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ASB Honors Mr. Horne with Surprise Award, Recognizes 10 Years of Service



By Ian Harkness ('15)
EDITOR

It's not often you can surprise the head boss, but that's just what the ASB did two weeks ago. The ASB used the annual State of the School Address to honor Mr. Horne for his ten years of service to our Augustinian community.

As the assembly began, Mr. Horne watched in disbelief as all seven hundred students welcomed his family with a standing ovation—the likes of which only Saints can produce. With smiles on their faces, Mr. Horne's sons, his wife, Cathy, and his parents joined our principal on the stage in recognition of his outstanding service. Even his dog, Marley, made an appearance.

“Having my family present really made the moment meaningful. My decade of service to the school community has been endlessly supported by my loving wife, my boys and my parents,” said Mr. Horne.

Here's how the ASB pulled it off: at four in the morning on Thursday, Walt and Joan Horne started their car from Long Beach, about to make the trip down to Saints. Around seven, Mrs. Horne made sure the kids were dressed and ready for school, and then went into a mad rush to Saints as soon as her husband left the house. Meanwhile, Mr. Horne called Mr. Inzunza to let him know he'd be late for homeroom. This gave everyone just enough time to get settled and make the surprise extra special. With a plaque hidden in the podium, the assembly started.

“We wanted to give him a heartfelt, public thank you for his decade of work,” said ASB Executive President Michael McRos-

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Mr. Horne was touched by the unexpected arrival of his family and dog.

Photo by: Michael Patacsil ('15)

Intramural Soccer Added to Program No Longer Just for Kicks



By Dario Guterrez ('17)
STAFF WRITER

The rumors are true. This Monday, March 10th, the St. Augustine student body will see intramural soccer for the first time in five years. Rosters will be sent out today, during homeroom, and from there the games will begin. Every Monday and

Rosters, which should have a different team name than your basketball team, will be distributed today in homeroom.

Thursday, two games will be played between teams of six without goalies. Mr. Pruter and Fr. Bob have been kind enough to supervise the games, but more supervisors are needed.

This program is the brainchild of freshman President Sean Panado, who pushed for an integration of soccer into the intramural program while he was running for office last year.

“I knew there would be a high demand for soccer,” he said.

Deacon Hardick, the director of the intramural program, agrees with Sean. Deacon thinks the time is ripe for intramural soccer. He ordered the necessary equipment last Friday.

“The fields are free while basketball is going on, so it works out perfectly,” he said.

Now that soccer has finally been reintroduced, make sure to sign up, and encourage your teachers to help supervise the games.

5 Sports, 5 Victories: Clean Sweep of Cathedral

Saints Rolls Over Dons in Cross Country, Football, Basketball, Soccer, and Wrestling



By Justin Toscano ('14)
SPORTS EDITOR

Saints athletics have proved dominant this year, with Saints football, basketball, and soccer sweeping Cathedral Catholic in their respective seasons. Saints wrestling and cross country also beat the archrival Dons in their regular season meetings.

The athletic success at Saints has been consistent throughout the years, but the recent stretch of dominance against Cathedral Catholic started in last year's 62-36 rout in the CIF championship basketball game.

Since then, Saints has not lost against Cathedral in the “three major sports” in one calendar year.

“Our success has been program wide,” said Mr. Mike Stephenson, Athletic Director of Saint Augustine High School. “It's a true reflection of the hard work that has been put in by players and coaches alike.”

Saints football started the sweep with a 19-7 win at Cathedral, which was a major highlight in their CIF Championship season.

Most recently, Saints basketball and soccer have each beaten the Dons twice on their way to their league titles and #1 seeds for the CIF playoffs.

Saints basketball ended the regular season

with an impressive record of 26-2 (12-0 league) and has been the Union Tribune San Diego's #1 team in the county for almost all of the season.

Saints soccer finished the season with an impressive record of 18-3-2 (7-0-1 league) and ended their season with a 1-0 win against the Dons, which greatly hurt Cathedral's chances of making the playoffs.

“Beating Cathedral a second time was very satisfying, but clinching the Western league title and staying undefeated in league play was the best possible end to the regular season,” said Garrett Blodgett ('14).

The Pit has been recognized around the county and was covered by the UT-San Diego's Don Norcross, who had high praise for



The Pit couldn't be happier, especially cowboy *Pit* leader Nate Sennett ('14), bottom right.

Photo by: Michael Patacsil ('15)

the rowdy student section.

“They capture the essence of high school spirit,” said Norcross. “From the chants to the costumes to ribbing referees, *The Pit* gives Saints an advantage unlike any other in San

Diego County.”

Saints baseball, lacrosse, swimming, tennis, and track and field will look to continue the success against the Cathedral Catholic Dons in the spring.

Chaplain's Corner



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

Student Prayer for Vocations

Lent will be beginning shortly with a reminder of the traditional Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Below you will find a prayer you can pray for yourself as you discern your life's calling. "Love your neighbor as your self." Take time to pray for yourself during these days. Copies of the student prayer for vocations will be distributed in your religion class.

Father in heaven,

Deepen within me the same desire to do your will, as your Son Jesus had.

*Guide me to the vocation you have chosen for me,
as a loving spouse and parent
in the Sacrament of Marriage,
as a single person living a life
of generous service,
as a priest or deacon minister in
your Church, or
as a brother or priest in the
Augustinian religious life.*

*Send your Holy Spirit to help me say
'yes' to Him with the gift of my life on the
road to true success.*

*Mary, Our Mother of Good Counsel,
pray for me.*

St. Augustine, pray for me.



Matt Perez: "It's Kind of a Big Deal"



By Alexander Danilowicz ('15)
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The face of junior Matt Perez ended up on the newly unfurled banners around the Saints campus. Here are his thoughts:

Q: Were you just strolling around campus one day when you saw your face on a giant 4' x 2' banner or did the administration let you know before hand?

Mr. Horne called me into his office out of the blue and told me I was going to be "famous" throughout Saints. At first I had no idea what he meant. Then he showed me a picture of the banners they were printing out—and there was my face front and center. I didn't even notice the day they put them up until people came up to me and said, "Hey bro, your face is all over the school."

Q: The banner says, "St. Augustine Saintsmen are," and then it shows your face. Why do you think they chose you?

First of all, I'm good looking. Also, that picture was taken during freshman welcome week. So maybe it means all Saintsmen are good looking, or maybe it means we are all freshman at heart—not to get too much on the emotional side of it, big guy.

Q: If Saints were on fire would the first thing you try to save be the banners?

I like to think the banners are invincible—but that's not really even a question—while everyone is running away from the school, I would be running into the flames trying to save my banners. Even if I wouldn't make it back, I'd like to think the banners would. I do intend on keeping one. A banner might go "mysteriously" missing when I graduate.

Q: You're now the most famous man on campus. Any worries you'll end up like Miley Cyrus or Charlie Sheen?

I try not to let all the fame get to my head. I'd like to think that I'm the face of Saints and these banners make people look up to me now. But... it's really not that big of a deal.



Matt Perez ('15): The accidental celebrity.

Photo by: Michael Patacsil ('15)

Mr. Garcia ('08) Joins Teaching Staff, Mom



By Gabe Lopez ('14)
STAFF WRITER

You've probably met Mrs. Garcia in the front office. But have you met Mr. Garcia, her son? Mr. Garcia is teaching a block of Psychology in Room 231 this semester. Some students may have seen him around campus last semester as a substitute teacher. Now, he is joining the ranks of the Saints alumni who have come back to Saints to teach. Mr. Garcia graduated from Saints in 2008 and went on to Hawaii Pacific University, where he majored in Psychology. He is currently working on a Master's degree in Criminology through UC Irvine.

"Coming out of undergrad, I'd always envisioned myself going into law enforcement, and that's still the goal," said Mr. Garcia. "But I am loving teaching much more than I had anticipated."

He has especially enjoyed the learning experience of becoming a teacher, saying, "it's learning how to be in front, running a classroom, without a lesson plan from another teacher."

His favorite part about teaching is interacting with Saintsmen.

"One of the first assignments I had them all do was an introduction paper so I could get to know them better beyond normal student teacher relationships," said Mr. Garcia.

Pablo Ortega ('14) said, "He's doing really well on connecting with the students and helping us develop an interest in psychology."

In his free time, Mr. Garcia enjoys working on his two project vehicles, an "obnoxiously loud" '99 Camaro and a 2000 Dodge Ram. He also enjoys playing GTA V with his friends from Saints. If you see him around campus, welcome him back.

Senior Grad Night Rolls to Six Flags with OLP



By Charles Rayner ('14)
STAFF WRITER

As the number of days until summer reaches the single digits and a plague of "Senioritis" infects the Saints brotherhood's eldest class, total loss of motivation for seniors is prevented by the promise of a trifecta of Saints-led events: Grad Night, Senior Ditch Day, and Prom. The first of this golden trio, while the most anticipated for many, is the subject of plentiful lore. The hallways are alive with whispers of tales from Grad Nights Past; the story of one class's Tom Sawyer Island takeover has reached legendary status.

As fun as it is to believe that one rogue

tribe of seniors truly erected flags adorned with our glorious logo and dyed the since-renamed island's surrounding waters in our beloved purple, the only thing that we can know with any certainty is that whatever happened on that fateful evening sent Grad Night into a state of constant flux. Disneyland has long since lifted their ban on St. Augustine High School, but the event is still ever-changing. The days of "all night" park openings are over—Disneyland closed their doors at 10 p.m. last year, and the previous year's trip was a daytime affair. Senior Class Moderator John Lamerato responded to Disneyland's increasing restrictions, and 2014's Grad Night is set

to be held at Six Flags Magic Mountain. When asked about the main reason for this drastic switchover, Mr. Lamerato replied,

"Where in past years Disneyland has had as many as 40 available days, this year they only have 15. The day we usually go was not offered. That, in conjunction with the fact that we haven't been happy with what they've provided over the past few years, made the transition an obvious choice. Magic Mountain was open the day we wanted to go."

The change of venue isn't the only surprise about this year's Grad Night. After years of tortuous separation, it has recently been announced that Saints and The

Academy of Our Lady of Peace will be going to Six Flags on the same night. It is widely believed that this coordination is a result of the recent change of administration at OLP, but Mr. Lamerato puts these rumors to rest, saying:

"It was total 'luck of the draw.' I had no idea that they were even going to Magic Mountain, let alone at the same time as us. I was just as surprised as you."

This year's guinea pig of a class has cause for excitement, but Mr. Lamerato is prepared for the worst. No plans for future Grad Nights are set in stone, and Mr. Lamerato offers this solace for the class of 2015:

"If it's horrible and we hate it this year, I'll entertain the idea of going back to Disneyland next year, but I really don't think that's going to be an issue."




Photoshop interpretation of Josh Morones's wild ride.

Josh's head was printed with permission; torso printed without. Photoshop by Alex Danilowicz ('15)

Photo courtesy of GoPro

Racquetball Students Go Up Against the Wall

**By Luis Vidrio ('15)**
STAFF WRITER

Racquetball! The people's sport. You could be a professional athlete who shines radiantly, or you could be a Saintsman who just wants to have some fun during the month of January.

To compensate for the overflow of students that signed up for Racquetball, the administration divided the class into two groups: a North group and a South group. The North group, taught by Mr. Pruter, drove to the Sorrento Valley Racquetball & Fitness Center every day, while the South group, taught by Coach Sanchez, drove to the American Athletic Club in National City almost every day.

"The smaller back wall (at Sorrento Valley) took some getting used to, but it was a fun experience," said Steven Franca ('15).

Unfortunately, our South students' time at the American Athletic Club was cut short because of the demolition of the facilities. Coach Aaron Embry, the certified professional coaching our students, was able to ensure that the class would have a place to play by pulling some strings, making some calls, and having his people call other people's people. Thus, the South group relocated to the "b2be Sports and Wellness" facilities in Eastlake.

"They had a really professional environment and pretty amiable people. The equipment was nice and fancy, too," said Andres Bustos ('15).

You may be asking yourself, "So what did these guys do all day?" The answer is simple: they played racquetball. Sure, there were other activities (some students did yoga, cardio, swimming, and spent time lifting free-weights), but it was mostly racquetball.



The North County class causes a “racquet” with Saints teacher Mr. Pruter, far right.

Photo by: Aaron Embry

The average week consisted of round-robin tournaments, personal matches, and the occasional double-elimination tournament, with professional racquetball coach, Aaron Embry, coming in twice a week to teach our students how to be better players.

Our students also had the pleasure of meeting Alvaro Beltran, who is ranked as the third best racquetball player in the world, and even got to watch him play against Coach Embry (who he beat 8-6).

Alvaro brought with him Gearbox brand equipment as prizes and had the Saintsman play some racquetball-related

games to win them. Afterwards, Coach Embry and Alvaro Beltran played matches against several of the Saintsman (Coach Embry and Alvaro won all of them).

"They were undoubtedly the best racquetball players I've ever seen," said senior Aaron Balin ('14).


On the last Thursday of intersession, the North and South groups all met at the Sorrento Valley Racquetball & Fitness Center to participate in one final tournament. Each group had ranked their own members via tournaments of their own, with each member playing a member of the other group of

the same rank. The North vs. The South: a battle of the ages.

All members of the North, save one, were eliminated in the first round. After many matches, many broken hearts, many hurt feelings, many tears, and many worn out racquets, Rodrigo Castellanos ('15) emerged victorious, beating Nicholas Nas-sif ('15) in the final round.

"Overall, Racquetball was a fun class. Everyone can play, and everyone can have fun," said Gerardo Piña ('15).

Marine Biology Class Goes Swimmingly Well

**By Michael Cline ('15)**
STAFF WRITER

Every January, St. Augustine offers a wide variety of courses for students to further their knowledge in a particular field, learn a new life skill, or explore potential career options for the future. Marine Biology, taught by Mrs. Walp, offered a unique experience for Saintsman seeking an immersing and hands-on intersession course.

Marine Biology, taken by nine Saintsman, included a wide variety of activities ranging from a trip to an aquarium to deep sea dives. Though neither Mrs. Walp nor any of the students had been scuba certified, each ended the month of January with an open water certification.

The four scuba dives were done off the shores of La Jolla, where visibility was up to 25 feet at times. The final dive of the course was especially memorable for Mrs. Walp.

"We were able to go to the edge of a canyon, which was an incredible view," said Mrs. Walp. "We saw a lot of local marine life and we were even surrounded by a school of fish at one point."

The marine life witnessed by the group was diverse, ranging from sheep crabs to an octopus.

"We saw sand bass, halibut, and even thorn-back rays," said Sam Sphire ('15). "I also had a baby seal rub against me as it explored our group."

Saintsman Arman Attisha ('15) also found the dives to be the most enjoyable aspect of the class.

"I felt relaxed, not anxious, when I was in the water," said Arman. "It's like a whole different world underwater, and it made me realize what an astronaut experiences on the moon."

Besides scuba, Marine Biology

included of a trip to HUB, run by Sea World, where students witnessed first-hand the process of hatching, raising, and releasing of local sea bass.

"HUB is responsible for increasing a dwindling population, and we were able to see how to deal with that issue," said Mrs. Walp.

Another off-campus activity Marine Bio took part in was a field trip to Birch Aquarium. There, the students were able to see a wide variety of marine life.

"It was great to see fish and other sea creatures from many different points of view, and the aquarium made it possible to see sharks and dolphins, which would have been difficult to see on dives," said Attisha.

Marine Bio also had the chance to fish. Sam Sphire was able to reel in a California Halibut.

"The dives were awesome, but another highlight was catching a 30" fish," said Sam.

The class also completed a fish dissection, viewed tide pools in Point Loma, and were educated on careers in the marine biology field.

On potential changes for next year, Mrs. Walp is optimistic about expanding the class size and focusing on a specific aspect of Marine Biology: Scuba.

"We're definitely going to do more dives," said Mrs. Walp. "We'll have more open water dives, because there is no cooler way to learn about Marine Biology than to experience the sea life on a scuba dive."

The course will also expand scuba certification past Open-Water to Advanced-Diver.

For those searching for a scientific intersession, love marine life, or just want to learn how to dive, Marine Biology is a January course to consider.


"If you are able to go off-campus, it is the best intersession course to take," said Sam Sphire.



Nine students brave frigid temperatures to explore La Jolla and Poseidon's secrets.

Photo by: Leslie Sphire

Engineering Class Returns, Zips Zipper

**By Matt Danaher ('16)**
STAFF WRITER

After a month of hard work and ingenuity, Saintsman can now call themselves engineers. Taught by Mr. Igelman and Mr. Michelkamp, Saintsman were able to acquire real world experience in the engineering field. Their goal during January: create a fully functioning Rube Goldberg Machine. That's a device that uses multiple steps to eventually accomplish a simple task, like zip up a zipper, the task for this year's competition.

The session began by learning the fundamentals of engineering. The majority of the class was spent preparing for, designing, building, and testing the Rube Goldberg Project. In order to design the project, one had to be aware of the strict dimensional specifications outlined: the device had to be six feet tall, long, and wide. The general frame of each project was built with wood, while the other attachments were made from a plethora of varied materials. Each project required at least twenty steps. The real creativity became evident during this stage. Many steps incorporated marbles and dominoes; however, plenty of groups also thought outside the box, using steps such as the firing of a Nerf gun to hit a target or a complex systems of pulleys and weights. These materials were brought in from various places, the most common of which were Home Depot and the houses of students themselves.

In addition, several guest speakers came in to class to discuss their personal experience with engineering, and a field trip was taken to bring students up close and personal with the daily routine of an engineer. One man spoke about engineering on mobile applications who

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Saints Wrestling Brings Home CIF Success

 **By Christian Lloyd ('15)**
STAFF WRITER

Saints wrestling team had a fantastic 2013-2014 winter season, succeeding both individually and as a team.

Success was a result of not only the wrestlers, but coaches as well.

“We’ve spent a lot of time designing practice plans,” said Coach Gary Osberg ('04). “As the season progressed, we tried to focus on different aspects of wrestling that build upon each other.”

Their work consisted of six three-hour practices a week, each broken into two segments: one hour of cardiovascular conditioning, ranging from distance running to intensive sprints on the track, and two hours learning moves in the wrestling room to perfect technique

Saints wrestling had been practicing and going to tournaments almost every weekend since November to prepare for the season, which consisted of weekly dual meets from January 8th to February 5th.

Their efforts paid off as they achieved a winning record (4-1) for the first time since 2010. Saints wrestling finished the season with a bang, beating La Jolla High School sixty-nine to six with pins in almost every match. More importantly, the team started the season by beating Cathedral in a gripping match that came down to a pin by senior Dom Gagliano in the last fifteen seconds.

Alongside Gagliano, seniors Christian Polak, Gabe Amezcua, and Timmy Huynh led the team by example by not only working with each other to perfect techniques, but also with the underclassmen to ensure a bright future.

Christian Polak('14) became the first Saints wrestler in eight years to win first



Christian Polak ('14), left, is the first CIF gold medalist for Saints wrestling in 9 years.

Photo by: David Tolliver

place in CIF finals. Gabe Amezcua also performed well for the team and ultimately took fourth place at CIF finals. Sophomore Ryan Arroyo was undefeated in league meets and received All-League for his weight class. Arroyo was also the only sophomore to receive a championship singlet, an honor bestowed to wrestlers who have earned a medal at a weekend wrestling tournament. Freshman Andres Padilla also ended his season on a high note by taking second at the Mt. Miguel High School tournament and winning his first varsity match against La Jolla High School.

Although this season is over, senior captain Christian Polak has high hopes for the team’s future.

“We have a very young team with a lot of first and second year guys who will be stronger next year,” he said.

Coach Osberg was very pleased with this year’s returning wrestlers and hopes for the same success next year.

“The returners who worked hard in the off-season exceeded expectations,” he said.

Junior varsity wrestling coach Dave Nehring had high praise for his young wrestlers and noted that they are taking major strides towards the goal of competing at the next level.

“I’m extremely pleased with their growth this year,” said Coach Nehring. “The fact that each person got better by giving full effort and buying into the concepts we talked about is a testament to how coachable they are.”

The wrestlers are also highly encouraged to train independently or with other teams throughout the off-season in hopes of improvement for next year.

This season was a turning point for the wrestling team, which has established a good foundation for success in the future. As Coach Unpingco would say, “Let me tell you something boy,” the tough have remained and their future looks bright.

First Ever OLP/ Saints Volleyball Tournament

 **By Chris Sanchez ('14)**
STAFF WRITER

Though the first ever two-man beach volleyball team was formed in 1930, it was only in recent months that the Saints and OLP volleyball communities were able to join together and play in what will hopefully become a yearly tradition. Stepping out of the indoor court and onto the warm California sand, both teams bumped, set, and spiked their way to victory in a old fashioned coed tournament the Saints and OLP way.

The Academy of Our Lady of Peace Head Coach, Amanda Miles, and the St. Augustine Head Coach, Aaron French, organized and held the tournament this past Martin Luther King Day weekend at South Mission Beach. In total, 32 students competed in the tournament, making for sixteen teams overall. Not only was this a great way to spend the holiday weekend, but the two schools were able to mingle and find common ground in a sport that they both love.

“It was a great success. Lots of students competed and even more came to watch and cheer. The sponsorships were able to make it all happen and make the day great,” said the Pilots’ head coach Amanda Miles.

Each team was comprised of an OLP player and a Saints player of varying grade and skill levels. Pool play started at 9 am and continued throughout the day. Competition was fierce and the best teams went on to the playoffs to compete in either the Gold Bracket or the Silver Bracket. The winners of the Gold Bracket were Jessica McRoskey and Sean Dixon in first place and Makaela Nagy and Kasimir Tan in second place. The Winners of Silver Bracket were Meghan McMahon and Nick Schiele finishing in first,

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Exciting Roller Hockey Season Falls Short

 **By Ian Harkness ('15)**
EDITOR

We should’ve had it. We were close. With five minutes left in overtime, and a 5-5 score on the board, Saints Roller Hockey season came to a close at the hands of Eastlake. Marking the end of one of the more exciting roller hockey seasons in recent memory, last week’s game was a bitter defeat.

The season didn’t start quite as well as we had hoped, but after a few tough defeats, the team began a run for playoffs that included a Cathedral defeat. As time went on, Coach DaLuz began to see the team turn around.

“This season progressed slowly at first, but during the middle of the season junior and senior leadership began to surface,” he said.

But leadership wasn’t the only problem faced by the roller hockey team this year.

“The goalie position was especially challenging considering the graduation of all-CIF goalie Greg Heid,” said Coach DaLuz. “Junior George Thomas really stepped up and shouldered the brunt of the goaltending, while senior Nate Pascual did double duty skating out and playing goalie.”

And then, of course, there was a fight. “We’d played West Hills a few times before, and the games had gotten pretty heated, but we weren’t expecting anything like that,” said Jay Farrell ('15).

Near the end of the game, Phil Park ('14) and one of the West Hills players were involved in a fistfight which ended with two St. Augustine players, Ian Hark-

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Rugby Season: Short Shorts, Hard Hits

 **By Rex Hammock ('15)**
STAFF WRITER

“Hands will do it!” “Ruck over!” If you’ve ever seen the Saints rugby team in action, there’s a good chance you’ve heard shouting like this before. There’s also a good chance you were very confused at what you saw.

Though criticized jokingly around campus, Saints rugby persevered and had a great season.

Aside from the short shorts, rugby is a man’s game played by, well, men.

This season, a record number of over 90 Saintsman came out for the rugby team.

Saints rugby, led by senior captains Ben Concannon and Chris Shelton, had a great start against High Tech High, where Concannon put in two 40+ yard tries to help secure a come from behind win.

With players from the football team still in season and others taking the SAT, the rugby team clawed their way to a tie against Del Norte.

The remainder of the season was up and down for the Saints, with emotional losses against Fallbrook and Poway, but impressive wins over St. John

Bosco, and View Park Prep.

In the final game of the season,Saints suffered a tough loss to Cathedral Catholic, which put them in 4th out of 8th place in league, but was still good enough to qualify for the playoffs.

Although Saints outscored any team that Cathedral had faced thus far, they could not overcome the Dons and ended up losing in the So-Cal semi-finals. In the end, however, Saints proved to be the classier team as Cathedral finished the game with three yellow cards and a red card, while Saints had a clean record.

Captain Ben Concannon was especially pleased with the growth of the team this year, noting the correlation between a

tight-knit team and on-field success.

“As captain, I watched our team not only play better, but really form a closer bond,” he said. “Any coach will tell you that forming bonds and working well together is more important than just having talented individuals.”

The future of Saints rugby looks promising as several junior starters will return to the field next year including Marco Moura, Marty Rascon, and Brady Curran. The junior varsity team, who made it to the finals this year, will also contribute to the varsity next year. Indeed, it was an exciting and successful season for Saints rugby, but the future of the young team shines even brighter.



Nothing can stop Thomas Browne ('15) on the rugby field.

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Needed Class = Computer Science

 By Eric Lujan ('15)
EDITOR

St. Augustine High School has offered computer literacy courses for many years, but the demands of the information age require so much more. Saints needs a serious computer science course, which has been long overdue.

Far beyond teaching word processing and image manipulation (e.g. Photoshop), computer science teaches theory, algorithms and data structures, programming methodology and languages, and computer elements and architecture. It enables students to hone their technical and creative skills with designing, logical reasoning, and problem solving. Saints should seize the opportunity to offer an (AP) course in computer science to expand Saintsmen's knowledge, skill, and practical career interests.

According to Code.org, a non-profit organization whose mission is to give every student the opportunity to learn computer science, the next decade will encounter one million more U.S. jobs in the technology sector than there would be computer science graduates. The Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce predicts that by 2018, 51% of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) careers will be computer-based occupations. Yet, even with the growing need for computer scientists, less than 2.4% of college students graduate with a degree in computer science—less than it was a decade ago. Clearly, there is a recognized need for students who graduate with STEM education, especially in computers. A high school computer science course would encourage and enable more students to pursue STEM-related careers.

Computer science often makes an academic curriculum more engaging inside and outside of the classroom. Learning

mathematics and sciences can become more enjoyable because, through programming, one can apply in practice what one learns on paper. Similarly, designing, logical reasoning, and problem solving can be applied to other subjects, such as in proving mathematical concepts or composing music. Programming can be very fulfilling when one uses his growing knowledge and imagination to bring ideas to life through code on a computer.

There is a growing interest in computer science at Saints. The Programming Intersession class this year was a huge success. The Programming Club was subsequently founded after Intersession, and is being supported by Saintsmen in all grades. Many Saintsmen also individually experiment with web, software, and game development. Brought together in a computer science class, these students could share and improve each other's talents for the benefit of St. Augustine High School. In the Programming Intersession class, junior Austin Beaulieu has lead the way by working with his classmates on an iOS application for Saints.

Computers are all around us, and most of us use them regularly every day. Would it not be fascinating to learn about them on a whole new level? An (AP) Computer Science class could pique high school students' career interests and help students develop new, practical technical skills that could translate into high-paying, in-demand jobs. Because of the usefulness of and growing interest in computer science, a Computer Science class would be sure to succeed at Saints. After all, we are living in the 21st century—computers are a part of our lives, so students should have the opportunity to learn more about them.

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Letters to the Editor

TO THE EDITOR:
I am highly impressed by the caliber of journalistic writing in the most recent issues of *The Augustinian*.
-Joseph Pulitzer
New York

TO THE EDITOR:
Hey boys. Thanks for providing me a private tour of the campus last week and allowing me to participate in your last editorial meeting. The pizza was really good.
- Kate Upton
Beverly Hills

Editors note: we were unable to publish highlights from Kate's latest Sports Illustrated shoot in this issue due to space constraints. We hope to do so in a future issue.

TO THE EDITOR:
Your article published in the April 2062 issue about Sir's eminent retirement left me hanging on the edge of my hovercraft. I remember when he was in his seventies, but that was before tuition hit \$20,000!
- George Jetson ('60)
San Diego

TO THE EDITOR:
I'd just like to thank you for your political objectivity in the coverage of my recent challenges surrounding my healthcare.gov initiative. Michelle and I always feel like *The Augustinian* does a good job trying to get it right—focusing on the facts and never making stuff up.
Please know you are making a difference in the world and inspiring change.
- President Obama
Washington, D.C.



Now enrolling for
our spring and
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Congratulations to all of our Summa students including the twenty-six who received perfect scores on the SAT .

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OLP Talent Show Proves Teenagers Do More than Sleep

By Julia Isbell ('17)
OLP CORRESPONDENT

The OLP and St. Augustine ASB councils had worked for several weeks this school year to produce a talent show. One was finally hosted at the OLP Holy Family Event Center on Thursday, February 20th. Fifteen students performed for family, friends, and alumni from both schools and showcased their talent in song, music, dance, and poetry. Representing the senior class of 2014 was Patrick O'Connor from St. Augustine, singing his original song *I Broke the Concrete Bench*.

Juniors had the most participation, with OLP students Ané Holland performing a Hawaiian dance routine, Haley Antoine singing *Live Out Loud* from the musical *A Little Princess*, Elizabeth Villanueva singing her own composition, and Stefany Chadkewicz playing guitar and singing *Blown Away* by Carrie Underwood. Saintsman Jack Hamlin played a beautiful piece on the piano and a

newly formed Saints band called Jagow and Friends, comprising Luke Celeste (guitarist), Alex Agpaoa (guitarist), Gerardo Piña (drummer), and Andrew Stoddard (singer and bassist) played *Kryptonite* by 3 Doors Down. Sophomores Bella Rivera and Cami Asher sang a vocal mashup of Katy Perry's *Roar* and Sara Bareilles's *Brave*. Caroline Cecena performed an original poem about the Miss OLP Ball. I myself took part by performing a tap dance, and freshman Adriana Diaz concluded the show by singing *Fallen* by Alicia Keys.

Overall, this year's talent show was successful. There was an entertaining variety of talent, and the show raised a total of \$546, which all went to a Catholic organization that works on stopping human trafficking. If you enjoyed the talent show this year, let your ASB know so that they schedule one for next year.



Jagow and Friends performs *Kryptonite*.

Photo by: Aaron Balin ('14)

Neil Rens ('12) Creates Star Trek-like Device

By Kyle Meneses ('14)
EDITOR

Neil Rens, the class of 2012's co-valedictorian, has been working on a device that could transform the healthcare process as we know it. Neil is part of a team at John Hopkins University known as "Aezon," a group of undergraduate engineers who have created a prototype that can diagnose 15 different medical conditions and measure a user's vital health metrics—all while fitting in the user's hand. The motivation behind the project is Qualcomm's Tricorder XPRIZE competition, a contest that encourages inventors to create a user friendly mobile device that allows an individual to easily and readily diagnose themselves without the need for a physician, clinic, or full scale laboratory.

Neil and his team's device is comprised of three different elemental parts: the lab box, the vitals monitor, and a smartphone app. On a very basic level, the device's workflow looks like this: an individual types his/her symptoms into the Aezon app. The app then suggests various tests to take based on these symptoms. The user might need a finger prick of blood, a urine sample, or a saliva sample. The sample is placed in a disposable cartridge, which fits into the lab box. Within minutes, patients would know their test results and are advised on how to proceed with this health information.

"The primary goal with this device is to have the people do as much as they can at home and then see a doctor to discuss more focused treatment," said Neil. "This 'Flip the Clinic' mentality will disrupt the clinic like Khan Academy did with the classroom. Now, instead of waiting hours in a doctor's office and seeing your clinician for a few minutes, you can go in already armed with your personal health information. You will be able to use the face time with your doctor to discuss how to improve your health, rather than having the clinician check your vitals and run tests." Saintsmen are changing the world—for more about Neil and his project check out www.aezonhealth.com.

Coach Downey Reacts to New T-Shirts—His Face Says it All

Ms. Eggleton Sells T-Shirts for \$10 to Benefit Hogar Infantil



"No comment" - Coach Downey
Photo by: Alex Danilowicz ('15)
By Chris Heffner ('15)
STAFF WRITER

Have you ever looked at Coach Downey and been unable to tell what emotion he's feeling? Well now you can with the handy "Emotions of Coach Downey T-Shirt!" The shirt, created by sophomore Ryan Segura while taking Graphic Design during intersession, is being sold by Ms. Eggleton to raise money for the Hogar Infantil Orphanage in Mexico. "Based on the popularity of the shirt at the Intersession Expo, I thought this would be a great opportunity to support the children," said Ms. Eggleton. When asked about his inspiration for the design, Ryan said, "Working with Coach Downey as the cross country team manager I got to see a lot of his emotions come out—or lack thereof—and I think this shirt really expresses them well." The shirt has been approved as spirit-wear.

Life at Saints by Sebastian Torres ('15) and Alexander Danilowicz ('15)



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key ('14)
"It was a special day. To be recognized by students and colleagues for service to the school caught me off guard and was a very emotional experience," said Mr. Horne. Congratulations on ten years, Mr. Horne. And here's to ten more.

► **Rube Goldberg**
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had designed an app himself that was once the number one paid app in the Apple App Store. Students took a trip to the headquarters of the popular boat company, Hobie Cat, where they got a tour of the facility and learned the processes involved in engineering various prod-

ucts.
The engineering class had been removed from the intersession curriculum last year, but Mr. Igelman was glad to bring it back. "This class was brought back for a couple reasons. First off, it fits perfectly with the whole idea of intersession. It is a hands on, project-based course. Students get to create and experiment, and this type of learning is an experience perfectly fit for our boys. Secondly, it was very popular when it was first introduced several years ago by Mrs. Dickerson. So many students wanted it back," said Mr. Igelman. Students alike were glad to have it back as well. "It actually made me think, communicate, and collaborate with my peers to get the best result possible. It was a good experience working in a small team like real engineers do," said Sean Panish ('16).

► **Beach Volleyball**
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followed by Sophie Bartels and Chris Lee in second. Like any noteworthy competition, prizes were awarded to the winners with a special thanks to 692 Beach Volleyball Club and PromoVentures for helping to sponsor the event. "Playing on the beach with the OLP girls was awesome," said Sean Dixon. "I'm looking forward to reclaiming the title once again whenever we play next." Fortunately, the tournament was a huge success and is likely here to stay. "We definitely plan on holding the Saints/OLP tournament every year and we are looking to add an alumni division in the years to come," said Saints head coach Aaron French.

► **Snapshot**
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ness ('15), and Phil Park, and three West Hills players being suspended. "It was tough to not be able to play the last part of the season; but I think the team did a great job adjusting to the circumstances," said captain Phil Park. After the suspensions were served, the team moved to playoffs, where Eastlake ended their late season run. Moving forward, the St. Augustine roller hockey team has a bright future. Several talented seniors will be moving on to college roller hockey, but the remaining team looks strong, and after this year's harsh playoff loss, there's no doubt that they want a title.