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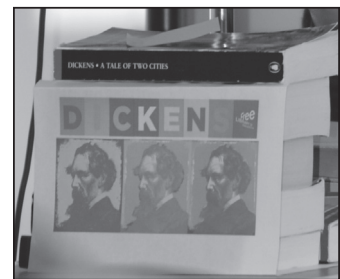


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Latino Student Alliance hosts "Amor Latino"

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The Latino Student Alliance (LSA) hosted its annual "Amor Latino" event on Friday, Feb. 24 in the Trautman Student Union Building. Amor, meaning "love," refers to having passion for Latinos and bringing them together to educate others about their culture.

The activity room was decorated with colorful streamers and lights. Students and guests were escorted to their seats and each table had chips and salsa.

Club member Reyneth Reyes-Morales got the crowd active and excited with his strident emcee skills.

The program began with Gardenia Duran and Marinella Chvatal presenting a Cha-Cha performance, and afterwards taught other students how to Cha-Cha. A game of musical chairs was played and Junior Teilissa Tua won a Subway gift card.

Dinner consisted of Mexican rice, Frijole beans, and chicken enchiladas topped with lettuce, sour cream, and Pico de Gallo. Some cheese

enchiladas were also available for vegetarians and practicing Catholics who refrain from eating meat during the Lenten season. There was also Horchata, a cinnamon-milk mixture drink. The food was prepared by LSA club president, Katie Sanchez, along with club members Gustavo Lopez, Carlos Monteban, David Alba, and Khalid Ali.

Sophomore CJ Quinata said, "I was wowed by the colorful decorations and *my excelente* food. It's Lent so all I ate was beans and rice, and it was really good."

After dinner, Reyes-Morales and Alex Solis, an LSA club member, danced a meringue Reggaeton, and other club members performed a La Polka and La Raspa dance routine. The latter two were taught by Isaac Reyes, a dance instructor from Olympia.

Another round of musical chairs was played; this time Freshman David Alba won a \$25 Applebee's gift card. The last game was called "Gimme, Gimme." Ten students were placed in front of individual

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Students dance to Latin beats.

chairs, their backs toward the audience. Their task was to listen to Reyes-Morales or Jen Ganai, LSA Club President, who would ask for an item, saying "Gimme, Gimme." The participants would then turn around, rush to someone in the audience who had the item, and race back to their seat. The last person to return was out. Objects included glasses, a belt, and lipstick. The last two players were Cynthia Ramirez and Gustavo Lopez. They were instructed to run to the bathrooms, get a piece of toilet paper, and have Katie Sanchez sign it. To make things more challenging, Sanchez was put into a hiding spot. The first person to succeed would win. For safety purposes, Ramirez and Lopez were lead outside to begin their last challenge. It was a close call, but Ramirez won the Starbucks gift card.

Ganai said Amor Latino was first started about seven years ago by a Hispanic student who wanted to see more diversity among the SMU community.

Jennifer Sanchez, a 2009

SMU alumna, also added, "It [Amor Latino] started small and in the years I was here, it was a really good event. This year it was good but in previous years, there was much more student involvement and support. It was in the Worthington, catered, and a professional dance group was brought in. There needs to be more funds, involvement, leadership, structure and organization."

Ganai said, "This year, the club consists of all new members; all of them had no idea how to organize an event. They didn't even know where the proper forms were; I had to guide them through a lot of stuff. Considering that, and the four weeks it took to plan, I think tonight turned out good."

Katie Sanchez commented saying, "It was good, but I wish more people would have come like staff and professors. I want to make it bigger next year."





“I agree with it because if that makes them happy then they should be able to do it. It doesn’t affect me in any way, even though I am Catholic.” ~ Laura Krupke



“To be completely honest, I don’t really have an opinion. I don’t know if it’s good or bad, it makes a more equal people but I’m not sure if it is the right decision.” ~ Ron Boursaw Jr.

Washington Becomes Seventh State to Legalize Gay Marriage

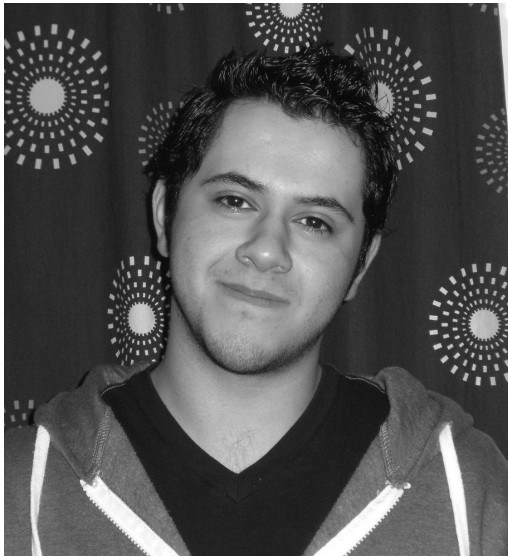
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On Monday, Feb. 13, Governor Chris Gregoire signed into law a bill legalizing same-sex marriage in Washington State, making it the seventh (including Washington D.C.) to allow this. Gregoire’s signing comes about a week after a federal appeals court overturned California’s ban on same-sex marriage.

Despite opposition, the legislation passed through the Senate and the House just a few weeks ago. The opponents of this new law are trying to have the law put on hold and eventually overturned. The law does not take effect until early June. During this 90-day period, if the opponents can collect enough signatures they can have the law put on hold and then voted on by the public in November. An anti-gay marriage initiative was also filed separately.

The general feeling on campus seems to be one of indifference, but it was interesting to ask what some students thought, here are a few people’s opinions:

So what do you think about it? We’d love to here from you, email any comments or letters to our editor, Jesse Lamp, at Jesse.Lamp@stmartin.edu.



“Love is not limited by sexual orientation. It is stated in the constitution that everyone has the right to the pursuit of happiness. If a couple is happy, it is their right to be married.” ~ Ivo Rios



“Personally, I think the status of marriage belongs to a man and a woman. I am not against homosexuality, however I don’t think it is a good idea. If it does not happen in a church then I guess it’s ok but I think it is important to remember that the institution of marriage, according to the Catholic faith, is a moral union between a man and a woman.” ~ Vicky Phan

Saint Martin’s welcomes RN-to-BSN program

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An Associate Degree in Nursing is required for those who want to be a registered nurse (an RN); however there has been a recent push for nurses to attain their bachelor’s degrees. This push for bachelor’s degrees is, in large part, due to the report issued by the Institute of Medicine, *The Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health, and the Master Plan for Nursing Education in Washington*.

The Director of Saint Martin’s RN-to-BSN Program, Dr. Louise Kaplan, stated that the report, “recommends that the U.S. expand opportunities for nurses to lead and diffuse collaborative efforts, increase the proportion of nurses with a baccalaureate degree to 80 percent by 2020, ensure that nurses engage in lifelong learning, and prepare and enable nurses to lead change to advance health.”

With more RNs needing a BSN, there arose the need for more BSN Programs. Saint Martin’s University has risen to fill this need.

President Heynderickx knew that Saint Martin’s previously had a Bachelor of Science in Nursing program and he had experience with nursing education while he was at the University of Portland. Also, health care leaders in the

community approached the university to ask if a RN-to-BSN program could be started. With President Heyndrickx’s background and the support of the Olympia community, Saint Martin’s University is now welcoming a RN-to-BSN program. Though full accreditation is still pending, the RN-to-BSN program will enable registered nurses to pursue a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree here at SMU.

Dr. Kaplan has outlined what the RN-to-BSN program is and what the course load will be. The RN-to-BSN program is only for registered nurses, those who already have their associate degree and want to pursue a BSN. The program will work with a number of health care associations. The course load will focus on health policy, ethics, leadership, care coordination, community health, translating research into practice, and a capstone project. It will provide these registered nurses with an educational experience they did not have in their undergraduate programs.

The program’s core courses are a hybrid, with a mixture of both online classes and those available on campus, and will be highly interactive, more so than lecture based. The schedule will be flexible for the convenience of the students. General education requirements and electives are also part of the RN-to-BSN program. A list of approved electives have been selected from courses already offered at Saint

Martin’s, including administration, geriatrics, grief and loss, intercultural communication, and drugs and society. These electives will enrich the students professionally as well as personally. The electives allow nurses enrolled in the RN-to-BSN program to focus on certain aspects of the nursing field. There will also be two new approved electives, a course in traditional Chinese medicine and a course at the Shanghai University of Traditional Chinese Medicine. These courses will

be open to all Saint Martin’s students.

Although Saint Martin’s does not provide students with an option to become a registered nurse, Dr. Kaplan is available to talk with anyone who may want to consider nursing as a career. She can be contacted at lkaplan@stmartin.edu or at 412-6129. She also welcomes being contacted about the elective courses in traditional Chinese medicine.

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The Global Train Wreck: Ty's Land

Ty Skirmont
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While in Russia, Do as Despots Do

After months of rioting, protests, and anger from the growing Russian middle class, Prime Minister Vladimir Putin has returned to power when a convincing turnout voted him in. The feelings are mixed, ranging from an older generation "Voting for Soviets" to a 22-year old woman voting for the "Rich and single Prokhorov," according to Reuters. With President Putin leading the charge more events like the ones listed below may happen.

A Veto in the UN

China and Russia led a veto against intervention in Syria. The veto happened on Feb. 4, and already lasting impact has been felt in the area. China released a statement on March 4, saying that there should be no "interference" like what happened with Muammar Gaddafi, "pushing against regime change." The Chinese may be able to continue intrepidly forward in blocking militaristic aid to the rebels with Putin being voted back into power.

Troubles in the Congo

On March 4, a munitions depot caught fire and exploded in Brazzaville, Republic of Congo. The resulting blast killed at largest estimates 200 people (according to Reuters). The injured – about 1,500 were harmed – were taken to military hospitals shortly after the blast. I wish I had more to report, but that is all that was able to be found for now.

The Joke's on US

In the United States, views of Women's Professional Basketball have never been a big seller, let alone professional female sports (WHL is a great watch if you ever get the chance). However, the Human Rights Watch has blasted Saudi Arabia for the sexism shown in their Olympic Athletes. While it is impressive that King Abdullah has placed women into governmental positions, basketball for women was reported by religious authorities to cause players to become unsuitable for marriage. This is currently and strongly contested by women with the team for women's health, Jeddeh United. There is much to overcome, yet this is another brick being torn down for world human rights.

Israel, Iran and Dr. Strangelove All Walk into a Bar...

Israel has made it well known that they have access to nuclear capabilities. Iran's president Mahmoud Ahmadinejad has made it clear that those with nuclear weapons are "mentally retarded." (Check out Fahreed Zakaria's GPS* for that one.) While we in the U.S. are concerned about nuclear capabilities—between Iran's ability to create a nuclear reactor and Israel's magnificent ability to act without thinking—President Obama has leveled with the world, saying "All options are on the table," if Iran's seat of power, Tehran, will not concede to diplomacy on nuclear ambitions.

Photo by Jesse Lamp.



Travel the world with Ty.

Strait of Hormuz and You

As many of you readers know, gas prices are nearing or are just over four dollars in Olympia, and the Washington State average is about \$3.967 per gallon (washingtongasprices.com, a state advocated website). Now, the biggest problem is not that the world is running out of gas and alternative energy is all but done away with; the largest problem is that the USA's good buddies, the state of Iran, is threatening to block the Strait of Hormuz, a vital oil shipping lane, if global trade embargos are not lifted and Israel backs away with the talks of attacks on an Iranian nuclear instillation. Prices of oil – as predicted by the NASDAQ website – would shoot up over \$12 a gallon as opposed to the current \$3.40.

(The prices are at a ratio. Current costs for crude oil are about \$110 per barrel) It is at this point, reader, which it would pay to ditch the car and walk everywhere.

With that, I shall leave you. Looking at the world right now, it is bleak and dark, and seems like it will end. However with a signing out, I will leave behind the great words of wisdom from the greatest of philosophers of our time, Monty Python. "Try and be nice to people, avoid eating fat, read a good book every now and then, get some walking in, and try and live together in peace and harmony with people of all creeds and nations."

[*http://globalpublicsquare.blogs.cnn.com/](http://globalpublicsquare.blogs.cnn.com/)

New education teacher, Leslie Huff, with her daughter Maya.



Photo courtesy of Leslie Huff.

Teaching tomorrow's teachers

Hana Cahill
Staff writer

Saint Martin's Education department is devoted to training teachers, and this year the department has a new professor, Leslie Huff. Huff has a Bachelor's of Arts in International Studies from the University of Washington, a Master's of Arts in English from Eastern Washington University, and a doctorate in education from Washington State University. She is a local who grew up in the Olympia area and graduated from Capitol High School in 1995. She continually notices that the city grew while she was away for school, and says "the base exploded."

Before Huff earned her doctorate and came to Saint Martin's, she used her master's degree to teach overseas, but intended to return and teach here in the U.S. After her experience overseas, she decided to earn a teaching degree. When Huff realized that going back to school and getting a second bachelor's degree—this time in teaching—would take the same amount of time and resources as moving forward and completing a doctorate, she decided that maybe teaching college students would be fun, too.

So far Huff finds that college students in the education classes already

know about education. Most of them have been involved in education programs for 12 years before coming to college, and she wants to help her students analyze their experiences to help them teach their own students. Huff believes that she "can help more k-12 students by teaching their teachers" than by being a teacher herself. For those 'teachers in training,' Huff suggests classes such as child psychology and cultural studies. For study abroad, she suggests going "somewhere you can't read or write the language" to help you understand how your students might feel.

As far as the SMU campus goes, she loves the walking paths and openness of campus. She feels that it is a little bit of nature in the middle of the city. Huff says that the people of SMU are "positive, solution-oriented people" on a diverse campus. Both are reasons she likes being at Saint Martin's University.

Huff is enjoying being back in the Olympia area with her family. She has a two and a half year old daughter named Maya. And like any coffee lover, her favorite place to get coffee is hard to pin down since Washington is kind of a "coffee heaven".

Photo by Natasha-Amber Sensano.



Dr. Gloria Martin finishes her last semester at SMU.

Natasha-Amber Sensano
Staff writer

In the lower level of O'Grady Library, Dr. Gloria Martin sits poised and comfortably in her desk chair holding a copy of *Moby Dick*. It is obvious the book has been put to good use; the cover has fallen apart. Besides the torn and used cover, the spine is still intact, most of the pages bonded tightly together. She stresses the importance of students utilizing everything they learn, even if the subject seems unrelated to their majors or future jobs.

"English majors should pursue math and science, and science, math or engineering majors need to dip into the humanities," she says. "We all have to learn how to get ourselves interested in

subjects unfamiliar to us. Until we gather some knowledge about a subject, we can find it difficult to find the passion we need to learn more."

Dr. Martin taught her last *Moby Dick* course last fall. At the end of the spring semester, she will be retiring from Saint Martin's.

After teaching for 47 years, Dr. Martin is trying to imagine what her life will be like without students.

"There are many more books to be read and a great deal of traveling still to be done," she says. "But it will be strange to read novels and poems without imagining how I might share them with students, and I know I'll miss that focus."

Dr. Martin earned her undergraduate degree in English studies from Edinboro State College, not far from her hometown of Erie, PA. She later earned a Master's Degree at Purdue University and a Ph.D. at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. Her first college teaching position was as a teaching assistant at Purdue, after which she taught writing and literature for three years at Iowa State University.

Her next job position landed her in Los Angeles. While her husband, Dennis, earned his Ph.D. at UCLA,

Dr. Martin had two sons. After their two years in California, she and her husband moved to Wisconsin where her husband taught and she attended graduate school and worked again as a teaching assistant, this time teaching English as a Second Language.

When Dr. Martin finished her Ph.D. work, she and Dennis moved to the Pacific Northwest to teach at Pacific Lutheran University, where she taught for seventeen years and where her husband will teach until he retires in May.

Dr. Martin has taught writing and literature courses at Saint Martin's, including American literature surveys, ethnic literature, women's literature, special topics courses in Faulkner and Twain, and eighteenth-century British literature. She is having a great time teaching contemporary fiction this term with Dr. Ian Werrett in a course entitled "Ethical Values in Modern Fiction."

They are currently reading a new novel, Jennifer Egan's *A Visit from the Goon Squad* that has just received the Pulitzer Prize. She comments on how wonderful Saint Martin's has been in providing a close relationship she has had with many of her students.

"I've also learned a great deal from every classroom full of students. People who don't teach might think a professor is simply offering a cliché when he or she says that, but let me give you an example. I read the novel this summer, but now that we have been discussing it with students over

three class periods, I realize that I am carrying what the students have said on Tuesday into my reading for Thursday, and I have so much more to think about than I did when I read it in the summer. No book club experience will ever equal the kind of serious thinking we do in the classroom. It is also a joy to be with young people, and at this point in my career, all my students are young people," she says.

Upon retiring, Dr. Martin plans to travel, read, and perhaps exercise a bit more. "Our garden, I hope, will look a little less wild. We have a small cottage in France, to which we return each summer, so we will probably extend our time there by a few weeks. The Pacific Northwest is our home, so we will stay here, but we hope to escape some of the rain from time to time by seeing more of the United States. We'll also visit our children and grandchildren, who live in Utah and Japan. I know that I'll continue to stay in touch with Saint Martin's University," she says.

Dr. Martin comments on her wonderful colleagues here at Saint Martin's, saying she has never been at a school at which there was more collegiality.

Martin says, "Once you've been at Saint Martin's, you cannot get it out of your blood. Everyone I know who has retired is as interested in news of the place as they were when they taught here. I'm sure I'll be the bad penny who continues to come back."

Transcript results: "A" for assisting, "A" for Alex Arceneaux

Natasha-Amber Sensano
Staff writer

This year's graduating class will be the first class to have their diploma certified by Alex Arceneaux, the new registrar who has replaced Mary Law.

Arceneaux, 38, was born and raised in southern Louisiana. After graduating from high school, he worked as an editor for his hometown's weekly newspaper. Although he enjoyed the job, he knew it was not what he wanted to do. He later moved to New Orleans at the advice of a friend and became a banker.

He worked for two banks, working his way up from a teller, to a loan officer, to an investment officer. At the age of 30, he decided to go back to school full-time.

"I realized there were certain things I couldn't do without a degree," he says.

Arceneaux graduated in the fall of 2005 from the University of New Orleans with a Bachelor's of Arts in General Studies. It was an interesting semester as it was the same time Hurricane Katrina hit. The damages from the storm allowed students to take courses at other institutions but still be registered under the University of New Orleans.

"After Katrina, I didn't go back to New Orleans for a year until my undergrad advisor contacted me about a registrar position at the University," Arceneaux says.

Katrina left a decline in student

enrollment and little direction of where the school was going. Arceneaux could not help but feel that he had to do his part in assisting students in their education, to listen, to learn, to help. He was hired as a registrar's assistant in 2006.

"I definitely saw the registrar office as an essential piece in students' success, but I was like a fish out of water; I was no longer dealing with money, but people." "2009 was a good year," Arceneaux says. He was promoted to Associate Registrar for Operations, received his Master's of Education Administration, and met his wife-to-be, Colleen. Then in 2011, the registrar retired and Arceneaux became the interim.

But while he enjoyed working, he felt unsure if UNO was his home. "I began looking for a place of stability," Arceneaux says, "a place to call home. My wife and I began looking at the Pacific Northwest area and I saw the position for the SMU registrar."

Arceneaux researched the school and the first thing he did was look at the registrar webpage.

"I saw that Mary was here for 35 years," he says. "It scared me a little but it said a lot of good things about the institution and [the] Benedictine value of stability. SMU had a direction of where it wanted to go and I needed that; I knew I could count on it for leadership."

When Arceneaux was hired for the position, he was happy about the

opportunity, the school, the community, and how his life would be. "My wife was excited for different chronicles and I felt at home here," he said.

"When I first started out, my quest was to help students; it still is. It's important for me to be here for information, assistance, and guidance... stuff that I didn't have while I was in school. Our office may not have all the

answers, but at least I can point them in the right direction," Arceneaux said.

Arceneaux, his wife, and their four month old son are settling down quite nicely. The weather is not what they are used to, but they are embracing the elements and exploring the city. He is also still in ties with UNO as Arceneaux started his Ph.D. in the fall of 2010 in Education Leadership.

Alex Arceneaux takes the reigns as registrar.



Photo by Natasha-Amber Sensano.

Books & Cake: Sigma Tau Delta honors Charles Dickens' 200th birthday

Photos by Jesse Lamp.



Dr. Price (top left) and Meghan Stewart (top right) read as students Ryan Blanco and Melinda Thomas (bottom left) enjoy a tribute to Dickens.

Carlos Montebalanco
Staff writer

In honor of Charles Dickens' 200th birthday, SMU's International English Honor Society Sigma Tau Delta dedicated a marathon to reading works from Dickens on Feb. 7.

The event took place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Harned Hall, opening with Professor Jamie Olson reading a birthday letter to Dickens. Taking the microphone were 18 students, staff, and faculty members that read Dickens' novels, stories, and notebooks. Readings included excerpts from "Oliver Twist," "David Copperfield," and "Great Expectations."

Sigma Tau Delta member Melinda Thomas and faculty Dr. Julia Chavez organized the event. Thomas scheduled the roster of volunteer readers and ensured copies of the texts were available. Chavez, who is currently teaching ENG 404, a class focused on Charles Dickens, helped coordinate as well.

The birthday concluded traditionally, with cake and presents. Although

she did not give it away, Chavez brought a Dickens action figure for display.

Olson, who is also the group's advisor, added that Saint Martin's Sigma Tau Delta has been active since the 1990's. In this time the club has organized book drives to raise money for charity, hosted similar reading events, and read to children in local bookstores.

President Amber Graves and Secretary Becca Marsh were also selected among 1,200 applicants to attend the 2012 Sigma Tau Delta International Convention in New Orleans, LA. The event was held from Feb. 29 to March 3.

From "David Copperfield" Dickens said, "My meaning simply is, that whatever I have tried to do in life, I have tried with all my heart to do it well; whatever I have devoted myself to, I have devoted myself completely; in great aims and in small I have always thoroughly been in earnest." The legacy will continue for both Charles Dickens and Sigma Tau Delta.

Square-Enix's WAKFU is available for all to play

Brittany Tennant
Column editor

Last year, on one of my rare trips home, my brother introduced me to a massively multiplayer online role-playing game (MMORPG). I'm not that much of a video game player, much less a game I would have to play with others. My gaming past, and what I still do from time to time, is to start a game and pass the controller onto someone else. What I like from games are the stories, and I don't mind sitting for hours watching my brother play as long as I know the storyline.

What my brother initially told me about this game was that it is turn-based action where you can affect the environment by either being nice and replanting something that is going extinct or you can be an eco-terrorist just for the heck of it by destroying everything in sight. That was interesting, but the next part caught my interest the most. You can run for governor. I have never heard of a game letting the player take that much control.

After gaining my interest, my

brother began to play the game (while I was trying to get a beta-key since, at that point, the game was in closed beta). This game is Square-Enix's WAKFU.

It is a game from the French game developer Ankama who made DOFUS (a game I've never played myself) and the French anime which is also entitled WAKFU. The games DOFUS and WAKFU both have the same classes of characters that you can choose from but WAKFU takes place 1,000 years before DOFUS.

This game is very pretty in a cutesy sort of way and that is what has made me smile throughout playing the beta this past year.

WAKFU offers the player the choice between 14 character classes. There is the typical archer (Cra's Range) and healer (Eniripsa's Hands) along with a go-getting warrior class (Iop's Heart). The classes I played were Pandawa's Pint and Sadida's Shoe (adidas backwards, which is interesting on the creators part).

Pandawas are essentially pandas who know drunk-foo. They carry around barrels of milk which makes them dizzy and merry, and they bash you with the barrel or, what I tend to do, burp fire at your enemy.

When you start the game you chose your class, gender and how your person looks as well as your in-game name. Once you start playing you are thrown into some action. There is a gremlin (it looks similar to a jellyfish) being attacked by a bow meow (essentially a black cat). You defeat the bow meow and the gremlin begins following you around and helping you get used to the game.

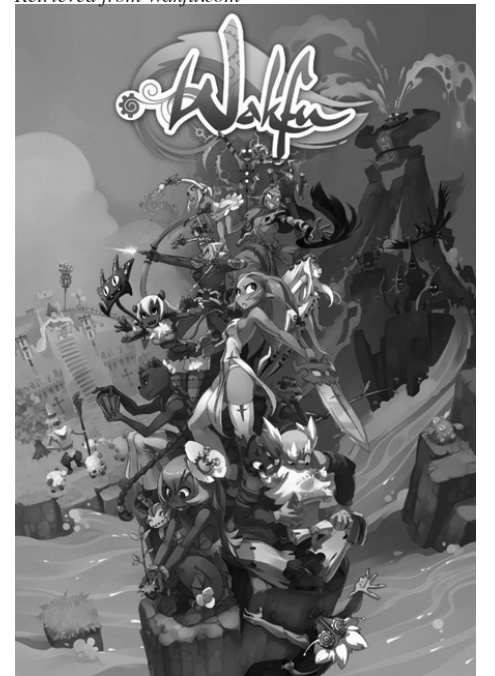
Another interesting thing about WAKFU is that you have to mint and mine for your own money. Kamas are the money in the game and you have to learn to mine so that you can mint them. There are other professions taught in the tutorial that allow you to do various things.

Once you are done learning about fighting and the ecosystem in the tutorial you chose a nation. There are four nations: Amakna, Bonta, Brakmar and Sufokia. Each nation is different. Sufokia is sandy while Brakmar is rather dark and has lots of mines. Bonta is lush and green and Amakna has lots of crops. Each nation also specializes in different things, but that you will learn quickly when you play.

Your nation can, and will, wage war and have peace with the other nations. I haven't seen anyone fight when there was war, but there has been plenty of war during the beta period.

There are many different creatures that you can fight in WAKFU. The

Retrieved from Wakfu.com



most common ones are Bow Meows, which as stated earlier look like cats. Tofu's look similar to chickens, they are chubby yellow birds.

WAKFU is a very fun game and on Feb. 29 it officially launched. This means that they have Premium Members who pay \$6 per month to play and have special privileges. Some of these include being able to run for Governor and mint kama. The game is free to play but you won't be able to do as much as those who have premium memberships.

This game is a cute MMORPG with interesting things you can do. I recommend the game to everyone. Just try it out for a few days, a few hours even. Once you get the hang of it, you will love it!

If you want to play WAKFU or learn more about it please visit <http://www.wakfu.com/na/mmorpg>.

In-game action.



Screenshot captured by Brittany Tennant

Baseball steps up their game after a rough start

Mary Fontenot
Staff writer

The Saint Martin's University baseball team got off to a rough start after losing their first 11 games, most to non-conference opponents. The Saints picked up a win on Feb. 19 with a 9-7 victory at home against conference opponent Central Washington University. Saints junior, Mario Sanelli, scored four runs, while pitching from Zach Carter, Josh Moss, and Nate O'Bryan helped to secure the victory.

The team picked up another win on Feb. 26 when sophomore Alex Bielaski drove in the winning run to lift the Saints to a 7-6 victory over Pacific Lutheran University. Pitching by Nate O'Bryan helped the Saints get off to a

good start by not allowing a runner on base until the fourth inning. This win came only a day after dropping a game Pacific Lutheran in a 12-2 loss.

The Saints continued their drive with a win over Pacific Lutheran University, this time in the 12th inning. Sanelli was hit by a pitch to drive in the winning run. The Saints then squared off against Seattle University in Bellevue, WA coming up short, losing 3-6.

The SMU baseball team then came home on March 6 to play the University of Puget Sound. Travis Shaw hit a chopper to the shortstop with two runners on base in the bottom of the ninth. He collided with the Loggers first baseman and knocked the ball lose allowing both runners to score to give the Saints the win.

Softball on their way to a winning season

Joey Keeton
Staff writer

The pitching of the Western Oregon Wolves was not enough to stand up against the batting of the Saints' softball team. Saint Martin's, which won nine games all last season and has never had a winning season, was off to a great start with a record of 6-3-1 after sweeping Western Oregon in two doubleheaders the last weekend in February.

The Saints batted a hot .381 to win the four games by a combined score of 30-18. Taylor Bakos and Sam Munger both pitched well in the series for the Saints as both picked up two wins. Munger also went 7-for-12 in the series with four of her hits going for doubles. Morgan Klemm hit .571 in the series, going 8-for-14.

The Saints continued their strong performance in Ellensburg over the

first weekend of March. The Saints came out strong winning the first game and losing in the second game in the bottom of the seventh to a walk off home run.

On March 5 they played another double header against Central, this time losing their first game but ending strong. They lost 3-7 for game one, but the second game of the day was an impressive 16-3 win over Central. The team tallied 18 hits in their second game. The bottom of the batting order was seven for 10 while the first four batters were nine of 18. Overall the Saints are 8-5-1 and 6-2 in GNAC.

Saint Martin's home double header against Northwest Nazarene was cancelled because of rain. The games are rescheduled for March 20 and 21, so make sure to catch the games. Game times are 2 p.m. for the 20th and noon for the 21st.

Track and field title

Mary Fontenot
Staff writer

Saint Martin's Track and Field team competed in the Indoor Track and Field Great Northwest Athletic Conference Championships on Feb. 17 and 18, and finished with impressive results. The men finished in fifth place which ties their best finishing position. The women, with only nine competitors, scored more points than they have in the last couple of years.

Outstanding individual
Mike Holland lifts off in indoor pole vaulting.



Photo by Cameron Grossaint.

performances were what carried the Saints to such excellent finishes. Sam Washington took second in the shot put, and first in the weight throw, as well as receiving All Conference Honors for both performances. Kyle Van Santen placed second and Spencer Hunt placed third in the 5K, and both received All Conference Honors Awards in that event.

"We did great as a team. We were all able to improve for the most part," said Van Santen.

The women had spectacular performances as well. Joscelyn Minton placed fifth in the 800 meter, and Samantha Hull achieved a personal record and school record while placing sixth in pole vault.

"We have a great coaching staff...I would like to thank them for all that they bring to this program. That is what made this last weekend so successful," says head coach Julie Sullivan.

Megan Antonovich looking for the win

Cameron Grossaint
Sports editor

Megan Antonovich, a senior outfielder for the Saints is one of the many players for the Saints who is off to a great start. On the last double header the Saints played, she batted 4 of 7 with a home run and two doubles. During the off-season Antonovich focused on many fundamentals of defense and offense.

Antonovich says, "I've been working on sharpening my focus every pitch, not just at the plate but in the field as well so I can get better jumps on the ball...I got back to making hitting simple and focused on tuning the fundamentals."

Antonovich and the rest of the team have big plans for this year. With the Saints off to a 6-3-1 start and a sweep of Western Oregon University, Antonovich stated that this is a "huge step in the right direction."

"Every girl on this team has the same motivation, to be the best in the conference," she says. "We recognized our potential in the offseason and are holding ourselves at higher standards



Photo courtesy of Megan Antonovich.

than we ever have."

With this being Antonovich's last year at Saint Martin's, she has huge goals of her own.

"Having a winning season is something that SMU softball hasn't done in years, and it's definitely something we want to accomplish this year," she says. "I want to leave here knowing I made a difference and that I give next year's team something to build off of."

Off the field Antonovich is a biology student who has aspirations of attending medical school.

Photo by Cameron Grossaint.



Ryan Votaw goes for two as his college career comes to a close.

Men's basketball ends strong

Joey Keeton
Staff writer

Facing Central Washington University, who beat them by 15 points earlier in the season, the men's basketball team really showed them how to play as they defeated Central in an impressive game-ending score of 99-84.

"It's funny the things you do when you've got nothing to lose," says Jeremy Green, who led the Saints with a season-high 34 points, 17 above his season average. "We did all the right things. We shot the ball well. We took care of the ball."

This was the first time in three years that the Saints beat Central, so they claimed this as a big win. SMU made their free throws, going 31 for 39. Complimented with good shooting,

the Saints had 21 assists and only 13 turnovers.

The Saints also had their last game against Northwest Nazarene University, winning with a score of 76-64 after leading at the half 37-26, giving them the advantage to pull the win in the end. In front of the Saints crowd, NNU just could not hit the mark, missing numerous of free throws and rebounds.

It was a great game to end the season, especially for seniors Brok Pendleton, Jeremy Green, and Ryan Votaw who are leaving the team. They finished strong and beat the Crusaders putting an end to their college career. All in all the Saints had a great season and are looking to get even better in the coming year.

Intramural Basketball in the Rec

Photos by Noah Caffrey.



Womens basketball ends the season strong

Cameron Grossaint
Sports Editor

The Saint Martin's University Women's basketball team continued their struggles in the month of February, but ended it on a good note. Heading into February the Saints had not won a game since the seventh of January.

Eager to snap their five-game skip, the young starting team began the month on a three-game road trip to Simon Fraser University, Western Washington University, and Western Oregon University. During the first two games the Saints lost by more than 30 points to each team.

After two huge loses, the Saints

went to Monmouth, Oregon and fought a hard game. With a little under four minutes left, the Saints led the game 54-50, but the Wolves came back and tied the game with the Saints at 58. With 11 seconds remaining, Jori Skorpiuk made one of two free throws to tie the Wolves at 60. The Wolves missed their last second shot to force overtime. The Wolves came back, however after a three pointer and a turnover to give the Saints a heartbreaking loss to continue their losing streak. The Saints then came back home for their final two games of the season.

The first game was against the powerhouse, University of Alaska, Anchorage, which the Saints lost 74-42 to

increase the streak to 8.

In the last three games of the season the women's team finished on a high note winning two of three. At their last home game against University of Alaska, Fairbanks, the Saints brought a good effort and fire. With about eight minutes left in the game, the Saints were down by four before going on a 19-7 run to close out the game, giving the Saints their first win in nearly two months. Two seniors stepped it up for the Saints, Andrea Schutt and Megan Teade. Schutt had a double-double scoring 11 and getting 10 rebounds. Teade had 12 points. Freshmen Jordyn Richardson had a great game, scoring a game high 17 points for the Saints.

The Saints continued their road trip going to Central Washington University where they played another great game. Chelsea Haskey, who has been injured and with limited activity lately hit a buzzer beater jumper with two seconds left to give the Saints the win. The Woman's Basketball team then traveled to Nampa, ID where they had a slow start they could not overcome.

The women's basketball team graduates a handful of great players: Megan Teade, Emily Lashua, Kelsey Baker, Andrea Schutt and Marelle Moehrle. The Saints had a great season and we look forward to next season's returners.

Fierce competition hits SMU Intramurals

Jesse Lamp
Editor-in-Chief

Spring is here and the game is on.

After flag football, volleyball, and ping-pong in the fall, followed by an early spring indoor soccer league, SMU Intramurals opened five-on-five basketball this week. With “Rec League” and “Pro League” options, the game is right for any and all.

“It has been good,” says Chason Yamaguchi, the student intramurals coordinator, about the first week of basketball.

The leagues are split up so that the ‘pro’ teams play on Tuesday nights, and the ‘rec’ teams play on Wednesdays. All games are held from 8-10 p.m. with each game consisting of two ten-minute halves and a two-minute halftime.

A quick look around the courts reveals a couple things. First, all of the referees are basketball players.

“We emailed the entire roster, the men’s team and women’s team, and then...whoever [were] the first eight to respond to us, we have them as our refs,” says Yamaguchi. “Because they can’t play in the...intramurals, they want to be refs, so we like to have them there. They know the rules; they know how to call fouls.”

The second thing that quickly becomes apparent is that everyone is having fun. That is a large part of why

senior Josh Proctor decided to play.

“Obviously you want to win,” says Proctor about joining the league, “but...it’s just because it’s fun and I enjoy playing basketball. It’s more fun when it’s a structured, put-together game where you can play each other. That’s why I think it’s more fun to play intramurals than just pick-up games.”

Tonya White, a member of the ‘Rec League’ staff team, “Staff Sharks,” agrees.

“It’s fun. It’s a chance for us to... get to know the school,” she says, “and get to know the students outside the café. And just [have] a good time.”

White also has high hopes for her team.

“I think that we’ll go all the way. We’re going to win the championship,” she says with excitement. “We are a strong team I think after seeing last night...and I think we’re going to go all the way.”

Pro Leaguer, Jon Hew Len, a member of Team “Spurtability,” also looks forward to a good season. With a 2-0 season after the first night, it looks like he may be onto something. At the same time, he remembers to stay humble.

Hew Len says, “A lot of us are always competitive, but at the end of the day as long as you know we’re all having fun and enjoying each other’s company, that’s pretty much the main thing.”

With a wide spread of hopeful

teams, White lays out what seems to be the plan for all involved. She says she is “excited to get to the championship, and excited to get the trophy.”

If you have questions, comments, or ideas for what SMU Intramurals can do for you, send them an email at

Intramurals@saintmartin.edu.

“We’re always open to ideas,” says Yamaguchi. “If there’s a large interest, we’ll do it.”

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Brittany Pegues returns from a semester in Japan

Timea Talaber
Staff writer

Saint Martin's University's Study Abroad program gives students the opportunity to travel to a variety of countries across the globe and immerse themselves in new and interesting cultures. Last semester, sophomore Brittany Pegues, a biology major, spent the semester studying at Sogang University in Seoul, South Korea.

"The first thing that I noticed on arrival was how crowded the airport was, and how many buses and taxis were outside," Pegues says.

Most people in Seoul use public transportation, which Pegues made use of during her trip. She remarks that Sogang University is small like SMU. Pegues was surprised that the students in her class were mostly Korean, even though she took all her classes in English, and observed that the students were very dedicated to their studies but like to have fun.

During her time in Korea, Pegues participated in sightseeing trips. One such location was Insadong, which is a famous district where tourists can shop for traditional souvenirs. While in Insadong, Pegues was able to make kimchi, a dish of fermented vegetables, and take it home. Food is an important part of any culture, and Pegues was

able to taste many interesting kinds of food while in Korea. Besides the kimchi, she tried soondae, which is cow or pig intestine stuffed with bean curd and other ingredients.

"What was weird was when you go to restaurants there, everywhere you go there's a button on the table that calls the waiter," Pegues remarks.

Along with traditional Korean foods, there are also American fast food restaurants, such as Taco Bell and Domino's, which are popular.

Although the classes she took were in English, for the first time in her life, Pegues says that it was nerve-wracking to speak it! When the entire class is listening intently to a natural-born English speaker, and admiring her English skills, she relates that it felt like the spotlight was magnified on her. In addition, Pegues participated in a Korean language class, in which the professors did not speak English,

Photo courtesy of Brittany Pegues.



making communication difficult.

"But that's what made it so fun," Pegues says, smiling.

One of the things that Pegues valued most about her experience was being able to visit Sujin Kim, who studied at SMU in 2011.

"The best part of it was getting to reconnect with someone who studied here," Pegues says enthusiastically. "For me, getting to see her and to get

closer to her was the best part of the whole experience." Pegues was able to visit Kim's house and meet her family while living with her for two weeks.

"Koreans are so welcoming, and open to share their culture with you, and also to take in yours," Pegues emphasizes. She felt very welcome in Korean culture, and recommends studying abroad to any student interested in seeing the world.

SMU vs. Central:
Entertainment at its finest

Carlos Monteblanco
Staff writer

Free food, a flash mob, and taking the win against Central Washington, what couldn't Saint Martin's do that Thursday night?

On Feb. 23, SMU's Hui 'O Hawai'i Club, Filipino Heritage Club, and Spirit Club collaborated to bring entertainment and refreshments to the Marcus Pavilion. The night opened at 6:30 p.m. with the catering of items such as pork adobo, lumpia, rice, and spam musubi. Also scattered throughout the bleachers were Hawaiian leis for attendees to wear.

After a halftime lead for Saints of 48-41, the cheerleaders took center stage for what appeared to be a dance routine, but was actually a flash mob. Many SMU students from the audience joined throughout the dance. The four-minute music mix played various party favorites including LMFAO's "Party Rock Anthem," Michael Jackson's "The Way You Make Me Feel," and "Wobble" by V.I.C.

Hawaii club's entertainment chair, Maluani Antonio, organized the show.

"I figured a flash mob would be a good way to promote Hui 'O Hawai'i annual Lu'au in a fun and exciting way," says Antonio.

The Lu'au will take place in the Marcus Pavilion on Saturday, April 21 at 5:30 p.m. Admission for SMU students, faculty and staff are sold at \$10 each, \$20 for general admission, and free entry for children 5 years old and under. Tickets are available through the Hawaii Club.

As for the basketball game, the Saints went in stronger during the second half and defeated Central Washington Wildcats with a score of 99-84. Roger O'Neil, Brok Pendleton, and Brady Bomber scored double figures. Jeremy Green finished with a season-high of 34 points, executing an alley-oop and two free throws in the final minute.

Head coach Keith Cooper noted that this was the first time that SMU beat Central in three years.

All expectations were exceeded at the game – the food was delicious, the flash mob was a success, and the determination of the Saints prevailed.

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For Now... For Generations: What the Scholarship Dinner means to me

Clarissa Strayer
Staff writer

On Thursday, Feb. 9, Saint Martin's students who received one or more scholarships from private and public groups had the privilege to experience a night with a high-class dinner, among esteemed community members and contributors to the school. The Saint Martin's University Annual Scholarship Celebration and Endowment Signing Ceremony is a chance for scholarship recipients to receive some recognition, while also having the opportunity to meet and thank the benefactors for their generous donations and scholarship opportunities. The event kicked off at 6 p.m. in the Norman Worthington Conference Center, and lasted well into the night, with a packed schedule.

Starting the night the off right, students had the chance to mingle with fellow scholarship recipients and those who funded those scholarships. Numerous hors d'oeuvres were served on silver platters by the Bon Appétit catering staff, along with a bar and other beverage stations around the room. Most students did not seem to expect the occasion to have such a classy dinner party effect, and it was a pleasant surprise to the first time participants. Some students may have felt out of place in their attire, as everywhere they looked, men in suits, and women in formal dresses and skirts surrounded them.

Upon entering the event, students received name tags and dinner table assignments. Following the 45 minute appetizer reception,

waves of people flowed into Marcus Pavilion, where all the Saints home basketball games are played. The court had experienced a miraculous transformation as black curtains enclosed the bleachers and a stage was inserted, as well as hanging banners, which presented the university's Benedictine values. Each table was equipped with everything necessary for a proper dinner party; the multiple forks, knives, spoons, plates and place settings with everyone's names was a nice change from the average night at the school cafeteria. Each table consisted of a mixture of students and donors including members of the Board of Trustees and other families who contribute to scholarship funds here at SMU.

Many of the donors held positions as CEOs or business owners, lawyers, educators, and engineers. The selected students who attended the dinner were given the perfect opportunity to network with alumni and donors, sharing their backgrounds and career goals. Many students were even fortunate enough to exchange phone numbers and receive business cards from the benefactors who sat at their tables for dinner. Once people settled in and had their place, everyone took to introductions and conversation over the salad and rolls which served as the first course. First time attendee, freshman Laura Mortimer, thoroughly enjoyed her dinner conversation with a big name on campus.

"I had the privilege of sitting with Mrs. O'Grady who funded our library," she enthusiastically recalled. "She lives in New York and said she lives near Madonna. She flies all the way here to

attend the board meetings." As one of the O'Grady Library's employees this connection was even stronger for Mortimer than that of the average student.

Simply having the ability to interact with these generous individuals, who essentially allow all of us students to receive such a quality education, has quite a powerful effect. The donors themselves must experience such a humbling feeling, personally meeting all of the students who they are helping to further their education and prepare for a career.

The program progressed with a musical interlude by the Saint Martin's Music Department. Paul Duncan produced some relaxing background music on the piano while everyone conversed and ate. Students Valerie Smith and Khristy Harvey both performed beautiful solos as well as the Italian Duet, "Sull'aria."

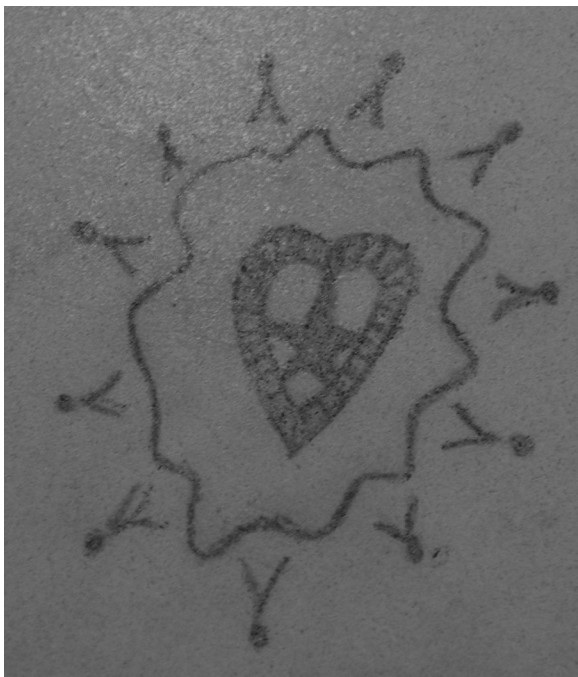
Chancellor Abbot Neal Roth gave the blessing, and then it was time to eat. When it came to the dinner itself, the food was served from individual platters, and there were three options. Students and donors had made their decisions when they sent in their RSVP to the event. During dinner, Pat Rants, who sponsors the Rants Family Endowed Scholarship, gave some remarks, and then it was time for the recognition of the new scholarships.

There were six newly created planned gifts for the 2011-2012 school year. These included the Frank and Elizabeth Schilter Family Scholarship Fund, the Paul Shyba Scholarship, the Berchtold Family Scholarship Endowed Fund, the Gary L. Holman Scholarship, the Class of '59

Scholarship Endowed Fund, and the Dennis D. Reynolds Scholarship Endowed Fund. A representative from each of these funds came forward on stage, and signed off on the newly established endowments for this year with our Saint Martin's President, Dr. Heynderickx.

In order to create one of these amazing awards, there usually needs to be a \$25,000 minimum gift.

While the audience indulged in their delicious desserts, Business Administration major, Kimberly Vivian, gave a grateful student thank you, and President Heynderickx ended the night with closing remarks and benediction. For the lucky students who had the opportunity to not only receive these fine scholarships, but also to participate in such an event, this served as the perfect motivation to continue on with their success, and push towards new goals. Knowing that we have this strong support system of community members and alumni who want to see us do well, serves as wonderful enforcement for why we work so hard in the first place. Throughout the program, the speakers repeated the idea of how necessary the donors are to the school and how one day, as alumni, we need to help give back to the community which gave us so much. It is deeply important to feel the power in witnessing generosity and an utter determination to see others succeed. We, as Saint Martin's students, must continue this legacy. After all, allowing this one celebration dinner to have such an inspirational effect on you, will guide all of us toward a brighter future together: for now... for generations.



Clarissa Strayer
Staff writer

In the past few months, a string of vandalism has hit the dorms, and there have been occurrences of vandalism at other sites on campus as well. From shoe markings up the walls to signs being ripped off of them, there seems to be an utter disregard for the school and those who attend it.

The situation is difficult to address, as no one will turn themselves in, and others are not willing to rat out their friends. The only way to decrease the state of certain places on campus is to hold people responsible and make efforts to reward students for clean habits.

No excuse should exist for students who are at least eighteen years of age; hopefully everyone's parents have raised them well enough to understand how to treat the place where they live.

Parsons Hall first floor RA, Michael Holland, says the root of the problem is "leaving a structure where you have eyes on you at all times, and then being set free. It's difficult when you have a lot on your plate but also have free time that people don't know how to use."

In this free time, people have taken to littering the hallways with their junk food wrappers, and writing on their desks during lectures.

With the filthy state of the bathrooms in the residence halls, the custodial staff has created a rating system in which they give each bathroom a score from zero to five based on its cleanliness. One point is awarded for clean sinks, one for clean counters, one for clean showers, one for clean toilets, and one

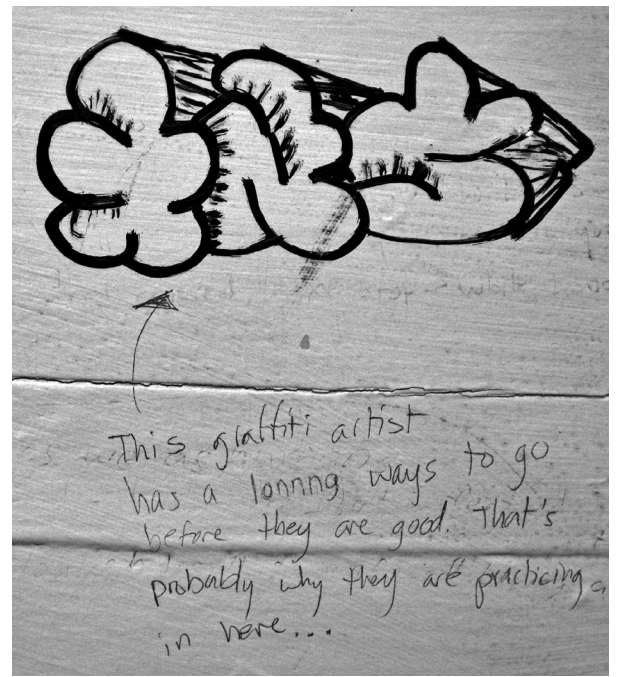
for clean floors. With consistent scores of fives and fours, the highest ranked boys' and the highest ranked girl's bathrooms are announced monthly as the winners, and the students who live in the area of the winning bathroom all receive a free dinner.

Concerning the bathroom rating system, freshman dorm dweller, Brian McElroy, explained that "the whole process is elementary." He also says that being treated like small children will not amount to the students respecting the property; it will only lead to feelings of annoyance and willingness to act out again.

While some bathrooms consistently receive high marks which are displayed on the white boards outside each bathroom, other bathrooms continue to have zeros and ones outside their doors. Whether it is wads of paper towels cluttering the counter tops, human waste on the walls, or clumps of hair in the drains, it seems many have not left high school or junior high. Keeping a personal bathroom in such a shocking state is one thing, but actually having the nerve to allow gross habits to interfere with someone else's time in the restrooms and showers?! They are called community bathrooms for a reason, and it seems students are not caring about their neighbors.

The bathrooms have been an ongoing concern for a while, but the holes in the walls and the disappearance of signs are more recent. Just after winter break concluded, some metal signs went missing from the walls in the residence halls, leaving some substantial holes. Although the culprit was never turned in, the signs were eventually

Vandalism on Campus: Harmless Fun or Ruthless Destruction of All Things Beautiful?



Graffiti in the restrooms and on the desks in Old Main.

returned. While this act was solved, who says that others will not attempt similar acts of vandalism in the future?

We have grown up and slowly obtained the mindset that our environment is a reflection of ourselves, and treating our environment with respect is essential. People say they do not want to be defined by their messy bathrooms, punctured walls, or garbage lined hallways yet all of this has occurred and seems to be becoming the standard. This standard of living evokes the image of a trashy person. If college students want to gain respect and be treated as adults, they must first act like adults. This cycle will not end until people begin taking responsibility and start having respect for, not only the school and custodial staff, but for their fellow students who have to live in the state that these disgusting habits produce.

While the RAs have kept calm heads about the vandalism, they still have to change the way they treat the residents. With childish, disrespectful actions like this, the RAs have no choice but to "hold all of the residents accountable, and treat them more like immature adults or kids even, rather than mature adults who take care of their community," says Holland. The RAs attempt to assist their residents with their overall growth and maturity, and hopefully, as the transition into college and independent living away from the over watch of parents continues, we will see a decrease in these disrespectful acts.

It is not just the Resident Directors and Assistants that have a problem with the disrespect and uncleanness either; students themselves are beginning to

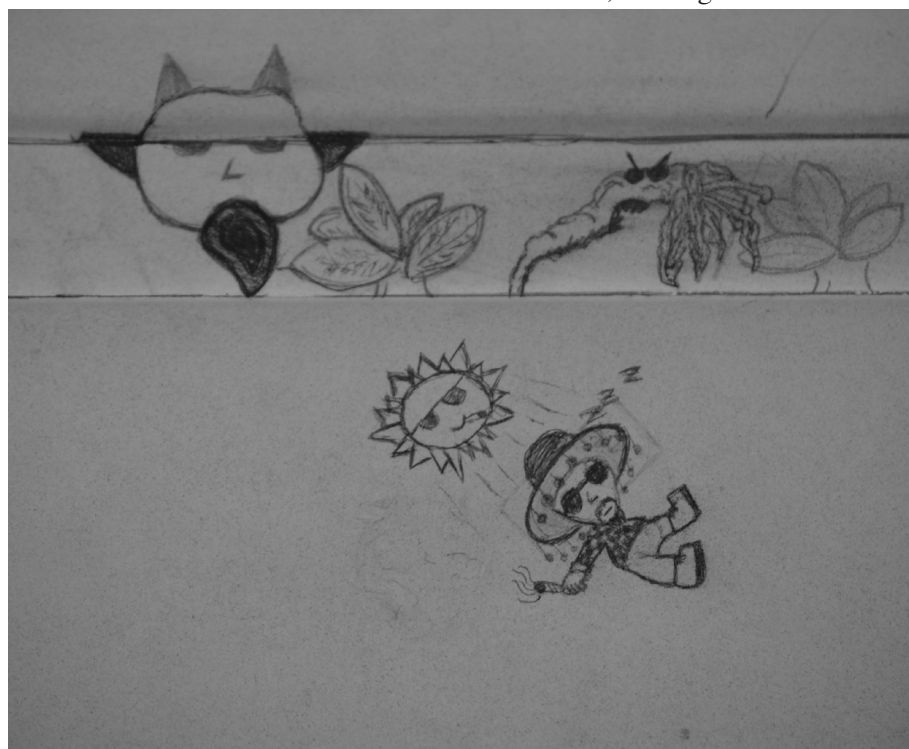
complain with the current state of the residence halls.

One of the freshmen who lives on the notorious first floor of Parsons, Kevin Ortiz, elaborated on the issue, stating that "someone who vandalizes is selfish and only in it for a superficial good time."

He further recognizes that the people who vandalize have "no regard for their surroundings or other people."

While the dorms clearly have experienced a range of issues these past couple of months, there has also been some issues within Old Main and Harned Hall. Apparently, some students have yet to pass the elementary school phase of writing on desks, as markings have been found on numerous desks and tables in the classrooms. This pitiful form of graffiti causes distractions for other students who have to sit at the same desk, and it creates an image of a tacky student body. The reputation of other students should not be defined by the few who choose to stick to these childlike, immature tendencies.

All hopes of ending this string of vandalism and dirty bathrooms lies in the mindset of the students. Living in such conditions will soon affect their mental states, in the sense that it distracts them from other more important parts of life. After all, living in a clean space often produces better work ethic, and more positive moods and energies. Holland claims that this type of vandalism always occurs, as "people get crazy and lose themselves sometimes," but he has faith that "everyone will begin to take ownership, and we can all grow as one community."



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What do YOU want to see in the Belltower?

Rae Pennock
Assistant Editor

The Belltower staff has been trying to provide the community of Saint Martin's with news and stories to interest and entertain a wide range of people. Now we want to know how we have been doing. What have we done right? What can we improve upon? What do you want to see in the paper in the future?

Some suggestions by students included:

- An entertainment section with

cartoons, crosswords, puzzles, humor columns

- Reviews on nearby restaurants
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- A Gossip section covering news about celebrities and TV Shows
- Fun Facts about our campus and area
- More sports articles and updates
- More pictures of Campus Life

Any suggestions you have can be sent to the Editor-in-Chief Jesse Lamp at jesse.lamp@stmartin.edu.



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The moon rises over the Abbey church.

Spring is (almost) here!

Spring is near and the sun has begun to shine around Saint Martin's. Of course, spring also brings the rain, but nonetheless, spring is here.

With spring break just around the corner, mid-terms are also close, and even we here at the Belltower are feeling the pressure. I am proud to say that we have gotten an issue of the Belltower out every month this year, but stories and writers are starting to run thin. With that, I urge YOU to let us know what is happening around campus.

If you have a story idea, let us know and we will do our best to cover it. If you get the writer's itch and decide to write a story, submit it. We gladly accept guest writers and contributing writers.

Also, we are in the market for more writers both to help us finish out this year and to continue writing next year. With only two issues to go, we are also in the market for layout assistants, a business manager, and an advertising manager who can carry the paper into the coming year. If you are interested, just send me an email and I will get you the information you need.

But for now, Saints, stay safe, enjoy the sunny days, and if you are going anywhere for spring break, plan your trip ahead, don't drive tired, don't drive drunk, and make sure to return in one piece to finish out a successful year in the construction of your future!

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