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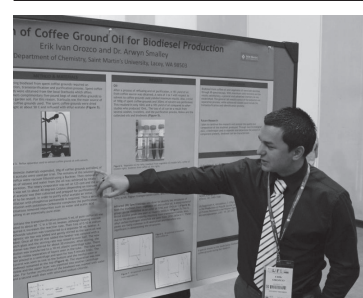
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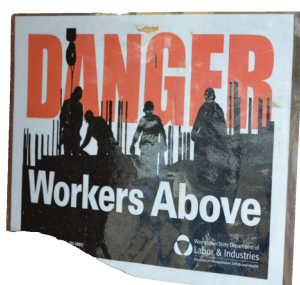
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Summer session spent on scrolls

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Every summer the Spiritual Life Institute (SLI) has a week-long class on religion that counts towards the general education credit needed for every student to graduate. Over the past few summers the topics have been The Religion of Sports (2011), Religion and Violence (2010), Religion, Suffering, and the Problem of Evil (2009), and The Dead Sea Scrolls (2008). This year, Dr. Ian Werrett, associate professor of religious studies and the director of the Spiritual Life Institute, plans to revisit his favorite topic, the Dead Sea Scrolls.

Discovered in 1947 by a young Bedouin shepherd, the Dead Sea Scrolls represent a vast amount of knowledge once held by a small Jewish Sect with very clear black

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Changes in Campus Ministry

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Campus Ministry has been among the many departments experiencing changes this semester. It started with the leaving of Brian Suda, former Assistant Director of Campus Ministry.

"Brian leaving was not a surprise," says Laurella White, Steward of Communications for Campus Ministry, however she commented that the timing of his leaving was rather sudden.

Ryan Cullitan, former Bucket Director, says, "Brian leaving is sad but his vision and drive were never fully realized here. We lost a boss not our friend."

White remarked that "things happen and there's nothing you can do about it...we are all very happy for him...it's just kind of weird how things happened."

With Suda's leaving the stewards are trying to pick up the slack and help out Susan Leyster and Father Peter Tynan as much as they can.

"It is a family and will support each other," says one member of Campus Ministry member who prefers to remain anonymous. "Brian leaving was what's best for him in the long run."

"Everyone pulled together to help Susan," says Becky Gorlin, Steward of Hospitality.

Not only has Brian Suda left, Susan Leyster, Director of Campus Ministry, is stepping down from her post by the end of the year and will heading a new department entitled Service Immersion.

"Her title change is kind of weird, because she's doing what she has been but in a different department," comments Gorlin. "Susan will be under John Hopkins instead of Melanie [Richardson]."

White explained this

change as a "parallel transfer, new title, a new office that stemmed from the mission trip last May."

The best explanation for the change is that the school wants to focus on service more; the service portion of Campus Ministry was getting to be so big that it deserved its own department. Campus Ministry was already split between Service & Justice and Hospitality under Leyster, and Faith & Formation, Communications, and Liturgy under Suda, so this divide between Service Immersion and Campus Ministry is just a more formalized division. The Stewards of Service & Justice, and Hospitality will remain under Leyster in her new post.

While Campus Ministry will undergo a structure change physically as well as departmentally with the Chaplain having an office in Campus Ministry, the tentative

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Class of 2012: Don't forget your commencement tickets!

Tickets are required for entrance into the commencement ceremony. Guests without tickets will not be permitted entry.

Each graduate will be issued seven tickets at the Graduation Fair. If you do not plan to use all your tickets, you may either share them with other graduates or return them to the Office of the Registrar for redistribution. If you would like to request extra tickets, please email Registrar Alex Arceneaux at AArceneaux@stmartin.edu. Tickets returned to the registrar will be released on a limited, equitable basis during the Graduation Fair.

Have more than seven guests? Consider inviting them to baccalaureate! This year's baccalaureate, taking place Friday evening in Marcus Pavilion, is not a ticketed event, but reservations are required to ensure the accommodation of all graduates and their guests. Reserve your seats at baccalaureate by emailing Registrar Alex Arceneaux at AArceneaux@stmartin.edu by May 4.

For more details, visit www.stmartin.edu/commencement2012.





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Scaffolding along the south wall allows workers to continue laying the brick exterior.



Alan Tyler stands in the main entrance of the new facility.



The second floor room in the southeast corner of the building allows for views of Harned Hall, O'Grady Library, and Old Main.

The Saints continue renovation

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Saint Martin's has started many renovation and construction projects around campus. One major renovation is on the nontraditional student lounge, located in Old Main on the fourth floor, and the two adjacent restrooms. The result of those efforts will be a new kitchen area with refrigerator, microwave, and sink for student use. There will be one computer work station with a printer and two new ADA-compliant unisex restrooms. The lounge itself will have drywall, painting, and lighting improvements. The first phase for the renovation will be the restrooms with an estimated completion date of May 30 for the improvements.

Also, many offices are being either renovated or added as the construction around Old Main continues. Because of these renovations many professors are getting temporary offices and are being moved from classroom to classroom.

The new engineering building is in a new state of development as the framework comes together. The process of putting up many different sections of wiring, windows, and other systems will begin soon. The building is going along as planned and construction is right on schedule with a predicted opening date in mid-October 2012.



When the building is finished, these poles will hold an interactive solar panel system where engineering students can get hands-on experience with solar power and the effects of sunlight angles on energy production.



Once complete, the new engineering building will form a quad with Harned Hall and the O'Grady Library.



Work has already begun on installing the brick exterior of the building.



The new engineering library will have a view overlooking Abbey Way and the adjacent field.



The third floor conference room will have dividers installed and will have views to the north and south.

Ty's world news

Ty Skirmont
Staff Writer

Once again, fellow students, I am here to synthesize the vast world of news so that you may leap off into the world of intrigue, militarism and capitalist aliens – the last of that list is attributed to Victor Chavez (Reuters.com, March 22, 2011). In these few words I will do my best to sum up the world of international news.

Afghanistan and the Army

While under the guise of freedom – as reported by those liberal conspiracy nuts – the Army went in to end the Taliban influence in the country while spreading the love of democracy one violent act at a time. I am not here to bash the military; what they do is brave and they give their lives for it. For that fact alone I will always support the soldiers themselves, but not the necessarily the means used with the military. Now that this preamble is out of the way, the fact of not including this article would be a journalistic failure.

Reportedly, on Mar. 11, 2012, a soldier – Staff Sergeant Robert Bales – went on a killing spree. The formal charge is 17 counts of premeditated murder. He will be tried here in the United States; the Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA protects American citizens abroad) does not allow Staff Sargent Bales to be charged under Afghani law - the country he perpetrated the crime in. Not to become preachy and to get onto other topics in the world, the fact is that he was evacuated from Afghanistan and is being held in Leavenworth, KS.

Hangman in Japan

For the first time in 20 months, capital punishment was carried out in Japan. The three men who were hanged were all convicted of multiple counts of murder. This was the first execution since 2010. This was also the first time people were executed since the Japanese Democratic Party has taken control.

In the broad scope of capital punishment, in 2010 there were a total of 527 death penalties carried out world-wide

and a total of 676 carried out World-wide in 2011 according to Amnesty International. These numbers are impressive since, of the large industrial countries, the USA and Japan are some of the only countries with the death penalty (Reuters).

Chavez Takes the Miracle Pill of Life and is Set to Win His “Election”

The world should know about Chavez already. He's the crazy dictator living in our Western hemisphere since Castro decided to cool down after all that revolutionizing and threatening nuclear war. Having undergone three surgeries in under a year while criticizing the lack of life on Mars because of capitalism, the president of one of – if not the – biggest oil exporters is optimistic about getting reelected (Reuters).

While I, dear readers, would be afraid of dying because of that little thing called “cancer,” Mr. Chavez is convinced of his victory in the elections of Oct. 7.

More on Africa!

Now, many people know about Africa's existence and how the West is trying to make up for it when we remember that Africa is in fact a continent and not a country. What happens then - with the constantly changing borders, civil wars and massive exploitations of natural wealth garnered in Africa - is that the power is typically sold to the one willing to go out and kill the most amounts of people for the cheapest amount of resources.

While Joseph Kony has undergone – understandably – a massive amount of cyber bullying from the entire first world who believe that sharing a viral video can stop somebody instead of taking action through the Human Rights Watch or UNESCO or Amnesty International, the large point of contention in Africa is not in fact the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA), it would be the civil war in the Sudan that has been going off and on in multiple ways since 1955.

Last year, the Southern part of Sudan had officially become recognized as an independent country. The downside of this is that the Heglig Oil-fields came into contention as to who



Photo by Jesse Lamp

Jeanne says what?!

truly owns the field, releasing multiple conflicts and violence throughout the already war-torn country. Peace talks were negotiated to happen but were postponed.

Once again I leave you for this

month. There are so many things to touch upon, but so little time and space. I shall give words of advice for the meaning of life, though. Some things in life are bad; they can really make you mad; just always look on the bright side of life.

Anniversary of Japan's Earthquake

A year ago, the horrible 9.0 earthquake hit Japan. Not only did it rattle the international community, but the resulting nuclear reactions also caused hypochondriasis from Timbuktu to Boring, Oregon – but mainly in the USA. Over the past 12 or so months, the international community has hurried to help Japan in the fallout from the destruction wreaked by both the (then possible) nuclear dangers, and the buildings falling and ruining the Land of the Rising Sun and Gundam. Since then, according to the International Medical Corps (IMC;

internationalmedicalcorps.org), there has been assistance given to approximately 20,000 people, including medical supplies, heaters, and the list goes on, all in support of our first-world friend.

A world united to help a leading technological country back to its feet and the help – at least on the surface – seems to be working. However, before we sing our accolades, remember this is not the only country to be torn up by an earthquake of this magnitude and once this is over, Mother Earth will still be trying to kill us.

Saint Placid Priory

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As a student at Saint Martin's University you have heard of the Abbey, where the Benedictine monks live, but did you know there were a group of Benedictine Sisters that live only a mile away from the Abbey at Saint Placid Priory?

In 1952, Saint Placid Priory was established as an independent monastery. The land on which the Priory lays was purchased from the monks for \$1. In 1961, the Sisters started the Saint Placid High School, however it was closed in 1985. In 1992, the

Spirituality Center was opened and still runs today.

Today, they also organize a spiritual formation that is open to everyone, called Tending the Fire. The Saint Placid Sisters also help educate Tanzanian Sisters. Sister Redempta Ndunguru is

“The best kept secret in the Northwest even though we have been around since 1892.”

~ Sister Laura.

finishing her degree from Saint Martin's and is currently working in Tacoma, learning how to become a principal.

All the Sisters are very friendly and all have their own story. The Prioress, Sister Maureen O'Larey, has a degree in Business Management, and was one of the first female vice presidents for

the company she worked for before joining the community at Saint Placid. Sister Laura Swan is teaching at Saint Martin's this semester and plans on returning next school year.

If you are interested in learning more about the Sisters, their mass is at 11 a.m. on Sunday mornings with Father Gerard leading the service. Campus Ministry also organizes a dinner at the Priory with the Sisters every second Tuesday of the month which is a great opportunity to spend time with the Sisters.

The Priory is located at 500 College Street NE. Come join them. You never know who you will meet and what stories you might hear.

Photo courtesy of Saint Placid Priory



Saint Placid Priory sits on land purchased from Saint Martin's Abbey on the north end of College Street.

Military plans, military pride

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Former Army Sergeant Deondrai E. Ramsey Sr., had plans to enlist in the Army right after graduating from Ken- tridge High School in 1996. His mom thought otherwise.

“The more she said ‘No,’ the more I

wanted to do it,” says Ramsey. At that time, he did not want to go to college so he felt that the military was his only option. In August of 1996, Ramsey joined the United States Army.

Ramsey completed his basic training and Advance Individual Training (AIT) in Airborne Infantry at Fort Benning, GA.



Photo courtesy of Deondrai Ramsey

Former Army Sergeant, Deondrai Ramsey, relaxes with a group of children in a Kurdish village in northern Iraq.

“[The] military is all about training and gaining skills,” Ramsey says. “My training wasn’t any harder than anyone else... It was tough at times, but I stuck it out and fed off other people’s attitude.”

After boot camp, Ramsey was a part of the National Guard as a Combat Engineer. He also helped fighting fires. Ramsey was deployed to Iraq twice, first from April 2003 to March 2004 and again from January to October 2005. He describes his first day in Kuwait as, “the first day of the rest of my life.”

One particular day stands out in Ramsey’s mind. His unit had crossed the border into Kuwait. They had been briefed that the local people were throwing kids in front of the big military trucks. Ramsey was not operating the vehicle, but was given instructions that no matter what happens do not stop. For one thing, the road was very narrow and stopping the large vehicles would set back traffic. Secondly, the kids would throw grenades or shoot them.

Seeing the scene from television was completely different in real life.

“It’s like, I look at the kids and see my kids, but we can’t stop. We just had to drive by,” he says. It was a real defining moment of Ramsey’s life. “That was the moment my innocence was gone and I broadened my view of the world.”

When Ramsey first enlisted in the Army, he did not think his career would end so quickly.

“I didn’t want to get out, but I was

medically discharged... [It] didn’t work out as well as I thought,” Ramsey said.

After leaving the Army in 2006, the idea of college came up because of vocational rehabilitation. Ramsey explains it saying, “They [the government] train you in another field because of your disability.” Ramsey enrolled at Saint Martin’s and will be graduating this May with a major in Community Services.

Although Ramsey is no longer part of the army, he still keeps close contacts with some of the guys who are his “family for life.”

Ramsey says, “The relationships you build in the military are crazy. Even if you didn’t serve together or [aren’t] even in the same branch, there’s still some camaraderie.”

Reflecting back on his military experience, Ramsey recalls his first days in Iraq. He thought everyone was bad, but when he got to know them, he realized they were just like us. The kids would follow them around and help out.

“It was a positive thing,” he says.

But unfortunately, not everyone knows these positive little details. Media tends to only highlight the bad.

“The only time soldiers make the news is when we do something stupid or get killed,” Ramsey says. “They don’t know that we went to a village to restore power or go to a school to bring supplies...It’s a great feeling to be a part of something that big. To wear a uniform [there is] a great sense of pride.”

John Burke: veteran and engineer

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Staff Writer

Army veteran, Sergeant John Burke, recalls his first days of service as being filled with anxiety and “fear of unknown.” After signing his life away, he remembers thinking, “What did I do?”

For Burke, his reason for joining the Army was based on having a contracted job, especially since he did not have a degree at the time. Burke was in the Army for six years, and spent two years in Germany working as an electrical and weapon specialist on helicopters. He was also deployed twice to Iraq.

His first time in Iraq was at the beginning of the war. Communication with his wife survived on phone calls and mailing letters. There was not much internet service; only once a month his unit would have video conference calls available. Talking on the phone with his wife was not easy. Sometimes the lines would get held up because there were only two phones available. Other times, if an operator in Europe was not available to connect the call to the United States, Burke would have to go down a list of operator numbers before having his call connected to an American operator who would then process the call to his wife.

It was not until 2004 that cafes started to have internet service, so when Burke returned to Iraq the second time in 2006, he would email or video chat with his wife.

Also while in Iraq, Burke would keep pictures of his wife in his cubicle and often look at pictures on his laptop. He and his friends

would also take pictures whenever they were back in the “safe zone.”

After returning to the U.S. in 2007, Burke was stationed at Fort Lewis. It was then that he decided he would leave the Army and go to school. He discovered Saint Martin’s and inquired about the engineering program. Burke is currently a mechanical engineering major who will graduate in May 2012.

Now, as a student, Burke reflects back to his Army experience.

“I like the work,” he says, thinking back about his time in the Army. “It’s actually not a hard job to do because everything is laid out for you.” However, Burke was not too fond of not having control over his life.

“It’s hard to get used to. That’s why I got out,” he says.

Also part of his reflection, Burke remembers going to Mount Zugspitze in Garmisch, a town in south Germany in the Bavaria region. During a 30-day block leave, Burke and his wife went to the observation building at the summit which was about 10,000 feet high. There were windows overlaid with lines and points, labeled with towns and countries. Burke explained that each point was labeled with a city or country along with a number. The number was the distance between the point where he stood and the labeled town.

“So if the point said ‘London,’ it’ll tell you the distance,” explains Burke. “If you look straight ahead in that direction, you would know London is straight ahead however far the distance said.”

Burke also says the Army made him more focused.

“Before I went in, I wasn’t sure what I wanted to do,” he says, “but after I gained skills, stopped worrying about a paycheck and where to live, I kind of liked it.” His experiences have definitely opened his eyes more as he appreciates what he has.

He says, “A lot of what you see on the news, it’s kind of like, ‘why are

you getting so bent out of shape when there’s bigger things to worry about?’”

Although Burke cannot really articulate how his journeys to Iraq affected him, he comments that the military is a good place to find you and learn about yourself.

“Most people go in and come out with a different personality, so it’s a good place to mature,” he says.

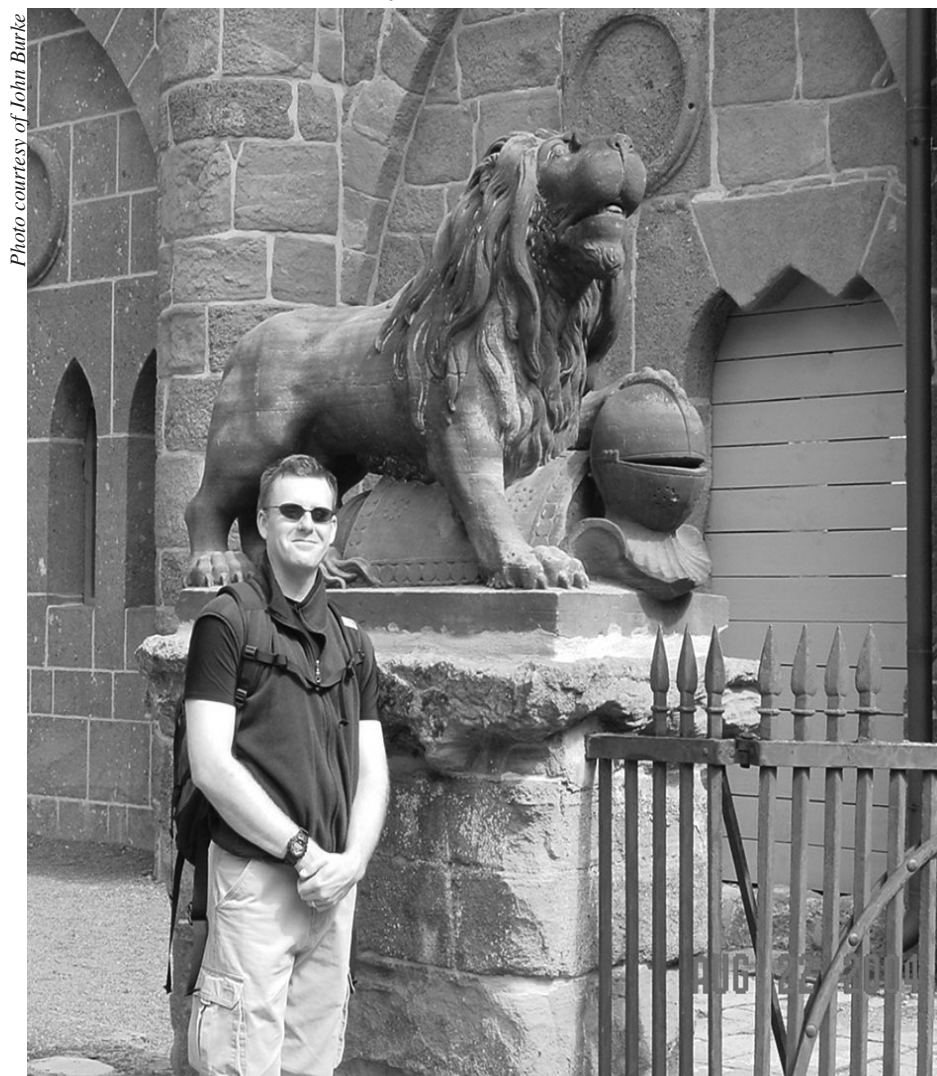


Photo courtesy of John Burke

Former Army Sergeant, John Burke stands before a statue of a lion in Kassel, Germany.

Oldman Elevatorson

He just wants to be your friend



Photo retrieved from Oldman Elevatorson's Facebook Profile

The infamous Old Main Elevator has his own profile on Facebook. According to his status updates, the Oldman gets a kick out of making students late to class.

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Imagine this: you are goofing off on the computer at home or at school. You are on Facebook, and you notice that you have a new friend request. You click on the tab and you see that Oldman Elevatorson, the infamous

elevator in Old Main, wants to be your friend. After ten minutes of hysterical laughing, you finally click the accept button – you’ve just become friends with an object that is only good for making sure you are late to your class.

There have been plenty of fake Facebook profiles students have made about places or things at Saint Martin’s, but none measures up to the Oldman himself. Born April 21, 1940, and also divorced according to his profile, the Oldman has set out to make new friends this year.

“The kids like to fornicate in me at night. My buttons barely light up anymore and I smell funny. My floor is some kind of yellowish linoleum that no one can quite identify,” he describes in his “About Me” section on his Facebook profile. If you are a friend with Mr. Elevatorson, not only should you feel special, you also have the opportunity to see what the Oldman is thinking himself. Most of his status updates, though, are a bit unflattering.

The girl behind the mask

Clarissa Strayer
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Photos by Clarissa Strayer

Choi poses with her infamous wolf mask.

If you spend any time at all on the Saint Martin’s campus, you have seen Cassidy Choi. When walking from the residence halls to class or to the library, she has most definitely caught your eye. Everywhere she goes, Choi leaves professors and students intrigued with her appearance. She has not worn a scandalous outfit to call attention to herself, but rather she sports an additional accessory that most of us do not, her infamous wolf mask.

The Saint Martin’s community has found themselves wondering why she wears the mask, as well as what the girl looks like without the mask and what type of person she is. Upon initial contact, Choi wanted to make her point clear when she said she would not disclose her personal reasons for wearing the mask to the whole school, but if individuals possess some curiosity, they could simply ask her. Although not willing to share the reason for wearing the mask, Choi openly shared her background and interests, while providing some perspective on her experience wearing the mask.

Listening in on the hypotheses for why Choi wears the mask has revealed guesses anywhere from her being a diehard Huskies fan to simply her loving dogs, but in fact, the four letters inside the mask read “WOLF.” Choi jokes that she needs to claim the wolf as her new favorite animal.

At the beginning of spring semester, she purchased the mask on Amazon.com, and has worn it ever since when walking between classes. Occasionally she will forget to take it off when walking inside the library, Old Main, or Harned, but for the most part, Saint Martin’s students and faculty can catch a quick glimpse of Choi’s face without the cover when she walks inside a building on campus.

For those who have an interest in what the girl behind the mask looks like, you will get to see Choi without it after this semester. She said she will only wear it for the duration of this semester, and then it is off with the mask. Perhaps this will satisfy the herds of freshmen boys who question whether she is “hiding an ugly face beneath the mask.” Choi clearly has nothing flawed to hide.

The mask leaves a mysterious impression, but underneath that exterior, Choi possesses a friendly, sweet personality. Even though she realizes people have taken notice of her mask, she does not acknowledge that people have such an intensified interest in her and her willingness to remain hidden behind the wolf features. Her modesty demonstrates a heightened maturity that many of us have yet to obtain. So many people on campus speak of Choi and her mask, yet make no attempt to approach her and strike up conversation. Either afraid to befriend

“Ladies, my buttons may be cracked and worn out, but I can still take you where you need to go” was one of his status updates a few weeks ago.

A lot of students play along with the joke, posting questions and leaving comments on his wall. Surprisingly, he replies back, though his choices of words are very... un-Benedictine-like.

“I don’t like it” said Danielle Pecha, a freshman at SMU. She did not even crack a smile as she went on to ridicule the profile page.

The profile is somewhat small-scale; he only has 78 friends so far. But there is no doubt that he is looking for more!

Some talk has been going on about Mr. Elevatorson around campus.

“Who created this profile?” “Why is he such a jerk?” “Who has that much time on their hands?” are some reoccurring questions whenever he is brought up in a conversation. The important question is how is he divorced?

I say we leave it a mystery as to whom is the Oldman really is. It makes every status he posts more interesting. If you are not friends with the Oldman, the least you can do is go and check out his profile. It’s...interesting to say the least.

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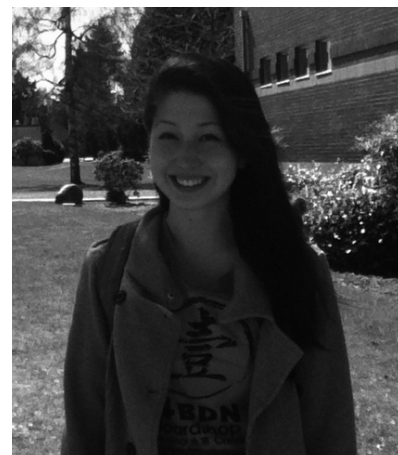
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jokes about her mask which makes the experience even more interesting.

Aside from the fact that Choi wears a wolf mask, her interests parallel many other students. From spending countless hours either reading, hanging out with her friends or blogging on Tumblr, Choi has no abnormalities that separate her from the rest of the student body. From an outsider’s point of view, one would never expect such a kind, personable girl underneath the façade. She maintains the same warm personality regardless of whether or not the mask is on or off. Choi wants to thank those loyal ones who have remained friendly with her even when she wears the mask, and stresses her thankfulness towards those who accept her choice to wear it.

If people have a desire to know why she wears the mask, they can just ask her, but there is no need to make rude, inconsiderate comments. Cassidy Choi has nothing to hide underneath the mask. She has her reasons for wearing the mask, and has displayed a unique style that has evolved into the talk of the school.



Behind the mask, Choi is just a regular student.

Safety first as more motorcycles hit the road

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As spring rolls into summer, there is an increase in the number of motorcycles hitting the streets. With two wheels instead of four, the risk factors associated with riding a motorcycle make some wonder if riding is worth the risk. Though making the decision to give up half your wheels does require an increase in the level of alertness that does not detract from the appeal of the open road. It is not just motorcycle riders who need to be alert though. Awareness of motorcycles is vital for the safety of all those who share the road. So who are those people in head-to-toe leather and what does it mean to be a motorcycle rider?

One of them is David Lawrence, a sophomore mechanical engineering student who recently completed the Basic Rider's Course through Puget Sound Safety (PSS) in Olympia. Lawrence, who grew up in Grays Harbor before moving to Lacey in sixth grade, says he has wanted to learn to ride a motorcycle for a long time.

"I've wanted to ride since I was a really young kid," he says. "My dad had a bike and so I would go riding on the back of his. My shoes would get burned on his muffler."

Lawrence decided to take the Basic Rider's Course in January and had a good time learning to ride in an environment where learning is the primary concern.

"It was a really fun experience," says Lawrence. "[The instructor was] a really nice guy. He tried to make it really fun for everyone, and I did learn a lot."

The course consists of both in-class and on the range portions where students spend time learning safety guidelines and proper riding procedures then take what they learned outside to a closed track and learn hands-on on top of a motorcycle.

"[In] the in-class portion, we watched videos and kind of deconstructed them," says Lawrence. "It was both instructor teaching and we would kind of read over parts from... the instructor's guide and we would teach each other, and I thought it was a really good learning experience."

The course was not difficult according to Lawrence because the class was progressive, where each new task built on the fundamentals developed in the tasks before.

"It all seemed really easy," Lawrence comments. "It was a nice steady

pace for the course. They went through it step by step and it got increasingly more complicated, and whenever someone wasn't sure of what to do, they had it clarified."

Lawrence says that there was really only one thing that intimidated him going into the course.

"I had never done shifting before, any kind of manual and all motorcycles are manual, so I was kind of intimidated," he says. "But we got to the part where we worked on shifting and at first, because we only had to go into first gear, I could do that. That part was kind of easy. We practiced going from second gear to third gear and each time I shifted, I let go of the clutch too quickly and the instructors were like... yelling at me. I got pulled off to the side because I did it every time. They talked me through how to correctly do it and I got the hang of it."

Because he does not own his own motorcycle, Lawrence has not ridden since completing the course, but he is thinking about getting a bike of his own.

"I don't have a bike yet," he says. As for what kind of bike he is looking for? "A cruiser, not a crotch rocket," he says with a smile.

For those considering taking the course, Lawrence recommends it. He says that PSS provides the equipment you need, so all you have to do is pay for the course and show up. Overall he says the course was a great experience.

"It's really simple; it's not challenging," he says. "It's not really threatening either. I mean, if you don't listen, you'll fall and maybe get hurt, but other than that you're fine."

For his future plans, Lawrence says, "Once I get a bike, the next level of classes is where you bring your own bike in and basically go over the same course so you are familiar with your bike and I would do that one."

Taking the safety course does not make a rider invincible, though. Andy Cole, an admissions counselor for SMU, can attest to that.

Cole who has been riding for two years started riding when a friend was selling his bike and recommended that Cole take the safety course. He did, and in no time he was cruising the streets on two wheels.

"I can't explain the feeling," says Cole about his experience riding, "just being on a bike, you'd leave work... I live 1.4 miles away from work, but it

takes me 45 minutes to get home if I bring my bike, just because I'm not going to ride the shortest distance there. I go for a ride on nice days."

But riding a motorcycle is not always safe, he continues. Less than a year after completing the safety course, Cole was involved in an accident that he says should have killed him.

"In motorcycle classes, the rule of thumb is you never ride next to somebody in case they cut you off," says Cole, "[if] they cut you off and you don't see it, you have nowhere to go. If they're behind you, you're fine. If they're in front of you, you can at least see them, brake, swerve, whatever it takes."

"I was coming down Pacific Ave... it's just straight from home to here, not that far of a ride. We [Cole and the truck he was in an accident with] go through an intersection; we're only doing about 30mph... He was in the left lane and I was in the right lane, and I was probably staying 10 or 15 feet behind him. As soon as we went through the intersection, I started to catch up."

After taking a quick look down at his speedometer, he says, "by the time I looked up, he was turning from the left lane, 90 degree turn, across my lane to get into one of the banks there. As soon as I looked up, I knew I had to lay it down, but I literally just closed my eyes. I still swear to this day, I didn't react to lay it down, for some reason I did. Especially being that close, I should not have been able to bail from the bike. I should have been stuck with my bike, pinned underneath his engine...for some reason I wasn't. I just remember closing my eyes."

"Next thing you know, I was laying on the ground...Somehow I rolled under his vehicle, missed his axle, everything. I...had all my gear, my helmet, I even had a backpack on. For some reason I laid face down and didn't know where I was at. Next thing you know, I felt him running over my entire body. I laid perfectly in line with his wheels. His tire went over my ankles, started coming up my calves, and it was one of those things where you try and move but you can't; you literally feel like you're stuck...I couldn't even move my upper body just to... I knew he was going to run me over. He came up over my backpack. Next thing [I] knew I just remember taking what I thought would be my last breath. The tire goes over my helmet, comes off. For some



Photo courtesy of Gordon Bellevue
Gordon Bellevue sits on his 2007 Harley Davidson Electra Glide beside friend, Hailee Dean, at the Harley Riders Group's bike games. Bike games consist of riders playing games such as pinning clothes pins on a line or riding as slow as possible in a "race" without putting their feet down or dropping their bike.

reason I'm still there, so I rolled over, semi-knowing where I was at and I saw pieces of my bike everywhere."

"When I looked around," he says, "the vehicle was still right behind me with my bike underneath it, so that is when everything kind of clicked and made sense."

"The first person I called was my mom," Cole continues. Because he was on his way to work, "The second person was Toni [the Director of the Information Center]."

Though he walked away with only a scratch on his hand, he says "that was probably the scariest moment of my life."

Looking back on the incident, Cole knows that he got lucky. Though he jokes that he was saved because he goes to a Catholic school, he knows that nothing could have prepared him for what he experienced that day.

"You could have asked me before... I would have told you I'm one of the safest riders out there," he says. "I always look. I'd always look for idiots out there to cut me off. I'd always expect someone to come hit me... I'll tell you there is nothing else I could have done to prepare for that, but like I said, it's not if; it's when, and it just happened to be that day coming to work."

Cole has a message, not unlike other riders, for those sharing the road with motorcycles.

"I would love for people to take a motorcycle class," he says saying that it would make people more aware of motorcycles on the road. "But I know that's never going to happen. That's why I just tell people 'just look for bikes because you're not going to miss a car, but if you're looking for a car, you're going to miss a bike.'"

Gordon Bellevue, a physics professor at SMU who also teaches the motorcycle safety course at PSS, served as

Photos courtesy of Andy Cole



(Left) Andy Cole's first motorcycle, which he and friends custom painted, before he had his accident. (Center) After an accident on Pacific Ave. on his way to work, Cole's bike was left pinned under the running board of a Chevy Silverado in pieces. (Right) Cole now rides a Honda 600RR, but says that the joy in riding is not as strong as it once was. After his accident, he took time away from the open road and has only recently begun riding again.

the Safety Officer for the Harley Riders Group, and has over 30 years of riding experience agrees with Cole's statement.

"One of the key things from my perspective to understand is the way our brain processes what we see," says Bellevue talking about motorcycle safety on the roadways. "When we're driving a car, we're looking and we're seeing all kinds of things, but we're seeing so much that your brain really doesn't process all of it... You see a tree, but you [say] 'I see a tree, oh, I don't care.' 'There's a light pole; I don't care.' 'There's a cow over in the field; I don't care.' A deer standing beside the road, oh there's something you care about because potentially that gives you a hazard, but when you're looking for traffic, you're looking for cars and trucks. So when you see a motorcycle, it doesn't register. It's just like the tree or the lamppost or something like that because you don't think about it unless you're a motorcycle rider.

"So you have to make a conscious effort as a car driver that doesn't ride to actually look for the motorcycles," he says.

Bellevue also says that riders should ride with a plan beyond what roads they will take to get from point A to point B. What he means is that riders should plan to practice the fundamentals of motorcycle riding while on rides. While riders are on roads with no traffic, they can practice swerves, quick stops, and other essential skills riders need to maintain proficiency in to avoid accidents and increase their skill levels to remain safe on the road. Of course, he does not recommend using busy streets or highways for practice.

Bellevue has been an instructor with PSS since 2007 and had his first experience with them while taking a course with the Harley Riders Group, sponsored by Northwest Harley Davidson. After taking a motorcycle class in the military which he calls "a worthless class" because of the quality of the training, Bellevue experienced PSS.

"It was just night and day difference," he says. "I learned so much, and I said 'Oh, this was a very worthwhile class. I would pay to do this again.' From there, he decided to combine his love of riding with his experience in teaching and give back.

"It's great seeing the people develop," says Bellevue about teaching students how to ride motorcycles. "You teach somebody their first class, and then see them come back a year or two later taking the experienced class talking about 'oh yeah, I remember you telling me this, but it didn't make

any sense when I was in class, but oh it saved my life.'"

Bellevue is also an avid rider.

"I enjoy the freedom of a motorcycle," he says. "I like the feeling of it. The handling, it handles much different than a car... The horsepower to weight ratio is something... the muscliest muscle car is maybe on a par with the average motorcycle. It's great. I love it. You meet great people on motorcycles." And like most riders he says, "I love twisties."

Howard Thronson, Director of Public Safety, a Reserve Lieutenant with the Lacey Police Department, and a rider with over 40 years of experience says that he enjoys riding as well, but gets irritated with motorcyclists who ride recklessly.

"If you want to be an organ donor, go ahead and be stupid," says Thronson. "I get upset with other motorcycle riders when they act bone-headed and piss off people in cars."

He knows, though that it is not just bone-headed riders that are a concern on the road.

"What I know now is traffic is a lot heavier than it was forty years ago," he says. "I don't think drivers today are as good as they were forty years ago because I really wonder what driver's ed teaches young people... I'm surprised, as a police officer, the types of things young people do that, either I was really naïve and straight-laced when I was in high school – and I know I wasn't – but they're even less intelligent than I am in safety. So what I worry about more is not whether I can handle the bike, that's always a concern... I ride like everyone is trying to kill me."

Thronson says that this mentality does not detract from his joy of riding. There is not an overpowering feeling of fear, "It just requires you to be aware."

On campus, Thronson says, "We need more parking spots for motorcycles." Though he says campus has had few other problems with motorcycles. He says that, to his knowledge, there has never been a motorcycle stolen or a motorcycle accident on campus. He says that parked motorcycles have been backed into in the parking lots in the past and says that vehicle drivers need to pay extra attention to their surrounding when maneuvering through the parking lots.

Thronson has a few pieces of advice for both motorcycle riders and car drivers.

"Car drivers: Wake up and realize that you do [have to] share the road, not only with bicycles but with motorcycles. And motorcycle riders, drive your bike responsibly because the cars don't see you. Act like every vehicle

is trying to kill you," he says.

He also says that drivers need to give riders room on the road.

"Don't tailgate me," he says. "I worry about having to lay a bike over and having the dude behind me run me over because they're too close."

But overall, Thronson says he enjoys the open road.

"It's fun," says Thronson about having the wind in his face. "You kind of feel exposed, but you feel the elements."

So as the temperatures heat up, expect more motorcycles to be hitting the streets. With that in mind, keep an extra eye open. Remember that motorcycles are not as big as cars and so they will not be as conspicuous on the road as other vehicles.

As Bellevue says, getting more training is important in both cars and

Photo by Jesse Lamp



Though parking spaces for motorcycles on campus are limited, this is not the right answer to the shortage.

on motorcycles.

"A lot of people think of motorcycling kind of like driving a car," he says. "You probably took driver's ed class to get your license, and you went down and you tested, and you got your license. Have you ever taken a class since then?... Most people don't. They get their license – 'Ok, I'm done.' – and never take another class, and just figure that well I'll just get better practicing, which... you can, but you don't necessarily. You can develop bad habits just as easily as you can develop good habits."

Brandon Drye

Music Major

Riding for: 3 years

Current Bike: 1985 Honda Magna V30 and a 1979 Yamaha 750 Special



The reason that I started to ride was because of the rise in gas prices. Another reason is just that riding around is relaxing and an enjoyable experience. For those who are thinking about getting a bike, the only thing that I have to say is that when you are on the road you have to drive like you are invisible. It is very easy to almost get hit by people who aren't paying attention to what they are doing.

Veronica Martin

Junior

Biology Major / Chemistry Minor

Riding for: 2 years

Current Bike: Honda Shadow 600



I really enjoy riding (when I have the time). It's hard to explain, but there's a certain amount of freedom you get when riding. There's also an unspoken bond between riders, like how we wave to each other when we pass on the road. It's also fun to see the expression on people's faces when they see me in my leather gear... They don't expect it from me!

Michael Grosso

Graduated from SMU in 2010, Currently an MBA student
Financial Aid Counselor-Student Financial Services

Riding for: 10 years

Current Bike: 2009 Kawasaki Ninja 250r



I ride because it gives me a feeling of freedom that cannot be compared. One thing I think everyone should know about riding is SAFETY is key!

Johann Bisbing

Sophomore

Psychology Major / Sociology Minor

Riding for: since June 2008

Current Bike: I currently don't own a motorcycle but I have owned a 1998 Honda CBR900RR (sportbike) and a 2003 Yamaha YZ250 (dirtbike)

I ride for the thrill of being on two wheels and twisting through the curves on long country roads. Riding has given me the escape from daily stressors like no other form of stress relief I have tried. The sense of belonging I feel from being around other riders is very similar to the camaraderie of being a veteran. Riders don't care whether you're on a moped or a Hayabusa. As long as you're riding on two wheels, you're part of the club.



Photo courtesy of Howard Thronson

Howard Thronson, Director of Public Safety, recently traded in his 2008 Harley Davidson Ultra Classic for this new 2012 model, shown here at the dealership before Thronson took it for the ride home.

The new face of the Office of International Programs and Development

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Recently, many new faces have shown up in the SMU International Office, with four new faculty members joining this semester. Among them is Melissa Hahn, the new Director of the Office of International Programs and Development (OIPD).

Hahn has worked with international students for about 20 years, and says, "It's where I'm most comfortable." She is interested in working with international students because she likes immersing herself in different cultures and enjoys putting new students at ease.

"Learning about different cultures fascinates me," Hahn exclaims.

In the past, Hahn has lived in Japan and France, and speaks basic conversation in both languages. She says that coming to SMU was the next "logical step" in her career path. She says she was already living in the area and liked

Saint Martin's, when "God opened that door [to work in OIPD]."

Hahn is very enthusiastic about the SMU community, saying the warmest part of the campus is getting to know some of monks and spending time in the Abbey. Hahn comments that SMU feels very inclusive, and she feels the hospitality from a diversity of people.

In regards to the future of OIPD, Hahn says there are plans to expand the department. One plan is to increase the diversity of the international student population by receiving students from more countries. She also wishes to continue to run activities which domestic students and international students can experience together.

"The goal is to have more activities to encourage domestic students to join and encourage friendships," Hahn remarks.

She also comments that the summer programs will be busier this year. The OIPD plans to create new relationships with different organizations and

schools to expand the summer program. Hahn feels like the new OIPD team has a good combination of skills, and she is excited about the new developments within the department.

One of the challenges of OIPD is finding host families for students during the summer. Hahn encourages students living in the area to consider hosting students during the summer. A summer weekend is a good time to spend getting to know students of other cultures.

"It could be life-changing," Hahn says enthusiastically.

Another option to become more involved is to

become a conversation partner. If you are interested in any of these options, please contact the Office of International Programs and Development in Old Main 430, or email at oipt@stmartin.edu.

Photo by Timea Talaber



Melissa Hahn is one of many new faces in the Office of International Programs and Development.

Make room for the new Michael



Photo courtesy of Michael Cohen

Clarissa Strayer
Staff Writer

Professor Michael Cohen will take over Professor Michael Gideon's position as the Associate Professor of Accounting next fall. Cohen comes to the Saint Martin's community from the Big Apple, where he served as a lecturer from 2006 to 2012 at the City University of New York. He not only taught there, but was a student of the university, where he received his Bachelors of Business Administration and a Master's of Science in Accounting.

The cross-country move might take some getting used to for Cohen, as he was born and raised in New York City. He is no stranger to relocation though. In 2002, Cohen packed his bags and departed for South Korea, where he taught English in a private high school for a year. Moving from a city of eight million people to a small rural town in the middle of the mountains equipped him with such intense adaptation skills that he believes "moving to the great Northwest should be a breeze."

Cohen is not only a professor, but also a Certified Public Accountant. His business interests lie in the federal tax code, convergence of international and U.S. accounting standards, the environmental impact of business, as well as the

emerging technologies in the business world. Aside from the academics and world of business, in his downtime he enjoys playing sports such as tennis, ping pong, and baseball.

Before becoming a teacher, Cohen began his career as an auditor for a Big 6 accounting firm. From there, he began working as a senior accountant for a real estate investment company, and then found himself in a teaching position. Out of all of the careers he has held, he loves teaching the most. Second to teaching, but also towards the top of his favorite careers list, he enjoyed working as an accountant in real estate, specifically when he could prepare tax returns for high net-worth individuals.

After hearing of the position at SMU and flying out for the screening and interview process, Cohen noted how friendly and professional the staff and faculty members were. Besides the comfort and hospitality he felt, the surrounding environment of the school sparked some interest as well. He felt that the area possessed such a natural beauty and he was particularly stunned by "the charm of the Old Main structure."

With the knowledge of Saint Martin's history in mind, Cohen says that he looks forward to contributing to its future and to help the university grow.

For business majors, he suggests that they "definitely read, listen to, or watch the financial news on a daily basis."

He believes that extending learning beyond the doors of the classroom is necessary because it gives students a wealth of knowledge on the current action in the business world, which has an effect on all people. As an open minded and helpful individual, Cohen wants his future students, and everyone else on campus, to know that if they ever have any sort of problem, he would love to lend an ear.

The Last Lecture

Rae Pennock
Assistant Managing Editor

Saint Martin's University's Third Annual Last Lecture took place on April 12. The lucky lecturer? Professor of Criminal Justice and Sociology, Dr. Victor M. Kogan. Kogan, who has been at SMU for twenty-two years, presented a lecture entitled "What I Teach, How I Teach, and Why I Do So: In Search of Human Dimension". Students, faculty, and staff piled into Harned Hall 110 in order to hear Kogan make his speech.

Kogan spoke on a wide variety of topics, on what he likes to teach, on America, on the world we live in, and what we should bring to it.

He said, "I try helping my students to become productive members of our society and concerned citizens."

Kogan made many wise comments that can only come with experience, like "people cannot be responsible for what they have no control over." He said that he likes to teach about "hot spots," beginnings and endings, poverty and wealth, rights and duties, goals and means.

Dr. Kogan and his wife came to the U.S. in 1989 and settled in Olympia in 1990. Kogan spoke of coming to America, where what is normally impossible can be possible, the land of freedom and plenty, a "garden salad" of people and cultures, a blessing that only the lucky ones get to enjoy.

He said, "there is no merit in me reaching the 'promised land'; and there is no fault in others who stayed

behind."

Kogan spoke of "the random miracle" that is earth, where prodigies like Einstein, Tolstoy, and Beethoven, have enhanced and enriched human life. He said, "there is no merit in each of them being born a genius, and no fault in us for not being a genius."

Kogan asked the question, "what should we bring into this world of random miracles?" His answer was justice, because "for too many it is basically unjust."

He said that we need a "just world" where success is based on merit. And how do we bring justice to the world? We find a purpose for our life as soon as possible because "the more we know, the more free our free will."

Kogan commented that our profession must be chosen correctly because it is what gives us a meaningful life. We have to become skillful professionals, and Kogan tries to teach in a way that will help us become skillful professionals that will share our knowledge with others. For "there is power in sharing; there is happiness in making other people happy."

Kogan says, "We have to share to bring justice in the world."

Kogan's lecture was filled with passion and wisdom, though only thirty minutes long. At the end he received a standing ovation, showing that he is truly a beloved member of the SMU community.

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Saint Martin's University

"Concert for Hope"

A night of quality music

Terae Grant
Staff Writer

The spirit of Saint Martin's University was alive in Marcus Pavilion as Saint Martin's own Campus Ministry held their annual "Concert for Hope" on Wednesday, March 4, 2012 in collaboration with Saint Martin's Music Department. Darrell Born, Chairman of Fine Arts and Assistant Music Professor at Saint Martin's, and Brad Schrandt, Adjunct Professor of Music, once again teamed up with Susan Leyster, Director of Campus Ministry, to create a special event for the SMU community.

Students, faculty, family, and members of the community filled half of the gym as the event gave an opportunity for talented musicians at SMU to showcase their abilities to a packed audience. From soloists, bands, and Saint Martin's Chorale, all acts did not fail to please the audience.

"It's an event that brings the whole community together. It's open to all public, and it's a positive thing," says Elijah Maxwell, a freshman at Saint Martin's, and a performer in the night's concert.

This event is different from most musical events that are held by Saint Martin's. While the choir remained true to their role of singing gospel tunes, a large portion of songs that were performed fell under the genre of rock, pop, musical numbers, and jazz.

"It shows a lot of the talent that's

here at Saint Martin's, music wise. We have a lot of great singers, great guitarist, and flutist," says Josh Hite, a junior at Saint Martin's University and the Steward of Service and Justice.

The performers captivated the audience with their songs. Notably, Mallo-ry Arnold and Lilia Bahena's rendition of "Ave Maria," and the Pep Band's unique and loose version of "When the Saints Go Marching In."

The concert was not solely for entertainment, though. It was also a way to raise money for charity. All donations from this event will go to Campus Ministry's mission trip to Cincinnati, Ohio this summer. What makes it even more special is the fact that the students in Campus Ministry specifically chose that area. Their reason for choosing Cincinnati is that 75 percent of its population is below the poverty line.

"We're hoping to make as much of a difference as we can to help out in Cincinnati," says Hite. "They have a lot of help that is needed down there."

The event continues to be a huge success for Campus Ministry and all of the musicians at Saint Martin's University. This year, like every year, they were able to show Saint Martin's dedication to music and how it can spread hope to others, even in communities far away from the Marcus Pavilion in Lacey, WA.





ASCE concrete canoe competition

Photos courtesy of John Miller, Noah Caffrey, Eric Norton, and Jack Nelsin



Yes it does float...

Saint Martin's hits the water for the Dragon Boat Festival

Photos by Jesse Lamp



Erin Ward (left) listens as Anelise Cruz talks about dragon boat paddling.

The SMUth Crew huddles together for a group photo in front of West Bay.

(Right) Shawn Newman...I mean, Marty mingles with the crowd at the 2012 Dragon Boat Festival held at Port Plaza in Downtown Olympia.

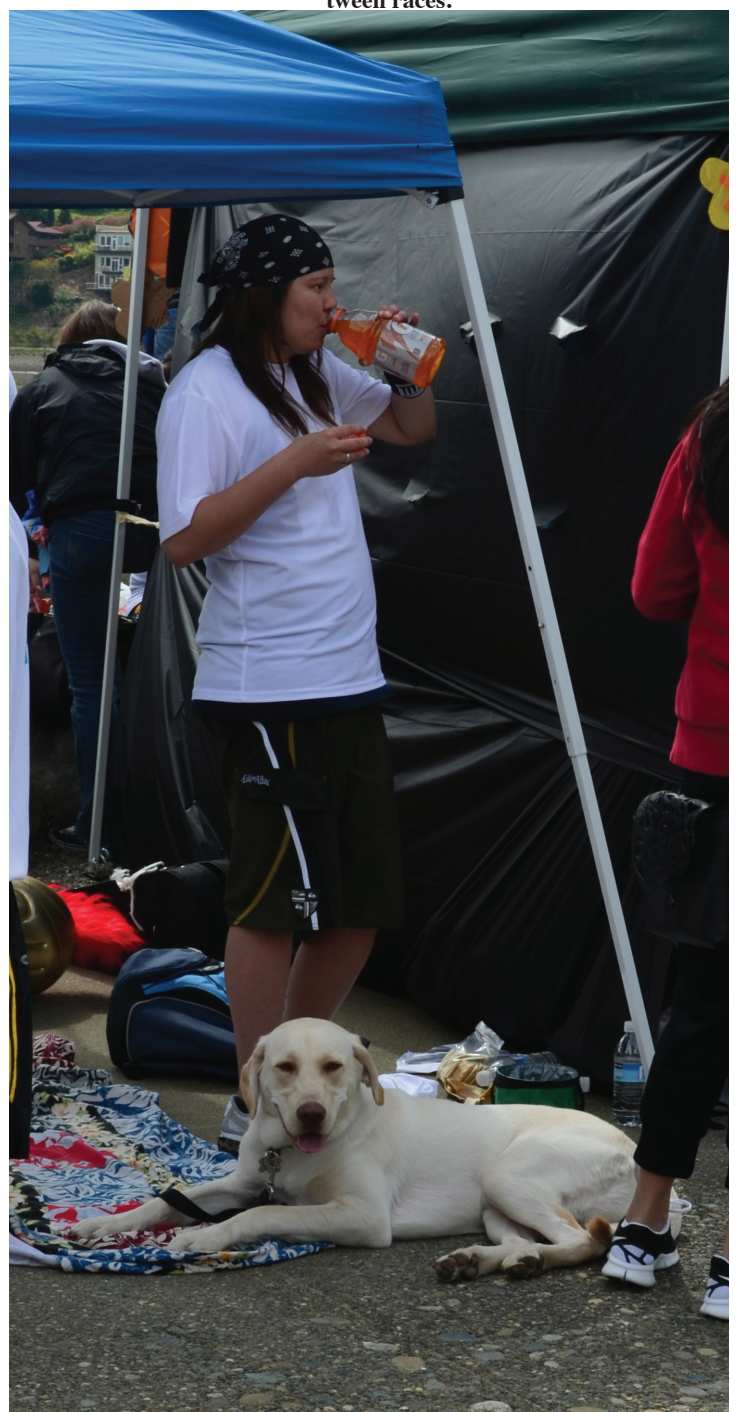


Hui'O Hawai'i paddles out for the championship race.

Fr. Peter Tynan and President Roy Heynderickx prepare to dot the eyes of the dragons during the opening ceremonies of Saturday's races.



Not at a loss for food, the Chinese Dragons brought along food for themselves and any other SMU teams who wanted to refuel after a day of hard work on the water.



Softball has first ever winning season

Cameron Grossaint
Sports Editor

The Saint Martin's University Softball team has continued to impress and play well throughout the season, completing a turnaround from last year. The team finished 9-28 overall last year, but displays an outstanding record of 30-17-1 this season, marking the first time in history they will have a winning record.

In April the Saints had two offensive players of the week. Morgan Klemm had 14 hits in 24 at bats, scored seven runs, and drove in eight runs in the week of April 1. Sam Munger earned the award the next week, for the third time this season, as she tallied 12 hits in 20 at bats, six runs, and three RBIs as the Saints won four of six games in

the week.

Going on the road into two doubles headers, first against Montana State-Billings then Northwest Nazarene, the women posted three wins. They swept Billings in both games, winning 5-3 and 11-8. In Nampa, ID, against Northwest Nazarene, the women split the double header, taking the win in the first game 8-5, but dropping the second 2-10.

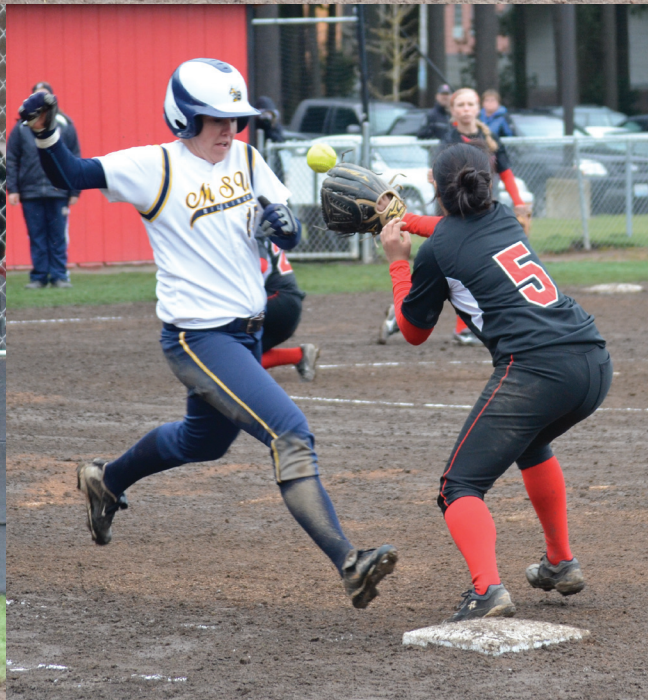
After Saturday's game, the women finished third in the conference and have a chance at going to the playoffs.

At the end of this season the Saints will have four seniors graduating, Utility player Morgan Klemm, Center Fielder Megan Antonovich, Catcher Kelsey McGladrey and Utility player Tiffany Griffiths.

Photos by Noah Cuffrey



Clockwise from top: Aubree Pocklington prepares for another pitch as the women go on to a winning season. (Lower right) Joslyn Eugenio reaches for the throw in a close call at first base against MSU-Billings. (Lower left) Tiffany Griffiths eyes the ball as she sets up for the swing.



(Left) Joseph Patti exits the track after handing off the baton to Devon Demoss in the 4X400. (Center) Laura Tesch smiles as she hits the sand in the women's long jump. (Right) Jennifer Hickey keeps a steady pass as she finishes another lap in the women's 5K.



Men's golf finishes strong

Mary Fontenot
Staff Writer

The Saint's men's golf team was off to a rocky start when they played in the Coyote Classic in Sand Bernardino, CA. Battling the rain, the team finished in last place. Matt Epstein placed highest for the Saints with a three day score of 227.

Hoping to battle back and redeem themselves, the Saints went on to play at the NDNU Argonaut Invitational in Livermore, CA. The team came back in a big way, finishing in fifth place. Epstein finished tied for fifth with a low round of 72, while Zach Dietz tied for 11th with a low score of 73.

Coach Bishop then took his team to the Grand Canyon Thunderbird Invitational where they finished eighth out of 19 teams. Dietz finished the tournament tied for 14th, shooting rounds of 71, 70, and 72.

Hoping to continue their solid playing, the Saints competed in the Hanny Stanislaus Invitational in Turlock, CA where they tied for seventh. Brandon Moore tied for 21st, shooting a low round of 70 and an overall score of 221. Ben Fosnick and Michael Jaeger both placed tied for 26th with overall scores of 222. With only a stroke difference between the 21st and 26th place, the tournament proved to be quite competitive.

The men finished their regular season at the GNAC Championship in Coeur D Alene, ID where they finished in second place. Jaeger came out swinging, placing in seventh and shooting the third day's low round of 69. Other top twenty players were Dietz in eighth, Epstein and Moore tying for 11th, and Fosnick tying for 14th.

The men graduate two seniors this season, Epstein and Dietz.

Women's golf season begins and ends on high note

Mary Fontenot
Staff Writer

Saint Martin's women's golf team started their spring season on a relatively high note, finishing in sixth place at the Lindsay Olive Chico State Invitational. Karly Olsen was the Saint's highest finisher, tying for ninth place with rounds of 81 and 79. Kim Vivian, Liz Ferry, and Mandy Wittmier all finished with scores of 169, and all placed 22nd.

Heading to Arizona a few weeks later to play in the Grand Canyon Women's Invitational, the Saints played in a highly competitive tournament, finishing in 16th place with Olsen blasting a 79 on the second day to finish tied for 23rd.

After returning from Arizona, the Saints had a couple weeks of practice before going to Texas for the Doc Housewright Invitational. The ladies finished in tenth place overall with several highlights over the two day tournament. Olsen finished tied for 11th with

a score of seven over par. Jennifer Kent played her way to a 76 on the second day of play, while Wittmier shot a 77.

After only a few days of down time, the Saints traveled to Coeur D'Alene, ID to compete in the GNAC Championship. The Saints came away with a second place finish behind powerhouse Western Washington University. All five players finished inside the top twenty. Vivian finished tied for 14th, and Ferry tied for 12th shooting 81 and 86. Kent finished alone in 11th scoring an 84 and 82, while Olsen took over fourth place shooting 80's both days. The biggest story however, was Wittmier. Shooting a 77 the first round, she was tied with Claire Rachor of Western Washington for second place. Wittmier went on to shoot an 84 the last day of play to finish in fifth place overall.

The Saints graduate two seniors this season, Kent and Olsen.

Track teams continue to shatter records

Mary Fontenot
Staff Writer

The Saint Martin's Men's and Women's Track and Field teams have had an exhilarating and record breaking couple of weeks. At the JD Shotwell Invitational in Tacoma, WA, Laura Tesch broke the school record for high jump with a jump of 5 feet 2.5 inches while tying for first place in the competition. To add to her accomplishments during the invite, Tesch placed third in the long jump as well.

Many personal records were also broken during the JD Shotwell Invitational. In the 110 meter hurdles, Ty Sissel ran 16.79 seconds and 57.47 seconds in the 400 meter hurdles to break his previous records.

Alysa Aasheim, finishing the 200

meter with a time of 26.97 seconds, broke her personal record throwing 115' 08" in the javelin to place fifth.

Among other athletes who had personal records were Christina Kraweicki in the discus, Teillisa Tua in the hammer, Austin Brenner in the 110 meter hurdles, Steven Dunn in shot put, and Michael Holland in both the shot put and the long jump.

During the University of Oregon Invitational in Eugene, Kyle Van Santen continued his stellar senior year. He placed second in the 5,000 meter race with a time of 14:28:95. Edd Brown broke a school record in the 100 meter and 200 meter and Kevin Johnson broke the school record in the pole vault at the Brian Clay Invitational held in California.

Baseball welcomes new outfielder

Joey Keeton
Staff Writer

There is a new outfielder on the Saints baseball team this year. Chaz Ferreira from Mililani, HI attended Kamehameha High School and is now a freshman at SMU.

"It's been a good experience and I'm learning a lot from the older players," says Ferreira. He states that they started the season off kind of rough but now they have started to show their true potential as the end of the season approaches.

Ferreira says he is really looking forward to his next few years as a Saint, and he hopes to contribute more and help the team achieve #1 in the GNAC conference.

One of his season highlights was against Montana State-Billings where he bunted over the first basemen's head



Photo courtesy of SMU Athletics

for a dramatic 4-3 victory.

Ferreira says, "The love of the game keeps me going. When I'm on the field I give 110% and I want to improve every day. What really helps is the upper classmen and coaches who really know what they're doing."

Baseball prepares for WOU

Cameron Grossaint
Sports Editor

The Saint Martin's baseball team struggled to take off this season, but is holding their ground as the season comes to a close. After a 0-11 start, the men's baseball team is currently in second place in the GNAC leading Northwest Nazarene, MSU-Billings, and Central Washington (as of April 22).

The Saints have had two pitchers receive player of the week awards this season. On March 23, Nate O'Bryan pitched a great game, throwing a four-hitter. He pitched all nine innings, striking out five and walking one, leading the Saints to an 8-1 win. On April 15, Thomas Deboer shared the player of the week award with Montana State-Billings pitcher, Matt Eames, as they made GNAC history. Deboer pitched the first game of the doubleheader allowing four hits in eight innings as the Saints won the game 1-0. Eames pitched the second game of the double header throwing a two-hitter in seven innings and striking out 10 to lead Billings to a win over the Saints, 0-1,

making this the lowest scoring double-header in GNAC history.

Currently, on the offensive side, Bobby Twedt is in the top 10 in hits for the conference while Tracy Chandler is third in RBIs and homeruns. Thomas Deboer has the ninth best ERA in the conference and is second in innings pitched.

The Saint's play their best when at home with a record of 11-4, while continuing to struggle on the road with a record of 2-20. This comes at a critical time for the Saints as they look to end their season on a high note. They will play Northwest Nazarene for two double headers on the road before coming back home on May 4 and 5 to play Western Oregon, currently first place in GNAC, at home.

The Baseball team graduates eight seniors this May, Pitcher Thomas Deboer, Utility player Zach Leonard, Pitcher Sean Goforth, Pitcher Nate O'Bryan, Outfielder Adam Hudspeth, Pitcher Kaleb Wilson, Utility player Josh Grenier and 1st baseman Travis Jones.

Sports updates After this weekend's sports events:

Baseball: Lost both double headers against Northwest Nazarene in Nampa, ID.

Track And Field: There was a lot that went on in the world of track and field this weekend.

Joscelyn Minton beat her personal record by one second and won the 800 meter with a time of 2:13.39 at the SMU-hosted track meet. Kyle Van Santen also chalked up a personal best, beating his previous time by five seconds and winning the 1500 meter race with a time of 3:53.2. Joseph Patti came in at 3:54.7 in the same race also setting a personal record.

Edd Brown placed first in his events, the 100 and 200 meter, with times of 10.95 and 22.15 seconds. Also sprinting to a win was Frank Krause in the 800 meter with a time of 1:56.32.

Beating second place by 23 seconds was Ashley Llapitan who won the 10K in 42:30.4.

Finally, Sam Washington rounded out the Saints' winning streak by taking second in the discus and hammer throws with 47.2 and 51.7 meters, respectively.

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VIRAL VIDEOS: KONY 2012

Terae Grant
Staff Writer

It was promoted on the social media websites: Facebook, Tumblr, YouTube, etc... It was the topic of conversation of students at Saint Martin's University as soon the world took notice to the injustice that has taken place in Uganda. For thirty minutes, inquiring minds stared at their computer screens in awe as they witnessed the infamous war criminal and fugitive Joseph Kony compose his brutal rebel group, Lord's Resistance Army (LRA), abduct the young children of Uganda, and turn them into an army.

As of March 24, 2012, according to Wikipedia, the film had over 85 million views on YouTube, and over 16.6 million views on Vimeo. The viral video has gained national attention; celebrities and even President Barack Obama have endorsed the "Kony 2012" campaign. Whether it is a trending topic on Twitter, or a discussion on Facebook, the world has quickly turned its attention on "Kony 2012."

While there are many supporters in America who are calling for the arrest of Joseph Kony, some believe that

America has issues of its own that need to be solved first.

"America has enough problems of its own" says Jeneva Burton, a freshman at Saint Martin's University. "We can't always play the role of Superman. We need to fix our problems first. We have human trafficking, sex slaves, and kids getting abducted here, too."

The plot of the film surrounds a young Ugandan named Jacob (Jacob Acaye), whose brother was killed by the LRA. In response to Jacob's story, director and founder of Invisible Children, Jason Russell, promises Jacob that he will help "stop Kony."

Two weeks ago, the world was buzzing about this video; now, it seems as though everyone has forgotten about it.

Some have gone out to question the legitimacy and actual purpose of the film and what the director's purpose is. A few weeks after the film was released, Jason Russell, co-founder of non-profit Invisible Children and director of "Kony 2012" viral video campaign was arrested for public indecency. There have also been rumors surrounding the film. One thing we can agree on is that "Kony 2012" will remain one of the most talked about viral videos for quite some time.

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A look inside the SMU Conduct Committee

Hana Cahill
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Most every school in the United States has some sort of process for dealing with students that violate the school code, but the SMU approach is not exactly the same as other schools.

Melanie Richardson, the Dean of Students, says that she "likes having more people and more eyes in the process" because, instead of a group of judicial officers, the SMU committee is made up of members of the SMU community. Faculty, staff, and students all participate which "helps insure an objective process."

In that process, Richardson's job is to handle an appeal when a student does not agree with the committee's decision or there was an error in the process. However, each student only gets three appeals, and they only get them if their reasoning is valid.

The 12 members in the committee, which includes faculty, staff, and students, are suggested by the Director of Housing and Residence Life, Tim McClain, and approved by University President Roy Heynderickx. McClain is responsible for coordinating the committee, but he does not sit in on cases. His part in the process is much more beneficial to the student.

When a student is warned that they are set to appear before the committee, McClain is there to show the student their file, talk to them about the charges, and help them prepare a defense. He tells them things specific to their case, but also some nonspecific advice, such as dress professionally and tell the truth. If a student admits that they did

whatever they are charged with doing, it shows that they take responsibility for their actions.

Whenever a case is reviewed, there are never less than five members at the hearing, and there is always one more student than faculty or staff member. None of the committee members can be personally involved with the student being reviewed. What 'personally involved' means is they cannot be dormmates; they cannot be dating; they cannot be the advisee of any of the faculty involved; and they cannot work for the staff involved. The committee is all about being fair, and they are currently working on a specially trained team for sexual assault cases.

The committee is not concerned with punishment; they are more worried about helping the student called in front of them. The committee asks about their life, their goals, and their family in order to tailor a consequence for the action that will both benefit the community and the student involved. The hearing lasts as long as necessary to get all of the information, and then the deliberations last as long as needed to reach a conclusion. As McClain says, there are "no cookie cutter solutions to any incident."

The process of hearing the cases is all public record, but the individual information is not. If you are still wondering what can get you in trouble, take a gander at the drop down menu on the SMU home page. Second to the last is the link to the SMU Student handbook. It contains all of the information on both the codes being upheld by the conduct committee as well as the committee's judicial processes.

A Midsummer Night's Hippy?

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Editor

Saint Martin's University's Theatre Department presented A Midsummer Night's Dream in early 70's style, April 13 – 21 in Olympia's State Theater. The classic Shakespeare play was brought to life with the talents of many students from SMU. The story predominantly takes place in a forest (full of fairies indecently) where Hermia and Lysander flee to escape Hermia's father, who wishes her to marry Demetrius. Demetrius follows them into the forest, himself being followed by Helena who is in love with him. The four unwittingly fall into a fairy's twisted web, and the story takes off from there, taking the audience on a comical journey.

Rebecca Franklin, Taylor Simpson, Ivo Rios, and Mike Davis portrayed the four central characters, Hermia, Helena, Demetrius, and Lysander, respectively. The four

worked together magnificently to portray star-crossed lovers caught in the fairy's tangled spell.

The play was distinctly 60's/70's in style and music, but stayed true to Shakespeare's poetic lines. The audience seemed a little thrown to hear Shakespearian prose emulating from guys and gals from the 70's, but the actors pulled it off nicely.

All the actors and actresses brought personality to their roles. Notably the fairy queen, Titania, played by Rebecca Dorsey, whose punk rock character had quite the sexy attitude, brought the audience to tears of laughter, as well as Demetrius, played by Ivo Rios, whose facial expressions could not have been more perfect.

The whole cast brought down the house with laughter many times. Depicting Shakespeare's humor, bawdy and otherwise, to a tee. They all did a wonderful job, making the play one you could see multiple times and laugh your socks off every time.

A quick bite at Happy Teriyaki #3

Jesse Lamp

Editor-in-Chief

After another one of “those” days and spending a little too much time working on this issue of The Belltower, I decided to skip over to Happy Teriyaki #3 (HT3) on the corner of College and Pacific for a quick tummy satisfaction break. This wasn’t my first rendezvous with HT3. I had been to the restaurant a few times because of the convenient location and because every now and then a good teriyaki chicken meal really hits the spot.

The first thing you need to know if you have never been to HT3 is that if you sit down and expect someone to come take your order, you will be sadly disappointed. It is a little weird at first, but when you walk in the door, just stroll on up to the counter and place your order. They offer it “for here” or “to go”. If you want to sit down and eat, they will give you a little number placard and then bring your food to you.

As usual (because I am in fact a creature of habit) I ordered the chicken teriyaki and gyoza combo with fried rice. Also as usual, it was delicious. I was sitting down for less than ten minutes before my food was delivered, nice and hot, just as it should be.

The atmosphere was fairly quiet. There are a few televisions spread throughout the restaurant with random programming on, and the music was turned on and playing contemporary music at the perfect volume where I could enjoy the music if I wanted or hold a conversation without having to yell over it.

As far as service, I was greeted with a smile, served promptly, and throughout my meal, the waitresses came by at near-perfect intervals so that I was not constantly being bothered, but was also never left without something to drink.

I would give HT3 a thumbs up for anyone who needs a good and quick bite to eat. I would especially recommend it to resident students because of its accessibility. There is a crosswalk to get across College Street at the light right next to HT3, and even if you catch the light at the wrong time, a sojourn to delicious chicken is less than ten minutes on foot. All the meals are in the \$7-8 range with a few going over and a few under which, considering the price of a Happy Meal nowadays, is right on par with what a college dinner should run you.

Are you hungry yet? If so, I would say the journey to HT3 should be added to your to-do (NOW!) list.

Jasmine Thai Cuisine

Clarissa Strayer

Staff Writer

Situated on 6th Ave., across the street from Paulson’s motorcycle shop and Olympia Federal Savings bank, lies the quaint building that holds Jasmine Thai Cuisine. With bright orange, two-toned walls, the restaurant has few decorations, but those displayed are suitable representations of the Thai culture. However, quite sadly, their centerpiece fish tank contains no fish. Arriving at 11:15 a.m. for lunch, the only table occupied held the two daughters of the restaurant’s sole hostess, waitress, busser and cashier.

Although a minor language barrier existed because the woman’s accent was quite heavy, she was friendly, accommodating, and efficient at her job. The service was quick, and she never allowed a water glass to hit empty. From the time of ordering to the arrival of the food, only a mere 12 minutes had passed.

The menu varies and the prices are fair and competitive with other similar Thai restaurants. Many lunch entrée options exist as well. The food itself was decent, with about a three out of five star rating, and the portion sizes were just right. Although not the best Chicken Pad Thai in the world, the entrée definitely beat the chicken strips or pizza from the Cafe. Once my two-star (rating of spice) Chicken Pad Thai hit the table, people began to squeeze their way through the door. Arriving mostly in groups of two or three people, the restaurant reached maximum capacity for the lunch time rush. Clearly, the restaurant has its regulars that continue to return.

If you’re looking for a quick, sit-down style Thai food place to go between classes for lunch or a weekend dinner, Jasmine Thai Cuisine is a short walk, and an even shorter drive from campus. The friendly woman running the place and the relaxing, quiet setting allow for an enjoyable meal.



Something is missing from Jasmine Thai’s fish tank...

Photo by Clarissa Strayer

Safura's Mediterranean Cuisine

Joey Keeton

Staff Writer

I wanted to have something new for dinner, so I went over to Safura's Mediterranean Cuisine. It was very nice to see some different types of restaurants open up in the area, and my hopes were high when I walked in and found a decent amount of customers dining on a Wednesday night.

I had the grilled chicken pita sandwich and fries. Sadly, the sandwich was decent at best, filled with bell peppers and onions. It came with tahini sauce which was fairly sour. The “crinkle cut fries” tasted stale and were lukewarm when they arrived at the table.

I also tried the chicken shawarma plate which was bland diced chicken with undercooked onions over a layer of bland rice, but I ordered a curry that

was a little under ten dollars and it was fantastic! It was teaming with flavor and it knocked my socks off, so if you try it, be sure to bring an extra pair.

My side was a simple salad that was rather pitiful, just a few pieces of lettuce, cucumber, and tomato, and they didn't even provide any type of salad dressing.

They had a great array of frozen desserts. I had their cheese and spinach spanikopitas. My first bite into the spanikopitas was great, nice and cold like a dessert should be. The price wasn’t too expensive for the dishes that I tried which was good.

I have not been to many Mediterranean places and unfortunately this did not help me build my desire to try another one. After the meal I ate, I will not be craving Safura's Mediterranean Cuisine any time soon.

Shanghai Chinese Restaurant & Mongolian Grill

Brittany Tennant

Column Editor

On Saturday, April 14, a friend and I visited Shanghai Chinese Restaurant & Mongolian Grill for dinner. When we arrived we decided to try the menu instead of the Mongolian grill because neither of us had been to this restaurant before, and we wanted to see what they had available. We got there after 7 p.m. so there were only a few other tables filled, and by the time we were nearly finished with our meals, we were the only ones left in the dining area.

Looking over the menu, it was hard to choose what I wanted since there were five or six things that caught my interest, as well as my belly’s delight. It took longer than other restaurants I have been to for the waiter to give us

water, but there was only one waiter working so that is understandable.

I ordered dumplings, which I have always wanted to try but had never done, and the waiter suggested I have them pan-fried which is when only one side is fried instead of the entire thing. Next time I will have it entirely fried because the taste of the dough was not to my liking. The sauce to dip the dumpling in was a good mixture.

For my main course, I asked about a few different items on the menu. First, I asked about the chicken fried rice to see if it only came with rice. It does, but in a good portion the waiter said. Then I asked about the General Tao’s chicken which comes with white rice. The waiter then suggested the combination options that come with beef fried rice, orange chicken and an egg roll, and

whichever main dish is ordered. My friend got the chow mein, while I got Kung Pao chicken. The meal came with soup. I once again asked the waiter’s opinion, and he suggested egg drop soup. I am not much of a soup person, but the egg drop soup was delicious. It tasted like chicken broth, which is why I enjoyed it so much.

Shanghai Chinese Restaurant & Mongolian Grill has beautiful dishware that they serve their meals on. I wanted to take the bowl my soup was in home, but knew I could not.

The wait for our meals after we ordered our appetizers was longer than I would have liked. I would have been impatient if I had been there alone, so I suggest you bring a friend if you are not grabbing take-out.

When our meals were finally served,

we dug in. The Kung Pao chicken had too many vegetables for my liking, but the orange chicken made up for it. The beef fried rice did not have enough beef chunks but tasted amazing. The egg roll was my least favorite dish; they should rename it on the menu to spring roll because that is what it really was.

The price for our meal was reasonable for the amount of food we got, and we both walked back to our dorms full and satisfied with some leftovers to eat the next day.

I give Shanghai Chinese Restaurant & Mongolian Grill a four out of five for the menu-item portion. I will have to go back another time to try their Mongolian grill, which I hear is wonderful.

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"Reawaken" was the theme of this year's STD convention.

Sigma Tau Delta: conventions and projects

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Amber Graves and Becca Marsh were invited to the 2012 Sigma Tau Delta International Convention held in New Orleans, LA to share their individual written pieces. The theme of the convention this year was "Reawaken," based on the idea that by studying literature, one can create a new reality by "reawakening" the author's words.

The annual event, which lasted from Feb. 29 to Mar. 3, consisted of four days of presentations by keynote speakers, writing award ceremonies, open mic nights, elections, and student leadership sessions on various writing topics.

One activity encouraged the invited members to share their worst poetry with the intention that it rots more than "Vogon" poetry. However, Marsh and Graves shared quality work at the convention.

Marsh read her critical analysis of Edmund Spenser's *The Fairie Queene* titled, *Una as the Virgin Mary*.

Graves wrote a creative nonfiction piece entitled, *Seeking Independence Day*, a story about growing up in an abusive home.

Although the quote is from an unknown source, a snippet from the paper read: "He can no longer possess the power to hold me down or break me. I'm taking that power back every day. I know that I will be okay. I just need to remember six things. 'I am strong because I am weak. I am beautiful because I know my flaws. I am a lover because I am a fighter. I am fearless because I have been afraid. I am wise

because I have been foolish. And I can laugh because I've known sadness.'"

"The trip was a truly amazing experience," says Graves. "New Orleans has some of the most amazing food I've ever tasted, and the history is everywhere you look."

Presently, Sigma Tau Delta is in the process of having local fiction writer Alexa Martin come to Saint Martin's to speak with students about her work and publishing procedures. The Better World Books book drive is another major project of STD. The purpose behind the book drive is to collect any book used in current college classes and donate them to an organization that promotes literacy worldwide. Similar to the cardboard bin located outside of the Saint Martin's bookstore, the club intends to have donation bins scattered throughout campus.

Eight new members were also inducted on April 2. New members include Kristine Barratt, Jesse Lamp, Tannia King, Odessa Tiefel, Makenzie Wetz, Meghan Stewart, Maria Sancha Elevado, and Lilia Bahena.

Sigma Tau Delta is the second largest international honor society, and undergraduate members are able to apply for extra scholarships, internships, and writing award opportunities, can submit papers to present to the annual convention or to *The Rectangle* and *The Sigma Tau Delta Review*, and receive honor cords at graduation.

If you are interested in joining Sigma Tau Delta, contact Amber Graves or Dr. Jamie Olson for more information on requirements and admission.

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Biology Club's 2nd annual "Cure for Kids" brings together outside community

Carlos Monteblando
Staff Writer

It is one thing to provide activities to the students, faculty, and staff of Saint Martin's. It is an even bigger initiative for a school club to connect the university to the outside community.

Biology Club hosted the second annual "Cure the Kids" 5-kilometer walk and run marathon on Saint Martin's campus on April 14.

The purpose of the fundraiser was to support the "Greatest Needs Fund" under the Seattle Children's Hospital Research Foundation, which donates specifically to impoverished children and families as well as research on underdeveloped illnesses.

The entry fee was \$20 per person, which paid for the race and a t-shirt. 55 people participated in the marathon, while many others watched the event.

Participants started at the recreation center, travelled down Baran Drive past the reservoir, then behind the Abbey Church onto the track field, and back to the starting point. Two laps of this circuit completed the five kilometer course.

Prizes were rewarded for

various categories, including fastest runners under the time of 25 minutes and 40 minutes.

"I can't forget the 12-year old kid who ran the 5k in twenty-one minutes," says student Matthew Tietjen.

Dr. Garry Myers, the father of biology student Allison Myers, largely sponsored "Cure for Kids" with his company, South Sound Endodontics. Saint Martin's Rotaract Club and Chemistry Club also assisted the benefit.

"We got a lot of positive feedback," says Biology Club President Nicole Phillips. "We got a lot of community members outside of Saint Martin's, even as far out as Aberdeen."

A total of approximately \$2,000 was collected from the marathon and the Limeberry Frozen Yogurt fundraiser on April 16, in which 20 percent of the proceeds from the Lacey store location was donated to the cause.

Earlier this school year, the Biology Club held a pre-professional health forum. This session was targeted toward

freshmen and sophomore students, informing them about various medical fields like nursing, physical therapy, and medicine.

Next year, the club intends to partner with the Saint Martin's Health Center and spread awareness of vaccines and proper hygiene.

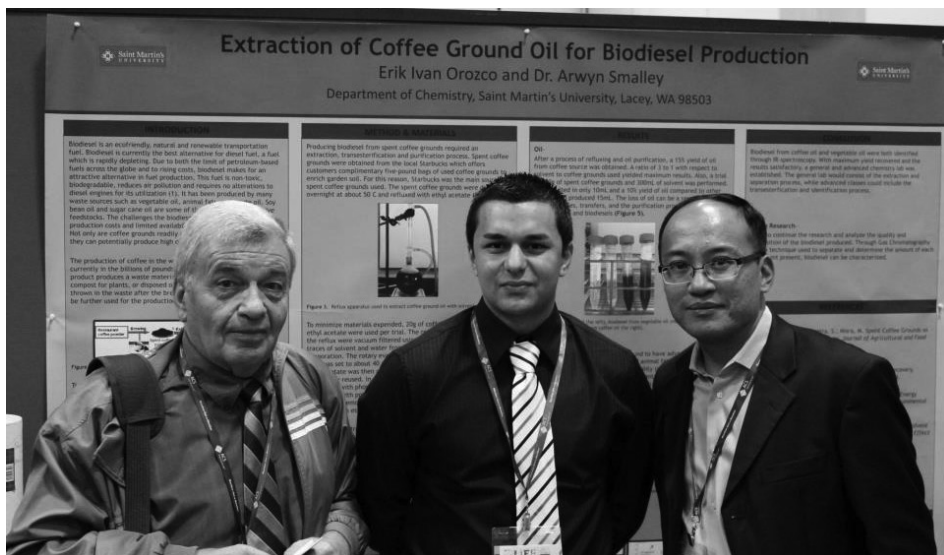
Biology club participation can eventually lead toward membership in the Tri-Beta National Biological Honor

Society. Requirements include that students majoring in biology obtain a certain GPA, have completed some upper division classes and pay a one-time fee. Benefits include admittance to annual conventions, sharing of personal research reports, and scholarships. For more membership information, contact the Biology Club Advisor, Dr. Aaron Coby. His office is Old Main 409 and his email is ACoby@stmartin.edu.



This year's "Cure the Kids" run brought 55 participants from the local area as well as numerous spectators to watch the event.

Chemistry Club travels to San Diego



Erik Orozco presented his research on using coffee grounds for biodiesel while in San Diego.

Photo by Cameron Grossaint

Rae Pennock

Assistant Managing Editor

The American Chemical Society (ACS) has two international conventions annually, one at the end of March and one at the end of August. This conference is an international event with people from all over the world. The location of the convention changes every year. This year it was in San Diego with about 15,000 attendees. It was so big that some presentations were in different hotels in the area with shuttles to get from one to the next. The conference is certainly a huge affair, with very diverse presentations, including medical, forensic, and chemical engineering. Every convention has a theme; this year's was Chemistry of Life. There were many presentations involving the chemistry of food, chemistry in the media, and in medicine. The conference even has specific programming for undergraduate students, presentations designed for them, and opportunities for them to present.

The Chemistry Club at SMU is a chartered club of the ACS, and they fundraise by holding bake sales outside the cafeteria and selling Italian sodas at basketball games all year to send as many students as they can to the convention at the end of March. This year, not only did they take thirteen students to San Diego, but also two of them had the opportunity to present their work.

The chemistry department has a class for those who wish to go on the trip. It is a one-credit conference preparation class taught by Dr. Arwyn Smalley, Assistant Professor of Chemistry. Smalley says, "the overall experience is really inspiring for students, and for me, to connect with colleagues and get new ideas."

The ACS class prepares the students to attend the huge conference. They make schedules of which talks they want to go to and have them approved, and they do research to prepare for the talks they pick.

"There's a lot to be gained by it," Smalley says. "It's good for all science majors. There's always something going on. It's so enriching."

Justin Rewerts, one of the students who presented at the conference and sophomore chemistry major at SMU, described it as "an open forum for people to share in their love of chemistry."

According to Smalley, "Students get to talk to people in the chemistry community. It allows them to meet important contacts, future employers or grad advisors... It exposes them to a wide variety of chemistry things."

Erik Orozco, a senior at SMU and the second presenter, agreed with Smalley's sentiment.

"It is really essential when it comes to wanting to get exposure in the field of science for future employment or grad school," he says.

Rewerts presented his project in the undergraduate poster session. He tried to synthesize a product, called 4,6,8-trimethylazulene, and react it with different Lewis acids to turn it into a Calix ring system, which is a bunch of rings arranged in a ring. He was trying to make this ring teal, which he did, but he could not figure out what made it teal, so technically the research failed, but it is still interesting.

Rewerts' favorite talk was on physical organic chemistry. He also enjoyed learning that spicy foods are good for preventing cancer, but too much can actually cause stomach cancer, which he commented "was ironic." His favorite part of the whole experience was "going to dinner together. It was a good bonding experience, chemistry pun intended."

Orozco presented his project twice. He thinks there must have been some mix-up because he was placed in the science mixer for one of his presentations, which is the largest poster session and is typically for graduate students and professionals. However, he says, it enabled him "to network with all these accomplished people with Ph.D.'s."

He also presented in his field division, field chemistry, for an undergraduate poster session. Orozco's presentation was on "the extraction of oil from spent coffee grounds for the production of biodiesel." He spent a year and a half on this project, collecting coffee grounds, mainly from the South Lacey Starbucks, and putting them through

the process. Starting with extraction, he dried the coffee grounds, added a solvent, and put that in reflux for an hour. He would then filter it and evaporate the solvents, leaving the oil, and then put it through transesterification, which converts the oil to biodiesel.

He says that he had a lot of traffic by his poster. The "research was easy to relate to, [and] most could understand it," Orozco comments. "I think that's why so many came up to my poster."

The constant traffic by his poster allowed him to meet a lot of people, which was "a great benefit." Orozco says he would "recommend it for every undergrad to attend and present, at least their senior year, because of all the benefits that come with it."

The other members of Chemistry Club shared some of their favorite things from the conference:

"If getting to know all the chemists wasn't the best part, then getting frozen yogurt everyday was." -Tyler Larsen

"This experience opened my eyes to the level of expertise in the science community. It inspired me to do better in my field." -Veronica Martin

"Frozen yogurt was awesome. Listening to the Nobel Prize winner in chemistry was pretty cool." -Cameron Grossaint

"Going to the medical talks because they talked about new ways to get medicine, like a microchip that can release it over time." -Peggy Guevara

"The talk about materials in medicine, a microchip that delivers

medicine that your doctor controls." -Brandon Pellerin

"I am now up-to-date on new medicine, new treatments for tuberculosis. I think it's interesting to find that there are different ways to combine known chemicals to reduce the number of bacteria in different diseases." -Audrey Carandang

"The diversity, meeting people from different countries, we can all get together and collaborate." -Anjelica Perez

"Getting to see other students I met at past meetings that you can only get to see at these big meetings." -Daniel Mast

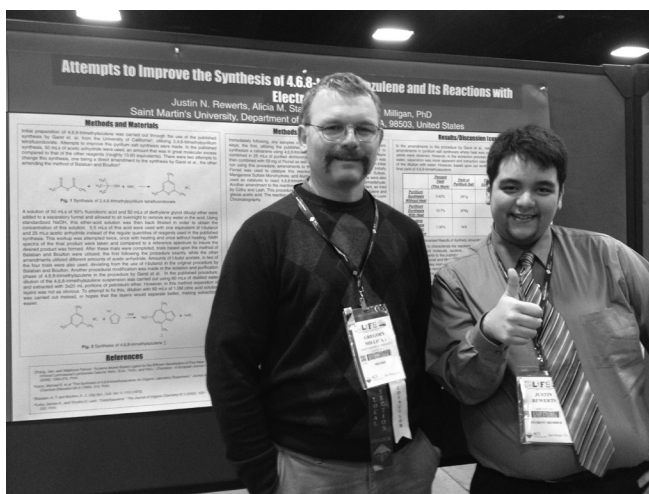
"I liked when we got to present our chem demo, the undergrad presentation on global warming. It was such a huge range it'd be really hard to pick a favorite thing."

-Amy Merritt

"The Escondido Bomb talk, some guy's house down in Escondido was a bomb factory, they didn't know what to do with the house so they burned it from the inside out."

-Candice Boyd

If you are interested in going on this trip next March, don't worry you don't have to be a chemistry major, but you do have to take the ACS preparation class. Talk to Dr. Arwyn Smalley, asmalley@stmartin.edu, if you are interested in Chemistry Club or in going on the trip next March.



Justin Rewerts gives a thumbs up with Dr. Milligan. Rewerts presented a poster at the ACS conference in California.

(Photo courtesy of Alysa Aguilar)



Photo by Cameron Grossaint



Members of the Chem Club fundraised throughout the year to help fund their trip to San Diego.

(Photo by Jesse Lamp)

Meitzu Chiu tries to build American friendships

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Meitzu Chiu is a senior from Chung Shan Medical University in Taiwan, studying Applied Foreign Languages. She speaks English, Japanese, Mandarin, and Spanish. Chiu decided to study at Saint Martin's to practice English because of her major.

"It's a good chance for me, and [a] good experience, too," she says.

She feels, however that it is very difficult to integrate into the student body here at Saint Martin's. She remarks that this is a big problem because she is here to practice English, but it is not easy to make American friends.

"The people are friendly, but becoming close friends is difficult," she says. "In Taiwan, I don't talk about sports that much, but here, people are always talking about sports and movies." These different perspectives and

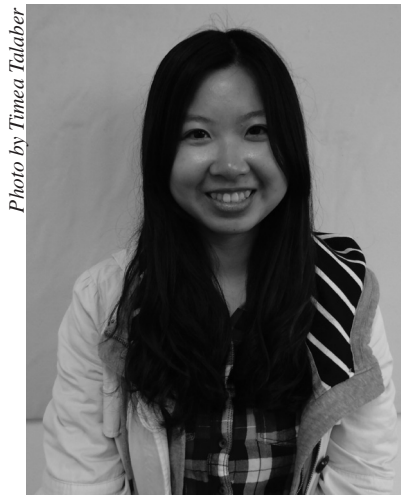


Photo by Timea Talaber

interests make it hard to build friendships, she remarks.

At Saint Martin's, many opportunities are given for students to study abroad and there are many international students on campus, so there are many opportunities to practice different languages.

Chiu's first impression of Saint Martin's was that there is a large number of international students and many

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chances to speak with them. Chiu enjoys participating in the various activities held by Saint Martin's. In addition, she encourages domestic students to spend more time with international students.

"Although the thinking [of people of different cultures] is different, that's the one way you can know another culture," She says. Chiu acknowledges that it is hard for international students to venture out, but if American

students are willing to show them around or invite them to their house, it is a good chance to build relationships and share cultures.

Chiu feels that many people do not know about Taiwan. If she has the chance, she would like to become a diplomat and promote her country.

She says, "If people want to know more about Taiwan, feel free to talk to me!"

Taking back the night, one step at a time

Brittany Tennant
Column Editor

On April 19, students, as well as the City of Lacey, gathered in the Trautman Union Building. A banner above the door stated "Take Back The Night," and that is what everyone had gathered to do. The first Take Back the Night in the U.S. took place in Philadelphia in October of 1975. The citizens of Philadelphia rallied together after the murder of young microbiologist, Susan Alexander Speeth, who was stabbed by a stranger a block from her home while

walking alone.

Thirty-three years ago, women started to stand up and speak out against sexual violence under the banner of "Take Back the Night." During those years, Take Back the Night became known internationally as a visible way to take a stand against sexual violence, specifically violence against women.

This year was the fourth year that SMU has held this event. The event started with university president, Dr. Roy Heynderickx thanking everyone for their attendance. After the greeting,

the keynote speaker was introduced.

Mary Pontarolo is the executive director of SafePlace. For many years she has provided direct services and administered programs and agencies in the field of sexual and domestic violence. Pontarolo was both founder and executive director of the Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence for ten years before moving onto her position at SafePlace. She also served as the executive director of New Beginnings' domestic violence shelter program in Seattle for five years. Prior to her director positions, Pontarolo volunteered to lead treatment groups for

domestic violence perpetrators.

When Pontarolo finished speaking the audience applauded and prepared for the candlelight march around campus. Because it was raining, many sheltered themselves under umbrellas and wore rain gear. The candles were electric because of the weather. After the march was over, a few students stayed to make peace flags.

This event was jointly sponsored by Saint Martin's Office of Campus Life, Public Safety, Saint Martin's Counseling and Wellness Center, and Resident life, and the Department of Women's Studies.

Growing interest in Russian studies among SMU students

Timea Talaber
Staff Writer

Saint Martin's students and faculty will be taking a trip to Russia for the second time this summer from June to July. The first time Saint Martin's participated in this trip was 2010. This program began at the College of Saint Scholastica in Minnesota more than 20 years ago. Every even numbered year, American students would travel to Russia, and every odd numbered year, Russian students would come to America. The Saint Martin's faculty member leading this trip is Dr. Jamie Olson, Assistant Professor in the English Department. Olson participated in this trip during college while studying Russian and went again in graduate school as an assistant to the leading professor. When he came to Saint Martin's, Olson agreed to lead the trip because the previous professor who led was retiring.

"From that I've been trying to build the program to get students and faculty involved," says Olson. In the future, he is hoping to have exchanges between Russia and America during the academic year.

Six Saint Martin's students are participating in the trip this year. The students will receive six credits total, four of them being language credits. In the fall, students who go on the trip can take

a Russian language course taught by Olson. According to Olson, students usually get really excited about Russian culture during the trip, and are strongly encouraged to continue their studies in the fall.

"What interests me about the Russian culture is the history of it and how Russians are very enduring, hard people," says Elena Larson, who participated in the trip in 2010.

Over the course of five weeks, the group of students from Saint Martin's and the College of Saint Scholastica will travel to St. Petersburg and Moscow, but will spend most of their time in Petrozavodsk. This is a smaller city that is a "very welcoming place," explains Olson. Every weekday, students take language classes for two hours, listen to an hour-long lecture about Russian culture and history, and then go on excursions throughout the city. On weekends, the group takes longer trips to local places of interest, like a monastery or the Russian countryside.

The trip is also a way to cultivate relationships between American and Russian students.

"For the students, [the social aspect] is just a great experience," says Olson, who believes that the social interaction is the most essential part of the trip. Russian students are always with the group, acting as translators, teaching

about Russian culture, and answering any questions the American students have.

"The beautiful thing about this trip is that once you make friendships with a Russian, it is a lifelong journey with them, which I really enjoyed in the sense that the world sees Russians as hard-hearted persons," says Larson. "By creating these relationships with Russian students, you also learned how most stereotypes (as [with] most countries) are incorrect."

Cultural exchanges, as between Russia and America, require commitments from both groups. When the Russian students came to Saint Martin's during the summer, American students reciprocated the hospitality by showing the Russians around and answering

their questions.

"The literature, philosophy, and folklore of Russia always fascinated me and I want to see the people who grew up with them, especially since the fall of the Berlin Wall and the amount of impact that it has had," says Tyler Skirmont, excited to be a part of the trip this summer.

The group will be departing for Russia on June 7 and will be returning July 12.

Photo by Joe Stenson



The 2010 group from SMU standing on Kizhi Island in front of the Church of the Transfiguration. Left to right: Dr. Jamie Olson, Elena Larson, Tim Templin, Rebecca Haywood, Brian Holt, Warren Vaughn, Dr. Jeff Birks-tein, and Brian Caughlan.

Saint Martin's Rotaract presents RotarFEST

Becky Gorlin
Business Manager

Were you wondering why there were little kids playing soccer on Sunday, April 15 at the Rec Center? Rotaract was hosting their first annual RotarFEST, a carnival and soccer tournament. This event was held to raise money for the Boys and Girls Club of Thurston County. The goal was accomplished as enough money was raised to buy eight soccer balls and to send one of Saint Martin's Rotaract students to a conference in Washington, D.C. this summer. The main attraction of the

RotarFEST was the carnival, where there were various games such as putt-putt golf, ball and bottle, and cakewalk. Student interest was also sparked by the pie-a-professor.

Marty, the school mascot, also came out to make an appearance at the event and was an attraction for all of the kids.

The soccer tournament went wonderfully, thanks to the help of our SMU soccer players who helped referee the games.

Rotaract, which won the visionary award from ASSMU, hopes to do great things in the future.

If you are interested in joining or

helping out in any of Rotaract's events, please contact either the president, Mary Fontenot, at Mary.Fontenot@stmartin.edu or me, the community

service chair, at Rebecca.Gorlin@stmartin.edu. The meetings for Rotaract are held Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m. in Harned Hall 117.

Photo courtesy of SMU Rotaract



Picture taken by Amelia Reidy
Professor Wilson and Professor Dubois of the School of Business get covered in whipped cream in the pie-a-professor event. More photos from the event can be found on The Olympian's website at <http://www.theolympian.com/2012/04/15/2070780/smu-rotarfest-fundraiser-helps.html>.

Are you looking to make a difference in the community while building your resume?

Then join the Rotaract club of Saint Martin's.

If interested, contact Mary Fontenot at Mary.Fontenot@stmartin.edu.

Ethnic Celebration comes to the Marcus Pavilion

Clarissa Strayer
Staff Writer

Various cultural groups occupied the Marcus Pavilion for the City of Lacey's annual Ethnic Celebration on Saturday, March 10. This free event lasted the entire day, beginning at 10 a.m. and running until 7 p.m. With a collection of music, dance performances, art, cultural activities, and food, Lacey community members had no chance to slip into boredom. The lively environment, with an array of delicious aromas, exhibited an upbeat energy and pride for each of the represented cultures.

Upon entering the Marcus Pavilion, event staff greeted the attendees with informational flyers about all of the booths, food vendors, and performances. From there, the option was given to either turn right into the Worthington Center where numerous performances took place and artwork was displayed, or to go straight to the main attraction in the pavilion.

Most of the children wanted to stay in the lobby since there were many life-sized instruments for people to play with, such as large drums that towered over the children. In the Worthington Center, there was a display of children's artwork that covered the back

wall and counters. The small sculptures and paintings were the creations of local elementary school students. All of the bright colors and designs that filled the small exhibit seemed to mirror that of the artwork at the booths in the pavilion.

With a total of 44 different booths and six stations selling food, the pavilion provided endless opportunity for people to learn about other cultures, while sampling a wide range of food. Saint Martin's students came and left the festival in small waves, but for the most part the event consisted of residents from local areas who are not students at SMU.

Saint Martin's ASSMU President, Jon Hew Len, attended the Ethnic Celebration with Rod Lawrence, an SMU freshman. They had heard about the festival by word of mouth that morning at brunch in the cafeteria.

Hew Len described the event as being "a good opportunity for different ethnicities in the Lacey community to get together," and thought that cultural events like this "build strong community ties." He also elaborated on the idea that such a broad range of age groups attended because "it's good for the younger generations to see all of the different cultures out there."

She comments that "We got a lot of mixed messages when Brian [Suda] left. First we thought he was just taking a few personal days, and then we got told he was leaving for good... it's been chaotic."

Apparently mixed messages have been happening more frequently in the Campus Ministry office lately. Cullitan joined for the music, but as attendance at Bucket dropped, he began receiving mixed messages on what was going to happen to it. He says he just got fed up and handed the reigns over to the next Bucket leader.

"I didn't want to deal with such chaos," he says. According to Cullitan, an active member in Rotaract, "by having

Throughout the eventful day, many people slowly weaved in and out of the rows of booths. It required some patience when maneuvering around the arena, but the packed event displayed a high level of appreciation for the many cultures surrounding the Lacey area.

Young children accompanied their parents and grandparents. One could clearly see, by their great attendance, that the elderly members of the community valued the celebration the most. While some of the younger generations became antsy after watching one or two of the on-stage performances, some of the older generations sat for a few hours, deeply absorbed in the diverse music and dancing.

Three different stages, one in the Worthington Center and two in the pavilion, displayed music and dances from around the world such as the Mas Uda Dancers from the Middle East and the Ellinika Asteria from Greece. Altogether, there were 27 performances on the three stages.

Jerry Farmer, from local radio station 94.5 ROXY, served as the event's MC, and generous sponsors from around the community helped in supporting the event.

When the jam packed arena of booths became too much for the crowd

to handle, many took the opportunity to take in the festival from above, so they climbed the stairs and sat around the perimeter of the upper deck. People enjoyed meals from Alii & Sumo's Hawaiian Grill, Little Monkey Kettle Corn, Paprika Catering, Spicy Soul, Tofu Hut, and Wiseguy Hero up on the balcony area surrounding the basketball court, while also getting a relaxing break to enjoy the music and sit for a while.

Both Saint Martin's University and the City of Lacey display their values in diversity through this annual event. By bringing members of the community together, who range in skin color and culture, people have the opportunity to not only learn about their neighbors but gain an appreciation for who they are and where they come from. From the Finnish Heritage Group to the Filipino-American Community of Puget Sound, all of the groups who participated in this event provided a full day and night's worth of entertainment. With the common goal of bringing the cultures from around the world together to celebrate their differences, they helped the community realize that they are all in it together, as one.

Ministry, from front

structure plans have the Chaplain heading up Student Liturgy, and a Director of Music taking care of all things musical, under the Director of Campus Ministry along with six Stewards to help with organization.

"The new students will have a foundation to work with," says White. "The change is exciting." Service Immersion will collaborate with Campus Ministry in the future.

"Change can be good," says Anonymous. "We'll see how it goes."

For now, "it's going crazy," says Gorlin. "We're trying to get people to care about the commuters, and transfer students, and about Campus Ministry."

a department of service, it looks like a monopoly, kind of intimidating for clubs like Rotaract" (which is a service organization).

It sounds like the new Director of Campus Ministry will have his/her work cut out for them.

"The faith formation of Campus Ministry is lacking; student liturgy and service are the only things still alive," says Cullitan. "Brian was always saddened by the fact that the Catholic identity, even just spirituality, was not prominent with the students."

Rumors are going around about funds for Campus Ministry getting cut, perhaps substantiated by the fact that they are not going on a trip overseas,

which used to be an annual affair. Whatever the cause, it is sad to see a Catholic University's Campus Ministry so unsupported by the student body.

In the future, Campus Ministry is looking to build up community on campus, get more involved in the SMU community, build up the "lacking" faith formation, and make the change a good one. The year after next, Campus Ministry will be relocating into the newly developed Benedictine Institute, once it is built/formed. The school seems to really be working on building up and reinforcing its Benedictine identity.

Meet

The Belltower

Photos courtesy of staff members



Name: Joseph Keeton
Staff Writer
Year: Freshman
Major: Civil Engineering
When did you join the Belltower: Fall 2011

My name is Joseph and I came all the way over from Yakima, WA. I recently joined the Belltower to write articles because I love writing and digging deep into things. I'm a pole vaulter here at Saint Martin's and am in the band. I'm studying to go into Civil Engineering after college and have some internships for said profession during the summers.



Name: Hana Cahill
Staff Writer
Year: Sophomore
Major: English
Minor: Music
When did you join the Belltower: Fall 2011

I am a cat person, and my life revolves around food. I am from Bellingham, and I want to live in this state for the rest of my life. I hope to be a librarian, and someday I hope to go to Ireland. I would love to visit Hans Christian Anderson's grave in Denmark and pay my respects. I have a few opinions on politics, but I know a great deal about literature, and I read for fun. I enjoy editing, the reason I joined the Belltower, and I don't write a journal, because if you forget something it couldn't have been that important in the first place.

Name: Terae Grant
Staff Writer
Year: Freshman
Major: English
Minor: Writing
When did you join the Belltower: Spring 2012

I was born and raised in Seattle, WA, which is an hour or so away from campus. After months of trying to apply to the Belltower, I finally had the opportunity to do so. I wanted to join the BT because writing is something I love to do. I also want to become a journalist so me having the opportunity to experience writing for the University paper is awesome! Becoming a journalist is something I've wanted to do since I was a freshman in high school. Once I graduate, I plan on pursuing my dream. I view this job as another stepping stone of where I need to get to.



Name: Timea Talaber
Staff Writer
Year: Sophomore
Major: English
Minors: International Relations, Japanese
When did you join the Belltower: Spring 2011

I have lived in Olympia my whole life, graduating from Northwest Christian High School, and have been attending SMU to receive an English degree. I have a big interest in film and will pursue a career in the film or TV industry, but I specifically dream of becoming a director of fantasy/adventure films. I also have an interest in writing. Since my childhood, I have explored various science fiction and fantasy realms, my favorite being Star Wars. I also enjoy meeting new people of various cultures, and for this reason I became interested in writing for the Belltower.



Name: Kenzie Long
Managing Editor
Year: Senior
Major(s): Business Management & English
When did you join the Belltower: Fall 2011

My name is Kenzie Long and I was born in Seattle, but moved to Olympia when I was six. I joined the Belltower because of my dear old friend, Katie Hawkins, who convinced me to follow in her footsteps and write about things that not only matter to me, but matter to the students (and friends) around me. My future plans are a book not yet written, but the chances are that it will involve starting the next Starbucks, but with better tasting coffee, of course!



Name: Cameron Grossaint
Sports Editor
Year: Junior
Major: Biology
Minor: Chemistry
When did you join the Belltower: Fall 2010

My name is Cameron Grossaint, and I am originally from Everett, WA. I am the column lead for the sports section of the newspaper. I joined the Belltower because I enjoy photography and watching/reporting on sports. I plan to go to medical school after I graduate from Saint Martin's University.



Name: Brittany Tennant
Column Editor
Year: Sophomore
Major: English
Minors: Secondary Education, Writing
When did you join The Belltower: Fall 2010

I'm from Yakima, WA and attended Eisenhower High School (Ike) where I worked on the Five Star, the newly revived student newspaper. At Ike I was on the bowling team and the Speech and Debate (Forensics) team. Ever since fifth grade I wanted to be a teacher, but it was not until high school that I figured out where I would be the best fit and what exactly I want to do. My goal in life is to teach high school English, advise the student newspaper and/or Speech and debate team (bowling as well if I can). I have also had the drive to become a novelist so that is another thing I will be striving toward. I joined the Belltower because I love student journalism and I do enjoy the editing portion that I do.



Name: Clarissa Strayer
Staff Writer
Year: Freshman

Majors: Criminal Justice and Political Science
Minor: Legal Studies
When did you join the Belltower: Fall 2011

I'm from Burien, WA and I came to Saint Martin's for my soccer scholarship, as well as my Criminal Justice major and the small class sizes. My interests include hiking, reading, running, and longboarding. Joining the Belltower helped me continue my love of writing while gaining new skills in the field of journalism. I plan to attend law school after completing my undergraduate studies, and then work for the FBI before becoming an attorney.



Name: Mary Fontenot
Staff Writer
Year: Senior
Major: English
When did you join the Belltower: Fall 2011

I grew up in Tumwater, WA and before transferring to Saint Martin's last year I attended the University of Oregon. I joined The Belltower to strengthen my writing skills and get a sense of how the world of journalism works. I am an English major and plan on attending law school after graduating.

Name: Ryan Cullitan
Advertising Manager
Year: Senior

Major: Business Administration w/ concentration in marketing
When did you join the Belltower: Fall 2011

Originally from Spokane, I began attending St. Martin's in 2008 to get out of Eastern Washington. I started out as a biology major, but when I realized I didn't actually want to go into medicine, I switched to business halfway through my sophomore year. I joined the Belltower staff at the beginning of this school year as the advertising manager because I wanted to get some selling/advertising experience before I leave St. Martin's. I will be graduating this May with a B.A. in B.A. and will, hopefully, find a job that can sustain my extravagant lifestyle.



Name: Jesse Lamp
Editor-in-Chief
Year: Senior
Major: Anthropology and Religious Studies
When did you join the Belltower: Fall 2010

Being on the Belltower has been a great experience. I originally joined so that I could get more involved in campus activities, and it has evolved into a large part of my life. It is a hassle at times, but I enjoy it along with everything it has allowed me to experience.

My future plans are still being decided, but I am postponing graduation until next May so that I can spend another year working on French and independently studying Hebrew. Wherever I end up, I hope to be able to combine my loves for anthropology, religion, language, and journalism.



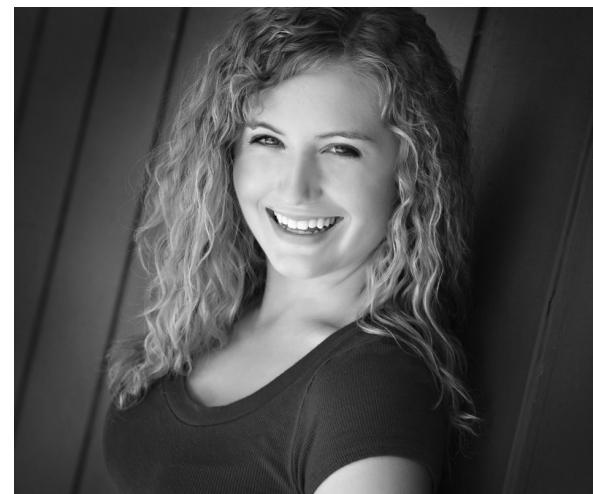
Name: Becky Gorlin
Business Manager
Year: Senior
Major: Accounting
When did you join the Belltower: Fall 2011

I am from Southern California in a city called Anaheim, ever heard of it? It's home to Disneyland if you haven't. I joined the Belltower for the experience in my area of study, and plan to get my CPA and find a job somewhere in the local area.

Name: Natasha-Amber Sensano
Staff Writer
Year: Junior
Major(s): English

Minor(s): International Relations & Writing
When did you join the Belltower: Fall 2011

I was born and raised in Kahului, HI. I joined the BT because I'm an aspiring journalist and I loved the experience as a staff writer for my high school newspaper. I love dogs, reading, writing, watching movies, texting, and cooking when I have the time.



Name: Jessica Rae Pennock
Assistant Managing Editor
Year: Freshman
Major: Undeclared, leaning towards Interdisciplinary Studies
Minors: French, Writing
When did you join the Belltower: Fall 2011

My first name is Jessica but I go by my middle name, Rae. I was born in Bend, Oregon, but I was raised in the small town of Hayden Lake, Idaho. I grew up on ten acres off of a dirt road, horse barn and all. I joined the Belltower as a way to explore my writing abilities and have a little extra cash flow. In the future I plan to continue writing and editing for the paper, I've enjoyed my experience and have been able to develop my writing skills further in a creative way.



Carlos Montebancho
Staff Writer
Year: Sophomore
Major: Business with Marketing Concentration
Minor: International Relations
When did you join the Belltower: Fall 2011

I was born in Lima, Peru; bred in Portland, Oregon. I'm a young mind open to new thoughts and ideas with a curiosity of learning various ethnic cultures. My hobbies include playing games, exercising, and cracking jokes.

Ripple of service

Toni King

Guest Writer

After completing her degree at Saint Martin's University, Certified Nursing Assistant, Ashley Mae Badua still felt unfulfilled. She wanted something more. She wanted to make a difference in the world. Her journey led her to the unlikely destination of Tanzania. Why Tanzania? Ask Susan Leyster, the Director of Campus Ministry.

Leyster first went to Tanzania in 2001, 13 years after starting at Saint Martin's as a Religious Studies major. Less than two years after she began studying at SMU, she was hired in the Campus Ministry department and has been there ever since. She organizes SMU's Portland Immersion trips, and the annual service trips, where students journey out of Washington state, to work and serve in a different community.

Leyster's advice to Ashley Mae and all SMU students is to "find your passion and stick with it." Leyster's passion, she says, "is community and service." Her drive is fueled by a belief that service reaches outward like ripples on water. Who would have guessed that this call to serve would have led her all the way to southeastern Africa?

The object of her 2001 visit was

to form a bridge between St. Martin's University and St. Agnes, a convent and orphanage in Chipole, Tanzania. Tanzania has felt the impact of the AIDS epidemic, which has left countless orphans in its wake. St. Agnes had previously taken them in for a several years, and would later try to reunite them with distant family members, but so many children died of starvation shortly after their reunions that now St. Agnes keeps the children until they graduate. St. Agnes has grown to include a kindergarten, a co-ed elementary school, a secondary school for girls, a co-ed trade school, and also operates a dispensary to treat local villagers.

Tanzania secured its independence from Britain 50 years ago without bloodshed. This fact is reflected in their flag, which has no red in it. While Tanzania is stabilizing as an independent country, hundreds of years of European colonization have left the land wasted and the people poverty stricken. To accomplish the construction of the secondary school at St. Agnes, the sisters, the villagers, and the students worked together on all aspects of the construction, all the way down to making their own bricks.

Even though things are improving in Tanzania there are still many challenges facing the communities and the

students at St. Agnes. Leyster gave a presentation for a class at SMU, which gave the statistic that there are "100 students in a typical classroom. 7[0] students have a pen. 30 do not. 80 have notebooks, 20 do not. 20 students share 1 text. 50 are wet from rain and 35 haven't eaten." Keeping the lights on is a problem as the village does not have enough electricity to power the schools or the dispensary. German Engineers built a dam for the village to create electricity, but there is not always enough water to power it. SMU engineers donated a water purifier to ease the burden of providing pure, clean water, which the St. Agnes sisters had previously boiled on a daily basis. However, there were no engineers there to fix it when it broke shortly after it was installed.

Badua experienced many of these challenges first hand during her five-month stay in 2011. Shortly after Leyster shared Badua's interest, the Mother Superior invited her to spend time in the community and help in the dispensary.

Instead of staying in the convent, Badua was placed in a home with four nuns who stayed in the village to help the entire community. She worked wherever she was needed, cutting wood, cooking, tutoring orphans, and at the women's clinic, but her primary position was in the dispensary. There she performed nearly everything from taking vitals to dispensing medicine to performing minor surgeries. It was not unusual for the village to go without electricity for 3-5 days.

The dispensary had limited funding and limited supplies, including gloves, which were used very sparingly. One box of gloves was expected to last at least a day, but encouraged to stretch as far as a week.

"Sterilization is simply not possible," says Badua. "When a person is cut or there is anything involving bodily fluid, we would use gloves, but not for taking vitals."

When asked if she ever tried to educate the people about AIDS and prevention, Badua shared a story about one encounter where a young man discussed with her his intention to become sexually active. She told him about the many people she met through the dispensary

who were infected with the virus and were either dying or have died from it. She then told him how best to protect himself against this deadly disease.

There were times that Ashley Mae felt useless, especially when working with children who had pneumonia, malaria, or AIDS. She dealt with other challenges that made her work in Tanzania difficult. The language barrier was huge. She had a hard time communicating with the people coming into the dispensary. She also talked about a stereotype that foreigners are thought to be wealthy and she was approached often for money. Even with all the lack of funding and limited supplies, Badua says that she does not believe that throwing money at the problem is the answer.

So what is? St. Agnes is in need of English teachers., not necessarily teachers who studied literature and have been certified in the subject of English, but people who can teach the students to speak English. Some of the young girls who attend the secondary school at St. Agnes will make a commitment to join the convent. Others will return to their tribes, but with new skills. However, since the elementary school is taught in Swahili, English is not introduced until the girls start secondary school. Even in Africa, English is the language of business, and many students do not leave St. Agnes proficient enough in the language to pursue other opportunities.

It took Badua about a year to prepare and save for her trip. Room and board is covered. All a volunteer needs to pay for is airfare and any extras they may want to experience or bring home.

Badua brought home a new perspective. She learned what type of person she is and what kind she still hopes to become. Her experience gave her more self-confidence and taught her to trust in her own instincts and skills.

SMU is currently working on a more formalized program for alumni to be able to make the trip. Leyster suggests summer as the best season to go, as summers in the north mean cooler temperatures and less humidity in southern Africa's winter. Since 2001, seven alumni have made the journey that, like Badua, gave them an unforgettable experience and helped to better the lives of the Tanzanian people. So, what are you doing after graduation?

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Scrolls, from front

and white views of good and evil. Werrett defined the scrolls as "a collection of Jewish Documents discovered in the 1940's. They're 2 thousand years old" and since they were discovered so recently, there is still a lot of work to be done in understanding them.

In his upcoming sabbatical, Werrett plans to work on his second book based on the Dead Sea Scrolls. In 2007, he published a book about Religious Purity and the Dead Sea Scrolls. His new book is looking, not quite at scrolls individually, but what they represent as a whole.

The book is about the context of the library in the ancient world, what it meant, and what it contained as well as whether the Dead Sea Scrolls count as a library. In the process of researching his

topic, Werrett plans to travel to Western Turkey and visit Istanbul as well as go to Egypt and see Alexandria. He may also revisit the site where the Scrolls were found. His final stop will be either Cambridge or Oxford to use their research facilities and amazing collections.

Going back to Europe will be like a homecoming for Werrett, who earned his Ph.D. in Biblical Studies and Second Temple Jerusalem from the University of St. Andrews in Scotland. Werrett already has such a great understanding of and interest in the Dead Sea Scrolls that the summer SLI is bound to be exciting and informative. The other speakers are Mladen Popovic, Ph.D. from The University of Groningen, Netherlands and Hanne von Weissenberg, Ph.D. from the University of Helsinki, Finland.

Bon Appétit meal plan credits & cash: rollover, but no reimbursement

Carlos Monteblanco
Staff Writer

With the rollover feature of the Bon Appétit meal plans, leftover money of a traditional fall meal plan rolls over into the spring semester balance. However, when the new school year starts, the account resets to its original balance in accordance with the selected meal plan. Students, however argue that the remaining balance at the end of the school year should be refunded or the food should be discounted from its current pricing.

“We budget from the number of meal plans that are in the books,” says Carole Ann Beckwith, the Bon Appétit General Manager at Saint Martin’s. Beckwith said the overall budget is written annually, which is the reason why students, faculty, and staff are required to sign up for a meal plan early into the school year.

Refund checks will never be issued simply because there is no money to reimburse. Beckwith illustrates the gift card concept in correlation to the meal plans. If a gift card is purchased, the money spent buying the card is now the available balance on the gift card. For example, twenty-five dollars becomes

a twenty-five dollar gift card. In this case, the price of a meal plan becomes the balance of spending money on an SMU ID card. You cannot collect money back from either the gift card or ID card. Also, like gift cards, the funds must be used before the expiration date, in this case the week after spring semester finals.

“That is why we encourage students and their parents to decide a meal plan that [matches] their needs,” says Beckwith.

She adds that the Saint Martin’s Bon Appétit webpage contains information on the various meal plan options. Titled as “Meal Plan 101,” this document describes what is provided by each meal plan. For example, the gold plan currently offers 100 board meal credits and \$725 in “flex cash” dollars. Dinner and brunch (offered on the weekends) are all-you-care-to-eat meals, or AYCTE. Each AYCTE meal costs one credit. These meals can also be purchased using “flex cash,” which is used primarily for breakfast, lunch and retail items. You may pay for a guest anytime or add money to your balance using cash or debit. Also, there is a 10% bonus whenever a deposit of

\$100 or more is made. (To find this information, look under “Directories” on the SMU website. Click on “Food Service,” then “Meal Plans.”)

The Bon Appétit website is as impressive as it is informative. Weekly menus are posted, along with the price of the items and their associated food category such as vegetarian, gluten-free, and seafood watch. In the “Tour Our Kitchens” feature, a brightly animated virtual tour, fun facts are scattered throughout the online kitchens, cafés, and loading docks. Did you know that in many locations, Bon Appétit donates their fryer oil to be converted into biodiesel? Also, Bon Appétit has a reputation for working in an ecofriendly and sustainable manner. One major approach is purchasing all of their ingredients locally, which is mostly bound by a 100-mile radius.

Director of Housing and Residence Life, Tim McClain, also advocates for student residents to see the updated Bon Appétit website for information regarding the meal plans.

In previous years, students who have completed their two-year housing contract or are 21 years of age were exempt from having a meal plan. Due to

the reinstatement of existing housing policies, all student residents living in suites will be required to have a meal plan option beginning in the fall.

“Basically, any room in which there is no kitchen facility,” says McClain.

This decision was made in order to ensure all on-campus residents are guaranteed proper nutrition (instead of snacking solely on Top-Ramen). Burton and Spangler apartment residents may choose to purchase a meal plan option but are exempt from doing so.

Students may still complain that the meal plans are too expensive. However, compared to Seattle University and Whitman College, which are private institutions that also use meal plan services from Bon Appétit, Saint Martin’s meal plan options are more affordable. Information like this is not hidden.

“We try to be as transparent as possible with our students,” says McClain. “All policies are found on the housing contracts, on the web, or in the student handbook.”

Make sure to spend all of your board meal credits and “flex cash” within the last couple weeks of the semester. If you don’t know your balance, kindly ask for a receipt.

A brotherhood of gentleman, a league of excellence:
The Belltower sits down with Josh Hite

Brittany Tennant
Column Editor

On March 14, 2012 I sat with junior Josh Hite to discuss the Campus Ministry’s up-and-coming group, the Brotherhood of Excellence. We sat in Harned Hall with the hustle and bustle of the midday student body and talked about a group of men dedicated to becoming gentleman.

Belltower – How did you get into Campus Ministry?

Josh Hite – I got into Campus Ministry my freshman year. I would visit there quite often within the first month and then the director of Campus Ministry, Susan Leyster, asked me if I would like a volunteer position, and I said yes because I had done Campus Ministry at my high school, and then from there the rest is history. I got a job there November of that year, a paid position, as the Assistant Sacristans. Then my sophomore year I was the Sacristans, which is the person who coordinates all the churchical <sic> events and that kind of became a different position [in the] second semester my sophomore year [when] they changed it to the Steward of Liturgy who did all the main liturgical aspects, and then the Sacristans was the person that primarily focused on student liturgy. And then this past year I got a new position as the Steward of Service and Justice which is all the community service.

BT – The Brotherhood of Excellence, were you the one who thought of it or did someone else?

Hite – I was the one who came up with the name. Susan Leyster was the person who came up with the basic idea of creating a men’s group on campus.

BT – What does she want the men’s group to be like?

Hite – We are basing it off of this group from the University of Portland called the League of Extraordinary Gentlemen, which is a group that tries to answer the question of ‘what is the authentic gentleman?’ We went off that basic idea with the Brotherhood of Excellence, just trying to figure out what does it mean to be an authentic gentlemen, but going about it in slightly different ways.

BT – You guys started up recently?

Hite – Pretty recently. Susan gave me a job of trying to create this group about two years ago and I’ve been working on documentation for the group, talking with the guy who started the group down at the University of Portland–also named Josh. He’s a nice guy, who was nice enough to give me all the documentation for the University of Portland group, and going off of that. Getting ideas from other people on campus, other guys, asking them what kind of group – if there were a men’s group – what they’d like to see in it. It was a long process.

BT – You guys had an event recently?

Hite – We had a couple of events. We had the introductory meeting and the talk with Ian Werrett which, because of conflicting events and other things of that nature, had to be rescheduled to another time. We did have a couple people show up to the introductory meeting, just getting some ideas about what stuff we actually want to do. Basically that’s what we’ve been doing lately, thinking more about what we want to see out of this group and then beginning of next year’s school year start it up again.

BT – Do you think there’s a lot of interest in the group?

Hite – There is some interest. I think once we get something more solid. There will be more people who are going to be involved with it next year, who have more time to help out with it and get strong student leaders on campus involved with it. I think there is potential for the group. I think some people think of it as a fraternity which it is not. It’s just a men’s group. There’s no initiation process. We’re not going to force you to do anything; we’re not going to haze or do any type of harmful harassment or anything of that nature. That’s stereotypical fraternity stuff which is not what we’re looking for.

BT – Why do you think people think of it as a fraternity?

Hite - Because of the underground fraternities on campus—a lot of people think that this is a school fraternity because of the name “brotherhood.” A lot of people think because it is called The Brotherhood of Excellence that it has to be a fraternity. It’s not. It’s just a men’s group.

BT – What do you want to see come from the group?

Hite – Event wise, I’d like to see talks by good, strong, male leaders on campus talking about what they think it means to be a gentleman, possibly even some strong women leaders, thinking about the women’s prospective of what women look for in their gentlemen. I would like to see community service and fun stuff – a campout, a weekend at the Lambert Lodge– having fun. You can’t take stuff too seriously. There’s going to be some serious stuff we discuss in meetings or within lectures, things like that, but at the same time you got to have that group-building aspect as well. I’m hoping that next year more people get involved with it and that we actually get some stuff done with it and that it continues on even after I graduate and leave Saint Martin’s.

BT – Is there a women’s group in the works similar to this?

Hite – Yes. There is a women’s group in the works. There are some people meeting together on occasions and trying to make a sister group. There is no set-in-stone name right now for the women’s group. Basically this group is looking at what do women want on campus and what does it mean to be woman in today’s society. What does it mean to be a woman leader? What is a true woman?

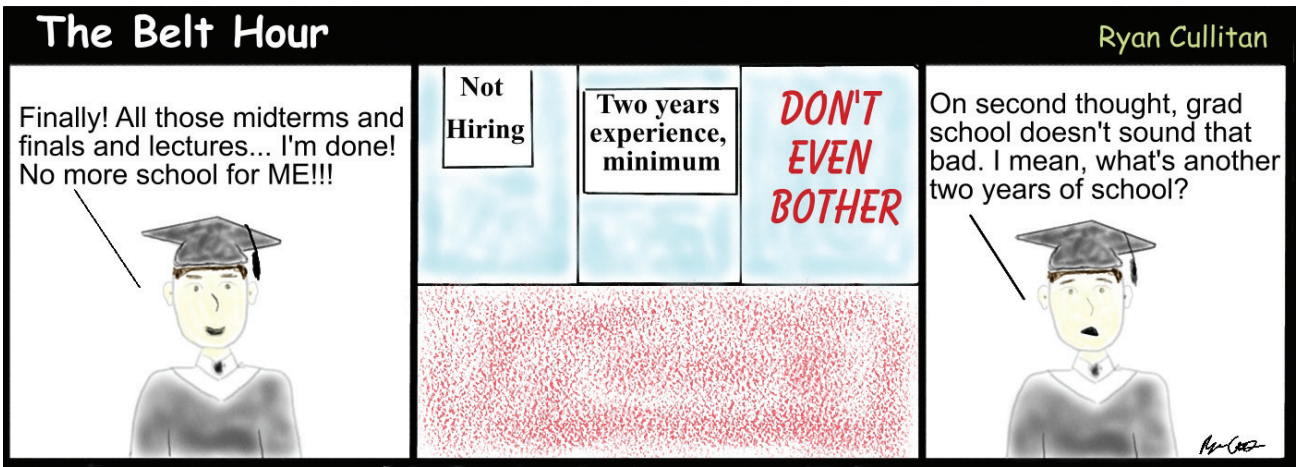
BT – What do you want everyone to know about this group to get them interested in joining?

Hite – Basically that it is an open group. Anyone is welcome to join the group and give their insight into what they would like to see in a men’s group on campus. If they want, they can pull me aside and talk to me about it or email me and set up a meeting. They can just talk to me about it. I’m happy to talk to anyone about it, anyone who’s interested and wants to get involved. If you have ideas, if you want to see something come about, and you want to make this into a really cool group, just come talk to me.

If you would like more information on the Brotherhood of Excellence, please feel free to email Susan Leyster (Leysters@smartin.edu) or Josh Hite (Josh.Hite@smartin.edu). For information on the upcoming women’s group, contact Leyster or Becky Gorlin (Rebecca.Gorlin@smartin.edu) for more information.



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FHC hosts 3rd annual Barrio Fiesta

Carlos Monteblanco
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Filipino Heritage Club hosted its third annual Barrio Fiesta event on Apr. 14 in the Norman Worthington Conference Center.

From Tagalog to English, Barrio Fiesta translates to “neighborhood party.” Traditionally in the Philippines, this festivity can be held year-round to celebrate anything from weddings and baptisms to simple gatherings.

Upon entering, attendees were able to browse through a showcase of Filipino books, masks and artifacts.

“The Star-Spangled Banner” and “Lupang Hinirang,” the Philippine national anthem, opened the event.

The food served at the festival included steamed rice, pancit noodles, pinakbet, and lumpia, and were accompanied by desserts including traditional rice cake bibingka and banana lumpia.

Dancers from the Filipino American Community of South Puget Sound and the Dance International Production from Maui made guest appearances on stage. Among the many performances were

“Polka sa Plaza,” “Daling-Daling (My love, my love),” and the traditional bamboo dance, “Tinikling.”

Audience members were also invited to play games on stage. Although some seemed disgusted, many participants competed in the “Balut-eating contest.” The fertilized egg is boiled and commonly eaten with salt.

People were also challenged to mimic “Pandango sa llaw,” a folk dance that involves the balancing of oil lamps on the head and hands. In this case, water cups were substituted.

“The balancing act was very impressive,” said student Paul Weeks.

Winners of the games were awarded tickets, which were used during raffles throughout the festival. Tickets were exchanged for various prizes including gift cards, a Massage Envy \$50 gift certificate, and an iPad 2.

The Filipino Heritage Club elections, along with the FHC booth at this year’s Spring Fest, are to be announced. Club president Amber Sensano and vice president Maluani Antonio will release more information about the club and upcoming events in the near future.

Editor’s Note: A toast to a successful year.

It has been my pleasure to work as the Editor-in-Chief of The Belltower this year. I am proud of the accomplishments we as a team have made over the course of the year. My hope is that we have served you, the Saint Martin’s community.

As we release the final issue of the year, an issue that is by far the largest we have released in my time with The Belltower, I hope that each of you find something interesting and engaging within its folds.

If you feel so inclined, I would love to hear from each of you about this issue or any issue we have released this year. What we really need is reader feedback. Are we serving your interest? Are we writing on topics that are of interest to you? If not, what are your recommendations?

I would also like to extend congratulations to all of our graduating seniors and graduate students. Congratulations on your accomplishments and best wishes in your future endeavors.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone who made this year’s Belltower a success. Throughout the year, we have received many blessings from faculty, staff, and students. We are funded by the administration and also received funding for specific projects through ASSMU. We are supported by a collective of faculty and staff who serve on The Belltower’s board of advisors. Early in the year, they provided guidance and encouragement to allow us to do what it is we do. I would also like to thank President Heynderickx, Dean Richardson, Howard Thronson, and Tim McClain for their support as we introduced “Corners” this year where each of their offices could connect directly with the students through the medium of The Belltower. We also received support from non-staff, student writers who provided additional material for us to work with including members of Dr. Kuroiwa-Lewis’s Intro to Journalism class. Other people along the way who have helped include Jacob Suazo, who redesigned our logo; members of the faculty who have helped recruit writers and other newspaper staff members; and for the final issue, Kaitlynn Pecha assisted with processing photos and preparing them for print.

Most importantly, I think we need to thank Julie Yamamoto, The Belltower’s faculty advisor. She assisted me at the beginning of the year in taking over my position, and has provided continuing support throughout the year by advising me on issues where I was unsure of how to proceed, helping me navigate through the processes of working with university officials, and providing encouragement and support at times when I thought the paper was not meeting my and the students’ expectations.

So thank you to each and every one of you who have supported us throughout the year, and thank you readers for staying interested in what we do.

Have a fantastic summer, and once again, thank you,
Jesse D. Lamp
Editor-in-Chief

What are you doing SUMMER 2013?

You could be exploring Ireland, England, France, Tanzania or Asia with SMU faculty and friends. Start planning now so you can experience the world later!

Connect with Brenda Burns at bburns@stmartin.edu or stop by the study abroad office for more information.

Are you interested in writing for the Belltower?

If so, we are accepting applications for writers throughout the year. Send a request to our email and we will send YOU an application. We are also accepting articles from student freelance writers. If you see something newsworthy, turn it into a story. If we print it, you will be paid for it.

For questions, comments, applications, submissions, or suggestions, send an email to Jesse.Lamp@stmartin.edu,

Or drop a note though the door of the newsroom,
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Our Mission: As fellow students at Saint Martin’s University, 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 from taking on any issue at our school and promise to give our best efforts to keep the community informed.

Role of the advisor: The advisor is a journalist, educator, and manager who is, above all, a role model. The advisor’s ultimate goal is to mold, preserve and protect an ethical and educational environment, not to monitor the final content of the student newspaper.

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