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Saints Soccer and Basketball Top Rankings



Senior Jake Haupt dribbles the ball past one of the Hoover Cardinals.



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It has been a fantastic season for all of the St. Augustine winter sports teams. As the season comes to a close, two particular teams have stood out. Both the St. Augustine basketball and soccer teams earned #1 rankings heading into playoffs.

The basketball team got off to a great start in the preseason. The team went 11-3 to start the year, playing a schedule that was loaded with tough teams. Two very memorable victories came against Santa Margarita and Foothills Christian.

After being down by 25 points in the 3rd quarter during the finals of the Santa Margarita Christmas Classic, the Saints came roaring back against the Eagles and won 64-60 in overtime to win the tournament title. The game against Foothills came in the opening exhibition game of the Torrey Pines Holiday Classic. Fans from all around came to see a battle of the top two teams in San Diego.

The crowd was the biggest the tournament had ever seen, and many fans had to stand the entire game because every seat was filled up before the game even started.

The headline of the night was Jaylen Hands ('17) from Foothills vs. Saintsman Tae-

shon Cherry ('18), both the top recruits in San Diego in their respective class. Saints took control of the game early and never looked back. Despite impressive play from Hands, the better teamwork and bench play from the Saints led to an 85-75 victory, and thus they earned the #1 ranking in San Diego.

After an impressive preseason campaign, the Saints produced an even better run in their league games. The Saints went 12-0 in league play and earned their third Western League title in four years. They were even able to get revenge on their dreaded rival, the Cathedral Catholic Dons. Last year the Dons swept Saints in all three games they played, but the

Saints were able to return the favor this year and won both matchups 66-44 and 77-45.

The only loss in the second half of the season came against Mater Dei from Santa Ana, who is currently ranked #3 in the whole country. The Saints were able to trail by only 6 in the 4th quarter, but in the end Mater Dei pulled away and came out with a 74-62 win. The Saints finished the regular season 24-4 and earned the top seed in the Open Division Playoffs.

Coach Haupt thinks very highly of his current squad.

“I think we are having a great year,” Coach Haupt said. “I’m really proud of our guys. They have all fought really hard to keep the #1 ranking all year. We have been able to fight off the injury bug, and our seniors have all stepped up into leadership roles.”

Two seniors, JT Cox and Otto Taylor, who have both been on the team since they were freshman, earned their 100th win together with a 75-56 victory over Lincoln. They are only the second duo in Saints history to reach 100 wins, the other being Eric Monroe and Martin Tombe last year.

“It is actually really exciting,” Taylor said. “But it just is a testament to our team, without them we would never get to 100.”

The seniors aren’t the only ones producing. Junior Taeshon Cherry is having an incredible year. He is averaging 23 points and 7 rebounds per game.

“He has taken his game to a whole new level,” Coach Haupt said. “He has not only improved in leadership, but also just as an overall player.”

The Saints also have three freshmen and one sophomore on the team to create what Haupt likes to call “an interesting mix” of both under and upperclassmen. All three freshman get regular playing time and the future looks bright for the team.

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Alex Zonce Pitches His Voice



By Ian Haliburton ('18)
EDITOR

Junior Alex Zonce took the daring step of auditioning for the singing competition series *The Voice* in hopes of being one of the few selected to stick around for the filming of the real, broadcasted competition.

Zonce is looking ahead to a career in singing and recording music, and decided that the competition was an opportunity to garner a presence in the industry. The audition process for the show has a multitude of stages, with only the best singers selected to continue on.

He began the process with an open audition in Las Vegas on Feb. 4. He was excited, despite exhaustion from sleep deprivation, as he waited while thousands of people were called in groups of ten to meet and sing for a producer.

“It was eye opening to see how many people have the same dream as you,” he said.

Zonce was asked to sing unaccompanied so they could evaluate his voice. He had prepared “We Don’t Have to Take Our Clothes Off” by Ella Eyre.

From the group of ten, three people were asked to remain and progress. Zonce, as one of the three, was asked to sing a second song. He had prepared “Let it Go” by James Bay.

Finally, he was asked to stay and everyone else was dismissed. They informed him that he would be moving forward to the second preliminary audition, for which he must prepare four songs with backtracks.

At this audition, he performed for six of the show’s producers and was recorded. From the songs he prepared, he sang “Mercy” by Shawn Mendes. The final stage of this audition was an interview with the producers. This would give the producers a better understanding of Zonce’s personality, passion, and story as they consider selecting him as a favorite to be on the show. Now, he can do little but wait to hear the results that will determine if he becomes a part of the true competition that is the show itself.

Understanding how many people did not make it to this point, Zonce said, “I learned that you can’t just go there and think, ‘I’m a good singer, I can do it.’ You have to practice and prepare.”

This was not Zonce’s first experience with singing competitions, his first attempt to enter the scene was when he was 13 and auditioned for *The X Factor*. Back then, the chance to be featured as a singer was not as tangible. However, the positive reception that he received at *The Voice* gives him a great deal of hope that his dream will soon be within reach.



Junior Alex Zonce after auditioning for *The Voice*.

Photo Courtesy of Victoria Quemuel

Interns Feed Cattle, Cut Movies, Witness Trauma



By Sean Panado ('17)
STAFF WRITER

During Intersession this year, while freshmen, sophomores, and juniors were studying speech or taking electives, nearly all of the 175 seniors interned in various fields of work: engineering, business, health care, entertainment, criminal justice, education, agriculture, and athletics.

The internship program has been a part of Intersession since the January "mini-mester" began in 2008. Its objective is to provide an opportunity for seniors at Saints to experience the working world, understand what it is like to network in a professional setting, and possibly assist them in narrowing down their career options.

Intersession 2017 took seniors on journeys of discovery far and wide.

Miguel Mooney and Cannon Birch interned together in Nipomo, California as ranch workers. Their daily routines consisted of feeding cattle, setting up fences in the surrounding area, and preparing bulls for rodeo shows. The two Saintsmen stayed in the ranch hand's house and were away from their homes for the entire month.

"At times, the job was dangerous, but that is what made it fun," Mooney said. "On our first night there, Cannon and I had to hunt in the woods while it was pitch-black for a mountain lion because it had reportedly killed a cow. It was crazy."

Mr. Christopher da Luz, who runs the program, attributes many internship opportunities to the Saints and OLP communities. Alumni, parents, and other family members play a critical role in the program's success. For example, the Palhegyi family owns a mechanical design company and has hosted senior interns for the past four years. Some locations where Saintsmen have interned

since the program was founded include New York, Texas, Arizona, Oregon, and even foreign countries, such as Mexico and Spain.

Madrid, Spain is where William Stonehouse interned due to his interest in a filmmaking career. There, Stonehouse completed his internship for the company Contrasentido. As a post-production assistant, Stonehouse was able to edit commercials and small episodes for the "Goya Awards," equivalent to The Academy Awards in the United States. He learned about the behind-the-scenes process and how a finished television piece is produced.

"Now, after having had experience with professional editing software like Adobe Premiere Pro and Adobe After Effects, I feel confident when editing my own personal documentaries and short films," Stonehouse said. "I am extremely grateful for the exposure I received out there."

Of the multiple new internships added to the program this year, perhaps most notable was the one conducted at Scripps Mercy Hospital. Mercy functions as one of the six trauma centers in San Diego, and a handful of interns had the opportunity to witness physicians perform intense surgeries, critical operations, and timely patient evaluations. The cases ranged from intoxication and drug abuse to shotgun wounds and serious head injuries.

Luciano Manotas was one of three student observers at this internship site.

"It was a shocking experience seeing all of the blood and guts, but it just made me want to pursue the medical field even more since there is so much to see and learn, especially in the emergency room," Manotas said.

As yet another unique aspect of the Saints experience, the internship program provides seniors with a chance to explore their interests and gives them insight into their potential future careers. Whether or not their internship affects their desired profession, it certainly prepares them for the world beyond Saints.



Senior Cannon Birch interned as a ranch worker. Photo Courtesy of Miguel Mooney

DISCovering the New DJ Club



The leaders of the Music Tech Club: Juniors Carlos Herrera, Ovannes Gallegos, Javier Lozano, and Juan Garcia.



By Martin Szumski ('18)
STAFF WRITER

The Music Technology Club is one of the new clubs at Saints this year. They've brought their sound and gear to campus celebrations, and were a prominent part of the festivities at the Turkey Trot and, more recently, the Fat Tuesday food truck extravaganza.

Junior Javier Lozano is the leading force behind this club's creation, but he is not without the help of other music enthusiasts. Fellow juniors Carlos Herrera, Juan Garcia, and Ovannes Gallegos are among the members who have contributed the most towards the club's growth.

Carlos Herrera provides the professional equipment, which gives the members a sense of what being a real DJ is like. Juan Garcia is in charge of spreading the word about the club and recruiting new

members. Gallegos is the one who pushed Javier to create the club, and has encouraged the idea of having the club benefit charities.

The new club has its roots with Javier Lozano, who wanted to create the club since his freshman year. Lozano, an experienced DJ, created the club to inspire and motivate students to express themselves through their love of electronic dance music by either producing music or DJ-ing events. Lozano said that the Music Technology Club is supposed to be a "family where everyone is invited to share ideas, showcase their talent, and have a great time."

The club meets every Wednesday in room 215. There, Lozano works with students to create music using Ableton Live, a standard program used by music creators of all levels, from first timers to artists of the world's most awarded studios. Along

with helping students create their own music, Lozano gives feedback on their work.

Mr. Crouse is the club's moderator, and has been since its creation.

"Mr. Crouse is a great moderator, a real father figure," Lozano said. "He empowers student leadership and he is a great leader himself. Right from the start, he really set the tone for how our club ought to be run."

When the club gains enough "Laptop" DJs, they plan to have their own events with all the proceeds going to Hogar Infantil. Not only will this be good for Hogar Infantil, but it will also benefit the students and members as they will get valuable experience presenting their music to a real crowd.

Although they have no affiliation with the Symphonic Band or the Saints 32nd Street Jazz Band, most of the members of the Music Technology Club would be willing to do dual events to benefit Hogar Infantil. The one advantage of EDM and music created on computers is that it has a much smaller learning curve.

Many of the Jazz and Symphonic Band members know that learning new instruments can be difficult, however DJ-ing can be learned with relative ease. Teaching a young EDM hopeful is also aided by the many programs and apps to create music, this accessibility has paved a path of DJ-ing for many a Saintsman, including including Lozano himself.

With Lozano at the helm, it looks as if the club will be in good hands for the foreseeable future. It will be undoubtedly interesting to see what the club has in store for the Saints community as they are at the cutting edge of music technology.

If you are interested in EDM or would like to join the Music Technology Club you can visit room 215 on Wednesdays, or contact Javier Lozano via the Music Tech Clubs Instagram: @sahs_m_t_c.

Test Your OLP Ignorance



By Sebastian Larson-Moreno ('18)
STAFF WRITER

Last year, no one received a perfect score. Here's the same test. Send your responses to saintsnewspaper@gmail.com. The first Saintsman to get them all correct will receive a \$10 gift certificate to In-N-Out Burger.

- When was OLP founded?
 - 1923
 - 1896
 - 1905
 - 1882
- What religious order founded OLP?
 - Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet
 - Carmelite Nuns
 - Felician Sisters
 - Sisters of Loreto
- The campus used to be a...
 - Boarding School
 - Private Estate
 - Mental Insitution
 - Hotel
- It has continually operated for...
 - 93 years
 - 111 years
 - 132 years
 - 120 years
- Which movie was filmed in OLP's gym?
 - Bring It On
 - Clueless
 - Mean Girls
 - Legally Blonde
- How many CIF sports teams do they have?
 - 10
 - 20
 - 18
 - 27
- This year, OLP added a new team for sports. Which one?
 - Archery
 - Lacrosse
 - Golf
 - Surf

If Trump Ran Saint Augustine High School...



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1. Students from [insert foreign country here] would be extremely vetted in the admissions process.

2. The walls of the new gymnasium would be considerably higher, large enough to keep Cathedral out.

3. One hundred new positions will be added to Ted's Kitchen to increase jobs here on the homefront.

4. The Augustinian would be defunded over accusations of publishing "fake news."

5. Ethan McVeigh and Diego Garcia would be "FIRED." Daily announcements would be issued over Twitter and approved by Press Secretary Sean Spicer.

6. Detentions and referrals would be replaced with torture. We would simply "lock them up."

7. The inaugural Miss OLP Beauty Pageant would be held in the new community center on the president's birthday, June 14th.

8. Mr. "Coach" Davis would be appointed as Chief Ambassador to the nation of Gringolandia.

9. Male teachers would have to wear Trump ties; female teachers: Ivanka's fashion line.

10. Drug testing would no longer be random. Those tested would be selected at the president's discretion.

Exorcise the Garbage Demon from Campus

 By Diego Eros ('17)
STAFF WRITER

There's a demon amongst us, boys. This demon haunts the halls and stalks the courtyards, slinking under your nose and sticking to your shoes. He comes not with the face of a ghoul or spirit, but instead takes the form of soggy, stepped-on peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and the half-eaten remains of pizza from days gone by.

Dramatic openings aside, Saint Augustine High School is pretty filthy. If we collected just the recyclables lying around campus throughout the year, we could probably fill Dougherty Gym to the banners. In fact, this has gotten to the point where if this continues, the administrative body should strongly consider establishing a mandatory course in oinking and laying around in one's own filth because it is only fitting that a pig-sty be a home for pigs.

Saintsmen are Christian Gentlemen, not livestock! The reputation of this prestigious title of ours is only as clean as the campus in which we reside. As a student body, we must come together and make a sincere effort to clean up our campus. The walls of this school once shone in bright white, but now they may as well be mostly composed of the rotting apple cores and spilled coffee that are so artistically splattered on their surfaces. I suppose it could be argued that the various chunks of rotting lunches provide an abstract aesthetic to the buildings, but if we wanted murals we would surely have a professional paint them. So we do appreciate your efforts, but please take your artistic endeavors elsewhere.

I am fairly confident in saying that there is a general consensus that cleanlier is better. If I recall correctly, the school was quite a bit cleaner when I first walked through its gates. In recent years, it seems that we, as a brotherhood, have become in-

creasingly sloppy. The entire campus has been neglected to the point where its level of neatness is becoming comparable to the incoming freshmen's handwriting.

Those students who make Saints their personal dumpster don't even stop to think about the men and women charged with cleaning our messes. If those wonderful people didn't exist, we would currently be swimming in a sea of half empty Gatorade bottles, Muscle-Milk cartons, and the remnants of what could've, at one point, been either chili cheese fries or a small animal.

The point is that, as Saintsmen, we owe a certain level of respect to the custodians and janitors whom we punish so regularly. Saints is a Division 1 basketball team, but if one were to steal a glance at the bathroom's trash cans, it would appear that none of us could make a free throw if our lives depended on it. And a closer look would reveal that our aim apparently worsens in confined space.

In the midst of all the general untidiness, there is one place at Saints that perfectly represents the cleanliness problem at our school. Despite the efforts of Mr. Weber's Block 5 physics class, one particular table between Villanova and Mendel Hall has remained dirty throughout the entire year... courtesy of a particularly ravenous horde of freshmen whose identities are only protected by the limits of my pen. We wouldn't want justice here, would we? No, that would be absurd.

Every day, at the sound of the bell screaming at us to get to class, this table is abandoned. Every day, at the sound of that same bell (now apparently an airport terminal announcement), the occupants are asked to clear the table. And every day, the table remains soiled. I know we call ourselves Saints, but I fear that Mr. Lamerato may have been far more accurate in his notorious description all along.

Now, this is absolutely not implying that all Saintsmen are dirty little rats.



See this? This is where trash belongs.

Max Rodriguez ('17)

That would mean that I am a rat as well and, with college applications finished, I just don't know if I am ready to undertake that kind of responsibility right now. However, it is arguable that a good chunk of us students have developed some very rodent-like hygiene habits.

I beg of thee, Saintsmen, pick up your trash. Unfortunately, we can't ask St. Augustine to both pray for us and clean for us, so prioritize. This place has built you and made you into Christian Gentlemen, whether you are aware of it or not, so show

it some Caritas back. Lately, we have been building messes, so let's focus on building future Saints instead.

As a Saintsmen, I am confident that we can conquer any obstacle that faces us in the future, whether it be some strewn papers, an empty bottle, or a helmeted beef-cake in Cathedral red. Who knows, maybe if we all join together and give our absolute best efforts, we can finally even introduce the Freshman class to the wonders of deodorant.

Saints Seniors Commit to D1 Sports



Seniors Rodney Thompson, Tariq Thompson, and Brenner Jarrad at the Hall of Players.

Photo courtesy of Saints Twitter



By Daniel Wehbe ('17)
EDITOR

The talented students of Saints are the driving force behind the success of the Saints athletics department, and many of our seniors commit to playing Division 1 college sports in their freshman year. The four seniors following this path, having committed to a university to play their sport are: Brenner Jarrad (soccer, American University), Tariq Thompson (football, San Diego State University), Rodney Thompson (football, Northern Arizona University), and Jake Haupt (soccer, University of California, Davis).

Starting on the football field, stand-

out safety and wide receiver Tariq Thompson committed to SDSU before the 2016 football season even began. Thompson has started on the varsity football team since he was a freshman. Thompson showed exceptional instincts and football intelligence, especially on the defensive side of the ball where he captained the secondary. He also had an offer from Fresno State, but ultimately decided on SDSU for a variety of reasons.

Thompson said, "I committed to SDSU because of the relationship I built with the entire coaching staff. I feel like they offer a great education, and playing there will allow me to grow as a man not too far away from home. I would like to thank the Saints

community for being so supportive to every team I have been on."

Tariq's teammate, Rodney Thompson, who was at the throwing end of many of Tariq's touchdowns, has committed to being quarterback at Northern Arizona University. Rodney has been taking snaps with the varsity team since he was a freshman, but assumed the starting quarterback role the last two seasons.

One thing that makes Rodney an intriguing college prospect is his efficiency in his position. In his senior year, Rodney posted a 127.1 quarterback rating, a metric that is used to rank efficiency. This was number one in the entire county. Rodney also completed over 66% of his passes and

had a 4:1 touchdown to interception ratio.

"I committed back in December because I had known the coaching staff and knew that they thought highly of me," Thompson said. "Also, when I took my visit there I enjoyed the people around me and it was an all around good experience."

Moving from the gridiron to the soccer pitch, full back and midfielder Jake Haupt recently announced his commitment to play soccer at UC Davis. Anyone who watches Haupt play can easily see how experienced he is. Playing both year round club soccer and at Saints, Haupt has been able to bolster his technical skills. Two traits of his that stand out are his pin-point accurate passing and his sure tackling. He is also very versatile, capable of playing any position in the defense and in the midfield.

On UC Davis, he said, "That's the place I have always wanted to be: the campus, the students, and the soccer program. It's exactly what I'm looking for in a college."

Haupt's teammate and midfielder Brenner Jarrad has committed to American University. Jarrad has been starting on the varsity team since he was a freshmen. Like Haupt, Jarrad also plays year-round club soccer. Jarrad stands out on the pitch with his dribbling ability and his offensive creativity. He has a knack for creating chances for goals where none seem to be present.

"I chose to play at American because I wanted to go to school in a big east coast city, a changeup from my life here in San Diego," he said.

All four of these Saints men have committed much of their time and effort to the athletics program at Saints. They reflect the best that the school has to offer on the field, and they are all fine gentlemen off the field. Surely, there is much reason to be proud of this year's D1 commits.

Wrestling Tears It Up in the Western League



By Abraham Franco-Hernandez ('19)
STAFF WRITER

Saints wrestling has had one of its best seasons yet. Destroying Mainland 71-6, Ocean City 62-9, Atlantic City 68-9, and Mission Bay 81-0, the Saints wrestling team secured a well-deserved 2nd place spot in the Western League for the second-year in a row, having been barely edged out of 1st place by University City. With a 4-1 record, Saints wrestling has done an astounding job having only 30 players in their roster this season.

Wrestling Coach Matt Linville explained their recipe for success.

"Training is the key component to winning games," he said. "We have the guys lift weights and train harder so that they have a physical advantage over their opponents, but (we) have also taught them the right moves. This is a mentally and physically demanding sport and they need to be stronger and smarter."

Even though the team as a whole has done very well this season, there are some star players that have consistently dominated in League, such as Senior Jonathan Lewis. Lewis earned 1st place in the Monte Vista Tournament, having pinned Helix's Andrew Poumele in the championship match. Lewis will now be going to Master's, the prestigious tournament reserved for the elite wrestlers.

Last season, Saints Wrestling tied the school record by sending 5 guys to Master's, which has only been accomplished once in Saints history. They are looking to send even more guys to Master's this season, like standout Junior Moi Pacheco. Last season, Pacheco broke a St. Augustine Wrestling wins record, having finished with 34 wins and 8 losses. This year, having gone to tougher tournaments and fac-



From left to right: Anthony Perez, Moi Pacheco, Jonathan Lewis and Christian Quinto.

Photo courtesy of Saints Twitter

ing stronger opposition, his record is still remarkable, with 20 wins and 8 losses.

"I think we did pretty well in Western League this season, but just fell short against University City, which hurts a little, but we are still looking to do well in CIF and hopefully win it. We have been training harder and with more intensity this season, but still staying mentally tough and ready for anything that comes our way," said Moi

Pacheco.

Training has proven to be the biggest factor to the Saints Wrestling team success this season. Harder training regimens help them gain an edge over their opponents.

"I am happy with our success this season, but a bit disappointed that we couldn't get the win over University City to secure 1st place," said sophomore Mikel Ibaibarriaga. "They beat us by having more refined

technique, but that will only push us to be better. We will focus on our conditioning and master the moves we know so that beating them won't be a problem next season."

The Saints wrestling team has had a great season that will be remembered for some great performances. Their work isn't done yet, however, as they now set their sights on CIF playoffs and aim for a championship.

For a Just World: Stop Human Trafficking

Chaplain's Corner



By Fr. Kirk Davis, O.S.A.
COLUMNIST

Reaching Beyond Ourselves During Lent

As we enter the season of Lent, we are mindful of the call to prayer, fasting, and abstinence. While many look at this time as one of denial, of doing without, we can also think of it as a time of opportunity for spiritual growth, both individually and as a member of your community.

So often we publicly commit to 'giving something up' for Lent. I invite you all this Lent to consider how you might do something active, how you might reach out to your neighbor in some positive action as a demonstration of prayer and fasting.

Back in 2011, as Lent approached I found myself wondering, "What Lenten practice might I engage in that reaches beyond myself?" My response that year was to select three Fridays during Lent to prepare and serve a Lenten lunch of homemade soup and grilled cheese sandwiches in the Monastery.

From the very first day, this fundraising and community building effort was a success, and six years later it's become one of the Saints traditions we look forward to every year. And it continues to be a personal Lenten practice that enriches my own personal spiritual life.

In his Lenten message to the faithful this year, Pope Francis said: "I encourage all the faithful to express this spiritual renewal also by sharing in the Lenten Campaigns promoted by many Church organizations in different parts of the world, and thus to favour the culture of encounter in our one human family. Let us pray for one another so that, by sharing in the victory of Christ, we may open our doors to the weak and poor. Then we will be able to experience and share to the full the joy of Easter."

May you all have a fruitful Lent in preparation for a glorious Easter.

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF SLAVES IN THE WORLD TODAY:

10-30 MILLION



What can our government do to combat human trafficking?



By Ricky Soto ('17)
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As we begin our second semester many stresses return to our lives. We have to manage the delicate balance of school work, extracurriculars, and time to enjoy life. Seldom do we take a moment to think of those who are in situations of pain and suffering.

While issues such as abortion and immigration often dominate the national discourse, we rarely reflect on the pervasiveness of human trafficking. In San Diego, sex trafficking is a particularly large problem. It is an 810 million dollar industry locally. The average age of entry for victims in San Diego County is 16 years of age. Furthermore, anywhere from 3,417 to 8,108 people are sex trafficked on an annual basis in San Diego County.

Victims of human trafficking aren't always sex slaves either. According to the United Nations, around 40% of trafficking victims are used in forced labor, a 25% increase since

2007. Victims are even used for more grotesque purposes such as organ harvesting. As many as 33% of human trafficking victims are children. Trafficking claims 20 to 30 million victims around the globe every year. While here at home the problem might be largely confined to sex slavery, it takes a much broader scope on the international stage.

On a global and national level, considerable effort is applied to curbing the damage done and stopping the cycle of human trafficking. You may be surprised to know that it wasn't until 2000 that the U.S. enacted its first comprehensive law against human trafficking, the Trafficking Victims Protection Act. In 2003, the UN approved a protocol that pushed member nations toward enacting comprehensive laws against human trafficking. To this day there are 2 billion people who live in countries without comprehensive legislation.

Catholic charities and other secular nonprofits do what they can to help the numerous victims of modern day slavery. These chari-

table organizations offer food and shelter for women attempting to get out of prostitution and advocate for stronger legislation against traffickers. Catholic Social Teaching stresses the dignity of the human person, a value that human trafficking is diametrically opposed to. We have a moral responsibility to work to eradicate modern day slavery. There is a variety of proposed solutions ranging from regulation and legalization of prostitution to giving broader prosecutorial authority to law enforcement and longer sentences to traffickers. However, what is abundantly clear is that human trafficking needs to take a more prominent role in the public debate on how to work towards a more prosperous and just society.

If you are interested in writing for the For a More Just World column, please see Jon Heisler in the Campus Ministry Office.

If you want to learn more about human trafficking check out the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, Catholic Relief Services, or polarisproject.org.

Becoming a Better Man in the Yucatan



By Janan Moein ('18)
STAFF WRITER

Over Intersession, Father Kirk and Ms. Mekrut led a trip with thirteen juniors to Guatemala, serving as an opportunity for cultural enrichment and community service.

The students on the trip served the local Guatemalan communities through the Mission San Lucas Toliman by constructing wooden and cinderblock houses, and concrete cooking stoves with proper ventilation. The students also spent an afternoon learning how to do chores the Guatemalan way, including making traditional tortillas, washing clothes by hand, carrying 75lbs of chopped wood on their backs, and carrying baskets of laundry on their heads.

"What we did were things you definitely wouldn't do everyday back home. It felt really fulfilling to do hard work that had a good purpose, though," said junior Chase Colbert.

On two of the afternoons they heard the stories of locals, such as Dona Chona, who talked about the Guatemalan Civil War and the loss of her husband in the violence, and Don Andres, a farmer, who spoke about what life was like working and living on a Finca (Plantation) before the Mission began its land purchase program, a program that has helped many Guatemalan farming families to buy their own land.

They spent two additional afternoons with a local by the name of Don Toribio, first talking about reforestation, then experiencing a Mayan Thanksgiving Ceremony officiated by a real Mayan priest. They visited Santiago Atitlan, where they witnessed the site of the martyrdom of Fr. Stan Rother, who was murdered in the rectory of the church by government paramilitary forces at the height of the Guatemalan Civil War.

Then they crossed Lake Atitlan, landing in the town of Panajachel, a popular tourist



A team of Saintsmen get ready to zipline in Guatemala.

Photo Courtesy of Ms. Mekrut

destination that attracts the "new age" crowd, and boasts many places to eat and shop. The group then returned to San Lucas where they had a soccer match and basketball game with the locals.

This year's trip was much like previous years, but differed in that they stayed three nights at the beginning of the trip in Copan, Honduras, where they were able to explore the Mayan Ruins. In previous years, they spent their last six days visiting Antigua,

Semuc Champey, and the Pacaya Volcano.

These trips are very unique and offer the students a chance to broaden their horizons. Junior Reid Gohlke, said, "I would definitely recommend this trip to my fellow Saintsmen because it gave me a more global and cultured perspective of Latin America."

Father Kirk has a number of similarly unique trips on the horizon, such as an alternative Spring Break trip to Philadelphia scheduled to depart the day after Easter, and

a summer pilgrimage to Spain where students will visit Barcelona and Madrid in addition to walking the final ten stages of the Camino de Santiago. The Spain trip will depart late July, returning mid-August.

Next Intersession, service and cultural immersion trips will again be offered to Guatemala and Italy, with the addition of a local Southern California service and cultural immersion trip being offered by Miss Quirk.

SAHS Club Guide

St. Augustine High School is home to a wide variety of clubs. Recently, we provided Saintsmen with a list of 19 recognized clubs they could get involved. In this issue, we present an additional 18 clubs to join the second semester.

Teens Growing Together

Moderator: Brother Barney
Presidents: Nik Vedder and Michael Senoff
Meetings: By announcement, once a month on Saturdays

Teens Growing Together mentors and tutors children with life threatening illnesses such as cancer.

Chess Club

Moderator: Brother Barney
President: Martin Szumski
Meetings: By announcement

Chess club teaches and promotes the love of chess through tournaments and games throughout the year.

S.W.A.P. (Service With a Purpose Club)

Moderator: Mrs. Palafox
President: Santino Varcadipone
Meetings: By announcement

Service With a Purpose works to serve the community with the help of the San Diego Police Department.

Programming and Robotics Club

Moderator: Mr. Crouse
President: Nick Vecchioni
Meetings: By announcement

Programming and Robotics enables students to explore the different aspects of design, building, and programming.

Big Brothers of San Diego

Moderator: Tim Golden
President: Roman Aguirre
Meetings: By announcement

Our mission is to help St. Augustine students in providing a brotherly figure for elementary school students.

Longboarding Club

Moderator: Ms. Crachy
President: Matt Johnson
Meetings: By announcement

We skate the streets of San Diego with Saints skateboarders.

Science Olympiad

Moderator: Mrs. Walker
President: William Legg
Meetings: Fridays 1-2:30

The Science Olympiad Club participates in science competitions related to biology, chemistry, and physics.

Automotive Club

Moderator: Mr. Cudal
President: Jason Raines
Meetings: By announcement

Our mission is to get involved with the better aspects of automobiles.

Nutritional Awareness Club

Moderator: Coach Laporta
President: Diego Eros
Meetings: By announcement

The Nutritional Awareness Club informs the student body of proper health and exercise.

The Augustinian

Moderator: Mr. Bachynsky
Editor-in-Chief: Gian Ferrer
Meetings: Tuesdays at lunch, room 318

The Augustinian always welcomes talented and aspiring writers, photographers, and cartoonists. If you are interested in such tasks, feel free to stop by at meetings.

African American Alliance

Moderator: Mr. Inzunza
President: Kaori McGowan
Meetings: By announcement

African American Alliance works to promote culture and confront racism in today's youth.

Improv Club

Moderator: Mr. Slevcove
President: Thomas Parashos
Meetings: Fridays from 1:15-3:15

The Improv Club works to encourage actors to act without scripts. Actors must go by suggestion and wits using a variety of scene games to promote improvisation.

E.O.D. Warrior Foundation Club

Moderator: Mr. Hecht
Presidents: Will Baughman
Meetings: By announcement

E.O.D. aims to raise money and awareness for the Navy E.O.D. warrior foundation and provide service.

Urban Dance

Moderator: Brother Max
President: Richard Tamoria
Meetings: By announcement

Urban Dance Club's goal is to help get students more involved in dance to create and learn.

Music Technology Club

Moderator: Mr. Crouse
President: Javier Lozano
Meetings: By announcement

The club strives to encourage students to express themselves through electronic music and serve the community through events.

Mountain Bike Club

Moderator: Mr. Yoakum
President: Sebastian Castillo
Meetings: By announcement

The Mountain Bike Club organizes and rides with bike enthusiasts for exercise.

Math Circle

Moderator: Mr. Manley
President: Joey Tanaka
Meetings: By announcement

We study uncommon mathematical problems and topics.

Barbershop Quartet Club

Moderator: Ms. Au
President: Landon Yates
Meetings: By announcement

The Barbershop Quartet Club helps build a community based on vocal talents.

The C3K Club

Moderator: Father Kirk
President: David Pack
Meetings: By announcement

The group goes to the orphanage to present the topics of chemistry, nutrition, and life skills to the children.

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Life at Saints

By Carlos Escobosa ('17)



Taeshon Cherry jumps for a dunk.

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The Saints won their opening round play-off matchup against an aggressive La Costa Canyon squad. The Saints jumped out to a double-digit lead in the 2nd quarter and never looked back, as they cruised to 68-45 victory. Jack Peterson ('17) lead all scorers with 12 points.

The Saints soccer team is also having a terrific season. They are heading into playoffs with a strong record of 12 wins, 2 losses, and 8 ties. Like the basketball team, the Saints soccer stars had a very strong preseason.

They were able to reach the finals of the Grossmont Soccer Tournament, and they were also able to win the championship in the 22nd annual SoCal Classic Tournament at Oceanside High School. They defeated La Costa Canyon 2-0 to take home the crown.

"We have a very talented team," Coach Johnston said. "We are very strong in the backfield, with Michael Ingraham ('17) leading the way as goalie."

Ingraham isn't the only senior helping to lead the team, as Jake Haupt, Brenner Jarrad, and Richie Hamlin have been major producers all year. One senior, Josh Castrillon, who made his return to the team after taking last season off to focus on academy league play, has been dealing with injuries throughout the year. But when he is healthy, watch out.

The Saints played their first playoff game this past week, defeating San Pasqual 2-1 in a thrilling overtime matchup. Jake Haupt was able to seal the deal with a penalty shot golden goal that sent the Saints fans home happy.

The next game wasn't any less thrilling. After a back and forth battle with the Point Loma Pointers, the game went again into extra time with a score of 0-0. After 15 minutes of bonus time, the score was still a deadlock. The fans in attendance all lined up around the field to watch the penalty kicks. Michael Ingraham was the hero for the Saints as he saved 3 Pointer shots and the Saints won in penalties 3 goals to 1. The Saints are headed to the Open Division Finals on March 3rd.

Whether it be basketball or soccer or any of your favorite teams, be sure to head out and support all the Saintsmen as they battle to add another CIF banner to our gym.

Saints Rings in New PA System

By Sebastian Larson-Moreno ('18)
STAFF WRITER

To accompany the addition of our top of the line student center, the school begun a shift of the PA system in the existing buildings.

This upgrade began in January during Intersession. Our previous system has had issues since its introduction onto campus during the Fall of 2006. The original system was a hard wired system that connected between all the buildings. This older model was manufactured and installed by a now defunct company.

As a result, Saints has had a difficult time resolving even the simplest of issues and up until now, Mr. Igelman has fixed the problems. This was the reason for getting a new system.

The system that was currently being integrated is a newer more robust PA from a more well established company. Since the system is so advanced Mr. Igelman says, "Its full potential isn't completely reached as it is run through what are like speaker wires but it can run through IP."

As such we have begun an integration of the pre-existing system with the new PA.

A result of this melding of the systems was a new bell sound. The first bell that was heard on the new system was a single tone that held a high volume. It was chosen at random as it was one of few preset bell options. This bell (if it could be called that) had mixed reviews from the students and faculty. Most believed it to be too loud and annoying, while others likened it to the generic bells found in all other schools. Matthew Lujan ('18) said, "I could hear it really clearly but the sound was just annoying."

Mr. Igelman decided to let the students choose their bell. Six possible tones were offered and the sixth was chosen to remain. Students have reacted positively.

With our new system we can expect improved audio quality and no more static interference, yet until the integration is complete in the coming weeks, it will not be fully operational for morning announcements and the Angelus.