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## Saint Martin's welcomes distinguished new faculty

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As the 2018-2019 school year begins at Saint Martin's University, the campus welcomes a host of new freshman, eager transfer students, plenty of returning students, and also several new faculty members to the ranks of the Saints. Though there are many new faculty members who deserve recognition, we highlighted four who gave us a brief look into their past and future goals here at SMU.

William Stadler, Ph.D., started feeling lost in college and did not know which direction to take his life or career. Although he received his BA in po-



Professor Dustin Zemel joined the Communication Studies program, offering a variety of media production classes.

litical science, his interests spread to other social sciences and journalism as well. It was later in his political science program that he met his first criminal justice professor. From there, Stadler's path was decided.

"...he really inspired me, and I just enjoyed his openness," said Stadler, "The learning, the teaching, and [the] encouragement of students to learn more about the subject. So, he inspired me to continue taking classes, so I

took an additional class and then another and another... I kept taking classes thinking 'oh, this is a really cool topic.'"

This continued even after his undergraduate studies were completed, and he eventually exhausted all the undergraduate classes he could take concerning criminal justice or anything related to it. The faculty of the university suggested that he earn a Master's degree in criminal justice. He did just that, going even further to achieve a Ph.D. Stadler became a juvenile corrections officer, where he found his great interest in the correctional side of criminal justice. He also

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## Serial cat killer terrorizes Thurston County

**Chelsea Mancilla**  
*Guest Writer*

Speeding cars, predatory animals, and disease are not the only things pet owners should be concerned about this year. Since February, the mutilated bodies of 13 cats have been gruesomely displayed in public parks and front yards across Thurston County. Authorities have also connected the past month's events to an incident from last October. Locations have included Decatur Woods Park in Olympia, Wash., Andrews Methodist Church on School Street in Lacey, Wash., and the Land Yach Harbor RV park on Steilacoom Road. Three cases in the Clearbrook Community of Lacey are not consistent, which leads investigators to believe they may not have been done by the same person. The killer's methods have demon-

strated surgical precision, which is not typical of a random animal attack. The perpetrator uses a sharp blade, possibly a scalpel or a steak knife. The most recent victim was found on Thursday Aug. 30, on Steilacoom Road near Salmon Lane.

The authorities have also connected these recent events to a case in Port Angeles, Wash., where there is still a \$5,000 reward being offered for information leading to the arrest of the criminal. In Thurston County, local associations, including Pasado's Safe Haven, the Humane Society of the United States, and People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) are each offering a reward for information that could lead to the capture of the culprit. Pasado's Safe Haven is accepting donations from the public as well. The reward has been steadily increasing by the hundreds as concerned community members donate.

Authorities and the public are fearful that the criminal's actions could escalate into attacking larger animals, or possibly people. As of now, the malefactor's crimes include animal cruelty in the first degree, which is a Class C felony in the United States. In Washington, the maximum sentence for a felony animal offense is five years and \$10,000 for someone's first conviction. In 2015, Washington Governor Jay Inslee signed a bill that increased the charges for those convicted of killing or stealing pets.

Local authorities, including Erica Johnson, the lead animal cruelty investigator, have been going door-to-door to warn pet owners and request that pets are kept inside and to practice vigilance. In Olympia, neighbors have come together in solidarity and started foot patrols

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Hello Saints!

For our returning readers, welcome back to another year of the Belltower. If you’re picking up our paper for the first time, thank you for taking the time to hear from your fellow students. Here at our student-run newspaper, we strive to inform fellow classmates of exciting campus and sports events, current news stories, and other interesting trends. In this issue of the Belltower, we discuss the recent wildfires, what to do and what not to do when struggling with a bad roommate, and give a brief insight into the new hit film “Crazy Rich Asians.”

During the past three years that I’ve worked for the Belltower, I have enjoyed being able to write for the Saint Martin’s community while also gaining journalism experience and working on a team with the same passions. In addition to our new look, we hope to impress you with quality content and a variety of topics.

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Hope to hear from you all soon!

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# My trip to Europe: An unforgettable experience

**Brian Messing**  
Managing Editor

One of the things that initially attracted me to Saint Martin's was the study abroad opportunities available to all students. I remember the first time that I came to Saint Martin's, I heard about a study abroad program that the School of Business had with a partner university in Germany. I instantly resolved to attend Saint Martin's and go on this trip. It felt like destiny.

As we all know, it is easy to set a goal, but it is much more difficult to accomplish a goal. I nearly forgot about study abroad until the first day of second semester sophomore year. My girlfriend mentioned that there was a meeting about the study abroad program in Germany, and we decided to attend. I was once again impressed with everything I heard, including a presentation from the program director, and remembered my initial goal. Three and a half months later, I would depart for Germany.

I had never left the country for five weeks before. I wasn't nervous, but rather excited. My great-great-grandfather, Sebastian Messing, emigrated from Germany in the 1860s. I had always wanted to see the country of my roots. Right before I left, my dad told me "you will be the first one of us to ever go back." I realized to myself, "Wow! I better not screw this up."

The flight was comfortable. After a long journey, I arrived at the Dusseldorf Airport to be greeted by a German student from the University of Duisburg-Essen, Andreas Frohlich. Frohlich is studying this semester at Saint Martin's. He was kind enough to drive me from the airport to my hotel. I noticed that this was one of the "little things" that made my trip seem special.

The next day, I was introduced to the others in the group. There were 17



Photos courtesy of Brian Messing

The 2018 BEST participants after viewing the German World Cup game

of us participating in the BEST Program, an economics and businesses study abroad in Germany. Four of us were from Saint Martin's. The people I met in the program were the reason why the trip was so memorable. As a group, we bonded instantly. Every night we would eat dinner together at a restaurant, and usually end up at the same bar- Fahraman's- drinking Konig Pilsner and playing darts until midnight. I can say without a doubt that I have never had so much fun. I even remarked after returning from a weekend in Paris, "It was nice to see the Eiffel Tower up close, but I love nothing more than returning to this pub off the beaten path for a game of darts."

There was certainly a surreal feeling about being in Europe. It seemed like everywhere you looked, something important that affected the world had happened. I noticed this especially on the four weekend trips that I took while I was studying. I went to London on my first weekend and saw the houses of parliament, an item on my bucket list. The second weekend, I went to Paris and saw the Eiffel tower, the Arc d'Triomphe, and Notre Dame. On the third weekend, I went to Berlin and saw Brandenburg Gate and what is left of the Berlin Wall. On the fourth weekend, I went to Venice and stayed in a hotel just steps away from Saint Mark's. I was amazed with the amount of ground that I was able to cover in such a short time, and I was impressed with all of this history that I was able to take in while abroad.

Perhaps the highlight of my trip was our visit to the Reichstag, the German Parliament in Berlin. We were guests of a member of the Bundestag (lower house of the German Parliament) who gave us a tour of the estate and whose staff gave us a lecture on German politics. As

someone who has always enjoyed politics, particularly the politics of other countries, I found this exhilarating. We had to wait for a vote to finish for the member of parliament to arrive, so to pass the time, the staff member asked us how we felt about a variety of political issues. I was the only one with the confidence to speak up and we had a passionate discussion in which we were in agreement over a whole range of political topics presently facing the western world.

It was during this encounter that many people began to notice my great oratory skills. The program director invited me to give a goodbye speech at the farewell dinner. I, of course, accepted. The speech was a nice way for me to recap the experiences. It all felt so surreal. If someone had told me even a few months before that I would be in Europe studying business and economics, I would have called them looney.

After the speech we spent the last night at Fahraman's as a group before we had our long goodbyes. Many people cried as we had grown so attached to each other. It is amazing how well you can get to know people over such a short period of time. It is equally amazing how lost I felt for a few days after I returned home to my family. I quickly readjusted and realized that this was an experience that will stay with me for a lifetime. No matter what I do or where I go, I will always have the month that I spent in Europe and the wonderful people I met along the way.



Brian Messing enjoys a gelato in Venice, Italy.

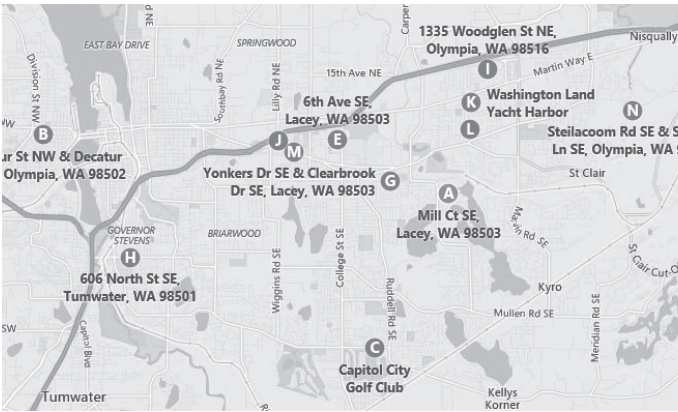
Cat Killer, from cover

in hopes of keeping the community’s cats safe. As this case has developed, major newspapers such as the New York Times, Fox News, and the Huffington Post have picked up the story. The cat killer of Washington is becoming a national headline, which may fuel the criminal’s activities. We can only hope that the six-member investigation team will crack the case.

Amongst the gruesome deaths, there is a shred of hope. Olly, an unfortunate victim of this feline killer, may have scratched the culprit and collected DNA in her claws, but it has not been established if this has given the authorities a successful lead.

In a comment to Kiro 7, Johnson said “This has been the worst case of serial animal mutilation in my career, and I’ve been doing this a long time.”

It has been requested that pets are kept indoors, especially in the evening after 11 p.m. because it is believed that the perpetrator is most likely to strike between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. Cats that are extremely friendly are the perfect victims, unfortunately. However, it is conceivable that the perpetrator is using bait or catching the cats by surprise.



Map created by Chelsea Mancilla

A map showing the locations of the recent cat murders. They have spread throughout Thurston County, including near campus.

The community is strongly encouraged to be as self-aware as possible. Tips should be reported as soon as possible to Animal Services at 360-352-2510. Anyone can call the non-emergency line at the Thurston County Sheriff’s Office at 360 704-2740. There is currently a constantly growing \$46,000 reward for information leading to the capture of the perpetrator.

## Trump advisers convicted

**Katherine Pecora**  
*Staff Writer*

Michael Cohen, President Donald Trump’s former lawyer, plead guilty to tax fraud, and to bank and campaign finance violations. Cohen is accused of paying hush money to porn star Stormy Daniels, with whom the president allegedly had an affair. Cohen claims that he had done so “in coordination and at the direction of a candidate for federal office,” though Cohen did not specifically name Trump. Cohen plead guilty to eight counts of various crimes that carry a maximum penalty of 65 years.

Cohen’s admission of breaking campaign finance laws was the most relevant. Cohen was likely held to a slightly higher standard as a lawyer and was therefore fully aware of his wrongdoing. Robert Khuzami, the deputy U.S. attorney for the Southern District of New York, said “Cohen’s crimes had been ‘particularly significant’ because he was a trained lawyer.” Though Cohen has admitted his guilt, he has not agreed to cooperate with federal prosecutors in New York.

Over the past five years, Cohen failed to report an income of \$1.3 million from a taxi business,

\$100,000 from brokerage commissions and \$200,000 from consultancy fees. He had provided false invoices to the campaign for legal fees he allegedly provided the previous year. Furthermore, he sought reimbursement for his “excessive campaign contribution” by submitting fake invoices to the campaign.

President Trump’s ex-campaign chief, Paul Manafort, was found guilty on eight counts of tax fraud, bank fraud, and failure to disclose foreign bank accounts. This was the first criminal trial arising from the Department of Justice’s probe into the 2016 Russian meddling. Last October, Manafort was charged by special counsel Robert Mueller III.

Manafort’s crimes predate his association with Trump. He was accused of using 31 foreign bank accounts in three different countries to evade taxes on millions of dollars. Manafort’s crimes involve his political consultancy overseas, including promoting pro-Russian politicians in Ukraine. The star witness of the prosecution was Manafort’s former associate and fellow Trump campaign staffer Rick Gates. Gates has admitted to embezzling hundreds of thousands of dollars from Manafort while helping him commit tax crimes. It was alleged that Manafort



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secretly worked for a Russian billionaire to aid Russian President Vladimir Putin’s political goals in other parts of Europe. The jury found Manafort guilty of a maximum prison sentence of 80 years. Even a reduced sentence could send Manafort to prison for the rest of his life. Manafort is set to be brought to trial again by the special counsel’s office in less than a month for other possible charges.

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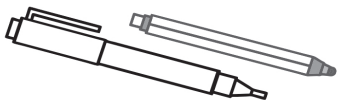
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## Haze filled skies: “The new normal?”

**Katherine Pecora**  
*Staff Writer*

This summer has undoubtedly become the summer of smoke and wildfires all along the western coast of the North America. In Washington, gray skies are a constant for much of the year. This summer, the smoke has gripped much of the West Coast in a seemingly unprecedented way. As we hear more about climate change, we are forced to ask ourselves: Are smoke-filled summers the new normal? “We expect to see more fires and bigger fires,” said Amy Snover, Director of the Climate Impacts Group at the University of Washington. “People are just beginning to wake up to this, but public lands managers do think about this and the potential risks.” Increased summer heat is a key ingredient

to prolonged summer fires. The Climate Impacts Group has predicted the 21st century will be warmer based on more than three dozen climate models with different projections. These fires create risks such as an increase of smoke in the air. This is potentially detrimental to children, the elderly and those with breathing and respiratory issues.

According to a 2016 article published by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), over the past century, most of the state has warmed one or two degrees fahrenheit higher than the average. “Glaciers are retreating, the snowpack is melting earlier in the year, and the flow of meltwater into streams during summer is declining. In the coming decades, coastal waters will become more acidic, streams will be warmer,

populations of several fish species will decline, and wildfires may be more common.” The EPA has not published updated information for the State of Washington since.

On July 31, Washington Governor Jay Inslee signed an emergency proclamation for all 39 counties, “to ensure the immediate response of firefighting resources to protect people, homes, businesses and the public and private property from threat of wildfires.” This proclamation allows for assistance from the Washington National Guard which often trains and certifies soldiers and airmen to fight the fires.

The regional wildfires negatively impacted the air quality so much during the summer months that five public health agencies joined in warning the public to be aware of the haze

and the possible health risks associated with it. “The Puget Sound Clean Air Agency (PSCAA), alongside Kitsap Public Health District, King County and Seattle Public Health, Snohomish Health District, and the Tacoma Pierce County Health District, are predicting air quality to reach levels considered unhealthy for some vulnerable groups.” Washington’s wildfire seasons have become longer and more detrimental than in past years. In the past decade, the state has failed to invest in the Department of Natural Resources. Investments in year-round staffing and equipment could help firefighters get ahead of small fires and hopefully minimize their damage in the future.

## France tops Croatia in wild World Cup

**Eric Parks**  
*Section Editor*

The 2018 World Cup, which took place in Russia, was one of the most engaging World Cups ever. Although the World Cup ended with a lopsided 4-2 French victory over Croatia, the path to the end was especially entertaining.

While France was thought of as one of the top teams entering the tournament, they were not heavily favored to win. They entered the Cup ranked No. 7, and while they were a talented team, they had a young roster. France’s star forward, Kylian Mbappe, is a mere 19 years old, while their star midfielder, Paul Pogba, is only 25. France made it out of the group stage without much trouble, beating Peru and Australia while drawing against Denmark. In the first round of the knockout stage, France came from behind against Lionel Messi’s Argentina squad to win 4-3. In the quarterfinals, the French topped Uruguay 2-0, and Samuel Umtiti scored the

lone goal in the team’s 1-0 semifinal victory over Belgium.

Although few were surprised with France’s performance in this World Cup, Croatia greatly exceeded expectations. Despite losing in the finals, Croatian fans must be pleased with how their team fared in the tournament. At the beginning of the World Cup, Croatia was ranked No. 20 and was not expected to play deep into the knockout stage. While they played in a weak group with Iceland and Nigeria, Argentina was expected to win the group. Croatia spoiled Argentina’s plans by winning all three group matches, including a 3-0 dismantling of Argentina. Croatia played in extra time during every round of the knockout stage except the finals, winning in penalty kicks twice. The team beat Denmark and Russia in penalty kicks to advance to the semifinals, where they surprised England 2-1 in extra time.

France was the first to score in the match when Antoine Griezmann took

the free kick, and Croatian defender Mario Mandzukic miscalculated the play to score in his own net. Ten minutes later, a free kick for Croatia resulted in Ivan Perisic scoring to even the match. Towards the end of the first half, Perisic committed a handball within his own box, awarding a penalty kick to the French. Griezmann scored on the opportunity, and France went into halftime with a 2-1 lead. Early in the second half, Pogba and Mbappe each scored for France, which all but sealed the game. Croatia, who was winded from playing 120 minutes in each previous match of the knockout stage, was unable to erase the 4-1 deficit in 25 minutes, and the final score was 4-2.

Other than the youth of France defeating the surprising underdog Croatia, the major headline of this World Cup was top teams underperforming. Coming into the tournament, Germany was ranked No. 1, but failed to make it out of the group stage. Poland, No. 8, also failed to make the knockout stage, while

No. 9 Chile did not even qualify for the Cup. Four other teams in the top 10, Portugal at No. 4, Argentina at No. 5, Switzerland at No. 6 and Spain at No. 10, all failed to reach the quarterfinals. These surprising shortcomings puzzled analysts and added to the interest and chaos of the 2018 World Cup.

While the fans of the United States were disappointed their team did not make the World Cup, the country’s joint bid for the 2026 tournament with Canada and Mexico was accepted. Most of the matches will be played in the US, and Seattle is a potential city to host matches. The host country makes their own World Cup automatically, which ensures that American fans will be able to cheer for their own team in 2026.

# An (in)complete list of cost effective activities around the Sound

**Oliva Alvord**  
Staff Writer

For students who like adventure but hate unnecessary spending, never fear--there are plenty of things to do around Olympia and the broader Seattle area that won't break the bank. Within the Evergreen State, there are numerous activities for outdoor lovers, history buffs, and art aficionados.

The Olympia Farmer's Market is a neat locality that has many interesting things to spend the day doing---notable for their treats, handmade crafts, and live, local music. The open hours are 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Thursday through Sunday until October. During November and December, they are open Saturday and Sunday, and January through March they are just open Saturdays. It is completely free to visit, with merchandise and food for additional purchase. It is situated next to Percival Landing park and the downtown Olympia shops and eateries, perfectly located to walk along the boardwalk as well as explore the historic downtown area.

***"The farmers market prices are so different in Washington than it is in Hawaii"***

***-Kaycee Selga***

For students who love museums or need something to do on a rainy day, there are numerous places to stop by for a great time without spending more money out of an already small college student budget. The Renton History Museum offers free admission every first Wednesday and third Saturday of each month. The Museum of Flight (Seattle) and the Seattle Art Museum offer free admission every first Thursday of the month. The Tacoma Art Museum and the Washington State History Museum (Tacoma) offer free admission every third Thursday of the month and are both within walking distance of the Tacoma Museum of Glass which also offers free admission every third Thursday of the month and is free to college students on Sundays with student ID. The Bellevue Arts Museum offers free admission on every first Friday of the month. Students can also visit the Washington State Capitol in Olympia for free. It is open to the public 8:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Guided tours are offered Monday through Friday 10:00 a.m.-3:00p.m., and Saturday and Sunday 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Citizens are encouraged to consider taking a tour



Photo courtesy of Jenna Gerber

Booths at the farmers market in downtown Olympia, Wash., include fresh produce, pastries and flowers.

of the Governor's mansion while in the area. Tours for the Governor's mansion are by appointment only, contact information and other details can be found on the website at [fortress.wa.gov/es/apps/activityrequest/tour.aspx](http://fortress.wa.gov/es/apps/activityrequest/tour.aspx). The beautiful gardens adjacent to the building offer a wonderful view of the Puget Sound while also being a 10-minute walk to the waterfront and downtown.

The Olympic Flight Museum is also a fun experience for those with a few hours to spare or for aviation lovers. Admission is just \$7.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children age 7-12, six and under are free. They are open 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Tuesday through Sunday.

Just around the corner from Saint Martin's is a hidden gem, the Laser Fun Zone. Not only do they have a 4,200 sq. ft. play arena, but they also have a full arcade to play in. It is all fun and games at Laser Fun Zone—with prices being fairly reasonable at \$7.50 for one game, \$13.50 for two, and \$18.95 for three. They also have special offers for a five and ten game player card for frequent players. Be sure to check out their website at [laserfunzone.net/](http://laserfunzone.net/) for hours of operation and more information.

Skyline Drive-In Theatre in Shelton is also a great option for a night on the town. Gates open at 7:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and at 8:00 p.m. Sunday through Thursday. General admission is \$8.00 per person. Their list of showtimes and special events can be found on their website [skylinedrive-in.com](http://skylinedrive-in.com). This is a perfect activity for the end of summer, as the theater closes for the late fall and winter months.

Another option for a movie night is the \$5.00 movie tickets that are available at the TUB. They are a cheap way to see the latest movie at the theater down the road and make a great date or a night out with friends. They are available every day during TUB hours and are restocked every Monday and Thurs-

day.

For the more outdoorsy student, the Billy Frank Jr. Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge may be the perfect place to spend time. Visitors are recommended to bring walking shoes because it is a long trek to the end of the boardwalk. However, the walk is worth the time as visitors are guaranteed to see some forms of wildlife. The park is open dawn to dusk and is free to the public.

Tumwater Falls is also a great hiking experience. With 15 acres of trails open to the public, the park provides a perfect place to take a break from studying. This easy hike provides guests with an easy trail to meander under bridges and around numerous waterfalls—both relaxing and also a little bit of a work out. The park is free to the public and is open every day 8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. Another way to get outdoors and have some fun on the weekends is to take advantage of the discounted price, free transportation, and overall fun experience of Saints Outdoor Adventure Recreation (SOAR) here on campus. SOAR trips began on Sept. 8 and are just \$15.00. The upcoming events for the fall semester include a paintball trip (Sept. 15), a hike through the Ape Caves (Oct. 13) and at Porter Falls (Oct. 27), and go cart racing (Dec. 1). For students of every interest, the local area and surrounding cities provides fun, inexpensive activities to do year-round.

***"The Nisqually Wildlife Refuge is such a beautiful walk, and great for a rainy day. It feels like you're totally in nature when you're right next to the freeway."***

***-Abigail Lowrie***



# How to deal with roommate struggles

**Oliva Alvord**  
Staff Writer

There is often no better way to learn from yours or someone else's mistakes than to reflect on past experiences. In the case of roommate troubles, we can learn from two Saint Martin's students about what not to do, as well as how to use the available resources here on campus. This is the story of how things went awry for two students here at Saint Martin's while they were living together freshman year. Both parties in this situation want others to learn from their experience and know how to get help when needed. For privacy purposes, we have changed the names of the people involved.

Johnathan\* and Christian\* met during a campus tour in the spring of their senior year of high school. Christian was quiet and not sure how to deal with meeting so many unfamiliar people on the tour. Johnathan was clearly extroverted and not afraid to speak up about anything. They became friends by coincidence when Christian told a joke, and they instantly bonded over bursts of laughter. At the end of the tour, Johnathan suggested the idea of being roommates for their first year since they got along so well. They were both extremely nervous about getting a random person assigned to them in the fall, so they agreed to room together. They communicated back and forth over the course of the summer regarding

room supplies and mutual interests and even participated in some occasional online gaming together. Things were looking up for the new school year, and both boys were excited to start college with a friend. During move-in and Incipio weekend, they were inseparable, and their first year was off to a great start. That weekend, they made every effort to be more social by attending all of the events together. One particular group of people became quite close with Johnathan and Christian—one of which Christian ended up dating, and which quickly became the conflict that ended their friendship.

Christian fell for a mutual friend of both boys, but was afraid to tell Johnathan who had recently declared his interest in the same girl. After two days of Christian and the girl dating in secret, he decided that it would be best if he told Johnathan, but was scared about how he would react. Sadly, his fears were confirmed— as soon as he confessed to his new relationship, his world blew up. Johnathan gave him the silent treatment for nearly two months straight. During this time, Christian made an extra effort to be civil and come to an agreement about the situation— wanting to remain friends but not wanting to give up his girlfriend in the process. Due to the added strain on their friendship, Christian was afraid to be in the room since the silence and increased tension were so menacing. Consequently, he spent all of his time away or in his girlfriend's room and just went back to sleep. However, Johnathan made no effort to try to reconcile things with his roommate and former friend.

Christian was extremely nervous to go back after spring break and face the cold silence, but he did, hopeful that the conflict would be over, given the amount of time they had away from each other. That was not the case, however. When he got



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The Counseling and Wellness Center is located in the Saint Raphael Center, formerly called the Lynch Center.

back to school, he was faced with much more than just extremely awkward silence. Johnathan began to treat Christian poorly, even to the point of verbally abusing him. Christian did not go to his RA, nor did he get help and advice from counseling or tell residence life staff what was going on with him. Instead, he kept it all bottled up and things seemed to keep getting worse.

We cannot say what would have happened, or what would have changed if Christian talked to someone. But he would have felt better about the whole situation and not had it carry with him throughout his time here at Saint Martin's. He would have had someone that could listen to him and give advice when he needed it most and maybe, solved the whole situation.

Having a shared living space is hard, it requires a lot of give and take from all parties. It is especially hard the first semester of the first year. During freshman year, students are most likely sharing a room with someone that they have not met before, and there is always the possibility that the person who completed their housing form with similar answers is not the person that they seemed to be.

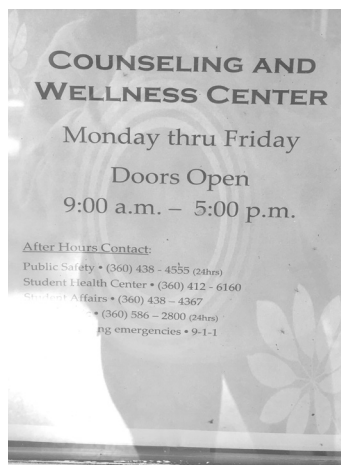
There are a few things you can do to minimize conflict. First, talk to your RA. This is the most important thing that you can do. RAs are truly there for

you and want you to be the best you that you can be, so bite the bullet and just go ask for help. If for some reason, your RA is not doing or saying what you need, go higher up. Janie Sacco, Heather Nicole Saladino, and the other Housing and Residence Life staff want the best for you in this community, so do not be afraid to voice your concerns if you feel your RA is not willing to help resolve the conflict.

Second, keep in mind that there is always the possibility of switching rooms/roommates during the spring semester. But please try to work it out first and do everything in your power before deciding it is not the right fit. This requires communication between roommates, RAs and Residence Life staff, but it is for your benefit.

Third, talk to the wonderful ladies at the Counseling and Wellness Center. This service is paid for with your tuition money so use it to your advantage. This is a relaxing space where they are willing to hear what you have to say and provide options for you to change whatever it is that is going on in your life. The Counseling and Wellness Center is open Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Call 360-412-6123 or visit the school website to schedule an appointment.

\*names have been changed for privacy purposes



The Counseling and Wellness Center hours

## New faculty, from cover

worked for a company that developed and provided electronic health records for hospitals, healthcare organizations, and prisons. With all of this experience, Stadler had plenty of knowledge about working with those who were being served by community corrections systems. Between these jobs, he also taught at the University of Missouri in Kansas City, Mo.

Now returning to teaching, Stadler is eager to get involved with the Benedictine values and traditions that drew him to Saint Martin's. Like his professor before him, he wants to bring that same inspiration to our campus and introduce students to criminal justice and how it affects our daily lives. He is deeply involved in the Criminal Justice Club at Saint Martin's and wants to encourage students to join and to expand their opportunities and knowledge on the subject. In tandem with this, he also wants to help establish a chapter of Alpha Phi Sigma at Saint Martin's, a national Criminal Justice Honor Society.

Keith Schuster, Ph.D., finished his undergraduate studies with a degree in marketing from the University of Washington. From there, he went to law school and was enrolled in a joint four-year Master's of Business Administration program. He ended up liking finance more than law and earned his MBA in finance. Not long after that, he earned his CPA. For over 30 years, Schuster has been a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA).

A very interesting part of his work history is something that falls into Stadler's area of interest. Schuster was a Special Agent with the Gambling Commission in Tacoma, Wash. for 15 years and spent a short time as a patrol officer—very comparable to James Bond, if Bond had decided to go into finance instead of international espionage. “[I] was an accountant with a gun. So, I carried a weapon for 15 years [and] did financial investigations,” Schuster described. But this is only the tip of the iceberg. He is also a veteran of the United States military and served in active-duty for combat operations such as Desert Shield, Desert Storm, and on reserve for Iraqi Freedom. He spent 28 years as a helicopter pilot and instructor and served on the maritime side as well as a Vessel Master for a short time, ending on the General Officer's Staff.

His happiest memories, however, are with his family. Schuster met his wife in South Korea and has three kids. However, they are now empty-nesters with their youngest child attending the University of Portland this fall. His eldest son has

recently joined the army to become a helicopter pilot, his second son is currently in South Korea as a fighter pilot flying F-16s, and his daughter has plans to become a pilot as well. His message for the students of Saint Martin's University is “...you've got to follow your heart, where do you want to go? But that's hard to know sometimes. So, when I look back on my life, I've been very, very fortunate.” Schuster is all for the spirit of the year of service and is eager to give back to the community whose values he believes in wholeheartedly.

Dustin Zemel comes to Saint Martin's University with a Ph.D. in English and a deep interest in film and media studies. He finds that in today's world, English departments in universities are homes for critical studies and critical thinking across all platforms.

***“It's not just about literature for rhetoric anymore. A lot of English departments are building classes and programs and curriculum where students can apply some of the theoretical skills that one would normally learn English from it for media, film, television and digital.”***

*-Dustin Zemel*

Zemel had the opportunity as a graduate assistant to work with one of his English professors on a documentary film at Louisiana State University. The film discussed prohibition and its links to American oyster farms in southeastern Louisiana and the community they developed in that area over the past eighty years or so. It was a wonderful learning experience for Zemel as he was tasked with turning the footage into a cohesive and coherent narrative.

A far cry, certainly, from his undergraduate study days when he avoided English and humanities classrooms like the plague. This changed as his path after college brought him back around to appreciate both subjects more wholeheartedly.

Zemel came to Saint Martin's University after applying for a job opening that employed his background in film and media and utilized his ability to approach the discipline from several different angles. He also encourages his students to gain insight on how to interact with communities and gain a practical skill set in class. “...one thing I really hope to achieve in the classroom is, you know, to help students get excited about what they're learn-

ing, [and] to keep students engaged and excited about the media that they're interacting with on a daily basis. Because that excitement can fuel critical engagement and thinking skills so they're not just passive consumers of the different media, but excited participants in the larger media landscape.”

Patrick Cooper, Ph.D., entered the field of theology by his own personal interest and questions, having been brought up as a Roman Catholic. He actively pursued those questions and was encouraged throughout his education to do so, from an all-boys Jesuit high school in Cincinnati, Ohio all the way to the Catholic University of Leuven in Belgium. For him, it was a deep learning experience, especially concerning sociology and his thoughts on it, “So sociology for me is that of a maturation of questioning and a vigorous type of questioning of assumptions and one's view of the world.”

During his time in Belgium, he had moved in with his then fiancée, was accepted to the University of Leuven's theology graduate program, and months into his marriage became an expectant father.

After he finished his doctorate at the University of Leuven, he became a professor and a director at Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology, another Benedictine institution, though a seminary rather than a liberal arts university. Zemel was familiar with the Benedictine values at Saint Martin's University, saying “I think Saint Martin's is a tremendous place that I've been greatly impressed by in so many different topics. But I feel that I have kind of a unique perspective on not just in terms of I would say... I have a unique perspective on a different Benedictine monastery, you know, each monastery has a bit of their own unique character.”

It's this character and the relationship between the monastery and the university that Cooper wants to facilitate and build upon while here at Saint Martin's. He finds that it fosters the relationship between faith, and reason, opening up dialogue that is truthful, respectful, and productive. Especially when there's a monastery promoting a liberal arts college such as Saint Martin's University, and in this Cooper feels that as long he can help usher this into the community and have it spread to the wider world, he will have done his job.

Certainly, Saint Martin's University is honored to have these four professors, along with many others who have joined our faculty this year.



## Saints split San Fransisco trip 2-2

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Staff Writer



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Megan Vernoy on the attack during the first day of the tournament

As the Saint Martin's volleyball team stepped off their plane in Seattle early on the morning of Sept. 2, a mix of emotions filled the air. Some tired, some proud of their growth, and all filled with plenty of excitement.

As the last half of the passengers unloaded, Megan Vernoy, a San Francisco native and senior right-side, exited following her last match in

front of her hometown crowd. With her parents in the audience, Vernoy put on a killer clinic in their five-set loss to California State Dominguez Hills, with 25 kills, two service aces and six digs with an incredible .550 hit percentage. These 25 kills set a new personal record for Vernoy, who had just set a personal record with 17 kills the night before. With 25, this put her fourth all-time in the school record book.

"I didn't even know I had 25, I was so focused on trying to win the game that my individual performance didn't matter at the time," says Vernoy, "I honestly was still amazed at my 17-kill night the night before and just wanted to have a good follow up game!"

The Saints found some success in their California trip. The first match of the tournament set the Saints off on the wrong foot after being swept by the host team, the San Francisco State Gators. In a straight set loss, the Saints were led by Rachel Gondrezick with nine kills and Alyssa Bartlett with 23 assists.

Later that night, the Saints came back with a vengeance against the University of Hawaii-Hilo. After being swept by the Vulcans in the first game of the season, the Saints came out firing. Taking a 2-0 lead

into the third set was a big start for the Saints, but after a small drop off, the Saints found themselves entering a fifth set, still looking for their first win of the season. The team was in all-or-nothing mode entering the fifth set when Ililani Kamaka and Vernoy combined for two service aces and six kills, which helped the Saints win the set 15-10 and their first match of the year.

The Saints kept their momentum into the second day and third match of the tournament with a straight sweep against The Academy of the Arts. The Saints showed their full potential against some of the West Coast's top talents. Even with the fourth match loss against a talented California State Dominguez Hills, head coach Jon Killingbeck had some big words for the future of the Saints, saying "We played some good volleyball tonight ... we just came up a little short. Megan [Vernoy] played insane tonight and that just makes us more dangerous for the future." Their home schedule begins Sept. 13 and 15 with Concordia University and Western Oregon University. These games begin at 7 p.m. in the Marcus Pavilion.

## Huskies look to have strong season, despite loss to Auburn

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The Washington Huskies recently played in what has been considered the most difficult game of the season. If it had not been for a few critical mistakes, the score may have been in their favor. There is a long season ahead and anything is possible, including the college football playoffs.

Even after a heartbreaking loss against the talented Auburn football team, there are many things to build on. There was only a five-point difference in the score, and there were many opportunities for Washington to capitalize on. Even though the team lost one of the most talented offensive tackles in college football, Trey Adams, for what might be the full season, there are some very talented second-string players that would likely start at almost any other school.

When asking the players what they thought about their performances, there was a common theme throughout the locker room.

"It still stinks. It really sucked," said senior linebacker Ben Burr-Kirven. "It's definitely one that's going to give you a chip on your shoulder the whole year. We felt like we were right there. We were playing good ball and I think there was a lot of missed opportunities to win that football game, and I think that's something that's

definitely going to bother a lot of guys for a long time."

When reporters asked defensive coordinator Jimmy Lake on how he and the rest of the coaching staff felt after the game, not much was different. "We're still all pissed off. A loss is a loss. We're all mad. I think the guys competed in all those games you just mentioned (Alabama and Penn State). We competed and we were battling and trying to win the football game, just like we were on Saturday. But

a loss is a loss and we're still upset about it, which a competitor should be."

Fans are still eager to see how the Huskies will move forward from the devastating loss in their home opener against North Dakota on Sept. 8. A lot can be said about how a team responds to a close loss.

Losing is not fun, and the players and coaches are on the same page and know what their expectations are. The season has just started and anything is possible. While the Huskies did not start how they wished they would, the race for the college football playoffs is still wide open.



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The Huskies look to make the college football playoffs, despite losing to Auburn in their toughest game of the season.

# Netflix praised for “To All the Boys I’ve Loved Before”

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This summer, Netflix released new chick-flicks left and right, targeting teen and millennial audiences. One of the recent movies that had gained so much popularity all over social media and has even resulted to having its own memes, is the Netflix original “To All the Boys I’ve Loved Before.” Directed by Susan Johnson, this chick-flick is an adaptation of the novel written by Jenny Han. Receiving an impressive average rating of 95 percent on the movie critic website Rotten Tomatoes, this movie was enjoyed by a majority of the public. Perhaps one of the reasons why it got so much recognition was because Lana Candor and Noah Centineo starred in the film. A teenager in high school, Lara Jean Covey (Candor), is a hopeless romantic and writes letters to the boys she had intense crushes on in the past. However, what she had not planned on happening when she wrote those letters was for them to actually be sent to the boys. Mysteriously, her letters got out to the people they were addressed to, leaving her in a state of embarrassment and confusion. She then suddenly finds herself in a “fake” relationship with her school’s stud, Peter Kavinsky (Centineo).

As the storyline progresses, their relationship begins to develop into something deeper than what it was originally intended to be. Peter charms Lara Jean and viewers alike, and seemingly the whole world ends up falling for his character too. Yet, when outside factors get in the way, like jealous ex-girlfriends, things end up turning to be as perfect as one would hope. By opening up the film to different emotions and fears in a relationship that are relatable to millennials, producers give a sense of insight and reassurance. Many of those ranging from high-school, college and even young adults, at some point would go through the fear of putting themselves out there to love and get hurt.

“To All the Boys I’ve Loved Before” provides a refreshing outlook and perspective that others could also be experiencing the same emotions that we feel about love. This teen rom-com pulls everyone’s heartstrings and will have you crying sappy tears as they all wish for their own Peter Kavinsky. The portrayal of some characters and events is somewhat realistic, but in other parts of the movie, the things that happen are far-fetched. As a result of the over-the-top portrayal that Peter displays to Lara Jean, like his sweet gesture of driving to the other side of town to get her a yogurt

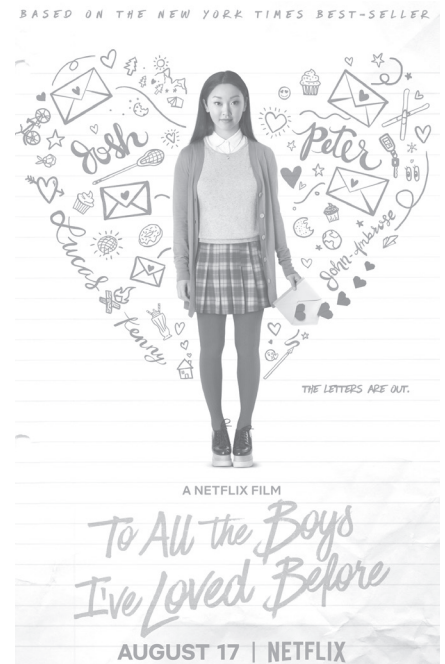


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Netflix’s newest original receives 95 percent rating from rotten tomatoes.

drink, teenagers out there will now begin to set their expectations of boys high.

This film provides the right mix of humor, quirkiness, lessons and romance. If you are looking for a cheesy chick-flick with a sweet story to watch on Netflix, “To All the Boys I’ve Loved Before” is a good option. Just a warning though, you may end up like the rest of the world who has watched it and are now on the search for that yogurt drink.

## “Crazy Rich Asians” shows self-love is the best love

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Based on a rom-com book written by Kevin Kwan, “Crazy Rich Asians” made its way on screen and was an instant summer hit. The novel made into a film was directed by Jon M. Chu, with an all-Asian cast starring Constance Wu and Henry Golding.

**“Usually the book is better than the movie, but in this case, the movie is far better than the book...”**

*-Meigan Girard*

The two main characters, Rachel Chu (Wu) and Nick Young (Golding) are a couple who have been dating for about a year. The storyline follows Rachel, an American-born Chinese economics pro-

fessor from New York, who travels to Nick’s hometown in Singapore to attend a wedding and meet his family. Unbeknownst to Rachel, however, in Singapore, Nick is known as, “the Prince William of Asia.” In other words, he came from a prestigious family of wealth and “old money.”

One might even say the Young family were, crazy rich.

As the plot progresses, you are able to see how Rachel learns to handle the problems she is faced with and the attitude she has toward them. The movie portrayed the two as independent people and showed their love for each other despite the negative responses from some people, such as Nick’s mom, that they received. They were able to maintain a healthy relationship and managed to overcome the outside problems they are faced with.

**“I cried and it is not often that I cry during movies.”**

*-Brian Messing*

Unlike other romantic comedies in which the main heroine is often portrayed as helpless and not quite figuring things out, “Crazy Rich Asians” presents Rachel as strong, capable, and in control. This movie adds the right mix of stressing the importance of self-love, and even shows a different cultural face to the public. “Crazy Rich Asians” comedic side makes light of some actual serious topics. The film really intends to counter an anti-Asian bias and throughout the film, they avoid all other Asian stereotypes that mass media typically portrays. Despite the fact that the movie showcases a good time and the celebration of money, it always brings the focus back to

love and self-affirmation, whether it be through what Rachel’s struggles or even the other supporting characters’ backstories. During the extravagant wedding scene in the movie, what moved the audience to tears was not the idea of wealth and grand occasions, but rather the love you felt in the room as the scene is carried. This showed that despite the idea of luxury and lavishness, it was truly love that was the most important.

Yet, what you really get out of this movie and what makes it probably one of the greatest romantic comedies of all time, is the love she ends up receiving in the end. Not necessarily from Nick, but from herself. The movie is not actually about her getting the guy. It is about Rachel accepting and loving herself where she is.

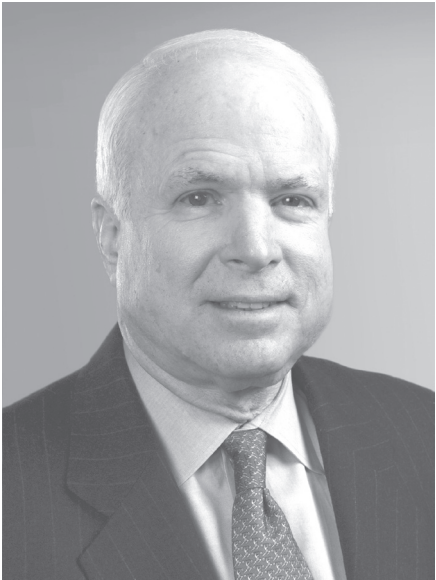


# Thank you, John McCain

**Katherine Pecora**  
*Staff Writer*

The United States is experiencing an upheaval of civility and common decency. But, what divides us is so much less than what unites us. That is what the life of Senator John McCain will go on to teach generations far after ours. We were so lucky to live in a time where one of our leaders in this wonderful country was John McCain.

McCain followed in the steps of his father and grandfather attending the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md. After graduating fifth from the bottom of his class, he went on to graduate from flight school in 1960. As the Vietnam War started, McCain volunteered for combat duty and flew carrier-based attack planes. On Oct. 26, 1967, his plane was shot down over Hanoi, Vietnam. When his captors learned of his lineage, the son of a high-ranking officer in the U.S. Navy, he was offered an early release. McCain refused; he would not let the North Vietnamese use him as a piece of propaganda. McCain was a true American patriot, putting his country first. He bled and suffered for this country. He spent five and a half years in prison camps and over three years in solitary confinement, where he was tortured and beaten. He earned the Silver star, Bronze star, Purple Heart and Flying Cross. In a letter read by longtime aide Rick Davis, McCain stated “We weaken



Senator John McCain reminded Americans to love each other despite political differences.

our greatness when we confuse our patriotism with tribal rivalries that have sown resentment and hatred and violence in all the corners of the globe, we weaken it when we hide behind walls, rather than tear them down, when we doubt the power of our ideals, rather than trust them to be the great force for change they have always been.” McCain was mocked by a coward, Donald Trump, the President of the United States “He’s not a war hero. He’s a war hero because he was captured. I like people that weren’t captured,” said Trump. Nonetheless, McCain continued to work hard for what he believed in, he was not a man that would be bullied. His political ascension began in

1976 when he was assigned as the Navy’s liaison to the U.S. Senate. He was first elected to the House of Representatives in 1982, then re-elected in 1984.

In 1986, the door was opened by the retirement of Arizona Senator and former presidential candidate Barry Goldwater, to run for the Senate. McCain earned the reputation as a conservative but one that was not afraid to question the “group think mentality” that can often consume politics. A pivotal moment was McCain’s thumbs down for the repeal of the Affordable Care Act on July 27, 2017. He called for a correction of the legislation rather than a full repeal. John McCain saved the healthcare of many Americans that day.

In July of 2017, he was diagnosed with an aggressive form of brain cancer. On Aug. 24 2018, his family released a statement that he would be discontinuing his treatment. On Aug. 25, McCain passed away. Though not broken, the foundation of the United States has cracked with the death of McCain. We have truly lost a remarkable human being. It is the duty of those in elected office to follow his morality, kindness and decency. Regardless of party, they must do what is morally right and will make this country better for all, not just for some. For the lessons that we all learned from Senator McCain, a true American hero, thank you. Rest in peace.

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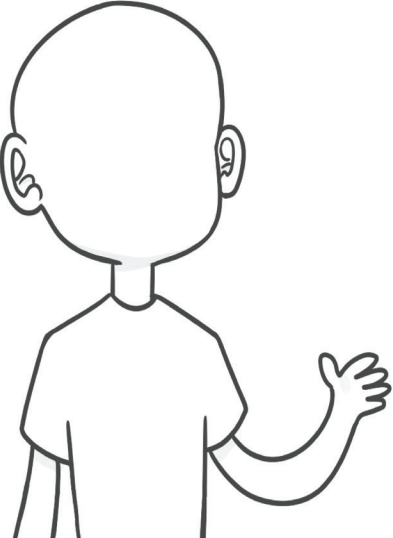
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