

New faculty at Saint Martin’s bring intresting skills and perspectives

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The new school year at Saint Martin’s University was accompanied by the hiring of several new faculty members. These staff additions bring experiences including across the country in a variety of different disciplines from engineering, education and business.

Waiting outside the offices in Cebula Hall, students and visitors examine the posters and visuals that paper the walls and doors around professors’ offices. Matthew Ballard’s windows are covered with diagrams concerning salmonella and the microfluidic devices that could detect the presence of bacteria. Ballard graduated from the Georgia Institute of Technology in August with a Ph.D. in mechanical engineering with a focus on fluid dynamics. His academic interests also include thermodynamics and physiological flows.

Before earning his doctorate, Ballard earned a bachelors degree in mechanical engineering from Brigham Young University in Utah, his home



From left to right, Celeste Trimble, Ph.D., Marcela de Souza, Ph.D., and Matthew Ballard, Ph.D.

state. After receiving his degree, he worked as a flight test engineer for the U.S. Navy. Ballard was drawn to Saint Martin’s University because of SMU’s faith based values and genuine care for its students. Though Ballard originally hails from North Salt Lake, Utah, his wife is from Yakima, Wash. Ballard likes the mountains, winter sports and outdoor activities that characterize the Pacific Northwest. Ballard is the father of five children, ranging from ages two to nine.

In a press release, David Olwell, Ph.D., Dean of the Hal and Inge Marcus School of Engineering,

stated that “Ballard brings excellent academic credentials, superb teaching skills, and a practical engineering experience to the classroom.” The school of engineering was not the only department at Saint Martin’s to gain new faculty.

The College of Education and Counseling Psychology added two assistant professors of education, Marcela de Souza, Ph.D., and Celeste Trimble, Ph.D. Christopher Maund, associate dean of graduate and professional programs, described de Souza as “well accomplished and very down to earth.” According to a press release from

the university, de Souza earned a Ph.D. from the University of California Santa Barbra in education. Her dissertation is entitled “Succeeding in School: Exploring How Academic Achievement is Possible for Mexican Origin English Learners.”

Kate Boyle, Ph.D. Dean of the College of Education and Counseling Psychology, stated that “de Souza’s strong research and professional experiences with [English Language Learning] students in all levels of education and across borders... will bring a new and valuable style and approach.”

According to the same press release, de Souza is interested in the literacy development of English language learners, culturally responsive pedagogies and opportunities for underrepresented students. Trimble, whose office is filled to the brim with colorful children’s books and educational texts, attended the University of Arizona in Tucson, Ariz. while earning her Ph.D. in language,

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SEIU withdrawals petition for unionization from NLRB

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Recently the Saint Martin’s University Faculty Union Organizing Committee announced their withdrawal of their petition to unionize at SMU with the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB). This decision comes after months of negotiations and demonstrations by the unionizing faculty, as well as student supporters and outside community members. In the last academic year, the union sponsored many events, such as the faculty and student walk-out, the petition to strike on campus, student-led discussion panels, and other events to spread their message across campus and the local community.

The Faculty Union Organizing Committee detailed their reasons for the withdrawal in an e-mail sent to all faculty and staff on Sept. 27. The

opening lines of the e-mail read as follows:

“Today, in solidarity with our fellow workers at Saint Martin’s University and with the support of thousands of faculty, students and alumni of Catholic institutions across the country, Saint Martin’s contingent faculty are withdrawing our union recognition petition at the National Labor Relations Board (“NLRB”). At this point it is clear that the Saint Martin’s University administration has no intention to honor the NLRB process and it is also clear to us that this process is ripe for employer abuses.”

The e-mail continued, expressing their disappointment with the administration and stating that they will continue to fight for better terms for contingent faculty on campus.

“In announcing our exit from the NLRB adjudication process we are also declaring that we will no longer stand by waiting for a ruling from



The faculty walkout took place on March 1, 2017

on high. Instead we will continue to raise our voices collectively on our campus, demanding fair pay and improved working and learning conditions for our fellow faculty and the students we all serve. Outside the Board process, we will continue to press our University to do what it knows it should do: meet us at the bargaining table and, in so doing, honor the best traditions of the University’s social justice mission.”

The main change of approach regarding unionization is pursuing a union outside the NLRB. Blaine Snow, an contingent faculty member and union leader said, “The NLRB exists to protect and support labor.” Snow went on to discuss his and his colleagues struggles with recent changes to the board.

“Trump’s appointments to the labor board are anti-labor. This led to a vote in favor of banning union jurisdiction in Catholic universities. Upholding the appeal is the reason for SMU and Seattle University pulling from the NLRB.” In other words, Snow said “Rather than waiting for the NLRB to address this issue, we should do it now.”

There is precedent for unions to exist outside of the NLRB. Brian Barnes, Associate Professor of

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In this issue of The Belltower, we tackle pressing issues across a conglomerate of frontiers. This issue covers the recent changes regarding faculty unionization, national news stories like the president’s current travel ban, international news stories such as the recent German election and the Kurdistan referendum in Iraq, events at school like the Les Bailey writer series and the various sports stories around campus covering volleyball, cross country, men’s golf and women’s soccer.

On a final note, thank you for the opportunity to serve you as a section editor at The Belltower. It is an honor and a privilege to play my part in reporting to the community the issues that affect them. I look forward to continuing to serve you in the future and hope you enjoy this issue of The Belltower.

Sincerely,

Brian Messing, News and Lifestyles Section Editor

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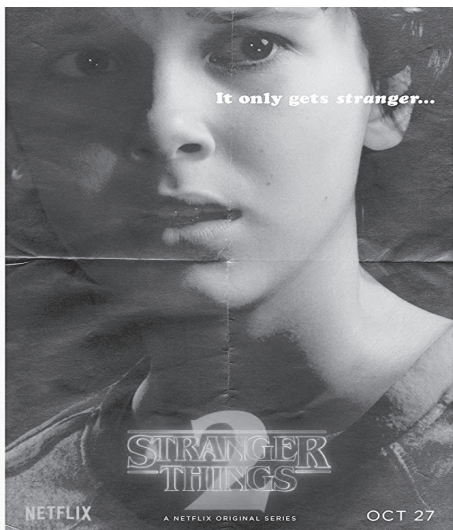
Fall's newest hit and returning television series

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With the return of fall comes the slew of TV shows trying to get their names to stick before the dreaded month of January. New shows such as "The Good Doctor" and "The Gifted" are also starting to try to get their foot in the door, while other, popular shows are expecting season continuations. AMC's "The Walking Dead" is returning for season eight of its long run, while Netflix's "Stranger Things" is returning for a very hyped second season.

Television shows are hard to rate as a whole, especially since there can be good and bad episodes within a season. I expect good things from these new seasons and shows.

July 2016 was a landmark experience for Netflix's original series, bringing about the critically acclaimed mini-series "Stranger Things." A collection of eight



Promotional poster for season two of Netflix original series, Stranger Things

episodes, each 55-minute chapter increases the suspense, bringing up darker secrets, and showing us the adventure no child truly wants to go on.

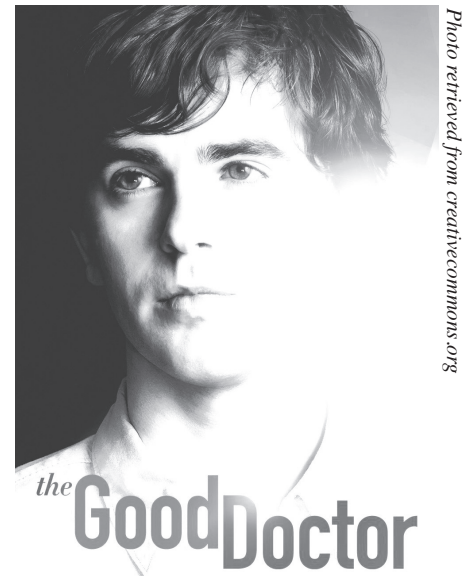
Unfortunately, the trailers for season two don't give the audience much of a story but I am excited nonetheless. If you haven't seen the series yet, I highly recommend it, as can Rotten Tomatoes, giving the show a 95 percent, as well as IMDb giving the show 8.9 out of ten. I'm sure you've all heard it is well-staged and completely creepy. "Stranger Things" combines the thrill of "Super 8" with the whimsy of "E.T." It pays homage to the Stephen King super-child, yet makes sure that classic October vibe never leaves. It is the perfect show to kick off your Halloween, and since season two premieres on Oct. 27 it is the perfect time to catch up on season one.

Continuing on, "The Walking Dead" returns for season eight on Oct. 22 with the show's hundredth episode. If you've been keeping up, you know "this season of AMC's post-apocalyptic thriller series will follow the comics' "All Out War" storyline, where the Alexandrians and their allies rise up against the totalitarian Savivors," according to TV Guide. We have been informed that the series will refocus on its been-through-too-much Rick Grimes (Andrew Lincoln) who is supposed to reclaim his show-throne from Negan (Jeffrey Dean Morgan). Fans of the comics will also recognize specific points in the trailer, such as elderly Grimes and his cane. The show has been

stretching on for quite some time now, and some fans are wondering if this could be the wrap-up season for this beloved series.

There are some new shows on the block as well. The creators of the medical Sherlockian drama "House" are bringing us a brand new medical drama, "The Good Doctor," which has already been receiving high ratings. According to Google, 97 percent of their users have given the new show positive reviews. Its pilot aired Sept. 25, and an entire season was released thereafter. IMDb has this description for new viewers: "Shaun Murphy, a young autistic surgeon who has savant syndrome, relocates from a quiet country life to join the surgical unit at the prestigious San Jose St. Bonaventure Hospital -- a move strongly supported by his mentor, Dr. Aaron Glassman. Having survived a troubled childhood, Murphy is alone in the world and unable to personally connect with those around him, but he finds his niche using his extraordinary medical skills and intuition to save lives and challenge the skepticism of his colleagues." The representation of those on the spectrum is limited on television, and with a show like this breaking through the mold and showing us an example that is positive and interesting.

The last new show on the roster is a perfect example of how far Marvel is willing to go to expand its audience and exhibit dominance over DC. Premiering Oct. 2, "The Gifted" has received an 82 percent on Rotten Tomatoes. "The Gifted" treads close ground to the DC



Promotional poster for new show the Good Doctor premiering on ABC

series "Heroes," but incorporates its own ideals and creative spin on the idea of hunting super humans. IMDb states, "The series is about an ordinary suburban family whose lives change course forever when they discover their children have developed mutant powers. When the threat of a hostile government forces the family to go on the run to protect themselves, they join the ranks of an underground network of mutants. Together, the group fights to survive in a world where fear and misunderstanding put them at constant risk." Fans of the X-Men will likely enjoy the series, and perhaps see tie-ins to the current X-Men film universe. There are plenty of returning and new shows to keep you captivated throughout the fall season.

Hugh Hefner and the fate of Playboy Enterprises Inc.

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On Sept. 27, billionaire and founder of Playboy Enterprises Inc. Hugh Marston Hefner died of cardiac arrest at the age of 91. Hefner, born and raised in Illinois, got his initial idea for Playboy magazine while working for a publishing company, not long after he attended college and served in the military. After borrowing money from family and friends and scraping up a small loan, Hefner released the first issue of Playboy at the end of 1953, featuring scandalous pictures of Marilyn Monroe. Immediately after, he launched Playboy Enterprises Inc.

as a media and lifestyles company. According to People Magazine, the iconic bunny logo that currently represents Playboy was developed in 1967 because, according to Hefner, bunnies have "fresh, shy, vivacious" qualities. Although Hefner was married several times, he was known to have shared his iconic Playboy mansion with numerous women with which he had intimate relationships with.

The magazine's rise to fame was contributed to a combination of pictures of beautiful women and literary pieces by leading authors of the time. Hefner remained a board member up until his death, but he took a step back from management

due to medical conditions in 1985, which promoted his daughter Christie to President then CEO until 2009.

Following his death, many begin to wonder who would inherit his fortune and legacy. According to ET, Hefner's fortune is estimated to be worth 50 million dollars. His third wife and widow Crystal Harris is said to have no stake in his fortune, a fact that she was reportedly "well aware of" when they married. Currently, there is only speculation as to which of Hefner's four children will receive an inheritance. His daughter Christie and second oldest son Cooper were involved in the company for many years, but no one knows if they will receive special benefits. The five-acre Playboy mansion was sold to Hefner's neighbor in 2016 under the condition that the billionaire would live there until his death.

Hefner will be buried next to Monroe, his first Playboy feature girl, in Westwood Village Memorial Park. According to the Daily News, he purchased the crypt in 1992 for 75,000 dollars, often stating that he found it rather "poetic" to be buried next to the actress.

His son Cooper, Chief Creative Officer for Playboy Enterprises offered the following statement regarding his father's legacy: "My father lived an exceptional and impactful life as a media and cultural pioneer and a leading voice behind



Hugh Hefner, founder of Playboy.

some of the most significant social and cultural movements of our time in advocating free speech, civil rights and sexual freedom. He defined a lifestyle and ethos that lie at the heart of the Playboy brand, one of the most recognizable and enduring in history."

In its 60 years of existence, Playboy has shaped the social world with its risqué images and controversial articles by legendary authors and celebrities. Although the fate of the company is uncertain, its legacy and founder are unmistakable icons of the twentieth century.



Young Hefner in Playboy After Dark

Saints volleyball fight back against tough competitors

Lauren Allison
Staff Writer

The Saints hosted the Division-II West Region Volleyball Tournament in the beginning of September where they split four games. They dominated against Humboldt State University with a 3-0 victory. Rachel Gondrezick led the team with 12 kills. Nicolette Nesbitt led with 35 assists and Clarice Buchanan with 12 digs. They then lost 3-0 in their second match against Point Loma University and again to Notre Dame de Namur University 3-1 in their third game. SMU bounced back to win the final game 3-2 against California State University Dominguez where Rebecca Mitchell had 17 kills. Nesbitt finished the match with 50 assists and 15 digs which contributed to earning her spot on the All-Tournament team.

Freshman Kamille Langford commented that “our team’s greatest strength is our attitudes. All the girls walk into the gym ready to learn and get better every day. We also bring high energy to the court which improves our play tremendously.” Following the tournament, the Saints split their first two GNAC conference games against Western Oregon University and Concordia University. The Saints fell to the Wolves in straight sets but had amazing performances from Rebecca Mitchell with a career high of 25 kills in the next game against Concordia with an SMU



Photo retrieved from SMU Athletics

The women's volleyball team cheers before taking the court

victory of 3-1. This win against Concordia was the first time in Saint Martins NCAA Division II history.

The Saints have had a competitive conference, which Langford mentions. “We have faced many great teams this year so far, but the toughest team was the University of Alaska Anchorage. They are currently ranked number 20 in the nation and have a solid team.”

The Saints fell 3-1 to University of Alaska Anchorage and 3-1 to the University of Alaska Fairbanks but didn’t go down without a fight in either match. Mitchell tallied 15 kills against Anchorage and 17 versus Fairbanks. She raised

her number of kills for the season to 166 which ranks her fourth in the GNAC (Great Northwest Athletic Conference) for kills per set. Nesbitt ranks fourth in the GNAC for assists per set with a total of 421.

The Saints returned home to battle Seattle Pacific University where they fell 3-2. Mitchell once again lead the team with 13 kills while Jordan Keane finished the game with 27 assists and Hannah Neumann tallying 22 digs. SMU faced another tough loss in their game against Montana State University-Billings (3-0). Nicole Nesbitt led the team with 24 assists while Hannah Neumann recorded 10 digs for the game.

The Saints went head to head in a full five set match against Central Washington University for the first time since 2001. SMU walked away with heads held high as they beat the Wildcats after a tough game. The game was a back and forth battle between the teams during each set. Mistakes were made by each opponent and both teams took full advantage of the others. Once again Mitchell lead the offense with 19 kills, while Gondrezick followed close behind with 16. Nesbitt finished with 34 assists with Keane trailing behind with 26. Neumann lead the team with 25 digs. SMU now sits with a record of 7-8, 2-5 GNAC and faced the undefeated number 12 Northwest Nazarene University on Oct. 7 at home.

Saints cross country move into top 20 following two invitational meets

Lauren Allison
Staff Writer

The Saints cross country teams finished fourth and seventh overall at the Saint Martin’s University (SMU) Invite, while four racers finished in the top 20. On the women’s side, junior Larissa Kolasinski finished sixth overall on the 5K track with a time of 19:15.8 and an average mile time of 6:12.0 minutes. This was the third event in a row that Kolasinski led the Saints with the fastest time as well as her second top-ten finish of the season.

Coming in second for SMU was senior Yadira Lopez who finished thirteenth overall with a time of 19:40.2 minutes. Following behind was junior Lindsey Dorney who came in twentieth overall with a time of 20:00.9 minutes. Josh Hunt had the fastest time on the men’s team with a final time of 27:26.1 which placed him twelfth overall. Junior Levi Schilter and freshman Miguel De LaMelena placed 40th



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Men's cross country team runs at invitational

and 42nd overall with times of 28:26.4 and 28:30.5. The women finished with a total of 128 points while the men finished with 172 points.

When asked how the team has been performing so far, Hunt said, “The team has been great! We brought in a good group of hard workers this year and our returners put in a lot of work during the off season.”

Hunt added that “I definitely enjoyed the sunshine for the first

part of the season. It’s always nice to be able and run without three layers of clothes on to keep you warm.”

The Saints competed at the 43rd Annual Charles Bowles Willamette Invitational on Saturday Sept. 30 in Salem, Ore. The women and men’s team finished eleventh and fourteenth overall with some impressive individual efforts. Lopez lead the women’s team on the 5K course finishing 27th out of 166 competitors with a final time of 18:34.3 minutes. Finishing second for the Saints and 33rd overall, Kolasinski crossed the finish line with a time of 18:40.6 minutes. Finishing 57th overall with a time of 19:16.0 minutes was Dorney who was followed by juniors Sadie Dagleish (20:13.6) and Yeshi Vaughan (20:16.5).

On the men’s side, Hunt led the Saints for the fourth straight meet. Hunt completed the 8K course with a time of 26:14.6 minutes finishing 40th overall out of the 155 racers. Schilter finished second for the Saints with a time of 26:45.7 which placed him 68th out of 155. Miguel DeLaMelena finished third for the Saints and 94th overall with a time of 27:27.0 minutes. Finishing in the top five for the Saints was junior Joe Edgecomb who finished fourth for SMU (27:33.9) and Colton Buster (27:59.9). The men’s team had a few PRs which they were proud of which helped the team finish with a team score of 375 while the women finished with a team score of 298. The Saints finished off their regular season events on Oct. 7 at Western Washington in the Western Washington Classic.

Teeing off with Tyler Fitchett

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A freshman out of Yakima, Wash., Tyler Fitchett brings a powerful punch to an already lethal lineup on our Saints golf team.

Fitchett found his first round at the collegiate level to be a fun one, shooting a 69 and finding himself on the All-Tournament First team after his first three rounds. “I’d be lying if I said I expected to shoot a 69 in my first college round, but that sort of settled my nerves in a sense, it showed me that I belong here.”

The rest of the Saints team found stride in later rounds as they took home sixth place out of the 13 teams invited. Their rounds got better every day shooting a 294-291-289.

Not giving 100 percent is not an option here. “Our team is usually near the top of the conference, so now I feel obligated to go 100 percent and get the best score I can, I don’t want to let



Photo courtesy of Trevor Frisby

Golfers from left to right, junior Derek Phelps, junior Trevor Frisby, freshman Tyler Fitchett, senior Chace Daskalos, senior Drew Raab

the team down.” Fitchett stated. Remaining at the top is what he envisions for the future. As a freshman, his goals still lie in front of him, but are not out of his reach. He wants to be the Freshman of the Year and has goals for the future as well, which include being nominated to the First Team All-GNAC and pushing to become the player of the year. All of these dreams come

after not knowing whether he’d play baseball or golf in college.

“I became obsessed with golf when I started, and I was always at the golf course.” Fitchett began golfing his freshman year of high school, saying he’d “burned out” on baseball after playing since he was 5. He felt there was a true passion elsewhere and he found it on the links.

The biggest transition he’s found in golf is the team aspect, saying that his high school team was based upon individual results more than the team results. Coming to SMU has taught Fitchett that a true family aspect is built upon for success.

“Our whole team are great friends with each other and we hang out outside of golf all the time.” A close team always brings the best out of everyone, on and off the course.

With a couple more tournaments remaining in the season, Fitchett has big goals, but these goals are doable especially with his work ethic and the support of the rest of the team.

Women's soccer seniors reflect on their last year

Nathan Pearsall
Staff Writer



Photo courtesy of Brittany Orlosky

(Left to right) Dulce Armas, Lauren Allison, and Brittany Orlosky

Date	Opponent	Score
8/31/17	Cal State Monterey Bay	L 1-6
9/2/17	Notre Dame de Namur	L 0-3
9/8/17	Westminster	L 0-2
9/10/17	Pacific Lutheran	L 0-2
9/16/17	Cal Baptist	L 0-5
9/21/17	Seattle Pacific	L 1-4
9/23/17	Western Washington	L 1-6
9/28/17	Simon Fraser	L 0-5
9/30/17	Central Washington	T 1-1
10/5/17	Concordia	L 0-4
10/7/17	MSU Billings	W 2-0
10/10/17	Western Washington	L 0-4

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Lauren Allison, Dulce Armas and Brittany Orlosky have spent a lot of time on the pitch behind Old Main, and with this being their final season, we took the time to get to know them just a little better.

Dulce Armas

Q: How did you guys become interested in soccer and what made you pursue it in college?

A: I started playing at a young age when I moved to a new town, it started as a way for me to make friends and play outside but I wound up falling in love with the game. I was blessed to see professional women's games at a young age and those moments planted the seeds for me to pursue the highest level of play possible. I've been working towards those dreams for 15 years now and pray I never have to give them up.

Q: What sports icon did you look up to growing up?

A: I always looked up to Sisleide do Amor Lima, a Brazil professional soccer player and co-winner of the 1999 FIFA Golden Boot award. I knew her as Sissi when she coached me during my teenage years. As a fellow woman of color, she inspired me deeply because I saw myself in her and it gave me hope I could play alongside the best of the best if I worked hard enough.

Q: What is your major? Where do you see yourself after graduation? Will you try and play anywhere or will soccer become a hobby following college?

A: I am currently majoring in business administration and I hope this will lead me to a graduate program on the east coast or perhaps abroad in a Spanish speaking nation. My goal is to use my business connections to create a larger network for philanthropy in my home state of California. I am deeply committed to finding ways to play soccer after college, more specifically I hope I can play for a futbol club overseas. I don't think I will ever stop playing, even if that means I'm playing in pick-up games at a local park.

Brittany Orlosky

Q: Tell me about your pregame tradition, do you have a pregame meal you always have, or something special to you that you never forget to do?

A: Listening to music and having dance-offs with my teammates. We have dance parties before every game and hype each other up. I always say a prayer right before kick-off and during the national anthem.

Q: What team in the GNAC do you always look forward to playing and why?

A: Playing at SPU, there fan section is always loud and big. I love playing at night under the stadium lights in front of a big crowd. SPU is always one of our toughest games and we always play well there.

Q: What is your favorite soccer moment from your entire life? Middle school club, high school, high school club, SMU, just pick something that you remember most from your earlier years of playing soccer.

A: Winning state for club my senior year. I played for Northwest Nationals and we won at Starfire sending us to regionals in New Mexico. It was the perfect way to end my club soccer career

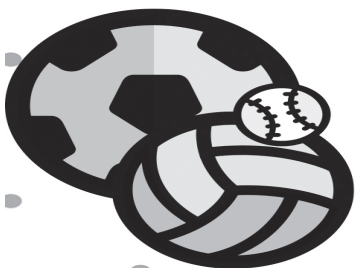
Lauren Allison

Q: How tough is it battling class schedules/homework with traveling and games?

A: Some days are harder than others. It can be very overwhelming for sure but the coaches make sure that we are students first and do everything they can to help us balance our schedules. Professors have been very understanding as well, which has been amazing over the years!

Q: If you could be any animal, what would you choose and why?

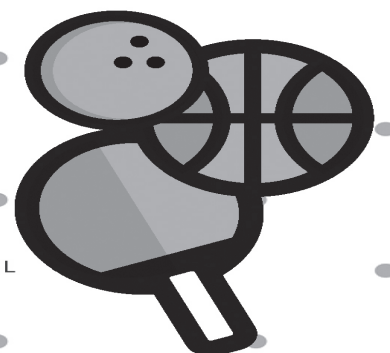
A: I would be a wolf for sure. They are just all around awesome and majestic.



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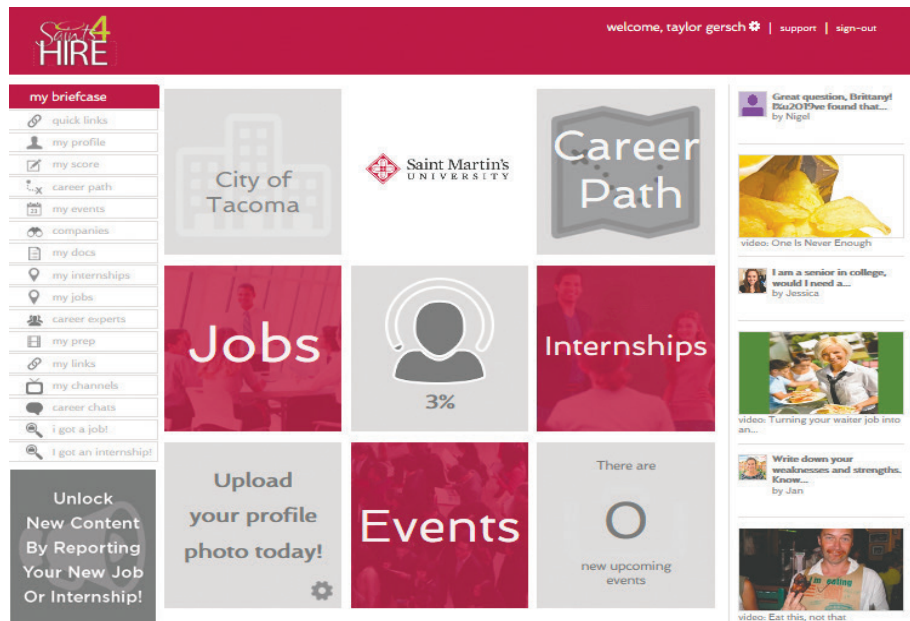


Alternative ways to pay for college

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With the continuous increase of tuition year after year, college students are constantly looking for ways to make money while trying to balance classes and extracurricular activities. One local resource available to students is Saint Martin's job posting webpage, Saints4Hire. Saints4Hire is a search engine provided by the career center, that allows students to search for jobs available both on campus and in the nearby area. These include work study positions, internships, graduate assistantships, part-time and full-time positions. Sponsored by Purple Briefcase, Saints4Hire is a great tool to help college students find ways to make some extra cash.

For graduate students, positions as graduate assistants are a great way to earn some extra money while earning a discount off tuition. Limited to graduate students, the positions require 160 hours per semester and are available in various departments including finance, admissions, graduate studies and with various professors. This program provides these students with a great opportunity to learn more about Saint Martin's and the department



Saints4hire hosts community job postings, work study positions and on-campus job listings.

they are working in, and be more involved in the Saint Martin's community.

Another way to find cash fast jobs is through The Penny Hoarder, one of the largest personal finance websites that offers job opportunities, ways to earn and save money, freebies and much more. Penny Hoarder offers many creative ideas to earn money while working full time with school or a separate job through different apps and websites. For example, InboxDollars allows you to make money watching

videos, eMiles pays you to take surveys, HealthyWage allows you to bet money on your weight loss, driving apps like Lyft, Uber, and UberEats allow you to sell your taxi service, and Rover or DogVacay gives you the opportunity to walk dogs or dog sit. They also include links to various freelance writing jobs and writing competitions.

A more extravagant way to earn money is to teach English overseas. According to Market Watch, an estimated 250,000 native English speakers are teaching the English

language abroad. Students are actively participating in paid teaching positions overseas while enjoying an international experience and being immersed in a new culture. One organization that I will be working through at the start of next year is Greenheart Travel, a non-profit dedicated to bringing people around the planet together. Greenheart provides various paid and unpaid opportunities to college students and other adults to teach English abroad, participate in marketing and hospitality internships and other work and travel opportunities. For more information, you can visit <https://greenhearttravel.org>.

The last and probably the best way to earn some extra cash while studying is to write for the Belltower. The Belltower is an exciting and welcoming work environment dedicated to providing Saint Martin's with the best student-run newspaper. The staff at the Belltower are constantly working to keep Saint Martin's and its students up-to-date on important issues and activities around our campus, community, and throughout the world. These positions are paid and are exciting and flexible ways to earn some extra cash. For more information please see the applications on our website at <http://www.belltowersmu.org>.

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A Pacific Northwest Oktoberfest

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What exactly is Oktoberfest? Traditionally starting in the third weekend of September and ending the first Sunday of October, it is a grand Bavarian event attracting crowds of people. Prince Ludwig, who was to become King Ludwig, was set to marry Princess Therese of Saxony-Hildburghausen on Oct. 12, 1810 in Munich, Germany. The citizens of Munich were



Leavenworth is a Bavarian-styled village in the cascade mountains in central Washington.

invited to celebrate their engagement at the fields of their city gate known today as "Wiesn."

Horse races were originally held to mark the close of the festival that was later expanded to include people of Bavaria as a whole. This tradition of horse racing is what led to the tradition of Oktoberfest. In 1811, an addition to horse races were added-the first agricultural show, intended to boost Bavarian agriculture. Today, the same agriculture show is held every three years at the festival in Bavaria. In 1818, the first carousel and swings were set up along with small stands for festival goers to purchase a stein of beer. In 1896, these small stands of beer were replaced with beer halls and tents and the fest of the grounds were taken up by the fun-fair.

Today the Oktoberfest in Munich is the largest festival in the world, attracting six million visitors from all over the world. This year, Oktoberfest in Bavaria celebrated their 184th festival while Leavenworth celebrated their 19th and Mt. Angel celebrated their 51st Oktoberfest.

These local Oktoberfests has been a huge hit for Pacific Northwest festival enthusiasts.

Mt. Angel's Oktoberfest draws in more than

300,000 visitors a year, raising tens of thousands of dollars for local causes including their library, fire department, nursing homes and schools. Since its inception, Mt. Angel's Oktoberfest has distributed nearly 3,000,000 dollars to non-profits. Junior sociology major Lauren Maley attended her first Oktoberfest with friend Taylor Wolf this year since Wolf's family helps at one of the many booths at the festival.

"There were so many people! It was a really fun environment because there was always music playing, everyone you talked to was super nice and inviting, and people got really into the event. Everyone was walking around in their flower crowns and outfits, so of course we had to get our own flower crowns too. People from all over the world come to this one event, so it was interesting to see people from all different backgrounds and cultures come together to celebrate, eat and drink. The food was absolutely amazing, and most of the proceeds went to local non-profits," said Maley.

Maley would recommend that others attend the event next year, "It was super fun and I do plan on going back next year!"

Senior biology major Taylor Wolf, who attended Mt. Angel's Oktoberfest with Maley has been attending the event as long as she could remember. She grew up ten minutes from Mt. Angel and her family volunteers their time to work at the Sacred Heart Knights of Columbus booth at the event.

"The event is very crowded. People travel from far and wide to attend the Mt. Angel Oktoberfest. The atmosphere is very authentic. Mt. Angel is a Bavarian town so the German event is



View of tourists walking around during Oktoberfest



Lauren Maley (left) and Taylor Wolf (right) at Mt. Angel Oktoberfest

only fitting to be held here. There are people laughing and talking, there is music and dancing, and overall exciting and fun event. It is for all ages so there is children and adults alike enjoying the festivities," said Wolf. While neither Maley nor Wolf wore lederhosen for the event, they did purchase and wear flower crowns and would encourage people who want an authentic experience to invest in lederhosen or a dirndl, a traditional German dress.

Starting the celebrations in 2003, Leavenworth's Oktoberfest has continued to grow to 10,000 attendees, with bands traveling all the way from Germany to attend. Leavenworth's festival was ranked among the top Oktoberfest celebrations in the country.

Masters in counseling graduate student Kelli Bannerman also attended her first Oktoberfest this year at Leavenworth. "It was loud, a lot of people, food and dancing! The food was so good, it was mostly all authentic German cuisine, and there were homemade donuts and elephant ears! There was a variation of beers just for the event and we had refillable mugs," said Bannerman.

Bannerman intends on attending the event again next year during the second weekend, since there tends to be more interactive activities and games at that time. Without a doubt, Oktoberfest offers a cultural and fun experience for those who enjoy fall and Bavarian tradition.

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Applefest at Lattin's Cider Mill showcases local businesses and family friendly events

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Lattin's Country Cider Mill and Farm is nestled in rural Olympia just 20 minutes from Saint Martin's University. The idyllic, family farm features apples trees, a pumpkin patch and a large barn filled with locally farmed produce, canned goods and cider.

From the end of September through October, Lattin's hosts their annual Applefest and pumpkin patch weekends. Although the farm, store and pumpkin patch are open every week day, these special weekend events have additional games and activities for children as well as booths for local artisans and craftsmen.

Saint Martin's students searching for fun, fall-themed activities need look no farther than Lattin's Country Cider Mill and Farm. Lattin's distinguishes itself from other local fall attractions with its famous apple products and free admission. Though parking is five dollars, and individual products and activities may cost, one can wander through the farm and pumpkin patch



A sneak peak into Lattin's pumpkin patch



Homemade soaps for sale at the cider mill farmers market

at no charge.

The farm smells of sweet apples, and its many animals frolic and bleat in their pens. A few unwary children quickly learn that goats really will eat anything, including paper bags with the sweet residue of freshly made apple fritters still clinging to them.

People of all ages mill about while eating the various apple themed foods and drinks — apple crisps, caramel apples, apple pie, hot and cold cider, berry cider, cider donuts, apple cake and the aforementioned apple fritters.

Laura Brannon, owner of "Gaia Blends" and vendor at Applefest, sells handcrafted soaps, organic skin salves, and pure beeswax candles. Originally from Ohio, Brannon began making her organic salve 12 years ago as a stay-at-home-mother. After selling her salve at a farmer's market, she altered the formula to create a lip balm and a stick applicator.

According to Brannon, the beeswax in her salve acts as an anti-inflammatory to calm skin problems like psoriasis. From there she started trading her beeswax with another farm for their goat milk to begin making organic soap.

When the business grew, her husband left his day job and the family moved out west. They ended up settling in Ocean Shores "because they ran out of road" Brannon says. Lattin's Applefest

has given them an opportunity to grow their exposure and customer base during the popular fall weekends.

An artist from Konnex, a Washington and Wisconsin based party company that focuses on art and creativity, occupied another booth at the first weekend of Applefest. Catering events ranging from informal get-togethers with friends to bridal showers and family reunions, Konnex creates a relaxing environment for participants to paint and release their creative juices.

Not far from the vendors and baked goods, Lattin's features a large pumpkin patch. A trailer routinely tows a wagon full of awed children and families through the quaint field. Though there are plenty of traditional orange pumpkins, the patch also features white or "ghost" pumpkins, as well as dark orange and grey-green varieties.

Whether you are looking for fall ambiance, the perfect pumpkin or fresh made treats, Lattin's Cider Mill and Farm's Applefest and pumpkin patch gathers everything good about Autumn into a small farm less than a half an hour from Saint Martin's campus.



Lattin's Cider Mill Farmers Market

Photos courtesy of Jessica Varvil



The new iPhones and Apple products excite consumers despite hefty price

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Last month, Apple Inc. introduced new smartwatches, an Apple TV, the new iPhone 8 and 8 Plus. However, the main attraction was the new iPhone X, set for release on Nov. 3. According to ABC news, Apple's senior vice president Phil Schiller and CEO Tim Cook presented the iPhone 8 and iPhone X at a launch in Cupertino, Calif. The iPhone X is available for preorder on Oct. 27

With a starting price of \$999. In an article by KTLA News, Tim Cook, CEO of Apple said the iPhone X is "the future of the smartphone." Although we think we'd expect anything less, given Apple's history of keeping people constantly intrigued by its technology. Another important fact about the new iPhone X according to Apple's executives is that the X actually stands for "ten."

The phone also features an all-glass design, with a glass front and back. This is also a feature on the iPhone 8 and 8 Plus as well. The

feature allows for the phone to be charged wirelessly. To help ease your mind about the idea of carrying an all glass phone, Apple has said it is "the most durable" glass they've ever used in a smartphone.

To reiterate, the front of the iPhone X is all screen, they've officially done away with the home button. This new screen measures 5.8 inches diagonally. Some of the past iPhones allow you to unlock your device or apps with a fingerprint scan but the iPhone X is now offering the ability to unlock your phone by using facial recognition. According to Apple, the iPhone X comes with two types of storage capacities, 64GB and 256GB.

What may come as a disappointment to some, the iPhone X still lacks the headphone jack, something that was removed with the iPhone 7. In addition to the phone, you will also find a five-watt power adapter, a USB cable, a headphone jack adapter and earphones with the lightning connector all in the box. The new iPhone X only comes in

two colors, silver and space gray. At least it makes the choice a little easier. The iPhone 8 and iPhone 8 Plus offer silver, space gray and gold. The iPhone 8 and iPhone 8 Plus are starting at 699 dollars and 799 dollars.

At this event, it was revealed that the iPhone X will come with a stainless-steel case. The camera on the iPhone X will feature portrait mode with a portrait lighting feature. Schiller said that the chances of a random person unlocking your phone are one in a million. The coolest part? It adapts to your face over time. "Animoji" is also going to be a new addition to this prestigious smartphone, animated emojis that mimic the user's facial expressions. Many are predicting iPhone users will go out and buy the iPhone X because it's the newest on the market, while others are saying it will help sales of the iPhone 8 and 8 Plus by making them look like the better and cheaper deal.



The new iPhone X

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Trump introduces updated travel ban

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On Sept. 24 President Donald Trump released a new and recent announcement regarding his travel ban. As the original travel ban comes close to ending, Trump decided to extend the travel ban for several countries. Instead of having a set ending date, the ban will end via country cooperation regarding the situations in these countries. The new ban is expected to go into effect on Oct 18.

The new list now affects individuals from Somalia, Yemen, Syria, Libya, Iran, North Korea, Chad and Venezuela. While there are new countries being added to the list, Sudan was released from the initial ban by complying with United

States guidelines. Iraq is also relieved from the ban, but Iraqis will face extra security and background checks. The travel ban only extends to members of the Venezuelan government and their families, rather than all citizens of Venezuela.

Anyone that has a current visa in the United States will not be affected by the ban. Students from Iran will still be allowed entry into the United States upon further screening. Individuals with business or tourist visas from Libya, Chad and Yemen will be barred. Along with that, this ban will bar immigration of people from Somalia. However, anyone from any of these countries can request a waiver from the ban, which will be issued depending on an individual basis.

Trump states that the intent of this

ban is to provide protection for the country. Trump wrote the following statement on Twitter, "We will not admit those into our country we cannot safely vet." The president is attempting to provide safer travel inside the country and to keep the citizens of America safe. The selection of this ban was based on the cooperation of these countries governments with the United States. The Guardian looked into the selection process and the countries that were willing to provide criminal history and background checks, terrorism information, and secure passports for their citizens that were deemed safe, and thus allowed their citizens to continue entering the country for whatever the purpose. However, the countries that refused to comply with the general security guidelines

raised concern, putting them on the list of countries that are banned. One administrator declared that "those governments were simply not compliant with our basic security requirements."

Currently, it is unknown if the administration intends to extend the ban to refugees once more as was the case with the first travel ban. They do expect to set a cap limit on the number of refugees admitted in the country for the upcoming year, though the number has still not been decided upon. There is no determining date on when this ban will be lifted as it is dependent on the cooperation from the listed countries and their governments, with the guidelines set forth by the U.S.

German Federal election causes upset in Bundestag

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Angela Merkel, the chancellor of Germany, prevailed in Germany's federal election on Sept. 24. Merkel was successfully elected to a fourth term as Germany's head of government. It may seem that the story of Germany's 2017 election is over, but it is far from over as Merkel must now negotiate her coalition agreement to formally establish power. Under Germany's parliamentary system of government, the chancellor must have the backing of more than half of the members of the Bundestag (the German Parliament). If the largest party in the Bundestag does not have a majority, they must work to convince the smaller parties to support their government in exchange for cabinet positions and concessions on policy.

Since Germany uses a proportional representation system, meaning that percentage of the vote won is equal to percentage of the seats won (five percent of the popular vote equals five percent the seats in parliament), there are many parties that are represented and no single party has a majority on its own. In the last parliament, Angela Merkel's CDU (Christian Democratic Union)-CSU (Christian Social Union) center-right alliance ruled in coalition with the center-left Social Democratic Party (SPD). This was known as a grand coalition since the CDU-CSU and the SPD were the two largest parties in the Bundestag respectively and they joined forces between left and right.

As Merkel shops for potential coalition partners, she will not be able to consider a deal with the SPD again. The SPD has been reinvigorated

by its new leader Martin Schulz. Schulz had previously represented the party in the European Union and also served as president of the European Parliament. When Schulz became leader of the SPD, and their candidate for chancellor, he even led Merkel for a short-lived period in the polls. Schulz believes that the SPD needs a "spell in opposition" before it can be a credible party to lead the government. Therefore, Merkel must look in other places to find potential coalition partners.

The third largest party in the Bundestag following the election is the Alternative for Germany (AfD). The AfD is seen as a more Eurosceptic party that has been particularly critical of Angela Merkel for her handling of the refugee crisis. The AfD won 94 seats in the most recent election, which marks their first ever entry to the Bundestag. This comes after the AfD won approximately 12.6 percent of the popular vote. The AfD is unlikely to join any sort of Merkel coalition, so their voice in the Bundestag will be primarily through opposition.

With the SPD and AfD unlikely to join a Merkel-led coalition, Merkel has started to negotiate a coalition with the Free Democratic Party and the Greens, dubbed as the "Jamaica Coalition" according to Reuters. The "Jamaica Coalition" title is colloquially given because of the colors of the parties involved in the coalition. The CDU's primary color is black, the FDP's color is yellow and the Green's color is green. This coalition is broader than before, bringing together the CDU-CSU on the center-right, the FDP in the center and the Greens on the center-left. Still, it is the most realistic option for any government to be

formed.

The FDP just re-entered the Bundestag after falling below the minimum five percent threshold to receive representation in the 2013 election. The FDP is considered a "pro-business" party, with its many policies that support free enterprise and privatization. Additionally, the party takes a libertarian view on civil liberties, supporting gay marriage and marijuana legalization, and human rights. The FDP is considered generally compatible with Merkel and joining the government upon their re-entry to the Bundestag is a great way to make an impact for them.

The Greens are the other party that will be necessary to join the "Jamaica Coalition." The Greens are on the center-left and are therefore farther apart from the CDU-CSU and the FDP on certain issues. The most obvious issues separating the parties is refugees. Just last week, Angela Merkel indicated that she would be capping the number of refugees who could enter Germany to satisfy members of the CSU, her sister party in Germany. This move was met with criticism from the Greens who take a more Pro-European outlook on the refugee crisis.

The negotiation process will take months according to some. It is also likely that the "Jamaica Coalition" agreement will be much more detailed than previous coalition agreements. This is largely because there are three parties involved rather than two (leading to more potential disagreements if two parties agree on something but the other one doesn't), and a more turbulent political environment following the populist uprisings across the world including the AfD within Germany itself.

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The Eucharist: The centerpiece of the Catholic faith

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Love. Endless love. Love that freely gives without taking. Love that transcends the hearts of believers and inspires the minds of all who seek. This type of love is one that is not of this world and cannot be fulfilled by any human person, material possession or accomplishment. Rather, this pure and selfless love is one that is heavenly and divine, one that will transform your heart without you even knowing. So, you may ask, what type of love is this?

This love is Jesus Christ, true God and true man, fully present in the Eucharist (Holy Communion.) Catholics believe that during each Mass, the gifts of bread and wine are fully transformed into Jesus' body and blood, through the words of the priest who acts in the person of Christ. What exactly does this mean? Why is the Eucharist so important?

To help demonstrate, clarify, and explain the beauty of the Eucharist, it is first beneficial to look at the Sacrament of Matrimony (marriage), since all of us are probably familiar with this concept. When a man and a woman are bonded in marriage, they officially become one; while they are two separate individuals, the couple is united together as one body, soul and spirit upon receiving the Sacrament of Matrimony. When the man and woman obtain this bond, they vow to give themselves entirely to one another, which is the true definition of love. Through the complete offering of themselves to each another, the spouses are uniting in love and for love.

Thus, marriage is not completed or fulfilled unless the bond of body and soul takes place. If a man and a woman offer their hearts to one another and not their bodies, or vice versa, their marriage is incomplete and broken, and feelings of emptiness and incompleteness will deeply grow within themselves. On the other hand, when a couple freely offers their entire beings to each other, their marriage will blossom and flourish in the richness of unity. Here, we can see

the importance of a man's complete sacrifice for his wife and a woman's complete sacrifice for her husband.

Before Jesus died on the cross and rose from the dead, he offered up his body and blood to the apostles during the Last Supper. The reason for this was because Jesus wanted to share in an intimate relationship with each of them and similarly, with all of us. Christ, in the same way that a man and woman give themselves to one another in marriage, offers us his body and blood each time we receive Holy Communion at Mass. In marriage, if a man and woman do not offer their entirety to each other, their marriage lacks fullness and unity. Similarly, without frequent reception of the Eucharist, our relationship with God is incomplete.

The Last Supper is so significant because Jesus invites us to receive his whole being so that we may be completely and fully united to him. Christ not only offers us his words and teachings in the Bible, which we hear during Mass, but gives us his body and blood to be intimate with us, just like a married couple. Essentially, Christ is our spouse, since he offers both his body and soul to us.

John 6:53-56 states, Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him." This passage from the Gospel of John contains the actual words of Jesus, in which he exclaims not once, not twice, nor three times, but rather four times of the truth of his real presence. With this, Christ explains how the Eucharist is eternal nourishment, which is necessary for our salvation. By fully understanding the meaning and importance of the Eucharist for the transformation of ourselves, one can then grasp the real meaning of the Mass. Catholics don't just gather together every Sunday for the music, or to hear



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The rosary is a form of prayer used especially in the Catholic church, named for the string of knots or beads used to count prayers.

the priest talk about God. We come to Church for Christ and Christ alone! Catholics gather together to join in the heavenly feast and nourish their souls with Jesus' body and blood, which empowers believers to embrace His calling and love others in Christ's name.

Last year, junior Avery Reich-Norris began attending Mass at the Abbey Church, and says, "Daily Mass has changed my life. The Eucharist is just so great!" Come and experience the transformational and salvific love of Christ for yourself, who is fully present in each Catholic Mass. If you wish to attend Mass and are not Catholic, you are more than welcome to come but please do not receive Jesus in the Eucharist. Because of the sacredness of Jesus' body and blood, it is important to take formation classes to prepare yourself for the beauty of Christ's offering. If you wish to receive Holy Communion, there are RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) classes you can take on campus (contact Fr. Peter Tynan) to learn more about the meaning of the faith and becoming Catholic. For all who are interested in attending Mass, here is the Abbey Church Mass Schedule: Monday-Friday (5:00 pm); Saturday (8:00 am); Sunday (11:00 am and 7:00 pm).

The Blessed Virgin Mary and the Rosary

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One of the most well-known events in the Christian Bible is when Mary says "yes" to become the mother of God. Her "yes" changed the course of humanity, as a savior was brought into the world. When the angel Gabriel appeared to Mary and told her that she would bear a son named Jesus, she exclaimed in Luke 1:38, "May it be done to me according to your word."

Not only did Mary agree to follow God's will, but her profound humility and faithful service to the Lord serves as an inspiration for all

believers. Throughout the centuries, Catholics have asked for Mary's intercession and many of the Saints have also written about the unfailing prayers of our blessed mother.

A common misconception that many non-Catholics have is that Catholics worship Mary. While Catholics do honor and respect her as the Lord's most faithful servant, all prayers and consecrations to our blessed mother are for her intercession. In other words, Mary helps lead the faithful closer to her son, Jesus, so each prayer offered to her is an offering to Christ. As St. Louis de Montfort states, "We never give more honor to Jesus than when we honor his mother, and we honor her simply and solely to honor him all the more perfectly. We go to her only as a way leading to the goal we seek- Jesus, her son."

The Catholic Church honors Mary in many ways and has devoted multiple feast days and solemnities to honor her significant role as the mother of Christ. In fact, the month of October has been named as the month of the holy Rosary. The Rosary is the most popular Marian devotion in the Catholic Church, and Saint Pope Pius X remarks, "The Rosary is the most beautiful and the most rich in graces of all prayers; it is the prayer that touches most the

heart of the mother of God."

On Oct. 7, the Catholic Church celebrated the feast day of Mary, Our Lady of the Rosary, but the whole month is devoted to the Rosary. The feast day was first established on Oct. 7, 1571, as the feast of Our Lady of Victory by Saint Pope Pius V, when he called for all of Europe to pray the Rosary for victory. They were seeking to win a naval battle against the Ottoman Turks, who were a massive conquering force at the time. While the Christian navy was at a distinct disadvantage, after five hours of fighting, they won a decisive victory over the Ottomans. Thus, this feast of victory was created in honor of this major triumph.

Following in the footsteps of millions of others who pray the Rosary daily, a group of students on campus join each night to pray together. Freshman Rowan Carabba says, "Praying the Rosary every night with this group has given me a family at St. Martin's." Bringing their needs, intentions, and prayers together the students pray the Rosary and ask for the intercession of our blessed mother. In Matthew 18:2, Jesus says, "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there I am in the midst of them."

Students of all faith practices and beliefs are more than welcome to

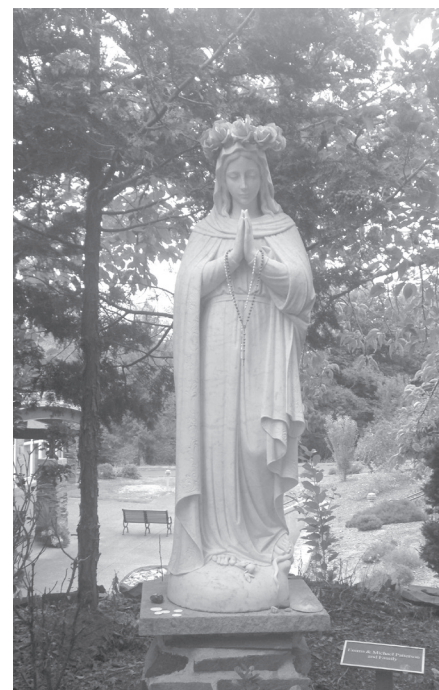


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The blessed Virgin Mary statue located behind the Abbey church.

come experience the joy, peacefulness, and grace that the Rosary brings. The group meets every night at 10:00 pm in the Spangler prayer room. Junior Tyler Snook extends this message to the entire St. Martin's community: "Whether you know it or not, Our Lady loves you very much, so please come join us in honoring her."



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A 16th century Russian idol of the Virgin Mary on display in the Saint Martin's Abbey.

WSDOT engineer Tim Moore speaks on viaduct replacement project

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New Cebula Hall received a special guest visit from Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) engineer Tim Moore on Sept. 27. The presentation started out with a provided dinner and social hour in the evening before guests and engineers shuffled to their seats for the presentation. Moore visited New Cebula Hall to deliver his presentation on the tunnel system in Seattle that is currently being constructed. The tunneling system is a replacement for the original Alaskan Way Viaduct, a project started in 2013.

WSDOT is an organization that works on making traffic and transportation accessible, as well as convenient and safe by providing

new bridges, designing tunnels, and working on efficient connections throughout all of Washington. Moore helped work on large projects, such as the new Tacoma Narrows Bridge as well as various other bridges throughout Seattle, Tacoma, and Puyallup. With his visit, students gained direct contact with WSDOT, an organization that has strong ties with the engineering students of Saint Martin's for potential internships, references for further education or an opportunity for a future career. Moore educated students and guests alike about upcoming projects that are underway, including projects that graduating students could be involved with soon.

The Alaskan Way Viaduct is an elevated highway in Seattle that was completed in 1953. Carrying over

100,000 cars every day, the highway is imperative to helping guide traffic throughout the busy city. After a damaging earthquake in 2001, the viaduct needed to be demolished and removed, a process that began in 2011. In 2013, the construction of a replacement tunnel began. The tunnel is not expected to be finished until 2019, when it will open to the public. The new design of the tunnel is supposed to provide more stability and strength, especially in the face of another severe earthquake. This will enable further protection to commuters throughout Washington and provide a safer route of travel than a typical bridge can provide.

This tunnel provides potential job opportunities for the engineering students of Saint Martin's University. Moore explained the project

for students to understand and have direct contact with the type of work they will most likely be doing when they start their future careers. This tunnel will provide a safer route of transportation, especially in the face of a natural disaster. The new tunnel will be better suited to survive an earthquake than the old viaduct was. Once the construction is complete, there will be more efficient connections throughout Seattle to potentially cut back on excessive traffic build up, helping to guide commuters more smoothly by providing multiple routes for travel. Individuals of all backgrounds look forward to the construction of the tunnel, as well as appreciate Tim Moore's hand in the project to help make travel a little bit safer throughout Washington.

Crime on campus: a summary of the annual Fire and Safety Report

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On Sept. 29, the Office of Public Safety released their Annual Security and Fire Safety report to the entire SMU campus. Each year, the Office of Public Safety is required to inform students of SMU's up-to-date security policies, emergency alert system information, crime report procedures and disciplinary policies. The Security and Fire Safety report mostly notably contains the Clery crime statistics from the past three calendar years, as enforced by the Clery Act, which is described as the following: "Originally known as The Campus Security Act of 1990 (20 U&SC § 1092(F)) the Clery Act is the landmark federal law requiring colleges and universities "to provide students and their families, as higher education consumers, with accurate, complete and timely information about safety on campus so that they can make informed decisions," as stated in the report.

According to the campus crime statistics reports,

no criminal offenses involving Saint Martin's on non-campus locations were filed during the calendar years 2014, 2015 and 2016, and only one occurred on public property. However, on campus and particularly within residence halls, the numbers were unsurprisingly larger.

A total of four on-campus sexual assault reports were made in the past three years; these being instances involving inappropriate fondling. Two cases of stalking and one case of domestic violence were also reported, along with six instances of burglary and one case of car theft.

Hate crimes were kept to a minimum, with only one reported case of destruction/damage or vandalism of property.

Disciplinary action against drug, alcohol and illegal weapons possession were collectively the highest category of violations, with 20 drug law violations, 97 liquor law violations and one instance of illegal weapons possession.

Due to increased vehicle prowling in the last couple of weeks, Public Safety also asks students to be vigilant in reporting and preventing

car theft. In a recent email to the SMU campus, they encourage students to lock their vehicle doors, keep their valuables on them and to make sure their vehicles are in a well-lit place with active alarms. Anyone who wants an escort to their vehicle is welcome to call Public Safety at 360-438-4555. Any suspicious activity can also be reported by calling 911.

In the past three calendar years, SMU has had no reported cases of homicide, aggravated assault, arson or major theft—a streak that will hopefully continue. The full list of campus crime reports and the official 2017 Annual Security and Fire Safety report can be found on the SMU webpage under the Office of Public Safety's crime log and Clery Act section. Public Safety is also offering free print copies of the Annual Security and Fire Safety report to students upon request. For more information on crime prevention, safety measures or crime statistics, the Office of Public Safety is located on the second floor of Old Main, room 251.

Les Bailey Writer's Series features local author Jim Lynch

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On Wednesday, Oct. 4, Jim Lynch, the author of the novels "The Highest Tide," which won the Pacific Northwest Booksellers Association Award in 2006, and "Border Songs" presented to the Saint Martin's campus. Featured as the 2017 Les Bailey Writer, Lynch discussed his "Call of the Wild: How Western Washington's Natural Wonderland Inspires My Writing."

The event was held in the filled Norman Worthington Conference Center, where Lynch spoke after being introduced by SMU staff and a few of his fellow writers.

In an email interview with Olivia Archibald, I was able to find out about the Les Bailey event. "Dr. Les Bailey was not just the dean of humanities and chair of the English department; he was a very dear friend. After his death in 2010, I served on a committee with former communications director Carleen Jackson and former media director Holly Harman to raise funds for an endowment in his honor. Among other projects, these endowment funds have supported the yearly Les Bailey Writer's Series Guest Writer

that began in 2014." Archibald explained.

Lynch was chosen as the 2017 speaker through a selection process described by Archibald, "The Les Bailey Writer's Series has a selection committee composed of community members who represent areas such as the Washington State Library, area bookstores, local writers, and other members who know about and have supported our region's authors. Although representatives from the English department are also on the committee, selection of the guest writer is a process focused on community input." She discussed how they seek regional writers who have interesting and remarkable publication histories in a wide variety of genres. They also research the potential speakers' past experiences, looking for someone who can speak effectively on "the craft of creative writing in classrooms and at an evening public presentation."

Lynch was introduced by his friend Brian Willis, a local Washingtonian and playwright who stated that "the two of them often got together and went out drinking, discussing ways of bettering the world before coming to the conclusion. A playwright and a retired journalist could not

solve the world's problems."

In the end, they realized their discussions became focused on how best to tell stories, which Lynch discussed in detail as he began to speak.

"You need to have the courage to be vulnerable." Lynch stated when answering a specific question pertaining to his character "Miles" from "The Highest Tide," "He's the observant kid I wish I had been, but I did give him my insecurities."

Throughout the talk, Lynch was sure to give his thanks to the SMU community for hosting him, as he found it a great honor having met Bailey himself. He recounted how Bailey had told him "I just wanted to meet you in person and congratulate you on writing a great novel."

The audience was lucky enough to hear a short story written and read by Lynch himself, which was sweet, hilarious and just lightly political enough to strike a positive accord with his audience. Inspired by our local area, this story takes a quick cut up to Seattle to explore the strange mixture of nature and crude industry. Lynch's stories are often inspired by Washington's greenery, and he thanked his father for moving his family here so that he could learn to appreciate its



Breanna Brink (left), Jim Lynch (center), Hannah Gabel (right)

Photo courtesy of Breanna Brink

year-round beauty. I recommend seeing if you can catch a recording of the story somewhere on the net, since it has not yet been published, and Lynch stated he is unsure if it ever will be.

Archibald had some final words when discussing Lynch's character. "From my experience, any project Jim Lynch has his hand in is always successful. Jim can talk about and teach us his craft in ways that evidence his passions for writing and people. Perhaps these passions explain his acclaim as both novelist and teacher. Yes, we have many good writers in our region, but not all good writers are good teachers." In the end Willis' comment seemed to ring the true about Lynch as an author, "The only thing shocking in this world now is talent," which Lynch certainly has.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I am writing to express my revulsion at the jokes published in the Sep. 25, 2017 issue of The Belltower. As a father of an SMU student, a male SMU employee, and former newspaper writer, I found several jokes to be sexist and unprofessional. The ninth joke relies on the stereotype of the “ditz” which has contributed for many years to women being dismissed and ignored.

The sixth joke, the one about drug dealers and prostitutes, was far more offensive. Because the image of the crack whore is almost always applied to African-American women and is a modernization of images used during throughout American history to justify enslaving, raping, assaulting, and killing women of African descent, it is crass, sexist, classist, and violent.

In legal terms, jokes like these contribute to a hostile environment, a condition of sexual harassment. The jokes, as bad as they were, hint at a serious complaint that many women in the SMU community have voiced. In the last several years, we have lost brilliant and capable women faculty and staff members, many of whom have identified hostile work environment as a contributing factor to their leaving. This was the primary topic of the women’s panel that took place last spring. Participants told about experiences of being talked down to, silenced, discredited, being given unsolicited and condescending advice or unwelcome and inappropriate comments about their looks.

The loss of these women has been keenly felt by students. I have worked with Criminal Justice students who are very upset by the departure of Dr. Diana Falco. Additionally, just last week, I tried to help a communications student with a video project. Because I am just a beginner on Adobe Premier, I could not help very much. She sighed and wished that Dr. Sonia De La Cruz was still here to help her. Both of these talented and charismatic women cited hostile environment as a cause for leaving SMU this summer.

I care deeply about this community. When I finished grad school, I was excited to be offered a position here because SMU hits a number of points in my “fantasy job description.” I want to contribute to SMU’s being a hospitable, peaceful, and dignifying place for each person, thus I cannot ignore the voices of my female colleagues or female students--one of whom is my own daughter--who feel degraded by this kind of humor. I cannot be silent about this. Facing sexism is tough, but I am convinced that by sincerely listening to and grappling with the concerns of women on campus, we can emerge as a stronger, more Benedictine community.

Sincerely,
Kael Moffat

An apology to the Saint Martin’s community

To my professors and classmates,

I have to apologize for the insensitive and offensive material published on the back page of our last issue. I have had professors and classmates alike confront me about why this was put into a paper who’s goal it is to contribute to the building of a strong community.

There is such thing as pushing the envelope when it comes to journalism but, the line is drawn when the material is racist, sexist or offensive. In a country currently suffering from an opioid epidemic this “joke” is far from that. It disregards the real suffering that people are going through and painting it as a “joke” perpetuates a brutal stereotype.

I have been called sensitive I have told I’m making a bigger deal out of this than it needs to be but I argue that if we don’t do this to these so called “jokes” the stereotypes will continue and will not be broken. Don’t be afraid to be the person that takes issue with something. Yes, it may be uncomfortable and it may be hard but, knowing that you stood up for what you believe in is gratifying feeling.

This is not what Saint Martin’s University

stands for. As a Benedictine institution we are asked, “To work toward a just order in our immediate environment and in the larger society.” We believe in a sense of community and opening our arms to people from all spheres of the world, people from different socioeconomic backgrounds, different races and different sexual orientation. “To offer warmth, acceptance and joy in welcoming others.” This is what we should be doing in a school paper. This institution deserves writing that pushes the billet but also addresses real issues that our school faces such as sexism, racism and intolerance.

Challenging issues such as this takes an awareness of our own privilege and prejudice. We all have them. The solution is learning to challenge them, walk a mile in someone else’s shoes before we go back to our own and see the challenges those around us may face. Another component is being able to admit when we are wrong and work to learn from it. This is what a college education is meant to do. We are meant to push our understanding. It will be uncomfortable, it will probably hurt but it will make you a better human being.

I am able to articulate on issues such as this thanks to the classes I have taken here at SMU. Thanks to professors such as Dr. Sapra, Professor Keri Graham and Dr. Walker. They have pushed me to think outside of my norm and to question why I think what I think. So, take a class that is out of your norm. We owe it to our classmates whom may be different from us to try to step out of what we know to recognize these issues.

So, as a member of the community of Saint Martins I urge you to push your comfort zone. It is probably going to be tough, it is not going to happen overnight. But, there are people here that will help you.

Sincerely,
Katherine Pecora

In response to recent community concerns

On behalf of the Belltower, I would like to acknowledge the offence taken by members of our campus community at the jokes published in the last issue of the Belltower. I would like to reaffirm that these jokes were submitted by students not affiliated with the Belltower and do not represent the opinions or ideals of the Belltower as a whole. We understand the concerns raised by members of the community, but prior to the expression of these concerns we had received generally positive feedback from informal student inquiries following the initial publication. This made the situation a difficult one for the staff to understand initially, particularly because we had so many conflicting opinions to consider.

Some of the jokes were in bad taste. At the time of the publication of these jokes, we had not thought in depth about the impact that some of them may have on the community or to our readers. It is not often that we receive feedback on small sections of the paper, such as the jokes column, but we did receive a Letter to the Editor and some informal feedback from professors, faculty, and some students.

We at the Belltower are aware of the offence that could have been taken by a reader of the paper, and I would like to state that as Editor-in-Chief, it was not my intention, nor was it the intentions of our Editorial board to cause any offence whatsoever. Comedy is a tricky subject, and does not always come across as

it was initially intended to.

We would like to take this opportunity as a learning moment, not only for the Belltower Staff, but also for the campus as a whole. The fact that these jokes were submitted by students raises some concerns about the campus climate as well as the general societal climate, as outlined in the Letter to the Editor we received. These jokes play into bigger issues that we face on campus, and as a community we should strive to be open to these issues and confront them instead of pushing them to the background. There are plenty of sensitive topics that need to be discussed, and as Editor-in-Chief I am striving to make the Belltower an outlet where these conversations can take place,

and where our community can become well informed of the campus environment and other newsworthy stories.

As always, if you have concerns or comments about any of the content published in the Belltower, please send us an email or Letter to the Editor, as outlined in our guest submissions content policy printed on page two, and the LTE policy below.

Your Editor-in-Chief,
Sabrina White

LETTER TO THE EDITOR POLICY

- Everyone is invited to submit Letters to the Editor (LTE) in response to previously published material, or about things not in the paper. All LTE's will be responded to either by personal response or in print in The Belltower as space allows.
- All letters must be signed by the author to be published. Names can be withheld upon request of the author and at the discretion of the Editor-in-Chief (EIC). They must have some credible contact information (email, telephone number and/or address) for notification and verification.
- The Belltower reserves the right to edit letters for length and grammar.
- Letters of questionable taste will be evaluated by the Editorial team and in applicable situations will be voted on and handled as the team sees fit.
- Letters of questionable origin will not be published until confirmation of the author has been made.
- As time permits, writers of letters will be contacted for confirmation.
- The Belltower reserves the right to not publish letters deemed libelous, obscene, in poor taste, or otherwise unfit to print. The EIC will make this final decision upon consultation with the Editorial team and the Faculty Adviser.
- The Belltower reserves the right to print a selected number of LTEs. The EIC makes this decision on a case-by-case basis.