

THE AUGUSTINIAN

“Tolle Lege”

Issue 6

May 19, 2022

St. Augustine High School

Coach Oz Retires After 27 Years at Saints



Mr. Ozdowski has been one of Saints' most beloved teachers for 27 years.



By Aidan Rickwa ('22)
EDITOR

Beloved math teacher Mr. Michael Ozdowski will call the 2021-22 school year his last as he begins his well-deserved retirement after twenty-seven years of service.

Usually, when people use the expression “the man, the myth, the legend,” it’s a silly exaggeration. But for

Coach Oz, the shoe fits.

Standing at 6’ 5”, the former NFL pro is far and away one of the most recognizable figures on campus, and also one who inspires more fear in the hearts of students than any other teacher. Mr. Ozdowski can positively paralyze any Saintsmen with terror with only his piercing gaze—seniors included. However, if you are one of the few advanced students to have Mr. Ozdowski in the classroom, you soon

Donovin Bocalan ('23)

learn he is a lot more than his fearsome reputation.

For more than a quarter of a century, Mr. Ozdowski has impacted meaningful change on campus in his various roles as Director of Technology, Intramural Co-Director, and Mathematics Department Chair. After twenty-seven years of teaching and building Saints to what it is today, Mr. Ozdowski will be saying a solemn goodbye as he heads toward retirement.

As the only teacher on campus with his own Wikipedia entry, Mr. Ozdowski was a legend even before he set foot on campus. After “bouncing around all over the place in the recruitment and drafting process,” he was finally drafted by the Baltimore Colts in 1977. He played fifty-four games for the Colts from 1978-1981.

Mr. Ozdowski mostly enjoyed his time on the football field as it taught him “how to fall flat on [his] freaking face and get back up over and over again.” He also sustained various injuries which required double knee surgeries and a lens for his eye.

Even when he arrived at Saints, he continued his career in athletics, but as a coach. He coached football with Mr. Linville and various other coaches for years, bringing his NFL expertise. He also coached track and field in the various throwing events including shot put and discus. Mr. Ozdowski saw various league and CIF finals and wins in both football and track.

Mr. Webhe, a former student of Coach Oz, said “Mr. Ozdowski was tough, but he always had my best interests at heart. After graduating college, he was the only teacher I reached out to, as he was the person who was most significant in helping me to achieve that goal.”

As an instructor, Mr. Ozdowski taught math across all levels except for pre-algebra, although he admits that he only had the patience to teach freshman in Algebra I once.

SEE OZDOWSKI, pg. 3

Saints Spring Sports Swing for the Fences



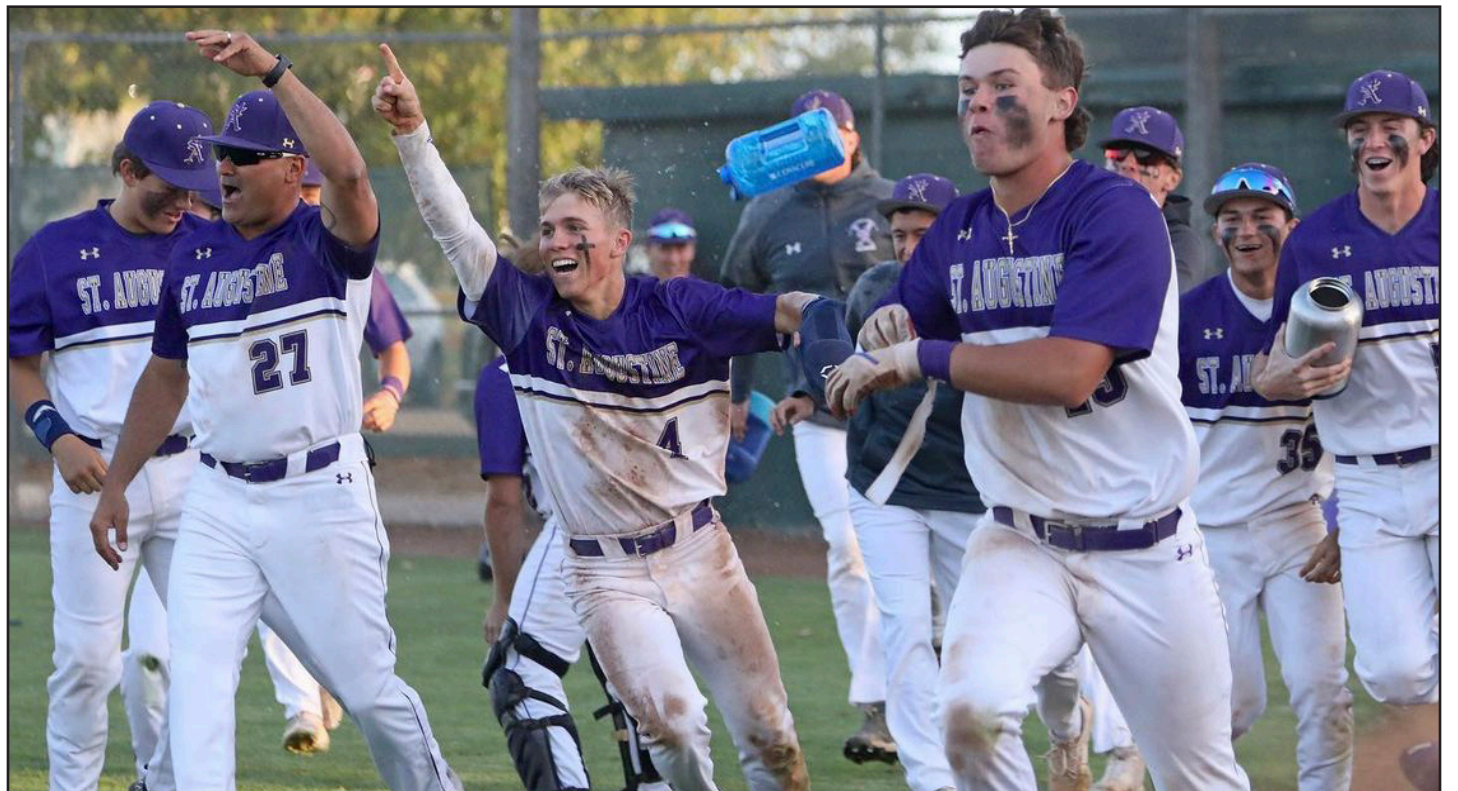
By Jacob Soro ('23)
STAFF WRITER

Baseball

Following their triumph at Petco Park, the Saints baseball team entered the top division of the Lions Tournament, where they went 3-1 against San Diego’s best teams. The following week, they competed in the Boras Classic. They defeated two of California’s best teams in Foothill and La Mirada, but dropped games to JSerra and Huntington Beach. In league play they beat Cathedral two out of three times to solidify themselves second place in the Western League. They are seeded first in Division I and will take on the winner of Bonita Vista and Cathedral in their first playoff game.

Track

The track season was one to remember for the team as they finished undefeated and managed to obtain first place in the Eastern League. Led by seniors Joshua Morgan and Nick Watson, they had many great accomplishments, including winning a tri-meet against Hoover and Morse. Junior superstar Jimmy Markowicz qualified for the 1600m and 3200m races going to CIF finals. Senior Ayo Shotomide and



The Saints baseball team will enter playoffs as the one seed in Division I.

Donovin Bocalan ('23)

his impressive ability in the long jump will likely propel him into the state championship, an incredible accomplishment for Saints. Heading into the finals they are hoping to bring a title back to Saints and hopefully make a run in the state championship.

Golf

The golf team has continued to assert its dominance and has won two major tournaments - the City League Team Championship and the San Diego Country Club High School Invitational. As usual, senior Jacob Paule

and sophomore Billy Davis have been outstanding and led the team on their amazing season. They finished the season tied for second in the tough Western League and beat the highly-ranked Torrey Pines on multiple occasions.

SEE SPORTS, pg. 7

NASA Works on Preventing Armageddon



By Harrison Quinto ('23)
EDITOR

Recently, we've lived through a pandemic, two presidential impeachment trials, and a major downturn in the economy due to inflation. What could be worse you may ask? An asteroid smashing into our planet comes to mind. The consequences from such an impact range from pulverizing entire cities to wiping out all life on earth. Even a smaller space rock (known as a meteorite) could be devastating; one only five hundred feet in diameter would destroy an entire city the size of Los Angeles, while one half a mile in diameter would cause destruction on a global scale.

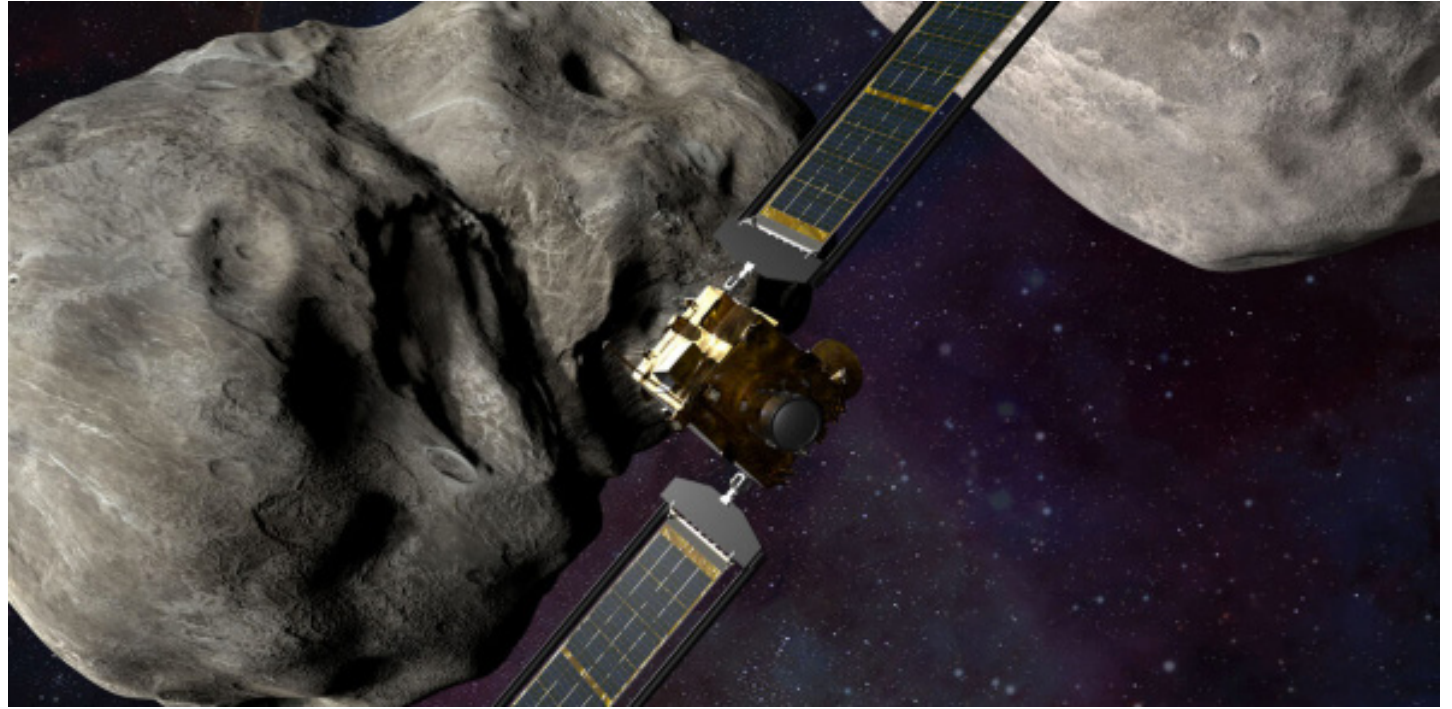
Two well-known episodes in Earth's history come to mind: In 1908, a meteorite's shock wave flattened 80 million trees in Siberia, and 65 million years ago, the impact of an asteroid (or a comet) made the dinosaurs extinct.

Potential asteroid impacts are taken seriously by scientists who try to find the threats in space and look for ways to destroy them or divert them from course.

Just like in the 1998 movie *Armageddon*, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) is leading the charge in planetary defense. NASA's defense coordination office is conducting its first ever planetary defense mission in an effort to protect the planet from asteroids threatening to collide with Earth.

On November 23, 2021, NASA launched the Double Asteroid Redirection Test (DART) into space on a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket with the goal of redirecting an asteroid. It is a satellite that will collide with and redirect the Dimorphos moonlet on September 26, 2022.

DART will test the effects of kinetic impactors on their ability to redirect



NASA's DART will hopefully prove effective at redirecting asteroids to protect Earth.

asteroids off their potential collision courses with Earth.

The goal of DART is to collide with and change Dimorphos' orbit around Didymos, another asteroid. It will crash into the moonlet at 15,000 mph and then, upon impact, explode and be completely obliterated. Its impact will hopefully change the period, or time of orbit, by about ten minutes. NASA will then observe and measure the exact change in the period using Earth-based telescopes.

To accomplish this task, DART will use new technology available to capture images before impact and navigate the collision at extreme speeds. The new NEXT-C Ion Propulsion Engine will propel DART to Dimorphos; it is the most powerful engine used by NASA yet.

The LICIACube will help to capture images of the collision. LICIACube is a cube-shaped satellite built by the Italian

company Argotec that will be attached to DART. It will then be launched off DART a few minutes before the collision in order to take photos. In a homage to the famous space blockbuster *Star Wars*, the two optical cameras used to achieve this task have been named LUKE (LICIACube Unit Key Explorer) and LEIA (LICIACube Explorer Image for Asteroid).

The test is part of the beginning of the planetary defense strategy that will search, detect, and track new objects that have yet to be discovered in order to identify if they are threats; NASA will then be better able to prepare for asteroids on potential collision courses with Earth. The defense strategy also plans to coordinate with international working groups to deal with any upcoming issues as a united force. With the help of other nations, the threat may be better mitigated with revolutionary technology,

such as DART.

DART will be an important trial of the effectiveness of kinetic impactors. With the success of DART, the planet will hopefully be better equipped to defend itself against future asteroid threats.

However, it is important to note that redirecting asteroid threats needs to be done years prior to the calculated impact events. Scientists try to locate and assess threats at least six years before they are expected to strike the Earth. Kinetic impactors need massive amounts of time and space to operate, but it only requires a little deviation in the asteroid's path to miss the Earth entirely.

For example, a plane taking off from an airport in New York must maintain a precise trajectory in order to reach San Diego. Turning the nose of the airplane just three degrees North can put it about

SEE NASA DART, pg. 6

Become Well-Versed in the Metaverse



The Metaverse will allow users to interact with a new digital world in VR simulation.



By Caden Webster ('23)
STAFF WRITER



By Nathaniel Kotnik ('23)
STAFF WRITER

The Metaverse: you may have heard of it, but most don't know what it means. So what is it exactly?

The Metaverse is a concept of a virtual and augmented reality where users can build social networks, play games, find entertainment, and participate in an online, networked economy.

Put simply, a Metaverse would allow for users to control an avatar, move around, socialize, and be in the "present" with others from around the

globe. It may sound like the internet today; however, it would far transcend modern abilities. A good example is the book and movie *Ready Player One*. Although the vast servers and technologies in the movie are currently unavailable, a similar and toned down version is possible and probable.

There are even concepts to create a Metaverse specific economy. Imagine a place where users could buy and sell virtual items, have their own virtual houses, and trade virtual currencies on a huge scale. NFTs and crypto currencies such as Bitcoin are the first step in this direction.

Online games such as *Roblox*, *Minecraft*, and *Fortnite* may be seen as "Metaverses" in themselves, as us-

ers buy and sell skins, create their own worlds, and control virtual avatars. The difference between those games and the Metaverse is the vast coordination and reliance of augmented and virtual reality. Big Tech companies are attempting to find the best ways to develop and perfect these technologies.

In October 2021, Mark Zuckerberg rebranded Facebook Inc. and its subsidiaries into what is now known as "Meta Platforms". With the power of being one of the Big Five tech companies, Meta has the ability and intention to create a Metaverse. The collaborative effort with companies to create smart glasses and the revampment of social media are the first steps Meta is taking in this quest.

As a company, Meta's stocks and worth have fluctuated since the rebranding to the new Metaverse unfolded in late October of 2021, the publicity raised stock prices by ten percent in three days. The general public was interested in the dynamic move toward the new business model of the all-encompassing Metaverse.

By February 2, 2022, the public became outraged by Meta, as the company failed to achieve projected earnings by a significant amount. "Facebook stock plummets twenty six percent in its biggest one-day drop ever" - CNBC's headline for February 3rd. This headline is self-explanatory for the direction in which Meta is heading.

Due to Meta's newfound emphasis on Instagram, a social media subsection of the company, investors should analyze the popularity and profitability of Instagram Reels, short videos on Instagram. If Reels can be properly monetized, Meta will continue to return to its former glory. Although another large drop in stock is unlikely, if Reels underperforms investors could continue to lose faith in the company and Meta would continue on its downward spiral.

Not all hope is lost, however. As of early May, Meta opened a retail store that focuses on its idea of dominating the Metaverse. With new expansions in Virtual Reality and Augmented Reality, such as the continued development of Oculus, Meta has begun connecting the virtual and physical world. One new gadget known as "smart glasses" by Ray Ban allows for a wearer to play

SEE METAVERSE, pg. 7

Team Spotlight: Tennis Spreads the Love



Tommy Gilcrest serves in a national tournament. Via Instagram: saints_the_pit



By Michael Luzi ('25)
EDITOR

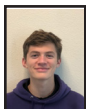
Welcome to *The Augustinian's* Team Spotlight article! This month's sport is tennis. Tennis has a rich tradition here at Saint Augustine High School. The tennis program has been at Saints for over seventy-five years! With over seven decades of this program, it is no surprise that the Saints tennis team has dominated in the county, the state, and even the nation.

The Saint Augustine tennis season recently ended for the team after los-

ing as the sixth seed in the first round of Open Division. They lost in a well-fought game against Del Norte with the final score of 8-10. However, their season was still enormously successful, finishing with a record of 18-2 and taking first in the Western League.

Throughout the season, the team celebrated many impressive accomplishments. For instance, the team won against a tough La Jolla team, whom they had not beaten in several years. Also, the team won the Western League championships for the first time since 1991.

Then vs. Now: A Fanciful History of Saints



By Ty Woods ('23)
EDITOR

In the final issue of *The Augustinian* for this year, Then vs. Now will focus on Saints through the decades, featuring the first five decades of life at Saints.

1920s - Ah, the Roaring Twenties. What could be better? At Saints, the Order of Saint Augustine set up slightly less than legal speakeasies on campus. In order to gain entry, a secret code was required: "Our hearts are restless until they rest in You," which, in fact, is where our Augustinian saying originated. These speakeasies generated so much income that the salaries of teachers (who were also employed as bartenders) increased tenfold.

1930s - The Great Depression had surprisingly little impact on Saints. Since the Augustinians had already taken a vow of poverty, there was no change for them. In fact, because of all the money they made from their speakeasies, tuition was lowered for the first time in Saints history. The tradition Mr. Lamerato now follows of money laundering from the orphans was actually started in the 30s when the Augustinians wanted to make sure they could keep their black market dealings moving along smoothly. With the steady cash flow from both the orphans and the speakeasies, it was one of the most profitable and comfortable times in Saints history.

1940s - During World War II, Saintsmen took up the call to arms under the guidance of Colonel John Vignol and made the treacherous journey across the Atlantic to the beaches of Normandy. In fact, Saintsmen com-

prised the most feared battalion in the war, mainly due to their refusal to take breaks during fighting. Back at home, the gymnasium was used as a testing site for the Manhattan Project, leaving behind radioactive material that is still being stored under the school to this day. Come to think of it, perhaps the same radiation that helped develop the atomic bomb is being used to cook your Marty Boy...

1950s - As we all know, one of the eternal truths of St. Augustine High School is that the school up north is full of communists. One of Saints' finest graduates, Joseph "Selfani" McCarthy, made it his mission to spread the tales of the evil empire by inspiring the country to hate everything relating to the color red. And hence, this is how the Red Scare began, as well as the early days of the Holy Bowl.

1960s - Ay buddy, the hippies really used to dominate Saints. The most famous hippy was, of course, Coacher, who led many protests at Saints regarding national issues. Coacher was incredibly in favor of giving back the Panama Canal, because it just wasn't fair that the U.S. should own it. Protests at Saints had high rates of success. Half-day Friday protests were successful (for a time) and the foundation of Senior Ditch Day emerged at the same time. Protests for Marty's were quite popular as well, but to no avail. The hippies ended up betraying Coacher, which is why he is so bitter towards them today.

Well there you go Saintsmen, another great use of our time machine. Saints history is pretty grande, no?

The team could not have been great without its great players. This season, the team captains included senior Tommy Gilcrest, senior Gabriel Casta, and sophomore Luke Abrom. Another outstanding player was sophomore Mario Garcia. Garcia is considering playing tennis at the collegiate level once he graduates. Freshmen Javier Guillot and Alex Gujardo have also made important contributions to the team. Despite mostly working solo or in duos for their matches, the tennis team has a surprising sense of unity together. "Saints tennis is incredible to be a part of," senior John Jordan said. "For me, it's been an opportunity to play the sport I love while spending time with a great group of guys and a few of the best coaches."

Obviously, the tennis team would not be great without its great coaches. Head coach Ruben Carriedo, a Saints alumnus, was a member of the 1960 Eastern League championship team. He also was an Eastern League singles champion, a CIF quarterfinalist in 1961, and a four year monogram winner at the University of Notre Dame.

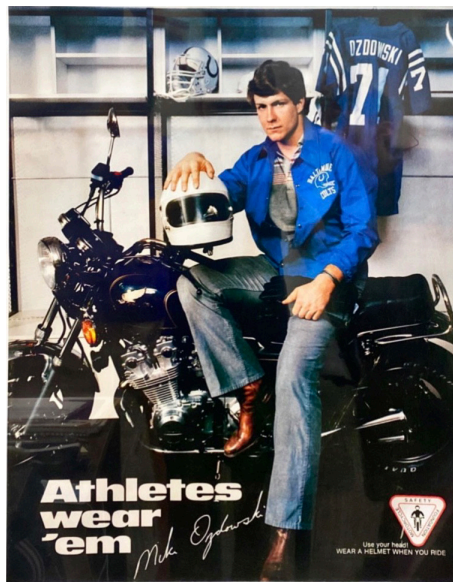
The other varsity coaches included Michelle Hellman and Walter Redando. The junior varsity coach, Tim Golden, played tennis in high school in Minnesota and was a team member of the 1998 Minnesota High School State Championship team.

Saints tennis works incredibly hard and has one of the largest teams at Saints, with about fifty members. They lift and practice not only through their season but throughout the entire year. Tennis takes far more preparation than most people realize, requiring extreme mental focus, lightning fast reflexes, and rapid bursts of speed and power to perform at the highest level. Losing concentration, even for a second, could end up losing you an entire match.

Saints tennis has been around for a long time and earned a significant number of banners now sitting in our gym. The team has an incredible work ethic, and we can all stand to learn from their devotion to their sport. If you see a tennis player walking around Saints make sure to cheer him on.

OZDOWSKI

continued from page 1



A pre-Saints Mr. Ozdowski in an ad.

He eventually succeeded Dcn. Hardick as the math department chair, a position he held for several years. During that time, he successfully worked to establish a four year math requirement for all students.

Eventually, Mr. Ozdowski transitioned to becoming Director of Technology. As Director of Technology, he had to work to bring the campus up to date with proper networks and devices. His main project was working to get computers installed in Mendel and Villanova Halls after the buildings were constructed. It was one of his largest projects at Saints and required a number of months and constant hands-on labor.

It was not until after his successful knee surgeries that Mr. Ozdowski resumed his role as Math Department Chair. As Math Department chair, Mr. Ozdowski has prepared the curriculum for all the levels of mathematics and attended all Academic Council meetings, where he helped develop the overall academic program of the school.

"Mr. Ozdowski is one of the most dedicated and hardworking faculty members I have known in my thirty-year teaching career," Mr. Hecht said. "I will miss him greatly and he is by far one of the kindest people I have ever known."

One of the roles Mr. Ozdowski has especially enjoyed is running intramurals. Mr. Ozdowski used to be Co-Director with Mr. Linville, who always enjoyed his time with Mr. Ozdowski and the aid that he provided.

"Sometimes intramurals get pretty heated and it's nice to have Oz yelling," Mr. Linville said. "In all seriousness, he was a great dude who loved teaching and he will be missed."

Intramurals have always been a way for Saintsmen to show their competitive side and have a little fun. Mr. Ozdowski also said he thought he may have seemed a little more intimidating returning from lunch all sweaty to teach his students.

Twenty-seven years is a long time to spend here at Saints, and Mr. Ozdowski says he has greatly enjoyed it.

"The reason I stayed so long is because of the interactions with students. You all are the reason I stayed," Mr. Ozdowski said.

"Mr. Ozdowski is the most caring and humorous teacher I know," senior Gary Szczotka said. "One time when someone asked what conical meant, he walked over to the wall and repeatedly banged his head on the wall. I don't know if I have ever laughed harder."

"Mr. Ozdowski's high standards really pushed me to my limits," senior Steven Coons said. "I was able to learn what can be achieved through hard work, but at the same time I had a lot of fun and laughs."

The Saints community has always been family to Coach Oz.

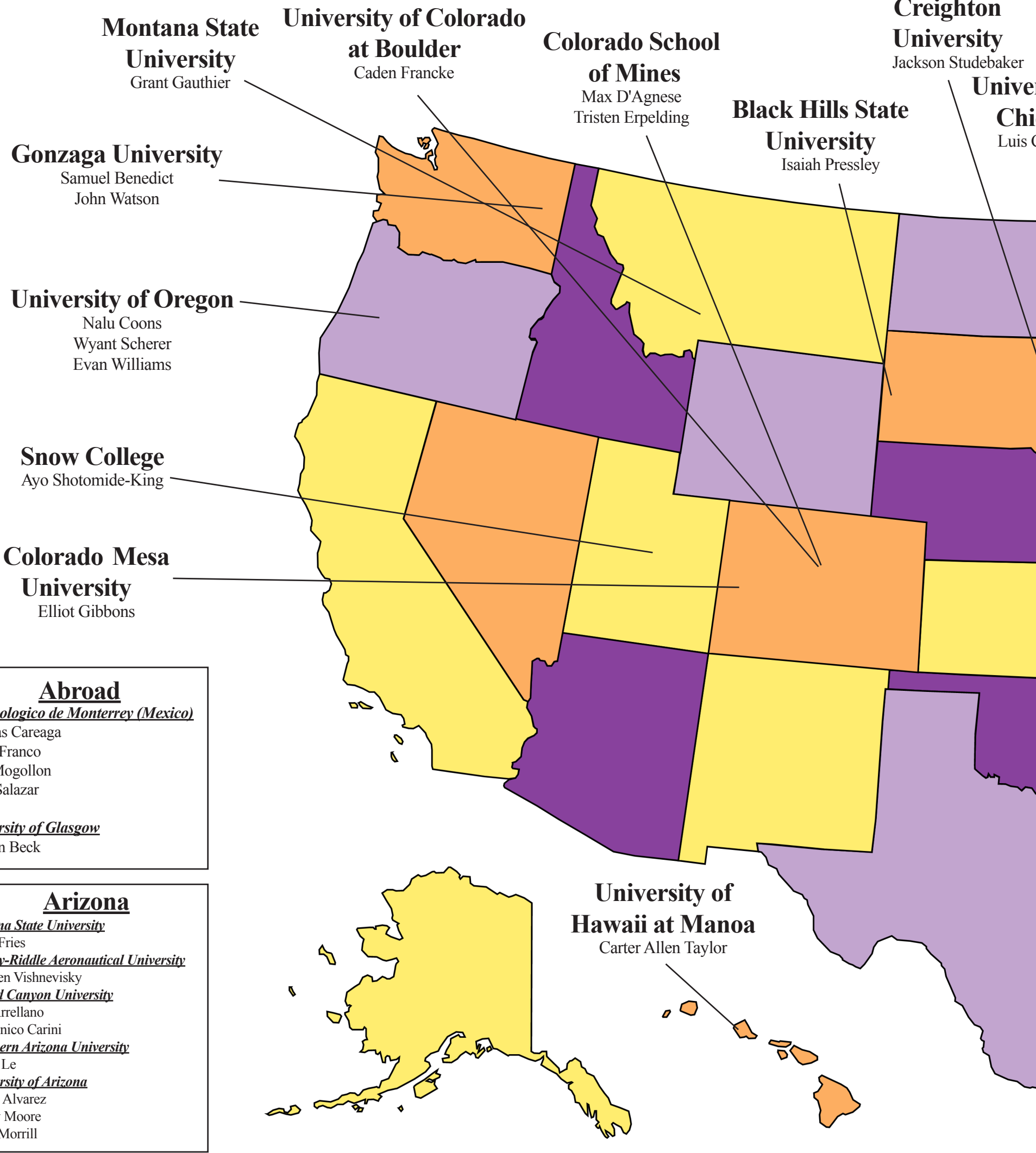
"I have always thought of this place as home, a place where I am very comfortable and I have enjoyed it," Mr. Ozdowski said.

Mr. Ozdowski is thinking of moving out of California and traveling in his retirement. He will be driving his thirty-five foot motorhome around the country, entering his wife's prize dogs in competitions. He has had quite a lot of weight carried on his shoulders and it is finally time for him to take a well deserved rest.

Even though Mr. Ozdowski will not be here at Saints, he has left his footprint. His very big footprint. Oz's hard work and boundless dedication has more than influenced Saints; it shaped it.

Man, myth, legend? He is more than that—Coach Oz is an institution. The whole Saints community wishes him well in his retirement.





San Diego Area

California State University, San Marcos

George Dougenis

Cuyamaca College

Dominic Somo

Grossmont College

Christopher Dimolios
James Goodridge
Stefano Mallucci
Cesar Rodriguez
Johnathon Scott
Guillermo Yeo

John Paul the Great Catholic University

Angelo Riodique

Palomar College

Jebidiah Brandon

Point Loma Nazarene University

Sebastian Batista
Jason Halabo
Samuel Lis
Jeffrie McGehee
Nicolas Penza
Donovan Yousif

San Diego Mesa College

Emilio Costa
Dominic Gross
Swend Holland
Joseph Isbell
Daniel Lara
Santiago Lozano Villasenor
Liam Murphy
Santiago Tamayo
Julian Velarde

San Diego State University

Jason Rey Chico
Nathaniel Ferguson
Trevor Fox
Gabriel Gamboa
Kyle Herburger
Nicholas Konja
Cade Martinez
Joshua Morgan
Theodore Pierce
Mitchell Jay Prentice
Anthony Sarmiento
Jake Torregiani

Southwestern College

Victor Cuen
Thomas Eggleton
Pedro Jiminez

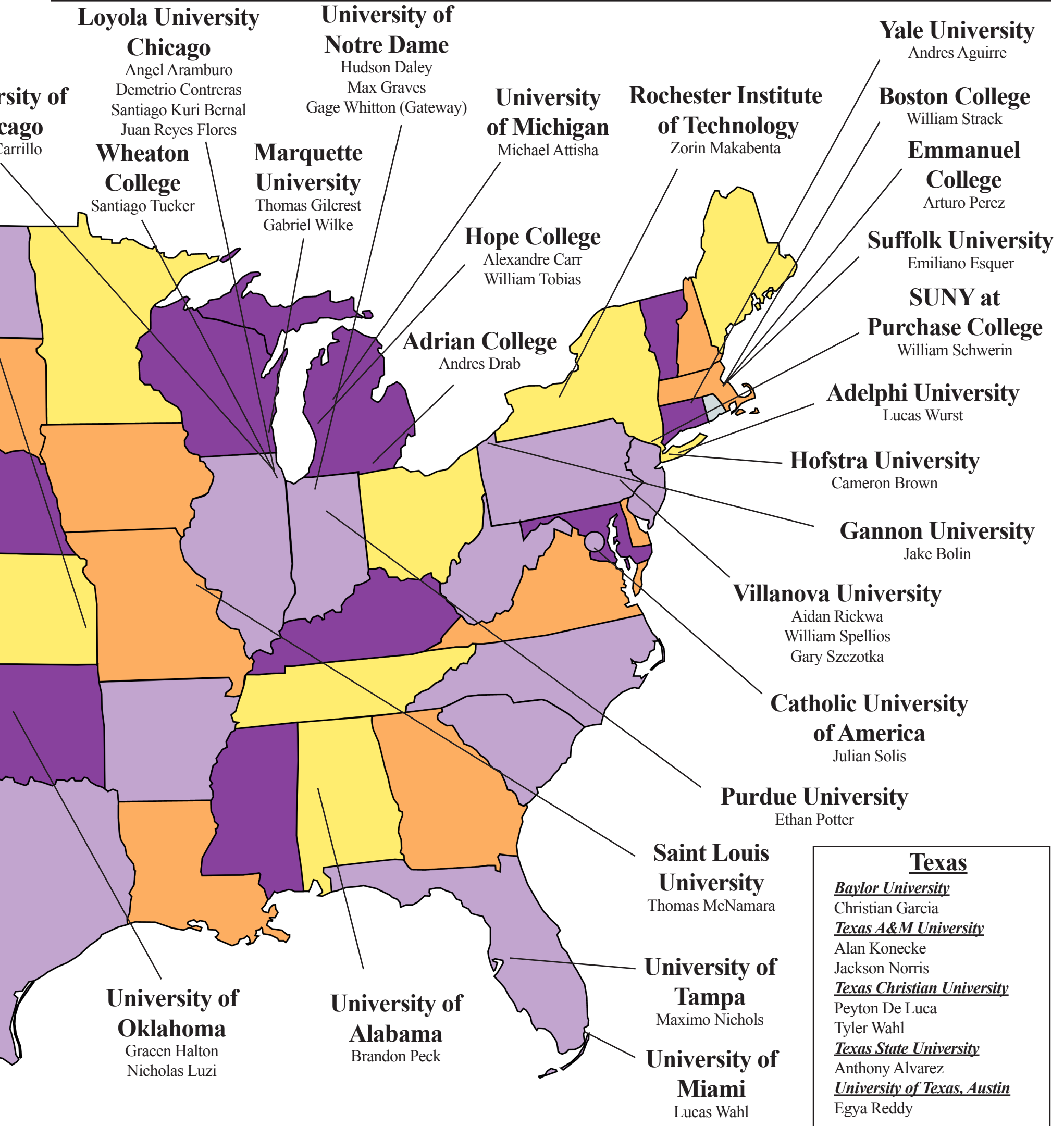
Andres Rabago
Brandon Saenz

University of California, San Diego

Sean Miller
Diego Williams

University of San Diego

Luke Bolin
Gabriel Casta
Javier Esparza Perez
Bernardo Esparza-Chavez
Grant Gayhart
Moises Herrmann
Ethan Huynh
Aidan McDowell
Jacob Paule
Brendan Truong



<u>California (Excluding San Diego Area)</u>			
<u>California Lutheran University</u> Brennan Martin	<u>Chapman University</u> Rogelio Martinez	<u>Pepperdine University</u> Marco Chaquica Anthony Ortega	<u>University of California, Davis</u> Emmanuel Butler Christian Conniff Michael Rogers
<u>California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo</u> Spencer Westmorland	<u>Claremont McKenna College</u> Roman Ramirez	<u>San Jose State University</u> Juan Hurtado Garcia Justin Stearns	<u>University of California, Irvine</u> Franklin Carney
<u>California State Polytechnic University, Pomona</u> Jacob Housgard	<u>Loyola Marymount University</u> Alejandro Ahuague Francisco Carrillo Santiago Gallego Hernandez Charles McRoberts Joshua Pajimola	<u>Santa Barbara City College</u> Jason Farrell	<u>University of California, Los Angeles</u> Jake Bertellotti J. Michael Butcher Steven Coons John Jordan Ashton Zakar
<u>California State University, Chico</u> Sam Foster	<u>MiraCosta College</u> Chase Basson	<u>Santa Clara University</u> Jan Garcia Santiago Guerrero Alan Rieger Ryan Toy	<u>University of San Francisco</u> Oscar Calderon
<u>California State University, Los Angeles</u> Arend Kanzawa	<u>Occidental College</u> Liam Haskett	<u>Sonoma State University</u> Charles Guay, Jr. Michael Patterson	
<u>California State University, Northridge</u> William Baez Vicente Chaidez	<u>Orange Coast College</u> Bodie Kerr		

Riley Ranks: Historical Figures in Hunger Games



By Riley Scanlan ('23)
EDITOR

Throughout a student's time at Saint Augustine High School, a Saintsmen will take a minimum of three years of history classes, giving him knowledge of historical figures across the world. But has anyone really taken the time to consider what would happen if these historical figures fought each other in the Hunger Games? Well, thanks to the time machine *The Augustinian* keeps hidden in Mr. Bachynsky's room (Yes, we have a time machine. Have you not been reading our Then vs. Now articles?), we were able to simulate this exact scenario. Here's who lasted the longest:



11. Amelia Earheart - Earheart was supposed to participate in the Historical Hunger Games, but unfortunately, her plane got lost on her journey to the Cornucopia. No one really knows what happened to her, although many suspect coconut crabs.



10. John F. Kennedy - Once the games began, Kennedy was the first to go, dying almost immediately on the first day of the Historical Hunger Games. One would have thought he'd learned his lesson the first time about driving in a roofless car.



9. Charlie Chaplin - The master of the silent film industry, Chaplin was a jack of all trades. He was able to speak and hear perfectly but, to the annoyance of the other competitors, only communicated through speech boxes which followed his every statement. This, along with the old-timey piano music that accompanied his movements, created a massive target on his back. Chaplin was able to form an alliance with Beethoven, who was happy to finally have someone he could un-

derstand, but it was not enough to protect him from the dagger of Cleopatra, who was evidently not a movie lover.



8. Galileo Galilei - Strangely enough, Galileo had only brought a telescope with him into the arena. While all his opponents laughed at him for his choice, the astronomer quickly climbed to the highest point in the Cornucopia, setting up his telescope to observe the heavens (and spy on his competition). He spotted JFK driving in his convertible with the top down and saw the perfect opportunity to attack. In a flash of brilliance, Galileo dropped a bowling ball from his tower, striking JFK on the head and killing him instantly. Unfortunately, he also slipped and fell from the tower, leading to his own untimely demise. At least before Galileo died, he was comforted to see his telescope falling at the same speed as himself.



7. Beethoven - Well known for his music, Beethoven was loved by all as he entered the housing for the games. To celebrate before their inevitable deaths, Beethoven would play piano for all the other challengers. Unfortunately for him, Beethoven's competitors only wanted to listen to the beat from "Still D.R.E." which drove the composer to insanity. In regards to his battle status, a major issue for Beethoven was his inability to hear, which made it difficult for him to do anything when charged from behind by rival artist, William Shakespeare.

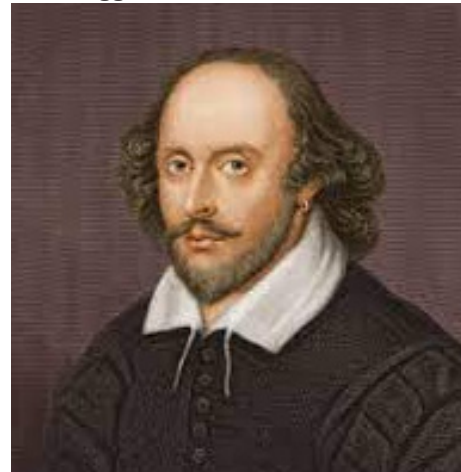


6. Cleopatra - After mummifying Charlie Chaplin, Cleopatra finally met her demise when she was bitten by a cobra from the basket of Mohandas

Gandhi. Gandhi had drilled the creature with a strict code of nonviolence, but it seems reptiles are poor students. Luckily, Cleopatra had brought along a sarcophagus for such an occasion.



5. Socrates - Socrates decided that it would be a good idea to make the competitors sit in a circle and talk about their feelings - the fabled Socratic Seminar. Shakespeare got a 30/30, but Caesar, who couldn't properly analyze the small effects, got a 28.269/30 and was extremely annoyed. There was nothing small about the effect of Caesar's dagger on Socrates' throat.



4. William Shakespeare - As the wordsmith himself, Shakespeare was a grand candidate for the Historical Hunger Games. His choice of words confused everyone around him and as such people were annoyed with him. While in preparation for his battles ahead, the record shows that he was made fun of frequently for his collar. That embarrassment eventually got the best of him, and the collar was nowhere to be found on Battle Day. The Bard was a formidable fighter, often reciting lengthy soliloquys after stabbing his victims to death with his quill. Unfortunately, his skill was not enough to escape the wrath of Julius Caesar, fuming after being bested in the Socratic Seminar. The pen may be mightier than the sword, but the dagger is in fact stronger. Thanks Caesar.



3. Mohandas Gandhi - Many question how Gandhi was able to get so far in the Historical Hunger Games. I'd like to remind you that the impacts of peaceful protest are quite powerful - just not quite powerful enough. Nonviolence may prove effective in toppling British regimes, but it proves less effective against the concentrated violence of Roman rage. And so Caesar claimed yet another victim...



2. Julius Caesar - As Caesar watched over what he believed was his victory, he was met with his defeat. After a series of killings within the cornucopia, he believed that he could keep his new "republic" alive. The problem with that was a republic needs more than ten people within it for a chance of success. With his next choice of victory by war, he lost everything after being stabbed 23 times in the back by Queen Elizabeth. "Et tu, Queen Elizabeth II?"



1. Queen Elizabeth - As the only one still alive on this list, you may ask, how? At the young age of 96 years old, how is she a "historical" figure? Clearly if she can survive through wars and plagues, she must be immortal. The Queen is only recorded to be responsible for one death throughout the Games. By hiding away, she was able to survive until she and Caesar were the only two left. She got the jump on the Roman general, who learned the hard way there was a new global empire. I guess the only thing left to say is God Save the Queen.

I really don't know what I learned by simulating this. Was it worth exposing the time machine in Mr. Bachynsky's classroom? No. Did I learn anything? Not at all. Am I now responsible for altering all of history? Absolutely.

NASA DART

continued from page 2

one hundred twenty-eight miles away from San Diego, which is about the distance from San Diego to Pasadena.

Likewise, a fraction of a degree or a millisecond can be the difference between striking an asteroid or missing it by hundreds of miles.

The Didymos asteroid system will pass closest to Earth in September 2022, which will give NASA's Earth-based telescopes an opportunity to observe and measure the effects of DART on Dimorphos' orbit. By using Earth-based telescopes, NASA avoids the problem of needing to include a separate satellite to send accurate images and exact measurements back to Earth. It also saves on fuel and avoids the issue of launching more weight.

DART is a pioneer for the future of planetary defense. It is a major step in keeping the Earth safe from the threats of space.

Idiot of the Month: Madison Cawthorn



By Manny Butler ('22)
EDITOR

Many a rough stretch has been had in the business of politics, with the latest belonging to Congressman Madison Cawthorn (R-NC).

Since March, he has been caught driving with a revoked license (for the second time), attempted to bring a loaded gun onto a plane (for the second time), claimed that he was invited by colleagues to a party featuring use of cocaine and orgies, called Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy a thug, said the Ukrainian government was evil, suggested House Speaker Nancy Pelosi was an alcoholic, underwent investigation for insider trading, had images of himself wearing women's lingerie at a party leaked, and lied about closing district offices. Amidst all this controversy, he is at risk of losing his primary election on May 17.

On Thursday March 3, Cawthorn was stopped in North Carolina by a state highway patrol officer for a left-of-center violation, or driving on the wrong side of the road. During the traffic stop, it was discovered that his license had previously been revoked, and he was charged with a misdemeanor or carrying a sentence of up to twenty days in jail. Cawthorn has been caught speeding twice in the last year, once for doing 89 in a 65 and once for doing 87 in a 70. It is important to note that Cawthorn is wheelchair-bound due to a car accident when he was 18, so one would think he would know better than to drive dangerously.

On Thursday March 10, Raleigh TV station WRAL released a video of Cawthorn instructing supporters to "Remember that Zelensky is a thug. Remember that the Ukrainian govern-

ment is incredibly corrupt, and it is incredibly evil, and it has been pushing woke ideologies." Zelenskyy has been nothing but a beacon of hope and light for Ukraine throughout this tragedy, and has drawn worldwide praise for his heroic actions during this invasion. The invasion of Ukraine was completely unprovoked, and implying that the Ukrainian people deserved to have this happen to them is a sign of Cawthorn's complete moral bankruptcy.

On March 11, Twitter account @patriottakes posted a video from a Cawthorn event in which he claimed that House Speaker Nancy Pelosi is an alcoholic despite her numerous claims that she does not drink. There is no evidence to suggest that Pelosi is an alcoholic, and Cawthorn is once again making baseless claims to score points with his base.

On Thursday March 24, Cawthorn claimed that he had been invited to an orgy by a colleague and had also witnessed colleagues use cocaine on the Warrior Poet Society podcast. This angered House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy (R-CA), who promised he would address the remarks privately with Cawthorn. It also angered multiple members of the House Freedom Caucus, who discussed removing Cawthorn from the group and suggested that he should name names if he's going to make that type of accusation.

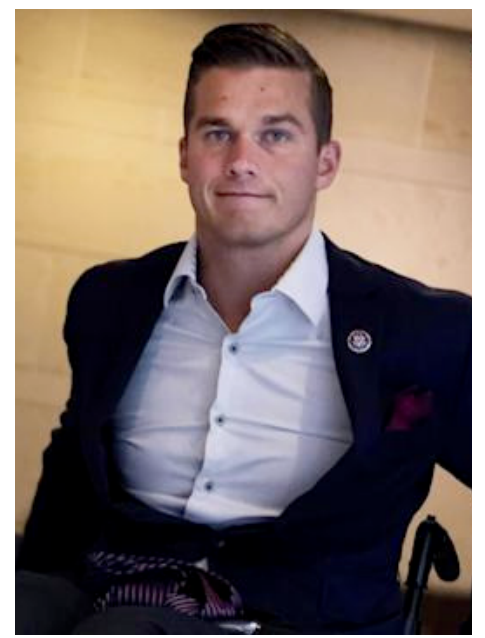
On Friday April 22, Politico published two photos showing Cawthorn wearing women's lingerie while partying and drinking with multiple women. Provided by someone formerly close to Cawthorn and confirmed by a second former acquaintance of Cawthorn, the now-Congressman is shown wearing a distinct necklace that has appeared in numerous other photos of him. Caw-

thorn claimed that the photos were taken before he ran for Congress, but it's a bad look either way for someone who claims to base his entire ideology on Christian ideals and traditional masculinity.

On Tuesday April 26, Cawthorn was cited for carrying a loaded handgun at Charlotte-Douglas International Airport. He cooperated with police and was released, but his gun was confiscated. This was not the first time Cawthorn has attempted to bring a firearm through security, as he was stopped in February of 2021 at Asheville Regional Airport after TSA officials found a weapon inside his bag. Following this incident, Cawthorn posted a video on Instagram in which he claimed that the establishment was attacking him to prevent his re-election. Though he never addressed this incident, it was not the "establishment" who put a gun in his bag - he did that all by himself.

Cawthorn is also suspected of insider trading surrounding his holdings of LGBCoin, a meme cryptocurrency whose name is an acronym for anti-Biden chant "Let's Go Brandon." On December 29, Cawthorn posted a photo on Instagram of himself and LGBCoin founder James Koutoulas with the caption, "LGB legends...tomorrow we go to the moon!" The following day, LGBCoin was announced as the primary sponsor for NASCAR driver Brandon Brown, and the value of LGBCoin increased by seventy-five percent. However, the cryptocurrency cratered soon afterward, triggering an April 1 class-action lawsuit against Koutoulas which identifies Cawthorn as one of the celebrity endorsers of the coin that inflated its value before pulling the rug out from under investors.

On Wednesday May 4, Cawthorn is-



Madison Cawthorn, R-NC

sued a statement calling the *Washington Post's* claim that he had closed his district offices a "lie," however, on May 9, the *Washington Examiner* obtained a photo of a notice posted outside his Waynesville office stating that the office was closed. The notice featured the seal of the House of Representatives and directed visitors to a different office. This does nothing to combat the accusations Cawthorn is facing in his primary that he is absent from his own district, and has contributed to his sagging in the polls ahead of the May 17th election.

As Cawthorn sags in the polls, it is hard to imagine that this recent string of embarrassments has not contributed to this decline in popularity. Should Cawthorn be eliminated in the primary election, he will have nobody to blame but himself.

METAVVERSE

continued from page 2

music, take pictures, and record videos; all without touching a button.

New products mean new markets which potentially can lead to record profit. The financial possibilities of Meta is an ever evolving opportunity that continues to impact the lives of millions. As the entire market has sharply declined, now may be the time to enter and take that step to capitalize on the future of the Metaverse and the company itself.

SPORTS

continued from page 1

Overall, the golf team had an incredible season, and they look to cap it off with a CIF title in June.

Lacrosse

The lacrosse team played a tough schedule, which led to a rough season that ended with a record under .500. However, they went into the playoffs with a home playoff game against Valley Center and came out with a victory. They then went to rematch Patrick Henry in the next round and lost a close battle by a score of 15-17. Although the season was not what they had hoped for, they still had amazing accomplishments from junior Jack Elgas, who broke the single season assist record, and senior Will Tobias, who broke the single season goal record for Saints history. They hope to learn from their experience this year and get better with their young team.

Volleyball

The volleyball team has undergone

much doubt throughout the entire season. Predicted to be dead last in their league and not even make playoffs, they tied for third in Western League and earned themselves the three seed in playoffs, giving them a first round bye.

In their first home playoff game in many years, they played Mt. Carmel where they won 3-1 with major help from senior Bodie Kerr and junior Andy Boeh.

In the CIF semifinals they sought revenge against Madison, who had beaten them early on the season. The team went down 2-0, but thanks to unbelievable performances from junior Patrick O'Leary and freshman Noah Heuring, they were able to push the game to 5 sets. Unfortunately, they fell just short of a miraculous comeback. They hope to grow from this amazing season and look forward to winning a title next season as their young team gains experience.

Swim

The swim team finished a great season with many CIF qualifying records. In CIF they outperformed the expectations and placed 13th out of 40 teams. They had 3 relays and 5 individuals competing in CIF. Senior Steven Coons finished off his incredible swim career, and the team is looking forward to next season with their young all-stars in sophomores Andrew Bier and Joe Nguyen. They hope to continue improvement and place in the top 10 in CIF.

Tennis

The tennis team entered the year fresh off of a CIF title, looking to run it back. They started off strong and found

themselves easily winning a league title. They had superstar performances from senior Tommy Gilcrest and sophomore Mario Garcia throughout the season and even managed to beat a tough La Jolla team. In the first round of Open Division CIF, they faced a strong Del Norte team and put up a great fight

against them, but it was not enough. The tennis team considers their season a great success but hopes to improve on their accomplishments by winning back-to-back league titles and securing a CIF championship next year.

Chaplain's Corner



By Fr. Max Villeneuve, OSA
COLUMNIST

You may have noticed that I was gone for one week in April. Part of this was school-related, taking six students to the SAVI conference at Villanova Prep in Ojai, CA, but the other part was because I went to a conference for priests in Austin, TX.

Somewhat selfishly, the conference allowed me to extend my Easter break, but it was also good for me to be with two hundred fourteen other priests from all over the country. Over ninety-five percent of the priests were diocesan priests, and with the way things are today, it meant that they were good and faithful priests ministering through a parish. The fact that I was not that kind of priest made me the unicorn in the room: I was a religious priest that served as a chaplain of an all-boys Catholic high school.

"What is it that you do?" was a common question. My answers were not particularly enlightening. "Well, I teach a class of senior religion, I coordinate and celebrate our weekly all school Mass, I go on retreats but don't organize them, I go to alumni events, I write a column for the school paper, and so on..." The answer was always unsatisfying,

no matter how many things I added to my answer.

Upon further reflection, I found that this is because my ministry at Saints is far more than a matter of what I do. My ministry is that of utmost privilege: my "job" is simply to be present and have the privilege of accompanying you for four years. Which means that my ministry is not really about what I do, but often where I am.

I am on the sidelines cheering you on, I am in the confessional extending consolation and forgiveness to you, I am in the classroom seeing your minds being expanded and opened, I am on lunch duty yelling at you to "please get off the field with your food," I am racing one of you up the stairs when you did not know that you were even in a race, I am in awe as I see the amazing art pieces you created that Mrs. Drummy places in the windows outside her classroom, and I am at a cemetery burying a fallen Saintsman as his brothers watch him be laid down.

There are many more places I find myself, and those places would be too long to list in this column. I think that is the point. Thank you, Saintsman, for allowing me to be there, alongside you. It is the best place for me to be.

What Dr. Griffin, PhD, Learned His Sophomore Year



By Griffin Cappiello ('24)
MANAGING EDITOR

And so, my fellow Saintsmen, yet another school year draws to a close. As I, Dr. Griffin, PhD, find myself pondering the many questions of our world, I have come to dwell on the past year and all the life lessons that were taught to me. With that, here is everything I learned my sophomore year.

Editors' Note: It has come to our attention that Dr. Griffin may perhaps be providing information that could be inaccurate. While we acknowledge Dr. Griffin's so-called credibility (or lack thereof), we will provide an alternative interpretation in the best interests of our readers in addition to Dr. Griffin's analysis in its original format.

The College Board is the bane of my existence. For someone who already has a doctorate, I do get a lot of grief from this so-called "College Board." My theory: the College Board is no more than a group of good-for-nothing scumbags who wish to cause pure emotional damage to many innocent young men and women across America. To which I say, I may be dumb, but I'm not stupid. I can see through your illusion.

Editors' Note: Dr. Griffin claims to have received a doctorate, but after further investigation, we can find no evidence of such a degree ever being issued to him. It is in our opinion that Mr. Griffin is simply a radical anti-College Board maniac who seeks to cause disruption to the entire educational process in the United States.

Calculus is pretty freaking hard. Look, I understand it was never supposed to be easy. But come on, this is impossible. My feelings concerning the College Board aside, calculus itself is simply a waste of my time. I know

what you're saying, "Just differentiate this little function. That's all the harder it is." Fine, if it's that easy, then why don't you try to do it with the threat of being beaten for forgetting how to do arithmetic and basic algebra hanging over your head like the Sword of Damocles? Not so easy now, huh? That's what I thought. I'll just sacrifice a cow to the calculus gods out on the patio and hope for the best.

Editors' Note: If he can't figure out how to do calculus, Mr. Griffin must be a bonehead idiot.

"It do be like that sometimes." - **Emmanuel Ernest Butler** Mr. Butler's wise words provide a deep level of insight into the monotonous lives through which we suffer. While we must trudge through the endless doldrums of this curse we ever-lovingly call "life," we take small bits of comfort in adages such as this to help us get through the seemingly infinite struggles presented to us.

Editors' Note: As far as we can tell, it appears that Mr. Griffin is off his meds. Perhaps it is because we make him do the many interviews which have long been neglected by indolent writers and rewrite the large stack of unfinished articles. Well, we have him on the staff for a few more years. We'll just keep making him do the same thing. Who cares about his mental health? We have a newspaper to print.

The Starbucks Pink Drink is the Holy Grail. Need I go on? The blissful sensation that occurs when you lay your eyes upon the most precious of beverages, the pure joy of that sweet strawberry taste, the color of concentrated happiness. It is simply humanity's greatest invention. Forget fire, forget the wheel, forget indoor plumbing, forget mumble rap. The Pink Drink comes straight from heaven. In fact,

after Adam and Eve ate the forbidden fruit in the Garden of Eden, they washed it down with a Pink Drink. Just trust me on this one.

Editors' Note: Ok, he's definitely lost it. The Pink Drink is nothing more than a mess of artificial sweetener, designed to appeal to the lowest common denominator of people.

Don't date theater kids. I feel like this one is pretty self-explanatory.

Editors' Note: For once, he's not wrong. We have to agree with this one.

The school is not as small as it seems. The campus may only be the size of one city block, but the trek from one side to the other is comparable to the forty-year journey that the Israelites took after escaping from Egypt. With the recent construction around the football field, it takes exactly three minutes and thirty-five seconds to walk from AP World in the theater to Honors English II in room 317 (Yes, that's accurate. I timed it). And since, on average, Mr. Sipper's lecture on the Indian Ocean Maritime Trade System runs one minute and twenty-five seconds past the bell, the average student unfortunate enough to have both classes will arrive in Mr. Chesser's room three seconds after the bell. Coincidentally, it only takes three seconds for Mr. Chesser to fill out a detention slip and slap it onto said student's desk. Shoulda left earlier, man.

Editors' Note: This has happened to the best of us. Perhaps this is another cause for the apparent loss of Mr. Griffin's sanity.

DO NOT CLAP DURING MASS! If you heathens thought that the Eucharist, which was instituted by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, was some sort of festival at which you act

like hooligans, you are gravely mistaken. The Mass is intended to be treated with honor and respect, and you fools had to go and ruin it. Sure, after Mass go ahead and hoot and holler and engage in whatever shenanigans you choose. But during the Liturgy of the Word, refrain from clapping. (Unless Fr. Max gave an absolute banger of a homily.)

Editors' Note: *spiteful clapping*

LeBron James paid the refs in the state CIF basketball game. If you watched any part of the game in question, you would know exactly what I'm talking about. Saint Augustine High School has the single greatest basketball team in the history of the universe. And we were blatantly robbed. I would personally like to apologize to our team on behalf of the dirty scoundrel LeBron James himself for bribing the match officials. Apparently he has too much of an ego to allow his whiny son to be beaten by a team of players that are obviously tremendously more talented than he is.

Editors' Note: Should have put that money towards the NBA refs instead, huh?

Father Max should join the WWE as a side hustle. I don't know what the Order of Saint Augustine's policy is on slamming high school ministers of fun into tables, but Fr. Max may have missed his calling. I'm not saying he should quit his day job, but what's he gonna do over the summer while we're not here? I mean, joining the WWE? Becoming the next *Nacho Libre*? Bringing glory and praise to our Lord Jesus Christ? What else could a priest want?

Editors' Note: Move over St. Peter, there's a new Rock of the Church now.

2022-2023 Editorial Staff

Patrick O'Leary ('23)
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Mr. Vladimir Bachynsky
MODERATOR

Ty Woods ('23)
EDITOR

Riley Scanlan ('23)
EDITOR

Griffin Cappiello ('24)
MANAGING EDITOR

Noah Villafana ('23) and
Donovin Bocalan ('23)
CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHERS

Z. Harrison Quinto ('23)
EDITOR

Michael Luzi ('25)
EDITOR

The Cartoonist

by Manny Butler ('22)

