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## Remembering Austin Kelley

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On Sunday, Sept. 4, a graduate from Saint Martin's University was on a fishing trip in Idaho with friends when tragedy struck. 26-year-old Austin Kelley was crossing the Salmon River when he went missing. Kelley was a well-loved and respected individual in the community. Originally from Olympia, Kelley grew up playing soccer and went on to play at SMU. He eventually coached soccer at his alma mater, Olympia High School.

Kelley received a Civil Engineering degree at SMU, and was a four-year member of the men's soccer team. He was part of the team that won the conference title in 2011. He was respected and loved by everyone he came across; everyone he played and was coached by described Kelley as being a great teammate and friend.

On Wednesday, Sept. 7, community members attended a vigil titled "Bring Austin Home" at Olympia High School's Ingersoll Stadium. Kelley's former teammates, team members from the men's and women's soccer team at SMU and

members from the community attended in support of Kelley and his family.

The atmosphere of this night proved how loved Kelley was. Many showed up in soccer gear to support his love of the game. This event was a night of remembrance for Kelley and his family. His loved ones described how big an impact he had on their lives as well as the type of person and dad he was becoming.

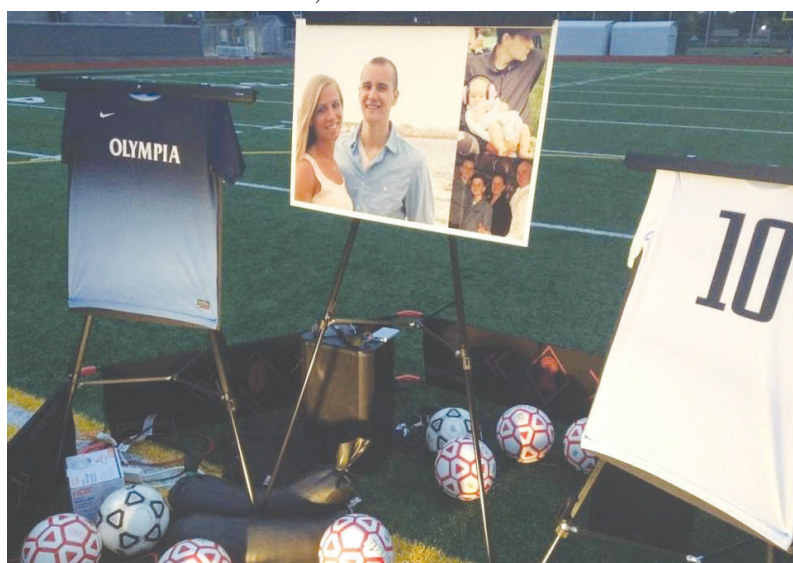
Kelley went on after Saint Martin's to marry an alumnus of the SMU softball team, Morgan Kelley, with whom he shared a 3-month-old daughter. They recently bought a house together in Olympia.

The Kelley family did everything they could to bring Austin home. As of last week, Kelley's body was found in the Salmon River. Officials had searched continuously for Austin since Sept. 4, as did his family. The Idaho County Sheriff's office worked with dive teams, search dogs and search and rescue teams in an effort to find Kelley.

This is a tough time for all Saints

and friends and family of Kelley. The SMU soccer program will hold an event in his honor over the next period of their season in respect for their beloved alumnus, teammate

especially within the soccer program. Although we have lost part of our family here at SMU, Kelley's impact will forever be known.



Kelley's memorial at Olympia High School

Photo courtesy of Rolf Boone, The Olympian.

and friend. Every game is played in Kelley's honor to remember the type of man and player he was, one who was respected and loved by everyone he came across at SMU. His name will forever be remembered,

## Saint Martin's opens Panowicz Foundry for Innovation and E. L. Wiegand Laboratories

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On Sept. 12, Saint Martin's University President Roy Heynderickx opened the dedication of the Panowicz Foundry for Innovation and E. L. Wiegand Laboratories, the newest engineering building on campus.

SMU had a full night planned, with the Board of Trustees and Lacey City Mayor Andy Ryder present among the crowd of Saint Martin's faculty, alumni and students.

The Engineering Initiative, which was set in motion a few years ago in efforts to optimize the potential of the department, is

believed to be fulfilled with the new establishment.

"That promise which was launched with faith, hope and charity so many years ago comes to flourish today.



The ribbon-cutting for the grand opening of the new engineering labs

Photo courtesy of Cleo Pineda



Panowicz Foundry for Innovation and E.L. Wiegand Laboratories

Our faculty that had been here for so long had a commitment here that had spanned decades. The students were strong. Our adjuncts, David Jansen among them who has been with us for 33 years, are joined with the new generation of faculty who have the same passion and expertise of our students. But our facilities

were still lagging behind," Dean of Engineering David Olwell said.

SMU's latest addition provides space for both Mechanical and Civil Engineering labs along with newly furnished computer classrooms.

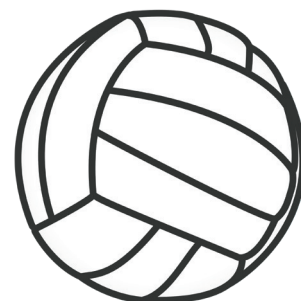
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Editor’s Note:

Hello and welcome back to another year! This is my first issue as Editor-in-Chief of The Belltower and I am honored to be the captain of this ship.

Even though this is my senior year at Saint Martin’s, I still don’t feel like I have everything figured out. I’m learning how to lead this paper, figuring out how to balance time between jobs and schoolwork, and trying to turn abstract ideas into a solid senior thesis.

Senior year has put into perspective for me that we never stop learning or changing. No matter how long you have been doing something, there is still an opportunity for growth.

The Belltower, which has been in continuous publication for the last eight years, is no exception. The year’s team is very excited to take on the challenge of growing our paper into its best evolution yet. We have recruited a new group of staff writers who are all eager to share their voice with the Saint Martin’s community.

Our paper continues to change with each issue. We always strive to cover stories of importance to the campus. This issue features stories about the newest engineering building on campus, an update on our student government, as well as a preseason look at the women’s volleyball team. There are also stories of importance to our community, such as one about local comic shop Olympic Cards and Comics.

As always, we are eager to hear any feedback you may have. We hope that you stick with us as we continue to improve our paper. Just as in everything else, we are learning something new every day.

Best wishes,  
Roslyn Buff



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## Neon Pavilion III: A rave to remember

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Saint Martin's University hosted a night filled with glow sticks, strobe lights and strawberry-scented fog during its third annual Neon Pavilion dance party in the Marcus Pavilion on Saturday, Sept. 10. The rave attracted a large number of students and guests at the school-sponsored event. Students danced for three hours to the sounds of two DJs from a Portland based group called FundRaver.

This year's dance theme was Coachella-esque, a festival version of the Neon Pavilion event. String lights and blow-up palm trees adorned the space around the stage while a white canopy covered in twinkling lights hung overhead. Attendees were given light sticks. Inflatable dolphins, doughnuts and pizza spent the night crowd surfing.

Over 260 people attended the rave, 40 of whom were non-student guests. Thumping music and hazy lights set the mood. Three hours of non-stop Electronic Dance Music (EDM) blared from the speakers,

broken up by remixes of popular songs and older hits. During the middle of the dance, the DJs asked the crowd to form one giant conga line while they played a remix of "Shake Señora" by Pitbull in an attempt to create the largest conga line they had done at any event.

The DJs jumped off stage and joined in the dancing with the front lines of the crowd. DJ Anski invited some of the front row up on stage to "dance out" the last part of the night with him. He also shared his battery powered sunglasses that displayed images on the lenses with the people on stage. Attendees sang along to many of the songs, including a dance rendition of Journey's "Don't Stop Believing."

Mayrim Garcia, a student at Saint Martin's, attended the event with friends.

"It was really fun. Some of my friends got invited on stage with the DJs and got to dance in front of the whole crowd. Everyone was having a good time dancing and laughing.

It was way more exciting than I thought it would be," said Garcia.

The energy at the dance was palpable. The DJs often said between sets that Saint Martin's was the most energetic school they had come to, eliciting cheers from the students in the crowd throughout the night.

"It was a lot of fun to organize and experience and students continued to show up as the night went on. It was high energy and there was music to cater to different music tastes throughout the night from our two DJs, DJ Anski and DJ Ben Jon WIn", explained Deveney Dela Cruz, Assistant Director of Campus Life.

Campus Life puts on a slew of events throughout the year, many of which can be located on the Campus Life page of the Saint Martin's website or the weekly event schedules posted in the Trautman Student Union Building and across campus. For more events, check out the website at <https://www.stmartin.edu/student-life/campus-life>.

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## Students reminisce over summer break

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As this summer draws to a close, a handful of Saint Martin's students are giving no second thoughts to chiming in with stories from their three-month long vacation.

For many students, summer vacation means more time to do what they enjoy. Rather than spending the day listening to lectures, going to practice or doing homework, people find themselves with a lot of freedom.

Upon entering his second year of college, sophomore John Chaides reflects on his trip back to California.

"Going back to Pasadena felt great--almost like a relief on me. I was able to 'be home' is the best way to put it. I didn't have to put so much of my focus on school-related obligations. I spent a majority of

my time hanging out with my friends at the beach and having fun at Six Flags. I also played a lot of "Pokemon Go"—go Team Mystic!" cheered Chaides.

Though Chaides admits to sometimes missing the campus and his classmates, he made sure to relish his days of being free from school. He delights in his hometown and plans on returning there next summer.

"There's no better taste than the taste of home cooked foods and In-N-Out. Also, I'm excited to go to the Los Angeles County Museum of Art when I come back again next year. I really want to go to their 'Rain Room.' It's an exhibit that uses 3D tracking cameras to let you experience walking through the rain without ever getting wet," he said.

While some traveled back to their native states, other SMU students like Cheng Chang, sophomore, caught a flight back home to another country. As an international student, she especially longed for China's heat during the school year and was thrilled to come back to it during the break.

"I'm from the inner city of Mongolia and the weather is always nice over there. You can wear whatever you want and still not freeze," Chang said.

During her visit, she prioritized being with her family and finding new places to explore with her boyfriend.

Similar to Chang, Miryam Mahama, junior, used her time off as an opportunity to do some international traveling of her own. June was the start of her two-month getaway to Ghana and it is there that she remembered the friendliness of

West Africa.

"We have family there so we try to go every other summer. My grandma lives in a tight-knit neighborhood so when I was there, I just went for walks with my cousins and friends just to catch up with other people. A lot of my neighbors sat outside and they didn't even know me personally but they talked to me because they knew my grandma," Mahama reminisced.

Mahama also tried go-karting for the first time in the midst of her stay and loved attending her community's festivities.

"A week after I arrived, there was this Muslim festival that occurred after the fasting period. And after praying as a group in the Mosque, we had a feast!" she exclaimed.

Though many were able to experience different states and countries during the break, not everyone chose to leave Washington. Daniel Merlino, junior, made the decision to move into his first house nested at Lake Tapps over the summer. He lists swimming, wakeboarding, hanging out with his neighbor, Parks, and going to Seafair on a 100-foot yacht as some of his favorite memories. He quickly bonded with the neighbors at his new abode, already sharing funny moments with them.

"One of my neighbors has a dog named Hank who is a German short hair. He ran around our



Daniel Merlino taught his 5-year-old neighbor, Parks, how to paddleboard on Lake Tapps.

neighborhood but no one could find him until a neighbor got home and noticed a new giant dog hanging out with his little dog...Hank somehow snuck through a tiny dog door to play with this other random dog," Merlino recalled.

Madison Herbst, junior, also opted for a "staycation." In fact, she spent most of her time on campus. Having completed three engineering courses and one math class over the span of three months while also holding the responsibility of being a summer Resident Assistant, Herbst kept busy. However, she managed to set aside some time in her schedule for the people she cares about.

"I also did some fun things on the weekends with my family, boyfriend and friends from home. I went away for a weekend with my family for my brother's baseball tournament," Herbst said.

The change of color in the leaves will soon officially mark the end of summer, leaving SMU students with only its memories as another year begins.

Photo courtesy of Cheng Chang



Cheng Chang (second from left) travels around China with her friends.

Photo courtesy of Daniel Merlino

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# Local comic shop receives charitable award

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A look at the merchandise inside Olympic Cards and Comics

Local comic shop Olympic Cards and Comics (OCC) received the “Compassion is Contagious” award on Sept. 8 from the City of Lacey for their charitable work benefiting local children in need.

The shop, which is a local favorite for many college students, began offering food for the community a few years ago when they paired up with the Thurston County Food Bank as a pick-up site for donated food.

After adding a second floor to her store, Gabi Trautmann, the owner of

OCC, decided to offer breakfast to local children during the summer, and helped them pack their own lunches as well.

Trautmann made sure to utilize the communal nature of her store to provide options tailored to the children’s tastes, such as buying their favorite cereal or a can of spicy tuna, instead of generic ingredients.

“While feeding the bodies is essential, making sure that their spirit and psyche was taken care of, too, is very important to us,” Trautmann explained.

As a part of this effort to serve the children’s minds and spirits as well as their bodies, OCC partnered with the South Sound Mobile Reading Library, to provide children with access to books when coming in for breakfast.

OCC serves a few dozen kids, with five or six families consistently taking advantage of the food

size of the store’s refrigerator. That customer came back and donated a refrigerator that allowed OCC to store and use more perishable foods, such as ice cream for a hot summer’s day.

“I cannot say enough how blessed we are with our community,” Trautmann said.

Though the breakfasts only go on



Photos courtesy of Travis Munday

Inside Olympic Cards and Comics

offered there, says Sam Lacina, the manager of the business.

“The community really came through for us,” Lacina says, emphasizing the donations that the business received.

Trautmann related a story about an offhand comment she made to a customer regarding the small

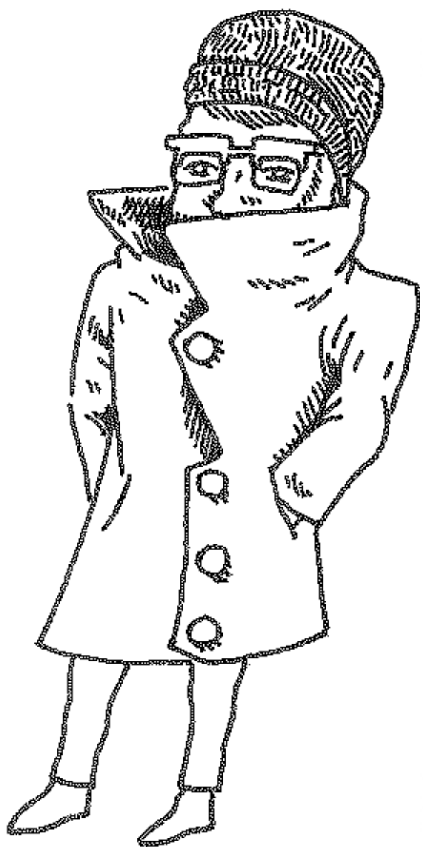
during the summer, OCC continues to offer help to anyone who needs it. Trautmann hopes that this award will inspire others to help those in need and continue to bring the community together.

“There’s never gonna be a kid in this community that goes hungry. Not on my watch,” she said.

This award was part of the “Compassionate Communities” campaign started by the City of Lacey and the North Thurston Public School District.



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# The election: Where are we now?

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With the U.S. General Election less than two months away, many Americans are wondering what to expect in the coming weeks regarding campaign controversies and possible election strategies in battleground states.

Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton and Republican nominee Donald Trump are scheduled to appear at the first Presidential Debate on Sept. 26 at Hofstra University in Hempstead, NY, according to [presidentialelectionnews.com](http://presidentialelectionnews.com). The debate will be broadcasted by several television networks and can be streamed online.

Libertarian candidate Gary Johnson and Green Party candidate Jill Stein will likely not attend, as their respective national poll averages of eight and three percent are short of the required 15, according to Real Clear Politics polling data.

Public attention is currently focused on Clinton's health. A video of Clinton leaving a 9/11 memorial service in New York showed her lose her balance and nearly fall while awaiting vehicle transportation. Clinton had to be held upright by her personal security and assisted into the arriving van.

Following the incident, the Clinton campaign uploaded a note to its website from the candidate's doctor explaining that she had been diagnosed with "mild non-contagious bacterial pneumonia." After resting for two days, the former Secretary of State delivered a speech in North Carolina on Thursday, Sept. 15.

CNN reports that while Trump was speaking at a campaign rally in

Ohio, he asked the audience, "You think this is so easy, in this beautiful room that's a hundred and twenty-two degrees?" before later adding, "I don't know folks, you think Hillary would be able to stand up here for an hour and do this?"

Afterwards, Trump appeared on the "Dr. Oz Show" and presented two letters pertaining to a recent medical test. Days earlier, Trump's only medical information was a doctor's note posted on his campaign website which concluded, "If elected, Mr. Trump, I can state unequivocally, will be the healthiest individual ever elected to the presidency."

According to Real Clear Politics, Trump's support in the polls has slightly risen over the past week, currently hovering around 40 points, whereas Clinton's has marginally dropped to 42 points.

The tightening of the gap may be explained by Clinton's health concerns and demeaning comments Clinton made against Trump's supporters on Friday, Sept. 9. According to USA Today, Clinton claimed that Trump "...cozies up to white supremacists, makes racist attacks, calls women pigs, mocks people with disabilities."

The Democratic candidate entered uncharted territory when she continued, "You know, to just be grossly generalistic, you can put half of Trump supporters into what I call the basket of deplorables." Clinton elaborated that these included "the racist, sexist, homophobic, xenophobic, Islamophobic, you name it. And unfortunately there are people like that. And he has lifted them up."



The two presidential candidates for the 2016 Presidential election

Clinton went on to describe a second basket of Trump supporters "who feel the government has let them down, the economy has let them down, nobody cares about them... Those are people we have to understand and empathize with as well."

USA Today also reported that Clinton amended her statement the following day, saying that she was wrong to describe half of her opponent's supporters as "deplorables." She further added that she would continue to challenge "bigotry and racist rhetoric in this campaign."

However, the recent poll data may be better explained by Trump's behavior than Clinton's, Josh Barro of Business Insider believes. Barro argues that Trump strategically "focused on the 'basket of deplorables' comment" and has recently "gotten more attention for his positive policy messages," such as his child-care plan and a visit to a predominantly African-American church in Detroit.

While Barro supposes that Trump

might be attempting to soften his image, these efforts are unlikely to convince skeptical voters, especially women and minority groups which Trump has alienated. In fact, both Trump and Clinton are disliked by a large percentage of the American public. According to Real Clear Politics, 38 percent of voters consider Trump "favorable" and 59 percent "unfavorable." Clinton's favorability ratings are only slightly better, with 40 percent selecting "favorable" and 55 percent "unfavorable."

On CNN's interactive electoral map, Clinton currently stands a better chance of winning, with 273 electoral votes allocated to her, 191 to Trump and 74 remaining in the battleground states of Nevada, Iowa, Ohio, North Carolina and Florida. John King of CNN predicts that Trump will target the Rust Belt to "appeal to blue-collar workers," forcing Clinton to defend these same states to secure the vote.

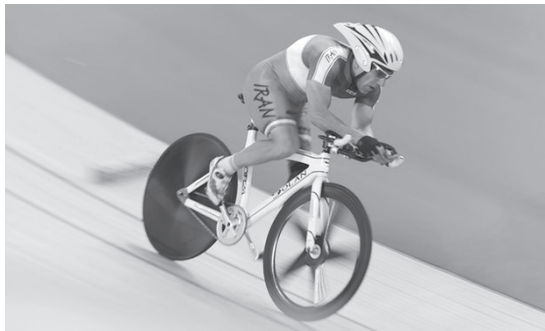
## World news at a glance

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### Iranian paracyclist dies following a crash at the Rio Paralympics

Iranian paracyclist Bahman Golbarnezhad, 48, suffered cardiac arrest after crashing on a difficult section of the men's C4-5 road race. He died shortly after being transported to the nearby Unimed Rio Hospital in Barra, a neighborhood in Rio de Janeiro. A period of silence will be held during Sunday's closing ceremonies for Golbarnezhad. An official investigation has been launched to look into the circumstances of the crash. Golbarnezhad's death is the first of any Olympic games since the 1960 Rome Olympics.

Brexit deal could be vetoed by group of EU states



### Brexit deal could be vetoed by group of EU states

A group of central EU states known as the Visegrad Four could potentially veto the decision by the U.K. to leave the EU. The group believes the Brexit deal would make migrant workers from the central European states "second class" to other workers and could potentially harm their chances of getting work in the U.K. The Visegrad group is also worried about Brexit's effect on the number of migrants and immigrants coming to Europe, calling for mandatory quotas on the number of migrants allowed into the EU. EU leaders have continually stated that there will be no formal Brexit talks until Britain completes its two year "divorce period," and states what it would like in a deal. According to European Council President Donald Tusk, the negotiations will be taking place sometime in January or February of 2017.



### Small explosive device goes off at start of New York marathon

A small bomb was detonated during a race in a Jersey beach town in New York on Saturday, Sept 17. There were no injuries or damage to any surrounding buildings or infrastructure. The device went off in a garbage dumpster ahead of the 5km charity marathon in Seaside Park, which is located about 150 miles from New York City. The marathon was organized to benefit military veterans and families who had lost loved ones overseas. The race, called Semper 5k, is an annual Marine Corps sponsored event in Seaside Park. Authorities evacuated nearly 30 homes and found a second device near the site of the first one. Nearly 5,000 people were registered to run the event, which was to begin at 9 a.m. Local police along with the FBI are currently investigating, but have not identified a suspect or released any other information as of Sunday, Sept. 18.





Engineering, from cover



Photos courtesy of Blake Cloward

Civil engineering concrete canoe challenge

“It allows the students to have a hands-on experience in doing the design work that characterizes what an engineer does. This is going to be a great gift that’s going to affect generations of engineering students and we are very appreciative for it,” Olwell continued.

As part of the event, student ambassadors were selected to welcome the community by giving them tours of each room. Two of this year’s senior mechanical engineering students, Scott Hoffman and Rachel Fanchin, both expressed their anticipation. Hoffman, a United States Air Force veteran, decided to come back to school after a 15-year career in banking to pursue engineering.

“I’m going to start by thanking God because it was only through His guidance that all of the pieces that it took to build this building fell

into place. It’s really incredible to be a part of a university where the senior leadership are invested in my personal future. I have a 13 year-old daughter who is interested in being an engineer. That is what this whole experience, this building, this university means to me. We have people invested in our future,” Hoffman said.

Fanchin, who is an Associated Students of SMU Senator of Engineering said, “As a senior, I’m most excited for the Senior Design Lab and to see what creative ideas come out of there.”

In addition to supporting engineering students, people also came to celebrate the transferring of the computer science program to the Hal and Inge Marcus School of Engineering. The university’s recent partnership with Microsoft’s

Software and Systems Academy has made the transfer official. In turn, Microsoft has outfitted one of the computer classrooms with brand new equipment, which is not limited to the program’s use, but is open to all students.

“Being in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences was working somewhat, but it’s not a very common thing for the Computer Science program to be a part of. I was extremely happy when we got moved into engineering. Seeing the new classroom with computers with specifications that can handle the programs we need to run and don’t crash is phenomenal. I can be in class and I’d rather use the computer that’s in front of me than my laptop which is an improvement.

It’s nice to know that I don’t have to lug my laptop around with me everywhere I go now,” said Joshua Hunt, a senior in Computer Science.

School representatives have been making trips to Renton, Wash. to meet with Microsoft officials to find more ways to team up with them and other hi-tech companies around the Seattle area.

Hunt continued, “I really can’t express how much it means to all the students in the department. We’ve been given a chance to really move forward and I’m sure that many of us are excited to join the rest of the donors in the future because of the changes that are being made here.”



A robotic arm and steel bridge design challenge

Saint Martin’s University prepares potential Fulbright applicants

Roslyn Buff  
Editor-in-Chief

On Wednesday, Sept. 14, Saint Martin’s University held an informational meeting about the prestigious Fulbright Scholarship program, an academic opportunity with a notoriously low acceptance rate.

The meeting was hosted by Jeff Birkenstein, English Professor, Ph.D. Birkenstein used his own experience as a Fulbright recipient, along with specific information about the program itself, to enlighten participants as to why they should consider a Fulbright scholarship.

According to the program’s website, “The Fulbright U.S. Student Program provides grants for individually designed study/research projects or for English Teaching Assistant Programs.”

The Study/Research award allows students to propose their own independent study projects. The English Teaching Assistant award allows students to teach English in the country of their choice, provided that the country participates in the program. Both types of study take place for a year.

Of the five participants at the informational meeting, all were aware of what the Fulbright U.S. Student Program is, but each had a different level of familiarity. Attendees included Melinda

Thomas, a 2012 Saint Martin’s alumnus with an MFA, Fatima Scotto-Rodriguez, a graduate student in the Education program, Eric Lippi, a senior English and Religious Studies major, and Scot Harrison, Dean of the Library.

Scotto-Rodriguez has applied for a Fulbright once already. She attended the meeting in order to gain more information about the countries where she could apply to teach.

“I want to teach English in a Spanish-speaking country,” Scotto-Rodriguez explained. “I want to figure out what country I fit in with.”

Unlike Scotto-Rodriguez, Lippi has no experience with the program.

“I don’t have any information and I wanted to learn more,” Lippi explained. “I want to get out of Western culture, or at least experience a different type of Western culture.”

Harrison attended in order to pass on information to his two sons, both juniors in college.

Thomas had only second-hand experience with the process, having closely watched Birkenstein apply for his own Fulbright.

“I basically stalked Dr. Birkenstein while he was applying,” stated Thomas.

Thomas is interested in taking a survey of what teenagers in other countries are reading and writing.

The Fulbright program is available to all those with a Bachelor’s Degree. For this reason, students are encouraged to apply their senior

year.

Birkenstein, who taught English in Russia after receiving the Fulbright scholarship in 2013, emphasized his opinion that the program is a life changing experience.

“The reason to go to a foreign country is because you’re living there,” Birkenstein offered.

He talked of the differences between being a tourist in a country and actually being a part of the culture for a whole year, which he feels is a much more rewarding experience.

Birkenstein was very emphatic that students considering applying should do so.

“If you don’t apply, you will never get accepted,” he explained, en-

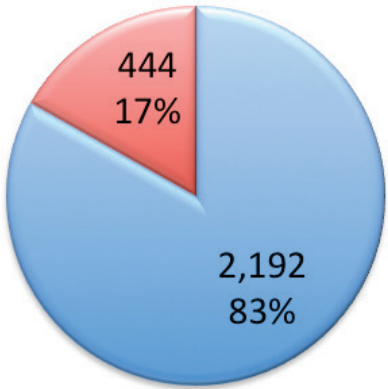
couraging all those who attended to commit to applying right then.

“Commit even if you don’t know if you can accept,” Birkenstein argued. “If you get accepted, it changes your whole thinking. You find a way to make it work.”

The deadline for this year’s application is Oct. 11. Birkenstein stressed that the application process should not be rushed, and urged students thinking of applying to do so next year in order to take the rest of this year to focus on their applications.

Students who are interested in more information about a Fulbright Scholarship can email Birkenstein at [jbirkenstein@stmartin.edu](mailto:jbirkenstein@stmartin.edu).

Fulbright Scholarship Stats



Of the nearly 2200 applicants, only 17% recieved a Fulbright scholarship to Europe.



# Preseason unites and strengthens volleyball team

**Victor Ieronymides**  
Staff Writer

Preseason helps unite and strengthen Saint Martin's volleyball team

Victor Ieronymides, Staff Writer  
The Saint Martin's volleyball team is off to a good start this season, exhibiting win after win thus far.

They did especially well at their first tournament at California State University, East Bay. The Saints defeated all four teams the tournament had to offer, allowing them to come home with a winning streak of four and start their season unlike any other since joining the Great Northwest Athletic Conference (GNAC). Although the Saints lost two valuable seniors including Julia Wabinga and Kyra Davidson, the experience of the returning Saints has proven that the volleyball ladies are ready for a great season.

Rebecca Mitchell, junior, and

Hannah Neumann, junior, two of the team's veterans, spoke about the team's hard work going into the new season.

"This preseason was a little bit different because we had two weeks of doubles instead of one before our first game," said Mitchell.

Mitchell stated that sacrificing part of their summer to train was essential. "It was really good for the team because other than the other fall sports, we were by ourselves and we got to do a lot of team bonding and fine tuning of skills in that time."

Neumann added that "the training was so demanding that we had to really buckle down and stay focused on improving every day".

"The [team] bond is so strong that I would definitely consider all my teammates family. Even though we are all so different, we mesh

together so well and I know I can depend on any one of them for anything. We did so much team bonding in preseason that ultimately played a key factor in strengthening our team relationship," Mitchell said.

Neumann agreed. "The bonding of the team essentially helped the returning student-ath-



Saint Martin's volleyball captain Madison Knecht celebrating

Photo courtesy of Nicolette Nesbitt



The Saints volleyball team in action

Photo courtesy of Saint Martin's Athletics

letes meet and get to know better the new additions to the team".

The Saints volleyball team managed to have the best start in school history since joining the GNAC. They currently have a record of 4-0.

"The start we've had so far has been surreal," said Mitchell. "The whole team has been wanting to change the program and knowing that their hard work and trust in their coaches is proving to work simply excites the team even more for the rest of the season."

As much as they are thrilled to be 4-0 right now, Mitchell and Neumann agree that it's critical for the team to remain focused for their upcoming games instead of dwelling on what they have already accomplished. The Saints were on the road last week for their first conference matches in Alaska against the University of Alaska Anchorage and the University of Alaska Fairbanks on Sept. 16 and 17.

## Meet the new Saint Martin's volleyball captains

**Victor Ieronymides**  
Staff Writer

Every new season brings the need for new leadership. For the Saint Martin's volleyball team, Maddie Knecht, senior, and Nicolette

Nesbitt, junior, are the chosen leaders.

Whether a person decides to follow a professional career in the business world or a professional career in sports, leadership skills will always be an essential part of

one's life. To be able to lead others in a team environment, one must be able to motivate those around them to become more than they could ever imagine and guide them to success. Nesbitt and Knecht take this responsibility seriously.

Knecht was honored to be elected as one of the two captains this year. "Being the only senior and having the title of captain adds to the responsibility so much because now I have seventeen ladies looking up to me to be a good embodiment of the program."

Knecht understands the duties that come with the role.

"I try to be a good example as a student athlete on and off the court, whether that is when I'm playing volleyball, studying in the classroom or spending quality time in the community," she said.

Knecht noted her biggest challenge as a co-captain is "becoming a more vocal leader. I feel that I have the responsibility to help bring the team together and focus on one goal, which is to improve every day in order to be able to win."

Nesbitt, the other co-captain, shares Knecht's sentiments.

"I am really excited to take on the role and be a leader of the team and feel honored that my teammates thought so highly of me and believed that I could succeed in that position," she said.

Both believe that leading on and off the court is vital.

Nesbitt continued to pull at that thread. "A lot of pressure exists as you must always do the right thing, especially when you are the person everybody looks up to. As a captain of the team, not only do your teammates expect you to be the example but your coaches always expect that you will always do the right thing and, in other words, be a role model to the younger ladies."

However, Nesbitt doesn't feel the need to act differently around her team.

"I prefer to act the same as before. The team responds better when I act as myself instead of being demanding, letting the power that may come with such a responsibility get to my head," Nesbitt explained.



Volleyball captain, Nicolette Nesbitt (middle), with teammates

Photo courtesy of Nicolette Nesbitt



## Update on ASSMU, Vice President Position Open

**Taylor Gersch**  
Staff Writer

School is starting up again and that means our student government is back in session. Associated Students of Saint Martin's University (ASSMU) plays a major role in the Saint Martin's University community as it encourages students to seek leadership positions among their peers and be active in making important decisions within the student body. ASSMU meetings are held every Thursday at 11 a.m. in the Trautman Student Union Building (TUB). Both ASSMU officers and executives hold office hours throughout the week to meet with Saint Martin's students.

The current president of ASSMU is senior political science major Heather Berg. ASSMU has several goals set for this semester, including the creation of a larger brand image on campus and a constitutional review. Berg encourages students to attend ASSMU meetings in order to have a louder voice on campus.

Berg is looking forward to changes in the upcoming school year. "We are really honing our focus in on making sure we are here for the students, and that we have an established presence on campus. Our job as a senate is to

make sure the students' voices are heard and I think this year's senate is especially passionate about that. It's going to be a great year," Berg said.

In addition to the purported change of direction for ASSMU, the vice president position is currently open and ASSMU is in the process of appointing a student for the position. Applications have been open and interviews will be conducted in the near future. The new vice president will be announced within the next two weeks.

"Right now, we are without a parliamentarian, and with a very green (new) senate there is a learning curve. Having someone who's specifically tasked with making sure we are following proper procedure will be a huge help," Berg said.

Berg is optimistic about the upcoming school year and the events in which ASSMU is participating. She encourages everyone to attend the next upcoming "Whine and Dine" event, where students voice their concern about the school while eating for free.

For more information about ASSMU, please visit [www.stmartin.edu/student-life/leadership-opportunities/associated-students-saint-martins-university](http://www.stmartin.edu/student-life/leadership-opportunities/associated-students-saint-martins-university).

## Community Events

### Washington State Fair

Sept. 2-25 10:00-9:00p.m. (Closed Tuesdays)

Puyallup Fair Grounds 110 9th Ave SW, Puyallup, WA 98371

### Salsa and Latin Dance Lessons

Sept. 21 8:00p.m.

Ben Moore's Restaurant and Bar 112 4th Avenue W Olympia, WA 98501

### Friends of the Poor Walk/Run

Sept. 24 10:00-11:00a.m.

St. Michael Catholic Church 1055 Boundary Street Olympia WA 98501

### Love a Pit Bull Day and Oly Bully Walk

Sept. 24 11:00a.m.-2:00p.m.

Heritage Park 5th Ave SW, Olympia, WA 98501

### Author Talk: "Boys in the Boat", Daniel James Brown

Oct. 4 7:00p.m.

Washington Center for the Performing Arts 512

Washington St SE, Olympia, WA 98501

### Trivia Night at Forza

Oct. 5 7:00p.m.-8:30p.m. Forza Coffee

## Peace Corps Prep Program now accepting applications

**Rebecca Robinson**  
Staff Writer

Saint Martin's University recently funded a Peace Corps Prep (PCP) Program that will allow students interested in joining the Peace Corps to prepare themselves for the application process.

Brenda Burns, Study Abroad Coordinator, has been conversing directly with the Peace Corps and working to make the PCP Program a reality at Saint Martin's this year. Appraisals were approved in early Spring of 2016, and the Prep Program is now open for applications.

Molly Smith, Vice President of academic affairs, Ph.D., brought the idea of the program to the attention of the Study Abroad office during the Fall semester of 2015. Smith and Burns put the program together with the intention of strengthening

the qualifications of potential student volunteers.

Although the Peace Corps is made up of volunteers, it is still considered an eminently professional field. The PCP will train students in various skills, including: experience in specific fields, intercultural competence, foreign language skills and leadership development.

For those interested in volunteering and making a difference in a foreign country, the PCP could be a beneficial resource. Through the program, students will be required to take courses and put in volunteer hours that align with the type of service they wish to pursue.

The work students will be doing during their service will depend on the specific work sector that they

choose through the program. The PCP Student Guide lists the six different sectors, and explains exactly what kind of experience and coursework is required to complete each one. The classes can, but do not need to be, relevant to a student's major.

"The PCP

provides the tools for undergraduates to internationalize and create an outstanding resume," Burns stated.

The process of getting into the Peace Corps is highly competitive. The program is designed to give potential volunteers leverage and prepare them for international developmental fieldwork. Professional interviewing skills will be acquired through workshops at the Career Development Office, which will be hosted by Anne Adams, MBA, Director of career development.

"What's really cool about the Peace Corps," Burns said, "is that they will train you in three months of intensive language classes."

Proficiency in the native language of the country that you serve in is not always required. This broadens the volunteer's prospective destination, and allows participating countries to accept a wider variety of applicants that are trained in several different areas of service.

The goal of the PCP is to give students international competencies that increase their chances of becoming a Peace Corps volunteer. Although making the decision to do something so challenging and life-changing is not easy, it does not

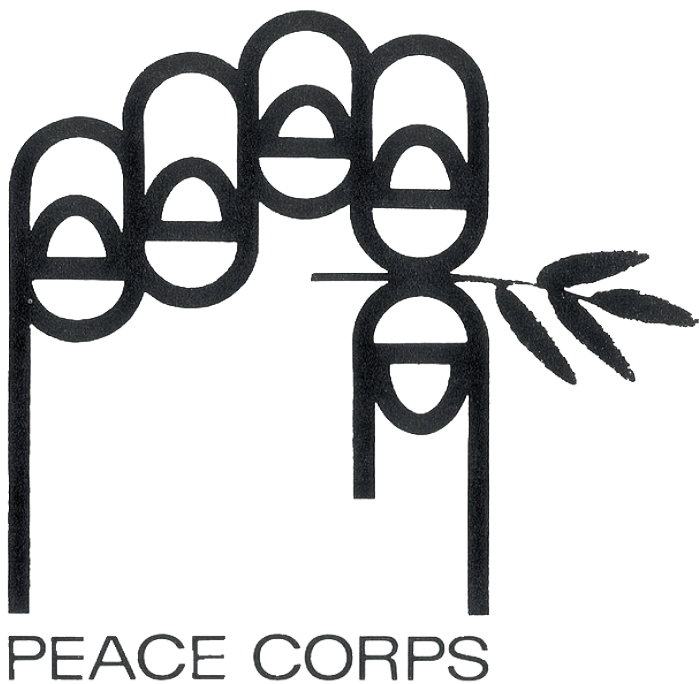


Humanitarian aids small community

seem to be stopping students from signing up for the program.

"There is a lot of student interest, and we are anticipating more," Burns explained.

The Peace Corps Prep Program is now accepting applications from undergraduate students. They can be submitted online or obtained from Burns in the Study Abroad office on the fourth floor of Old Main.





## Book Review: The Windup Girl

Evan Lake  
Staff Writer

Paolo Bacigalupi has joined the bountiful literary harvest yielded by George Orwell's "Nineteen Eighty-four" and Aldous Huxley's "Brave New World" with his novel "The Windup Girl," a science-fiction tale set in Bangkok, Thailand.

While George Orwell's "Nineteen Eighty-Four" traps readers in the bleak totalitarian nightmare of thought-police, mind-altering propaganda and Big Brother, "The Windup Girl" anticipates disastrous possibilities for climate change, food security and genetic engineering.

The novel paints a grim picture of the future. After global petroleum resources are finally depleted, an energy crisis ensues, leading to the end of the airplane and the automobile. Alternative energy sources, like the wound "kink-springs" described in the novel, yield only mediocre results.

Countries like Thailand resorted to building seawalls to repel the encroaching post-icecap oceans. Genetically engineered people, often referred to as "windups," have been created as slaves, laborers and super-soldiers for powerful "calorie companies" with Orwellian monikers like AgriGen and HiGro. Cibus and blister rust are among the many bioterrorist diseases plaguing the world's ever-shrinking food supply.

We're first introduced to Anderson Lake, overtly the foreman of a kink-spring factory and covertly a calorie company operative. Lake attempts to uncover Thailand's hidden "seed bank," a genetic treasure-trove of unexploited possibilities.

Emiko, a Japanese windup abandoned in Thailand by her owners, is another significant character. Her struggles for freedom partially drive the novel's events.

"The Windup Girl" explores the dangers of rampant genetic engineering, and for that reason, it's primarily considered a dystopian novel of the science-fiction genre. The novel reads somewhat like a crime thriller, leading to a more engaging story for those interested in conspiracy and intrigue.

The story demonstrates considerable imaginative power in portraying the cultural and economic clash between Eastern and Western empires. The scenes are generally decorated with cultural and political details that create a believable atmosphere.

Nevertheless, some characters lack complete development, most notably Emiko herself, whose subjection to humiliation and abuse receives closure through decisive events rather than nuanced introspection. While the novel criticizes her debasement, it also seems to participate in it through disturbing

shock appeal.

Furthermore, the novel's ending leaves something to be desired. Although the conclusion offers up multiple new possibilities and interpretations, the unattained resolution and finality leaves the novel feeling somewhat incomplete.

However, the novel maintains balanced pacing and places enough hooks to pull readers through the story. The variety of characters permits the exploration of the power structures depicted in the narrative from different vantage points, while

at least one character experiences significant transformation that adds impact to the story.

It should be noted that "The Windup Girl" is astonishingly graphic. In fact, its content might even make some comfortable readers of "Brave New World" and "A Clockwork Orange" blush with embarrassment and remark, "How scandalous!"

That being said, dystopian fiction is known for pushing boundaries with its prophetic warnings and depictions of human brutality. Reader discretion is advised.



"The Windup Girl" by Paolo Bacigalupi takes place in Bangkok, Thailand.

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## A Quality Burrito

Travis Munday  
Managing Editor



Munday revels in his burrito.

Downtown Olympia is host to many oddities and unrecognized institutions. There's a building that is owned by a Satanist—a bar painted entirely black. There's the biblically named King Solomon's Reef, a diner that doesn't try to convert you to anything other than a larger pants size. And right across the street from that diner stands Quality Burrito, modestly sporting its initials "QB," on painted windows.

Quality Burrito has been around for 14 years and has only become better with age. Not that they use 14-year old meat and tortillas. They don't. And even if they did, the taste would redeem them.

I ventured in on Friday with my buddy Alan Kaiser who flew into Washington from Florida to attend a wedding.

We sat down at a squeaky booth and stared up at photos of Quality Burrito patrons lining the walls, each of them dining on Hulk Hogan bicep-sized burritos.

We order from a waitress seems like she belongs in a malt shop; the kind of woman you'd call "doll" with the utmost respect. We wait. Alan and I are catching up. I haven't seen the guy for three years and a lot has gone down. A couple that looks like they walked out of a Belle and Sebastian album cover sit in a booth diagonal from us and stare at their phones in total silence.

Finally, the burritos arrive. Alan got the Jansen's Vegan Ranchero and I settled in with the Joe's Ranchero, each packed with pico de gallo, sour cream, guacamole, grilled veggies and, in my case, chicken. We de-foiled the rewards of our four block trot to QB.

"This is real (expletive) good," Alan said, rice falling to his plate.

I nodded at him and widened my eyes, recovering from a bite that blocked my voice.

Pico de gallo freckled our paper plates as we gnawed through the bicep-burritos. Alan kept his together, but about halfway through, mine succumbed to a blend of sauces compromising the tortilla's structural integrity. As my burrito fell, much like Olympus in that movie from a few years back, I looked to the fork on the table, knowing its destiny. But I refused it. I folded layers of tortilla with exacting haste and continued my meal.

The check came, we "went Dutch" ("split the check," in other words. I have no idea where that expression originated) and headed out the door.

"We don't have anything like this in Florida," said Alan as I signed my receipt, though he did mention that there's some good Cuban food down his way.

QB isn't the Ritz. And it doesn't want to be, nor should it be. But they have dang good burritos, a cool vibe and us Olympians like it just the way it is.

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A very hot topic

Katherine Pecora  
Section Editor

Summer is winding down and cooling off but the 2016 presidential election is heating up.

Immigration, terrorism and the economy are all hot issues, but both major party candidates give little time to another crucial issue: climate change. Which is surprising, considering this is quite literally the hottest issue of all.

For those who deny climate change exists, here are some facts. According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the average global temperature has risen by 1.5 degrees over the past century, and is predicted to rise another 0.5 to 8.6 degrees over the next hundred years. What does this mean for us? Hurricanes and storms will become stronger due to increased humidity. Flooding and droughts will become more common. Beloved, fluffy white polar bears will be stranded on an itty-bitty iceberg while we watch as they disappear one by one.

Why is this issue, one that threatens our whole existence, something we do not prioritize?

According to the website EcoWatch, Senator Bernie Sanders stated, "this election is about climate change." Hillary Clinton, Democratic nominee, has made climate

change a substantial part of her campaign. At the Democratic National Convention (DNC), Clinton addressed global concerns about

plants, and promotes more renewable energy projects in the future. Renewable resources, according to Clinton's plan, include solar energy



A family of polar bears

climate change. She plans to have a third of the nation's electricity coming from renewable resources by 2027. She favors President Obama's current climate change policy, which requires reducing carbon pollution from power

and waterpower, among others.

Donald Trump, Republican nominee, has been outspoken in dismissing both the importance and the existence of climate change. Trump has even gone as far as stating that climate change is a Chinese hoax,

tweeting that: "The concept of global warming was created by and for the Chinese in order to make U.S. manufacturing non-competitive."

Trump wants to remove President Obama's current climate change policy. He calls for more fossil fuel drilling and a reduction in environmental regulations. He stated that he would be quick to cancel the accord reached last year in France that includes most major world players taking action to slow climate change. According to Trump's official Twitter page, "Ice storm rolls from Texas to Tennessee - I'm in Los Angeles and it's freezing. Global warming is a total and very expensive hoax."

At Saint Martin's University, we make a concentrated effort to "live green." We recycle, utilize water stations and have solar panels. Climate change is something that is slowly attacking us. It is quiet, it does not shoot, it does not bomb; it is slowly melting us while we turn a blind eye. Still, perhaps the most students can do to fight global warming at this point is to VOTE. Vote for leaders, from the president down, who recognize this factual, scientific reality: we have a responsibility to steward the Earth.

The real consumers of educational institutions

Taylor Gersch  
Staff Writer

It's time to get back into the swing of school. Homework is piling up, tuition needs to be paid, textbooks are in the mail and laundry is overflowing from our rooms. I went from thinking about fun summer activities to calculating a company's earnings per share for the current quarter. It is amazing how fast summer can end and school can begin. While taking all business courses this semester, I have come across an interesting concept that got me thinking about Saint Martin's University as a business and not just a school.

I have always thought of students as the sole customers of Saint Martin's. All of the students, old and young, are paying tuition, sometimes with the help of loans or family members. I had the impression that students were the primary customers because while we pay tuition for a service, we are also given surveys to fill out to evaluate our professors at the end of the semester. We are also provided with a student body governance structure

(ASSMU) to enhance our voice and ask for changes from the administration. I thought without a doubt that we were Saint Martin's primary customers and other students agreed.

Senior civil engineering major Micaylla O'Leary also believes that the main customers of SMU are the students.

"As a student who is near the end of their degree, this answer seems apparent. Students are investing in their education through time and money paid to the school. The education from SMU should make the transition from student to entry-level professional jobs easy and place those who graduate from the university ahead of other applicants. By going to SMU, a liberal arts school, it should give students the upper-hand in jobs as we are educationally well-rounded," O'Leary said.

Senior business major Jake Zimmer believes that "in order for someone to be classified as a customer, there needs to be an

exchange in value. I believe that the main customer of SMU is either the government or parents. The government is the most significant form of funding for universities and for funding scholarships and grants. The government invests in students to make it easier for them to get an education. This benefits the government because it will result in improving the economy. This means that the government is the main source of funding and they are also receiving a significant amount of value," Zimmer said.

However, after reading a book for my Master's degree, I was persuaded to think differently. I believe Saint Martin's students are not the primary customers of the college. In "Seven Strategy Questions" by Robert Simons, a mistake that Harvard made was used to explain the dangers of companies wrongly defining their customer base. Harvard ran into problems when the administration told their students in an opening assembly that they were the customers. After the assembly,

the students began acting like customers and proceeded to complain about the inexperience of junior professors, pushing for changes in course material and demanding change in how school resources were allocated. Harvard discovered that the students were not their primary customers. Instead, the customers are the academic experts who use the ideas and knowledge that Harvard generates. They concluded that students were just participants in the education process, almost like lab rats, who took part in new research studies and classroom discussions. Harvard came to this conclusion mainly because they are a research based school, but recognize that smaller schools without a focus on research may have a different take on who their primary customer is. What do you think? Are we, the students, the primary customer of Saint Martin's or are we just lab rats being put through an experiment in the hopes of us providing the school a sufficient return on their investment?

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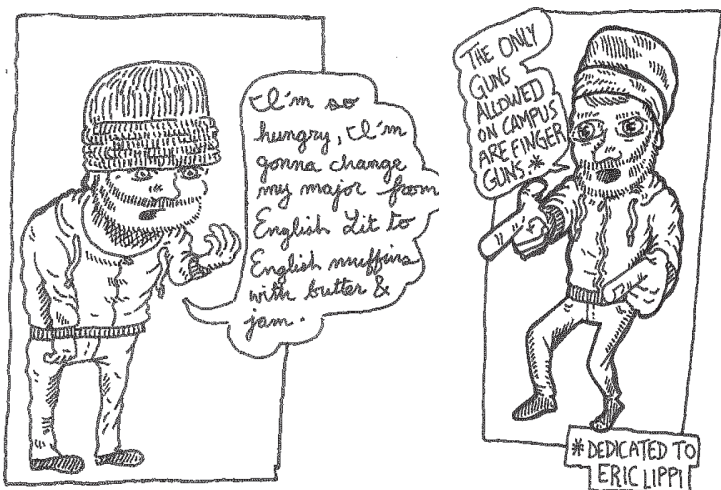
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# Munday Morning Comics

## Non-traditional Student



## Cool, Dawg



## 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.

“Woah they skipped right from Q to R! Wait, that’s how the alphabet works.” -Roslyn

“We’re gonna have a blank spot in arts and entertainment. WAIT. You still got your burrito comin!” -Blake

“I think we’re all missing a few brain cells.” -Sabrina

“I’m myself, who are you?!” -Sabrina

“Trump looks like Mr. Krabs when he loses his shell...” -Abby

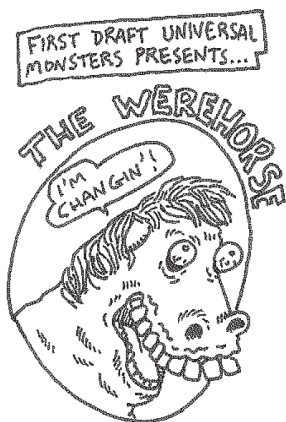
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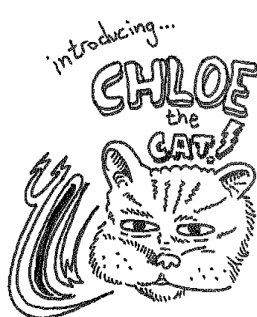
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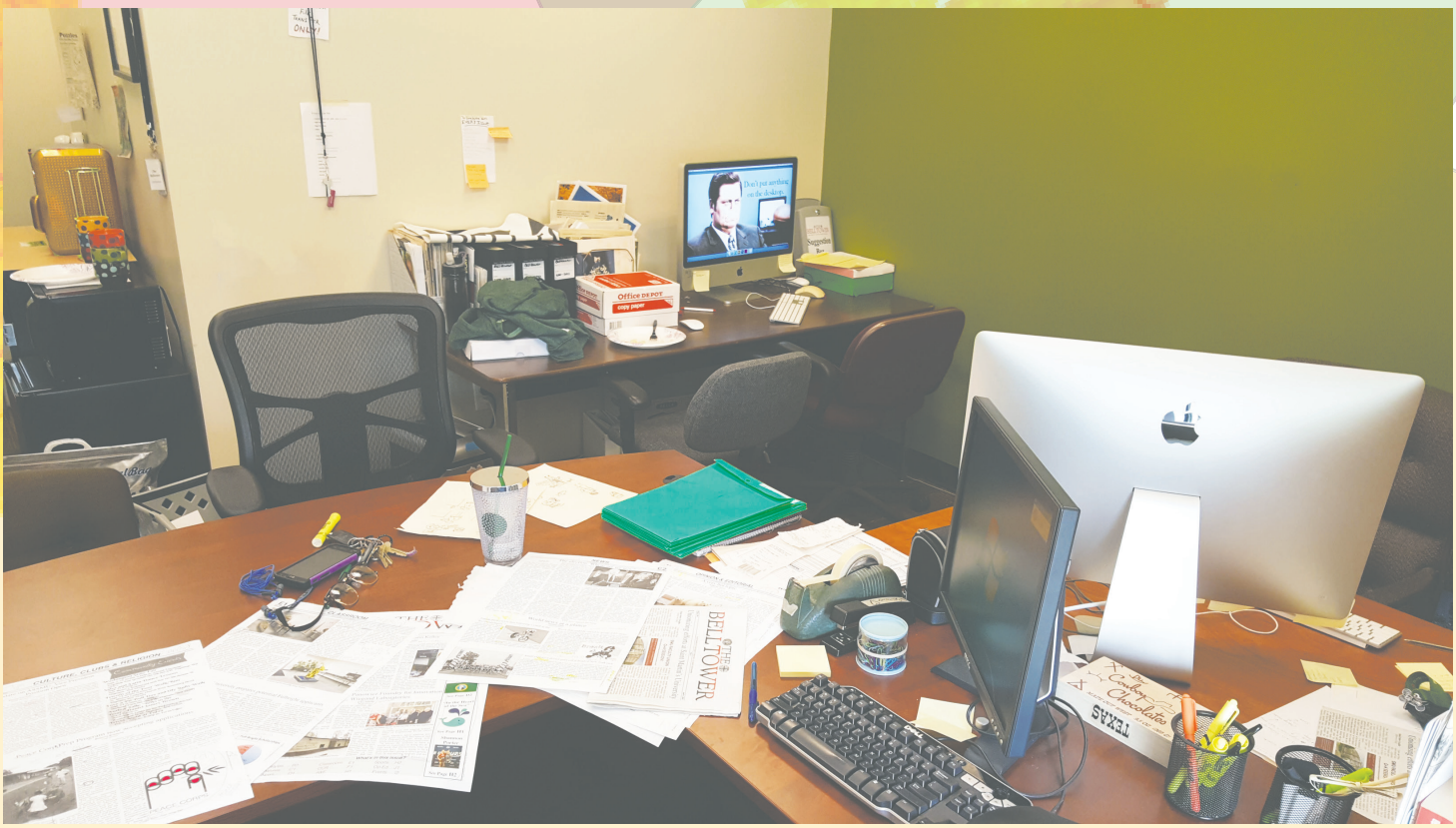
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