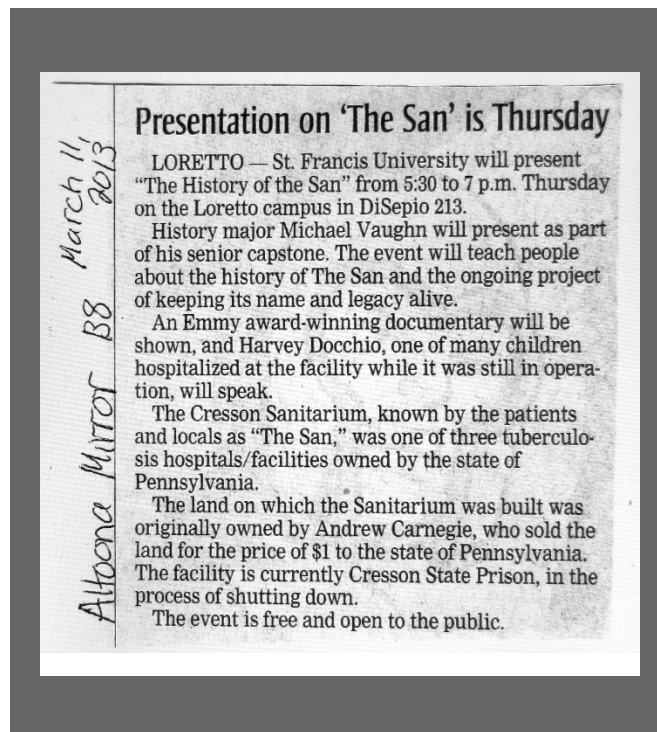


Saint Francis U Program

On Thursday March 14, 2013 a program entitled "The History of the San" was presented at Saint Francis University in Loretto, Pa. The program explored the history of the Cresson TB Sanatorium and its impact on the lives of the people in the community and the patients at the facility. The presentation was led by SFU student Michael Vaughn, who took up the challenge of helping to preserve the San's history as part of his senior capstone project.

The event featured a viewing of the half hour documentary TV program "Cresson: Life at the San" produced by PBS Station WQED in Pittsburgh in 2011. Also featured was speaker Harvey Docchio of New Brighton, Pa. Harvey and his three brothers were all at the san in preventorium care during 1941 to 1945.

The following article written by Justin Eger was published in the Cresson Mainliner newspaper on March 11, 2013 announcing the presentation, which was attended by SFU students and the general public.



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Saint Francis University student hosts presentation on Cresson San

Event to feature documentary, former Sanatorium patient

By Justin Eger
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Though its own history has been focused on many times throughout the last few years, renewed interest in the historic Cresson Sanatorium has come about now that one of the facilities that succeeded the institution, SCI Cresson, will soon be closed. As such, the facilities that have long been housed at the top of Cresson mountain once again become pertinent not to just the history of the local region, but the state, as well.

With that in mind, Saint Francis University will present "The History of The San" tonight, a program that explores, as its title suggests, the history of the facility and its impact on the lives of the people in this community, as well as former patients of the facility. The presentation will be led by SFU student Mike Vaughn, who took up the challenge of helping to preserve the San's history as a part of his senior capstone project.

"When I started off with this project, I knew it would entail some research and some writing, but as I got more involved, I realized there were a lot of dif-

ferent objectives," said Vaughn, a history major who plans to pursue a master's degree in Human Resources. "Instead, it's become like community service, something different, and something that we can use as a model for future community outreach."

"I had been trying to get the students involved, because I try to teach them community history, and applied history," SFU history professor Dr. Denise Damico explained. "I had gotten involved with the board of the Cambria County Historical Society, which is how I learned about the San. From there, I brought it to my class to see if anyone would be interested in it as a project, and Michael just picked up the ball and ran with it."

Vaughn said that, as he dug deeper and deeper into the history of the San with contacts within the community, and survivors of the tuberculosis that brought many patients to the facility, the project evolved, and took on a life of its own in many ways. It helped Vaughn get out of his own comfort zone and get more involved in the communities that surround Saint Francis University, which

is something that he hopes his presentation will inspire in those who attend.

"I've been living here for four years, and I never knew how much history was right here in the community," said the student, who calls a small town outside of Baltimore his home. "I learned a lot, about how this facility was the center of daily life for so many people, and how many more folks were involved in its history than you might think. It's something that, as a citizen of this community, you need to know about."

"It's a good way to learn that the local area has a much broader significance than just this community," Damico added. "This was a major issue, not just for the state, but for the whole nation, and this facility was a key factor of that in many ways."

Saint Francis University will present "The History of the San" tonight, March 14, from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. in Room 213 of the campus' DiSepio Institute. The Emmy-award-winning documentary filmed locally during the 2011 San Reunion will be viewed, and Harvey Docchio, one of many children hospitalized at the facility while it was still in operation, will speak about his experiences at the facility. The event is free and open to the public.

The following photos were submitted by Michael Vaughn.



1. Michael Vaughn making opening remarks and introducing guest speaker Harvey Docchio.



2. Harvey Docchio at the podium.



3. Harvey's slide show detailing his time at the San.



4. Harvey's slide show.



5. Harvey's wife Pat at the front table right.



6. Dave Huber (far left) and Etta Albright (standing) during during a Q&A session.



7. Photos 7, 8 and 9 show the audience watching the TV documentary "Cresson: Life at the San".



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10. L to R: Dot DeAngelo, Etta Albright, Mike Vaughn, Harvey Docchio and Dr. Denise Damico in the Conference Room.