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Caleb Thetford cleans the sabre after the cake cutting ceremony

Jesse Lamp
Editor-in-Chief

On Thursday, Nov. 10, 2011, scores of people poured through the doors and into the TUB activity room. A quick look around the room revealed a slideshow presentation with familiar faces. Those familiar faces belonged to many of the faculty and staff around Saint Martin's, but there was something different. Those faces belonged to bodies adorned in camouflage and fatigues, standing in front of rivers not found in America, or on top of gun boats, or hanging from a

parachute harness. These pictures were of the faculty and staff of Saint Martin's who call themselves veterans.

This year, Saint Martin's University held its first Veteran's Day event. Usually overshadowed by Saint Martin's Day, held Nov. 11 every year, the newly formed Veteran's Support Committee decided they needed to hold an event specifically focused on veterans to make sure that SMU's veterans knew they were appreciated.

Jan Berney, Director of the Counseling and Wellness Center and Co-Chair of the Veteran's Support Committee, said the day was meant to "celebrate our student veterans and faculty and staff."

She emphasized the importance of bringing awareness to the number of students, faculty, and staff who have served and said that this event was the first in what she hopes will be a new tradition for SMU.

Josephina Pilon, Assistant Director of Admissions Transfer Recruitment and Co-Chair of the Veteran's Support Committee, added that Saint Martin was a warrior, so the theme fit well with the university.

This idea of Saint Martin the Warrior was also mentioned during the Veteran's Day event as Father Peter Tynan, SMU Chaplain, gave his address to those in attendance.

Because the event occurred on Nov. 10 instead of Nov. 11 which is the official date of Veteran's Day, one other event was marked during the celebration.

Nov. 10 is the birthday of the United States Marine Corps (USMC). In celebration of this day, the cake was cut, a tradition Howard Thronson Director of Public Safety and a veteran of the USMC, says goes back to the early 1920's. Usually, the senior Marine will cut the cake and the first piece is passed from the senior indi-

vidual to the youngest member.

"It represents the passing of knowledge and experience from the oldest by enlistment date to the youngest present," Thronson said.

As a sign of respect to Theresa Wetzel, a Lieutenant Colonel in the Army National Guard and an adjunct professor in the Math department, she was given the honor of cutting the cake for Thronson because she was the senior officer present. She then passed the cake to Thronson who in turn passed it on to Johann Bisbing, a sophomore psychology student who entered the Marine Corps in 2006 and separated in 2010 after serving two tours in Iraq.

Following the cutting of the cake, Thronson read General Order 47 issued by General John A. Lejeune, Commandant of the Marine Corps in 1921, which outlined the history, mission, and tradition of

the Marine Corps.

Saint Martin's University President Roy Heynderickx then addressed the attendees. He talked about why it was important for SMU to celebrate Veteran's Day and spoke about how in the 1970's, Father Cebula "created a partnership" with the military base now known as Joint Base Lewis-McChord. He held up a plaque which shows SMU



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CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES AT SMU

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It is clear to anyone who takes a look at Saint Martin's campus that it is in the midst of renovation. There is a new engineering building coming up behind Harned Hall, the TUB was recently remodeled, and the Baran Residence Hall just reopened this fall semester. Students who have been here a few years may have seen the construction of Parsons and Harned Hall. The buildings that make Saint Martin's campus are constantly being maintained and a fresh coat of paint is applied annually. As Alan Tyler, Director of Facilities, explained, students will someday want to visit their alma mater, and it is better to see a well maintained campus.

Many students may not be aware that the Norman Worthington Conference Center, located in the Marcus Pavilion, is in the midst of a renovation. The tile floor in

the main entrance has been replaced, the walls have been painted, and the boards near the ceiling that were once a shade of pink have been swapped with more neutral colored boards. The construction started before the Gala in early November, and the finishing touches were being applied as the month came to a close.

The Baran Residence Hall has opened, but construction continued through November to build a prayer room. The room has a bench on either side, both made from local wood. One is attached to the wall, but the other is free, so that it may serve as a bench or a table, according to Brian Suda, the Associate Director of Faith and Formation. At the end of the room, there is a large tile cross mounted to the wall, looking almost like a painting. The floor is also made of tile, though it looks just like wood.

Suda explained, "The problem is the door to the balcony would let in water so...a wood

[floor] would get destroyed really quickly."

On the balcony, there is a third bench and garden space put aside where there will one day be a statue, said Suda. The new prayer room is not locked, and is open to everyone 24 hours a day, seven days a week. To reserve the room for a larger prayer group or other event, contact Campus Ministry. There is also a prayer room in Spangler, and the goal is to soon have a prayer room in every residence hall, says Suda.

One may wonder where the money to continue construction and maintenance comes from. According to Tyler, the funds to build come mainly from donors, and money is also put aside for maintenance at that time. Tyler also stressed the importance of hiring student workers whenever possible, such as when buildings need painting. Every summer, he hires about ten students that get professional painting training while they

paint the buildings. This gives the students a skill they can use later, and it also saves the school money. Tyler said that he is also the contractor for his projects, with the exception of larger projects like the new engineering building, which saves even more money.

Even though Saint Martin's campus keeps expanding, this does not mean an increase in expenses for students. The university is working toward a better campus, not a tuition increase, and this means better buildings and a better atmosphere for everyone.



Photo by Kenzie Long

Professor Gideon to retire

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Clarifying the Clery Act

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News Editor

Have you ever heard of Jeanne Clery? She was a student at Leigh University in Bethlehem, PA who was raped and murdered in 1986 in her own dorm room. Her parents were devastated by her death, but were also infuriated that they had not known that there had been 38 violent crimes on campus in the three years prior to Jeanne's death. Through their efforts schools are now required to post a crime statistic summary of the last three years. The act started as the "Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act of 1990" but has been amended several times and renamed simply "The Clery Act."

The report that the school has to file does not just contain the crime stats of the last three years though. The schools are also required to provide a timely warning of any danger on campus, and provide information of what to do if something happens to you. If you are criminally affected (assaulted, burglarized, etc.) while on campus, there is a list of responsible parties included in the Clery report that you can contact, and for more life-threatening incidents 911 is always a viable option.

Part of the Act, besides informing the university community about available resources, is showing the campus crime statistics for the last three years. Luckily Saint Martin's has a lot of 'zeros' on our report. There has been only one hate-crime in the last three years, and only three illegal weapons possessions. There are no murders, no aggravated assaults, no arson, and our highest statistics are disciplinary actions for liquor law violations. However, we have had seven forcible sex offenses on campus in the last three years and all but one of them were in the residence halls. Always remember that sexual harassment is not okay and if anyone is making you uncomfortable, you can contact the Director of Housing and Residence Life, Tim McClain, since he is one of many people on the approved list of contacts in the Clery report.

The report also covers fire safety on campus. There are always two drills conducted each year and every dorm has a fire alarm, room detection and sprinklers except for Burton which is only missing the sprinklers. The good news is that we have not had any fires on campus for the last three years.

If you want to find out more about Saint Martin's Clery statistics, a paper copy of the report is available on request at the Office of Public Safety, Old Main 251.

CHRISTMAS BREAK

Joey Keeton
Staff Writer

With Christmas break just around the corner we here at the Belltower wanted to know what the saints were doing for their break! With as many things from "Chillin' with my bro's" to "Nothing but the Z's", everyone has a different way to spend their break.

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Veronica Ruab

"WORKING AN INTERNSHIP FOR A SCHOLARSHIP OFFERED BY TACOMA PUBLIC UTILITIES."



Andy Nicoletta

"I'LL BE ROCKING OUT WITH SOME LOCAL SEATTLE BANDS AND SPENDING TIME WITH MY FAMILY."



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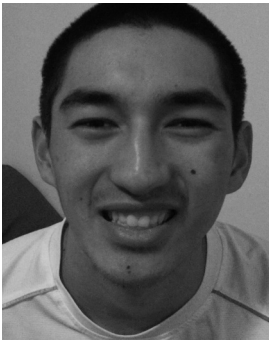
"I WILL BE SNOWSHOEING AND ICE SKIING/ICE FISHING. I ALSO PLAN TO GO CAMPING AND GOING TO THREE CONCERTS IN WENATCHEE. I WILL ALSO BE DOING PLENTY OF RUNNING AND SWIMMING."



Devin McNeil

"CATCHING THE Z'S AND PLAYING SOME VIDEO GAMES!"

Chaz Ferreira



"I'M GOING HOME TO HAWAII AND [WILL] BE SPENDING CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S AT MY HOUSE LIKE WE ALWAYS DO."

Dillon Linhart



"I'm going home and having Christmas eve at my grandparents' house, then Christmas breakfast and dinner at my house. Then we plan to open presents."

Ryan McGath



"I'LL BE CHILLIN' WITH THE BROS AND JUST MESSING AROUND AND HAVING FUN ALL BREAK!"

Sam Womack



"I'M SPENDING CHRISTMAS AT HOME IN TEXAS SO I CAN SEE MY FAMILY AND MY LONG DISTANCE GIRLFRIEND."

Games, work, fun and play, the saints always end up being the hardworking and life loving people they are. Numerous people are going back to old jobs or doing local work and still plan to have fun and enjoy Christmas and New Year's! Either way we wish all of the Saints a wonderful break and look forward to seeing you all back this January!

'Tis the season to go to the mountain

Mary Fontenot
Staff Writer

Ladies and Gentleman, it is that time of year again; the ski resorts are officially open. Whether you ski, snowboard, or just want to play in the snow, there is now more than enough snow for everyone.

There are two resorts that are just over a two-hour drive from Saint Martin's University: Crystal Mountain and White Pass. A day pass at Crystal Mountain will cost \$65 for chairs only; however they have just opened a new gondola ride that takes passengers to the top of the mountain and offers breathtaking views. A day pass for skiing and the gondola will cost \$73.

Not interested in Crystal? Try White Pass. This mountain has plenty of runs for all skill levels. A full day pass at White Pass, which runs from 8:45 a.m. to 4 p.m., costs \$58.00. For those who are not willing to get up at first light, a half-day pass may be more appealing. These passes are \$44 and allow for skiing/snowboarding from 12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

White Pass also offers night skiing from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. on holidays and Saturdays, starting on Dec. 26 and continuing until March 3. Night Skiing will be included in a full day or half day ticket. For those who wish to purchase only a night skiing pass, the cost is \$25.

If there are some people who are willing to make a five and a half hour trip, or maybe make a weekend out

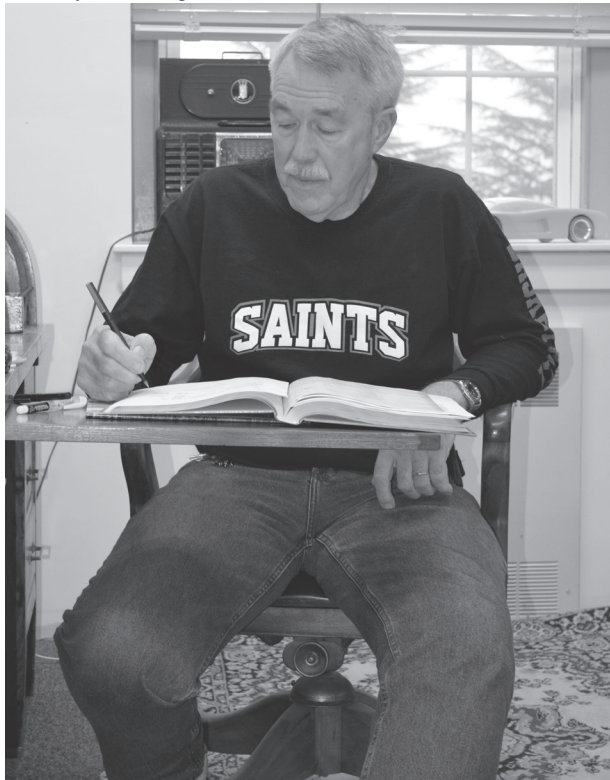
of it and experience some first class runs, then make the worthwhile trip to Bend, OR, and spend time at Mount Bachelor. Full-day passes here will cost \$73, and half-day, which starts at noon will cost \$63. While this drive is long, it is well worth it.

Don't want to make the drive to any of these mountains? Don't worry! The TUB schedules group trips up to Crystal Mountain throughout the winter season complete with transportation.

Stop by the TUB or keep your eyes peeled for emails about when the trips will be. Keep in mind, though that the food is expensive, so packing a lunch will easily save you around \$10. So grab your friends, grab your gear, and head to the mountains!

A whole life left to live: Professor Gideon prepares for life after SMU

Photo By Jesse Lamp



Jesse Lamp
Editor-in-Chief

Behind the desk in OM375 sits a self-proclaimed abrasive personality. Getting in contact with the man behind the desk seems to be an impossible task, but once your seat is taken, Professor Michael Gideon has a whole world of experiences to share.

A local, Gideon was born in Saint Peter's Hospital, the old one in West Olympia, in 1943. Though he spent some time in Port Angeles on the north end of the Olympic Peninsula, Gideon has spent most of his life in the South Sound area.

Gideon graduated from California

State University-Long Beach with a BS (he likes to emphasize that part) in Accounting, and completed his MBA at the University of Washington in 1974, completing a thesis which developed a human resources model to value athletes. Gideon is also a licensed CPA with the state of Washington.

A man of many hobbies, Gideon spent "about seven years" working on German cars and continues to "fiddle" with them when he has time. He is also a collector of antique radios, knives, tea pots, watches, and enjoys growing tomatoes in the

summer.

"I'm a big time reader for pleasure," says Gideon. The books he reads include anything from Louis L'Amour and Zane Grey to Steinbeck and Hemingway. He even has a manual for aircraft engines on his book shelf.

Soon, this accounting instructor will no longer roam the halls of SMU. He plans to retire after the spring semester.

Though he says, "I will probably have some role here in the future," Gideon is ready to finish his time as an instructor.

"When you teach," says Gideon, "you have to get up every morning and really like to come here and teach kids, motivate them, and aspire to greatness

for them...greater heights than they aspire on their own. And I think you get to a certain point. I think when you do about 20 years, I think you've done your share of that, and I just thought... heck! I might turn out to be something I haven't even thought about doing at this point. It's not that I've got tired of working; but I do have rules now. I don't want to work at night, and I don't want to work in the summer."

Recently, Professor Gideon had a heart attack, and while he says that was not the reason he decided to retire, he acknowledged that it "focused it more."

"The focus for me was, 'you're not immortal,'" he says. "It brings it home when you can't do things at a physical level that you take for granted."

But Gideon is reassuring that his heart attack is not his primary motivation for moving on. He says he has a whole life left to live and, "I just wanted to do something different before I got too old to do it!"

Gideon says there are only a few national parks west of the Mississippi which he has not visited. While he has decided he is done travelling internationally, he plans to see as much of America as he can and says America has plenty to see.

"I had a whole life before I was a teacher," says Gideon. He spent four years in the United States Air Force, is a Vietnam veteran, worked on cars, was a manager for forestry equipment companies, and worked for Douglass Aircraft (the company that later became McDonnell-Douglass, and is now part of Boeing). Gideon said in his time in the aviation industry he worked on B-52's, F-4 Phantom jets, the first production of DC-9's, and even the Play-boy DC-9.

After being laid off from his work in the aviation industry, Gideon returned to school full-time to finish his MBA. It was while working for a firm in Tacoma that he became affiliated with Saint Martin's. The university was one of his audit clients.

"You don't quite escape this place (SMU) once you're associated with it," says Gideon, speaking about how his connection to the university helped him get his current position and how he sees his continued involvement with the university after he retires.

Gideon said that after being out of work for about seven months he noticed an ad in the paper and ending up becoming a professor.

"I thought I would stay a couple years," he says, "and this will be the end of year 21."

While he says he has never enjoyed the politics or administrative aspects of the university, he says, "The part I've enjoyed most...have been the students."

He also said that after working long hours his whole life, teaching at the university allowed him to slow down.

"I got all this gray hair taking over the sawmill operation as a controller," he says. "I got all this gray hair...in three months."

But leaving the university does not mean he will stop teaching. "I'm going to teach my grandsons," he says, "the manly arts."

Gideon says that he is soon to be the grandfather of five. His fifth is on the way and his oldest just turned four.

While looking forward to the future, Gideon also keeps in mind what he is leaving behind.

"There [are] two elements of this job that I will miss," he says. "Number one is my students. [If you have] taught kids for any length of time, I can't see how you wouldn't miss that. That's the big thing for me. And my fellow professors I work with in the business division here at the school. I don't think I've ever worked with finer people."

Using the words of University President-elect Bryan M. Johnston, who passed away before taking office, Gideon said that SMU is good at finding diamonds in the rough. "That is something you can't get if you teach a class with 800 people," he says.

"This will probably be pretty emotional for me," he says. While he says he is "not big on big goodbyes," Gideon is looking forward to the free time and new adventures he hopes to encounter after retirement. He says he will be returning to the forestry industry and would "like to sit on the board of directors for an Indian tribe."

"You have to remember," he says, "that Colonel Sanders had his first success after the age of 65, so...I don't know what I'm up to doing."

Prof. Gideon gets a mohawk after losing a bet as the manager of a Tumwater mill.

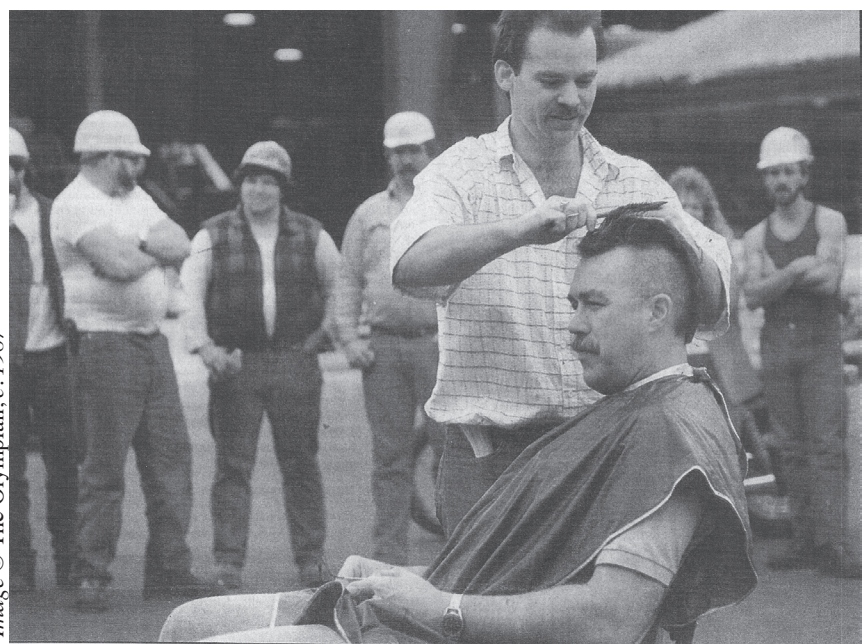


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From Romania to SMU: Raluca Vetrici



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Among the throng of international students that come to Saint Martin's University every year is Raluca Vetrici, from Brasov, Romania. Studying for an MBA in business, Vetrici was attracted to Saint Martin's because of the variety of courses offered. Already living in the U.S., Vetrici says she chose Saint Martin's because of its location.

"I looked everywhere," she says "since I was already here, it was the best decision financially."

Vetrici graduated with her undergraduate degree in Romania, then got married and started a family.

"I stayed home with my kids until I came back to school," she says. Vetrici is looking for a career in sales or marketing.

She likes American culture, but notes that "family doesn't seem to be as important. Families don't stay together because people move around." This aspect of American culture she had a difficult time identifying with, because she was brought up in a tight knit community, where "family was everything."

In Vetrici's opinion, "individuality and independence are so valued [in American culture] that the importance of community is overlooked."

She also comments that the greatest issue as an international student is how apprehensive employers are regarding her status in the states, and that sometimes international students do not get as many work opportunities.

Attending Saint Martin's has been a great experience for Vetrici. "I like the teaching style a lot here at Saint Martin's," she says with enthusiasm. As she has previously had experience in the Eastern European school system, where memorization is highly stressed, Vetrici enjoys the personal experience focus of Saint Martin's. "I like the freedom of thought," Vetrici concludes. As she looks forward to the future, Vetrici treasures her experience here at Saint Martin's.

A warm welcome from Campus Ministry

Hana Cahill
News Editor

Brian Suda, Associate Campus Minister, cordially invites everyone who reads this article to stop by Old Main office 202.

Old Main 202 is home to Campus Ministry, one of the oldest student services at Saint Martin's University. Campus Ministry is a school tradition that has grown and matured over time into two main pillars or purposes.

The first pillar that Suda talked about is his own expertise of Faith and Formation. What this side of campus Ministry excels at is education, spiritual education to be more precise. This side handles Bucket, the student musical praise session that happens every Tuesday; the Student Liturgy Mass, a student led mass; and the Interfaith Lecture Series. The Campus Ministry-hosted "Theology of Zombies" lectures will also be continuing all year.

The first pillar is also responsible for the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RICA), a program for anyone who wants to learn about the Catholic faith. It can be a process for anyone to be confirmed as a Catholic practitioner, or simply a way to educate oneself about the faith that started Saint Martin's University. If you do decide to try

out the course, it does not mean that you have to become Catholic. Suda was quite adamant that you do not have to be Catholic to benefit from Campus Ministry. They will not try to convert you; that is not what they are there to do.

The other side of Campus ministry is Service and Justice. They run the community drives for anything from food to cleaning supplies or clothes. They are also responsible for the community kitchen in Olympia, formerly known as Bread and Roses, and the community dinner at Saint Benedict's Episcopal Church. They also run retreats like the Portland immersion trip coming up in early December.

The other two trips are the two big projects that Campus Ministry is working on this year. Koinania and the Mission Service trip will be excursions out in the great wide yonder. Koinania was a big hit last year and Suda is confident that it will be just as fun this year. It is a weekend, Jan. 27 to 29, of prayer, conversation and, most importantly, food. It is set on a lake where the students will be able to make life-long friends and share stories. Although it is geared toward first- and second-year students, anyone can attend, although limited spots are available. Please check with

Campus Ministry for availability.

The Mission Service trip is a slightly different excursion, being farther away, more involved, and an extra four days longer. The trip is, as it sounds, all about service. The plan is to travel all the way out to Ohio and find work doing any number of charitable things. That could mean building houses, serving food, talking to people on the street, or volunteering at a teen pregnancy center. The possibilities are endless, but each day will end with reflection over a shared meal and a fun trip into Cincinnati. Last year they even went to the Zoo!

Both pillars send out weekly emails with all of the activities they have planned to connect to the students. They try to be very inclusive, and are not an exclusive group. They want you to know that there are no dumb questions. They will even point you towards a church or group they know of in the area that will fit who you are if going to Mass is really not your thing.

Laurella White, one of the student Stewards at Campus Ministry, says, "There are three things you go to college for: your mind, your soul and your body." Campus ministry is there for your soul, and they welcome students to visit whenever possible.

'Tis the season to give

Ryan Cullitan
Advertising Manager

It is that time of year again. Thanksgiving has passed; the semester is quickly coming to a close; and Christmas is just around the corner. It is a time to enjoy the company of loved ones and bask in the holiday cheer. It is also a time to give, and in this current economy, there are many who are experiencing financial difficulties and in need of generous individuals to give this season. This is why Campus Ministry and the H.A.N.D.S. club have organized two drives for the month of December: the Giving Tree and Adopt-a-Child.

The next time you are in Harned Hall or the cafeteria, first notice the addition of a Christmas tree, and then look closely at the ornaments on the tree. Each ornament represents an item from the list of an individual's needs this holiday season. This is the Giving Tree drive. The purpose of which is to collect gifts specifically for those in need in the Saint Martin's community. This includes staff, faculty, and students.

"[The Giving Tree is a way to] give back to the community at Saint Martin's," says senior Katie Arena, president of H.A.N.D.S. and the Campus Ministry Drive Coordinator. "There are many people in our Saint Martin's community in desperate need of some help this season. Many of us here are able to provide and reach out."

This is not the first year of the Giving Tree; it has been a part of Saint Martin's holiday tradition for the last 12 years, helping anywhere from nine to 14 families each year; however, unlike past years, there are now two trees.

As previously mentioned, there is one in St. Gertrude Dining Hall and now one in Harned Hall. With two of the most trafficked areas on campus covered, both H.A.N.D.S. and Campus Ministry are hoping for a high participation rate.

To donate a gift, simply take an ornament (or several if you are so inclined) off either tree, look at what needs to be donated, buy the item, then drop off the gift(s) in the Campus Ministry office (OM 201). Susan Leyster, the Director of Campus Ministry, will deliver the gifts to the individuals.

The second drive taking place this month is the Adopt-a-Child drive in which students can figuratively "adopt" a child, thus the name, by giving to a foster child in the Lacey/Olympia area. The drive, ran by the Family Support Center of South Sound, provides foster children from infancy to age 18 with Christmas gifts they may not receive otherwise. The gifts, which usually take the form of stocking stuffers, are collected in Ziploc bags, which can be picked up and dropped off in the Campus Ministry office. Due to the wide age range, there are a large number of gift types requested from dolls and toy cars to makeup and headphones. Last year, the drive was a great suc-

cess with over 200 bags collected. This year, the goal of Campus Ministry and H.A.N.D.S. is not to reach a specific number of bags, but rather to see full student-body participation.

"That's our goal," says Arena, "We hope that the whole school will get involved and every child will be adopted."

Both drives started on Dec. 4 to coincide with the Christmas concert and tree blessing and will end on Dec. 12. As mentioned, all donations can be dropped off in the Campus Ministry office (OM 201).

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Susan Leyster at Campus Ministry. In addition, a representative from H.A.N.D.S. will be present in front of the cafeteria or in the Harned Hall Café to hand out Adopt-a-Child bags and answer questions during lunch hours for the duration of the drives. Both Campus Ministry and H.A.N.D.S. would like to ask all students and staff members to take some time and participate in one or both of the drives.

Arena says, "We need more help. We need people to see this is such an important thing, to give back. If you were in a similar situation, you would appreciate it." Indeed, the last couple weeks of classes are a very busy and stressful time for students, however there are few feelings that are as relaxing as knowing you have made someone else's day (or Christmas morning, for that matter) a little jollier.

A NIGHT OF MUSIC A LIFETIME OF WATER

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Staff Writer

Saint Martin's University is based on Benedictine values including community, stewardship, and hospitality. On Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2011 at 9 p.m. in the TUB, there was a benefit concert to raise money to build a water pump in Chipole, Tanzania. This benefit concert exemplified the Benedictine values and what Saint Martin's stands for. The event was hosted by Campus Ministry, and senior psychology major Paul Weeks came up with the idea and coordinated the event.

Music was performed by Campus Ministry, the Bucket Band, International Club musicians, Megan Briggs and Georgia Wade.

Campus Ministry ushered in the concert. Brian Suda was on guitar, and was singing along with Rachel Gillespie while Paul Weeks played the djembe, a hand drum. The TUB was a full house for the event.

The Bucket Band, made up of Brian Suda, Ryan Cullitan, David Ward, and Paul Weeks, played praise and worship songs while the audience sang along and clapped to the beat. The Bucket Band's performance was jubilant and

heart-warming.

The fitting song "Africa" by Toto was performed on guitars by the International Club musicians. The audience would randomly chime in to sing, "I blessed the rain down in Africa." Following this was singing by Megan Briggs, and this segment of the concert concluded with more singing by Georgia Wade.

Saint Martin's connection to Tanzania was formed in the mid 1990's. Saint Martin's has a sister school located in Chipole, Saint Agnes which has a primary and secondary school as well as an orphanage. Father Hugo, a monk who lived in Chipole for ten years, talked about Tanzania and the good our sister school has been doing for the city of Chipole. Two former Saint Martin's students who had gone to Tanzania spoke about their experiences as well.

Ashley Mae Badua went there to work with a medical dispensary. She saw many patients there because of illnesses caused by unclean water. The water pump would allow this place to be transformed for the better. The other Saint Martin's alumnus, Alyssa DeLuc, gave testimony about her time in Tanzania. Deluc stayed at Saint Martin's sister school and she talked about the

hardships that Chipole is faced with because of not having a reliable water source. They search for water, and the water they find is inevitably unclean and can only be used if boiled. Boiling water works well enough for cleaning, but for drinking the water is not always safe. A water pump would significantly improve the everyday life of people in Chipole.

Father Peter Tynan, SMU Chaplain, concluded the concert with a dialogue about community. Not only is Saint Martin's a community, but there is a universal community for which we are all accountable. By being part of the human race, we are obligated to help one another.

The Benefit Concert raised over four hundred dollars, but donations for the

water pump in Tanzania can still be made.

Contact Susan Leyster or Brian Suda in the Campus Ministry office (OM202) for more information on how you can help.



Drawing by Paul Weeks

Some fish, cheaters, and liars: a regular night at the theatre

Ty Skirmont
Guest Writer

The lights went down about seven minutes after they were supposed to, according to the time printed on the handout. The crowd – filled this night with both professors and a handful of students – had begun to grow slightly restless. However, the moment the actors hit the stage, a crowd almost hysterical with laughter only died down slightly and momentarily. The One Acts, a Saint Martin's University student-run stage production hosted through the theatre department, had begun.

With the hilarious performance, similar to a "Seven Steps to Kevin Bacon" play, of "Small World" to the sardonically humorous "who's sleeping with who" play of "Left to Right," the plays were intricate for the amount of play that was forced into the small amount of time. A crazy secretary and the power-broker boss in "The Way of All Fish" kept a silly string of awkward drunkenness ending with push-ups, while "Ugly Ducking," a play reminiscent of the classic "Monty Python," was full of slap-stick comedy that has not been seen since John Cleese became too old to be hit in the face with a fish.

Acting was superb from each of the actors; however with veterans Jackie Nordquist (Small World; Left to Right), a consistent stage manager of six of the nine plays she has been involved in; Taylor Simpson (the Ugly Duckling), an actress who has hopes for acting beyond the school; and Olivia Baumgartner (the Way of All Fish), a theatre major that starred in the marathon Everyman, directing, the results were never in question.

Each director gave a wide variety of answers as to how they felt their own plays turned out; however, the consensus was an overall positive feeling from each one.

Nordquist said, "The skills of being quick on your feet helped out immensely."

Baumgartner spoke about how "actors are part of a picture, while the director is the painter," hoping that all the audience left with wheels turning in their head in a different way of thinking.

Simpson spoke on how she was able to use her acting experience to turn a string of slapstick comedy into a wit-filled play of silly humor.

All were happy with the turnout of their plays, hoping the rest of the crowd enjoyed it. The night of laughs worked well and it was a great night to spend at the theatre.

VET, From Front Cover

as being selected by G.I. Jobs, a publication designed for military members who are transitioning back into civilian life, as a military-friendly school, demonstrating SMU's commitment to its student veterans and active, reserve, and national guard members.

This commitment to military affiliated community members has led to the creation of a new committee, the committee responsible for the Veteran's Day event. During the spring semester, the Veteran's Support Committee was created to foster inclusiveness as set forth by the second imperative of the university's strategic plan.

Pilon said that one of the causes which led to the creation of the committee was that she began to realize how many veterans she was recruiting to SMU. She acknowledged that "[The veterans] have different needs than the regular non-traditional students, and we want to make sure we were able to fill those needs, especially [since] we had...a pretty big contingency of veterans."

She says that Saint Martin's involvement in The Yellow Ribbon Program, a program designed to assist veterans beyond the support provided by the standard G.I. Bill, may have helped lead to this large number of veterans.

Many students may not have heard about the newly-created support committee, so hosting the Veteran's Day event was a way to reach out to the community. Pilon says the committee is still "in its infancy," but they are working to grow and address the concerns of students. The committee includes numerous offices around

campus such as admissions, the counseling center, the registrar's office, and many more, and also has two veteran faculty members, a student veteran, and the director of the military extension campuses.

Pilon says that the committee sent out an email survey last year to find out how they could assist veterans and the committee will continue to send out surveys on a yearly basis so the committee can address the ever-changing needs of the students.

There is also a website in the works for the support committee. Berney said the website has been created, but is unsure when it will be launched. Once launched, it will contain resources for students looking for assistance or needing information about programs around campus to help them through the completion of school or to assist them in their transition out of the military.

For now students can contact either Berney or Pilon with questions or concerns. Many questions can also be addressed in the registrar's office. SMU's certifying official for veterans is Ronda Vandergriff who can be found in OM245.

Pilon seems excited about the Veteran's Support Committee. She sees it as an opportunity for SMU to open up and create new forms of community.

She says, "We need to be aware of each other, not only on a personal level, but also as an older student or a younger student with different backgrounds, different religious backgrounds, so this is another area we can learn about one other."

*Faculty, staff, and students
make the Gala a
success*



Jesse Lamp
Editor-in-Chief



*"To me it was very important to have
students and alumni as volunteers to
really showcase the university. What
made it different this year was the
number of volunteers."*
-President Heynderickx



SMU celebrates International Education Week

Carlos Monteblanco
Staff Writer

Eleven years ago, the U.S. Departments of State and of Education held the first worldwide celebration of International Education Week. From Nov. 14 to 18, Saint Martin's University also promoted the joint initiative this year with various activities and events on campus.

The Office of International Programs and Development kicked off the week with the "global trivia bowl" on Monday evening in the Trautman Student Union Building. Teams composed of four players competed in answering questions that covered five different categories about the world: places, pop culture, people, food, and flags. This activity allowed participants to apply what they knew about foreign countries while still learning and having fun.

With the support of Campus Ministry, the hunger banquet took place during dinner on Tuesday in St.

Gertrude's cafeteria. Students who attended this event were seated at two different tables. Unaware of the seating arrangement, one table was served turkey, vegetables and other fresh foods while the other table was served only white rice. This allowed students to understand the living conditions of people in poverty and appreciate what they may take for granted.

During the hunger banquet, flyers and pamphlets by Oxfam America, an international relief organization that provides solutions to poverty, hunger, and social injustice, were also handed out. For those who have some time to help or are ready to make a steady commitment, Oxfam offers many ways that people can contribute to these causes.

One of Saint Martin's biggest events occurred on Wednesday in the Marcus Pavilion, the 22nd Annual Taste of Culture. This event hones in on the concept of international education by allowing students and faculty to provide a homemade cuisine

from a country of their choosing.

Abbot Neal Roth held the prayer for the ceremony, and from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., students, faculty, and others from the Lacey-Olympia community picked up their forks and plates and visited many "countries" for the free foods they offered. With nearly 30 countries represented, ranging from India, Japan, and Mexico to Scotland, Saudi Arabia, and Peru, people learned about the food of these countries while sharing conversation with friends and welcomed strangers.

Based on the famous casino and resort in Las Vegas, NV, SMU PRO's hosted the Monte Carlo casino night in the Trautman Union Building on Thursday evening. Students were given a \$10,000 chip, which unfortunately held no actual monetary value, to "gamble" for prizes in games such as Blackjack, Texas Hold 'Em, and Craps.

Hosted by the Filipino Heritage Club, the third Annual Miss University Pageant was held in the Norman

Worthington Conference Center at 7 p.m. on Friday. Although no money was needed for entry, a donation of non-perishable foods was encouraged for Campus Ministry's week-long food drive.

The contestants consisted of five sophomores and one senior: Marinella Chvatal, Gardenia Duran, Ginny West, Georgia Wade, Maluani Antonio, and Kristin Akana. There were five faculty judges, including special judge Miss Thurston County 2011. Each of the contestants was evaluated for her dress, talent, and answer to the question and answer session. After the suspense of judging the participants, senior Kristin Akana took first place in the pageant.

With the help of Saint Martin's students, faculty, and volunteers, International Education Week was a success. No matter how little we may know of other languages or cultures, this celebration promotes a diverse interconnection of beliefs and values to all.

22nd annual Taste of Culture: a great way to bridge cultures

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Every year, Saint Martin's students, faculty, and staff come together during International Education Week to participate in the Taste of Culture, where attendees are presented with a wide variety of foods from Europe to Asia to the Americas. The Office of International Programs and Development hosted this event, and the food was prepared and served by students, faculty, and local restaurants.

President Heynderickx kicked off the event saying that the Taste of Culture brings people together and is "a great way to bridge different cultures." He also thanked the presenters and urged attendees to try a variety of foods.

Attendees could sample local foods from the Pacific Northwest to chicken adobo from the Philippines to tiramisu from Italy and lo mein from China. Other dishes included dishes from Korea, Peru,

Greece, France, Puerto Rico, and others.

"This is one of my favorite events because you can taste different foods from all over the place. And it's free lunch with a show," says sophomore Christiana Calumpit.

One of the performance highlights was the Soranbushi, a traditional Japanese dance performed by American, Korean, and Japanese students.

"It illustrates fisherman putting nets into their boats" after a day of fishing, explained student Ayumi Ogawa before the performance.

As individuals from Saint Martin's and the community come together every year, Taste of Culture teaches the importance of different cultures within our community and around the world.

"Taste of Culture is a great way for students around campus to show what is important in culture," comments junior Joshua Hite. "And food is a great bridge between their culture and our culture."

Photos By Jesse Lamp



Above: Saint Martin students dance the Soranbushi.

Below: Students line up to be served dishes representing different cultures.



Women’s basketball hits the road for December

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Saint Martin’s University’s women’s basketball team got off to a rough start, but things seem to be heating up for the Saints.

They started the season at the Disney DII Tip-off classic in Anaheim, CA, where the Saints got off to a slow start. Their first game was against Hawaii Pacific University, and they were only down by two points at halftime, but the Saints only managed to shoot 6-25 from the field in the second half as the Seaside went on to win the game 41-60.

The next day, the Saints faced Washburn University. The game was tied 27-27 about 14 minutes into the first half when Washburn University went on a 16-5 run to eventually take the game beating the Saints 36-52. Chelsea Haskey posted an 11-point game, and Brooke Paulson put up an additional eight points. On the final day of the tournament, the Saints dropped their third game in a row, losing to Cal State Dominguez Hills 41-50.

The Saints came back to Lacey to play cross-town rival Evergreen State College on Nov. 8. The Saints held the Geoducks to just 12.5% shooting

in the first half and never trailed the team. The Saints went on to win their first game 54-38. Haskey recorded a double-double, scoring 10 points and getting 13 boards. Megan Teade had 10 points and Paulson had nine.

Next up was a big challenge for the Saints, who faced division I University of Nevada. The Saints played a hard game, but the Wolf Pack ended up getting a 10-point advantage early on and held onto it as they went on to beat the Saints 74-91.

The next three games the Saints started to heat up. On Nov 17, the Saints played Warner Pacific College at home. They won a thriller by scoring the last 10 points of the game to go on to win the game 50-47. Kelsey Baker got a steal with 14 seconds remaining and was fouled sending her to the line. She made the first free throw to tie the game at 47-47. She missed the next shot, which Paulson rebounded. Paulson was then fouled and sank both of her free throws. After a timeout, Haskey got a steal and was fouled with six seconds left on the clock. She made her second free throw, which was enough for the Saints to win the game. Paulson had a game high of 20 points off the bench, while Haskey added 13.

The next two games were played



Lady sets strategize during a timeout against Simpson University.

in Bellingham, at the WWU Lynda Goodrich Classic. The Saints played Northwest University and beat them 78-65, with four players getting into double figures. On the next and final game of the tournament, the Saints played Simpson University, leading the game from the middle of the first half until the end. Paulson finished with 15 points for the Saints.

The women’s basketball team opened up GNAC play at home against Northwest Nazarene University on Dec. 1. The Crusaders held an eight-

point lead against the Saints at halftime and that was enough for the Crusaders to pull off a victory to snap the Saints three-game winning streak. On Dec. 3 the women were able to get back to their winning ways, beating Central Washington University at home 57-50 as Haskey posted 22 points and nine rebounds in the game.

The women’s basketball team will play Pacific Lutheran University on Dec. 8, Dominican University on the 13th and Academy of Art University on the 14th all on the road.

Saints end their season in Hawaii

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Staff Writer

The men’s golf team finished their fall season at the University of Hawaii-Hilo’s tournament in Waikaloa, HI. The team finished tied for fourth out of a strong nine team field. Brandon Moore placed highest for the Saints, tying for ninth, shooting a 71, 76, and 71 to finish at two over par. The Saints had two players finishing in the top 20 as well. Ben Fosnick was the second lowest scorer for Saint Martin’s with scores of 75, 76 and 72 to finish seven over par. Matt Epstein, over the three day tournament, shot 76, 77 and 71 to finish at eight over par.

Coach Bishop said, “It was a nice

way to end the fall season with a good team effort.”

The men are currently ranked in seventh place in the Western Region standings.

As the men go into the offseason, Coach Bishop hopes they will continue to work on their game. “Individually, on their own, the guys are committed to doing something golf oriented daily, whether it is on the mental side or working on their golf swings and/or short game at our practice facility,” he says.

The spring season will be crammed with very competitive teams, and the Saints will have to come out stronger than ever in order to maintain their position in the regional standings.

Vivian ends season with a personal record

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Kimberly Vivian shot an even par 70 for a personal record during the second round of the Dennis Rose Invitational in Hawaii, held on Oct. 31 and Nov. 1. After finishing the first round, there was very little time for a break before the second round started. Vivian had shot a 76 the first round, and she says relaxation is what helped her drop six strokes in the second round.

Vivian said, “I think I was just more relaxed. I just played golf and didn’t think about it. I let the clubs do the work.”

The Saints finished seventh out of a very competitive field of nine other teams.

“Hawaii was a great experience and overall our team score was good, but feel we definitely could have played better,” says head coach Bob Grisham.

Going to Hawaii is not an every year occurrence for the women’s team, and this was a great time for everyone. “... it was a great overall experience for everybody and a great way to end the season,” Vivian said.

The team is now in the offseason and Coach Grisham is planning on having the women participate in “conditioning to prepare for the spring,” he said.

The team will start the spring season with a tournament in Chico, CA, where the teams are sure to be competitive. Coach Grisham says “for the spring we will be looking to improve on being more consistent in our play.”

MEN’S BASKETBALL BEGINS GNAC PLAY

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The Saint Martin's University men’s basketball team has had a rough start in the beginning of the season, going 1-4 to start the season due to mostly offensive struggles.

In their first game of the season, an exhibition game, the men’s basketball team travelled to Utah to play Southern Utah University. They played a hard game, but came up short at the end losing the game 86-70.

Next the Saints went against cross-town rival Evergreen State College on Nov. 8. The Saints started the game on an 18-0 run and never looked back as they beat the Geoducks 75-61. Jeremy Green finished with a team high of 22 points going 8-10 from the field and scoring 2-2 from behind the arc. Roger O’Neill scored 16 and Eric Taylor scored 10 points.

The men faced their next opponent at the GNAC/Pac West Conference Challenge, where they dropped both hard-fought games. In the first game, they led the University of Hawaii Hilo at the half by nine points, but the Vulcans bounced back on an 8-1 run with 12:45 left in the game and took the win from there. O’Neill led the Saints with 18 points and Green not far behind with 14 points. The Saints suffered a devastating loss to Chaminade University on Nov. 12 when the Silverswords took a 7-0 run in the beginning minutes and led by 12 or more for the rest of the game.

After coming back from Hawaii, the Saints travelled to Western Oregon University for the WOU/Phoenix Inn DII shootout tournament on Nov. 18 and 19. The Saints lost their first game against the Augustana University Vikings 54-70, but they got their first official victory in the next game against Cal State East Bay, ending their three game losing streak. Brok Pendleton stepped up and scored a game high of 22 points, while Green added 19 as the Saints went on to win the nail-biter 73-69.

In their last game of November against Northwest Christian University, the Saints played a good game, but ended up losing the match 72-79. The Saints came out shooting just 9-34 in the first half, but managed to come back in the second half shooting just over 50% in the field, but it was not enough as the Saints ran out of time.

On Dec. 1 the Saints won their first game against a GNAC opponent this year when they faced Northwest Nazarene University. The Saints were able to jump out to an early lead and held onto it until the end, beating NNU 84-78 on the road. The Saints then travelled to Ellensburg, WA to play Central Washington University. The Men kept the score close at the half but Central broke out in the second half to beat the Saints 61-76.

The Saints will play Willamette University at home on Dec. 6 before they head off to The Grand Canyon Christmas Classic on Dec 16 and 17.

Kyle Van Santen

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Staff Writer

This has been a monumental season for cross country runner Kyle Van Santen. He placed in the top five in both the Erik Andersen Memorial and UW Sundodger Meet, two of the most prominent tournaments of the season. He also received All Conference honors, as well as All Region honors.

"Kyle has consistently been one of the top performers on a men's cross country team that has had some great individual athletes..." says Coach Julie Sullivan.

Van Santen's consistency paid off when he placed 84th in the NCAA Division II National Cross Country Championships. Among his other honors, Van Santen holds the Saint Martin's record for outdoor 5K, and has been ranked nationally in the NCAA Division II 5K and 10K events.

What is his favorite aspect about running Cross Country? "The feeling after you're done. You feel refreshed. Also, team bonding; you're always

Photo courtesy Kyle Van Santen



with your team," Says Van Santen.

Van Santen is a full-time student, studying Business with a concentration in finance and economics. Coach Sullivan praises his career over the past four years.

Sullivan says, "Kyle has improved over the four years. He was a great athlete coming in, and has always been ready, willing, and able to take whatever has been thrown at him coaching wise."

Golf Standout Athletes

Matt Epstein

Mary Fontenot
Staff Writer



Coach Kevin Bishop has nothing but good things to say about senior Matt Ep-

stein.

"Matt is a leader by example who is competitive and keeps his composure on and off the course. I never have to worry about his effort or mental toughness to shake off a bad round, and [he] encourage[s] his teammates to do the same."

Epstein transferred from Bellevue Community College two years ago, and has been consistent for the golf team ever since. During their short fall season, Epstein finished with a tie for second in Bellingham, tied for tenth at the Saint's home tournament in Olympia, tied for seventh in Chico, CA, and tied for 19th in Waikaloa, HI. In four tournaments, Epstein never finished out of the top twenty, a feat that deserves praise.

"[Epstein] approaches golf and life with a smile and makes those around him feel better," says Bishop.

Being a senior this year, everyone will be eagerly awaiting to see where Epstein's golf skills will carry him.

Jennifer Kent



Photo by Mary Fontenot

Women's golfer Jennifer Kent has the balancing act down to a science. As

a senior, Kent believes that she has improved in some of the most important aspects of her golf game this year.

Kent exclaimed, "I've become more consistent. mentally I got stronger. I have a better perspective, and my short game got better."

Kent finished inside the top twenty in the women's home tournament in October, and consistently shot in the mid-to-low 80's. All of the hard work she has put in led to Kent's personal record round of 78 during the Western Washington Invite in Bellingham, WA at the beginning of October.

The team's Hawaii tournament was Kent's favorite because, "it was a great bonding experience."

Kent manages to play consistently good golf, all while working and volunteering outside of school. She teaches at the Pacific Science Center, travels around teaching science concepts to children, tutors, and volunteers at local elementary schools. Kent will graduate this year and hopes to become a middle school science teacher.

VOLLEYBALL HELPS GIRLS ACHIEVE GOALS

Brianna Bautista



Joey Keeton
Staff Writer

From the volleyball team, *The Belltower* would like to present two lady Saints, Brianna Bautista and Katy Ferguson.

Bautista says the highlight of her season was breaking the school's record for most wins in one season,

while Ferguson's highlight was the team's match against University of Alaska Anchorage. Ferguson says it really was not about the game, but how well the team connected and the team's dedication to work hard was shown during that game.

Both girls coach volleyball outside of their season at the Puget Sound Volleyball Club, experiencing the game from a different point of view. This new perspective has in turn helped their own play improve. They felt that their goals of consistency and success were both achieved.

With having more consistent game-play this year, they ended



Katy Ferguson

up improving overall as a team, winning more games than last year. By helping Bautista and Ferguson become leaders, become part of a team, develop their work ethic, and teach

them how to be strong, volleyball has helped them in many other ways that they intend to take with them and use throughout life. Volleyball helped them create friendships and become stronger as individuals, and they say they will forever cherish these skills.



Xan Nixon

Joey Keeton
Staff Writer

From the soccer field to *The Belltower*, we present to you Xan Nixon! With highlights, such as beating the University of California San Diego with a goal in the last 10 minutes to win the game, soccer has really impacted Nixon's life. Soccer has helped him work with different types of people and really work as part of a team.

Soccer also brought Nixon to Saint Martin's because he was contacted by his coach, Rob Walker. He had a goal of placing in the top three in goals scored in the conference, and achieved this goal by placing third, behind Simon Frazier and Seattle Pacific.

Nixon has made many friends through soccer and it has taught him how to manage his time because of the balance needed to excel in both school and soccer. Nixon was also named to this year's first team all-conference in the forward position.

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Intramural Sports Anybody?

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The basketball season is underway, and fans are on the sidelines cheering. Although there is nothing wrong with supporting teams, students may also desire to play the game. Fortunately, Saint Martin's offers current on-campus and commuter students a variety of intramural sports throughout the school year. Fall sports, including volleyball and a single-elimination ping pong tournament, just wrapped up.

In the spring semester, intramural sports will include indoor soccer and basketball. Indoor soccer will be held from Jan. 24 to Feb. 15, and 5-on-5 basketball will be held from Feb. 21 to March 28.

A new addition to recreational play involves dividing intramural tournaments into two different divisions. For newcomers who enjoy leisure play, there is the "rec" league which has no skill requirement and offers friendly competition for all. For those with a higher skill level, the "pro" league should offer more of a challenge. Athletes and those with years of experience in the sport fall under the category of "pro" league. Providing these divisions allows for a fair opportunity for students to experience fun and competition.

Prizes are also awarded to the intramural champions. Each player is given a t-shirt and the team's name is printed on the corresponding banners in the

Recreation Center.

"The main goal [of intramural sports] is to allow students to participate in sports that they [would] not be able to try in high school," said Intramural Student Coordinator Chason Yamaguchi.

Yamaguchi added that softball and ultimate Frisbee are being considered for the spring season.

For more information and updates about the program, watch for weekly school emails or join the "SMU Intramural Sports" group on Facebook. Suggestions for different sports or schedule times are also encouraged. Sign-up sheets for intramural sports can be found at the front desk of the TUB.

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A passion for theatre with Grace Caruso

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If you have anything to do with theatre then you have probably seen her around, smiling, friendly, and full of life. Grace Caruso is a theatre fanatic.

"I have a passion for it," she says. "I've debated stopping theatre before, but I always come back to it."

Not only is theatre her hobby, she plans to major in it, and is currently in the process of trying to start a theatre club. She attends all of the ASS-MU meetings in hopes that her efforts will pay off with the addition of the club soon. It would be difficult to find someone on campus with the passion for life, and especially theatre, that Caruso exhibits.

A freshman, Caruso has already made her mark within the community. She is actively involved in Campus Ministry and the theatre department. She also has a job at the O'Grady Library where her smiling face can be seen if you ever have any questions.

Not only is she integrated into the clubs and community service opportunities SMU offers, she is a full time student living in the dorms and dedicated to her education. As far as her future academic plans are concerned, Caruso stated, "I want to stay four years here at Saint Martin's and afterwards I'm open to the idea of grad school or a conservatory school in London to pursue theatre. It's what I've been doing since I was seven, so it's all I know."

It is intriguing to hear her talk on the subject of her education because of her laid back attitude and natural charisma. She is very clear with what she wants to do with her life and is actively engaged in taking the steps to achieve her goals, but she is going to do things her

way and with a friendly smile on her face.

Grace comes from the sunny state of California so she came a long way to be a part of the Saint Martin's community. Not all of California is sunny like the southern half or the coastal areas.

Caruso says, "I'm from northern California", making the distinction between the south and north, weather-wise, that is. The climate was not something she had to get used to when she moved to Lacey; she was already used to the rain that is so common here in Washington.

Caruso says her favorite part about Saint Martin's campus is that "as weird as it sounds, I think it's really pretty here. Everything is so close". Others often comment on the buildings or what the school has to offer, but Caruso finds favor in the natural beauty that surrounds the university campus.

Not only is she distinctive in personality, but she has a unique sense of style to top it off. You will almost always see her dressed to impress with a near perfect combination of colored and printed dresses and skirts. The most unique part of her fashion choices is that she never wears pants. Of course she keeps covered, but she much prefers dresses and skirts.

"I focus on being confident in myself," she says. "Dresses and skirts make me feel that way, so I wear those."

Her last director referred to her style as "grandma chic," but the general consensus in Parson's residence hall is that she is adorable and full of energy. Her quirky sense of style is appreciated; she is a breath of fresh air in the world of sweatshirts and 8 a.m. classes. If you see Grace around, she says "I'm a friendly person, so say hi to me."

BRINGING IN THE CHRISTMAS SEASON WITH MUSIC

Rae Pennock
Staff Writer

What freshmen at SMU know as Glory! used to be known as the Procession of Carols. The Procession of Carols was a literal procession through the halls of Old Main by groups of the choir members as carolers. This year the event changed slightly and is now a concert in the Abbey Church. This celebration is a combined Campus Ministry, Choir and Abbey event consisting of the Choir's performance, the Candlelight Mass, and the Christmas Tree Lighting.

Professor Darrell Born, Director of the SMU Chorale, led the choir for this event. He commented on the change, saying that Old Main was an awkward performance space. The procession was a great idea, but it was too difficult to manage, so he wanted to simplify things. Glory! is a simplified version of the Procession of Carols; it has the same concept, just a different performance style.

Born called this year a transitional one for the event. He views the use of the Abbey as a privilege. He feels honored to participate in the Candlelight Mass and to work

with Campus Ministry in anticipation of the Christmas Season. Born sees this event as a tradition that is important for experiencing the Benedictine part of SMU and was excited to participate in this new way for the Advent tradition.

According to Born, the new name for the event was inspired by the exclamation of the shepherds when the Angel of the Lord appeared to them proclaiming Jesus' birth. It is a celebration of God's gift to the world. He sees the event as "a fun way to begin the season of anticipation."

The audience seemed to agree with Born's statement, clapping enthusiastically after every song. In general, the audience thought the concert was well done, and thought the choir was talented. Many enjoyed the musical effect created when the choir surrounded the audience. They enjoyed the different styles of music, hearing a Spanish carol, Ukrainian folk tune, and purely instrumental music along with the traditional carols. Some audience favorites included the opening "Carol of the Bells," "O Holy Night," and "Baby It's Cold Outside."



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LIVE ACTION SAILOR MOON FOR A NEW GENERATION

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On Nov. 30, 2011 TheSailorMoonMovie YouTube.com account uploaded "Sailor Moon the Movie." This is a non-profit short film based on the Sailor Moon manga and anime. The video runs 21 minutes with the last four minutes being credits because they included the names of all the fans who donated money toward this production.

Eric Pietragolare and Kris Woodside, the team behind the Sailor Moon Abridged series on YouTube, were the producers for this film. They had a goal of raising \$2,500 so that they could make a 10-minute short of a live action adaptation of the popular anime/manga Sailor Moon. When fans of the series heard of this, they doubled the amount, raising a total of \$5,931.

In the film Avery Danielle plays the iconic role of Sailor Moon whose civilian name in this adaptation is simply Bunny, an allusion to her Japanese name Usagi. Danielle is a young actress and portrays the ditzy and klutzy Bunny fairly well. Unfortunately we do not get to see her as confident Sailor Moon, but before the credits you get to see her give the iconic "in the name of the moon I punish you" speech.

Because of the length of the film, you do not get to see much character development of anyone other than Bunny. I would have preferred a bit more screen time for Tuxedo Mask (Nick Uhas), but when he was on screen he did well, minus the bit of over-acting in the beginning when he was Prince Endymion.

This movie is a more edgy take on the "Sailor Moon" franchise with the enemy sucking the soul from its victim with blood on his mouth and then getting decapitated by Sailor Moon's attack. In this version Sailor Moon is older; she is in high school rather than middle school, and Danielle portrayed the vulnerability of the character well.

The movie's soundtrack was also well done, and the movie's effects were very good, better than I had expected for a YouTube video.

The end of this movie says "to be continued." They have yet to announce that they are making more, but I am sure if they do, the fans will donate more money so that it will happen. There were clues within the video that would be interesting to see worked with, and there is already artwork done by Woodside for the other scouts, which is shown in the credits.

To watch "Sailor Moon the Movie" go to

http://youtu.be/Nrp6O9npR_c

PART ONE: A VAMPIRE BABY?

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We have either avidly followed or rolled our eyes at the Twilight Saga, whose Part One Finale appeared in theaters Nov. 18, 2011. I used to be among the avid followers, but have slowly turned into a watcher for pure comic relief, and of course for the hot bodies of the werewolves. Though, I will admit to being excited about this premiere, there is just something about a premiere that is exciting.

I have read all of the books and knew what to expect; however I was curious as to where they would split the book. I was also curious about how they would portray the wedding night and the epic birth scene.

I was rather disappointed with the movie as a whole. The wedding itself was done well, quite to Alice Cullen's taste. The wedding night however... well, much was left to be desired. You want to be swept along by Bella and Edward's passion for each other, and see the tension that he could possibly kill her during this act! Well, I was left back on the beach largely unmoved.

As for the pregnancy and subsequent birth scene, I thought they were done quite well. Bella looked horribly emaciated, which she is supposed to according to the book descriptions, so a "thumbs up" for that. I would also give

a "thumbs up" to the birth scene which I found to be rather graphic, holding true to the portrayal of the book.

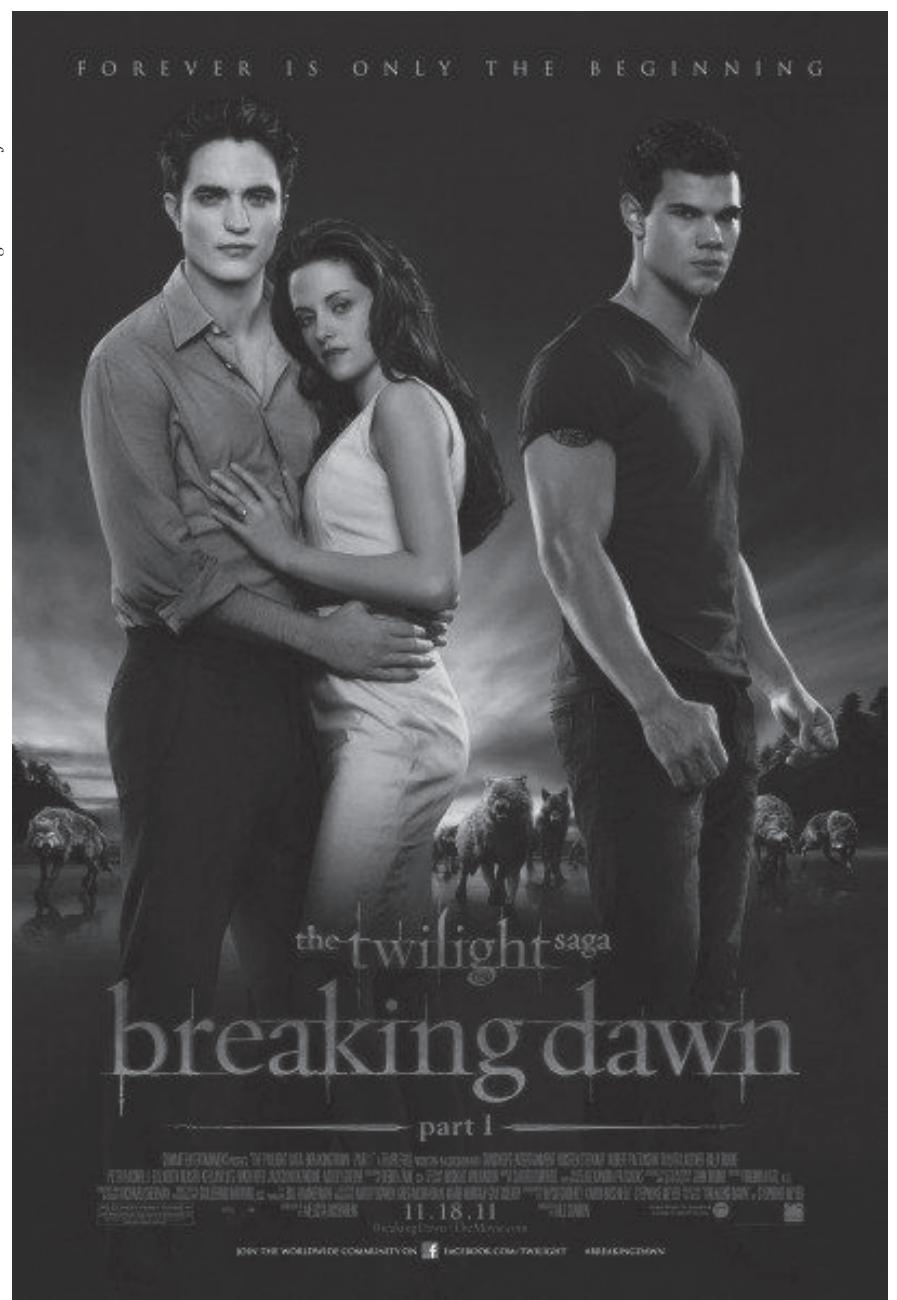
I was also highly disappointed with the lack of shirtless werewolves. Ninety percent of the time you see the werewolves they are fully clothed!

The ending was not exactly what I had expected. I had a place in my mind that I thought it should end because it would leave the audience wondering what was going to happen next. Where they chose to end the movie might be logical, but I think if you have not read the books and did not realize it was "Part One," then you might think it is completely over. I will not say where they ended it for those of you who have not seen it yet. Nevertheless where it ended could be a satisfying final ending, leaving little wondering of "what will happen next?" for the audience.

On the up side, I found the movie to be generally entertaining. It had some nicely executed humor. I was surprised to find myself laughing within the first few minutes of the show. The humor was sprinkled throughout the movie, keeping the audience engaged comically.

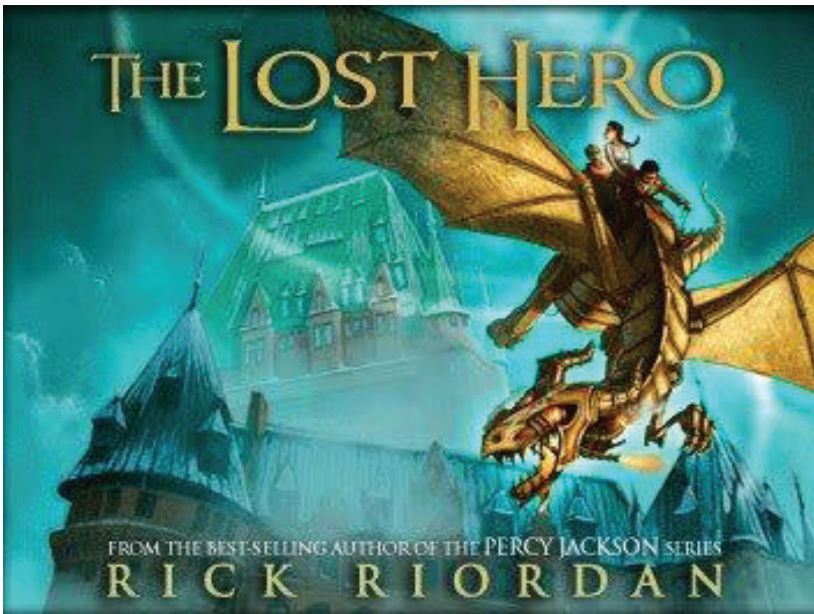
Overall, I would say that "Breaking Dawn: Part One" could have been better. I do not think it was worth seeing the premiere, or necessarily seeing in theaters; however, I think if you want a few good laughs and some decent drama, you should go buy the DVD.

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Rick Riordan continues Percy Jackson series

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Did you love the movie “Percy Jackson and the Olympians?” If you did, you are going to love this new series by Rick Riordan. The first book, “The Lost Hero,” introduces some new characters such as Jason, Piper and Leo along with characters known and loved such as Chiron and Annabeth.

The book begins with Jason waking up on the school bus with Piper holding his hand claiming to be his girlfriend, while Leo cracks jokes and claims to be his best friend. Jason has no idea who he is, where he

comes from, or what he is doing.

Next thing they know, they are under attack by monsters and all three are rushed to Camp Half-Blood. They are introduced to Chiron and find out they are half-bloods, half human and half god. The only thing that is weird is that Jason keeps using Latin words instead of the Greek they use at Camp Half-Blood and they fight differently than anyone at Camp Half-Blood fights.

Once at Camp Half-Blood they soon learn about how their leader, Percy Jackson, has gone missing and his girlfriend Annabeth is worried and trying to find him.

Their adventures lead them down

paths with many monsters and some gods. With the help of a new friend Leo makes, they make it through.

The second installment, “The Son of Neptune,” was just released in October 2011. Percy Jackson is presented again as he awakes from a long sleep and finds himself fighting monsters that will not stay dead. He has no idea who he is; all he knows is what Lupa, the wolf, taught him. He has a magic pen/sword that is always in his pocket and he must fight with it.

The only thing he can recall from his past is the name Annabeth. When Percy meets Hazel and Frank, two new characters, they find him to be odd because of his special abilities and the fact that he uses Greek words and fights in a strange style. After a long journey, Percy finds himself at Camp Jupiter, a camp for half-bloods, but for sons and daughters of Roman gods.

How is this possible you may ask? Well Rick Riordan explains it all. These books may have been written to entertain his son, but they have become very appealing to readers of all ages. The mixture of Greek and Roman mythology with today’s world comes out in a very captivating and clever story. The mythology stories you know and love now all have new twists.

EDITORS NOTE: ANOTHER SEMESTER COMPLETED

As another semester draws to a close, we here at The Belltower want to wish you a joyous holiday season and a Happy New Year.

As a holiday gift, Kenzie Long (our Managing Editor) and I are putting together a few bucks to give you all the chance to win a gift card. Beginning this month, we will pick a unique word found somewhere within the stories in The Belltower. If you find it, simply send me an email with the article you found it in and the sentence and we will contact you to give you your prize. The first person to respond takes the cake (or coffee gift card in this case)! This month’s word is Playboy, yes...Playboy. Let me know where you find it!

I also encourage you to let us know what you think of this month’s Belltower. I appreciated the letter we received concerning our first issue, but in order to better serve the SMU community, I need to know your concerns. How are we doing? What can we do better? Do you know of a story that we should be covering? Let us know.

Thank you again to all of our readers, and I hope to see you again next semester.

Jesse Lamp
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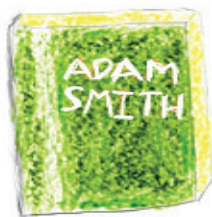
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