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Romancing the West: Molly Gloss speaks at Les Bailey Writers Series

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Molly Gloss, author of the books “Jump-Off Creek,” “Wild Life” and various others, spoke about her writing as part of the Les Bailey Writers Series on Oct. 5. Her presentation was entitled, “Romancing the West: Rethinking and Rewriting the Great American Mythos.”

Held in the Norman Worthington Conference Center, nearly all of the 150 chairs were filled as Gloss elaborated on her writing process and novels. Gloss explained how the “Western myth” has shaped her worldview.

Education major and resident assistant Colin O’Loughlin has attended every Les Bailey event, including the most recent.

“I like to learn more about what inspires authors to write,” O’Loughlin said.

Other students learned of the event because of classwork in various courses. Rachel Doogan, senior, said that she wouldn’t have known about the event if Olivia Archibald, English professor, Ph.D., hadn’t assigned Gloss’s novel, “Falling From Horses,” in her creative writing class.

The goal of the Les Bailey Writers Series is not only to invite speakers who will influence and educate the student body, but also to provide events that integrate Saint Martin’s with the community. All Les

Bailey events have been open to the public. Ky-zian Reed, a 9-year-old, anxiously awaited the event, saying that he was “really, really excited” to hear Gloss speak.

Theater Professor David Hlavsa, who emceed the event, had not read any of Gloss’s novels prior to the event. However, in preparing for this installation of the writers series, Hlavsa read the novel ‘Wild Life’ and issued glowing praise.

“Painstakingly researched and full of intriguing historical detail, Gloss’s ‘Wild Life’ is an extraordinary combination of the best of low and high literature, with an intrepid heroine, a dime-novel adventure plot and gorgeous lapidary

prose,” Hlavsa said.

Gloss explained how her upbringing influenced the genre of writing that she pursued later in life. Old western movies and novels, as well as frequent trips to Texas, captured her imagination as a young girl and never let go.

Gloss began writing when she took time off of work to stay at home with her child, using the time when he was at school to write. Her constrained timeframe led her to write a series of disjointed pieces, but drove her to refine her writing.

Speaking about the social pressures of being a woman and a writer, Gloss mentions how hard it was to claim a profession that wasn’t paying anything — at least, not yet. However, her husband and family helpfully supported her pursuit of a serious career in writing.

Westerns, Gloss said, have a kind of “clean violence and simple morality” that effect the way that Americans view themselves.

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Molly Gloss giving her speech at Les Bailey Writers Series

Is religion reasonable?

Alesha Garand
Staff Writer

It is the Year of Reason at Saint Martin’s University (SMU), and as the year progresses, the students and faculty will explore what reason truly is and what it means to them.

The first event associated with this quest was a debate held on Sept. 20. Katie Bugyis, chair of the Year of Reason committee, explained that the university was seeking to create a new definition of reason.

“It warms my heart to see so many students here.”

Bugyis stated with a smile.

The room was packed full of students and faculty, with people standing in the back, eager to watch the debate. The SMU debate team awaited the beginning of the session, conversing amongst themselves. Club Vice president Jessica Varvil said she was looking forward to the debate and that they have had fun preparing for it.

“There is a good amount of clash,” Varvil commented about the debate subject matter. “Faith and reason are an integral part to our school.” She stated that she was excited to see how they would fit together in the process of the debate.

Evan Lake, President of

the Debate Club, also commented on the importance of the debate. The rest of the debate team, Garret Jones, Collin Silvernail and Patrick Carnahan were thrilled at the opportunity for the debate team and the impact it could have on the university.

The event was introduced with a video, defining faith as belief without evidence. The debate team then began their own introductory remarks, with Lake, Varvil and Carnahan arguing in favor of religion as reasonable and Jones and Silvernail arguing against it.

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Students waiting for the debate to begin

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Hello Belltower faithful!

Welcome to another issue. Roll out the ol’ red carpet, walk down it, then sit in your favorite chair on campus. I guess make sure the carpet leads to the chair you want. One per chair, folks! I don’t want to see any of that lap business. Save it for sneaking into the drive-in movies, you crazy kids!

Anyway, what a life we all lead, huh? That’s too general. What a paper, huh, folks? We’ve come a long way. In this issue, we’ve got information on the hillside renovation project happening on campus, a recap of the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) fair, and we’ve also got an article on Professor Robert Hauhart’s recent published work. We’ve come to call this article the “Hauharticle” around the office.

Beyond that, readers, you’ll just have to flip through pages. I mean, it’s not that unreasonable to ask. C’mon, guys.

For those of you unfamiliar with flipping pages, you kinda put your thumb and forefinger together—make sure there’s a page in there. Once you’ve done this, go ahead and move your arm to the left while still holding the page. Got it? You’re all set to dive in! So, without further ado, here is the most recent issue. We hope you enjoy!

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Local business spotlight: Jasmine Thai Cuisine

Alesha Garand
Staff Writer

Conveniently located a few blocks from campus on 6th Avenue, Jasmine Thai Cuisine possesses a charming atmosphere where friends can gather to share a meal.

With many fall leaves crunching underfoot, the walk there works up an appetite. Thai offers a change from the food served on campus. As an unexperienced Thai food consumer, I took experts with me. My friends Atlas Kulish, Marcus Bufford and Luis Camacho accompanied me to the restaurant.

By the time we arrived at Jasmine's, a heated political discussion was already in motion. Luckily for us, on a Monday evening, the restaurant was fairly empty. Greeted by a pleasant "Good evening," we found seats in the corner of the restaurant. A tiny space with orange and yellow walls, the restaurant provides a calming air in which any discussion can be fostered. The wine glasses on the table, used for water, produced the illusion that we were adults out for a proper dinner, rather than just hungry college students.

When it came time to order, I was unprepared

due to my ignorance of Thai food. So, following Marcus's example, I ordered the chicken phad thai. This delicious dish consists mostly of rice noodles and bean sprouts. There was also a small amount of green onion and egg. All this was



Jasmine Thai Cuisine's phad thai

stir-fried in phad thai sauce and sprinkled with crushed peanuts. Chicken, pork or tofu can be chosen to accompany the dish.

The distinct difference between our dishes came when the waitress asked, "How spicy would you like it? On a scale of one to four?"

I ventured for a safe three, whereas Marcus took on the dangerous four. The others at our table also risked four on the spice scale. Suffice it to say, the spice levels perfectly fit to everyone's individual preferences.

Our water glasses were refilled throughout dinner, which was a relief, because otherwise the spice may have overwhelmed me. The music playing in the background filled in the empty spaces in the conversation.

The go-with-the-flow attitude of this Thai restaurant gave us leisure to eat and to hold a friendly debate. There was no pressure to rush out and no feeling of guilt for lingering. The soft glow of the lighting, the exotic looking patterns on the tablecloths and the smell of Thai food made for a delightful evening.

As we made our way out the door, we received a chorus of goodbyes. To step out of that warm, friendly atmosphere and into the chilly evening was a little disheartening, but at least our bellies were full of excellent food. The cold walk back to campus was accompanied by a glowing warmth from the spicy food. Word to the wise, phad thai makes for delightful left-overs.

Photos courtesy of Alesha Garand

Saint Martin's seniors reflect on college experience

Cleo Pineda
Staff Writer

There is still time before the Saint Martin's University (SMU) class of 2017 gets to breathe a collective sigh of relief this coming May for graduating seniors to look back on their college years.

Although gradation is many months away, many SMU seniors are already preparing to say goodbye to the place they have made their second home. When asked about his most unforgettable memories, Kyle Howlett, civil engineering major, mentioned the all-nighters he has endured over the past three years.

"Staying at Harned until three in the morning with my friends trying to finish the homework we should have done the week before is definitely one of my favorite memories. It's also one of my worst. It's a love-hate relationship here, it really is," he said.

His fellow civil engineering major David Rowland also talks about making the most of a heavy semester load.

"Some of the worst times have been when I'm running on little enough sleep that I get my days mixed up. Somehow, my week speeds up in my mind, and all of a sudden it's Wednesday in my mind and everyone around me thinks I

am crazy for freaking out about an assignment due later in the week. Yeah, it's happened to me. I hate when that happens," Rowland said.

While some students found their circle of friends in classes, others have centered their social life around extracurricular activities.

"I am going to miss all of the friends I made from playing in Intramurals. Like Garnet, Sam; I am going to miss all of them," stated Said De Leon, political science major.

Ellamae (Ling) Donato, President of the International Club, explained the perks of being a leader.

"I love having the opportunity to make a lot of new friends from all around the world. I learn so much about their culture and it's nice to know that even though they return to their home country, our friendship is still there. Shout out to Miki Yamamoto for being one of the coolest friends I have. I love my swaggy bae!" Donato exclaimed.

The challenges people have encountered in college ranged from the struggle to stay awake in class to the "heavy stuff," such as heartbreak or the loss of a family member.

"I was actually going through a tough heartbreak during my college years. It really slowed me down in life and I wasn't able to concentrate on school. My grades dropped

severely. But it's great to move on and get back on track with the support of my friends," Donato shared.

Rowland related the grief he felt from losing someone.

"Last year when my grandpa passed away, one of my professors kindly listened to me talk about him and some of the memories I have of him," he said.

During their time at SMU, students faced many of life's adversities while maintaining their grades, but offered some advice on how to overcome both.

"For freshmen coming in, I would suggest that they commit to study early. If they do, their junior and senior years will be much easier to handle. Commit to learning, plug into the lives of fellow classmates and have fun. Coming into school, you think you know a lot, but leaving you will feel like you know less. That's okay. That is what learning is all about. Learning knowledge and wisdom is a process. It doesn't happen overnight, so give it time," Rowland said.

De Leon offered a simple piece of advice.

"Make sure you pass your classes. Don't fail because it could mess you up later. And if you can, take a full load each semester so you can have an easy senior year," he shared.

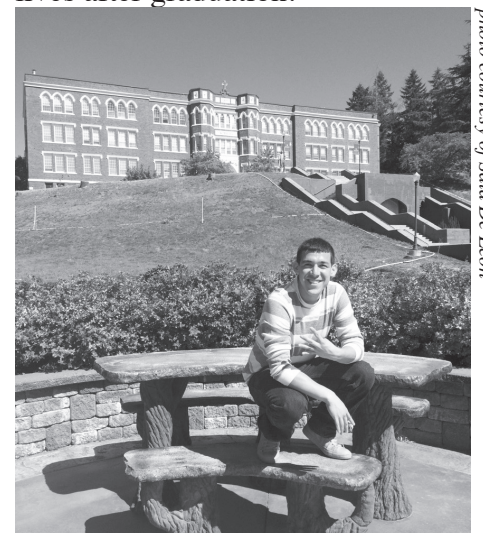
"Ask questions if you don't understand something because your

professors are there to help you whenever you're struggling," said Donato. "Don't stay silent or you'll never get it right. Ask, ask, ask."

Howlett offered some insight into managing copious amounts of homework.

"Just don't do your homework before the night before it's due. You need to get into that habit or you will die during your junior year. If you can get good study habits now, then you'll be good. It's just easier if you have better study skills, let's put it that way," he said.

Looking for internships or taking a break to have time for travel were the common themes mentioned when it came to discussing future plans. Each student was very excited to start the next chapter of their lives after graduation.



Said De Leon outside Old Main

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OLY LUVE Throwdown: Crossfit for a cure

Sophie Donan
Guest Writer

On Saturday, Sept. 17, Training Day, a Crossfit gym located on Franz Street directly across from the Old Main building at Saint Martin's University, hosted the second annual OLY LUVE Charity Throwdown. The event, co-sponsored by over 30 local businesses, was a four-person, mixed-team Crossfit competition (two men and two women). Over 104 athletes competed in the all-day event that consisted of three separate workouts and a final competition.

All proceeds from the event went directly to Friends of Mia and Rhema's Reality, local charities that contribute to Seattle Children's

Hospital to fund childhood cancer research.

Teams competed in friendly RX and scaled divisions. RX athletes complete a workout as prescribed without scaling or adjusting the suggested weight. A scaled division has modified movements, which is common among those new to the Crossfit community until they become more comfortable.

Melissa Knighton, one of the co-owners of Training Day, explained that OLY LUVE began as the "Olympia-Cut-A-Thon. Noemi Waltson, who is the co-owner of Luxe for Style, originally partnered with Friends of Mia and Rhema's Reality. Noemi asked (Training Day) to do a 'throwdown,' and from there it just grew. Last year we had 60 athletes competing—this year over 100—and we hope the trend continues in the years to come."

Knighton said that the local businesses they partnered with all have contributed in some way to help raise money by "donating some lump sum of sales for that day, or donating their services or even cash." All the local businesses and their contributions can be found on the event's main site, olylove.com.

As the event grew, the committee wanted a name that encapsulated all that the event stands for in the community of Olympia.

"That's how OLY LUVE came about. It was a name that was inclusive of all the event hosts and sponsors, and the cause we're fighting for," explained Knighton.

Friends of Mia is an organization that was created in 2009 to

help offset expenses for a local two-year-old girl named Mia who was diagnosed with high risk acute lymphoblastic leukemia. After a three-year battle, two relapses and a bone marrow transplant from her twin brother, Mia passed away in her sleep on April 17, 2012. Mia's mother, LeLani Benavente, now organizes Friends of Mia, helping local patients and their families.

Benavente spoke to over 200 attendees on Saturday.

"Just keep in mind everything you guys are doing here today is fantastic, and there's so many kids in this community that are going to benefit from what you guys are doing," she said.

"Every dollar you guys are donating, every burpee, it's really making a big impact on this community, but it's also making a huge impact across the country, because the research done here in Seattle will help lots of kids," Benevente continued.



Saint Martin student and competitor Izzy Uong competes during the first event.

Any local business interested in contributing to next year's OLY LUVE event should contact the event organizers at olylove@gmail.com.



Training Day coach DeAndre Garner competes during OLY LUVE Throwdown.



Training Day co-owners, volunteers and coaches for the Lacey and Tumwater locations pose for a photo.

Photos courtesy of Kate Labbelle

Olympia Zine Fest invades downtown Olympia

Travis Munday
Managing Editor

Oct. 1 marked the second annual Olympia Zine Fest (OZF), which took place at a smattering of spaces in the downtown Olympia area over the weekend. Zines (pronounced "zeens") are self-published, printed works that are sold, traded or given away. Zines cover a wide range of socially conscious and niche content and are an outgrowth of Do-It-Yourself (DIY) culture, which champions self-expression and sustainability.

Kelsey Smith, a librarian at the Lacey Timberland Library and one of the festival organizers, believes Olympia has been ripe for something like the OZF for a long time.

"A lot of people assume that Olympia has always had a zine fest because it seems like they should, but when we started doing more research, we couldn't find any. I just think that it's amazing to see people interested in this thing and all coming together," she said.

Saturday's expo brought zine creators and patrons to the Olympia Center, where attendees weaved through tables of zines, struck up conversations and parted with a few dollars for self-published creations.

The festival featured zine workshops as well as the inaugural

meeting of the Olympia Comics Party, "an upstart political organization which promotes its agenda strictly through the medium of self-made comics," according to olympiazinefest.org. A discussion entitled, "Don't Overthink It: Overcoming Mental Barriers When You're Trying to Be Creative" took place in the Obsidian bar and café downtown.

The discussion was facilitated by Osa Atoe of the low-fi, indie-punk bands New Bloods and Negation. Atoe has also self-published a zine chronicling black punk called "Shotgun Seamstress," since 2006. She made her way to the festival from Baton Rouge, La.

"Olympia Zine Fest contacted me several months ago, asking me to be their guest of honor, so I thought it'd be really great to be able to come back to the Northwest because I spent a lot of time here in my twenties. I lived in Portland for about six years. It's just a way for me to reconnect," Atoe said.

Another fixture of the DIY community, Alex Wrekk, has been publishing her zine, "Brainscan," since 1997. She also penned the book, "Stolen Sharpie Revolution: A DIY Zine Resource," which is in its fifth edition, and has organized the Portland Zine Symposium, an annual event in Portland, Ore., since 2001. Wrekk has been immersed in

the DIY community long enough to witness its ups and downs.

"It's a huge joke in the zine community that every year, every six months there's an article that's like, 'Oh my gosh, zines are making a resurgence!' Just because you walked away from zines doesn't mean they don't exist anymore," she said.

Wrekk has also witnessed the rise of the Internet and its effect on printed material. But she insists that zine culture remains intact.

"I think there are people that like print media and there are people that like creating physical artifacts and physical things, and that you can use the internet as a tool to promote and reach more people. So, you're doing a virtual thing for tangible, physical results," Wrekk said.

Smith agreed.

"The main difference with the Internet is that the people that were using zines just as a way to communicate and try and connect with people like them out there in the world. Some of those people, when the Internet came along, moved to the Internet. So the people that are left behind are the people

that are very intentional about wanting to make something on paper, something tangible," she said.

Smith continued, aiming to dispel common myths about zine culture; that the intimidation people may feel when considering taking part in the zine community is unfounded.

"Something I really value is that you don't have to fit into this archetype to do these things. We have the ability to make these things and to share them and to form this community and everybody's welcome and I think that our organizing committee values that," she said.

For more information on the Olympia Zine Fest, visit www.olympiazinefest.org.



Zines are self-published, printed works that are sold, traded or given away.

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Les Bailey, from cover

Unfortunately, in Gloss's opinion, the processes of turning Western stories into "myths for the West" also stripped away some of the truthfulness of Western culture, including the roles of women and minorities, as well as the aspect of the community life that was crucial in the West.

Gloss posits that she sees the



consequences of this sanitized mythology in the prevalence of "dead-beat dads, street gangs, and 'stand your ground' laws, love of guns, fear of and violence toward minorities and immigrants and paranoia about government conspiracies."

In response to the classic Western story, Gloss endeavors to tell a more truthful account of the people who lived in the "Wild West."

"I wanted to write the novel I couldn't find in the library," Gloss said as she explained the lack of female protagonists in western writing.

During an engaging question and answer session, Gloss detailed how Western memoirs had influenced her writing, referencing other authors like Theresa Jordan. She also agreed that a one-sided picture of masculinity in Western fiction harms both genders, not just the women who are marginalized, because of the unrealistic expectations

that it places upon men.

Gloss explained why she set most of her novels slightly after the true Western period, citing interesting events such as economic depressions, the creation of the National Forest Service and World War I as influential settings for her characters. She contends that she did not represent the anti-Western genre, but rather strove to de-mythologize the rich stories of a powerful part of America's history as a nation.

Next year's Les Bailey Writing Series will feature author Jim Lynch as the guest speaker.



Molly Gloss is the author of "Wildlife", "Heart of Horses" and "Falling from Horses".

Unique insights from Saint Martin's custodian

Rebecca Robinson

Staff Writer

Katrina Edmunson, day shift custodial lead for the residence halls has been at Saint Martin's University (SMU) for the last eight years. She has seen many students come and go, she has seen the campus change and expand, but most of all she has observed life inside the residence halls.

Before she started working at SMU, she lived in Lacey, Wash. for years. Edmunson had never set foot on campus until she came to apply for the job. Since coming to work for the school, she has been able to spend time with the students who live in the residence halls.

"I enjoy the interaction with the kids and it's lively in there. Getting to know people from different cultures has been interesting. I've even tried some of their food. I've learned a lot," she said.

Her job mainly consists of cleaning the residence halls.

"I don't think a lot of people realize what we do, which can be tricky when it comes to cleaning up after students. They don't know what custodians will and won't do for them, so they will sometimes test their limits," she said.

Edmunson noted that dorms are typically filled with energy, especially during the weekends.

"Part of our Benedictine values is being respectful to others. But in the residence halls, especially in Parson's, they can be kind of disrespectful.

We're supposed to be preparing them for if they went out and got an apartment on their own," she explained.

By the time students move on to Spangler or Baron, they typically learn to be more respectful, not just of the custodians, but of everyone in the building. It's not just about leaving a mess for a custodian to clean up, but about keeping the space clean for other students as well.

"I think it's an issue of respecting others within the building and pushing them to be more responsible for themselves, and preparing for the real world," Edmunson said.

The residence directors and assistants can be big influences on the students. According to Edmunson, the recent incoming freshman class is more respectful this year than in previous years, which she thinks is due to the directors keeping them more in line.

It's clear that there are some challenges that go along with Edmunson's job, but she believes that focusing on the positive aspects is what keeps her going. After working at SMU for almost a decade, she has seen students start off as freshman in Parsons, graduate, and in some cases, even come back to work at the university.

"It's really cool to see what the students end up doing," she said.

From the Fulbright application to the beginning of orientation

Chyteria Dues

Guest Writer

Chyteira Dues is Saint Martin's University's first student Fulbright recipient. Dues graduated from Saint Martin's University in the spring of 2016 with a Master in Teaching degree. She will be teaching at Juan de Castellanos University in Tunja, Boyocá, Colombia for the 2016-2017 school year.

After finishing my teaching internship in a bilingual elementary school classroom in Tacoma, I realized that serving as a bilingual education



Chyteria Dues started a bilingual ballet class in Tunja, Boyocá, Columbia.

teacher was a passion of mine and something that I really wanted to pursue as a career. I was able to work well in a classroom setting, but one area in which I was lacking was my ability to communicate with Spanish speaking parents in a very culturally sensitive manner, especially when it came to discussing delicate matters regarding their children. This prompted me to find a way to live and work in a Spanish-speaking country for at least a year in order to improve my skills.

Although I considered many options, the Fulbright grant offered me the greatest opportunity to work within the local community in the city to which I was assigned while also providing me with the opportunity to continue developing as a teacher in a bilingual environment.

After reviewing the application, I was glad to see that not only was a social project required within the community, but it was something that I could create based on my personal interests. In addition to teaching, I also love to dance—especially ballet. So, I decided that my social project would be to offer ballet classes to a community in which this art form is greatly underrepresented. I proposed it as a "bilingual ballet" class and, now having completed almost one quarter of my time here in Colombia, I can say without a doubt that my ballet class is one of the best parts of my experiences here in Colombia so far.



Photos courtesy of Chyteria Dues

In addition to teaching English and ballet classes at Juan de Castellanos University in Tunja, every Fulbright grantee is also encouraged to travel and to visit the various departments (almost like states within the US) of Colombia. I love how diverse Colombia is – from mountainous regions to beaches and jungles, Colombia truly has a lot to offer all types of travelers. I'm looking forward to being able to travel throughout Colombia in the coming months and to continue growing additional community projects while also honing my skills as a teacher. I've got a lot of traveling and professional development opportunities ahead of me and I'm so excited to be able to pursue as many of them as possible.

Presidential candidates see shift in polls after first debate

Brian Messing
Staff Writer

The 2016 U.S. general election is now underway. Early voting has started in many states as ballots are mailed out to voters. Americans have seen the first presidential debate of this election season between Democratic nominee and former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and Republican nominee Donald Trump. There is just over a month to go, and it is now up to the American people to decide who will be our next commander-in-chief.

Clinton and Trump met for the first time head-to-head on Sept. 26 at Hofstra University in Hempstead, N.Y. for the first presidential debate of this election cycle.

The polls had narrowed going into the debate. Clinton had seen her lead of around eight points decline to a virtual statistical tie on the day of the debate. Public opinion of Clinton had shifted following her post-convention bounce in the polls, as questions about her health and trustworthiness continued to affect her campaign.

Trump opened with a discussion of his trade policy. He was critical of the current American trade policy and advocated for the same protectionist measures that have shaped his campaign thus far. He appeared angry at times, acting as a surrogate for the anger that his supporters harbor for the American political establishment.

Clinton appeared calm and relaxed during her responses and during Trump's interruptions. Clinton talked about her specific policy proposals in detail, as she is known to do.

The outcome of presidential debates can be decided in a moment. In 1980, Ronald Reagan asked Americans "Are you better off than you were four years ago?" In 1992, President George H.W. Bush looked at his watch during a presi-

dential debate. The moment that stood out in this debate was when Clinton questioned why Trump had not released his tax returns. When Clinton said that "maybe he doesn't want the American people to know...that he's paid nothing in federal taxes," Trump quickly replied, "That makes me smart."

This moment could stick in the minds of Americans and may come to define the election as questions about Trump's tax returns circulate. In the end, Clinton was deemed the winner by most pundits and polls. The polling firm Public Policy Polling found that 51 percent believed Clinton won the debate, while 40 percent believed that Trump had won.

Indeed, polling since the debate has shown an increase for Clinton.



Charicatures of the U.S. presidential candidates

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post-debate bounce could wear off just as her post-convention bounce did.

Clinton would have the highest unfavorable ratings ever for a presidential candidate, if it were not for the fact that Trump's unfavorable ratings are marginally higher. Pundits have observed during this campaign that whichever candidate receives less media coverage generally does better in the polls. If the media continues to focus on Trump's tax returns, lack of policy specifics or controversial statements, then Clinton will benefit. If Clinton has another health scare, or more information is discovered about her emails or the Clinton Foundation, then Trump will benefit.

It is clear that whichever candidate wins the election will have an uphill battle from day one. Our 45th president will likely face at least one house of congress that opposes their agenda, a fragile economy, a world plagued by national security threats and a country divided down the middle. If either candidate's unfavorable ratings indicate anything, the winning candidate will face a tough re-election campaign. It is up to the American people to determine whether Donald Trump or Hillary Clinton is up to the task.

Saint Martin's hillside renovation project brings changes to campus

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One may lay their eyes on Old Main and find it looking somewhat bare. Several trees have been cut down, bushes have been removed and the grass has been cut. Yet, the whole face of Old Main is visible at once and it is a beautiful sight. This is the fruit of a hillside renovation project sponsored by the Saint Martin's Abbey. The abbey has sponsored many events over the past nine years to improve the infrastructure, accessibility and the look of campus. Redesigning the hillside around the Grand Staircase is their latest goal.

"The Hillside Renovation Project (HRP) represents the last of the major projects for upgrading the beauty and the infrastructure of the campus. The Baran Drive upgrade and the North campus

improvements, phases one and two, represent the other recent, major beautification and infrastructure upgrades. Phil Hulbert, a landscape designer and good friend of the abbey pursued a plan that was enthusiastically approved by both the university administration and the monastery. The funding for this project will be provided by the abbey," said Andrew Moyer, treasurer and director of real estate for Saint Martin's Abbey.

Moyer represented the Abbey throughout Saint Martin's various upgrades, along with Philip Cheek, director of facilities at Saint Martin's.

The administration reviewed several designs, eventually choosing a design by Tsuki Nursery's Phil Hubert and landscape architect Todd Steward. Their design was chosen because it emphasized the beauty of Old Main while accounting for the practicality of maintaining the campus grounds. The company chose trees and shrubs that will add color and texture next to the grand staircase throughout the year. Alaskan Weeping cedar trees were a distinctive change to the campus aesthetic, and there will be further installations of drainage piping along the entire staircase to address seeping issues.

Moyer explained that the Hillside Renovation Project represents three purposes.

"One, beautify the hillside; two, ease maintenance issues through plantings that will limit grass and weed growth; and three, rectify some long-standing drainage issues that still affect the grand staircase," he explained.

The project is projected to be completed in 2.5 months once work has begun. However, the project has been stalled for reasons that have not yet been disclosed.

"I would encourage you and others to see some of the work that Phil Hulbert has already performed on-campus. The Japanese stroll garden that surrounds the west and north sides of the Abbey Church and the Japanese dry garden in the northeast corner of the Father Alfred Hulscher Courtyard are fine examples of Phil's work. As a result of the work, I would expect that the changes on the hillside will draw folks to campus both as potential students and as visitors," Moyer said.



Location for the hillside renovation



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World News at a Glance

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U.N. aid convoy attacked in Syria

Some saw hope in the war-torn country of Syria when the U.S. agreed to a cease fire with the Russian Federation on Sept. 12. The Russian government agreed to stop military action against the moderate Syrian opposition, provided the opposition halts its attacks against the Assad Regime so attention could be focused on combating the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) and allowing humanitarian aid to get to Aleppo.

This deal collapsed, however, when a U.N. humanitarian aid convoy was attacked on Sept. 20. According to Al Jazeera, at least twenty people were killed in the attack. The convoy was bringing aid to the city of Aleppo, which is at the heart of the conflict.

According to U.S. Defense officials, there is strong evidence that the attack was carried out by Russian warplanes. If this is true, then it would be a war crime. Both U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry and British Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson have stated that there is strong evidence that this attack was carried out by Russia and that the Russians must stop if peace will ever be possible in Syria. As for now, it appears the war will resume as the cease fire has failed.



U.S. Aid Worker with child.

Spanish opposition leader resigns

Pedro Sanchez, the leader of the Spanish Socialist Worker's Party (PSOE) and the opposition in Spain, resigned on Oct. 1. Sanchez led the center-left political party through two general elections in 2015 and 2016 in which neither he, nor Spanish Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy, could form a government. Both Rajoy and Sanchez reached out to potential coalition partners, but neither was able to form a majority government.

Another election will occur in December if no government is formed in Spain, as the Spanish constitution states that a government must be formed within two months of the first investiture vote, which took place on Aug. 31. There is an internal divide between those in the PSOE who wish to abstain in an investiture vote to allow the formation of a center-right minority government under Rajoy, and those who wish to go into a third general election with no government.

Polls have shown that popular support for the PSOE has declined since the second general election in June of 2016. Sanchez's resignation was caused by the PSOE's federal committee endorsement of the formation of a center-right minority government. Sanchez opposed this decision. Sanchez also turned down an opportunity to become Prime Minister by working with left-wing separatist Catalanian parties in the Northeastern region of Spain that seek an independent Catalonia. He feared that this would anger his base support outside of Catalonia.



Pedro Sanchez, leader of PSOE

U.S. fines Deutsche Bank \$14 billion

Germany's largest bank, Deutsche Bank, has been threatened with a \$14 billion fine by U.S. authorities. The fine comes as a result of the bank's wrongful sale of mortgage back securities. Deutsche Bank shares fell to a record low upon the threat of a fine. Shares rebounded when it was announced that Deutsche Bank was close to reaching a deal with the U.S. government.

There has been speculation that German Chancellor Angela Merkel would provide a bailout to Deutsche Bank. This speculation has been denied by the German Federal Finance Ministry. It would also be politically difficult for Merkel to propose a bailout when she is in a fragile position going into elections next year. Merkel has seen her party's support decline slightly in the polls due to her acceptance of over one million Syrian refugees, leading many in Germany to demand a cap on refugees.

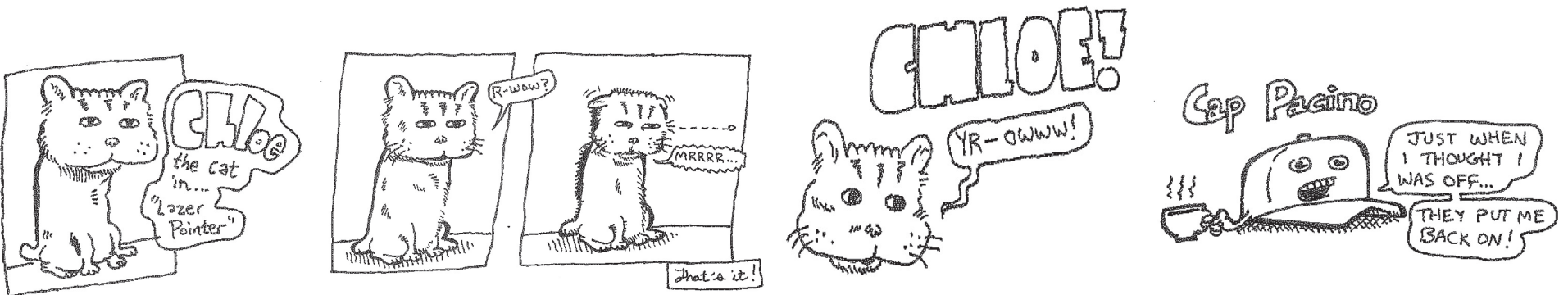


View of Germany's Deutsche Bank

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Munday Morning Comics

By Travis Munday



Belltower Between the Lines

Every weekend before the paper comes out, the team gets together to finalize the issue...these are some goofy things said during this process.

Travis: "I like Google. I hate Bing."
Roslyn: "You hate being what?"
Sabrina: "You hate Bing Crosby?!"

"That's everybody's pooping bathroom." -Abby

Travis: "Wow! This paper looks great."
Abby: "That's last month's."
Travis: "Oh."

Blake: "I like the alliteration."
Sabrina: "Are you calling me illiterate?!"

"Travis, will you stop sniffing your gourd?" -Sabrina

"Bernie Sanders, stop sending me emails!" -Blake

"Do you want me to read you the Belltower between the lines? Or do you give a shit? Me neither." -Travis

Saint Martin's hosts cross country invitational

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The Saint Martin's University (SMU) campus was bustling on the morning of Saturday Sept. 24. Athletes from different schools, along with their families, unite on SMU's track, where the Saints cross country team hosted its annual SMU invitational. At the cross country meet, both the women's and men's cross country teams did exceptionally well. The women came in third overall with senior Shannon Porter leading the way and placing first, while the men came in fifth overall.

"We had really good results from both the girl's and boy's team at the home meet. Considering the boy's team was missing two of their top five runners, we did very



Lindsey Dornie and Claire McCloskey

well altogether," said Porter

The women's team finished third overall with Porter placing first, Yadira Lopez fifth, Larissa Kolasinski 24th, Megan Teigen 33rd, Claire McCloskey 35th, Lindsey Dorney 41st, Yeshi Vaughan 49th, Tiffany Potti 72nd and Olivia Abbott 73rd. The men's also had a strong fifth place with Josiah Shelman finishing 15th, Jasper Heckman 29th, Josh Hunt 31st, Colton Buster 33rd and Joe Edgecomb 41st.

McCloskey, senior, stated, "This was a successful day. We all stuck to the race plan by negative splitting the race while continuing to pass runners the second half. If you look at our score from last year, we dropped 91 points, which is a significant difference. You could say we were all pretty happy to hear that and as one can see, the season has been very successful for us so far and I hope we continue with

this momentum entering the Great Northwest Athletic Conference."

Running long distances regularly is not as easy as one may think. Shelman explained, "My goals and my teammates are what really motivate me to keep pushing. Every day there is a chance to cut things short and maybe run one mile less than what I am suppose to. Having my teammates around makes me want to be better and thus cutting exercises short never happens.

"Nonetheless, even though running alone may be hard in terms of staying dedicated to the process of getting better, I have to stay focused on what I want to do in my running career as both my teammates and I agree that cutting runs short isn't going to get us where we want to be," she said. Sheldman did not hesitate to express the way he feels when running the last stretch towards the finish line.

"It hurts a lot, but with everyone screaming and lining the finish shoot, there's huge adrenaline rush no matter how your legs are feeling," he said.

Heckman agrees, adding that during the final stretch "everything kind of blurs, but I love having people out cheering for us during the race. That was one of my favorite things about today's home meet as the parents and friends were not the only ones cheering for us, but also a couple of alumni, and even some professors. Now this is definitely something that helped me keep

going."

Porter led the way among the Saints as a whole, finishing first in her race. "It feels great representing my school and team in front of the pack honestly, at the division two level, I am excited to win because it doesn't happen every race. As we get closer to more championship races towards the end of the season, I will use this as motivation and a good memory," she said.

Porter also gave some advice for aspiring runners. "You do the work and put in the miles first so that when race day comes you just show what you have been preparing for all this time."



Shannon Porter



Jasper Heckman

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Women's volleyball pushes through Great Northwest Athletic Conference losses

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The Saint Martin's women's volleyball team is currently 1-6 in Great Northwest Athletic Conference (GNAC) play. Although at the moment have a losing record, they have been working hard to win more games this year compared to the last.

"We have had some tough losses recently but it has made us come into a team more as we overcome adversity and prepare for rematches the next time we play these teams," said junior Jenn Codd.

Overall, the women are 5-6, sweeping the California State East Bay tournament 4-0. They are currently in ninth place in the GNAC.

"Despite the record, we continue to push ourselves each day in order to make a change, in order to improve our record in the GNAC," said junior Dani Williams.



Their new head coach, Jon Killingbeck, has helped lead the team to a better record than previous years. Leading the Saints in attack is Williams, playing in all 37 sets for the team.

"We have been working hard in and out of the gym night and day to beat the high competitive teams in our conference" she said.

The team traveled to Central Washington University on Sept. 29 in Ellensburg, Wash. to face off against the Wildcats. Rachel Gondrezick led the team with 10 kills and a .417 hitting percentage while Nicolette Nesbitt

was behind her with 20 assists. Cassidy Apo led the team in digs with 14, while Gondrezick had nine.

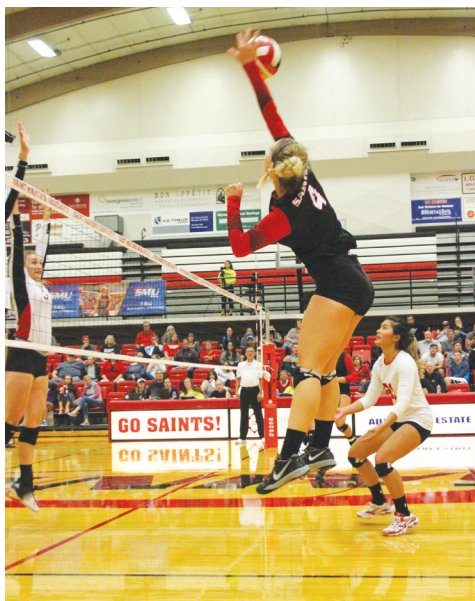
"The lady Saints' first two sets in this game were super close. We held the lead in the second set until the very end when they pulled ahead, then in the third set the Wildcats came out with a bang and we weren't able to stop them. We had a good fight with them but couldn't pull out in the end," Williams said.

SMU lost the first set 20-25, the second set 23-25, and the third 14-25. Williams continued, describing goals for the season.

"We will continue to fight and work towards the outcome we want, which includes winning more games in GNAC," she said.

The Saints are back in action on Oct. 8 at home against Montana State University-Billings. Upcoming games include an exhibition game at Evergreen State College on Tuesday, Oct. 11. Then they are back in GNAC play on Thursday, Oct. 13 against Western Washington University. There will be another home game at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 15 against Simon Fraser University.

"We have been making some good progress in practice. We are really excited about coming out strong these next couple of weeks. We are looking to step up our game as we head to the second half of our conference season," Codd said.



Overall the SMU women's volleyball team is 5-6.



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St. Martin's volleyball team celebrates

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Saint Martin's vs. Simon Fraser through the lens of Christian Caro

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On Saturday, Sept. 24, the men's soccer team faced off against Simon Fraser University (SFU) which made for an exciting game. Although the Saints fought extremely hard to get back in the game from mistakes that led to an early goal in the first six minutes, they fell short 2-1.

Christian Caro, veteran team member stated, "In the first half against Simon Fraser, I think we had too much respect for them due to what we know about them and the fact that we know how well they can play. Therefore, I believe that the reason why Simon Fraser had some dangerous looks at the goal early on, including their goal in the sixth minute, was because we respected them too much—that we didn't allow ourselves to play like we usually do and be as aggressive as we should have been."

In terms of SFU's early goal, Caro said that it "came with a little bit of luck, but that is soccer. Soccer can be very cruel sometimes, because no

matter how well you may be playing on one specific day, all it takes is a little bit of luck in front of the goal in order for a team to get punished."

Punishment aside, the Saints fought hard to get back in the game before the end of the first half, and became even more aggressive in the second half.

Caro continued, "Towards the end of the first half, some of the midfielders noticed a large gap in between them and the forwards because they were holding their defensive shape with the back line. Once we got that figured out and managed to press a little further up the field, we were able to unlock some parts of the game that allowed us to be more dangerous offensively."

Caro went on, proud of the tenacity shown in the second half.

"The fact that we were able to come back and dominate the last 10 minutes of the game shows that we are capable of doing big things and that we are a special group. We played some of our best team soccer against Simon Fraser and especially those last 10 minutes, as we were giving it our all for one another. And although we lost, the game brought us all closer together."

"It's hard to come out with that much intensity from the start and maintain that level for a full 90 minutes. Nonetheless, all we can do is try our best and give it our all in order to keep the level of intensity we exhibited the last 10 minutes for the majority of the game," he said.

Caro remains optimistic, saying,



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"When it's time for me to play, I try my best day in and day out to improve myself. Even though sometimes things do not go as planned, just like the first half against Simon Fraser, we have to try and play with what is thrown at us and fight through adversity like we did in the second half and do our best to figure out what isn't working and simply make the adjustment and thrive as a team."



The mens soccer team fought hard to make a comeback in the second half of the game.



Men's golf finishes 7th at first tournament

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Over the the past couple of weeks, the men's golf team has competed in two tournaments to start off their fall season. The Saint Martin's men's golf team began their home tournament at the Olympia Golf and Country Club on Sept. 23 and 24. The SMU team included Ryan Pickthorn, Andrew Raab, Trevor Frisby, Austin Spicer and Jared Rasmussen.

Spicer, senior, led the team with a score of 74-70, tying for seventh overall. Junior Chase Daskalos finished second best overall



The men tied for seventh out of 18 teams.

individually, with scores of 74-72, tying for an 11th place finish.

The men tied for seventh out of 18 teams. Chico State University ended up winning the tournament.

Raab, junior, commented on the bizarre turn of events that occurred during the first tournament.

"The first day, we only had one round out of two—the second was rained out. We normally play 36 holes the first day, and we shortened it to one round each day," Raab said.

Although the men were rained out the first day, they proved their competitive edge.

"I think we got off to a pretty good

start with how we played in the first two events. We are looking to build off of this going forward. We are next in action Oct. 10 and 11 at the home course in DuPont, Wash." stated Raab.

The men's golf team consists of mostly returning players this year. However, they have added one new player.

"This year we have a veteran group that includes seven returners and one junior college transfer from Olympic College, Alex Aguilar who has a lot of tournament experience as well. Because of this, we have high expectations and expect

to finish high in the standings each time we tee it up. Overall, we have a group of guys who have great work ethics, which is fun to be a part of because we push each other to get better each day," commented Raab.

Veteran players include seniors Pickthorn, Spicer, Rasmussen; juniors Daskalos and Raab; and sophomores Trevor Frisby and Alec Charles.

Raab has a positive outlook regarding their upcoming season.

"We have a lot of expectations this year because we are a veteran team. We have the experience to be able to go and win some tournament and be right there in a lot of others if we aren't winning them," he said.

Raab continued, saying the small team dynamic helps the team stay focused and compete at practices. "The team is pretty close because there are so few of us and we practice quite frequently together."

The SMU golf team will continue their season in October. The next tournaments take place on Oct. 10 and 11 in DuPont, Wash. at the Home Course. On Oct. 17, the men will travel to Portland, Ore. to play in Concordia University's tournament at Columbia Edgewater Country Club on Oct. 18.



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Saint Martin's ASCE Team prepares for steel bridge competition

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The American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) is marking up their calendars for the two-day long student regional conference in April next year. Saint Martin's University's (SMU) ASCE Club members have decided to continue their tradition of participation in multiple competitions which include surveying, technical paper presentations, environmental presentations and the concrete canoe.

Among these events stands the steel bridge competition. Nathaniel (Nate) Gazaway, senior, and his team are already laying the groundwork for this competition, which will be held in spring.

The group plans on taking at least eight members to the competition at Boise State University and having 4-6 of them compete. Equipped with past experience, Gazaway is confident in the team's ability to step up their performance this year and in the future.

"The thing I am most looking forward to with this team is our ability to be competitive in this year's competition. Last year didn't go so well, but that was mainly due to experience. With a year under our belts, we stand a much better chance. Also, there is a lot of interest and participation from the juniors and lower classmen. Saint Martin's engineers stand a much better chance next year than we do this year," Gazaway explained.

The aspiring civil engineer joined

ASCE last year and was captain of one of the two SMU teams that competed in the Structural Engineers Foundation of Washington Timber Truss competition last November. His team won first place and unanimously decided to donate

just months into his engineering courses. Laukon explained that he was interested in the competition because of his desire to learn more about concepts that will help him in his future career.

"I come to see what they're doing



Saint Martin's ASCE team in a meeting

their winnings of \$1,200 to the steel bridge team.

"What drew me to steel bridge was the design, fabrication, and competition. I want to be a structural engineer and this project really does a decent job of mimicking an actual design project. I also like to do fabrication, so getting the opportunity to design and construct something is very cool," Gazaway said.

Gazaway instructs his fellow members during team meetings every Thursday afternoon as the group works to perfect their bridge design.

The same can be said about junior Carthney Laukon Jr., who is

because I want to start familiarizing myself with civil-engineering concepts. I want to learn more about bridges because I know that it will be beneficial for my future," he shared.

Gazaway admits that it is a challenge to manage both the project and his regular academics, but he is used to the balancing act.

"I was a member of last year's team, though I didn't have that large of a role as this year. I did travel to the University of Idaho and competed. This semester I am taking 18 credits. Not only that, I have a family to take care of. Time management

is critical—so is an extremely supportive wife. She finished her nursing degree last year, so she is very familiar with a student's schedule. I am also aided by the fact that I have large time breaks between classes throughout the week so I get my homework done then and work on the steel bridge as time allows. I've definitely made steel bridge a priority, so it gets equal time," Gazaway said.

"My favorite part of leadership is learning the skill sets of the individual contributors," Gazaway continued. "Doing so allows me to assign people to tasks that are best met by those skills and provide the best outcome for the team. So far there hasn't been a lot of delegating to do, but I expect to do so during fabrication. The biggest challenge so far has been trying to get more people involved."

Senior Heath Clayton has taken notice of Gazaway's drive over the course of the competition.

"I have seen how hard Nate Gazaway has been working to make this year's bridge be able to compete with schools who have better funding and resources. His determination and commitment to the completion makes me want to be there and assist him if needed," he said.

As one of last year's conference participants, Clayton has high hopes for this year's turnout.

"I am looking forward to the competition. I believe Nate can get us to where we want to be. Maybe further," said Clayton.

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STEM career fair gives students a chance to network

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From job and internship offers to resume and career path advice, the Sept. 28 Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Fair offered opportunities for students from a variety of disciplines. Over 30 local organizations and job recruiters gathered in the Norman Worthington Conference Center to present the students of Saint Martin's University (SMU) a chance to pursue job interests or gain work experience.

The event featured displays from local businesses, state departments and national corporations. While primarily centered on career paths for STEM majors, the corporations offered other jobs for students of many other areas of interest. Although not every company with available jobs was able to be represented, the recruiters who attended offered referrals and contact information for multiple other businesses in the industry for students to connect with.

Companies like Xerox offer training for students with minimal job experience so they can take on advancement opportunities. The STEM Fair attendees were just a few of the many companies looking for college students with specific traits and experience who are willing to work hard.

Although many companies post job openings online, making first-hand contact with recruiters can



Saint Martin's hosted a STEM career fair on Sept. 28.

result in other offers and a clearer picture of the company. More often than not, students want to work for companies they recognize, which is why events like the STEM fair are so valuable. Since last year, there has been a 46 percent increase in student attendance. Those who attend have the option to explore these career options during the STEM Fair.

Meeting with potential employers early on gives students a chance to scope out immediate opportunities or potential career paths post-graduation.

"It allows students to interact in a low-key business environment prior to going to interviews," says Alyssa Fink, a junior at SMU. "It also helps you get to know the people you may be interviewing with, as well as getting some background information on them as well," Fink added.

If you missed this career fair, you are not out of luck. Students of all majors are invited to attend the Business Career Fair on Oct. 12 from 1-3 p.m. and the Careers for the Common Good event on Nov. 8. Even if you aren't a STEM or

business major, the organizations at the upcoming fairs are often looking for students of all areas.

"There are other opportunities, and not just in those fields," says Alyssa Nastasi, assistant director of SMU's Office of Career Development. "Those organizations might need somebody on the IT side, or they might need help for a specific project that's happening that an engineering student might be used for," she explained.

Nastasi strongly encouraged students to attend the future fairs.

"These fairs are just good opportunities to get in front of the organizations. They love talking to students; they want to hire them," she said.

In order to take full advantage of career fairs of any type, preparation is a necessity. Physical copies of student resumes are essential when perusing the event. During this process, recruiters are more than happy to tell you what type of experience and skills employers are looking for. These events can serve as mini-interviews; business casual is expected, preparing questions is a must, and so is notetaking. Even

if your top choice of an employer is not at the next event, students can use the opportunity as a chance to network.

For more information about the upcoming Business Fair, contact Alyssa Nastasi at alyssa.nastasi@stmartin.edu.



Students participating at the career fair

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Local fun under 21

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It can be hard to plan a night out if you happen to be in those strange gap years between childhood and adulthood. No longer teenagers, many college and high school students wish to exercise their newfound independence, but unfortunately, many concerts and events in Olympia will bar those under 21, especially if they are held at a bar. Joanna Johnson, a resident assistant at Saint Martin's University (SMU), empathizes with this, saying, "There's not much that I know of that is specifically for the under-21 crowd."

Johnson mentioned that there were several annual events for all ages, like Lakefair or Arts Walk, but she laments that "nothing you can go to consistently year round that is targeted toward under 21s."

The lack of events tailored to young adults under the age of 21 can be a difficult obstacle for many local college students, especially lovers of music. Local artists are likely to schedule their concerts at venues who cater to an older adult crowd, like bars and taverns. While venues like Le Voyer in Olympia have spaces for all ages concerts, others do not make the same accommodations.

If you are looking to enjoy the local music scene, former SMU student David Brown recommends the many house shows that occur in Olympia.

"If you walk down 4th Ave, you can find flyers for house shows," Brown recommends. "Le Voyer

also has events for less than 21s pretty consistently."

While Le Voyer does host many all-ages concerts, patrons under the age of 21 should be careful to double check the age requirements for

Despite these minor obstacles, SMU students have found great ways to fill their nights and weekends with local attractions.

Nick Terwilliger, a student at SMU, recommends the thrift and



The 4th Ave. bridge leading to downtown Olympia

specific events. Additionally, many of the venue's upcoming concerts are free or donation based.

Specializing in jazz, folk and bluegrass music, Traditions Cafe and World Folk Art hosts many artists from Washington and abroad in an all ages venue. The cafe offers free jazz or other musical "jams" on most Sundays, and many of their paid concerts have reduced fees for students and low income individuals.

antique shops in the area.

"There are four Goodwills in the Lacey/Olympia area, as well as some other independent stores," Terwilliger mentioned.

The Painted Plate is another favorite of SMU students, highly recommended by alumna Constance Uribe.

Ehis store is described as "an art filled paint your own pottery studio," according to the business's website. Prices can range anywhere

from \$6-\$70 depending on the chosen item, and include the price of glazes. The Painted Plate is currently promoting a "Date Night Special" that costs \$40 for a couple, perfect for students looking for a special evening out.

Uribe also recommends the Aztec Bowling Alley, which has a unique Friday night experience called "Lightning Bowling," where participants enjoy a music and light show extravaganza with two 12-foot TV screens playing their favorite music video requests. Daily prices are low, with games costing between \$3.75-\$4 a game per person, depending on the time of day.

The Eagles Ballroom in Olympia hosts "Olyswing" every Tuesday night, which offers swing dancing lessons at various levels and prices for dancers of all ages and talent levels. An intro lesson and night of dancing will cost you only \$5 and the confidence to ask someone to dance.

The Olympia area also boasts a plethora of book and record stores like Orca Books, Half Price Books, Browsers Books and Rainy Day Records, all perfect places to explore on a typical drizzly autumn day. If you are wandering around the city, elementary education major Haylee Ball suggests walking around the waterfront and getting ice cream at Grandpa's Soda Fountain. "There was a long line," Ball explains. "but it was totally worth it!"

The Olympia area has its own unique character that sets it apart from any other place in the world. Sometimes you just have to ask around to find it.

Netflix original "Stranger Things" enthralls both young and old audiences

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Fans of 1980s alien thrillers will love the new Netflix original series, "Stranger Things." Mixed with a bit of nostalgia and modern suspense, the eight-part series holds an air of familiarity to older audiences while enthralling the younger crowds.

The story takes place in 1983 Hawkins, Ind. Will Byers, a young boy on his way home through dark woods, mysteriously disappears. The town goes frantic in the search for Will, including his three friends, Mike, Dustin and Lucas, who sense something uneasy about his disappearance. Their suspicions grow when they come across a mysterious girl with a shaved head wearing a hospital gown. The girl, saying little else besides telling the boys that her name is "Eleven," appears to possess strange telepathic powers. Joyce, Will's frantic and superstitious mother, believes Will is trying to communicate to her through her household appliances that seem to be acting out of whack.

The town's dejected sheriff, Hopper, has also experienced the loss of a child and takes the case. What at first seems like a simple missing child case slowly turns into something far more complex and frightening. Hopper becomes



increasingly suspicious of the mysterious gated institution in the woods behind the Byers' house. His distrust grows as the supposed "Department of Energy" lab seems to hide more and more about Will's disappearance.

Will's brother Jonathan and Mike's sister Nancy also become involved in the case as an inhuman creature appears to be on the loose. The race to solve the mystery of Will Byers' disappearance and to stop the impending horror of experiments and monsters is coated with intensity and suspense.

Winona Ryder, who plays Joyce Byers, fits right into the '80s vibe of the whole show. She plays an unstable and feverish mother, who will stop at nothing to find her son. Although Ryder's acting is impressive and believable, the real stars of the series are the younger cast members. Child actors Finn Wolfhard, Gaten Matarazzo, Caleb McLaughlin and Millie Bobby Brown form a dynamic team of daring friends, all of whom experience relatable struggles and character flaws. With distinct personalities on and off the screen, these stars have captured

the hearts of audiences with their believable character traits, distrusts, fears and witty comments. Realistic acting can make or break a television show and fortunately, these leads add to the exceptionality of "Stranger Things."

Matt and Ross Duffer, the sibling writer-director team professionally known as The Duffer Brothers, proved their series to be captivating to audiences as it now enjoys a 95 percent rating on Rotten Tomatoes.

"Stranger Things" has drawn critical acclaim for the frightening and intense scenes and its touching moments, as well as its sendups of '80s cinema. The unlikely friendships that build and the feelings expressed are relevant to audiences who grew up in the '80s as well as present day viewers. The New York Times stated that the show "mixes the youthful wonderment of 'E. T. the Extra-Terrestrial' with the spine-tingling qualities of 'Poltergeist'."

The original plot, characters and nostalgic setting makes "Stranger Things" a refreshing change of pace from most modern television programs and proves to be a binge-worthy show for science-fiction and suspense lovers.

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Saint Martin's ranks seventh in the West for value

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Staff Writer

The U.S. News & World Report has rated Saint Martin's University (SMU) seventh on the list of "Best Colleges" in value among schools in the West. This report covered 15 states on the mainland as well as Alaska and Hawaii. The U.S. News & World Report ranks U.S. universities and colleges every year in their guidebook, "America's Best Colleges."

Dean of Enrollment Pamela Holsinger-Fuchs, Ph.D., explains that she first saw the article and ranking when "our Institutional Research office shared the information with us in an email. I am very proud of the fact that Saint Martin's is in the top 10 for best value in the west, coming in seventh! This shows our commitment to serving students with robust financial aid awards and scholarships," she said.

There are various factors included in college and university rankings, such as the school's academic quality, a measurement of recent surveys and the school's net cost of attendance for students who receive an average level of need-based financial aid of the current year. The magazine also takes into account which schools are providing the highest level of education at the

lowest cost.

In addition to being ranked seventh, SMU was also ranked the 22nd best college for veterans. This calculation is based on participation in federal initiatives that aid veter-

education.

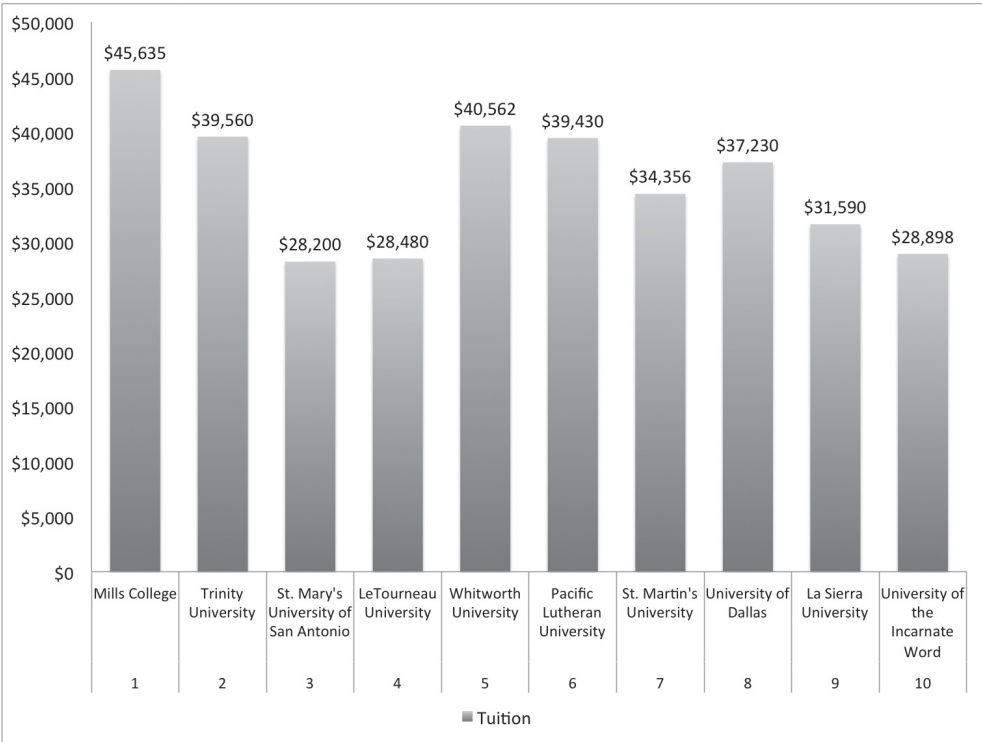
Holsinger-Fuchs went on to say that SMU's faculty and administration are "committed to the success of our students and trying to make sure that student debt is kept low. I

(or \$28,000 if parent plus loans are included). This is amazing that we are able to offer the small classroom sizes, with 78 percent of our classes being under 30 students, and still have a private education cost equal to that of a public university."

The U.S. News & World Report ranking system measures academic quality based on 15 indicators that include standards like peer assessment, graduation and retention rates, faculty resources, students' selectivity, the university's financial strength, and alumni activity.

"One of our trustees shared her thoughts that when a student invests in college you should think about it being equal to what you might spend should you be buying a new car. The difference is that as soon as you drive the car off the lot it depreciates," Holsinger-Fuchs says. "Your investment in yourself and your education will pay dividends the rest of your life. Those that have a bachelor's degree will still earn \$1 million more over the course of your life than someone with only a high school diploma," says Holsinger-Fuchs.

For more information and to see the college and university rankings, visit <http://colleges.usnews.rankingsandreviews.com/best-colleges/rankings/regional-universities-west/best-value>



Top 10 schools in the west with their respective tuition

ans and active-duty members who are pursuing their degrees. SMU was also ranked 40th among regional universities in the West. This ranking focused on undergraduate

worked at a public university prior to coming to Saint Martin's, and that university's average student debt was \$25,000 for students graduating. Saint Martin's is also \$25,000

Criminal justice professor at Saint Martin's publishes book

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In April of 2016, Robert Hauhart, criminal justice and sociology professor, Ph.D, published "Seeking the American Dream: A Sociological Inquiry" through the renowned academic and trade publishing group Palgrave Macmillan. Hauhart joined the Saint Martin's University (SMU) faculty in 2006, and has taught undergraduate courses in criminal justice and legal studies.

Recently, Hauhart co-taught a course entitled "Pursuing the American Dream," with Jeff Birkenstein, Ph.D, associate professor of English. In part, the course studied the influence of the American dream through the lens of literature, including Horatio Alger's "Ragged Dick," and F. Scott Fitzgerald's "The Great Gatsby."

Hauhart's recent book examines various historical perspectives of the American dream while also considering its influence on economics and culture.

When asked to expound upon the concept of the American dream and its importance to American society, Hauhart explained, "First of all, it's a pervasive part of our culture – it's everywhere."

According to Hauhart, the American dream reflects how Americans view their culture, values and work ethic. Hauhart further described the American dream as "a routinely embraced cultural icon."

"If there's anything America's famous for," Hauhart explained, "it's the American dream."

Although the American dream generally describes the achievement of goals through persistence and hard work, Hauhart cautioned that the term is also notoriously nebulous.

"It has no content – we put the content in it," he stressed.

Early scholarly considerations of the dream and its place in American thought emphasized its capacity to enable immigrants to achieve richer, fuller and better lives.

Today, the American dream is understood as a largely economic undertaking. As Hauhart explained, "Richer, fuller and better has been operationalized to mean earning more money."

In order to better understand how the American dream is viewed by those adversely affected by economic downturns and unemployment, Hauhart recruited a former student of his, Jessica Flores, to interview the homeless of Olympia.

Hauhart considered these perspectives valuable, partly because "no one ever listens to how the down-and-out people think about the American dream."

Flores conducted 40 interviews with the homeless, important excerpts of which are available in Hauhart's book. The interviews were open-ended, with Flores posing the question, "What's your American dream?"

"Generally, they seemed to believe that the American dream is rigged," Hauhart said.

Although the respondents generally rendered negative opinions, the few positive examples presented something more surprising.

Hauhart shared that among the 40 interviewed, two expressed hopes of becoming airplane pilots, whereas a third wanted to be a nurse.

"You had people whose dreams were discrepant with their circumstances," expressed Hauhart.

Student contributions also informed Hauhart's perspective, as students surveyed in the Pursuing the American Dream class were asked what the American dream meant to them and if they expected to obtain it. The criteria included economic standing and personal freedoms, including home ownership and religious practices.

According to Hauhart, around 80 percent of the students believed they could achieve their dream.

For Hauhart, a revealing aspect of the American dream is how it is

individualistically defined.

"No one asks you what the American dream means," discerned Hauhart. "Everyone claims to know."

When asked about his personal relationship with the concept of achievement in American society, Hauhart considered his own struggles.

"For a period of time, I lost my American dream," he said. "The American dream is an elusive little wisp in the wind. And I think I lost sight of it."

Hauhart explained that the American dream contains potentially inexhaustible possibilities for those interested in learning about it.

"It's a powerful thing," he offered, "but I think that leaves a lot to analyze, a lot to investigate."

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Inmates work to preserve endangered butterfly

Breanna Brink
Staff Writer

The Mission Creek Corrections Center for Women (MCCCW) is giving their inmates a sense of purpose by allowing them to help revitalize an endangered species' rapidly dwindling population.

On Sept. 23, Saint Martin's University (SMU) held their first Robert A. Harvey Social Justice Lecture of the 2016 school year. The lecture was given by Kelli Bush, program manager for the Sustainability in Prisons partnership associated with Evergreen State College and Mary Linders, an endangered species recovery biologist. The lecture discussed how the sustainability program is helping to transform the lives of those in the MCCCW. They discussed the program's methods of rehabilitating women by enabling them to work with an endangered species: the Taylor's checkerspot butterfly.

The Taylor's Checkerspot butterfly is classified as endangered and requires a permit to even touch. The significant decline in butterfly numbers has been primarily due to the loss of suitable habitats. This is attributed to the agricultural and urban areas expanding into their natural territory, introducing non-native plants or eradicating those on which they exclusively feed.

The Checkerspot breeds only once per year. They have a 10-14 day flight life in which they mate and lay egg clusters with as many as 1,200 eggs. Only about 10 ever reach adulthood. These larvae emerge and grow for a few months before entering a state called "diapause." During this time, larvae hibernate through the winter and have been known to continue their hibernation

for as long as six years if they dislike weather conditions.

Since 2011, under the guidance of the Evergreen State College and the Washington State Department of Corrections, the Sustainability in Prisons Program has partnered with the Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) in order to provide a means of re-introducing these butterflies to the wild. The program focuses on education and training for the MCCCW's workforce. It offers inmates engaging work with safe and sustainable operations. With 2.4 million incarcerated in the U.S., a statistic cited during the lecture, this partnership with WDFW offers multiple benefits. Major collaborators such as Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium, Joint Base Lewis McChord and many more help support and donate to these programs, encouraging the sustainable lifestyles these prisons are helping to cultivate.

Why choose to work with inmates?

Bush says, "We are involving incarcerated individuals in environmental education, sustainable living practices, wildlife recovery and habitat restoration, in turn, supporting personal transformation while reducing the environmental, human and economic costs of prisons."

Graduate students from Evergreen State College are trained to assist the inmates, teaching them how to rear the surrogate species of Checkerspot butterflies. Bush calls her work with the Sustainability in Prisons Project "a unique opportunity to tend to and grow an organization that simultaneously addresses social and



Photo courtesy of Dennis Aubrey

Taylor's checkerspot butterfly is classified as an endangered species.

environmental issues."

It also has been an improvement for the inmates, Bush says, as working in these programs offers them college credit and knowledge that can be shared and applied to future job searches.

"Here is an endangered species and the fact they were saying, 'Yes we trust you, yes we believe that you can do this work;' that very much played a big factor in me also believing in myself...to start that path," said Carolina Landa, former butterfly technician and current Evergreen student.

It seem that the program could be a metamorphosis for everyone involved.

Faith debate, from cover

Lake's opening comment set the tone for the entire debate.

"We, on the side of the affirmative, define faith as the acceptance of a belief that cannot be proven or disproven. Faith is not absolute certainty, but rather, is open to counsel of reason. Because of this, faith and reason are neither enemies or strangers, rather, they are inseparable companions," he said.

Lake pointed out that moral realism can stand as an example of his point. Varvil continued to set up their argument based upon the relationship of faith and reason, diving into the idea of moral law and how that connects to faith.

The debate then moved to the opposing side. Silvernail opened with a comparison between the type of faith which patients in an insane asylum possess and faith in religion. He talked about the world in a naturalistic sense, asserting that life is discovered through science, and does not depend on faith.

"Faith and reason cannot exist at the same time," according to Jones, contradicting one of Varvil's earlier comments. Jones then took history and pitted it against religion,

claiming that since primitive man believed in a god or gods, it is folly to believe in religion now, since primitive man was wrong about numerous other things. This argument changed the direction of the debate from the question of whether religion is reasonable, to the question of the existence of God.

The rebuttal session began with Varvil pointing out that faith gives a purpose to the universe through pre-supposed concepts. The debate itself, she reasoned, is an example of how faith can be reasonable.

"How do we discern between a universe that has no God and a universe that does have God?" rebutted Silvernail.

Lake concluded with a quote from Pope John Paul II, "There can never be a true divergence between faith and reason, since the same God who reveals the mysteries and bestows the gift of faith has also placed in the human spirit the light of reason."

Jones concluded for the opposing side, contending that "religion is not a pathway to truth."

There was no clear "winner" of the debate. Many arguments were presented and the audience was left asking many questions of themselves. But this is not where the evening ended.

Faculty members Eric Boyer, Fiona Kelly, Rico Picone and Blaine Snow came forward to give their input on whether or not faith is reasonable.

There was a relatively brief substantive question and answer session that occurred between the faculty and students. The crowded attendance of this event displayed SMU's interest in the quest to define reason.

Community Events

In My Life- A Musical Theater Tribute to the Beatles
October 11 7:30p.m.
Washington Center for the Performing Arts

The Two Gentleman of Verona
October 11-29 Harlequin State Theater
Show Times are available at harlequin productions.org

Brighter Future Weekend
October 15 9a.m.-12p.m. Hand's on Children's Museum

An Evening with Seahawk Tyler Lockett
October 18 7p.m.
Evergreen Christian Community's Main Auditorium

The "Less is More" Film Festival
October 21 6:30p.m.-11p.m. Olympic Film Society

Fall Art: Salmon and Leaves
October 22 10a.m.-4p.m. WET Science Center

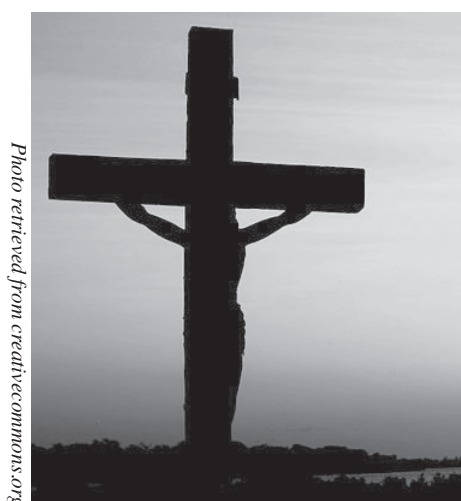


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Facility frustrations: A student's perspective

Sabrina White
Section Editor

At Saint Martin's University (SMU), we are blessed with the opportunity to have wonderful science programs and amazing professors in each of the scientific fields of study offered here. Innovative research programs and opportunities for the students of SMU are abundant and for such a small school, we have a large presence at important events, including the annual American Chemical Society conventions.

When I toured SMU, I was pleased to see the newer buildings mingling with the towering façade of Old Main. The tour guides showed us the lovely spaces of Harned Hall, the pavilion and the second floor of Old Main where many of the most important offices reside. Unfortunately, I was not shown my prospective science facilities on any of the three tours I took. I was dismayed at the thought of not being able to see what the wonderful halls of Old Main held for me on the rest of its historic floors.

When I first saw the conditions of the biology labs on the fourth floor, I was quite in awe of the situation. It was like stepping back in time to the 1960s. Peeling linoleum floors and splintering tables are accompanied by rusty, squeaky old school chairs, mismatched equipment and leaking, wobbly faucets on every sink. The chemistry labs fared no better. Sinks were taped together to prevent leaks, the room felt dingy and cramped and some of the basic equipment we needed for our labs was inoperable or fairly old. Bunsen burners were rusted shut, many of the tongs and forceps were rusty and bent and the room itself smelled musty. I felt like I had walked into a dungeon.

As a student, it is frustrating to see how neglected Old Main is, as I have previously mentioned in an earlier article, "In desperate need of a new coat of paint," published in the April 2016 issue of The Belltower. These frustrations continue to plague me as I see that not much is being done to keep Old Main in good condition.

The growth of our science departments has been rapid and I am happy to see the interest in the sciences grow at SMU. The only thing I do not like about the growth is that it makes it extremely hard to have a functional, educational lab when 20 or 30 students are packed into an inadequate lab space. To be blunt, it poses safety hazards and other risks. Dangerous situations may be avoided by providing adequate space and limiting class sizes in such small laboratories.

In order to avoid ranting and raving, I sought out the opinions of faculty, students and even the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) at SMU. Many share my frustrations and are hoping to begin renovations or modernization in the near future.

Peggy Guevara, laboratory

manager at SMU, offered some insight into the way the labs are run and her opinions on the lack of modernizations and available space. She noted that the budget is one of the core factors limiting expansion and growth. The current science budgets are stretched between student research needs and basic equipment purchases.

"There is a large push for modernizing and downsizing our stored equipment," Guevara said. "Organization is key. We have made a huge push in the last two years to organize and keep the spaces clean. There is a definite need for storage, which is prime real estate in Old Main. Over the years we have tried to downsize. There were things here from the '40s and '50s. We used to keep things that didn't work in the hopes that they would eventually work."

Guevara went on to add that they now try to get rid of anything that

Our storage facilities could be far better, but due to the valiant efforts of our lab manager, they are usable. Our older facilities and equipment are a slight hindrance to student learning, a moderate hindrance to research and a stumbling block to recruitment. That said, some major publications in my field were done using nothing more modern than a balance," Bode expressed.

He continued by explaining how our students can overcome the lack of modern equipment and still put forth amazing research.

"Our students are strongly capable and will make do with what they have. Some modern scientific research has been done on a shoestring budget and our students can do wonderful things. Our seniors turn (room) 406 into a student research center with brilliant questions being answered. Even as we blow fuses, their work blows minds. Our students and faculty, if given coal, can

universities would call small to mid-level instrumentation."

Milligan also expressed that the safety of the students and professors in the labs is the number one priority, and that they try to maintain the equipment's condition as best they can.

Ed Barton, CFO and Vice President of Finance here at SMU revealed a lot about the current plans for a new science building here on campus. Barton talked about the setbacks for the planning and future construction of the new science building. The fundraising efforts are currently in the "silent phase", meaning they are reaching out to donors without a large public presence for the campaign. A few of the setbacks include the initial cost of the building, estimated at around \$13 million, and the preferred grounds for the science building being prime habitat for an endangered species-- specifically the Mazama pocket gophers native to the southern Puget Sound area.

"In the meantime, we are looking to update what we can. We want to step it up to be able to accommodate for future student needs," Barton said.

Barton also stated that "there has been a recognized need for engineering and science buildings. We are trying to maintain the current labs, but every dollar put into the old labs is a dollar we can't put into the new lab space. Our intentions are to get the new building constructed as fast as possible."

As far as the funds for the new building goes, Barton mentioned that the university's Board of Trustees, President Roy Heynderickx, and many others in the administration are working diligently to get the necessary fundraising and planning complete for the new science building. They want to pay cash for the construction to avoid taking out loans and putting the college in a place where student needs cannot be met due to debts. Currently, they have raised about 25 percent of the necessary funds for the silent phase.

As a student planning on completing my degree here at SMU, I hope to see some changes in the near future for the betterment and modernization of our labs. Basic repairs and some changes to accommodate the growing science departments and the amazing research that takes place here would be encouraging to see.

After interviewing and gaining perspective from professors and faculty members, a few of my frustrations have been eased, but the condition of the science labs still irks me, as it does many of my peers. The positive outlook given to me by many of the administration and professors that I have interviewed has made me hopeful for change and excited for the prospect of new science facilities here at Saint Martin's.

make diamonds. But what could they do if we gave them more?"

Brandy Fox, the newest assistant professor of chemistry and an SMU alumna, Ph.D., shared her opinions on the growth of the science departments and the lab facilities in relation to it, saying, "Our students have some really excellent opportunities to perform cutting edge research and even have the opportunity to share it on a national stage. However, that isn't necessarily reflected by our current instructional spaces."

Fox continued, "We make the labs work, keep them safe, and introduce students to the techniques and concepts that they need, but I wouldn't describe the space as modern. Our science programs and the opportunities they provide are growing, and the lab facilities are still catching up."

Another member of the chemistry department shares many of Fox's views. Greg Milligan, associate professor of chemistry, Ph.D., feels that the labs are lacking in space and resources.

He stated that "the biggest limitation is lab space. We lack the resources to buy what most



Cluttered and outdated biology lab storage space

is not working or is not needed anymore, and that she and her lab assistants are doing the best they can to get as much use out of Old Main and the lab facilities as possible. She is also excited about the growth of the science programs at SMU and further stated that renovations were on the horizon, but were not happening as rapidly as they wish. It is a slow change, she says, but one she hopes we will see very soon.

Robert Bode, assistant professor of biology, Ph.D., gave some insight into the biology labs and his thoughts on their current state. He stated that the safety needs of the labs are met and that perhaps additional Occupational Safety and Health Administration training for other employees would be useful, but that the biology department in general is sufficiently trained in safety protocols.

On the topic of storage and lab space, Bode commented, "If the natural sciences department is to stay in Old Main for several more years, some simple plumbing updates would not only be helpful, but would reduce water damage.

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Sexist in Chief?

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Section Editor

The first and second presidential debates have concluded and the halls of Saint Martin's University (SMU) buzz with the aftermath. Everyone wonders who our next president will be.

It's not secret that a strong undercurrent of sexism has prevailed throughout Donald Trump's campaign, and polls have shown that his support from republican women is rapidly dwindling. Only 32 percent of college educated women are forecasted to vote for Trump, while 57 percent are in favor of Clinton. It stands to reason that this disparity can be attributed to numerous outrageous statements Trump has made concerning women.

Trump's display of hostile sexism is inexcusable for someone who wishes to run our country. During a 2005 taping of Access Hollywood, a hot mic picked up Trump's incredibly misogynistic and sexist comments made about women.

"I've gotta use some Tic Tacs, just in case I start kissing her, you know, I'm automatically attracted to beautiful – I just start kissing them. It's like a magnet. Just kiss. I don't even wait... and when you're a star, they let you do it," Trump says. "You can do anything."

After the video came out, prominent republicans began pulling their support for the republican presidential nominee, many of whom are lifelong republicans. Senator John McCain may have been the most prominent among them.

Trump previously bullied McCain about being captured during the Vietnam war. A CBS News article quotes Trump stating, "He's not a war hero." Trump continues, saying, "He's a war hero because he was captured. I like people that



Donald Trump has been criticized for his sexist remarks during debates.

weren't captured."

However, the video leak seems to have pushed McCain over the edge. He stated to the Los Angeles Times last Sunday, "Donald Trump's behavior this week, concluding with the disclosure of his demeaning comments about women and his boasts about sexual assaults, make it impossible to continue to offer even conditional support for his candidacy."

Trump's lewd comments from the leak did not end there.

"Grab them by the p****," Trump said. "You can do anything."

These comments are not acceptable for anyone to make, let alone someone who wishes to run the country. This is only one of many instances evidencing that Donald Trump's is unqualified to be at the helm of the U.S. His display of hostile sexism is inexcusable.

During the first presidential debate, the conversation strayed away from policy time and time again and devolved into personal attacks.

Women in politics often catch a lot of flack for how nice they are or are not. Some believe because they are women they are under some sort of tacit consent to be nice before all else. Trump stated, "I was going to say something extremely rough to Hillary, to her family, and I said to myself, 'I can't do it. I just can't do it. It's inappropriate. It's not nice.' But she spent hundreds of millions of dollars on negative ads on me, many of which are absolutely untrue. They're untrue. And they're misrepresentations. And I will tell you this, Lester: It's not nice. And I don't deserve that. But it's certainly not a nice thing that she's done."

So, think about it in your own life—do you hold men and women to the same standard when it comes to niceness? Had this debate been between two men, would the idea of being "nice" ever be brought up?

Toward the end of the debate, Clinton bated Trump with his previous sexist comments about former Miss Universe winner, Alicia

Machado. Clinton said, "This is a man who has called women pigs, slobs and dogs...and he called this woman 'Miss Piggy.' Then he called her 'Miss Housekeeping,' because she was Latina. Donald, she has a name."

Trump refused to back down from this blatantly sexist comment the morning after his first debate on the talk show "Fox and Friends," plainly stating in this interview that Machado had "gained a massive amount of weight and it was a real problem. She was the winner and you know, she gained a massive amount of weight and it was a real problem. We had a real problem. Not only that, her attitude, and we had a real problem with her, so Hillary went back into the years and she found this girl—this was many years ago. And found the girl and talked about her like she was Mother Theresa. And it wasn't quite that way, but that's okay. Hillary has to do what she has to do."

So, what is the effect of this of this speech on the men and women of America? Why does it matter that Trump treats women like this? Many people say "Trump is sexist, but he's a good businessman," to justify voting for him. This is a huge issue, because these two ideas are mutually exclusive. In this day and age, one simply cannot be both. As half of the American population are women, how can we stand to pardon poor treatment of half of the population? Tolerating sexism is just as good a promoting sexism. As Americans, we cannot tolerate this.

Think about your mother, your daughter or your sister; would you let someone say sexist remarks to them? Would you, as a human being, stand and let yourself be disrespected the way Donald Trump has disrespected countless people?

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