portland. He also took a trip to Alaska. In his spare time, Tamai has been actively involved in various clubs and events, including the Taste of Culture, where he performed "Gangnam Style."

"It was my first time performing in front of many people," he says.

When he returns to Japan to finish his economics degree and pursue a career as a city manager, Tamai says he will encourage others to study abroad.

"Many are afraid of going overseas," he explains.

Tamai hopes to change this. As an international student at Saint Martin's, Shikou Tamai has learned valuable lessons about English and American culture that he looks forward to sharing with fellow students when he returns to Japan.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR A BUSINESS MANAGER

As we near the end of the year, we have begun hiring for next year's Belltower staff, and are looking for someone to take over as business manager. You do not have to be a business manager. Just know how to balance account ledgers, have good interpersonal skills, and be self-motivated, and you could be the person we are looking for.

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Channel Chasers

Jalen C. Penn
Staff Writer

It was brought up in a recent ASSMU meeting that the cable service has been anything but great this year. But the lack of communication with the maintenance staff seems to be the principle reason of why nothing has been done.

"I didn't know people have been complaining about the cable service; I would be glad to fix the problem if there is one," explains Alan Tyler, Director of Facilities.

This year Saint Martin's changed the cable provider to DirecTV which involves satellite dishes as the principle means of connection, but that caused some problems during lightning storms in the fall. The lightning storms this year caused the cable service to go out as well as many of the other electronics on campus.

"If there is a weather predicament like the lighting storms, it alters the connection a bit, but it is definitely fixable," Tyler says. "That's the only problem I have gotten all year about the cable connection. Since then I thought everything was running

smoothly."

Tyler also explains that they have special tools to check the connection that they use often, and each time they use it the results come back showing no problems.

"We also pay the satellite provider to tell us about any accessing problems so we can correct it on the spot, and we haven't heard anything from them recently," Continues Tyler

That means the people in SMU's maintenance department, as Tyler says, have been unaware that residence hall students were upset with their service, and unless they hear from the students about what is wrong, they cannot do anything about it.

"At this point we need more information before we can take necessary action to correct the server," concludes Tyler.

The maintenance crew needs more communication before any steps can be taken, so if there are problems, be sure to report them.

If you have questions or comments about the cable service or to report an issue, contact your RA or go online to http://www.stmartin.edu/ResidenceLife/facilities_workorder.aspx and fill out a work order.

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A look at the 2013 legislature

Sarah Lillegard
Staff Writer

Although the recent activities of legislators may not top the priority list of things to peruse on the Internet, the news from the most recent legislative session for Washington state in 2013 has something for everyone.

Of particular interest to college students are the items on the agendas of the Higher Education committees. Both the House and the Senate of Washington state have committees that focus on Higher Education.

This year several bills were introduced from a wide array of subject areas. Specifically in the House committee, there was a bill that proposed restricting compensation for presidents and chancellors at the public universities in Wash., House Bill 1176.

Another bill (Senate Bill 5655) addressed the State Need Grant program and other financial need-based services with a proposal to slightly change the categories of

eligible students.

Yet another bill introduced a comprehensive set of reforms to increase the academic success of students with disabilities. Students with disabilities typically face disproportionately tougher challenges when seeking to attain a higher education as discussed in Senate Bill 5180.

The bill addressing the compensation given to presidents and chancellors proposed to put a cap on the amount of money given as bonuses. This bill, which has so far only been introduced and referred to the Higher Education committee, would limit bonuses to no more than 20% of the president's or chancellor's annual salary, and would make it law that these bonuses (often referred to as retention incentives) not be awarded more than once in a four year period.

This bill does not affect private institutions, only the presidents and chancellors of the six public universities in Wash. It was presumably introduced when it became clear that public universities in Wash. were awarding bonuses far greater

than 20% of the annual salary of the president or chancellor, and were doing so more frequently than once in a four year period.

The sponsors of the bill are bipartisan, one democrat and two republicans, and are from both the eastern and western portions of the state, displaying broad support for this bill in principle, though it is not yet decided nor has it passed in the House.

The bill revising the State Need Grant program is part of a larger bill that seeks to more carefully align the state's grant program with the real financial needs of today's college students. Currently many students are not properly served because of small technical details or simply a lack of funding. This bill, which has many sponsors, also has geographical diversity among its sponsoring legislators but has only the support of the Democratic side of the aisle.

Another bill that deals with higher education issues is Senate Bill 5180. This bill originally sprang out of some findings by Seattle University's Center for Change.

The Center found that of the nearly 7,000 students with disabilities in Wash., a greatly disproportionate number of those students had difficulty finishing high school, few were competitively employed, and fewer had achieved a post-secondary education. This prompted SB 5180 to be drafted and brought to the 2013 legislature. So far this bill has gained traction, passing from the first and second readings to the rules committee, and it passed the senate unanimously on Feb. 15. However, all this bill does is create a task force which has until 2016 to propose meaningful changes to the way students with disabilities are currently handled within the state.

For more information on the state legislature, check out www.leg.wa.gov which has loads of information, and for a more user-friendly version of the same information, check out openstates.org which is a site that serves citizens, journalists, and activists with current, relevant, and searchable data from all fifty state legislatures.

Spring break adventures of the Saints

Clarissa Strayer
Staff Writer

Every year, spring break serves as the highly anticipated week of spring semester. Among midterms, papers and presentations, Saint Martin's students look forward to the five days without class which brings the closing of the school year even closer.

The diverse class of students brought forth diverse spring break adventures. From trips to Alaska and Hawaii, to hanging out in Lacey and working to make some extra cash over break, the Saints all appreciated the much-needed break from school. The relaxing time acted as a refresher, which provided that extra boost needed to finish the school year out strong. Saint Martin's students reflected on some of the highlights of their Spring Break.

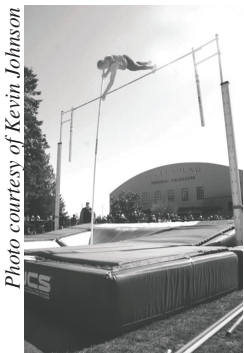
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"I have a friend who lives in Juneau, Alaska, so that is where I spent my Spring Break. It's the greatest place I have ever visited! Flying over Alaska was a wonderful sight with the pointy mountains covered in snow, a calm channel, deep forests, and a glacier! My friend and I explored Juneau's nature every single day because his house is literally a cabin in the woods. The

seafood, especially salmon, and the locally brewed beer were my favorites. We trekked to a glacier and felt its dynamics, walked on a frozen lake, and also played with dogs. I really hope I can visit there again."

Kevin Johnson, Junior



team dinners on campus every night since the *caf* didn't provide dinner. Also, about ten of us went to Evergreen's pool one night to swim, and we had fun there."

Tyler Whitworth, Senior

"My spring break was boisterous. Actually, I worked and wrote my thesis paper."

Ricky Cardenas, Sophomore

"I went home to Seattle to chill with family and work on my paper for 'Research Methods.' I also went to the movies with my sister."



Sadia Colon, Junior

"I went to Victoria, Canada with my mom. We visited the Butchart Gardens, the Parliament building, and we got to ride the Clipper there and back."

Blake Cloward, Freshman



"I went to Hawai'i with my family. We flew into Honolulu and stayed in a really fancy hotel on Waikiki, right on the water. It had five different pools and a waterslide. We stayed there for four days and then drove to the North Shore on Oahu where we rented an Oceanside house. It had its own pool and hot tub that was made out of lava rock. It looked like a mountain hot spring. We ended our trip on the island of Kauai where we stayed at the Grand Hyatt. I mostly hung out with my older brother on the trip. We went scuba diving, surfing, and snorkeling."

Steve Wilson, Sophomore

"Over spring break I had the opportunity not only to see some of my cousins/aunt/grandma in Chicago, but also visit my good friend Declan at the University of Toronto. I arrived in Chicago at 4:20 on Saturday morning and spent the day chillin' with my cousins, eating at a German restaurant, and at night went to the Laugh Factory to see the 'Nasty Show.' I flew out to Toronto on Sunday morning. Since the drinking age is 19 in Ontario,

that is what filled most of my visit - naturally. On Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, Deco had class so I accompanied him to one of his international relations classes, which was HUGE. It was the biggest lecture room on campus - a wide open coliseum-like a room that could fit over 1,000 students comfortably. Friday night was the most fun. We went to this student club/bar called The Brunswick which had a dance floor, DJ, and full service bar - it was awesome! We also met a couple lads from the U.K. that also attend U of T. After the bar, we went back to their apartment which was on the 50-plus floor of one of the tallest apartment complexes in the city. It overlooked Rodgers Center, the CN Tower, along with the rest of Toronto's city life. I really enjoyed my stay in Toronto. I got to see my family, reconnect with a good friend, and visit one of the most diverse cities in the world! I am truly thankful for all who made my trip possible, and I would definitely recommend Toronto for a good time!"



Sophie Donan, Freshman

"I stayed on campus for most of the break and studied. We pranked our friend, Erica, by moving all of her furniture out of her room, and out into the lobby on the third floor of Parsons. It was pretty funny."

Rollercoaster season for baseball

Cameron Grossaint
Sports Editor

Saint Martin's University's baseball team got off to a great start last month. Prior to March the Saints were on a cold streak opening the season going 0-11.

On March 3 however the men's baseball team snapped their cold streak at home against Concordia University of Oregon. Concordia got out to a good start leading 5-2 in the bottom of the seventh. But the Saints were not done. In the bottom of the ninth, Travis Shaw hit a single to left center to score Chris Womac and advanced Jack Freeman to second base. Chandler Tracy then hit a single to score Freeman. Scott Champagna then brought Tracy home with a single. Up next was Lucas Besel who hit a single up the middle to score Mario Sanelli, making the winning run for the Saints. The Saints won 6-5 in a remarkable ninth inning comeback.

The Saints played Concordia again later that day. In the seventh Alex Bielaski hit a double to center field that allowed Twedt to score, giving the Saints a 1-0 lead. With help from Brendan Jeffers pitching six innings of shutout baseball and Chase Decoito for one inning

of relief pitching in the seventh, the Saints won again, 1-0 to extend their streak.

On March 9 the men opened GNAC play against Montana State University-Billings. The Saints got out to a 2-0 lead early on but lost 5-2. They came back in the second game that day, pulling off a 4-0 shutout. Tracy had a great game offensively hitting a homerun and a double while Jeffers pitched a complete game shutout with five strikeouts and only allowing three hits. Unfortunately, the team would come back the next day to lose to MSUB 1-10 in the first game and 3-5 in the second.

On March 12 the Saints played non-conference opponent Seattle University at Seattle. Seattle University got out hot, scoring seven runs in the first inning; the Saints came close but fell short, losing 7-13.

The men continued their road trip and headed to Central Washington University on March 16. The Saints were swept in all four games by the Wildcats losing, 2-8, 1-5, 3-9 and 3-5.

On April 23 they came back home to face Western Oregon University. Despite some close games the Saints would continue their cold streak, getting swept in all four



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Despite numerous close contests and outstanding pitching performances, the Saint's baseball team has not been able to pull out of a deep cold streak that plagued the team early in the season.

games by the Wolves and lost 1-3, 4-5, 3-5 and 5-7.

The Saints went on the road to Nampa, Idaho to face the Northwest Nazarene Crusaders on March 29 and 30 in two double-headers. Their cold streak was almost broken with four very close games but the Saints lost all four, 7-8, 7-8, 6-8, and 8-9.

On April 1, the Saints faced off against the Lutes of Pacific Lutheran University in a double-header and lost both games. The first was a close game, losing 4-5, but the second was a knockout of 1-12.

In the week of March 4-10 Brendan Jeffers was awarded Athlete of the Week honors in GNAC for his outstanding pitching performances that week against Concordia and MSUB. He pitched 13 scoreless innings, including a three-hit complete game shutout against MSUB. The next Saints home game is on April 9, come out and support the baseball team at Saints Field when they go against non-conference rival Pacific Lutheran University. The baseball team is currently 3-29 overall and 1-15 in GNAC.

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Outdoor track & field off to a powerful start

Caley Wiseman
Column Editor

The Saints are making their mark in the start of the 2013 outdoor track & field season in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference. The Saints kicked off the outdoor season at the Pacific Lutheran University Invitational where four SMU competitors won their individual events and several others finished in the top group of their event. Senior javelin thrower, Samantha Hull, finished in first place with a mark of 122' 8" and placed third in the pole vault with a height of 9' 11.25". On the men's side, Sam Washington took home first place in the discus, beating the runner up by more than eight feet with a mark of 155' 7".

Washington also placed third in the hammer throw with a mark of 163'. Joe Berger won the 10,000m with a time of 32:21.81. The final top finish for the Saints came from Joey Keeton who cleared 13' 8.5" in pole vault to win the event.

There were several other honorable finishes in the meet including Alicia Wolf's runner up finish in the 400m with a time of 1:00.35 and Taylor Yoro's high jump mark of 4' 11.75". Erika Crock also finished in the top ten in the 1500m with a time of 5:02.11 placing seventh. Nathan Morgan placed third in both the 800 m and the 1500m with times of 1:59.51 and 4:04.55, respectively.

Michael Holland placed fifth in the 110m hurdles with a time of 17.29. Finally, Austin Brenner and Casey Wiedmer secured fourth and fifth

place in the 400m hurdle with times of 59.13 and 1:00.11, respectively.

The Saints then headed to Eugene, Ore. to compete in the University of Oregon Invite. Michael Davis showcased the Saint's track & field team with a personal record in the triple jump, a mark of 48' 1.25". This mark landed Davis the seventh place jump in NCAA Division II, also shattering the school record. Sam Washington continued his shining streak by winning the shot put with a mark of 50' 10.75". Frank Krause nearly broke his personal record in the 800m finishing with a time of 1:53.09 finishing fifth and running a top NCAA division II time.

Laura Tesch, having just finished competing at the Indoor Track and Field Championships in Ala.,

cleared 5' 3.75" in the high jump, breaking the school record. Tesch also placed second in the invite only falling behind a high jumper from the University of Oregon. Kelly Chronic placed fifth in the triple jump and broke the school record with a mark of 37' 0.5". Ali Wick increased her personal record in the hammer throw by over nine feet with a mark of 138' 5" narrowly missing the school record in the event. Alicia Wolf broke one minute, finishing the 400m with a personal best time of 59.86.

Michael Davis, for the third time this school year, earned GNAC Athlete of the Week during the week of March 11.

Congratulations to all the Saints track & field athletes and good luck with the remainder of the season!

Softball holds second place in GNAC

John Hamman
Staff Writer

The Saint Martin's softball team kicked off the month of March by going 4-0 at home in double headers and outscoring opponents, Northwest University and Montana State University-Billings, 31-6. In the first game against Northwest University, Tavia Jenkins had a team leading three RBIs and Madi Davis had a solo home run, leading the Saint's offense to a 10-0 win. Sam Munger played phenomenally in the circle for the Saint's defense, allowing just one hit and zero earned runs in the game. In the next game, the Saints cruised to an 11-4 victory.

In their next double header, the Saints won against the Yellow-jackets of MSU-Billings, 8-0 and 2-1. McGladrey led the Saint's bats with a home run and five RBIs, and Munger, working opposite McGladrey, threw another shutout only allowing two hits in the game. The Saints won the next game, 2-1, with Joslyn Eugenio and Munger hitting RBIs in the first and third innings.

The Saints then travelled to Western Oregon where they lost both games in a double header that broke their seven game winning streak. The Saints lost 3-4 in the first game. The next game saw the Wolves jumping out to a 5-0 lead after the second inning, and the Saints lost 2-6, never recovering from the early Western Oregon lead.

The Saints stayed on the road, travelling to Nampa, Idaho to face the Northwest Nazarene Crusaders in a double header where they won 3-2 and 7-1. In the first game, the Saints had 10 hits with Eugenio, Dani Wall, and Munger all recording a RBI. In the second game, the Saints were led by Wall with two RBIs, and McGladrey and Munger both contributed three hits and one RBI each.

The Saints travelled to Central Washington where they split with

the Wildcats, winning the first game, 2-1, and losing 3-7 in the second game. The Saints offense was led by Eugenio and Jenkins with one RBI each. Jenkins also stole two bases in the game. In the next game, the Saints just could not battle back as the Wildcats jumped to a 2-1 lead in the first and scored two and three runs in the third and fifth innings, respectively.

The Saints came home to play a double header against Western Washington losing the first game, 7-6, and winning the second game, 8-0. Wall led the Saints with three RBIs in the first game, recording two of them in the seventh inning. In the next game, Taylor Bakos allowed just three hits on her way to a shutout; the Saint's offense was led by McGladrey, Eugenio, and Megan Miller with two RBIs each in the game.

The next action saw the Saints sweeping the Clan of Simon Fraser, 9-0 and 4-1. In the first game, the Saints scored four runs in the second and third innings, while recording 12 team hits, led by Eugenio with three RBIs and Christina Demar with two RBIs. Munger was in the circle for the Saints, pitching another shutout and allowing only two hits. In the second game, Bakos pitched for the Saints, and allowed only one run and four hits, while Davis and Munger both had two RBIs in the game.

The Saints were awarded GNAC Team of the Week honors for their sweep of Simon Fraser.

The Saints then hosted Concordia and Corban Universities, playing double-headers against each school on March 29 and 30. They won

both games against Concordia, 6-4 and 5-4. In the first game it was Christina DeMar's second home run of the season that brought three runs home to give the Saints the lead, which they held for the rest



Senior Joslyn Eugenio tags the base for an out against Corban University at home on March 30.

Photo by Jesse Lamp

Frisbee golf one step closer

Joey Keeton
Staff Writer

Saint Martin's has been growing with the addition of more buildings, more activities and more events. Thanks to Orion Desilets, Maintenance and Operations Assistant for Conference Services, SMU is on the path to have a newly installed Frisbee golf course soon.

Back in 2009 the idea came up, but was dismissed because of funding. Now, plans have been brought back and layouts have been made to construct one. The idea was revamped because Bob Grisham, Director of Athletics, brought up the idea again with Dean of Students, Melanie Richardson, and Director of Campus Life, Ginny-Beth Joiner, to have it installed.

The plans changed slightly when the layout interfered with other building plans, and had to be redone. The layout of the course is in the third, and hopefully final, stage. Construction is planned to begin in about a month. The course will begin in the field behind the engineering building, and go across the street to the fields by the ponds. Hopefully it will be completed soon for all students to use and enjoy.

Update:

Orion Desilets has informed us that construction of the new course will begin within the next week. After a walk-through of the projected course with Bob Grisham, the course plans have received full approval, and the course will be installed soon.

Men's golf brings gusto to the green

Joey Keeton
Staff Writer

The men's golf team opened their 2013 season with great gusto at the tournament hosted at the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, Wash. SMU placed all golfers in the top seven. Brandon Moore shot a 147 to lead the competition followed close behind by Kevin Cullen and Jack Davis who both shot an amazing 148. The next four finishers, all belonging to SMU, tied in a four-way all achieving six-over par.

The men then traveled to Calif. for the Notre Dame de Namur University Argonaut Invite. They took second place as a team with a score of 290 in the final round, led by Ben

Fosnick shooting a 70. This tourney had many of the SMU men in the top 10 spots for individual shooting. Patrick Whealdon tied for seventh with his score of 224, and Moore jumped up to ninth on the last day with a score of 225.

The Saints then traveled to Ariz. on March 26 for the Grand Canyon Invitational. Whealdon was the Saint's top finisher, scoring 225 for 17th place. Teammate Moore also placed in the top 25 with a score of 226.

Come support the Saints as they have their home meet on April 8 and 9 in Dupont, Wash.

GNAC Championships will take place in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho on April 22 and 23.

Women's golf on par for GNAC championships

Joey Keeton
Staff Writer

The women's golf team started their season by competing at the Logger Invite in Tacoma. Amanda Wittmier led the way to take the title that afternoon, with her teammate, Gracie Dyer, following in second with a score of 161. Third and fourth were also taken by SMU athletes Sarah Salvatori and Elizabeth Ferry, respectively. Salvatori shot a 173, and Ferry was close behind with 175. By just a few more strokes, Ally Redifer followed up the team placing seventh.

In Calif., the women placed 10th in the Chico State Interwest Tournament. They were again led by Wittmier with a stroke total of 165, who tied for 22nd in the tourney.

Shooting second best for the team was Ferry, who tied for 37th with a total of 172 strokes.

The Saints traveled to compete in the Grand Canyon Invitational in Phoenix, Ariz. on April 1 and 2. They finished 15th with Wittmier coming out on top, finishing with a score of 164 to tie for 36th. Salvatori had an impressive first round, scoring a team best of 79, but finished in 44th with a score of 166. Dyer came right behind her with a score of 167 putting her in 50th, and Ferry scored 177 tying for 73rd.

On April 8 and 9 the Saints will compete in the Sonoma State Spring Invitational.

GNAC Championships will take place April 22 and 23 in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

Bystanders: Your Best Weapon Against Sexual Assault

Enlisting the help of male and female students, athletes, coaches, staff, teachers, administrators, fraternity and sorority members, and even strangers enables campuses to develop allies in the battle against sexual violence on campus.

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By Robin Hattersley Gray | March 06, 2012

There's no pretty or easy way to talk about sexual assault — the number of incidents in U.S. campus communities is staggering. Nearly one in four college women will experience a completed and/or attempted rape at some point during her college career, and more than two in five sexual assault victims are minors.

The numbers clearly show that campuses have experienced huge challenges in preventing, not to mention reporting and responding to sexual assaults appropriately. In light of these challenges, experts now suggest the best way to address sexual violence could be to enlist the help of both male and female bystanders.

Victim Blaming, Male Bashing Don't Work

Traditional sexual violence prevention programs have focused primarily on women, imploring them to take self-defense classes and not drink too much alcohol, take drugs, go on dates with someone they don't know or walk alone at night. According to Dr. Gary Margolis, who is managing partner for Margolis, Healy & Associates, this approach to sexual assault prevention education can be perceived as victim blaming because it focuses on the victim rather than the role of the offender.

"We know [predators] don't need to use explicit violence to sexually assault you or to take advantage of you," he says. "All I need is to use a glass of wine or two or three or four and a couple of shots of alcohol."

Additionally, the traditional focus on young men only as perpetrators or

potential perpetrators can make them defensive and resistant to sexual violence prevention education.

Instead, a better approach might be to encourage men to be allies for social justice, claims Michelle Issadore, who is executive director of SCOPE.org and previously coordinated Lehigh University's sexual violence prevention and response efforts.

"This needs to be about the fact that most men on a college campus would not engage in this type of behavior, and they don't think it is right," she says. "It's about appealing to them and not trying to change women's inability to feel safe or move freely about campus."

Schools Must Honestly Assess the Problem

So how does an institution do this? According to Paul Kivel, an activist and writer on education and social justice, it's not easy.

"People want specific programs and responses, but they don't want to change institution- and system-wide culture and dynamics," he says. "There is no magic bullet."

He warns that institutions shouldn't just do something for the sake of looking like they are doing something.

"So many people are trying one or two things, and then they use those things to say they are dealing with this issue, but they haven't really changed their practices."

Before any program is put into action, Kivel recommends a campus conduct

an assessment that honestly looks at students, staff and safety at the institution. This can determine the levels of violence, incident response, and who is and isn't making complaints. Focus groups, talking with organizations on campus that deal with survivors (such as women's centers), conducting surveys, doing one-on-one interviews and analyzing incident reports are some ways campuses can get an accurate assessment of their situations.

That being said, there are primary prevention programs that can help to foster respect, equality, civility, healthy relationships and healthy sexuality in a campus community, reports the American College Health Association. Doing this requires top administrators, athletics, fraternities, sororities, faculty, women's centers, counselors and others to support policies and practices that forbid sexual violence of any kind, whether the act is a sexist remark, rape or something in between.

These programs can include classroom discussions, health promotion programs, advertising campaigns, counseling sessions and peer education.

Programs Can Change Campus Social Norms

The bystander model of prevention is becoming more and more popular with sexual violence experts. It is based on research by David Lisak indicating that there really are a small number of perpetrators on campus but there are a much larger number of people (bystanders) who essentially support sexual violence by either not intervening when they see something happening or they dismiss the behaviors, which sends a message to the perpetrators that their actions are OK.

"What we can do is change community norms so that the perpetrator's behavior is no longer acceptable," says Jane Stapleton, who is co-director of Prevention Innovations Research and Practices for Ending Violence Against Women at the University of New Hampshire (UNH).

UNH's program, Bringing In the Bystander, was developed nine years ago and has two components. The in-person program has two versions: a 90 minute session and a multiple-session, 4.5 hour program. Both teach undergrads how to safely intervene in cases where sexual assault may be occurring or where there may be a risk.

The Mentors in Violence Prevention (MVP) program also uses the bystander model to empower students to take an active role in promoting a positive school environment. Originated in 1993, it was designed to train male college and high school student athletes and other student leaders to use their status to speak out against rape, battering, sexual harassment, gay-bashing and all forms of sexist abuse and violence. It has since expanded to include a female component.

Many experts recommend using this type of single-sex education program to connect with groups like athletics (football, basketball, hockey, baseball and soccer) and fraternities. This type of education can help to counteract the single-sex, hyper-masculine environments that are particularly common in high school and college athletic programs and fraternities — the same environments that, according to research, seem to fuel sexual assault and other types of abusive behaviors, such as hazing and dating violence.

Ad Campaigns Can Help Change Attitudes

UNH also has a social marketing program, which demonstrates through posters and ads on buses, bookmarks, table tents, door hangers and computer screens how bystanders can intervene. The marketing and training programs don't encourage bystanders to break up an attack themselves. Instead, these initiatives encourage them to call the police or a resident assistant.

"We're modeling what bystanders can do to be supportive of people who have just disclosed that they have been victimized," Stapleton says. It also helps to correct some of what experts call "rape-supportive" attitudes that exist among some men. The marketing campaign portrays common scenarios that men say they've witnessed before, during and after an assault, be it sexual violence, relationship violence or stalking.

"To find out what those scenarios were, we did focus groups with over 500 students and asked 'What are the things you hear and see, and what are the things people have told you,'" she says.

The marketing program uses current students who are well-known on campus to be the individuals portrayed in the various scenarios depicted in the

see Bystanders, page E2

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ads. For example, one ad encourages the audience to speak up when they hear stories that glorify sexual violence. It portrays three men engaging in the following dialogue:

- Actor 1 says, "My friend Jeff is the man. He got this girl passed out drunk and then nailed her."
- Actor 2 responds by saying, "You've got to be kidding. Your friend raped her."
- Actor 3 chimes in and says, "You're friend's pathetic."

In this way, UNH works to change attitudes and behaviors on campus. Evaluations of both the in-person and social marketing campaign demonstrate that these prevention strategies decrease participants' belief in rape myths (see Common Rape Myths at the end of this article), increase their knowledge about sexual violence and bystander behaviors, and encourages them to intervene before, during and after sexual violence. Bringing in the Bystander and Know Your Power have been adapted and evaluated on college and university campuses across the country as well as by the U.S. Army.

Alcohol Plays a Significant Role in Sexual Assault

Of course, no sexual violence prevention program would be complete without considering the role that alcohol (and drugs) play in these incidents. As many as 70% of all sexual assaults involve alcohol being imbibed by the perpetrator and/or victim.

Alcohol and drugs can impair the judgment of perpetrators who might disregard indications that the victim does not want to engage in sex. It can also impair the judgment of victims who might ignore risk cues. Additionally, a victim who consumes alcohol and then is assaulted often is blamed for the assault. Conversely, the use of alcohol or drugs by a perpetrator can be used to excuse his or her actions. In reality, alcohol is the number one drug used by perpetrators to help facilitate sexual assault.

It is for this reason that Security On Campus recommends schools adopt policies and appropriate disciplinary sanctions for students and employees who violate alcohol policies. Sanctions that are enforced consistently send the message that alcohol and drug abuse will not be tolerated.

It should be noted, however, that the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR) warns schools that these disciplinary policies could have a chilling effect on victims' or other students' reporting of sexual violence offences. This is especially true if the victims or bystanders were in violation of campus alcohol, drug or other rules when the incident occurred.

Because of this, OCR recommends that "schools inform students that the

schools' primary concern is student safety, that any other rules violations will be addressed separately from the sexual violence allegation, and that use of alcohol or drugs never makes the victim at fault for sexual violence."

Offering alcohol-free events, such as homecoming, athletic events, concerts and parties can also help to provide students with alternate activities that don't put them in as much risk for sexual violence.

4 Steps to Make Your Sexual Assault Prevention Social Marketing Program More Effective

1. Ads should be placed around campus on posters, buses, book-marks, table tents, door hangers and computer screens (where students and staff must login)
2. Do a saturated concentration of ads for six weeks and then take everything down. This keeps the messages from getting stale.
3. "We found that the more the target audience says 'These people look like me, say things I say,' the greater the effect," says Jane Stapleton, who is co-director of Prevention Innovations Research and Practices for Ending Violence Against Women at the University of New Hampshire. "For example, we found that the students in Durham, N.H., look really different than the students in Merced, Calif. We have a winter here that is really different, so we wear different clothes. Also, New Hampshire is predominantly white. At UC Merced, I think 45% of their students are white."
4. Target everyone, not just first year students.

Common Rape Myths

The following beliefs about sexual assault are held by many individuals, both male and female, in our society. Experts claim the following myths create rape-supportive attitudes and wrongly put the onus of prevention on women/girls.

- **Myth 1:** Many girls/women falsely claim rape out of revenge or regret over consensual sex.
- **Myth 2:** Girls/women "ask for it" when they dress and act in an overly flirtatious or sexual manner or when they drink or take drugs.
- **Myth 3:** Men can't restrain their sexual urges.
- **Myth 4:** Girls/women who consent to any sexual activity or minimal sexual contact are consenting to all sexual activity, and they give up their right to say "no."
- **Myth 5:** Promiscuous girls are to blame for being or putting themselves in a bad situation.

Source: *Journal of Sport & Social Issues*

Understanding the Student Conduct Committee

Cassidy Choi
Staff Writer

If any Saint Martin's student finds himself or herself breaking any of the rules, he or she may be faced with disciplinary actions appointed by the Student Conduct Committee. The SMU Student Conduct Committee is comprised of faculty, staff, and students. The hearings are only necessary for situations that rise above typical issues, such as co-habitation, but are also required for repeated offenses.

"The point of the Student Conduct Committee is to provide students the opportunity to explain the intricacies of their case," explains Tim McClain, the Chief Conduct Coordinator and Director of Housing and Residence Life.

The committee is comprised of five faculty members, eight staff members, and nine students. For each hearing, there are five committee members present, usually in favor of student participation.

"We want to make sure there are an adequate number of peers for the students," remarks McClain.

As the Chief Conduct Coordinator, McClain trains and schedules the committee. He does not participate in the actual hearing or decision making, but is responsible for taking the minutes.

Melanie Richardson, Dean of Students, has the right to appeal the decision made by the Student Conduct Committee, and either the accused or the accuser can request to appeal

the verdict.

"During my six years, there has never been an expulsion, although there have been suspensions," continues McClain. "The committee needs to take into consideration a combination of factors."

After the hearing, the committee decides what actions should be taken against the offender. The committee decides what is best for the accused, what is best for the complainant, and what is best for the community. McClain reports that removal from the institution has a lot to do with the safety of other students and the community.

For students interested in learning more about the Student Conduct Committee, or who would like to be a part of the Student Conduct Committee, McClain is available for questions. Generally, McClain looks for recommendations through the Residence Hall Council or ASSMU. The students who are nominated must have a clean conduct record and it is recommended that they are involved in school activities. Ultimately, university president, Dr. Roy Heynderickx, is the appointer.

For more information about the Student Conduct Committee, contact Tim McClain at tmcclain@stmartin.edu. McClain also recommends that students refer to the Student Handbook which can be found on the SMU website for more information about university rules and policies.

Calling Team Rat Fink!

Anyone old or new who might be interested in joining Team Rat Fink:

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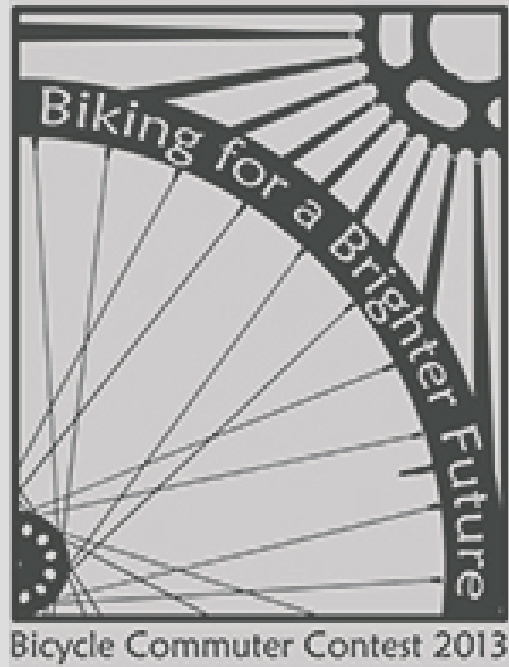


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May my soul speak to the world: Hip-Hop for the Soul



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Astro King drops his verse and opens the show right.

Tony Kern
Staff Writer

On a small campus it is sometimes hard to find things to do for fun. The “Hip-Hop for the Soul” concert hosted by Pros and the Social Justice Committee was a unique event that allowed local artists such as former SMU student Aubrey Rainwater (AKA Astro King Phoenix), Yirim Seck and SMU’s DJ Trade Mark to display their talents to a crowd of over 100 Saints. This concert kicked-off a charity drive, called the “Soul of the Saint,” to collect food and clothing to donate to the Thurston County Food Bank and

Saint Vincent de Paul of Olympia. Adama Seck, the ASSMU Senator of Cultural Diversity and head of the Social Justice Committee, was the emcee for the event, and hyped-up the crowd in the TUB and introduced the first act. DJ Trade Mark spun the record, droppin’ the beat for Astro. Astro’s line summed up the night: “Let my words speak to your mind, your mind speak to your heart, and my soul speak to the world. May the dreamers prosper.” Astro left the stage and the other acts-the Anonymous Dance Crew, Yirim Seck, Mega Evers, Gran Rapidis, and Illeletric Company-got



Anonymous Dance Crew, always an impressive performance.

a chance to show their talent.

Adama Seck was surprised with the turn out. He did not expect the close to 115 people that showed up.

Adama proclaims, “It was such a joy for me to see so many students and community members that truly cared!”

Adama is thankful to groups like Campus Ministry, Campus Life PROS, Office of Intercultural Initiatives, Black Student Union, Hui’

Seck says, “What I’m hoping for

the next concert is that the Social Justice Committee and the 2013-2014 director collaborate with other groups that seek to do their part in contributing to the community.”

From the local artists to the students, the “Hip-Hop for the Soul” concert was a great way to kick off the “Soul of the Saint” drive.

From the words of Astro King Phoenix, “I thought the event was real chill. A lot of

different artists from different areas brought hip hop from the soul. Enjoyed rockin’ with my Saints!”



MC Seck hypes the crowd for the soul.



DJ Trade Mark’s sweet set-up.

SMU business students have more study abroad opportunities in Germany

Cassidy Choi
Staff Writer

Looking around the SMU campus, students cannot help but notice flyers coating the walls of the hallways and staircases. Saint Martin’s University advertises many opportunities for its students, including the option to study abroad. Beginning last year, the School of Business offered business students a summer school abroad option in Germany. This year the offer still stands.

The BEST Summer Academy is focused on allowing students from overseas to study in Germany in a five-week program for college credit. Students can earn up to nine credits while enjoying a summer in Germany.

“This is a great opportunity for business students, and I encourage everyone to consider the option,” beamed Dr. Richard Beer, Dean of the School of Business.

Even though the finances make the trip seem out of reach, SMU is a sister school and the tuition is waived for SMU students; they need only pay for room and board and general living expenses. A free tuition allows more students to consider having a great summer abroad earning credits without worrying about monetary issues.

This summer’s BEST program priority deadline was March 15, but this opportunity should be available for SMU students next year. For more information, visit the School of Business office in Old Main, room 379.

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The End of Lecturing

Nick Tudor
Staff Writer

"Thank God for education. It saved my life. The church saved my life. Do you trust me?"

Before me stood a tall, powerfully-voiced man speaking of "the end." Such a topic implies a cogent, practically forcible dictation. And yet, the man carried himself with seemingly immaculate reverence toward those of whom he spoke.

Giving Saint Martin's University's fourth annual "Last Lecture," titled "*The End of Lecturing*," Father David Pratt offered humility,

gratefulness, and awe to great philosophers, martyrs and leaders who had chiseled out their own places throughout history before him. In a truly thought-provoking lecture, Pratt spoke of beauty, ultimacy, infinite compassion, and purpose. With references to Martin Luther King, Jr., Edith Stein, Plato, Fyodor Dostoevsky and more, he offered up the importance of acknowledging our purpose in life. Pratt spoke of things all too important to our lives, from childhood stories to religious

callings and reconnections to once-forgotten friendships. He insisted on the importance of achieving infinity of compassion. He reminded us to *never* underestimate the impact we have on others' lives.

Truly an experience to have witnessed firsthand, Pratt's "Last Lecture" touched the hearts, minds and souls of every member in his audience. Whether seeking inspiration or knowledge, hope or humility, people from all branches of the Saint Martin's community were

given so much more than could have been expected. Pratt concluded his lecture with a group-listening to "*Fantasia on a Theme by Thomas Tallis*" by Ralph Vaughan Williams. This was his "funeral music", as this was "the end" for both him and lecturing.

Leaving the podium in an honorably humble manner, Pratt left us to these enduring words: "Embrace your purpose. Love it. You are my end."

Motorcyclists fight for parking space

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Where to park has been a big question that many motorcycle users, both faculty and student, have when they ride in to Saint Martin's every morning. Currently the "S" lot, located near Old Main, and the "M" lot are the only parking lots that contain any motorcycle parking, however there are only four stalls total and the one in the "M" lot is employees only. Unfortunately, motorcycle riders are not always there first to use them.

"There are three parking stalls designated for motorcycle riders in the "S" lot at the base of the Grand Staircase, but it's not uncommon to find those spots parked over by cars," Jesse Lamp, senior and motorcycle rider at Saint Martin's, explains, "Public Safety has done a great job of enforcing the parking and ticketing the cars, but it's not enough."

After months of being fed up with the parking issue, Lamp took the

necessary action to bring it up in an ASSMU meeting so that the problem could be fixed.

"I am not the only person affected by the lack of motorcycle parking stalls, because it affects numerous people. However, as far as I am aware I am the only one to have brought it up before," Lamp explains.

On a Friday, after attempting to park in the motorcycle parking and finding the spots parked over by an SUV, Lamp had had enough and went to ask Howard Thronson, Director of Public Safety, how to go about a formal request to address the motorcycle parking issues. Thronson suggested talking to Ginny-Beth Joiner, Director of the Office of Campus Life, because he was not sure if ASSMU had a process for things like this. Joiner informed Lamp that there was a Student Affairs Committee that handled things like this and their next meeting was

Monday so he should send a request to Melanie Richardson, Dean of Students, for the Committee to add to their meeting on Monday.

"In the request form I submitted it on the behalf of all the motorcycle riders because I know I'm not the only one affected, so I pluralized it using the 'collective we'. After I filed the request I tried to think of all the motorcycle riders, people involved with motorcycles or that would care about what was going, and put them in an email group so that they could be informed of what I was doing and to try to set up a little sub community or discussion group so if there are questions, problems, concerns, or things going on we can email each other and address them as a group instead of as individuals," says Lamp.

The efforts of Lamp and the other motorcyclists have paved the way for new motorcycle parking stalls around campus. Although they have

made progress, there has been some delay with actually adding the parking stalls in.

"We contacted the company who does the striping for our parking lot and they said that they needed 24 hours of dry weather on weekend because on they have environmentally friendly principles," Alan Tyler, Director of Facilities, says, "they don't want it to rain and for the paint to damage the area around it."

Lamp remarks, "I would have thought it would have been done by now but I talked to Alan Tyler and he explained the whole weather thing...so I kind of understand that, I'm hoping they get it done soon... sooner is definitely better, but at this point it is in the works so as long as it's in the works I consider it a win."

Soon enough, SMU motorcyclists can look forward to parking on campus with ease.



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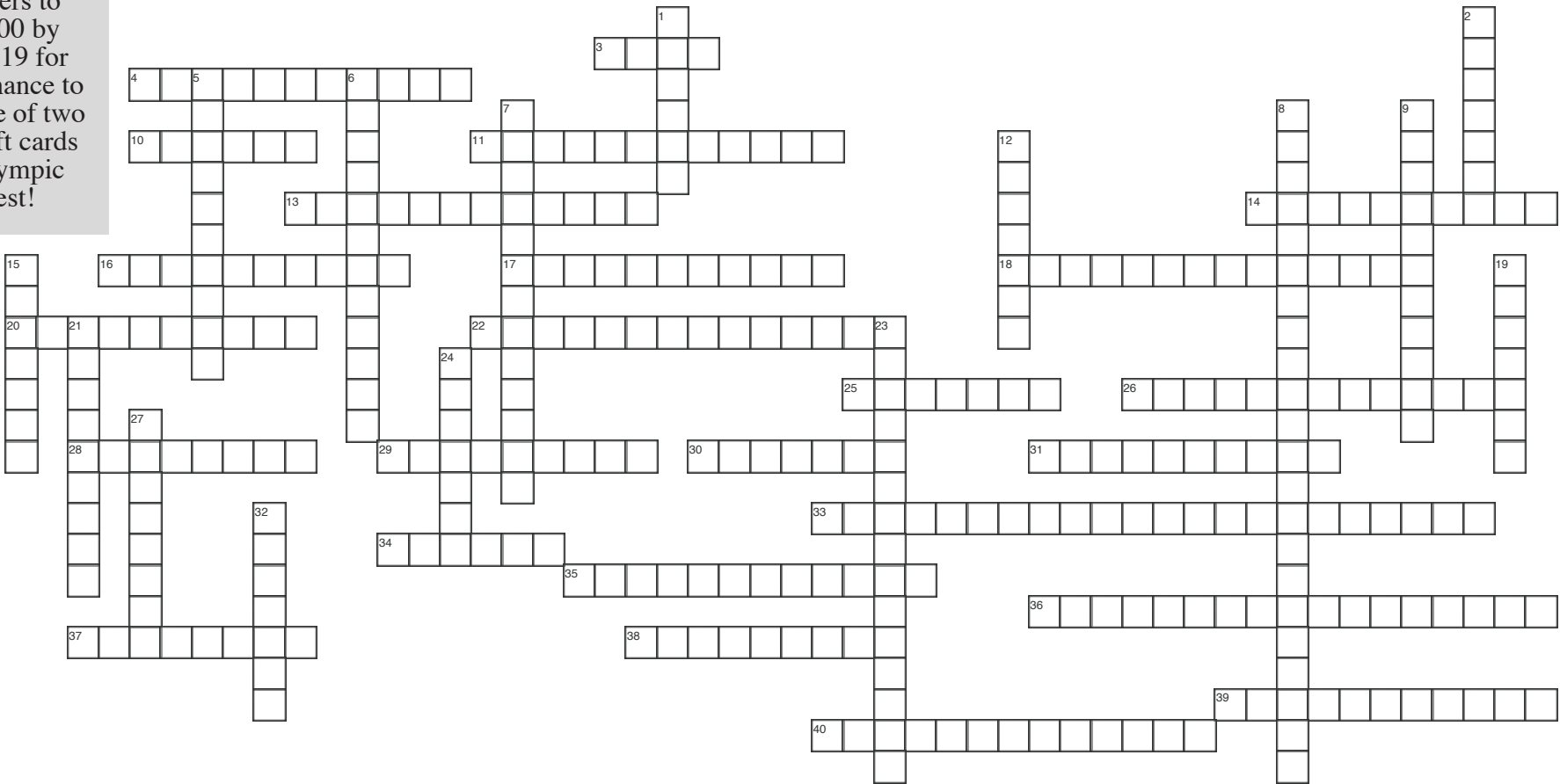
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