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## Coach Stephenson Calls it a Career



By Joseph Selfani ('21)  
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After serving at Saint Augustine High School for over 34 years, Coach Mike Stephenson is retiring from Saints. Over his long tenure, his work has been formidable. He served as assistant baseball coach, head coach for varsity football, head coach for freshman football, head swim coach, head basketball coach for 20 years (compiling a 427-201 record), and he taught PE and English. Although he stepped away from these positions in recent years, his impact was unparalleled. He is also the Letterman's Club Moderator, putting him in charge of the letterman jackets. He is most known, however, for the position that he has held for the past 25 years as the Assistant Principal for Athletics.

In that role, it was Coach Stephenson's job to oversee all athletic programs, making sure that they ran smoothly and delivered victories for our school. His responsibilities included hiring coaches and making sure that athletes had the equipment they needed to succeed. He values each and every sports team at Saints, so he takes every step to make sure the budget is balanced and distributed fairly among them. Some examples of projects he has done include fixing the track in 2012, adding new gym equipment for all the sports teams that lift, the building of the batting cage, the new weight room, a baseball field in Clairemont, and the stickers on Mr. Chesser's cart, to name a few. He was also on the committee for the Rev. John R. Sanders Gymnasium and oversaw parts of the project. There, he fought for the basketball courts on the roof, which wound up being a decision well-received by the Saints



Coach Stephenson stands in front the batting cages, his most recent project.

Andrew Tran ('19)

community.

Coach Stephenson loved this school from the day he arrived in 1985 and has been participating in the Saints experience ever since.

“He knows that we are all here for the students. He has a tremendous love for our school and our students and a great enthusiasm about showing that,” Coach Haupt said.

For all the work he has done here, six days a week, he hopes that he has made a positive impact. He knows the hard work everyone puts in and always makes sure that everybody feels included and receives the credit they deserve. He established many programs, such

as surfing, lacrosse, and rugby, and hopes that they continue on after he leaves. Perhaps his proudest accomplishment is the longevity of coaches in their office.

“Coach Stephenson knew the sports and always chose the right people to fill positions at the coaching level,” Mr. Cudal, Coach Stephenson's long-time “friend” at Saints, said.

“What separates our school from others is that most of our coaches are long-term,” Coach Stephenson said. “For the past 50 years we only had three baseball coaches, and I never had to hire a basketball coach.”

Coach Stephenson attributes this to the

way he took care of them, giving them autonomy and shielding them from all the outside issues, allowing the coaches to make decisions for whatever is best for the team while knowing that they have the trust of Coach Stephenson.

“He always did a good job of letting you know that he supported you but also gave you space to do your job,” Coach Haupt said.

Throughout the numerous years Coach Stephenson has been at Saints, he hopes he has preserved its tradition and made himself known as part of the community, leaving a

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## Saints Says “Goodbye, Mr. Chipp”

*After 43 years as the Executive Director of Finance and Facilities, Mr. Steve Chipp heads for retirement.*



By Thomas Vedder ('20)  
STAFF WRITER

Saints couldn't be what it is without the man who has worked tirelessly behind the scenes. He has been dedicating his life in service to our community and making sure that our school is in shape to face literally every challenge you could think of. He is the man who is behind the money, and the bearer of all keys: Steve Chipp, the Executive Director of Finance and Facilities. Every event you attend, every building you walk by, and every sporting event you attend bears his mark in some way or another. Now, after 43 years of service to our school, Mr. Chipp will be retiring.

Mr. Chipp, himself a Saints graduate from the class of 1968, took up his position as Executive Director of Finance and Facilities in 1977. He has accomplished so much at Saints that any attempt to describe it would not do his work justice.

When Mr. Chipp first arrived at the school, Saints was struggling with enrollment and had little to no financial planning. The school has since grown from 550 students to over 700 today, has grown its endowment from nothing to over 4 million dollars, and gives away 3 million dollars

in financial aid every year. Mr. Chipp also served as the Alumni Director for over 25 years and started the Alumni Golf tournament, which has raised over \$450,000.

He has played a major role in the financing, fundraising, and construction of most of the campus as it is today, with the exception of Vasey Hall and the monastery. He played a major role in the most recent additions to campus, beginning in 2007 with the Mendel and Villanova Halls and culminating in the dedication of the theater earlier this year, totaling at a cost of around \$55 million.

He was also involved in sports. In addition to being a baseball player, he was a sportswriter for *The Augustinian* and the yearbook.

“One of my most memorable moments at Saints was winning the first league title and playing in the CIF championship at Westgate Park, the Padres's minor league field,” Mr. Chipp said. “We also played Uni, which is now Cathedral Catholic, and another pitcher and I threw a no hitter against them.”

The relationships that Mr. Chipp formed as a student at Saints, especially with former Disciplinary Vice President, John Bowman, were what helped him to develop a strong



Mr. Chipp has been at Saints almost as long as the sundial.

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bond with Saints that saw him return to the school after graduating from Santa Clara University.

“The stars just aligned. When I applied, someone else was leaving and they needed someone with a business background,” Chipp said.

Mr. Chipp's daily schedule involves checking with the engineering staff to en-

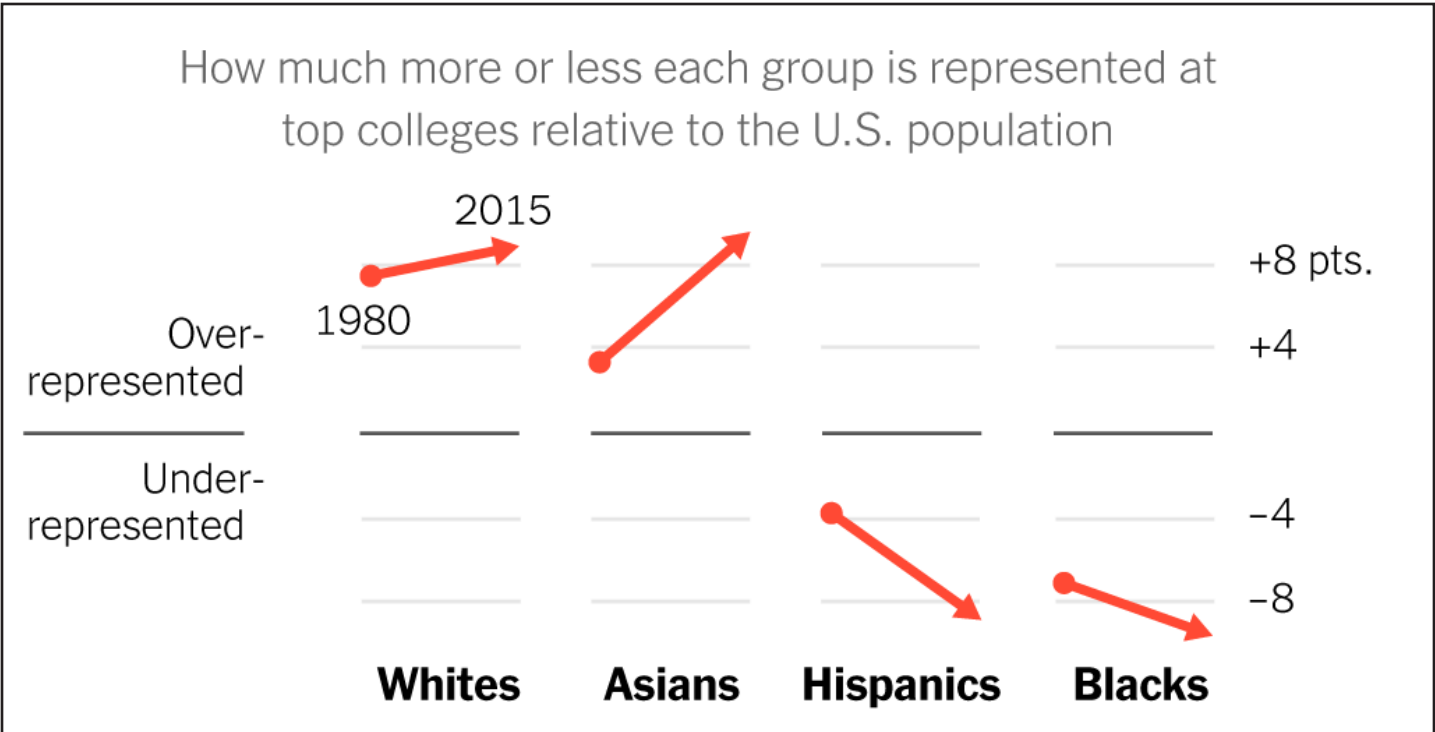
sure that our facilities are in great condition. On the financial side, he is always monitoring the money that is brought in through tuition and manages the expenditures, making sure that our school's budget is balanced.


Faculty and staff have appreciated Mr. Chipp for decades, as he made sure they got paid.

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# A Senior's Opinion on Affirmative Action



 **By Abraham Franco-Hernandez ('19)**  
EDITOR

Affirmative Action is the program which strives to provide better opportunities for those who are often excluded from educational and job opportunities, most notably minorities. It does so by giving those who have been historically discriminated against an edge in college admissions. Some argue that the bump in acceptance rate for these minorities is negligible at best, while others say that it makes a considerable difference. These differing viewpoints lead to the all-too-common and predictable debate which ensues every year around the time college admission decisions are announced: is Affirmative Action fair? Or should it be abolished?

In 2003, Barbara Grutter, a white woman, was denied admission to University of Michigan Law School despite having impressive test scores and grades. She filed a lawsuit on the basis of discrimination of race against the university, specifically stating that they unfairly used race as a factor during the admissions process. The lawsuit, Grutter argued, was justified by the university's direct violation of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the very same that was used as a way to

enforce Affirmative Action.

The Supreme Court ruled in favor of the university, stating that schools have a right to consider race in admissions in order to produce a diverse student body. The argument used was that this allowed students to be exposed to different cultures in efforts to eradicate stereotypical constructs and foster maturity and respect. While this was done in efforts to even the playing field, it had a negative impact on students of European and Asian descent.

Asian students, despite technically being minorities, fell out of favor with the Affirmative Action program, as they often had higher test scores than other ethnic minorities and became over-represented at many universities. The reaction by universities in their attempt to create diversity on their campuses caused the Asian population to be the so-called "forgotten minority of higher education," as the benefits awarded to the other marginalized groups were withheld from them.

Those that saw themselves positively impacted by these changes were minority students, including Blacks, Hispanics, and Native Americans. The admission percentages to prestigious institutions increased exponentially for these individuals. Not only did Affirmative Action increase the odds for these

students to attend selective universities, but it also provided them with better financial aid to make the possibility of attending college a reality. In 2014, 66% of Hispanics cited financial instability in their families as the driving force behind their decision to work full-time instead of attending college (per Pew Research Center). Affirmative Action could ease these financial situations.

My personal view on this topic lies somewhere in between. I am neither entirely opposed to nor am I entirely in support of the Affirmative Action program. Since I am Mexican, I have received comments from peers suggesting that my admission to certain colleges is due to my ethnicity. While such assumptions don't really bother me, it does raise the question: is race too important in college admissions? Does it take away from other individuals who have otherwise earned admission?

It's foolish to think that ethnicity plays such a major factor. Obviously, race and ethnic background are taken into consideration—this is an undeniable fact—but to say that it allows colleges to look past poor grades or test scores is a stretch. I view Affirmative Action as a supporting factor, albeit a powerful one. Despite

this, it won't save your application if everything else is lacking. However, I do believe that it allows race to make an already excellent application stand out even more.

I understand the accusation that Affirmative Action gives certain students an unfair advantage. A consequence of Affirmative Action is that it discriminates against majorities. Since the preference is given to historically discriminated individuals, it's a given that students who aren't typically discriminated in the admissions process (namely whites) will be short-changed on their academic achievements solely because of their race.

However, the benefits of keeping Affirmative Action in the college admissions earn it favor, as it increases the chances for minorities to be admitted to prestigious universities. The doors it opens for minorities is truly remarkable. Additionally, it is much easier for these historically poor ethnicities to afford an education, something that could otherwise be a deterrent. This is a wonderful opportunity for students that previously viewed college as a dream. Also, accepting the best students regardless of ethnicity could lead to universities lacking diversity. This could end up hurting students who aren't exposed to as many cultures, opinions, and ideas as they could be. The college experience wouldn't be nearly as enriching for them in this sense.

Affirmative Action is not going anywhere. As long as colleges offer scholarships to academically "undeserving" athletes, preference for minority students is here to stay—and it should.



## Fighting Against Islamaphobia



New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern embraces mourners after the shooting.

Hagen Hopkins, Getty Images

 **By Liam Brucker-Casey ('19)**  
MANAGING EDITOR

On March 15th, Muslims from all over the world went to their mosque with their families and friends, as they had done countless times before. For the worshippers in Christchurch New Zealand, however, it would not turn out to be an ordinary day of reflection and prayer. Rather, it became one of death and terror. On that fateful Friday, a xenophobic, white-nationalist terrorist

killed fifty Muslims in two mosques. They were children, parents, grandparents, aunts, and uncles. They were people from all walks of life, with many different careers; they were athletes and engineers, but, above all, they were innocent.

As Saintsmen, whether Catholic or otherwise, we must stand against hatred and xenophobia in all forms. In New Zealand, as in the United States, Muslims are the target of much prejudice and vilification. Many erroneously link Muslims as a whole

to violent radicals. This can lead to bullying, ostracization, and harassment. Other times, this can lead to violence. It's not enough to say that this recent massacre and others like it are bad. We must go above and beyond to ensure that the Muslim-American community is safe. This requires action, not just prayer or disapproval. It requires correcting those who further Islamophobic narratives. It takes actively including Muslims in American life, to guarantee they are treated with the dignity that is due to all Americans.

Finally, going above and beyond to protect Muslim-American safety requires us to do whatever it takes to avert violence and watch vigilantly for any precursors to violence.

Saintsmen should consider the way in which they discuss the Muslim community, even in jest. You should ask yourself if the way you talk about Muslims would grant any comfort to the hateful and the xenophobic. We must ensure that ours is a dialogue of inclusivity and diplomacy, not of ignorant exclusion and persecution. We cannot only silently disapprove. We have to implement solutions, because to not do so is to concede indifference.

Catholics must embrace all people regardless of creed. Genesis 1:27 states, "God created mankind in his image," All humans are created equal, and Catholic teaching does not state that some humans are more equal than others. Thus, we must take radical equality to heart and protect all vulnerable people.

This is true for many groups, especially Muslims, that society is quick to demonize, dehumanize, and devalue. These actions lay the foundation for horrific acts of violence like in New Zealand. These acts are not random or unpredictable. They are inevitable consequences of irresponsible and hateful rhetoric and policy. As Saintsmen, we should gladly seize the opportunity to lead in fighting xenophobia, enacting the virtues of unity, truth, and love in defense of those who practice Islam.



# Chaplain's Corner



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

This may come as a surprise to some of you, but the faculty here at Saints look forward to proctoring after-school detention about as much as students look forward to serving them. Every faculty member is required to proctor two detention periods per school year. We are allowed to select the dates we will fulfill this obligation, and we tend to be very flexible with helping each other out if the need arises to switch dates with a colleague.

While many of my colleagues truly dread detention duty, I have come to embrace the experience as an opportunity to express some creativity and positivity in the face of being an agent of punishment on behalf of the school. This year has seen me proctor my two detention sessions with what I believe to be some panache.

My first proctoring assignment came upon me quickly. Faced with the task of preparing the semi-annual mailing of the Hogar Infantil newsletter, I asked a colleague if I could take one of his assigned dates at the last minute. While my crew was small, we accomplished about 85% of the task in the allotted 50 minutes, and I walked away from the experience feeling victorious.

My second assignment crept up on me, and I found myself looking for divine inspiration in deciding how to spend the approaching detention period in a reasonably productive way. Again Inspiration came, and after taking attendance, I instructed the assembled 18 lads to

park their backpacks and phones in the room before we set off on a long walk around the neighborhood. The sight of 18 young men and one not-so-young Augustinian Friar marching by lifted the spirits of many of our neighbors, and I had the chance to chat with several students I had not interacted with before. I also managed to meet my step goal while fulfilling my obligation at the same time.

As we continue to navigate our way through Lent, I invite you all to take inspiration from my stories. We all are tasked with things in our lives that we might prefer not to do. We all avoid doing these very things. And we all tend to feel better when we manage to push through and simply get the job done. Whatever it is that you might be avoiding or procrastinating, I encourage you to spend some time reflecting on how you might turn that negative into a positive. How might you do something you dread in a way that gives joy to others? How might the exercise of some healthy discipline leave you feeling better at the end of the day? How might you include others in a project that seems like a drag when you considered doing it yourself, but might be transformed into a fun experience if you discover a way to make it a fun group project?

May these remaining days of intentional prayer, fasting, and almsgiving lead you all to a glorious celebration of our Risen Lord at Easter!

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mark that would be seen by later generations. He expressed this clearly with his trademark humor.

“I want my legacy to be that I didn’t ruin this school,” Stephenson said.

When asked how they feel about his retirement, both Coach Stephenson and Mr. Cudal replied, “Thank God.”

“He was serious when he needed to be, but he was always fun to work with,” Cudal said.

One of the important lessons he has learned while at Saints is, “you can’t be too big to sweep the gym,” meaning that he would sweep the gym when it needed to be cleaned and do other menial tasks despite his important position.

Now that all is finished, Coach Stephenson feels it is a great time to leave, as all projects are done and everything is set. He is not retir-


ing because he is sick and tired of it, but because it is time for him to move on and start the next chapter of his life, as he has three grandkids and another one on the way.

“He deserves it. He did a good job and put a good amount of time into it,” Mr. Cudal said.

“I am extremely happy for Mike and his family that he is retiring, but Saints will not be as good without him. He is one of a kind!” Coach Haupt said.

He plans on helping out at home and also to work on his golf game, bring that 8.2 handicap down a couple of points. He also loves to travel, especially to European countries like Scotland, Italy, Ireland, and France. Coach Stephenson will have a fun time sending pictures of himself golfing in Scotland to Mr. Linville, who will be replacing him, enjoying his retirement while Mr. Linville is working.

# Small Solutions to a Global Problem



**By Bruno Lopez ('20)**  
FEATURED WRITER

The world is currently in a highly alarming state. Global emissions are at an all-time high, and, without extreme remediation, global warming will continue to increase with catastrophic results. The world is getting hotter and hotter each year. According to the NASA Earth Observatory, by the end of the 21st century, our planet’s temperature can increase by anywhere from 2 to 6 degrees Celsius. Global warming is caused primarily by our greenhouse gas emissions, ozone depletion, and deforestation.

The burning of fossil fuels is one of the biggest contributors to greenhouse gas emissions. Fossil fuels such as crude oil, coal, and natural gas all have severe impacts on the environment. Most of us use these fossil fuels on a regular basis whether we realize it or not. We all need to be environmentally aware of what we are doing. With every opportunity we get, regardless of how little it may be, we should choose the environmentally friendly alternative, and there are many simple things we can all do to help out the environment. As San Diego residents, we have nice weather year-round. For this reason, we should try to limit our climate control; you don’t need the AC turned on everywhere you go. According to the International Energy Agency, air conditioning is the biggest residential demand that utilizes dirty energy. We should all take advantage of the fact that we don’t really need it regularly, because turning it off is an easy way of helping out the planet.

The next step you can take towards bettering the environment is eating less meat. You don’t need to be a vegan or vegetarian, but by simply eating less meat, you’re helping out the planet tremendously. According to a recent study from the Worldwatch Institute, the meat and dairy indus-



A steel factory in Mongolia producing carbon emissions. *San Diego Union Tribune*

tries are responsible for 51% of greenhouse gas emissions. People often tend to overlook just how unhealthy animal agriculture is. Reducing emissions from industries and transportation simply isn’t enough. Nitrous oxide is 269 times more destructive than CO2, and 65% of all nitrous oxide emissions come from animal agriculture.

The average American eats about 209 lbs of meat annually, probably because meat consumption is associated with wealth. Wealthy countries eat on average 100 kg of meat per capita every year, while poorer countries average 7 kg per capita. We simply can’t blame the industries of developing countries for their environmental carelessness when we in America lead the world in meat consumption. We can no longer afford to blame other nations if we are failing the planet ourselves. The over-

consumption of meat is an issue, and we should do our best to cut down on it.

Eating organic food whenever possible is yet another easy way to help the planet. Avoid purchasing conventional foods as they are made with synthetic fertilizers, a byproduct of the oil industry. You’re doing yourself a favor by eating organically as well; non-organic pesticides aren’t particularly healthy.

It is vital to know from where your food comes. If you can minimize the transportation of your goods, then you are helping the environment significantly. Buying locally is a great way to do this, as purchasing local goods reduces transportation significantly.

Finally, the easiest way to help reduce emissions is to minimize your own transportation. You don’t need to drive every-

### 10 Reasons for choosing Organic:

1. Avoid Chemicals
2. Benefit from more nutrients
3. Enjoy better taste
4. Avoid GMOs
5. Avoid hormones, antibiotics, and drugs in animal products
6. Preserve our ecosystems
7. Reduce pollution and protect water and soil
8. Preserve agricultural diversity
9. Support farming directly
10. Keep our children and future safe

**According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, in 2012, 899 million pounds of various pesticides were used for Agriculture alone.**

where you go. Ride a bike, walk, run, take public transportation, or just car-pool with someone. Although this isn’t always possible, it should be pursued when the opportunity arises.

Planting trees also helps the environment by storing carbon and providing cleaner air. The current state of our world doesn’t easily allow us to let somebody else fix the planet. It starts with people taking an initiative to change something. No matter how small, if everyone were to make one more decision to help the environment, there would be great change. You don’t need to be an environmental activist. Reducing climate change doesn’t begin with major global reform, but rather, it starts at home.



# Extra! Newsies Hits Raymond Center



**By Manny Butler ('22)**  
STAFF WRITER

This spring, the thespians from Saints and OLP put on the Disney musical *Newsies*. Starring senior Jonah Gavino as Jack Kelly, the play follows the story of a group of young newspaper salesmen who wage a battle against the powerful owner of their publication over rising paper prices without the benefits of higher salaries.

One of the most astonishing things about this play was the fact that Gavino, who played the lead role, had never performed in a play before. He learned all of the dances and lines quickly and demonstrated a great New York accent throughout the show. His performance would have been considered exceptional even for a seasoned stage veteran.

The biggest obstacle of the play was learning its choreography. The show contains several impressive dance numbers, made doubly challenging by the fact that the dancers sometimes had to sing simultaneously.

*Newsies* also featured one of our beloved faculty members, Mr. GO, as Governor Theodore Roosevelt. He entered at the end of the show to provide some political leverage for the striking newsies. Though this was his first time in a play, he showed the prowess of an experienced actor. GO performed superbly on all four nights, and was met with a loud ovation as he took his bow. His performance was absolutely brilliant.

"I think it's a great way for students and faculty to collaborate together and participate in theater," sophomore Joshua Delacruz said.



This year's spring musical, *Newsies*, starred Jonah Gavino and featured an appearance from Mr. GO. Edgar Ornelas ('21)

There were also actors from outside the Saints and OLP student bodies. The role of Les was played by Michael Moura, a fifth grader from Benchley-Weinberger Elementary. Other cast members from outside Saints and OLP included Maeve Wagner-Casey, the sister of senior Liam Brucker-Casey and a fifth grader at St. Vincent de Paul School; Dylan Unis, the nephew of Mr. Johnston, a fourth grader at Albert Einstein Academy; Grace Balkowski, a fifth grader at the Nazareth School; Akian Slevcove, a fourth grader at Longfellow Elementary, and Sofia Guerrero, a sophomore at Secondary School of Grossmont.

"The students from Saints and OLP have been very welcoming," Balkowski said, who hopes to participate in another Saints production.

The camaraderie was also a big part of the show. "Doing the show allowed me to meet people I never would have met," junior Luis Corona said. He also said that he felt more united with the school than he had felt at any other time.

"It was amazing because of all the people I met. There's no one I would rather be on stage with," Gavino said.

"*Newsies* was the most difficult musical we have attempted in recent years, and I was

really proud of the cast and crew and the job they did. It turned out great, and the cast really grew and impressed us," Mr. Slevcove said.

Opening night was a smashing success as the cast overcame multiple sound difficulties to put on a phenomenal show in front of a receptive crowd. The show was entertaining for the entire audience, and it was certainly a production of which the cast and crew should be proud. It was a successful collaboration between faculty and students from Saints and other schools alike. We look forward to seeing more of Mr. Slevcove and the actors' performances next year.

# Linville and Sipper Take New Posts



**By Kai Da Luz ('21)**  
STAFF WRITER

For those who do not already know, Coach Stephenson will be leaving St. Augustine High School, along with his long-time position of Assistant Principal for Athletics. After 34 years of teaching and administrating at Saints, he has left a meaningful impact on many. This change will take effect next year, and Mr. Linville will assume the role that Coach Stephenson has performed and executed at the highest standard during his career at Saints. Another administrative change taking effect is the promotion of Mr. Sipper to Director of Admissions, previously Coach Haupt's position.

Mr. Linville's promotion leads us to ask some very important questions concerning the next school year. How does Mr. Linville plan to calculate his way successfully through this transition? What plans does he have to deduce a more efficient athletic administration? Will his approach be derivative, or will he find his own way to exponentially improve the general state of athletics at this school?

Mr. Linville has been teaching and coaching at Saints for over 20 years. He currently teaches Algebra II and Algebra II with Trigonometry. He also serves as the intramural co-director and is the head wrestling coach.

Mr. Linville revealed that he has been brainstorming plans to better the Athletic Department next year. While nothing is for certain and some things are still in the works, one notion that Mr. Linville conveyed is that he wants to push for a more technologically adept athletics department. This would mean utilizing more of the technology, whether through the website or other resources, for the growth of the athletics program here at Saints. Among some ideas mentioned were online ticket sales for games and an Athletic Depart-

ment social media, which would most likely manifest itself on Twitter and Instagram.

With the advent of these new technologies entering the Athletic Department at Saints, one has to be excited about what other ideas are to come.

"I'm very excited. Taking over for Coach Stephenson is a tall order, and I know it's not going to be easy, but I'm excited nonetheless. I want to ensure that Saints athletics continue to perform at the highest level in as many sports as possible," Linville said.

Sadly, as Mr. Linville enters into this position, he will step out of his current obligations, and, to many incoming students' dismay, he will no longer be teaching Algebra II with Trigonometry.

"Mr. Linville makes math very easy for students through his careful explanation. I'm sure he will apply the same attitude and determination to this new position," sophomore Joseph Selfani said.

In addition to leaving the math department, Mr. Linville will also no longer be participating in intramurals, and he will no longer be coaching wrestling. He will instead take on one or two blocks of PE during the year, similar to what Coach Stephenson has done in the past.

In addition to other faculty changes for the coming school year, Coach Haupt will no longer be the director of Admissions next year as Mr. Sipper is now taking on the role. He will be responsible for reaching out to elementary schools around San Diego and gathering new recruits to be inducted into the brotherhood here at Saints. Due to the responsibilities that come with this new promotion, Mr. Sipper will be able to teach no more than two blocks next year, including one block of AP World History.

"The school decided to restructure the department with Coach Stephenson's announcement that he was retiring, and, with Coach Haupt subsequently being named as



Mr. Linville will be taking over Coach Stephenson's position. Kai da Luz ('21)

the new Assistant Principal for Auxiliary Services, it left two positions open: Director of Admissions and the Athletic Director position," Mr. Sipper said. "I applied, went through an interview process, and I was selected and I accepted."

With Mr. Linville's athletic background and Mr. Sipper's education experience, we can truly hope to see great innovations and additions from the Athletic and Admissions Departments in the coming year.




# Seven Spring Sports Succeed



The varsity baseball team is hoping to bring home a banner and a ring this season.

Photo Courtesy of Bill Hill

 **By Luis Fernando Andrade ('19)**  
SPORTS WRITER

Spring has sprung, and so have Saints seven spring sports. Track & field, tennis, lacrosse, baseball, golf, volleyball, and swimming are all off to a great start with playoffs on the horizon!

The track & field boys are back, and so are our 4x100 relay teams that were finalists at the State Championships last year. Led by senior Christopher Erpelding, who is committed to run Division 1 track for UCSD next year, the skilled relay is looking to win it all this year. The team consists of Erpelding, senior Jared Stearns,

junior Isaac Alvarez, and freshman Jalil Tucker. They have also shown off their speed in the individual 100 meter sprint with Erpelding and Tucker being ranked in the top five fastest in San Diego with 11.03 and 11.05 seconds, respectively. The team is 4-1 as they look to win their first Eastern League championship in years after coming off a big win against La Jolla.

The tennis team is also back and better than ever. After hanging up a league banner last year and suffering a tough loss in the CIF final, they are hungrier than ever. They boast a 13-1 overall record and 6-0 in league after defeating Scripps Ranch 12-6 for the first time in five years, as well as an outstanding 13-5 win versus Coro-

nado.

The tennis team has a lot of talent. Not only has five-star sophomore Noah Zamora won every set in fifteen matches, but we also have some great freshman talent in Julio Salazar and Gabriel Casta. Our best doubles consists of senior captain Sebastian Blanchet and John Dye who have been dominating the courts week in and week out. Other senior leaders Ricardo Curiel and Jose Kruer have played a key leadership role.

“We believe that we can bring home the first CIF Champions banner in Saints tennis history, and hopefully turn our dreams into a reality,” Kruer said. There are high hopes for this talented and experienced

tennis team with playoffs right around the corner.

The Lax Dawgs are back with a new mentality this year. The Dawgs are off to a strong start at 4-1 and with an interesting mix of upper and lower classmen. With only six seniors, the core of the group consists of juniors and sophomores who have stood out in the first five games of the season. The seniors continue to lead this group with goals coming from Ricky Haisha, including a behind the back stunner, and the very talented varsity veteran Matthew Beddow, who will begin his college lacrosse career next year at the University of Tampa.

“My expectation for my time remaining here at Saints is to leave it all on the field no matter what. This group can win a CIF title if we focus and keep working hard,” Beddow said.

Let’s head over to the boys in the dug-out. The Saints baseball team continues to hunt for their first banner in history. Although the boys are off to a rough start with a record of 8-6, the hopes for a ring are not lost.

The team has several outstanding players. Seniors Giancarlo Cortez, JT Penick, and Mark Lusti have played huge roles this year with a .270 batting average, 34 strikeouts, and a run average of 2.10 for Cortez, as well as a .280 batting average from Penick, and 24 strikeouts in 25 innings for Lusti this season. While Cortez and Lusti lead the pitching staff, standout relief pitcher Cole Bertsche has also had a great season with 10 strikeouts in 15 innings.

While the team is looking good so far despite a few tough losses, Giancarlo Cortez and the boys believe that this is their season, and they will continue to push themselves to make history for Saints baseball.

Volleyball has also had a very exciting season. “Winning our first game at Cathedral in 12 years was great for the team because it showed that this team was capable

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# Purple Dye Brings All-time High

 **By Nicolas Correa ('19)**  
EDITOR

This year, the March Madness fundraiser went from last year’s all time low to a high of \$9,200, which is almost two thirds of Saints annual goal of \$15,000. When asked about the purple dye with which faculty will be coloring their hair, ASB Moderator Mr. GO said, “I think some of the teachers aren’t going to like it.”

Some of the teachers may not have been aware of what they were getting themselves into, but their selfless sacrifice has been a significant help to the over 30 orphans living at Hogar Infantil orphanage in Tijuana.

Fr. Kirk points out how important Saints is to helping the orphans.

“You don’t really realize how important what we’re doing is. You think about some rice and beans, but these kids are one hundred percent reliant on us to prepare them to be productive members of society,” Fr. Kirk said.

Another contributor to the orphanage is Villanova Prep, an Augustinian school in Ojai that raises about \$10,000 a year. Villanova Prep, consisting of about 240 students, continues to raise more money on a per student basis.

The orphanage runs on a yearly budget of about \$200,000 in total. The break down of how the money is used emphasizes just how much the orphans depend on us. It truly is not just the rice and beans that

most people may imagine. The donations pay for 18 full time employees, food and clothing, medical care, tuition and books at Catholic schools, counseling, extracurricular activities, summer camps, transportation, utilities, and insurance.

“I always smile when I hear students talking about Hogar Infantil either to each other or maybe to freshmen or to visitors, and they refer to it as our orphanage. So there’s a sense of the community here really taking ownership of the mission and ownership of the responsibility to keeping it going,” Fr. Kirk said.

So what created the immense success for raising money this year? The dyeing of the teachers’ hair was clearly the biggest change. In fact, over 20 teachers agreed to participate as long as we reached the \$8,000 goal, and some of them don’t even have hair.

The list of those dyeing their hair includes Ms. Quirk, Fr. Max, Ms. Drummy, Coach Stephenson, Mr. GO, Master Kouta, Coach Kremer, Coach Breight, Mr. Thomsen, Ms. Au, Mr. Newnam, Mr. Yoakum, Ms. Colorado, Mr. Weber, Mrs. Walp, Mr. Pruter, Mr. Igelman, Ms. Villa, Mr. Chess-er, Mr. Crouse, Mr. Wallace, Mr. Alcoser, Mr. Bachynsky, Coach Sweat, Mr. Burnett, Mrs. Oliwa, Mr. Giesing, and Mrs. Horne.

Mr. Christian da Luz, Mr. Craig da Luz, Mr. Dent, Mrs. Palafox, Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Gormly, and Mrs. Ferrari have decided to compromise, and they will all be wearing purple wigs instead.



Mr. GO displaying his newly-dyed purple hair.

Andrew Tran ('19)

Unfortunately, about half the faculty has escaped Mr. GO’s prodding, and they have chosen not to participate at all. Although we would have loved to see Mr. Ozdowski and Mr. O’ Beirne with purple hair, they will not be participating in this challenge.

Mr. GO and Fr. Kirk are both always open to new ideas for fundraisers. No Shave November was one example of a

student led idea that has been successful for many years. However, it has lost its momentum in the recent years. Fr. Kirk notes that much of our success in fundraisers have come from students’ creativity and interests.

For those who have any new ideas that could help benefit our school or community, be sure to share them with Mr. GO and Fr. Kirk!



# Guidance From Graeme



**By Dr. Graeme Morland-Tellez P.h.D. ('21)**  
STAFF WRITER

Dear Dr. Morland-Tellez,

Something horrible happened to me a few days ago. Unfortunately, while at track practice, an OLP girl looked in my general direction. While I first thought nothing of it, she proceeded to do the unthinkable: wave, smile, and make direct eye contact. I am utterly terrified and have considered taking legal action. What do you think? Should I try to befriend this girl? Or should I get a restraining order?

Please help,  
Scared and Confused

Dear Scared and Confused,

Allow me to first to begin with offering my deepest sympathies for the awful hardship that this horrible event has inflicted upon you. No man should ever have to endure the trauma and suffering that you have endured or are still currently going through. But worry not, for you have written to the right place, and we will overcome this monstrosity together.

Scared and Confused, you are absolutely correct in identifying this event as horrible. Although it really was not any of my business, I pondered how you managed to put yourself in this bad situation, and then it struck me: sports. If you had never been at track practice, you would not be as traumatized as you currently are. That being said, I strongly

suggest quitting track immediately, and, if your coach has an issue with your decision, feel free to refer him to me.

Scared and Confused, I have compiled a short but effective list of things to do when a female is looking in your general direction:

*Run, Scream, Hide:* There is no particular order for these actions, so you must do whichever comes to mind first.

*Square Up:* In the situation where you are unable to complete item #1, you must “square up.” Females are similar to bears and mountain cougars in that they are frightened by individuals who appear to be bigger than them. So puff out your chest, raise your head high, and, most importantly, do your best to hide your internal fear, because females can always smell it.

*Play Dead:* This reliable technique is one of the oldest tricks in the book as well as one of the most effective. Though the opossum population is ridiculed for this technique, the mockery is not nearly as bad for humans. Additionally, this technique will allow you to live another day.

This list is scientifically proven to work, and in my professional and medical opinion, is simply unailing.

Scared and Confused, you are lucky to have escaped this “encounter” with your life. The sorcery that this female conjured upon you is commonly described as the blackest art of all the black arts, and the armageddon to end all armageddons. It was the infamous “witch’s trifecta,” a fatal concoction of smiling, waving, AND making eye contact. Worry not, the list aforementioned can also be used as a repellent for a “female’s naughty voodoo.”

My final piece of advice for you, Scared and Confused, is DO NOT attempt to befriend the female. ‘Tis an idea fit for a madman, and I cannot stress enough the foolishness of it. I cannot even fathom how you would consider an idea of that stature or how it might have ended up in your head (maybe you’re a freshman). If I were you, I would seriously contemplate seeking legal advice, and I would recommend my preferred lawyer, senior Jake Garmo. He specializes in these types of cases.

Scared and Confused, as I conclude my response, I wish to applaud you for your astounding bravery, and pray for you as you continue to recover from the torment of your nightmare turned reality. As for the rest of my readers, please know that you are not alone. I encourage others to come forward so that I may help you cope with your struggles. Always remember, “antisocial today, live another day.”

*If you have a grievance of any kind, or are looking for advice, please write to us! Dr. Morland-Tellez is always available to respond to you via this column. Reach us at: saintsnewspaper@gmail.com*



## ► CHIPP

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Asked what he will miss most about his job, he said, “The day to day camaraderie between the staff, and the students as well.”

Although Mr. Chipp has been at Saints for some of the best of times, such as the back to back CIF Football championships, he has also been a witness to some of the unfortunate incidents and situations that have affected our campus. Mr. Chipp was here when PSA flight 182 crashed, the school was suffering from low enrollment, and the old library in Vasey Hall was set on fire.

“The thing I won’t miss about my job is telling a student that he can’t take a final exam because of outstanding tuition or that a student will not be able to attend Saints because the financial aid he was awarded is not enough,” Mr. Chipp said.

“Steve is tremendously dedicated and has worked tirelessly as a key leader in the rebuilding of our campus,” Mr. Horne said. “He is a pretty quiet guy at times, but his work screams loudly about his love for Saints and its future.”

Most students and even many alumni may have not met Mr. Chipp, but all of them know him by his work. His accomplishments, those realized and unrealized, surround us daily.

“I want to be remembered as someone who was dedicated to the school, put in a full days work, and always had the best interests of the students at heart with every decision I made,” he said.

Mr. Chipp has studied here, played here, and worked endlessly here, all in the labor of love. One can scarcely imagine a more ideal embodiment of a Saintsman.

On behalf of the entire Saint Augustine High School community, The Augustinian wishes Mr. Chipp a healthy, happy, and fulfilling retirement.

# Facial Hair Face-Off



Mr. Cudal (left), the long-time reigning champion, and Mr. Freestone (right), the newest challenger.

*Andrew Tran ('19)*



**By Ricardo Curiel ('19)**  
STAFF WRITER

For decades, Mr. Cudal has reigned supreme as the facial hair champion of Saint Augustine High School. Nobody has been able to compete with his long and luscious horseshoe mustache that instills fear in every student and teacher alike. However, Mr. Cudal now has some new competition. You might have noticed a new substitute teacher walking around campus, or maybe you have had him in a class. Mr. Freestone (‘10) is the new face at Saints whose mustache might finally bring some competition.

Mr. Cudal has been the mustache champion for a reason. Clocking in at exactly 10 centimeters (it is rumored he trims it every morning to get it exactly right), and weighing exactly 1.5 grams, Mr. Cudal’s stache is up for any new challenger. He really is a world class mustachier. His placement of every single hair being exactly where he wants it is unparalleled. The symmetrical curvature at each end is second to none. Mr. Cudal’s mustache

is an example of the traditional, orthodox mustaching style that has endured throughout the centuries.

“My mustache is no stranger to young competition. Over the years, I have had many challengers, but I am not scared,” Mr. Cudal said.

He has faced some fierce competition in the past. Former teachers who dared to confront him face to face have faced the consequences of standing up to Mr. Cudal’s mustache. Did they retire as teachers because of their humiliating defeat to Mr. Cudal? This is still unknown.

Mr. Freestone poses an unprecedented challenge. Clocking in at 7.5 centimeters and weighing 2.15 grams, his rebellious, non-conformist mustache is one unlike anything Mr. Cudal has ever faced. He is a bastion of the new age mustache styles of the the 21st century. Both mustache critics and fans alike must admire the top notch curls that define his facial locks.

“I have always been proud of my mus-

tache. It is proof that time and dedication go a long way with the right mindset. I knew that coming into this school,” Mr. Freestone said.

Mr. Freestone is not the only one who poses a challenge to Mr. Cudal. Other new faculty members at Saints are eager to throw their hats into the ring. Honors English II and English IV teacher Mr. Chesser also poses a serious threat to Mr. Cudal’s reign. Do not let his unassuming smile distract you from his closely trimmed, precisely cut mustache. Mr. Chesser’s mustache game is not to be underestimated. His underdog mentality can surely cause an upset against any opponent. Coach Neil Bright is also ready to get in on the fight. His big and burly style overpowers any opponent who is not adequately prepared.

While Mr. Cudal still reigns supreme, Mr. Freestone appears to have the best shot at the taking away his heavyweight mustache title.

Augustinian readers, what do you think? Is Mr. Cudal still the Stache Supreme, or is it time for another challenger, such as Mr. Freestone, to usurp his throne?

## ► SPORTS

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of doing things that past teams couldn’t,” senior Adrian Abeyta said. The win really shows the potential that this group has for this season, and, with senior Corbitt Kerr, expectations are high. Kerr has been a standout player at outside hitter. He will continue to play volleyball at USC next year.

In the pool, the Saintsmen have spent the season rebuilding after the crushing loss of star athlete Mitchell Stoddard (‘18). Although the team has not racked up many wins this season, the several new swimmers along with the veterans have seen major improvements and learned about the ins and outs of the sport. Several swimmers have achieved city times with standout swimmers sophomore Leuck Hammes and junior Tim Ordonio achieving CIF cut times. The addition of talented freshman Steven Coons, who has wowed many in his first high school season, provides the team with a steady base for years to come.

The golf team is off to a solid start in league with a 3-3 record. The wins include two important matches versus Coronado and Rancho Bernardo. They have built upon the stellar play of freshman Jacob Paule to a top 15 ranking in the county.

“One of our goals this season is to win league, which is still a possibility, as well as making it to the CIF team playoffs. We’re hoping to send our top golfers to the CIF individual playoffs and progress with-in the playoffs onto further rounds,” senior golfer Rodrigo Bremer said. The golf team will continue to pursue their goals for this season as they keep practicing and enjoying the beautiful courses that San Diego has to offer.

Each team still has a long road ahead of it for the remainder of the season. Go out and support them as they strive to bring banners home.



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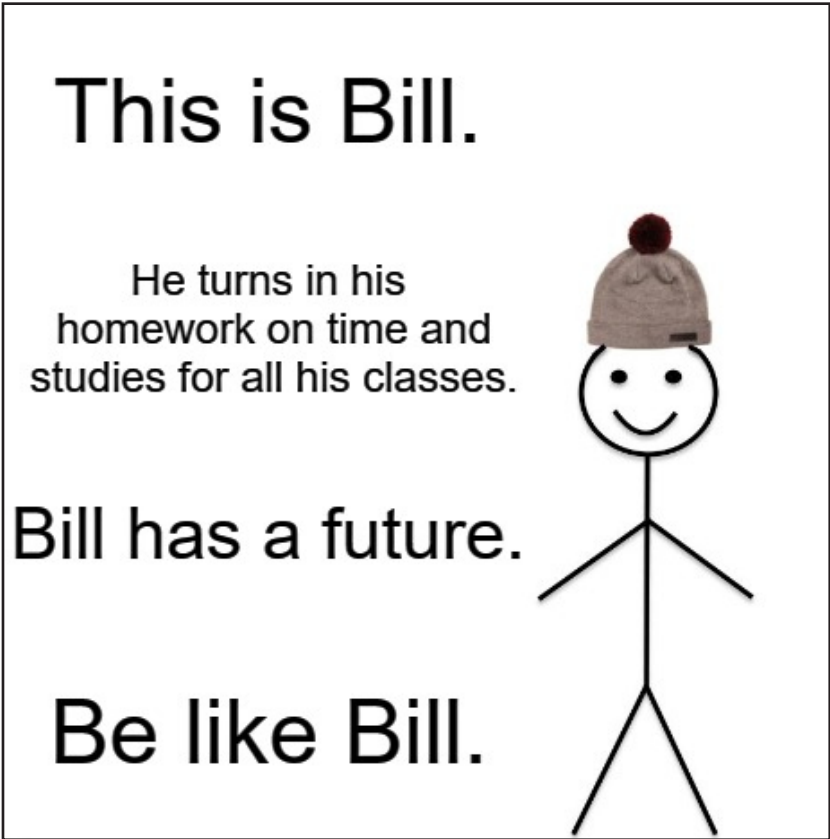
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# Monthly Dose Of Memes

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# Purple Hair Nightmare

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