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State of Saints Event Salutes Sir



Sir reminiscing on the past, present, and future of Saints.

Max Brandon ('16)

By Ian Haliburton ('17)
STAFF WRITER

Mr. Wilson, more popularly known as Sir, has been a constant fixture of the school's faculty and brotherhood for over half a century; this 2015-16 school year marks his 51st at Saints.

With the start of the new semester came the confirmation of his retirement, followed in little time by a surprise celebration during

the ASB State of Saints address on Thursday February 4th, which duly honored him for his remarkable effect on innumerable Saintsmen. This event was organized by both the school and Sir's family. Everyone involved worked diligently to keep him from discovering the plans, a feat which Sir admired.

"It's not easy to surprise me. I always know so much of what's going on around here," he said.

During the ceremony, there was a video tribute for Sir, an award presentation, and a speech delivered by Sir to the Saints community and his family. This was all followed by a breakfast for Sir and his guests.

The video displayed the different relationships that Sir has forged on campus and included interviews with current students and even alumni, some of whom have become his peers in educating. Numerous

teachers at Saints knew Sir as their teacher and still consider him as such today.

The award, which was titled the "ASB Outstanding Service Award," was accepted by Sir "in recognition of excellence in Augustinian education." Sir, acting as a mentor outside the classrooms and within them, consciously works to be a positive role model.

"I do all that I do to be an example, and I've become comfortable doing so." Sir anticipates a future celebration before the year ends and shares that, during this time, he often reminisces about the celebrations for others that he has experienced.

The event also covered other important school matters, including the construction project and the efforts of the ASB. President Hearn and Project Superintendent Joseph Beeson of the construction crew relayed their progress to this point and some of the future plans.

Students of the ASB spoke similarly about the various activities held already this year and those to come before the summer.

At the recent pep rally, the winter sports teams highlighted the events of their seasons to that point and those that were to come, asking for support and spirit. These presentations serve as effective examples of the variety of ways that the school is undergoing change while the community and its values remain fortified. They also stressed the importance of school-wide support for the many projects and groups at work on and off campus.

The celebrations highlighted Sir's notable contributions to the Saints community. We can look to Sir throughout his concluding year teaching and beyond his retirement as he continues to be involved to prove the fortitude of his values and to remind us of his message that "You are the school."

Saints's Fickle Food Service

By James McCarthy ('16)
STAFF WRITER

A different smell may be noticed wafting from the kitchen these days. Over intersession, Mimi's Kitchen replaced Chartwells as the on-campus food provider at Saints.

After only a year and a half in business, Chartwells decided to close its doors on Saints.

"Our deal with Chartwells made them an independent contractor, and like any business, they wanted to make money," Mr. Horne said. "Chartwells left because they felt they weren't making the money."

Especially as of late, providing food service at Saints has been challenging.

"The truth for us is we've got sub-par facilities, [...] that's why we're building new facilities," Mr. Horne said. "Add to that the complication of a bifurcated campus that has construction fences and difficulty getting up to a kitchen. [...] We have noticed the traffic at the kitchen has declined significantly."

The administration needed someone to jump in on short notice after Chartwells' departure. This is where Mimi's came in.

"We reached out to Ms. Winter Nolte, who runs Mimi's, after Chartwells unexpectedly pulled out of their contract," said



Mimi's Kitchen has replaced Chartwells as Saints's food service.

Mr. Chipp, the Director of Finance and Facilities at Saints. "Several years ago she substituted for Ted [...], so she was familiar with the kitchen."

The administration selected Mimi's Kitchen since they could provide for the de-

mand on campus, while not being as bent on profits as Chartwells.

With the coming of the new gym with better facilities, the future of the food service at Saints remains in question. "Mimi's will definitely be here until the end of

the year and then we will evaluate where we are at," Mr. Chipp said.

And though it is yet to be determined, Mr. Horne believes that Mimi's "will have an opportunity to participate in the process to be selected for the new building."

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David Pepper ('16)

Saints Basketball Dribbles to Playoffs



By Troy Archer ('16)
STAFF WRITER

Basketball season is one of the most exciting times around Saint Augustine High School because of the thrilling atmosphere in the gym and exciting wins that our Saints never fail to provide many times throughout the year. Motivated by the rowdy student section, loyal alumni, proud parents, and Coach Haupt, the team never fails to impress.

As another thrilling season of basketball comes to an end, the basketball team looks to carry on their success into the playoffs. Senior captains Martin Tombe and Eric Monroe have led the team to a 22-7 record and 10-2 league record.

Tombe explained how the team is preparing for the playoffs.

"To prepare for playoffs, we are working hard every day and putting in the time necessary to put ourselves in position for another ring," he said. "Coach puts together great practice and plans everyday in order for us to be prepared for every opponent."

After a heartbreaking loss to the Cathedral Catholic Dons this year in the playoffs, the Saints look forward to their next challenge, the CIF State Championship. With several dominant wins over league opponents, Saints has all the confidence in the world as they head to the state playoffs where they look to win their second state championship in 4 years. The first of the four playoff games will be held Wednesday March 9th.

Saints is no stranger to state playoffs, where they won their first ever state championship against Sacred Heart Cathedral in 2013, and made another state playoff appearance in 2014. Monroe shared his



Junior JT Cox plays defense against Mission Bay High School.

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thoughts on the upcoming challenge.

"The ultimate goal is a state championship, and we feel like we are more than capable of reaching that goal. We just have to make sure we are going hard every day in practice and take it one game at a time."

Next year the team will look to build on their success without their seniors Martin Tombe, Eric Monroe, Grant Aikels, and Daniel Lara. Next year's seniors Tariq Thompson, Sean Panado, JT Cox, Josue Lara, Otto

Taylor, and Jack Peterson look to carry on the success of this year's team and put themselves in a position to win.

A huge part of the Saints Basketball experience is the student section, The Pit. Led by seniors Chris Callipari, Quinn Seau, John Hickman, and Michael Goodridge, the well organized student section brings an important element to the games. The student section chants and cheers until the very end and gives the team the extra motivation to push

forward and win. The Pit's humorous, witty, and motivational chants never fail to leave their mark on the game.

"We really had an awesome time leading this year's Pit," said ASB president Callipari. "This year we were under a little bit of supervision, but we didn't let that stop us from being a solid student section with a great group of leaders. From all the Pit leaders, we want to thank all the Saintsmen who were rowdy and came out to support."

Trey Kell on Life at SDSU



Trey Kell playing for the SDSU Aztecs.

Photo courtesy of SDSU



By Joseph Mikolaycik ('17)
STAFF WRITER

Saints alumnus Trey Kell ('14) is currently a sophomore at SDSU, where he starts on the basketball team.

First, you were recently named Mountain West Player of the Week (January 25, 2015), how does the honor feel?

It feels great to represent my school with that honor and to know my hard work is starting to pay off, [I am] just grateful.

You recently set a new career high of 19 points, only to follow with a new career high of 27 points against rival Fresno State. What was going through your head in said game?

Just what the coaches always tell me to do, and that's to be aggressive and that

everything will work out for itself.

What was the feeling like hitting the clutch 3 as the shot clock expired? Do you feel more comfortable now taking buzzer-beaters?

It was a tremendous feeling making a big shot and just hearing the crowd roar. Nothing like it, and yes, I feel very comfortable taking clutch shots.

Your scoring this year has drastically improved. From 5.6 points per game to 11.6 PPG, and 15 PPG in conference play. Are you starting to get more comfortable in the NCAA? How does it compare to your days at Saints?

Yeah, I for sure feel more comfortable and feel like myself out there and it's just a different animal compared to high school. Players are just bigger and stronger and it's faster, but it's still basketball

and I can't overthink it.

You had a tough season from behind the arc as a freshman, shooting around 22%. Now you are leading the team in 3 pointers made and also have improved to 35%. Are you starting to feel more like "Trey" Kell again?

Yeah, [I had a] rough stretch last season but I just stayed confident in myself and worked a lot on getting my form back.

What are your goals for the rest of the year?

To win every game we play and to try not to think ahead.

Any advice for the Saints as they head into playoffs?

For the team, just to enjoy it. High school is an awesome time and there is nothing like it. And of course, keep winning.

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Meanwhile, in an effort to boost sales, Saints has released a survey concerning the food service to the student body, available on the Canvas home page. The school wants to solicit the input on campus food service and better nutrition, find out what the demand is, and how they can satisfy it.

"We are just trying to get fresher, healthier ingredients into the kitchen," Mr. Horne said. "What we're wanting to figure out through the survey is [whether] that is being well received by the students. As we've seen sales drop off, [...] the kids maybe want Cheetos and chili fries."

While the food service saga plays itself out, the question is whether the ever-popular Turtle Shop can make a comeback.

"[Chartwells] didn't want any competition on campus", said Mr. Horne, "They didn't want us having our own store, where we're making money, taking away options for them."

The thought was that Chartwells would run the kitchen along with a store where the Turtle Shop used to be. However, Chartwells was not making enough money to staff the space for the store.

Now, with Mimi's Kitchen in place of Chartwells, there is nothing blocking the return of the Turtle Shop, at least for a semester.

"I think it could [reopen]," Mr. Horne said, "but then the reality is it would only be open through the beginning of next year. [...] My guess is whatever commercial outfit we bring in is going to have the same kind of arrangement [because] they don't want [to face the] competition of another store on campus."

Senior Sam Dixon, who has worked in the Turtle Shop, would like to see its return.

"I am ever hopeful for a glorious comeback for the Turtle Shop," Dixon said. "It was a place not only for selling food at reasonable prices to the student body, but it also served as a center for social life. I hope the administration will give it [the return of the Turtle Shop] good consideration."

Student and Coach Escape Kidnapping



Dylan Graham's SUV after the incident.

By Gian Ferrer ('17)
EDITOR

On December 23, 2015, baseball coach Dylan Graham (class of '06) and junior John Spencer were kidnapped by carjacker Ira Stringer at Hickman Field in Kearny Mesa.

Stringer approached Graham and Spencer at the batting cage, initially asking for a cigarette.

"When we were in the batting cages I just heard footsteps in the gravel, so I just assumed it was either a homeless person or just some random person at the park," Spencer said. "I turned around when the man entered the cage because I thought that he was going to ask for money."

However, the situation drastically changed after Stringer immediately pulled a gun on the two Saintsmen. The hijacker forced Graham and Spencer into Graham's Jeep and ordered Graham to drive to Ramona. Spencer sat in the passenger's seat while Stringer sat in the back, still aiming his gun at Graham.

Photo courtesy of the Spencer family

Spencer said, "When we were in the car the man kept on telling me that everyone was going to be safe as long as we didn't try anything. The man made me hold up Dylan's phone because he was trying to figure out where to have Dylan drive us. He almost had me throw Dylan's phone out of the window. He told us that once he let us go, he was going to take our IDs so he knew where to find us if we did anything."

Both Graham and Spencer felt tense as time wore on. They drove up to Wildcat Canyon Road, Lakeside, before Graham subdued the hijacker.

"Time seemed to fly by for me so I couldn't say for sure, but I'd assume that it was 45 to 50 minutes before Dylan made his move," Spencer said.

At the moment Stringer was distracted by his attempt to light a cigarette, Graham let go of the wheel and grabbed the hijacker's wrists to prevent him from aiming the gun. As Spencer escaped the car, Stringer fired three shots, but no one was hurt. The car veered off the road into the ditch as Gra-

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ham and Stringer struggled for control of the firearm.

"I tried to get out of my door, but I was unable to because the door was jammed against the side of the ditch," Spencer said. "So I actually hopped over the console and got out of the driver's door. Once I was out, I ran up to the road I stopped a car and called the police," Spencer said.

Graham fired two warning shots before the gun ran out of bullets. Stringer then fled and hijacked another driver, an elderly woman, and demanded that she drive him to Ramona. After arriving, he told the woman to get out of the vehicle and he drove away again. He was arrested on December 29, after an armed robbery in the City of Orange.

Graham and Spencer's families were relieved as neither of the two had even been injured.

"You never think it would happen to

you. I've been using that field for years and I've never had problems. I did what I had to do to survive and get Jack and me out alive," Graham said.

"Be nice to everyone, because you never know who will risk their life for yours. Also, you can't trust anyone that you don't know," Spencer said. "Your whole mindset changes when something bad like that happens to you. I learned that I had more faith than I thought I did. We were blessed that there were no injuries!"

Spencer has since put the experience behind him. "I feel great!" he said. "I'm glad that Dylan and I are okay and that the guy is off the streets so that he doesn't do anything to anyone else."

Coach Graham added, "I'm doing good now. The support from Saints family and friends has been great. It makes you appreciate everything."

Track Team off to the Races

New coaching staff brings changes as new season gets underway.

By Ryan Dent ('16)
STAFF WRITER

This year marks an interesting change for the track and field team. The late Coach Downey's retirement last summer from the head coaching positions of both cross country and track and field left a big hole to be filled. The cross country coaching position was assumed by Mr. Yoakum, who had started as an assistant coach the year before.

Fortunately, Coach Kremer, the defensive and offensive line coach for the Saints football team, also stepped up and is taking on the role of track and field head coach this year. He has already implemented a couple changes to the program. One of them is the online method of ordering uniforms that the football team uses. In previous years the uniforms were ordered too late and the distribution and payment system were inefficient. Now, all uniforms are ordered by each individual student through an outside website and delivered straight to the student. This year also marks the first year since 2013 that the track team has had a spirit pack.

Coach Kremer isn't the only change in the track and field coaching staff. Coach Downey had also coached the distance runners so Coach Grosse was hired. Grosse was the sprinting coach in the past, and had himself been a distance runner in high school. This of course opened a sprinting coach position, which was accepted by Coach Douglas, the wide receiver coach for the football team.

Senior Ryan Segura, head manager of four years, is feeling very positive about the new coaching staff.

"With the new additions to our coach-



Coach Kremer addressing his troops.

ing staff, Saints track has received a boost in enrollment from younger grades, especially freshmen," he said.

"This season is shaping up to be one of our best yet. With the entirely new coaching staff and setup, the team has an entirely new dynamic that I believe will bring us closer together and make us more competitive," senior Alex Karaniwan said. "I see many younger guys with plenty of talent, so I am

excited to see what this season has in store."

A challenge the track team has to deal with is the current construction on the new gym. Not only has it taken away the lower field, which was the primary area for the shot put and discus throwers to practice, but it is also infringing on the track in one area, cutting it down from the already small five lanes to a tight one and a half. As a result, the sprinting team, as well as the shot

put and discus teams will be practicing at Hoover High School this season, while the distance team will be practicing at Morley Field. Meanwhile, the pole vaulting team will remain at Saints.

Despite all the changes the Saints running community faces, the track and field season ahead promises to be interesting, and our athletes will rise to the challenge as always.

Max Brandon ('16)

Students Attend USD Youth Town Meeting



By Sean Panado ('17)
STAFF WRITER

On January 20, 2016, thirty Saintsmen participated in WorldLink's 19th Annual Youth Town Meeting (YTM) at the University of San Diego. They were joined by over seven hundred other international students. The purpose of the conference is to provide students an opportunity to learn about local and global issues as well as to engage in thoughtful discussions about solutions in a forum where their voices are heard and valued.

This year's theme for the YTM was "Youth Influence on the World: For Better or Worse." It was an all-day event that brought in public speakers, leading activists, and political leaders from all over the world. Some of this year's participants included: Joel Davis (director of the Youth to End Sexual Violence organization), Kara Wong (program officer at the Kroc Institute of Peace and Justice), and Evan Wesley (director of education for the Thirst Project).

Saints' involvement within the seminar was spearheaded by French teacher Mrs. Allen in 2013. She has served as the key bond between Saints and the YTM since her daughter served as an intern.

"I feel that the Youth Town Meeting is the most empowering opportunity for high school students to make a difference in this ever-changing world. The event itself is very inspiring," said Mrs. Allen.

Since Saints was first introduced to WorldLink's YTM, several Saintsmen have served as moderators, journalists, and photographers. These are major positions that help organize the day's activities. The whole event is entirely organized and run by high school students.

Some recent graduates to take part in



Saintsmen pose with Mrs. Allen after attending Youth Town at USD.

this process are Julio Serrano, Steven Franco, and Ian Harkness, all alumni from the Class of 2015.

The opening ceremony typically begins with a formal introduction. Then, all students are divided into twenty-one randomized groups. From there, these groups attend a variety of presentations, hands-on activities, and workshops. At these productions, students are encouraged by the lead speaker to take business cards in case improvements or suggestions are thought of following the event. For example, one of these presentations was about a new digital application that will soon be released to the public. It is called, "Battle for Humanity: App-plied Activism." It is an international platform

for grassroots activism that takes the hero-journeys of youth from virtual to reality, launching a youth movement to end violent conflict. However, the presenter emphasized that one of the primary reasons the application has not yet been released is because she sought the input of the students at the YTM.

Some other discussed topics were by Erica Ales, Joyce Im, and Alaa Basatneh. Erica Ales and Joyce Im are representatives of two separate Malala Yousafzai organizations. Yousafzai survived a gunshot wound to the head by the Taliban in her home country of Pakistan and is now a leading campaigner for the education of girls worldwide. Alaa Basatneh described her experiences of helping organize the

Syrian revolution from her Chicago bedroom. Through the use of camera phones, digital cameras, and social media, Basatneh decided on protest and escape routes and convened small groups of protesters in order to form larger groups.

Multiple Saintsmen who attended this year have already applied as interns for the YTM in 2017. Among these students was sophomore Sebastian Garcia.

"I have never experienced anything like it before. It was interesting to learn about problems on a global level." Garcia said.

By introducing WorldLink's YTM to Saints, Mrs. Allen has opened up another gateway for Saintsmen to step out into the community and positively affect the ever-changing world.

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Italy Trip Enters a Renaissance



Saintsmen visited the Vatican as part of their trip led by Fr. Kirk and Mr. Vignol.



By Daniel Wehbe ('17)
STAFF WRITER

This Intersession, twelve Saintsmen took off to Italy for the annual Intersession Italy trip. The trip focused on two things: learning about Italian culture and art, and doing service for the Church and the poor. As always, it was Mr. John Vignol who led the travelers on their jour-

ney. However, he was not the only teacher to accompany the Saintsmen this year. Fr. Kirk, who has a long history of finding economic ways to travel, also joined the group this year with some new ideas to make the trip even better.

"Well, the first change I made was that I acted as the travel agent," Fr. Kirk said. "I planned the flight path myself as well as

transportation in Italy. This way we could cut the middle man out." As a result, it was the first time that the trip to Italy went through a connecting flight to Moscow. This significantly cut the cost for parents planning to send their children on the trip. Saintsmen experienced a twelve-hour flight from Los Angeles to Moscow. After a short layover (and a meal from a Russian Burger

King), the travelers were on their way to their next destination, Milan.

"Milan was also a first," said Fr. Kirk. "I think the guys had two of their most enjoyable days of the trip there."

"For me," said junior Jonathan Garcia, "Milan was the best part of the whole trip. I absolutely loved the fine dining and high end shops."

Saintsmen spent their first two days in Milan, where they were able to visit the Milan Duomo, the city's famous cathedral. Underneath the Duomo was the baptistry of our school's patron, Saint Augustine. They also got a chance to shop at some of Milan's world renowned stores and shopping centers.

Three Saintsmen also had an opportunity to get a full access tour of the San Siro, Italy's largest soccer stadium.

"It was when I was touring the San Siro inside that I realized I had achieved one of my lifetime dreams," Junior JJ Letayf said.

The rest spent the second day checking out a local cemetery famous for its beautiful tombstones.

The final change made by Fr. Kirk was a day trip to Napoli and Pompeii that occurred during one of the eight days spent in Rome. Saintsmen spent hours admiring the breathtaking ruins of Pompeii, where a volcano had erupted and molten lava had preserved the town beneath it. The group hopped on a train at the end of the day and enjoyed a Neapolitan pizza dinner on their way to Rome.

Overall, Fr. Kirk made some positive changes to a successful trip formula provided by Mr. Vignol. His reduced cost of travel allowed some students to go on the trip who under previous circumstances would not have been able to. It also allowed the travelers to be exposed to Milan, where they enjoyed some of their finest days of the trip.

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The Saint's Players' The Rainmaker



A romantic comedy by N. Richard Nash

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Chaplain's Corner



By Fr. Bob Gavotto, O.S.A.
COLUMNIST

Mercy, Mercy, Mercy

We reflected on mercy at our recent Lenten penance service: the mercy of God for us in Jesus and the mercy we extend or don't extend to each other. And we received the mercy of God in Jesus when he forgave our sins in the Sacrament of Penance.

Let's take a moment to reflect on what Pope Francis says in his message to us for this year of mercy. Jesus Christ is the face of the Father's mercy. Whoever see Jesus sees the Father. Jesus of Nazareth reveals the mercy of God. Mercy will always be greater than any sin, and no one can place limits on the love of God who is ever ready to forgive. Mercy is the very foundation of the Church's life. We want to live this Jubilee Year in the light of the Lord's words: Merciful like the Father. The theme of mercy need to be proposed again and again.

In short, we are called to show mercy because mercy has first been shown to us. Let us rediscover the corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

Here they are. The corporal works of mercy: Feed the hungry; Give drink to the thirsty; Clothe the naked; Shelter the homeless; Visit the sick; Visit the imprisoned; Bury the dead.

The spiritual works of mercy: Admonish the sinner; Instruct the ignorant; Counsel the doubtful; Comfort the sorrowful; Bear wrongs patiently; Forgive all injuries; Pray for the living and the dead.

Pay attention to the white board outside my office. These works of mercy are being showcased there to remind us and inspire us, so we can be merciful like the Father!



Saints Mock Trial Rests its Case



By Sebastian Larson-Moreno ('18)
STAFF WRITER

This past February, the Saints Mock Trial Team competed for its fourth year in the annual California Mock Trial Competition.

Mock Trial is a contest of wit and critical thinking skills. Every September, throughout San Diego County, over 500 students from thirty high schools receive a booklet containing a fictitious legal case.

In a match, two different high schools compete, one representing the defending side and the other the prosecuting side. Students from both teams act as lawyers, witnesses, court clerks, and bailiffs. Yet they must be prepared for both sides, as teams will only know whether they are on prosecution or defense on the given night of the competition.

Over the course of two weeks, the teams report to the jury lounge of the San Diego Courthouse in downtown at 4:30 for four separate rounds. The final match and the championship round for the top two teams is held on the Saturday of the second week.

This year's case was inspired by recent police brutality incidents in the news. In the case the Saintsmen handled, a college campus security guard is accused of choking a 22 year-old student on the street, and a 19 year-old freshman hits the guard over the head with a baseball bat to assist his strangled friend. The blow to the head caused the guard to die. The trial determines if the student who killed the guard should be convicted of second degree murder.

Saints did not make it into the top ten this year, but a member of the team won a prestigious award. Senior Jacques Paye won the Outstanding Prosecution Attorney award this year, and the Outstanding De-



The Saints defense team celebrates a successful night of competition.

Matthew Danaher ('16)

fense Attorney award last year.

The Saints team, like others, was coached by two attorneys: Mr. Victor Torres and Mr. Charles Danaher.

"The 2016 Saints team held its own against stiff competition from an extended field of very good teams," said attorney coach Victor Torres. "The scores were very close in each round and our attorneys

and witnesses gave some of the best performances I've seen. Our team stepped up their game at every level of the competition."

Although Saints did not get to move on to the state competition, OLP's Mock Trial team placed first in San Diego County, and will be going to Sacramento March 18-20.

"I know we are all incredibly excited to

go to state, right now we are putting extra practices to make sure we represent San Diego in the best way possible," said OLP sophomore Marsha Meyers.

Overall, Mock Trial was a memorable experience for the Saintsmen.

"I enjoyed participating in this competition, and I look forward to participating next year," said junior Hayden Ball.

Intercession Guide

With Saintsmen coming off of a strenuous month of January dedicated to a variety of intercession courses, *The Augustinian* compiled a guide to some of the more interesting intercession opportunities available to underclassmen next year, including some brand new additions to the St. Augustine High School course catalog. Information from the 2016-2017 Curriculum Guide.

Music Technology

Grades: 10-12

Cost: \$0

This course is open to all students. It is designed to introduce students to the following aspects of music technology: basic computer/table skills, microphones, principles of sound, MIDI, computer-based sequencing and notation, mixers and mixing, cables, sampling, digital audio, recording principle, effects processing, and audio in live performance. Students will learn 21st century applications of their art through the hands-on use of Garage Band, Mixcraft, JamStudio, Sibelius, and NoteFlight, as well as live sound reinforcement. Students will arrange and compose music for this course, as well as record their own and others' performances. Experience reading music and/or performing on an instrument/voice is recommended, but not required.

Jesus: Real to Reel - Messianic Figures in Film, Literature, and the Arts

Grades: 10-12

Cost: \$0

This course will examine and analyze many of the different ways Jesus has been portrayed in Film with brief looks at the mediums of Literature and Art. Primary attention will be given to the significance of these portrayals and the possible social and historical conditions the might have produced such different portraits.

San Diego Sport Fishing

Grades: 10-12

Cost: \$175

Special requirements: Students must have a valid California fishing license with salt-water enhancement (16 yrs. and older). All students must have a fishing rod and basic tackle. Students must have transportation to the sites.

Fishing license, equipment, and transportation required. This is an in-depth, skill building class. This course combines extensive training in San Diego Bay, Lake, and Ocean fishing techniques that will teach anglers the technological and ecological concepts that increase fishing success. This course will take place on campus and at various bodies of water around San Diego County. The course will include on-water fishing as well. Previous fishing experience can be helpful, but is not required; beginners are welcome.

Racquetball

Grades: 11-12

Cost: \$30

This course is designed to introduce students to basic rules, safety considerations, skills and strategies of racquetball. Students learn and develop in the serve, forehand and backhand volley, and court utilization, through practice with other students and instruction from local area professionals. Participants also learn and discuss the history of the game, scoring and equipment. Students must provide their own racquets and safety glasses.

History of San Diego

Grades: 10-12

Cost: \$0

This class offers a comprehensive exploration of San Diego's history from the time of early Kumeyaay settlements until today. Through the examination of artifacts, works of art, historic photographs, and a series of comprehensive tours of historic locations, the past comes alive and students discover how the history of San Diego is reflected in our culture today. Student investigations will also focus on the role that the natural landscape played in San Diego's development, on contributions of the diverse peoples that settled here, and on the main events and historic influences that have shaped San Diego.

Geocaching

Grades: 11-12

Cost: \$85

This course is a designed to provide students with not only the opportunity to research local natural habitats in San Diego County, but to also offer students field experience through several days of drives and hikes throughout the county's diverse natural offerings. From the mountains, desert, coast, and urban areas of San Diego, students will have the opportunity to enrich their classroom learning experience of plant and animal life through an outdoor education experience.

Robotics 101 - The Future is Now

Grades: 10-12

Cost: \$50

Using robots we will cover the fundamentals of problem solving, program design, algorithms and programming using a high-level language. A robot is an embedded system of software and hardware. Programming and building robots applies science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) concepts. This course introduces the fundamental concepts of programming and robotics.

Gaming Theory and Design

Grades: 10-12

Cost: \$0

The course acquaints students with fundamentals of game theory and strategy, providing a foundation upon which they will build as they design, create, and produce an original game. The game may be of any type; e.g., a board game, a card game, an RPG, an outdoor / "yard" game, etc. The students will produce an actual copy of the game (including equipment and rules), teach others to play it, and submit their play-tested designs to an actual game publisher for possible manufacture and marketing.

Skills for Life

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In Memoriam: Ted Mlotkowski

Shortly before going to print, The Augustinian received word that Ted Mlotkowski, longtime St. Augustine High School chef, passed away on March 1st, 2016 at the age of seventy. Ted was a fixture on campus from September 1982 to May 2014, a career spanning thirty-two years. Ted Mlotkowski ran his eponymous "Ted's" Kitchen, where he prepared delicious low-cost food daily for breakfast, lunch, and after school. The Augustinian offers its sincere condolences to the Mlotkowski family, and we encourage our readers to look for our full coverage of Ted Mlotkowski's long-running culinary career in our next issue.



Ted with his family on his 70th birthday last January

Photo courtesy of Rob Mlotkowski

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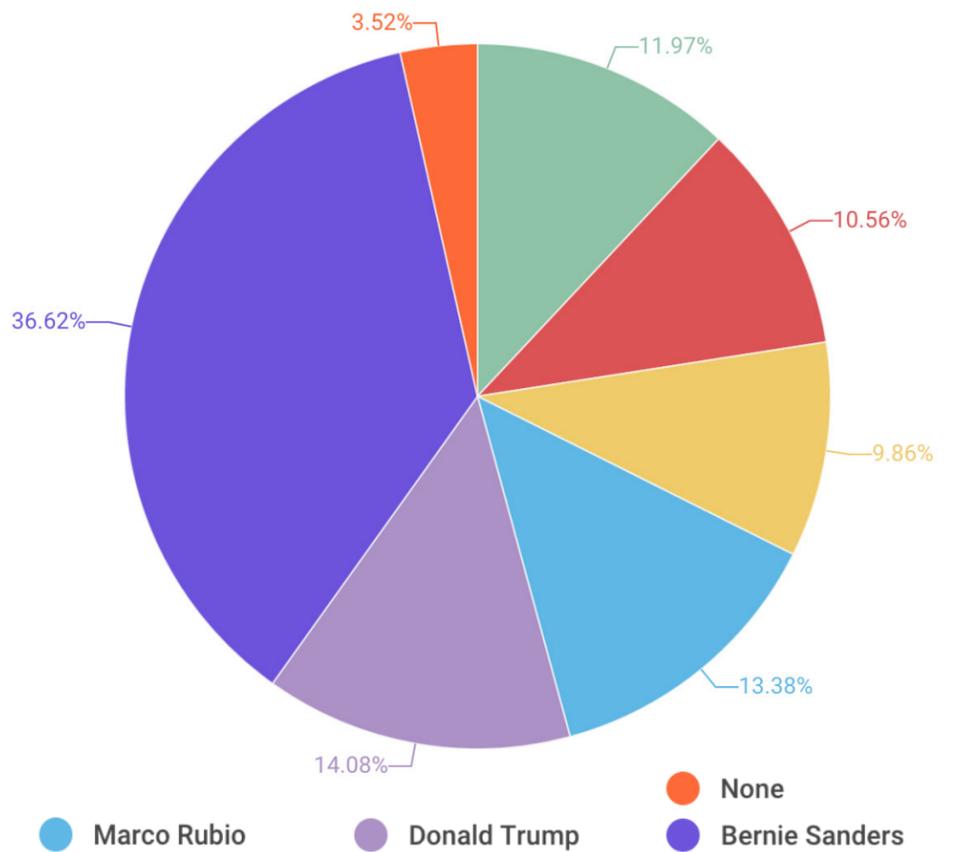
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Seniors Stand with Sanders in Poll

Because this year is a national election year, the editorial staff of *The Augustinian* decided to create a poll to gauge the presidential preferences of the senior class. The poll was distributed to 142 seniors during their English classes. Seniors were selected because they are eligible to vote and participate in the political process in 2016. The poll consisted of one simple request: "Select the one candidate from the list below whom you would support most in the 2016 presidential election." The poll offered the six remaining candidates as choices: Hillary Clinton (D), Ted Cruz (R), John Kasich (R), Marco Rubio (R), Bernie Sanders (D), and Donald Trump (R). The results of the poll were quite surprising. While Saints has been considered relatively conservative, the results of the poll show that the number of seniors is roughly split between the Democratic and Republican

Parties. The "anti-establishment" candidates of Senator Bernie Sanders and Donald Trump drew considerable support from the seniors; almost half of the senior class voted for an "anti-establishment" candidate. By far, Bernie Sanders drew the most votes, resonating with about one third of the senior class. The rest of the candidates enjoyed the support of approximately 15 percent of seniors. Perhaps the most surprising statistic came from Ohio Governor John Kasich, who garnered the support of 10% of seniors, or approximately 20% of seniors who selected a Republican. Nationally, Governor Kasich has the support of 9% of Republican voters, only about half this figure. Overall, the poll demonstrates that Saints seniors are relatively balanced between Democrats and Republicans, and are prepared to participate in the electoral process to change America for the better.



Student Activity Center Construction Progress



This is the third part of a continuing series showcasing the development of the new Student Activities Center.

Life at Saints

Meet-Free Friday

By William Stonehouse ('17)

