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Only one more week till my departure to Japan

Blake Cloward Staff Writer

Last semester, the term "time flies" didn't bother me at all. It felt like I had all the time in the world. Before the start of the fall '15 semester, I decided that I wanted to study abroad in Japan before I graduated. Although it has been about seven months since I decided to study abroad, time has been flying, just like the term insinuates. Now, in

one week I am leaving for Japan.

In my previous article from last issue, I talked about how I am preparing for my next four months in Japan. I have been practicing reading and writing in Japanese every day. I also just got a new phone which has a nice stylus for screen writing. I downloaded a few applications for learning new characters and have practiced writing directly on the phone. I had to get some new clothes too, because the climate is much warmer and more humid there. I am also bringing all my mechanical engineering textbooks and e-books so that I can stay fresh for engineering classes.

Simply speaking, I am most excited to be immersed in a new culture where I will have to start by learning the basics. I will

> have to make friends new and figure out how to do little Cloward hitting the slopes everyday things. It will be difficult, but also fun and exciting. I hope to make the most of my experiences and take noth-

ing for granted.

I am a very outdoorsy type of person and I love exploring the wilderness. Hiking, mountain biking and skiing are some of my favorite activities. When I visited Japan previously, I



hiked a few times with my host family. I found it very interesting to hike through an environment different from the Northwest. The forests were more luscious and dense, but lacked the tall trees that we have. I want to do much more hiking when I return this time.

I also want to visit my old host families. This might be a challenge, however, because they live far away from Tokyo. I would have to travel alone on mass transit

for a few hours, which is both confusing and expensive. see Japan page B2

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Capital Food and Wine Festival attracts new vendors and large crowd

Regina Reed Staff Writer

Blake Cloward with his dog, Bear

members Community Wine Festival. Festival goers along the outskirts of the salmon to barbecue and

were not disappointed, as gymnasium for food, the floor was jam-packed with local food, wine and beer vendors. Equipped filled the Marcus Pavilion with "scrip" money to pay on Saturday, March 19 for for alcohol and food, atthe annual Capital Food and tendees could meander to cupcakes and smoked

check out the middle of the floor for countless wine choices or head upstairs for different beer selections. From paella

> olive oil, everyone was bound to find something delicious to eat while sipping and sampling the best beer and wine the Northwest has to offer.

> In its 27th year as a community event, many vendors attend the festival annually



to share their food and Several types of wine for guests to try beverages with the com- see food and wine page C2

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A retrospective look at The Belltower

Back in the spring of 2013, I was lucky enough to be hired onto The Belltower. I have devoted a good amount of my time over the past two and half years to this newspaper. First as a News writer, then as the editor of the same section, then as an editor of both the News and Sports sections and finally, as solely the Sports editor. I have seen a plethora of great people pass through the Belltower over the years, and it is hard for me to believe that I too will soon join them as a Belltower alumni. Though I'm not sure it is up to me to decide whether or not I fall into the same "great" category.

I have seen The Belltower grow and improve quite a bit during my time as an editor. I mean to use the term "growth" in a literal sense, as we employ 27 staffers, our largest staff to date. The scope of our focus has also vastly improved, as we have made a concerted effort to cover events happening within the community, as well as focusing on important national, and sometimes international issues as well.

In this issue of The Belltower, you can find Lee Kaplan-Unsoeld's article detailing the controversy surrounding Brazilian President Dilma Rouseff, an update on the remaining 2016 Presidential candidates, as well as information about the upcoming Washington State Democratic Caucus, and a look at the current state of affairs at the Washington State legislature. You can also find two letters to the editor, responding to previous articles—one regarding Saint Martin's smoking policy, the other responding to a criticism regarding the removal of diseased trees around campus—published in our last issue. These letters, and letters like them, are vital to the discourse surrounding important, relevant issues and we, as Belltower editors, understand this and welcome the conversation.

As my time at the Belltower nears an end, I can say I am both proud of how The Belltower has improved, and excited for its future. Between our additions to the editorial team—Roslyn Buff, Travis Munday, and Sabrina White— and all of our great writers, I know that this newspaper is in good hands.





As fellow students at Saint Martin's Univeristy, our staff is constantly working to keep you up-to-date on what is going on around campus, our community and throughout the world. Our newspaper will provide information that is valuable to our campus and especially to students at SMU. We will never back down form taking on any issue at our school and promise to give our best efforts to keep the community informed.

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Brooke Rickard Staff Writer

The Saint Martin's University golf team is rounding the bend of their spring season. The seasons are split in two, with one in the fall and one in the spring, due to winter weather constraints.

Being an SMU athlete is nothing new to senior golfer Sarah Salvatori, but saying goodbye to her career as a Saint is.

Salvatori has competed at SMU for four years and as she approaches her final season, she explained that being a Saint has given her much more than the chance to play the sport she loves.

"Every year since I was a freshman our final tournament of the fall season would be to Kona, Hawaii. We would often also travel with the boy's team which made the trip feel more like a vacation with friends. The trips were awesome and always the highlight of the season. We

memories on the island that I'll keep forever."

Salvatori started golfing with her father, Phil, and her younger sister, Deanna. Golf was something she picked up from friends at work and it soon became a fun family activity. Her mother, Sylvia, also grew to be one of her biggest support systems as she began playing competitively.

"I think I picked up a club for the first time at the age of five and never looked back," says Salvatori. "Although, I did not start playing



Salvatori preparing to tee off.

ly and participating in tournaments until I was 10 years old." Competing

for 11 years has given her many opportunities to prove her skill out on green. In February, Salvatori led the SMU women's golf team on a rather difficult course at the California Baptist

University Invitational in Corona, Calif., tying for 22nd place. SMU finished seventh overall.

Though golf is known to be a very

competitive- individual sport, the compilation of individual scores is what determines the success of each player's season. The SMU golf team travels five players, where the top four scores count towards the team's score. The collective team score is what is matched against other schools in order to determine the winner.

> According to Salvatori, being a student athlete is far more than practice and games and schoolwork. It is about a bigger picture—the memories you make and the teammates that become more like family. To Salvatori, this is what she would like to instill in her younger teammates.

> "Enjoy every moment and make those moments count. Because before you know it your college career will be over and you'll be wishing you could go back. Always love your teammates because they are the people who will always be able to relate with you the most."

Breaking into spring

Cleo Pineda Staff Writer

Though the 2016 Vernal Equinox did not arrive until March 20, spring break allowed college students at Saint Martin's University to cruise into the season a bit early. Since the week before break is usually packed with mid-terms and project deadlines, students find themselves counting down the minutes to when they can finally put their books down, turn their alarms off, and take time to unwind.

"I was most excited to be able to go to bed at a reasonable time. It was really nice to have a break from my hectic school life," said Rebecca Tong, biology and math double major. Even with describing her time off as being "ordinary," it met her expectations nonetheless.

Sophomore Madison Herbst relates to this situation.

Herbst vacation consisted of relaxing and spending time with my family.

Simply put, school can be very demanding. With the amount of hours spent on completing homework or studying for tests while juggling other priorities, a student can easily lose sleep over trying to keep

up. Spring break gave students a chance to take a moment for themselves; an opportunity to disconnect from expectations.

For others, spring break was an invitation to engage in something different. Over the week-long leave, Christian Yoro, a junior majoring in criminal justice, visited a zoo in Oregon for the first time with his family.

"The massive selection of animals was really interesting to see. From elephants to condors to cheetahs and giraffes," Yoro described.

He also got the chance to explore the sights of the city of Portland including Powell's Bookstore in Portland.

"I have never really liked the city so to stay in Portland for a couple days was something really new to me," Yoro said.

Mechanical engineering student Luis Lara-Espinoza spent a week in his hometown in California. Although he admits to enjoying the beautiful scenery that Lacey has to offer "going back to Lynwood, Calif. reminded me that sunny weather still exists," said Lara-Espinoza.

As a Golden State native, Lara-Espinoza misses exploring outdoor activities in his daily routine

without having to account for low temperatures or Washington's distinctive and long wet season.

During his trip back home, he also made it a priority to visit his martial arts academy.

"I got back together with the people who I trained and competed with for so long. I made my closest friends through the Academy... especially my coach. Spending my little break in between this busy semester with them was the best," he said.

This academic year is Lara-Espinoza's first away from his family, so greatly appreciated the chance to catch up with them placed a lot of weight on the appreciation he had for getting a spring vacation.

"While in the presence of my old buddies, I remembered who I was and where I came from," he added.

Though the media sometimes displays spring break as a free-for-all party among students, this does not have to be the case for every student. Though partying is a stereotypical spring break description, for many students, spring break is a time to rest, sightsee, and spend some time back home.



Japan, from cover

Hopefully I will make some new friends who will help me with this endeavor.

It is hard to predict what to expect. I think that the first few weeks will be overwhelming, but soon after I should be more comfortable. When I traveled around Japan last year, many people were friendly and willing to help me. Because I was obviously a foreigner, people seemed more inclined to help. Although communicating will be difficult, I am not too concerned with everyday activities – such as shopping, getting food or finding my way around the cities.

Many questions arose from friends and family when I told them I wanted to study abroad. What will I be doing? What will I be studying?

Perhaps the most important question someone asked me was what I would ultimately get out of my experiences abroad.

I want to become more knowledgeable of the world's people, society and cultures. I have traveled to many different places all over the world which has helped me understand how different everyone is, but at the same time how we are all similar. I spent a lot of time in the Caribbean Islands, where most of the locals lived in homes that were not much bigger than a small shack. On the contrary, I was very impressed with the lavish townhouses in Amsterdam, some even had a nice BMW or Porsche parked out front. However, when I spoke to the locals in their respective countries, most people were just as kind,

friendly and generous toward me – despite drastically differing living conditions.

I believe that studying abroad will be a great opportunity for me to learn about Japanese culture and traditions. It will also greatly expand my knowledge of all peoples as a whole.

There are many things that I will miss from home. I will miss my friends and family very much, but thanks to social media and the internet world I will still be able to talk and see them. I will miss my dog, Bear, very much. He is the best dog that I have ever met and truly is the definition of man's best friend. I have been taking him on many hikes this winter so that I can spend the most time with him as I can. Lately, since I have been packing

my things, Bear has been giving me strange looks as if he knows I am leaving soon. I will also greatly miss playing piano and guitar. I have been playing for most of my life and I fear it will be difficult to practice while abroad. My guitar and keyboard are much too large to take with me.

I leave for Japan in one week, so by the time my next story comes out I will be halfway around the world. I am having a going away a party with my friends and family so that I can see everyone one last time before I leave. I am more than excited to go, and Japan has been the only thing on my mind for the past few months. Wish me luck!

Students frustrated with smoking policy at Saint Martin's University

Taylor Gersch Staff Writer

Upon reviewing the Saint Martin's Student Handbook, you will find a few policies regarding smoking on campus. On page 49 of the handbook, the policies are stated as follows:

"a. Saint Martin's University's residence halls are non-smoking facilities. b. Smoking is allowed only in designated areas outside or at least



Students at Saint Martins have strong opinions about the smoking policy.

50 feet from the residence halls. c. Residents must use ashtrays to dispose of cigarette and cigar butts."

As noted in my previous article from the last issue of The Belltower, the Center for Disease Control reports that smoking is currently the leading cause of preventable death in the United States, slowly killing 480,000 people each year. Yet smoking is continued to be allowed on a campus with very little enforcement of the rules. Saint Martin's students

and the health center both have their own opinions and thoughts regarding the current policy and their hopes for the future.

Biology major and psychology minor Emma Jantzer has never smoked cigarettes. With experience in the health care industry, Jantzer has seen the negative effects of smoking touch the lives of so many people.

"The majority of studies that I have looked at show strong correlations between smoking and lung cancer, heart disease, respiratory issues including chronic obstructive pulmonary disorder (COPD), and more. I worked in the emergency department

over the summer and a large number of patients with a history of smoking wish they never started due to the negative impact on their health. Additionally, a good number of patients with a history of smoking were either on oxygen at home (i.e. they took it when they needed it or while they slept), or they were always on oxygen via a small tank they carried around with them. The list of different daily medication these patients had to take were long and constantly changing to keep up with their new and worsening symptoms," said Jantzer.

Although Jantzer has not found smoking on campus to be a distraction or hindrance to her education, in the past she has been able to smell cigarette smoke at night while sleeping with her window open in Parsons Hall. She would like to see smoking at night to be minimized from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m.

Medical Director for the Saint Martin's Health Center Jamie Nixon witnesses the effects of smoking everyday as she also works a family practice clinic in Olympia where she treats patients weekly for nicotine addiction issues.

"I have witnessed first-hand the long term health consequences of tobacco use and abuse. From lung cancer to oropharyngeal cancer to cardiovascular disease--there is no safe level of tobacco or nicotine usage. Nicotine is one of the most addictive substances on earth: nearly 80 percent of people who

try nicotine become addicted to it, compared to 34 percent of people who try heroin," said Nixon.

She is not satisfied with Saint Martin's current smoking policy and believes a tobacco-free campus would be beneficial for everyone. Nixon added, "I would love the policies to change and would support any student movement brought to ASSMU to change this policy."

Many other students on the Saint Martin's campus have found the smoking posts to be located in high traffic areas or too close to residence halls where the smoke can be smelt constantly.

Jessica De Boer, a junior civil engineering major, smelled smoke often while living in the residence halls.

"I know when I was living in Spangler that I constantly smelled smoke if my window was open and that the aroma came into the lobby area and elevator often. I don't know if this is from people not following the rules or if the area that people are allowed to smoke in is too close to residential areas," said De Boer.

Richelle Carel, senior educational studies major, is also bothered by the smoking posts located on both sides of Harned Hall explaining, "I am not fond of where the smoking stations are located at this school. I know that the students who do smoke need somewhere to go but I don't think it should be in general areas where other students are constantly walking."

New Leadership Common App

Connie Jensen Staff Writer

This past fall, students interested in leadership positions on campus enrolled in the Benedictine Leaders Program (BLP), a six-week program designed to explore and develop personal leadership style within the Benedictine traditions of Faith, Service, Reason, and Community. Students were also expected to attend the leadership summit that took place on Jan. 30, where they listened to various speakers from the wider community and participated in leadership workshops of their choice.

After completing the BLP sessions, students were then asked to submit their applications for the leadership positions they were interested in. This year however there was a twist – students were only required to submit one application to apply for multiple positions, thanks to the new leadership common application that was made available this year.

According to Saint Martin's Residence Director Janie Sacco, "The new common application is very similar to the Residence Life application we used last year. It was created by professional staff in campus life, the Office of Diversity and Service Initiative, and residence life."

The new application was created in an effort to simplify the application process. Sacco

explained, "We found that many students would apply for positions in all of our departments and would have to fill out multiple applications. This common process allow students to only fill out one application, while applying for many leadership positions. This is one of the benefits for students."

In addition to being user-friendly for students, the new application is also more efficient for staff members receiving the applications. Sacco stated, "We switched to the new application to create a more collaborative process between our departments."

With the new application, students were allowed to apply for positions such as an AHANA (African American, Hispanic American, Asian American and Native American) mentor, Norcia mentor, orientation leader, programming specialist, resident assistant and Trautman Student Union Building (TUB) crew member all at the same time. Although students are not allowed to hold more than one leadership position, with the exception of TUB crew member, by applying for more than one position they increase the likelihood of being offered a position even if it might not have been their first choice.

As for the application itself, students were expected to fill out basic information such as name and address followed by a series of short response questions. This section

included listing your top three strengths and weakness, describing a lesson you had learned from a previous leadership experience, and what service related experiences you have had and what you have learned from them.

Students were then asked to provide two references for recommendations and to upload their resume before submitting their application for consideration. After thoroughly and fairly assessing each candidate's application, students were sent an email from Saint Martin's Residence Director Heather-Nicole

Saladino as to whether or not they would be invited for the group process. Those who were invited were given a date and time for their group interview.

At this time, all candidates have been selected for the different leadership positions that were available. If you are interested in a leadership position on campus the next BLP session will start up again in the fall of 2016. Students will be invited to sign up for classes via email during the fall semester. For more information students are encouraged to contact the Office of Campus Life.



However, for some, 2016 was their first time attending the festival. Heather Jeter, Sales Director for Cadence Winery, said that Cadence was invited for the first time this year when Jeter met the Festival coordinator at a Seahawks game.

Food and Wine, from cover

"I'm a first timer," said Jeter. "But we've had lots of interest so far and are excited to be supporting Saint



Food at the event included cupcakes.

year will be the first of many." Jeter said that she was

Martin's. Hopefully this

expecting even more customers after the "food and lunch rush."

Another business that made their Festival debut was Abby's Cupcakes and Cookies. JeAnna Lombardo, an Abby's employee, and Joe Woods, brother of the business owner, said that being at the Food and Wine Festival was very exciting.

"It's been really successful so far. We've had lots bardo. Abby's Cupcakes

and Cookies had a consistent line of three to five people coming and going with their cupcakes and cookies.

Assortments of cupcakes were on display at their booth, from classic chocolate to gluten free salted caramel. A large shelved cart also stacked with cupcakes sat behind Lombardo and Woods. When asked how many cupcakes they planned to make for the event, Lombardo said that Abby, the owner, was back at the bakery preparing even more.

"We planned for about 6,000 at first," said Lombardo. "But I think



of customers," said Lom- Guests enjoyed a day full of food, wine, and laughter in the Marcus Pavilion.

we are going to go for more around 4,000. One of us will continue to be a runner and just play it by ear."

The upstairs area of the festival offered attendees a place to try different beers and the option of sitting down briefly to eat and drink before going back for round two. During the initial hours of the event, pleasant music accompanied the swelling noise of voices as more and more people entered the building. In the later afternoon and evening, live music added to the enjoyable ambience of the event.

The Capital Food and Wine

Festival was a sensory delight. Smells of delicious foods wafted through the Pavilion, attendees tasted exceptional wine and beer and music and cheerful discourse added the atmosphere. The Capital Food and Wine Festival gives Olympia business owners and residents a unique and wonderful opportunity to gather together to eat and drink exceptional food and beverages in support of the community and Saint Martin's University.

Alumni Spotlight: Emmalee Baker

Luke Richmond Staff Writer

Every day on campus, student work is graded so that, hopefully, students can pass classes, graduate, and get the job they want. Sometimes when an English student displays a proficiency in writing, this kind of potential is noticed. Such is the case with Emmalee Baker's article "Religious Naming in Updike's 'Rabbit published it almost a year after her submission.

This was no small task for Baker, a dedicated and determined author. Numerous revisions were necessary before she felt comfortable enough to submit. "The Explicator" is a peer-reviewed journal with an initial "blind review," meaning her name originally had no association with her paper, and that her paper would

subjected be to several reviews in order to be labeled worthy of publication. With the majority of writings for the journal coming from experienced authors. professors and other educators in the field, it was enormous honor for a young student writer to experience such affirmation from the reputable

publication. Hauhart and Chavez shared in Baker's success, feeling rewarded at seeing their student excel and flourish under their guidance and recommendation.

For Baker, being published in "The Explicator" could prove to pay dividends. Seeing her own name in print has become a new motivating force for Baker's writing ambitions. Her accomplishment sets a standard of what hard work and determination can really achieve. In the eyes

of Hauhart and Chavez, Baker has assembled something masterful that will not only add to her academic achievements, but will also remind her of where her writing skills were incubated and ultimately were able to flourish.

What does this mean for other students at Saint Martin's? When students like Baker are lauded for

their work, the collective reputation of SMU students' efforts are cast in a favorable light. This may remind students that hard work can pay off in a way that goes beyond simply getting good grades. It is possible for a student in college to publish their work, as long as they are dedicated to it



Baker poses with replica of Harry Potter Platform 9 3/4.

Run." Baker was a student of Saint Martin's University professors Julia Chavez, Ph.D. and Robert Hauhart, Ph.D. Both professors recognized a unique and engaging, though unpolished, piece of writing. At the urging of the professors, Baker began to refine and really dive deep into her own writing and thought processes, hoping to hone the paper into a publishable piece.

After working diligently, "The Explicator" accepted her paper and



World news at a glance

Denver GarciaStaff Writer

Al-Qaida gunmen kill six in the Ivory Coast



On March 12 a mass shooting at a beach resort in Grand-Bassam, Ivory Coast left 16 dead. The shooting was carried out by six members of Al-Qaida in the Islamic Maghreb, who were killed by security forces as they tried to flee the scene. Grand-Bassam was made a UNESCO (United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization) World Heritage Site because of its many historical buildings. Reports indicate that one of the victims was a French tourist, and the rest were Ivorian nationals. The Ivory Coast suffered from civil war in 2011 following escalations from electoral disputes and an earlier civil war that occurred in 2002. Since then, the Ivory Coast has enjoyed five years of relative peace, but they have been on alert and watchful due to terrorist activities in neighboring Mali and Burkina Faso.

Pope Francis to canonize Mother Teresa

Pope Francis has announced that Mother Teresa will be canonized on Sept. 4, 2016. Mother Teresa was born in Macedonia to Albanian parents, and became world famous for both her lifetime dedication to helping the poor in Kolkata, India and founding the Missionaries of Charity. Since her death in 1997, she has been a popular contender for sainthood, a process which officially began on 2002 when John Paul II beautified her. Her legacy has not been without controversy, as many critics have noted that she accepted money from dictatorial regimes and her medical facilities were severely unhygienic and in need of renovation. Regardless, Mother Teresa has remained a popular hero for many, and announcement of her sainthood has been otherwise well received.



Russia begins troop withdrawal in Syria

Russian President Vladimir Putin has made an unexpected move and ordered the "main part" of Russian forces out of Syria. Since 2011, Syria has suffered from a brutal civil war between the loyalist forces of Bashar Al-Assad's regime and the dozens of rebel factions attempting to take over. Russia has been a key supporter of Al-Assad during the civil war, an alliance dating back to when his father aligned himself with the Soviet Union during the 1980s. Putin said the reason for the withdrawal is because Russia's primary objective in Syria has been achieved, which was to coordinate airstrikes against the rebel factions in order to strengthen Al-Assad's position on the ground. However, many Western reports have said that these airstrikes hit civilians, and were a convenient cover to attack legitimate regime opponents.

Southern Hemisphere engulfed by total eclipse

Much of the Southern Hemisphere experienced a total solar eclipse on March 9. Indonesia was the first country to witness the phenomenon, and eventually it was visible from Hawaii as a partial eclipse. Such events are sacred to the Hindu community on the Indonesian island of Bali, and this occurrence coincided with the celebration of Balinese New Year, also known as Nyepi. Traditionally, Nyepi is a day of silence, so Hindu religious leaders issued a request to Muslim locals urging them to be courteous at mosque prayers during the eclipse. Passengers on an Alaskan Airlines flight from Anchorage to Honolulu got to witness the stellar event first hand as their plane altered its route to fully observe the eclipse.





Plastic-eating marine bacteria discovered

A team of Japanese scientists recently announced the discovery of a marine bacteria that degrades plastic and uses it as a source of energy. One particularly stubborn plastic is known as Polyethylene terephthalate (PET) and a great deal of it find its way into the ocean every year. Now a microbe called ideonella sakaiensis 201-F6 has been shown to disintegrate PET over a period of six months. Before this discovery, only certain rare species of fungi had been known to produce similar results. All of the research was done in a controlled lab setting, but researchers hope the microbe can eventually be distributed on a wide scale to do away with recycled plastic in the ocean and landfills.

2016 presidential candidates updates

Denver Garcia Staff Writer

Over the last month, some platform changes have occurred in the 2016 presidential election. Though the race began with 17 official Republican candidates, the list was whittled down to three when nine of the hopeful candidates dropped out in February and March. The candidates who suspended are former Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee, Kentucky Senator Rand Paul,

former Pennsylvania Senator Rick Santorum, former Hewlett-Packard CEO Carly Fiorina, New Jersey Governor Chris Christie, Virginia Governor Jim Gilmore, former Florida Governor Jeb Bush, neurosurgeon Ben Carson and Florida Senator Marco Rubio. The three remaining Republican candidates are Texas Senator Ted Cruz, Ohio Governor

John Kasich and real estate tycoon Donald Trump.

While the GOP boasted an abnormally large candidate field, the opposite was true of the Democrats. On Feb. 1, former Governor of Maryland, Martin O'Malley ended his campaign, leaving only the former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders in the race. There have been a few other Democratic candidates, but O'Malley was the only one who managed to get any traction in the media. Since then, Clinton and Sanders have been in a tight race for caucuses, with each of them earning 504 and 340 delegates respectively to date.

An increasing number of voters are identifying as independents. Many people are disgruntled with both parties and prefer to vote for independent and third party candidates.

The third party offers a number of long shot candidates to choose from. Some of the more notable outliers include Jill Stein, Ph.D., of the Green Party, Gary Johnson of the Libertarian Party, Gloria de la Riva of the Party for Socialism and Liberation, Darrel Castle of the Constitution Party and Rod Silva of the Nutrition Party.

Unfortunately most independent and third party candidates do not appear on every state's ballots, so voting choices may be limited. Voting for a third party candidate is questioned by some voters. They see it as a wasted vote because there is very little chance of a third party nominee getting elected.

The Washington State Republican Caucus was held on Feb. 20, and the Democratic Party Caucus will be held March 26. Anyone who will be aged 18 by Nov. 8 will be

eligible to attend, which means registered voters can help their party to pick a nominee during these caucus events. If you would like to participate in the upcoming Democratic caucus, you can find your nearest polling location at www.wa-democrats.org. From this website, you can register for participation at the caucus location closest to you, and then you will be able to join the other members of your party in discussing and ultimately deciding on a nominee.

If you plan on voting in the 2016 presidential election, make sure to register to vote before Nov. 8. In addition to President, the U.S will also be voting for Congress, the Senate, Governor and various local offices during this election year. Those who have not yet registered to vote can do so online at https://www.sos.wa.gov/elections/.

#FreeKesha

Sabrina White Section Editor

The hashtag #FreeKesha has exploded in popularity across social media, gaining a huge following and offering opinions and insight from news outlets, other celebrities and fans of Kesha regarding her current situation involving Sony Music Entertainment. Kesha has been petitioning to be released from her music producing contract under producer Lukasz Gottwald, who goes by the nickname "Dr. Luke."

Kesha claims that Gottwald has been sexually assaulting her for many years, causing her emotional and mental distress. Kesha's claims against Gottwald include rape, molestation, being forced to take illegal drugs, being manipulated to produce whatever he wanted and even body shaming her to the point of bulimia.

Kesha has been locked in a legal battle with Sony Music and Gottwald for quite some time, costing her much of her life savings. Other celebrities have come out in support of Kesha across social media. Taylor Swift, singer and songwriter, even donated over \$200,000 to Kesha to support her during the

Lady Gaga has become a very outspoken supporter of Kesha, and has been speaking out about the situation on all of the platforms available to her. In an interview with radio station 97.1 AMP Radio, Gaga opened up to Carson Daily about the trial, stating "I feel like she's being

very publicly shamed for something that happens in the music industry all the time, to women and men. I just want to stand by her side because I can't watch another woman

that went through what I've been through suffer."

In a preliminary New York Supreme Court hearing of her case, Kesha was told by Supreme Court justice Shirley Kornreich that she would not be released from her contract. The singer was reported to have broken down into tears in the courtroom, while

outside were outraged, holding signs in support of Kesha and protesting Sony Music and Gottwald.

Gottwald has fervently denied

Kesha's claims through his lawyer, Christine Lepora, who spoke to People Magazine regarding the

Lepora stated, "Kesha and her mother are

engaged in a campaign publishing outrageous and untrue statements about Dr. Luke third parties, including scurrilous and false statements purported physical and mental abuse Kesha."

Sony and Gottwald have fered Kesha an affidavit, allowing her to produce with someone else without any involvement

from Gottwald. Kesha's legal team and mother have stated that they fear this is just a loose promise and that it would harm Kesha's career.

They fear that Sony and Gottwald would prevent her music from being promoted if she were to produce with someone else, and that her career would effectively be over if she took this offer from Sony.

In the wake of the social media outrage over Kesha's case and the Supreme Court ruling, Sony Music will reportedly release Gottwald from his contract with them a year early, and he will no longer be a producer with the company. In an article by The Wrap, it was mentioned by insiders from Sony Music that it has become a public relations headache for the company, and should have been handled a long

An unnamed legal representative for Gottwald made a statement denying the claim, saying, "This is not true. Luke has an excellent relationship with Sony. His representatives are in regular contact with executives at the highest levels at Sony and this has never come up."

The hashtag and court case have brought up the greater discussion of sexual assault, especially in the music industry. It has resonated with males and females all over the U.S. and the world who have dealt with similar situations. The publicity surrounding Kesha's case has opened the door for others to come forward with their opinions and stories and rally behind a single cause to change the narrative behind it.



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The 2016 Legislative session at a glance

Taylor Gersch Staff Writer

Washington state budgeting troubles required the state legislature to begin another special session.

With no clear progress being made on the budget, Governor Jay Inslee was ready to veto bills on the last day of the Washington legislative session March 10. Inslee threatened vetoing bills if the budget was not completed on time and that is exactly what he did, vetoing 27 of the 37 bills after the legislature failed to reach a budget during the 60 day session. A special session was started the same Thursday night that the regular session ended with the goal of establishing a final budget. The 10 bills Inslee passed focused on health and public safety.

Governor Inslee did end up signing a bill that will end schools' reliance on local levies for funding next year. The larger issue is whether or not this will satisfy the Washington Supreme Court's ruling on McCleary. Currently, the court is sanctioning the state \$100,000 a day for not having a plan to fully fund schools by 2018.

The legislature also passed a bill to rejuvenate voter-approved charter schools after the Supreme

Court ruled them unconstitutional. Instead of coming from the general fund, funding for charter schools will come from lottery proceeds. Union, however, is critical over the body camera legislation.

"Jason's Law" was also signed by Gov. Inslee which increases the



Skepticism still remains about the constitutionality of this.

Another measure passed by Inslee regards creating a task force to examine the use of deadly force by police and police body cameras. The American Civil Liberties gravity of punishment related to vehicular homicide while driving recklessly. Offenders could now spend up to eight and a half years in prison compared to two years under the old law. The new law considers fatal reckless driving equal to the

charge of first-degree manslaughter and DUI vehicular homicide.

Anti-human trafficking was another important topic as Inslee approved a bill that creates a human trafficking awareness day and clarifies the current law to help officers more efficiently combat the issue.

An additional bill was passed related to the sale and use of taxes for cities to offset municipal service costs to newly annexed areas. Inslee also passed an important bill regarding the enforcement of employment rights arising from state active duty services by a member of the National Guard.

There were two major issues that did not pass this legislative session—the effort made by Democratic Attorney General Bob Ferguson to raise the smoking age to 21 failed. In addition, the measure to regulate the vaping and ecigarette industry did not pass.
The Republican effort to repeal The Republican effort to repeal the new state rule which allows transgender people to access the bathroom or locker room of their choice failed as well.

Memorandums pass and fail during ASSMU meetings

Michael Overfield Staff Writer

The Feb. 25 student government meeting began at the usual time with much on the agenda. It started with the officer reports which included a reminder that students may apply for next year's student council by completing an application and attending events that are mandatory for applicants. Additionally, students who have missed the meetings may go to ASSMU.org to find the meeting minutes and other information. Another way the student council plans to get more students involved in the future is to partner with the required first year seminar classes to encourage first year students to participate in student government.



ASSMU Vice President Gavin Basuel

Following the officer and senator requested reports, the memorandums and requests for funding were discussed. The first funding request was unfinished business from the previous ASSMU meeting. Thomas 'T.J.' Carter, a member of Sigma Tau Delta, requested funds for himself and his advisor for travel to the Sigma Tau Delta International Convention to present an original academic paper and serve as student chair. The convention was be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota on March 2-5. The total funding requested for this trip was \$855 which was approved by the student council.

The next request for funding concerned the Dragon Boat Festival that takes place on April 30. This event involves boat races, art, and performances celebrating diversity.

> Funding for twenty Saint Martin's University students was requested for registration and lunch. The total funding requested and approved came to \$700.

> Next, the Pre-Health club requested funding to send four students to the University of Washington in order to attend a lecture series about medical issues and research in the medical field. The lectures happened on Feb. 23, March 1, and March 8. The total amount requested was \$90 for two cars to travel to and from the University of Washington and was granted by the student council.by ASSMU.

> The Chinese Dragon Club requested funding for their annual Chinese Spring Festival. The club lacked funds resulting from a misunderstanding, so the club

funding event. The club a s granted \$2000 for the event which took placeb March 4.

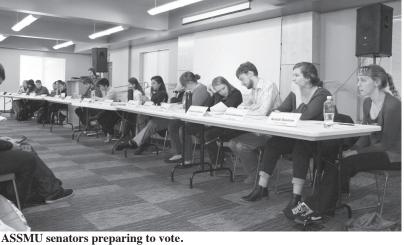
Following all of the

quests for funding, a memorandum submitted by Gavin Basuel, Vice President of the student council, was discussed. This committee would look into having locked bicycle storage sheds built on campus. The proposed members of this committee included four members from the student council, two from the student body and three

advisors. After the committee was

explained, it was approved. Another memorandum was discussed. This request was submitted by Alyssa Melder, the student council president. The memorandum requested the removal of the Senator of Resident Students from the council because the National Residence Hall Honorary performs similar tasks to that of the Senator of Resident Students. After no debate, the memorandum was passed and the Senator of Resident Students' position will not exist in future student councils.

The final request made during the meeting on Feb. 25 was a funding request for a literacy focused education camp in Bellingham. The event happened on Feb. 28 and had about fourteen students participating, plus



an advisor. The funds requested at first was \$280, however, it was raised almost another hundred dollars, then approved.

The following week's meeting on March 3 also had multiple requests for funding; however, not all of these were approved. The Circle K Club requested and was granted \$7529.14 for a trip to Canada for ten, plus an advisor, to a convention. The next request involved a trip to the Applied Anthropology Conference; however, no one was there to speak about it, so it was delayed. The final request for the meeting involved a trip to Tanzania for three students. The participants would teach at an orphanage and visit a science center as well as businesses and markets to observe third world economics. The amount of money requested was \$6000 and was withheld because the event appeared to be more of a service trip, which may only receive \$100 of funding per student.

Students interested in attending meetings may come to any of the weekly meetings held each Thursday at 11 a.m.

Faculty spotlight: Ian Werrett, Ph.D.

Luke Richmond Staff Writer

When considering taking a course on the study of religion at Saint Martin's University, think long and hard because you could be in for quite a treat. Many students who have taken a religious studies class at Saint Martin's University are familiar with Ian Werrett, Ph.D., associate professor of religious studies. Werrett is well-known and wellrespected among his peers and his pupils, but he has achieved many accomplishments besides teaching.

Werrett is working as a consultant for the ABC series "Of Kings and Prophets." Considerably knowledgeable in his field, he has been approached by ABC to act as a research partner in verifying the validity of their on-screen history.

Werrett has worked both in the classroom and in the field extensively, participating in the research revolving around the Dead Sea Scrolls, archeological dig sites in Israel, and other exciting endeavors all over the world.

As an avid traveler in his free time, he spends much of his time exploring new countries

and experiencing different cultures and people. Werrett has traveled to countries like China, England, France, and Canada, among others.

During his travels he worked and studied, ultimately coming back to the U.S. to study at Saint Martin's. He is now a graduate and recognized alumni on campus.

Originally an acting major before finding his passion for English Literature and Religious Studies, Werrett is a very energetic speaker and lively teacher. Ask anyone who's taken a course of his and you can hear endless stories about his animated teaching style, enthusiastic and joking demeanor, and enlightening lessons.

Through his travels, Werrett has also come to be a very accomplished linguist. He is fluent in several languages, and conversational in many others.

Of course, he also lives a life outside the classroom that does not necessarily revolve around ancient manuscripts or foreign languages. Werrett was once was invited to a Seattle Sounders tryout. This was before the Sounders now-famous jump to Major League Soccer, but this was still an exciting opportunity

for Werrett, who grew up loving the sport and performing at nearly every level of competition up to this

Before that, he played for Trinity Western in Canada during his college days. Outside of soccer, Werrett is also a big pop culture fan. campus and immediately appreciate his affinity for "The Big Lebowski," with the artwork adorning his walls. He is such a fan of "The

Big Lebowski" in fact, that he and a friend once took the game of Clue, and using their own art and creativity, super-imposed a Lebowski theme onto the game.

With the disguise of "professor" pulled away, one might begin to gather the idea that our mentors One could walk into his office on and teachers really do have amazing lives outside and away from the textbooks and curriculum. Your instructor may be the next great author, or major sports star.



International student spotlight: Bui Thuy Phuong

Dimin Wen Staff Writer

Bui Thuy Phuong, senior, is a Vietnamese student who is graduating this May with a business degree. She is an international student at Saint Martin's University and is also known by the name July.

In Sept. 2012, Phuong came to the U.S. from Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam in order to study abroad. She began learning English when she was just eight years old.

"I love English and I was thinking about living and studying abroad in an all English (speaking) country," Phuong explained.

She was excited at the opportunity to improve her English.

At first, she was worried about whether or not her father would allow her to embark on the journey.

"He did not say anything right after," Phuong described of her father's reaction after she mentioned studying abroad.

She explained that his actual decision came to her right after she had taken the University Entrance Exam, which is required for students to graduate high school.

"Daddy surprised me after the exam. He prepared the documents that I needed for my visa application. I love my Dad. It was so sweet he did that for me," said Phuong.

Getting her visa was not an easy task. Phuong had to interview three times before finally receiving her

"It took three interviews before I got it. For the former two, the embassy just failed me without telling me the reason. But I did not just give up. And I got it finally," she

Phuong explained that her English was good enough that she did not need to take ESL classes upon her arrival. However, she found that regular classes were not as easy as she had thought. After two months, she was unsure if she wanted to stay.

"My dad asked me to try at least six months, hang around with friends after school. After six months, I felt so much better and told Daddy that I wanted to stay," Phuong said.

Phuong decided on Saint Martin's because of the small class sizes. She has really enjoyed how helpful her professors have been, noting that Professor Gina Armer gave presentations that helped her understand the English language.

Phuong also had some advice and direction for other international stu-

"There is something I regret, that I

focused all on study and did not hang out enough with other international students and joined their activities. If I got another chance, I would absolutely do it," she said.

Phuong also explained that she would greatly encourage students to join and invest in speextracurricular activities they will find helpful.

"The other thing I love to mention is the business club. I really hope more and more students can join us and have fun in it. We have all different kinds of activities such as asking successful businessman to come and give speeches

After graduating from Saint Martin's this year, Phuong hopes to find a job and begin a business career for



to Saints," Phuong said Bui Thuy Phuong soaks in the rare Washington sun.

Faith from a different perspective

Victor Ieronymides Staff Writer

Every Faith and Society event held by Saint Martin's allows students to pick up something new in the way they view or practice faith. The most recent event, Seen and Heard: Exploring Faith through Personal Story, which took place March 18, invited members of the Saint Martin's community to share personal stories about their diverse faith traditions. The event showcased personal stories in which faith was depicted as largely spiritual, illustrating that, even when one thinks one knows how they are feeling at a given moment, something seemingly trivial may resonate deep within and provoke an instant emotional response, a feeling of relief, or an unexpected catharsis.

This Faith and Society event was special in that it did not talk about a specific faith, but rather focused on giving individuals the opportunity to step out of their own comfort zone and tell stories about their relationship with faith. Opening up, especially in regard to a sensitive topic, can be challenging and might

feel impossible. Nonetheless, the Faith and Society event held in Cebula Hall created a positive environment that made it possible for people disclose deeper issues, despite how overwhelming their personal struggles may have been.

Many stories were told dur-

and Society event. Some stories were funny, others were moving. The event gave the opportunity for people to express stories that they had never told anyone else before.

Although telling a personal story can be extremely uncomfortable, simply because coming out your own shell might not be the easiest thing to do, a group of talented actors from the group Pasajer@s, a playback theater group, brought students' stories to life through



powerful performances.

This made the audience feel as though they knew exactly what the storyteller went through. The actors managed to viscerally trigger the emotions of the audience in order to help them feel what the speaker intended to get across. While the actors interpreted the storyteller's words by producing vivid scenes and story structures, soft music played, fully immersing the audience in the moments in which the story took place.

After the event, many agreed the acting made them feel as though they were traveling to different places with the speakers, transported by the variety of mediums used to accentuate each speaker's experience.

For those interested in looking at faith from a different perspective, the Faith and Society: Better Together event will be held on Thursday, April 7 in the Trautman Student Union Building from noon to 1 p.m.



Saint Martin's University brought an improv team to illustrate faith stories.

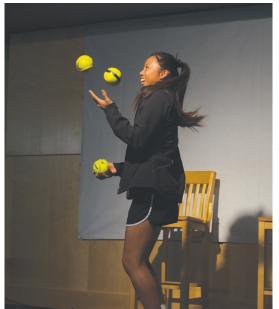
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SMU Talent Show is open to everyone

Victor Ieronymides Staff Writer

In an attempt to provide an opportunity for hidden gems on campus to showcase their talents, Saint Martin's Residence Life organized its first talent show of the year, held in the Trautman Student Union Building (TUB). The purpose of the event was to bring the student body closer through an event in which students were able to show off their abilities and observe their



Lauren Diuco juggles.

colleagues' talents. Although some game "Opstudents may have attended the event only for the snacks and drinks at first, many said that the night was fun and that they could not wait for the next talent show that will be held later in the year.

The participants' mindsets were about enjoying the moment rather than focusing on how well their performances went. Some performances came from last minute improvisations, which engaged the audience and garnered quite a few

> laughs from the crowd. The talent show ended up being more about giving students the chance to be a part of something, regardless of the standard of the performances themselves. It was about having fun.

> The talents being showcased varied significantly, showing a breadth of ability at SMU. The show started off with a juggling performance by Lauren Diuco from the SMU softball team and ended with Michael Dominguez's adept piano and singing abilities. Notable mentions include Matt Ramos, who attempted to break the world record for fastest completion time of the children's

eration, which is currently clocked at twenty s e v e n seconds. Ramos managed complete it in in eighty seconds.

Other notable mentions the talent

show were Alicia Soto and Chayse Zehner, Saint Martin's cheerleaders, who teamed up to perform an up-tempo dance routine.

The performance that really broke the ice and gave students the confidence to step up and perform came when Denver Garcia took to the stage to perform stand up comedy and a series of hilarious impersonations. After Garcia's performance, the students began to loosen up as more musical performances followed. Although most performances were musically based, one performance that stood out due to its uniqueness was "Daniel and his



at Matt Ramos tries to beat Operation record.

girls," which was put on by Larissa Kolasinski, Olivia Abbott and Daniel Merlino. The performance was based on the current trending video on social media featuring a high school teenager named Daniel who wears white Vans.

Due to the positive feedback the talent show received, the Office of Residence Life announced that they will be hosting another talent show later this year and they hope to see more students come to the event and pack the TUB for another funfilled event that will give students the opportunity to perform in front of their friends and peers.

Engineering Awareness Day gives high school students insight into the field

Michael Overfield Staff Writer

Engineering Awareness Day took place in the new Cebula Hall building on Feb. 24. The event started at 9 a.m. and wrapped up around 11 a.m. Students from local high schools came to campus to learn about what engineering is and to see the engineering building, while also going to presentations and demonstrations concerning the various fields of engineering.

The day began with the high school students gathering on the third floor of Cebula Hall, where David Olwell, Ph.D., dean of engineering, gave an opening presentation about where engineering is used, how everyday objects are results of engineering and how it is a profession with a certain knowledge base, experience and licensing.

"Engineers have a duty to the public," explained Olwell.

Not only do engineers design and test, they also have to make sure

that their project is safe for the public. Following the opening presentation, the students were divided into groups and went to various locations in the building.

One of the sessions involved a demonstration about materials testing and a test on a metal rod. This demonstration was done by two engineering students and a professor. The metal rod was placed in a testing machine that would test the metal rod to failure. While the test took place, the students explained how the metal rod and other materials such as wood and concrete were tested to failure. During the demonstration, prospective students passed around a metal rod and a block of wood that was tested to failure earlier.

At another session on the third floor, the visiting students used instant-read digital thermometers to measure the temperature of various places in the room. By doing this, the students were trying to find where the most heat was lost in the

> room. After their exploration of the room with thermometers, they came back together talked and about their findings.

Some nior design projects and a three dimensional printer in action present



David Olwell, Ph.D., speaks about exicting opportunities in the engineering field.

in a different session. During this session, students saw some of the senior design projects and had the opportunity to ask about them in addition to seeing a slideshow about one of the design projects. The high school students also enjoyed an introduction to the concept of forces and how they affect the way designs are made. A bridge was used as an example of a design that depended heavily on being able to withstand the forces that could act on it.

A session concerning environmental engineering gave prospective students a glimpse into what

an environmental engineer does and the tools they use. Brief explanations on water purification and testing air quality were given during this presentation as well as the machines and chemicals used to test and purify resources such as air and water.

A brief presentation on mechatronics occupied a part of the day and involved a device that kept a needle in an upright position despite the forces of gravity or outside forces. When the needle was displaced, it would return to its original position once the force was removed. This was achieved by using a motor, a computer chip, and programing. Prospective students learned that the concept demonstrated by the needle and the motor is useful in applications, from cruise control in a car to a robotic arm.

Following the series of 20 minute sessions, the engineering awareness day event ended and the prospective engineering students returned back to their respective high schools with a better idea of what a career in engineering would involve.



Students observe a 3-D printer in action.

Spring festival reminds us that we are all family

Dimin Wen Staff Writer

On March 4, the Spring Festival Celebration was held in Norman Worthington Conference Center in order to celebrate the Chinese New Year. This event was held by the Dragon Boat Club and the Office of International Program and Development (OIPD). The theme of the party was "The Monkey's Night," as this year will be the Year of the Monkey. Charles Wright and Breezie Dzakovic from OIPD were two main advisors for this party. They were in charge of supervising the Dragon Boat club, who had organized the event.

Upon walking into the Worthington, a red and gold theme colored the area. Red is the national color of China and is the main color used in the Chinese national flag. It also

represents fortune and happiness. Gold symbolizes royalty, unity and celebration. The combination of these two colors were meant to send out greetings and best wishes to everyone who attended the party. The room had a very traditional Chinese feel. As a Chinese student, I was reminded of home.

The Lion Dance provided a very exciting opening show. The Lion costume was worn by two people. One controlled the head of the lion, while the other controlled the tail. The head of the lion is very heavy, weighing about ten pounds. This makes the performance a bit more difficult for the performer who must hold the head through the whole dance.

The controller of the head also Dancers pose in their traditional Chinese attire. controls the eyelashes, making them move so that the lion can become

> even more realistic. There were many other authentic Chinese performances, such as the Tibetan Dance, as well traditional and classical dances. Because of



cultural gap, most American students were unable to understand the Chinese language, but the music and dance had no barrier.

Wright mentioned that, "I am really proud of this celebration and I enjoy it a lot by myself as well. I really appreciated what Chang Chen, the president of the Dragon Boat Club in 2016, has done. She helped organized almost everything under great pressure. Because we have less Chinese international students this year, the club needed more help than before. Even though they have less people, they still kept highly enthusiastic and made great effort in every detail. They did a great job."

The belief represented by students

in attendance was that we should not separate students by countries. It might be a Chinese festival, but it can be celebrated by every student from Saint Martin's. Japanese students who are learning Chinese sang the Happy New Year song in Chinese, which was a very poignant reminder that we are all a family.

The event was able to bring people together, and besides being just the celebration of the Spring Festival, it was also an amazing opportunity for Saints to understand more about the authentic Chinese festival and its culture, including the food, drinks and language of the Chinese people.



The Chinese Spring Festival Celebration consisted of many speakers.

See Paris first

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Boniface V. Lazzari, O.S.B Guest Writer

A few years back, I attended a lecture by the Dean of Grace Episcopal Cathedra, San Francisco. Though I cannot now remember much about the dean's lecture, I was very taken by a poem he quoted that afternoon, so much so that I asked him for a copy. The poem is by M. Truman Cooper, and it begins:

Suppose that what you fear could be trapped, and held in Paris. then you would have the courage to go everywhere in the world...

All of us have fears; all of us have "comfort zones" we may only reluctantly step out of. We all begin things which may soon seem to be a bit overwhelming—so much so that we may wonder if we will have the perseverance needed to complete them. If we want to really savor all that life has to offer us; if we wish to grow as persons, we must step out of our comfort zone and push ourselves to persevere in positive, though unfamiliar and maybe even scary let alone new endeavors.

A long-time friend of mine, a voracious reader, had a rule that she had to read the first one hundred pages of a book before giving up on it. Some things we begin might turn out to be ill-matched to who we are, and that, too, we must recognize.

When I began college, I was living far away from family and friends for the very first time. I was also in a somewhat alien environment. Used to living in a fair-sized city, it was a jolt to find myself in a beautiful, though very rural setting where there were no sidewalks (a great novelty for me) and where one had to walk about twenty minutes to a bus stop. At that, the lone bus ran very infrequently, unlike my native city which was full of buses and even taxis. My homesickness was rampant. While I pined for what I'd left behind, I somehow managed to persevere and to discover a new comfort zone. It was only years later that I read an interview with actor Tim Curry in The London Times in which he was quoted as saying, "My only rule is that I try to do parts that I'm scared of—parts that I've got a feeling I might be able to bring off, but I'm not remotely sure that I can."

Much to my surprise, intense homesickness overwhelmed me again many years later when I went to Spain to begin graduate studies in theology. It was something I'd long wanted to do, but it was a step out of my comfort zone. Once I became acclimated to the joys of Spanish living and made friends, the homesickness vanished. Though I was fluent in the language, it is a

challenge to learn a new discipline in your second language. Though I was enrolled in a program at an excellent university leading to a degree in theology, I seriously considered the possibility of exploring the requirements to just be an auditor. Much less stress that way—and after the first day the students in my class were already speaking of the comprehensive oral exam that we would be required to take some three years hence. Another challenge. Fortunately, a California friend disabused me of the idea of auditing, and I ended up taking my degree.

In Cooper's poem, the protagonist keeps moving further and further from Paris where his fear is trapped—just for safety. In the end, the whole globe seems not safe enough. Even with those boundaries, the danger seems too close. Cooper concludes his poem:

You need the kind of friend Who learns your secret and says, "See Paris first."



Temper tantrums of the rich and powerful

Lee Kaplan-Unsoeld Staff Writer

On March 13, millions of protesters throughout multiple cities in Brazil took to the streets to demand the impeachment of their democratically elected president, Dilma Rousseff. Belonging to the Partido dos Trabalhadores (PT) or Workers Party, Rousseff is being targeted by opposition parties and their supporters and it is telling that most of the protesters were white, and middle or upper class. Many political commentators have dubbed the forces behind the current push for impeachment as the Brazilian Tea Party. Indeed the parallels are strik-

Rousseff, who refused to step down, has been implicated in a bribery scandal that started during her time on the board of directors of Petrobras, Brazil's state-owned (by 51 a percent majority) oil company. Her political mentor, former President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, is under similar investigation for his involvement in the Petrobras scandal.

The acts that were committed during their tenure, which included paying congress people on a monthly basis for their votes on key issues, are certainly concerning, and irrefutably criminal. Nevertheless, as Brazilian journalist Ricardo Boechat recently pointed out, members of the opposition parties that are pushing for impeachment were involved in the scandal themselves.

The opposition, however, is trying

to shift the attention in order to push Rousseff out of power and seize it themselves. Some protesters even bore signs calling for the military to step in and implement their own regime, something that has already happened multiple times over the past century. Needless to say, not all Brazilians agree with this approach.

Brazil is a very divided country, politically as much as financially, and these protests expose some of that division. According to TeleSur, a Brazillian media company, groups behind the protests included Free Brazil Movement, Come to the Streets, Masons BR, Students for Liberty, Beloved Homeland and Straighten Brazil, many of which boast wealthy backers.

Students for Liberty is actually a right-wing group that originated in the United States with the financial backing of the Koch brothers. The Brazilian branch has backing from Héllo Beltrão Filho, an investment banker and a financial supporter of the 1964 military coup in Brazil. Free Brazil Movement is another far-right group that promotes free-market policies, and is actually directly financed by the Koch brothers. Come to the Streets, an organization that has popped up recently in order to support the protests and the impeachment of Rousseff, is financed by Brazil's richest individual, Jorge Paulo Lemann, the owner of AmBev, a beer and soft drink producer.

Rousseff has done things wrong, as have the politicians who are now leading the charge for her impeachment. The people calling for her impeachment, however, are backed wealthy elites who stand to gain a great deal if the Workers Party is taken out of power, and have plenty of money to spend on propaganda that end. Put simply, what is good for workers is not necessarily good for the wealthy.

We have a similar divide in the U.S., financially and politically, and it is important to note that some of the same key playon the same

side of the debate. We find the Koch brothers supporting politicians who have spoken out in favor of impeaching President Barack Obama, like Sen. Jon Kyl (R-Ariz.), and Sen. James Inhofe (R-OK), though these attempts have been much less successful than in Brazil. There

have also been a number of Tea Party protests in which individual protesters have wielded signs impeachment, though many Tea Party organizations have kept their distance from taking official stances on the subject. It should be noted that the majority of these protesters are also white, and part of the middle or upper classes.

So what can we take away from this interis clear that there are extremely wealthy people who, when confronted by a president whose interests go against their own,



sash that many would like to take away from her.

will spend large amounts of money to get rid of those presidents. How effective will the simple impeachment of one elected official be in addressing the real root of the problem? If Roussef is impeached, or if Obama was impeached – though it's a little late in his presidency for that to happen- would the economy magically fix itself? Would we all live happily ever after?

Of course not. These impeachment processes, fueled by extremely wealthy individuals and taken up by the middle class who have dreams of becoming wealthy themselves, are little more than political temper tantrums. They are not going to make drastic changes, but, largely because these are middle to upper class white people, they feel that they are entitled to some sort of recognition so they make the biggest fuss that they can-a request for impeachment.

If poor minorities pushed for impeachment every time the governnational parallel? It ment did something that was not in their favor, which they would be much more justified in doing, I cannot think of a single president that would have made it through their whole term.



Protesters in the center of Rio de Janeiro rally in support of President Dilma Rousseff, calling Eduardo Cunha, the president of the Brazilian Senate, to step down instead.

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Words that we can all understand

Lee Kaplan-Unsoeld Staff Writer

It is not uncommon in the United States to hear a professor use the occasional swear word when they speak passionately about a subject, but one of my professors here in Brazil has taken this to a new level. I am taking four classes in Brazil, two in Portuguese and two in English, three at my study abroad center, and one at Fundação Getulio Vargas (FGV), one of the top law schools in the country. The latter class, Crime and Society, is my only class with Brazilian students, and to make it even more interesting, I get to learn the whole repertoire of Brazilian swear words in the process.

This article is not to say that I encourage swearing on a regular basis. I think there is a time and a place for (most) everything, and there are certainly situations in which one should abstain. That slight disclaimer having been said, this professor that swears like a drunk sailor has no problem keeping students engaged.

Thiago Bottino da Amaral is a well-respected lawyer, professor and researcher, specializing in Habeas Corpus trials in Brazil and abroad. Educated at Columbia University, he is sometimes made fun of at FGV because he did not go to Harvard. Nevertheless, he teaches a number of courses, including my intro level class, Crime and Society.

When I met with him for the first time, after a class which I barely understood, he spoke to me in near perfect English, and laid out for me instilling a sense of morality into the first year students that he teaches. As time goes I have begun to understand more of what is being said in class. I have listened to

Thiago Bottino da Amaral uses swear words frequently in the classroom.

how the class would go. He asked me why I was taking the class, what year of school I was in and how much of the class I had understood.

Bottino da Amaral cares about

him criticize the harsh penal code of Brazil, indict the government for locking up too many people for minor crimes and challenge students to think critically about their role as

future lawyers.

When you are examining cases in which a 19 year old was locked up for eight months for stealing a video game worth around \$25, it is natural to get upset. Thiago has shown his students that it is okay to be upset, indeed it is the only natural reaction one can have when examining something as messed up as a nation's legal code. And this passion transfers itself quite frequently into swear words, spilling out of his mouth and putting smiles onto the faces of students. It forces them to listen to what he is saying and puts the emotions inspired by the situation into terms that we all can understand.

This is my only class with a Brazilian professor in Portuguese and with Brazilian students, so I cannot say if this is the norm or the exception. Whatever it is, it makes for a very interesting and engaging class, a style that we do not see very often at Saint Martin's, although there is one professor that comes to mind.

The point is, this is a different way of teaching, and for me, a different way of learning. Though I am no lawyer, I have come to deeply appreciate the perspective that lawyers like Thiago bring to the table, because they share my frustration with the broken system and, at least in Thiago's case, they express it in terms that I can understand, even across the language barrier.

Father Robert Barron's Series on the Catholic faith

Connie Jensen Staff Writer

In the Catholic community, Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. When Lent was a liturgical season, Lent lasted until Holy Thursday on March 4. As a penitential season, Lent will last for 40 days and end on Holy Saturday, March 26 - the day before Easter. This time is typically spent in fasting, prayer, and reconciliation with God.

But what is Lent? And what is its mation. significance?

intense preparation for baptism at the Easter Vigil for adults. As adult baptism began to subside, Lent became more focused on Christians preparing to 'renew' their baptismal promises at Easter. The period of forty days was adapted as it had significance in the Bible."

Tynan explains that "all Christians can use the period of Lent as a time to reflect on how they are doing living out their lives. It is a time to learn how to overcome temptations by practicing abstinence from one thing or another that we normally

Throughout Lent, Tynan will be hosting a lecture series, The Catholicism Series, by Bishop Robert Baron; theologian, author, speaker, and founder of Word on Fire, a global media ministry. The documentary

includes ten episodes; each of which will be shown on Wednesdays in the O'Grady Library from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. in chronological order.

On Wednesday Feb. 24, episode five began with Baron orienting viewers to the evangelical aspect of the Catholic faith, using Peter and Paul from the Bible as archetypes of the church. Peter was described as representing office, structure and hierarchy, while Paul was described as representing evangelist, mission, engagement of culture and procla-

To connect Peter as an archetype, According to Saint Martin's Chap- Barron used the event of his walking lain. Father Peter Tynan O.S.B. on water to demonstrate the power "Lent has roots dating back to the of faith explaining "as long as we 300's. It was a period of time of keep our eyes fixed on Jesus we can walk on stormy waters – look away and we sink."

> Baron also encouraged being aware of our own flaws – acknowledging its difficulty. "It's like a windshield, when you drive into the light you can see all the chips and flaws of the window, turn away from the light and you can't see it."

> For Paul, Baron used the event of his conversion to Christianity to exemplify the importance of conversion and mission, explaining, "We need to have faith, trust, and confidence in turning our life over to Jesus...we must also love fully, participating in Christ."

> The episode concluded with Baron encouraging people to love one another.

> "To become happy we must perform simple acts of love to others.

God is love, love is divine life. Without it, life counts for nothing," he said.

Describing the documentary in its entirety, Tynan states, "I would sum up Bishop Barron's Catholicism Series as a demonstration on God's 'breaking into' our world. This was done primarily in the life, passion, death, resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth whom Christians call the Christ. But this breaking through takes place through Christian individuals and through nature via beauty."

When asked why he chose this

specific lecture series to show during Lent, Tynan answered, "Well for one thing, it was available. Most of all because of the quality of the production; it shows beauty which in turn reflects the Divine."

For the next documentary series Tynan states he will "probably show the one hour video made by the BBC and Anglican Bishop N. T. Wright about the resurrection shortly after Easter."

Members of the Saint Martin's community are welcome to come to any and all viewings.

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Are you interested in finding out the who, what,

When, Where, and Why?



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Rain plays a huge factor at the start of the SMU softball season

Brittany Orlosky Staff Writer

This year, the Saint Martin's women's softball team has had an unusual start to their season, due in large part to the heavy rain that has fallen in Lacey these past weeks. The Saints are eight games behind and have not started their GNAC season yet due to postponed games because of weather conditions.

"We started off really well, but have had some rain delays for the last few weeks. We are excited to start our conference games and put our hard work to the test," said sophomore Lindsay Miller.

The Saints put together an impressive 12-2 nonconference record to start the season, but had to postpone multiple games. Due to the delays, their first GNAC game did not come until Wednesday, March 17, in a double-header against Western Washington University. The Saints split the two-game series as they lost the first game 2-1 and won the second game 3-1.

Although the women's team has had many weeks off from games, first-year Lauren Diuco said the team has been able to stay positive and focused.

"It has been a bummer not being able to play games after a couple weeks, but we have been working very hard in keeping the energy alive and with a game-ready focus. I don't think that it will be difficult getting back into the swing of playing games because along with practicing these past few weeks, I have faith in every single one of my teammates that when game

time actually comes, we will all come ready to play with the same fighting attitude that helped us succeed in the beginning of our season," Diuco stated.

The Saints are excited to get their GNAC season started and rolling.

"We have definitely grown since our first game of the season. Yeah, the wins are nice, but the journey is the best part. We have grown mentally strong, and continue to improve on our physical skills as well. This truly will be a great season," she continued.

The rain has forced the Saints to practice inside the Charneski Recreation Center more than usual, so players have come to appreciate they can.

"Although we have to hold practice indoors more often than we would have liked, it just makes playing outside even more exciting. Having limited playing time outside on our field makes us really appreciates the time that we are given," Diuco concluded.

The Saints are anxious to get their

being able to play outside when conference season back on track after the repeated delays. Miller added, "GNAC is very competitive this year, the teams that have already played half split double headers, we are 8 games behind but we have had a lot of practice thanks to the rain, but it will mostly be exciting to compete against another team."



Alyssa Slate connects with the ball.

BOX SCORES



BASEBALL: Saint Martin's vs. Central Washington on March 19 Game 1

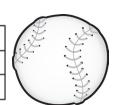
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SOFTBALL: Saint Martin's vs. Montana State Billings on March 19 Game 1

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Bittersweet ending to men's basketball season

Patrick Burns Staff Writer

The Saints' Basketball team ended the year with a blowout 103-86 victory against Western Washington University (WWU), but they were not able to secure a spot in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference (GNAC) Championship Tournament. Going into the game against Western, the Saints needed to win to tie for sixth place with WWU



Michael Painter looks to pass the ball.

for the last spot in the tournament. They achieved this goal, and felt like they had done everything possible to get in.

"The guys really felt like if we went on and won that game that they had done enough to secure a spot. However, the cards didn't fall into place as we thought, but we ended the season on a really positive note", said head coach Alex Pribble.

With the victory, the Saints finished the season at 9-11 and tied with Western Washington for the final playoff spot. However, they found themselves in a rather complicated tie-breaker scenario, where they needed Alaska Anchorage to defeat Central Washington. Central knocked off Anchorage 88-81 in overtime, ending the Saints' post-season chances.

The season was a tale of up and downs for the Saints. After notching a few impressive non-conference victories against Cal. State Monterey Bay and Hawaii Hilo, the Saints lost eight of their first nine GNAC games. However, they were able to rally during the second half of the season, winning eight of their final 11 games.

"The biggest turning point was the back to back road wins in Montana and Alaska. That is when we all really started to buy in to the program and believe in each other," said first year guard Rhett Baerlocher.

However, junior transfer student Brandon Kenilvort saw the turning point at a different time in the season.

"The turning point for us was after our loss in Concordia, a three-point loss in which we played an awful game as a team, and after the game we talked as team. The talk consisted of players being honest, about their performance so far this year, and calling each other out about others' performances on the year. It was an intense, emotional talk and ended with us coming together, and saying that we will hold each other accountable and be ready to work and reach our full potential." Kenilvort said.

One thing the two players did agree on was the leadership of junior transfer, Cole Preston.

"I think everyone had their part in helping the team win, but I think of Cole as our biggest leader," stated Baerlocher.

"Cole Preston, not only showed leadership on the court by playing consistent minutes and running our offense, but also worked off the



Tyler Copp surveys the floor.

court to bring the team together and make sure we stayed positive when we hit the low points of the season", added Kenilvort.

The Saints will look to carry the momentum from the end of the season into spring workouts, as well as into the pre-season next fall.

Mikel Smith finishes runner up at NCAA Indoor Championships

Patrick Burns Staff Writer

Mikel Smith is pretty recognizable on campus, by his tall stature and the public safety uniform he wears while watching out for the students on campus. But those students might not realize that Smith is also a two time All-American athlete for the Saint Martin's track and field team

Smith recently competed at the NCAA Indoors Championship in Pittsburg, Kan. At the event, he initially took the lead during the six-foot 11-inch jump. When the bar was raised to seven feet and one inch, however, he was not able to make it over. He ended up taking second place, but believes he can do better than that in the future.

"I was in first until 7'1. I was close to making it over 7'1. I have the hip height to make it over 7'1 with ease I just have to get my legs over faster. I do think I could take first. I have enough hip height to clear at least 7'4 or better," Smith explained.

Smith was named an All-American high-jumper for the second time in his career and was also named the Great Northwest Athletic Conference (GNAC) player of the week, acknowledging his great performance at the championship. Smith has some big plans for the rest of this year and beyond.

"For this year I am planning on

jumping 7'4 or better. Just have to fix the little things and I got it. I plan to win the GNAC title for outdoor and I plan on taking first at nationals. If I do clear 7'4 or better I'm hoping to make it to the World Championships as well, but if I can't do that this year than I have four more years to train," he added.

He also hopes to compete as a professional high-jumper, but that requires him to train rigorously for the chance. "I have to be able to jump 7'4 consistently which is where I'm trying to get to," Smith stated.

For now, the SMU student body can see him around campus and hopefully they will see him go on to complete his training goals.



Mikel Smith jumps 6'11 at nationals.

Shannon Porter ends her indoor track season as an All-American

Brittany Orlosky Staff Writer

Last weekend, women's track and field team member Shannon Porter represented Saint Martin's at the Great Northwest Athletic Conference (GNAC) by placing as an All-American at the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Championships in Pittsburg, Kan. Porter ran the 5000 meter and 3000 meter races, placing eighth in in the 3000 meter.

"It was definitely a goal to come out as an All American but had it not happened I would have been satisfied with the indoor season as a whole." Porter said.

Porter is Saint Martin's first female indoor All-American.

Porter was able to enjoy the experience with her sister, who was also competing. She was also able to spend time with teammate and fellow All-American Mikel Smith.

"Before both races, I had the unique experience of warming up with my sister. It is always nice in a bigger meet to see a familiar face when I don't have my usual teammates surrounding me. We both had similar goals and were able to talk before and after." Porter said.

"My favorite memories from the weekend were having my teammate Mikel (Smith) place second in the nation for high jump. And of course seeing my sister."

Porter treated these races a little differently than other races, but still had the same goals in mind.

"Being a championship race my

mind always is focused on placing well. And instead of figuring out what times I am crossing the line, I sometimes end up counting bodies in front of me. This can be good and bad" Porter said.

Overall, Porter is excited about the experience and was satisfied with her placement as an All-American.

"The experience of a national meet is always a learning experience, and it was amazing to be around athletes with so much talent," she explained.

Porter did not place well during her first face, the 5000 meter, and had to make a few changes in order to go in strong to her next race, the 3000 meter race.

"After my first race I hadn't placed as well as I thought I would so I had to make a mental adjustment and recharge for the next day of competition," stated Porter.

She ended up recovering well from her disappointing start, as she recorded a career best time of 9:35:31 in the 3000 meter.

Even after winning and breaking multiple records, as well as setting personal bests, Porter is still excited and eager to compete in future races.

"I still have the same goals for outdoor and am as hungry as ever to place better," stated Porter.

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"In the Heart of the Sea": A whale of a good movie

Regina Reed Staff Writer

For those with even the slightest interest in Herman Melville's "Moby Dick," the film "In the Heart of the Sea" offers an intriguing look into the events that inspired the famous novel. Based on Nathaniel Philbrick's best-selling book, "In the Heart of the Sea: The Tragedy of the Whaleship Essex," the Ron Howard directed film was released in December 2015. The film brings to the screen the true events that inspired Herman Melville's "Moby Dick." The movie begins with the character of Herman Melville seeking out the last surviving crew member to have experienced the tragedy of the Essex at sea, Tom. The bulk of the film brings to life the true story that Tom relays to Melville.

In 1820, the whaleship Essex sets out with plans to return to Nantucket with a ship full of barrels of whale oil. Tom, a young boy eager for whaling, witnesses the power struggle between Captain Pollard, a man with little experience as a seafarer (but with a bloodline to make up for that) and the captain's first mate, Owen, who was promised a position as Captain, but did not job. In their first of many months at sea, the crew experiences a terrible, ship-damaging storm, and garners one whale. In the search for more, the crew reaches Ecuador. Ignoring the warning from another seafarer

have the family name needed for the crew floats hopelessly around the engaged and intrigued the entire ocean for 90 days. Their desperation causes them to do the unthinkable to survive, and only two boats with few surviving men are finally rescued. Once returned to Nantucket, the Captain and First Mate



about a "demon whale," they head toward where they have been promised a surplus of sperm whales. They indeed find their whales, but their hunting is stopped when a giant sperm whale maliciously attacks the Essex, completely destroying it. Now confined to three small rowboats with little food or water, the are urged to refrain from telling the truth about the "demon whale" for fear of the tale hurting the whaling business. However, both Owen and Captain Pollard refuse to lie about the traumatic events.

Despite "In the Heart of the Sea"'s less than stellar performance at the box office, the movie keeps viewers

time, and is beautifully filmed. The rather graphic whaling scene is cringe worthy, as is watching as the crew become emaciated at sea after their run-in with the whale. The main "action" scenes—the storm, the first whale and the destruction of the Essex—will keep your adrenaline rushing. They are placed masterfully to keep one from feeling the monotony of the many months at sea. The last large chunk of the movie covering the 90 days stranded has the potential to be a bit boring, but because the viewers have become so invested in the characters, the boredom is not felt.

Though not an action packed thriller, "In the Heart of the Sea" is loaded with suspense and skillful filming techniques that keep viewers absorbed in the plot. The fact that the movie is based on true events adds an additional level of intrigue and emotion to the viewing of the film. "In the Heart of the Sea" will captivate even those with no knowledge or interest in "Moby Dick," and those who never knew the inspiration for Melville's famous novel will be enthralled and satisfied.

"Plan 9 From Outer Space" primer

Travis Munday Managing Editor

"I'm just gonna throw this out there" is a pretty effective phrase. It coats the speaker in false humility that seems real enough to get attention from an audience. No phrase is more warranted when asking friends to watch the film "Plan 9 from Outer Space." First of all, it's in black and white—a big hurdle for some. But many of the greatest movies ever made

are in black and white: "Casablanca," "Citizen Kane," "Sin City: A Dame to Kill For;" all in rich, colorless tones.

Once small sion is made, friends are generally pretty open to the experience until actually begin watching the film. Even a very polite person can only take about two minutes before

letting out a soft-spoken "Can we watch something else?"

Being a polite guy myself, I want to tell them no.

"You're going to suffer through this and I am going to savor your suffering," I say in my head.

What actually happens is that I mutter a meek "yes" and more or less pretend that I'd remembered the film wrong and that I didn't © enjoy it as much as I thought I would. What this friend doesn't know, though, is that my response is all an elaborate act. I love this film.

In the mid-'90s, Johnny Depp starred in a Tim Burton directed biopic of the film's director titled "Ed Wood." Though that film exaggerated much of Wood's strange life, Wood himself was definitely a bit of an eccentric. Unfortunately, these eccentricities may explain his later descent into alcoholism and seedier filmmaking.



Actors Tor Johnson and Maila Nurmi portraying the walking dead.

In 1959, long before Wood's more troubled years, the film for which he is remembered best came to the big screen to do whatever the opposite of "wow" audiences is. "Plan 9" has been called one of the worst movies ever made since its screen debut. Tragically, just a few years after Wood's death in the 1970s, the film became a renowned cult classic both because of its numerous flaws and the misplaced passion

behind them.

What makes this movie so endlessly watchable is that it is clearly an unapologetic passion project. In Wood's mind, it needed to be made. He had intended the film-originally titled "A Ghoul Goes West"-to star the elderly, out-of-work horror actor Bela Lugosi, but Lugosi ended up dying right after filming began. So Wood ended up with a few silent shots of Lugosi walking around a graveyard and no usable story.

> He cobbled one together though, using his wife's chiropractor, Tom Mason, as a standin for the late Lugosi. Mason was significantly taller than Lugosi and bald, so after a wig fitting and instructions to crouch, he did his best to imitate the horror icon, covering the lower half of his face with a cape and lurking around.

> that bit doesn't speak to the flawed nature of the film and the powerful, driving force behind its creation, I don't know what else would. The surrounding story, if "story" is

used loosely, involves aliens coming to earth to resurrect the dead in order to warn humanity about what a danger we are to other planets in the universe. Given the stakes present in current, cataclysmic cinema fare, this logline would end up selling millions of tickets. And while it might make an entertaining and hollow Michael Bay movie, what it does make is a blemished and unendingly sincere Ed Wood movie.





March 23, 7 p.m.-8 p.m. (FREE) (every Wednesday)

Production of "Hedda Gabler" at the Historic State Theater March 24, 8 p.m. (\$20-\$34)

(see Theater website for more dates)

Skyline Drive-In Opening Night

March 25, Gates open at 7 p.m. (\$7 for 12+)

Movies shown- Kung Fu Panda 3 followed by

Star Wars: The Force Awakens

Democratic Caucuses

March 26, for locations see http://www.wa-democrats.org Tumwater's 20th Annual Easter Egg Dash at Tumwater High School

March 26, 11 a.m.: Ages O-10 (FREE)

Friday Night at the Hands on Children's Museum

April 1, 5 p.m.-9 p.m. (FREE)

Run Like a Fool 5K at Heritage Park

April 2, 9 a.m.: 610 Water St SW Olympia, WA 98501

Career and Internship Fair at Saint Martin's University

April 5, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. (Marcus Pavilon)

Old Growth Poetry Collective at Ben Moores Restaurant and Bar

April 7, 6 p.m.-8:30 p.m. (\$3-\$7) Sign ups at 6pm

All ages, food served until 9pm, full bar for those 21+

Saint Martin's University "The Drowsy Chaperone" Musical

April 9, 12-16 at 7:30 p.m. AND April 10 at 2 p.m.

Location: Historic State Theater (\$7 students/ \$15 general)



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Entering the political fray for the first time

Roslyn Buff Staff Writer

Earlier this month, I watched as three grown men yelled loudly at each other and called each other rude names. They wouldn't stop even when they were told to. These three grown men ignored rules and acted childish on national TV.

I realize that this probably sounds like some sort of reality TV show, and in a way I suppose it was. What it certainly doesn't sound like is what it actually was- the March 3 GOP Presidential debate for the 2016 presidential elections.

Let me state with full disclosure that I am not educated on political issues. I admit to being woefully ignorant about many of the problems that are currently facing our nation. I have much catching up to do before I can be anything resembling an expert on the state of our country. But this is what I am. I am a 20 year old college student who is preparing

to vote for the first time- and I'm terrified about it.

I'm willing to bet I'm not the only one. I'm certainly not the only person voting for the first time this year, though I cannot speak toward the political confidence of my fellow voting virgins. I usually don't like to make statements I can't back up, but I will go out on a limb here and assume that I'm not the only person who is unsure and scared about what to do in this upcoming election.

Part of my fear comes from my

lack of knowledge on the issues, but another part comes from, what I feel, is a lack of adequate candidates to back with my vote. We are awash in a sea of options: Republican or Democrat, Senator Bernie Sanders or former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, Donald Trump or Senator Ted Cruz. Watching the news further reminds us of all the options we

Thrones" series than from people trying to enter our country illegally. He stands on national television and makes jokes about the size of his genitalia. The rude insults he hurls at the other nominees, among other people, also prevent me from feeling like he deserves my support.

On the Democratic side, you have Clinton and Sanders. I, along with

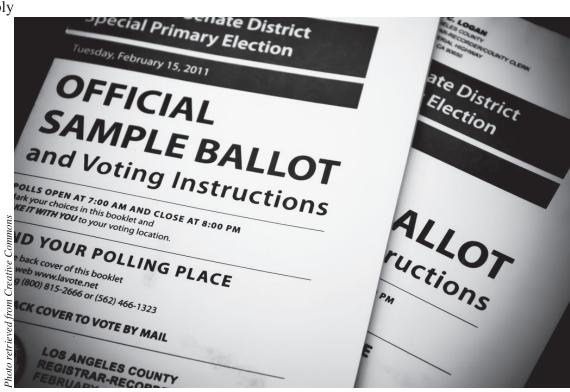
candidates aren't helping me figure it out. What I saw when I watched the GOP Debate on March 3 was a series of questions that went unanswered. Questions that asked, "how will you fix this when you become President" and were answered with, "Here is why my opponent won't fix this and how they will ruin this country."

I felt that Rubio-who has since dropped out-and Cruz were only interested in telling me why I SHOULDN'T vote for Trump, and not why I SHOULD vote for them.

These are not the men I want to run my country. I simply don't want a president who is okay with resorting to name calling and petty attacks against his competition. I don't want a president who is going to participate in a game of "Who Can Shout Loudest." When I watched that debate, I saw Governor John Kasich stand silently until he was asked his questions, answer them clearly, and then stop talking when it was someone else's turn. When I watch the Democratic debates, I see Sanders answer questions clearly and even point out areas in which he and Clinton agree. So far in my mind, these two candidates

are my frontrunners because I feel I can trust them, and I have respect for them as people.

I don't know yet who I want for President. But I know who I don't want. And perhaps that is all I will ever know. But when I get out there on voting day and cast my first ever Presidential ballot, I want my vote to count. But most of all, I want there to be a candidate on that ballot who I feel I can count on.



have in front of us, and I for one am not satisfied with my choices.

Let me start off with the obvious. I cannot, in good faith, consider giving my vote to Trump. For multiple reasons which I'm sure you can already guess, I am made very nervous by the idea of a Trump presidency. I have many issues with Trump, not the least of which being the fact that he wants to build a wall across our southern border, a solution that seems more fit to protect us from the White Walkers of George R.R. Martin's "Game of

many others, no longer know if I can fully trust Clinton. Although I tend to find many positives about Sanders, living at home with my Republican parents leaves me with the word "socialist" ringing in my ears, which to my parents seems as offensive as Trump's wall is to me. Though I know that my parents aren't always right, growing up with them for the past 20 years has made me respect them and all in all, I don't know what to believe.

And maybe that's the problem. I don't know what to believe, and the

Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Dear SMU Community:

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) and the national theme is "Prevention is Possible." This year's campus-wide community campaign focuses on ways individuals and our community as a whole can help prevent sexual violence. Nearly one in five women and one in 71 men are victims of sexual assault but all of us are impacted by sexual violence.1

Everyone understands how sexual violence impacts victims and their families, but the effects of this violent crime on communities and society are less obvious. Sexual violence creates a climate of fear, anger, and/or disbelief in the workplaces, campuses, and communities that it occurs in. Additionally, sexual violence generates criminal justice, medical, and crisis and mental health service expenses. Perhaps most damaging are the lost contributions of survivors.

Preventing such a far-reaching and prevalent social issue as sexual violence may seem overwhelming or even impossible. This mentality implies there isn't a solution—or if there is, we can't achieve it. But we can and we are. There are many practical steps that are currently being taken in our campus community, including promotion and participation in the month's calendar of events, Green Dot bystander intervention training, the work of the Violence Against Women Act Team, that of Saints Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE), and the invaluable behind-the-scenes support and advocacy of Saint Martin's University's Counseling and Wellness Center staff.

However, there are many more things we can do to promote safety, respect, and accountability. Prevention starts with challenging victim-blaming and believing survivors when they disclose. Individuals can model supportive relationships and behaviors, call out harmful attitudes and challenge the societal acceptance of rape. Join us in helping everyone see their role in preventing sexual violence. Please support SMU's Sexual Assault Awareness Month events and add #SAAM to your tweets and social media posts! You can learn more at www.nsvrc.org/saam.

Respectfully,

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Letter to the Editor: Arbor Vitae perspective on tree cutting on campus

The sound of chainsaws and the sight of a tree crashing to the ground will always overwhelm the sound and sight of a small shovel slicing into the earth as it prepares the soil for a tree to be planted. Over the last year, controversy has arisen concerning certain actions taken by the Arbor Vitae (Tree of Life) committee, a standing committee under the auspices of Saint Martin's Abbey. Several negative articles or opinion pieces have been published in The Belltower. As the chair of the Arbor Vitae, I felt it was time to bring some balance to the discussion by offering a look into the workings of this supposedly nefarious committee.

Founded in the fall of 2009 as a way for the abbey and university to address forest, meadow and landscape concerns collaboratively, the Arbor Vitae meets at least quarterly to take action on a variety of issues or projects. From input on the north campus project to the planting of new trees on Father Meinrad Gaul Drive, the committee concerns itself not only with present day circumstances but also with an eye to the future. Research, education, discussion and input from outside sources (e.g. arborists) represent some of the major pieces of our decision making process.

Some choices are painful as when the committee, in consultation with a local arborist, voted to remove the rotting maples on the entry drive. As one of the trees was cut, the rot inside was so great that the tree partially collapsed. Though an explanatory email was sent campus-wide before the removals, some folks responded negatively to the sight of barren stumps. In conjunction with the removal of the maples, a plan for replacement trees and a decision to make the entry more symmetrical and unified achieved ratification and support from the leadership of both the abbey and university. Fir trees planted on the east side of Father Meinrad Gaul Drive in the 1980s, as well as a few older trees on both sides, would need to be removed as a result. Numerous discussions led to the choice of the Scarlet oak as the replacement tree. These oaks will eventually dominate the drive and provide a beautiful entry to the campus, but this will all take time, care and patience.

Completely logged off in the first part of the last century, a new forest made up mostly of Douglas firs sprang up. This "monoculture," where one species predominates, has essentially grown all at the same time, maturing to the point where an incurable disease, laminated root rot (Phillenus weirii) has affected the stand, causing ever-increasing pockets of tree death. A forest with a greater variety of trees and maturing at varying rates would have slowed or prevented much of what is occurring. That information, however, was not present early on when it would have mattered. Over many months, the Arbor Vitae pondered possible avenues for halting the advance of the root rot. One option promoted cutting a 50 foot swath through the forest to separate the healthy from the unhealthy trees. This radical cutting without sure knowledge that we had found all of the pockets of the plant pathogen that causes the disease led to the committee rejecting that idea. We finally agreed that planting root rot resistant Western Red cedars on the property was our best and least invasive option and have planted 3400 of them since then. In the meantime, removal of the dead and dying firs is both a practical and a liability issue. Trees affected with laminated root rot are susceptible to what is called "wind throw," creating a hazardous situation during storms. We therefore elected to bring down the dead and dying trees and send them to market while they still could be used.

Time and space do not allow for every situation we have been involved in to be addressed. However, it is important for the larger Saint Martin's community to know that this committee of monks, staff and faculty pursues actions on campus that serve both to conserve what can be saved and to prepare for and implement change where needed. The Arbor Vitae recognizes that some of our decisions involve making very visible and controversial changes to the campus that can lead to some strong emotions. We often times experience those very emotions ourselves, so we ask that you consider viewing the committee in its totality, not just as a group committed to cutting trees. In other words, long after the roar of the chainsaw has ended, the cedars that have been planted will continue quietly to grow, testifying to a future full of hope.

Andrew Moyer

T.J. Carter



Letter to the Editor: Smokers are humans, not drones

Thank you for your interesting opinion piece, in which you compare drone laws to smoking. I think you mean well, and hopefully this doesn't seem too harsh, but I'd like to make a few points in response.

Here's my first point: Smokers are people, unlike drones. Here's something about these people: Smokers are disproportionately common among racial minorities, the poor, and combat veterans. In other words, they are often people who need help assimilating into society, people who need to feel that they are welcome in places of higher learning.

Because, not surprisingly, these same people have often been deprived of educational advantages early in life, deprived by a system which continually seeks to ostracize minorities, the poor, and veterans. Keith Humphreys, in a Washington Post article from last year, writes, "endlessly raising tobacco taxes eventually becomes cruelly regressive for addicted low-income smokers who can't or won't stop smoking."

Applying Humphreys' argument, I assert that the practice of banning smoking on college campuses is both cruelly regressive and a disturbingly paternalistic method of reducing smoking. Of course we want to reduce the amount of smoking, we all want people to be healthier. But surely, on a college campus of all places, one should find smoking reduction efforts in the form of education, and not neo-prohibitionism.

So why do I care so much? Surely I must be a smoker. Well, I'm not, but I smoked for several years a long time ago. And I can remember when smoking felt like the only thing I could count on in my life. I can remember the lawyers and the cops and the dirty courthouse steps and I can remember thinking that it was all too much. But then I'd reach for my cigarettes and my lighter, not to smoke, just to feel them there, and know that because I had them I could make it another day. I remember when my college campus, Centralia College, banned smoking. I remember my reaction, the desperate otherness, the feeling of being somehow less than human. I guessed that college wasn't for persons like me, if I even was a person. I failed my classes that quarter.

And though we do "talk a lot about consent on campus," occasionally inhaling second hand smoke is not akin to rape. I'm not saying that second hand smoke isn't harmful. I am saying that there are many harmful things in this world, many that, like rape, are even more harmful than second hand smoke; such things might even drive someone to smoke. The Center for Disease Control statistics you provided are very frightening, but the faces of the smokers I see on campus are not frightening. They are faces that look a lot like mine, like yours; we humans really are a lot alike.

Stepping out of Harned, I pass a Monk's Bean barista on her break. She looks tired but still smiles and waves to me. She makes my coffee, we are connected. I breathe the faint scent of tobacco. Funny, after all these years, it still smells like hope.

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