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Senate Acts on Campus Issues

Senate supports Spring Break movement in first meeting of the year

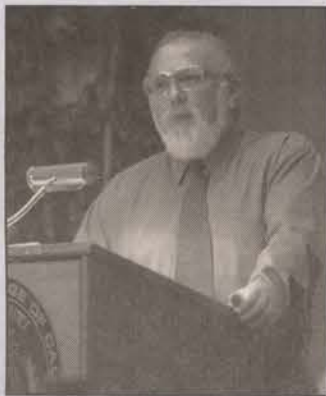
By AMANDA JANIS
Executive Copy Editor

The Associated Students of Saint Mary's College Senate convened for its first official meeting Sunday, October 15 with 35 Senators, and all four Executive Officers in attendance.

ASSMC Vice President Greg Teshara swore in the new officers, and the year began in student government. Hottest on the Agenda were the Senate's three proposed resolutions regarding changes in the academic calendar, sexual assault, and parking issues. It was determined that both the parking and sexual assault resolutions would require further research by smaller committees prior to any decision-making, but that the research process should be as brief as possible in light of the seriousness of both issues.

Junior Senator Brian Dougherty also noted that waiting on these resolutions allowed instead for a joint-resolution to be passed with the Academic Senate along with the ASSMC. Brother Ray Berta, FSC, PhD, formally proposed a change in the academic calendar concerning Spring Break. The proposed change would divide the second semester of the school year into two periods of seven weeks, with a week-long Spring recess, replacing Easter Recess. This way, students would have their break exactly midway through the semester and in addition, students would

Senators and the Public Speak Out on SMC Issues



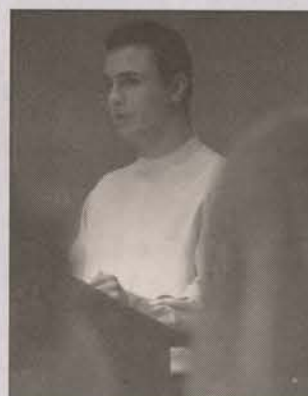
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On Easter Break: Brother Ray Berta, FSC, PhD, presented his proposal to move Spring Break to correspond with the middle of the spring term. The Senate passed the resolution 35-0 after amending it to include a two day Easter Recess.



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On Faculty Senate: Junior Senator Brian Dougherty spoke on the dialogue between the Student Senate and the Faculty Senate. Joint resolutions on issues from parking to academic excellence are being proposed.



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On Parking: International Club President George Efthymiou discussed the student frustration about the current lack of parking for commuter students. A Senate Ad hoc committee was established.

receive Good Friday through Easter Monday off to observe the Easter holidays. Berta was adamant that this was not by any means a resolution which would create a secular atmosphere, but rather, would allow for the possible offering of Easter services on campus. He also noted that Campus Ministry had already passed a resolution in support, and the senators unanimously passed their first resolution of the year. The calendar change will now go to the Faculty Senate and the Academic Policies

Board for approval. If passed by these bodies, the proposal will be reviewed by administrative committees for final approval.

The floor was opened for Public Comment, and Collegian Editor-in-Chief Lara Ballentine addressed the 1,000 missing issues of the Collegian. She reported that the theft had been reported to Public Safety and the Moraga Police Department.

In addition to her comment, International Club President George Efthymiou discussed a letter he

had submitted to ASSMC officers concerning the parking shortage on campus. He discussed the difficulties suffered when trying to find parking, and noted that both on and off-campus students, as well as faculty, had signed his letter in support. Sophomore Class President Sean Sullivan also noted the severity of the problem: "There are roughly 2,200 parking places on campus and Public Safety has already issued in excess of 5,000

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High Cost of Living Forces Faculty Away

By LARA BALLENTINE
Editor-in-Chief

As Bay Area housing prices continue to soar to new heights, hopeful Bay Area residents shop for affordable housing near their place of work. But for some Saint Mary's faculty, location has ceased to be important. The housing situation in the Bay Area, and the low salaries paid by the College, are leading to a faculty housing crisis. According to English Professor Lou Berney, he was forced to move back to his hometown of Oklahoma City for three reasons: "One, the high cost of living; two, the low salaries at Saint Mary's; and three, the sense that the administration refuses to recognize that there is a problem. Even with commuter costs, I have a much higher standard of living in Oklahoma City." Berney spends a half-day commuting each week to teach classes at Saint Mary's, leaving only the weekend to spend time with his family. "The only thing that keeps me here are the students and my colleagues."

When Berney and Math Professor J.D. Phillips started teaching at Saint Mary's in 1991 and 1992, respectively, the salaries "seemed pretty competitive. But now, they're very uncompetitive and have not kept the pace of other colleges," Berney said. Up until 1993, the College had been follow-

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Alcohol Not the Only Factor in Campus Rapes

Statistics shatter myth that alcohol is an initiating factor in all campus sexual assaults

By LORNA SCHARTON
Managing Editor

Students, faculty, and staff have expressed the hope that as the reality of rape surfaces, all campus members will join together and take initiative to ensure that no student fears for his or her safety while on campus, regardless of whether alcohol enters the picture. The issue has surfaced in a variety of ways in recent weeks on campus. The ASSMC Senate spoke briefly of their impending reso-

lution addressing their concerns at the October 15 meeting. Associate Resident Advisor Beth Carillo was recently approached about women's safety on campus by one of her residents. At the student's request, Carillo contacted the Women's Resource Center, and will soon provide her residents with "alert whistles" to be used in the instance of assault or attack. "We will provide whistles to anybody who wants them in our hall," said Carillo.

And while many issues have been raised as peripheral to sexual

assault, none have been more salient than alcohol.

At Saint Mary's College, on-campus investigations involving sexual assault frequently involve the discussion of alcohol. Dean of Student Affairs Brother Jack Curran, FSC sees alcohol to be a factor in the overall campus occurrence of sexual assault: "I don't think we can have a zero-occurrence rate of sexual assault until we have a zero-tolerance policy for alcohol abuse."

Alicia Allegrini, a student member of the Women's Resource Cen-

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ter realizes that alcohol is frequently associated with rape, but it's not the only factor.

"Alcohol may be prevalent in some cases, but not all of them. I don't think that alcohol is the main reason that rape occurs on this campus."

Coordinator for the Women's Resource Center Roseanne Quinn has found that on-campus sexual assaults do not correlate with an

over-consumption of alcohol: "According to statistics that the Women's Resource Center has compiled, the influence of alcohol in sexual assaults at Saint Mary's is much lower than in national statistics."

National statistics show that between 75% and 85% of sexual assaults involve alcohol. "Our statistics cover the cases that have been reported on campus since February of 1999 through September of 2000. Of those cases, only 38%

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# NEWS Notes

**Campus**

**HIV Testing Sign Misleads Campus**

The Saint Mary's community was misinformed by a Vaccess Health sign which announced that HIV testing would be available on campus.

Vaccess Health was on-campus to provide Meningitis immunizations. Either wind or vandals removed the Meningitis advertisement from Vaccess' sign, revealing an "HIV Screening" sign which they had used at another location.

ISSUE THREE

# SMC BRIEFING

## FASTQuote

"[Alex Monsalve] is a very talented student athlete. He is creative and has a knack for finding the net."

**Mark Talan**  
Men's Soccer Coach

Read the story on Page 24.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>October <b>2000</b></p>			<p>18</p> <p>Benefits Fair, 9am, Soda Center.</p> <p>Alcohol Screening, 11am, Dante Quad.</p> <p>Diversity Forum, 11:30am, Soda Center.</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Disney Forum, 4pm, Grand Hagerty.</p> <p>Speaker -- Ruth Rosen, 7pm, Soda Center.</p> <p>Guitar Concert, 7:30pm, Chapel.</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Mid Session Holiday.</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Football at Colgate, 10am.</p>
<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Board Meeting, 6pm, Founders Room.</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Special Program, 7:30pm, Soda Center.</p> <p>ASSMC Senate Informal Meeting, 8:45pm, Dryden Hall.</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Blood Drive, 10am, Soda Center.</p> <p>Coop Dinner, 5pm, Assumption.</p> <p>Meet the Firms, 7:30pm, Soda Center.</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Multicultural Workshop, 5pm, Hagerty.</p> <p>Intervarsity Fellowship, 8pm, Hagerty.</p> <p>Collegian Meeting, 4:20pm, Second Floor Ferroggiaro.</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Circle K Club Event, 3:30pm, Campus Ministry.</p> <p>Coop Dinner, 5pm, Hagerty.</p> <p>Holiday Event, 5pm, Soda Center.</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Football at Southern Utah, 12:05pm.</p>
<p>29</p> <p>Coop Dinner, 5pm, Assumption.</p> <p>ASSMC Senate Meeting, 6pm, Soda Center.</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>APASA Meeting, 6pm, Delphine Loft.</p> <p>Collegian Meeting, 4:20pm, Second Floor Ferroggiaro.</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Meditation, 12pm, Soda Center.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Lecture, 5pm, Hagerty.</p> <p>Circle K Club, 6pm, Delphine.</p> <p>Collegian Meeting, 4:20pm, Second Floor Ferroggiaro.</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Football vs. Towson, 1pm, Stadium.</p>

According to director Mary Kay Smith, RN, the Health Center does not provide HIV tests for reasons of confidentiality. They refer students interested in an HIV test to an off-campus clinic. Anyone interested in the test should consult the Health Center or contact the Contra Costa HIV/AIDS program at 925-313-6770.

**Nation**

**Candidates Play Leapfrog in Polls**

CNN/USA Today/Gallup poll, released October 13, reveals Bush inching ahead of Gore 48% to 44%. Considering the four-point margin of error, the race is still surprisingly close. Candidates Ralph Nader and Pat Buchanan had 3% and 1%, respectively.

In the weeks before the election, the candidates will be vying for states which remain up for grabs. CNN concludes that there are 14 tossup states: Arizona, Florida, Iowa, Michigan, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Mexico, Nevada, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Washington, Wisconsin, and West Virginia. In all, these states represent 148 electoral votes. Gore leads in 13 states with 185 electoral votes. Bush holds 23 states with 205 electoral votes.

In the state of California, the latest Field Polls show Vice President Gore up by eight percentage points over Governor Bush, with a sampling error of four percentage points.

The final debate, in a town hall setting, took place on October 17 at Washington University in St. Louis, MO.

**Chico State Student Dies**

An 18 year-old Chico State student died October 7, after drinking heavily at an evening party. Adrian Heideman, a Pi Kappa Phi pledge, was found passed out in the basement of the fraternity house at 1:21am, when his friends called emergency personnel. By the time the Chico Police responded, he was dead. Although drinking was certainly part of the evening's activity for the pledges, fraternity officials insist that he was not the victim of a hazing incident.

-M.N.R./S.B.S.

## CAMPUS Snapshots



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**Senators Sworn In**

Senior Class President Angel Hernandez and Senior Class Vice President Daniel Galleno are sworn in at the October 15 Senate Meeting. Class Presidents, Vice Presidents, and Senators were inaugurated by ASSMC Vice President for Administration Greg Teshara.

**SMC Fire Extinguished**

On the morning of Sunday, October 15, the sound of an explosion was heard radiating from the dumpster at the end of the Aquinas parking lot. Immediately after the noise, a fire broke out, which was quickly extinguished by the Moraga Fire Dept. The cause is under investigation.



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# SMC Desperately Seeking a Solution to Parking Problems

By ELIZABETH BURNS  
Layout Designer

Parking on the Saint Mary's campus is a major concern for students and faculty this school year. "Sometimes in the mornings, I feel like a mouse looking for cheese, but there is no cheese," said commuter student George Efthymiou.

According to the Registrar, there have been a larger number of classes scheduled on Tuesday and Thursdays, making these days the most difficult days for drivers. There are over 2,000 parking spots

on campus, and this year Public Safety has already issued 5,042 permits to residents, staff, faculty, and frequent visitors.

Walker Parking Consultants recently did a study of Saint Mary's College. The Campus Planning Committee met on Friday, October 13 to discuss the results and possible solutions. Ideas included changing class schedules, creating a shuttle system, charging students for parking permits, and building a parking structure.

"I do think the College is very concerned about the students, fac-

ulty and parking situation and making it as friendly as possible," said Greg Collins of the Department of Architecture and Construction at Saint Mary's.

The lack of parking spaces has forced many desperate drivers to park illegally.

Last year, \$51,000 was paid to Public Safety for parking ticket and boot fees. That money went into the Saint Mary's General Fund which is used for general operations.

The SMC Parking Committee, composed of the Director of Pub-

lic Safety, faculty, staff, and students, designates the different parking lots and makes decisions concerning proposals for easing the parking crunch. Last year they approved the change of the Augustine resident lot to a commuter lot.

Saint Mary's is one of few colleges in California that does not charge students for parking. According to Public Safety, students at USF pay five hundred dollars a semester for a parking permit, and some colleges do not even allow freshmen to bring a vehicle to

school. Saint Mary's has no plans to implement such measures, but if the problem persists, they could be an option for future years.

The parking problems even made their way to the ASSMC Senate Meeting on October 15. Junior Senator Brian Dougherty proposed an Ad hoc committee to investigate ways to alleviate the parking problem on campus. He suggested that a shuttle service may be possible and that charging for parking and limiting parking are possible solutions to a problem that affects many students.

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# ASSAULT: Officials Aim to Prevent Rape by Curbing On-Campus Alcohol Use

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percent of women, and 50% of men had consumed any amount of alcohol when the rape occurred."

Quinn believes that these findings show that sexual assault at Saint Mary's is not just a direct result of alcohol consumption. "Even if alcohol is involved, there is no excuse for sexual assault. It is still a crime and the implication that 'if students stop drinking, sexual assault will not occur' is false logic," said Quinn.

According to Curran and Dean for Student Development and Leadership Programs Mary McCall, PhD, on-campus disciplinary investigations do take alcohol into consideration when dealing with sexual assault reports. "When a

student is written up for an incident, every action that goes against College Policy will be noted. Cohabitation, underage drinking and violation of quiet hours are factors that we take into consideration -- not for a student to be punished for them, but so that we can point out the other factors of the incident," said Curran.

"I would feel personally remiss if a student had been sexually assaulted, and we knew there had been alcohol involved and I said, 'Here's counseling, I hope you get through it' without mentioning that alcohol is also an issue. I see sanctioning to be a way for that person to get help: it allows us to say, 'You clearly have an issue with alcohol or drugs and we want to help you

with this problem," said McCall.

According to Director of Residence Life Steve Nygaard, resident advisors and directors are trained to discuss alcohol's effects and the occurrence of sexual assault with their residents.

"Statistics show us that the use of alcohol increases the risk of sexual assault on campus," said Nygaard.

Martha Gonzalez, also of Residence Life, sees sexual assault to be an important campus concern: "This issue continues to grow, and is unfortunately a very painful issue. But our biggest priority in Residence Life is student safety, and we are committed at all levels to bringing awareness to this issue."

## Myths and Facts about Sexual Assault and Rape

**Myth:** It is not your fault if you force someone to have sex when you are drunk.

**Fact:** When you are drunk you are still responsible for your actions, just as in drunk driving. It is never okay to force someone to have sex. Someone who is legally intoxicated cannot give consent.

**Myth:** Women often lie about getting raped.

**Fact:** FBI statistics show that only one-two percent of reported rapes are false. This is the same percentage of false reports as for all other crimes. Also, only **one in ten to 20** rapes are reported, and **only one in 100** are prosecuted.

**Myth:** Rape is the victim's fault if she slept around/was drinking/invited him to her room.

**Fact:** No one asks to be raped. Believe the victim: she might be pregnant or have contracted a sexually transmitted disease. She is probably experiencing loss of trust, confusion, self-blame, and shame and needs support.

-L.S.

## Recent Alleged SMC Rape Leaves Further Questions

By LORNA SCHARTON  
Managing Editor

Saint Mary's students were recently informed that an alleged rape occurred on campus during the weekend of September 22-23. On Saturday, September 23, a resident director at the College notified campus administrators that an on-campus rape had been reported at 12:45am. As of yet, no arrests have been made, nor have any suspects been determined.

A Moraga Police Department record reported that the victim was transported from a residence hall at Saint Mary's College to the emergency room at John Muir Hospital around 12:45am. Authorities were contacted from the hospital, and a police report was filed.

According to the Chief of Police for the Moraga Police Department, Barry Kalar, a detective was assigned to the case and investigation of the report began that weekend. "The victim was interviewed along with other people involved, but no suspect has yet been identified," said Kalar. It has not yet been determined, according to Kalar, whether or not the suspect(s) attend Saint Mary's.

The administrator on duty for the night of Friday, September 22 was Michael Viola.

Brother Jack Curran, FSC, PhD, was contacted by Viola about the reported incident on Saturday, September 23. Viola had no comment about the incident. Brother Jack Curran was unavailable for comment.

Roseanne Quinn, Coordinator of the Women's Resource Center at Saint Mary's was not contacted by the College until late Saturday, September 23, fourteen hours after the incident had been reported to College administrators. The Women's Resource Center provides immediate support for victims of sexual assault. "We have somebody available on-call to offer immediate support for victims: from going to the hospital with them, to helping them contact authorities or proceeding with criminal charges if they choose to prosecute their assailant," said Quinn.

According to Kalar, the police investigation will continue, but progress will depend on the victim's decision to make further contact with the Moraga Police Department.

## Senate Retreat Seen as a Positive Step Toward Achieving Goals for the Year

By KIERSTEN DANIEL  
Guest Writer

The goal of a retreat is to participate in team-building activities, set goals, and get to know the people that you will spend the next year working beside.

This year's ASSMC Senate Retreat was no exception. Senators, Class Vice-Presidents, Class Presidents and the Execu-

tive Council left late Friday afternoon for the Alliance Redwoods Conference Center in Occidental, California.

In addition to the get-to-know-each-other games, we discussed the ASSMC Mission Statement and what we, as the Senate, can do differently this year to better represent our constituents. We addressed how the students were not being served with our fullest po-

tential and how we could change that.

This year, class representatives will be able to reach out more because they no longer have to concentrate on fund-raising for events like the Junior Formal and Senior Ball. The Program Board now handles those operations.

We also spent time working with Faculty Senate Chair Rebecca Carroll and Faculty Senate Vice-

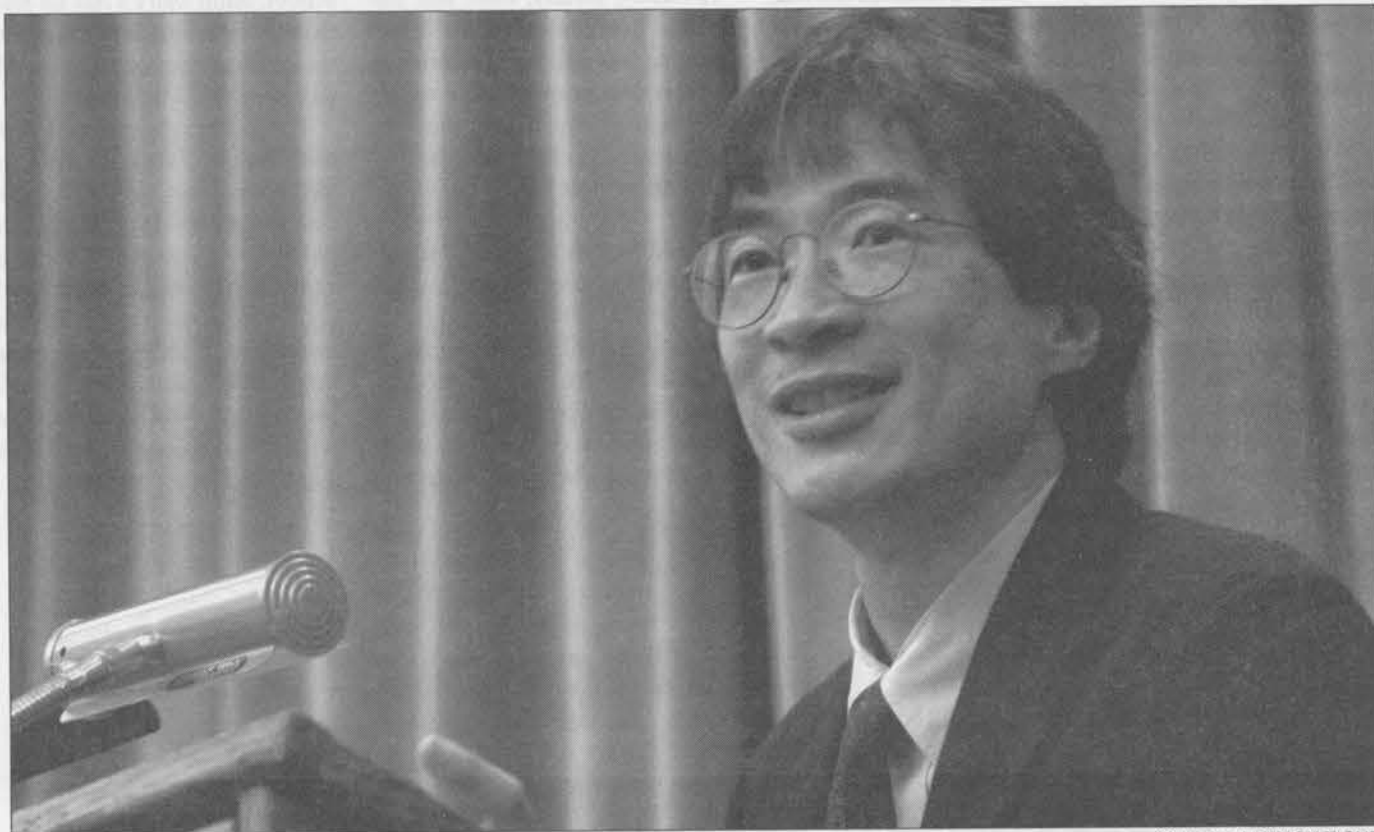
Chair J.D. Phillips with the hopes that we can improve communication between the two Senates. Also, Vice President of Student Affairs Brother Jack Curran, FSC, PhD and Interim Dean of Student Development and Leadership Mary McCall addressed the Senate.

As the ASSMC Senate, we hope to responsibly and actively listen to and represent the students

while making decisions that can better our college community. This year we would like to address such issues as diversity training for faculty, Residence Life concerns, the lack of parking, higher admission standards, the increase in class sizes and class accessibility, sexual assault, and faculty compensation.

Kiersten Daniel is the President of the ASSMC.

**EVENTS**focus



Dr. Carl Wu, a 1974 graduate of Saint Mary's College, addresses the J.C. Gatehouse dedication luncheon.

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## Crowd Gathers For J.C. Gatehouse Dedication

J.C. Gatehouse, Saint Mary's state-of-the-art science facility, was formally dedicated on October 5 with a day full of science-enriched activities.

Guided tours of the building began at 9:15am and were open to faculty, staff, students, parents, donors, and the general public.

At 1:00pm, Dr. Carl Wu addressed visitors and members of the SMC community. Wu is a graduate of SMC ('74) and is currently

Chief of the Laboratory of Cell and Molecular Biology at the National Cancer Institute. He spoke of his work and advocated continued research in the biological sciences.

After the lecture, Professor of Physics and Astronomy Dr. Ron Olowin led a discussion on the "Diamonds in the Sky: Images from the Hubble Telescope," which is currently showing in the Hearst Art Gallery.

At 4:30pm, the official dedication ceremony took place in the Wayne Calloway Family

Grove. Brother Craig Franz FSC, PhD, and others addressed the crowd and expressed their gratitude to all those who made its construction possible.

Concluding the day was a lecture by Dr. Sylvia Earle, owner of California Marine Engineering. Earle, a deep sea explorer and scientist, directed her audience's attention to the fragile nature of Earth's oceans and the need to protect them.

-M.N.R.

## SENATE: Committees formed to investigate rape, parking, and calendar changes

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permits. Simple math tells me that's about 3,000 spots too few." Junior Senator Brian Dougherty raised multiple solutions for their committees to ponder including a shuttle running from the upper Agenos to central campus, a shuttle for off-campus students, the prohibition of cars for freshmen, lot-specific stickers, and charging for permits.

Senators voiced their personal troubles and ideas as to the causes of the problem; to some that includes a campus housing shortage causing more students to become commuters; to others it seemed problematic that some students keep multiple vehicles on campus or drive to classes from outer residence halls. It was determined that because of the breadth of the issue, an Ad hoc committee must be formed and resolutions made must be specific.

Efthymiou urged the senators to work quickly despite the need for more information so that "we can enjoy Saint Mary's instead of looking for a place to park."

The sophomore class announced that their resolution on sexual assault(s) on campus deserved more time and research and would be ready to hear in two weeks. President Sullivan noted, "We need to really examine these issues. . . provide the data, suggest solutions, and establish an Ad hoc Committee, but we must do it with all of the information."

The meeting closed with reminders of future meetings, and the urging of the student body to attend the next formal Senate meeting, being held on Sunday, October 29, at 6pm, in the Soda Center.

## Volunteer for Change!

"What we would like to do is change the world.

Make it a little easier for people to feed, clothe, and shelter themselves as God intended them to do.

And to a certain extent, by fighting for better conditions, by crying out unceasingly for the rights of workers, of the poor, of the destitute -- the rights of the worthy and unworthy poor, in other words -- we can, to a certain extent, change the world.

We can work for the oasis, the little cell of joy and peace in a harried world.

We can throw our pebble in the pond and be confident that its ever-widening circle will reach around the world."

--Dorothy Day

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- St. Albert Hall Library
- Dorm Delivery, Call 800-598-4637

# FACULTY: The Market's Gain, Saint Mary's Loss

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ing a policy approved in 1966 by the Board of Trustees. This policy committed the College to paying faculty according to the State College (CSU) scale, plus an additional three-percent.

According to the Chair of the Faculty Welfare Committee and Associate Professor of Philosophy Steve Cortwright, the College underwent a proposed reform in 1993 to address the following issues: workload, salary scales and reverting to a semester system without January Term. Up until the year 2000, the average teacher workload was seven or eight courses. They now teach six. Cortwright added that when he was a new teacher in 1979, "the College was on the verge of bankruptcy and faculty volunteered to teach eight courses with a pay cut."

Although the ideas for reform were discussed, and some were put into action, Cortwright said, "the suspended salary policy was never replaced. We have been working on an Ad hoc policy since that time." Furthermore, the policy was de facto, indicating there was never a vote to abandon the policy. The 1993-94 Faculty Handbook, section 1.15.1, read: "... because of various limitations on financial resources, the College has not been able to meet this scale every year. The Faculty Salary Policy is currently under review."

Professor of Physics and Astronomy Roy Wensley feels low salaries also existed in 1989-90, but the Board of Trustees corrected

it with "large increases in faculty salary to bring them up in line to the Cal State level over the years of 1991-93." Cortwright feels "the administration has not been accountable to any proposed standard. The result is that the administration has adopted a point of view not unlike the point of view of businesses."

The percentage change from the year 1998 to 1999 for professor's salaries was an average of 7.3 for Cal State Campuses, compared to a 0.1 change for Saint Mary's College. Up until the 1995-96 academic year, the College maintained higher averages than IIA schools, of which CSU campuses are a subset. According to a letter to President Br. Craig Franz, FSC, PhD dated April 23, 1998, from then President of the Faculty Welfare Committee Roy Allen, "In both 1995-96 and 1996-97 SMC salaries for each rank of professor were significantly below the average of the comparable schools, by 5% to 9%."

Allen requested that Saint Mary's be placed on the CSU level: "Given that all of the above data show a relative decline in SMC faculty salaries, the need for such a comparison group to be defined by the relevant constituencies seems clear and urgent."

Many newer professors are worried about ever being able to purchase a house in the Bay Area. In August, the median price for a single-family house in Contra Costa County was \$483,837, according to an October 5 article in the *Contra Costa Times*. Many professors can no longer hope to buy a home in any Contra Costa city. Besides the median-priced house, single families can expect to see entry-level prices reaching no lower than \$200,000. Not to mention the immediate 20% down pay-

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ment at Saint Mary's. "The professor told me he had to return to North Carolina because he couldn't afford the housing."

Other professors are fortunate enough to have bought houses in the Bay Area while they could still afford them. Professor Rosemary Graham managed to buy a house in December of 1999, before, she says, "the housing crisis became what it is, and the competition became so fierce." Graham was initially offered a Resident Director position when she first came to teach at Saint Mary's nine years ago. But she ended up renting from Saint Mary's colleagues after she was told the RD position was no longer available.

Although the housing crisis affects all Bay Area residents, businesses, and schools, Berney feels Saint Mary's "should have anticipated and addressed the issue five-ten years ago." Chaffee concurs, "The crisis needs to be gripped now for something to happen two years from now." Phillips said that when he interviewed for positions at various schools in 1992, the median price of a house was 3.5 times the top salary of the College's pay scale, which he refers to as the "upper-end of tolerable. But now, the

median house costs 6.5-7 times the full-scale salary. It is now prohibitive. Faculty salaries should be no worse than the terms in the 1966 agreement." Cortwright feels the College will become "a tawdry little degree mill" in the next 2-3 years unless something is done in the way to adjust salaries.

The Staff Council met with President Franz on Tuesday, September 11 to discuss various activities, including a current compensation study. According to staff and faculty e-mail regarding the meeting, "He [Franz] reported that the study is likely to surface a range of comparative data on the salary scales. . . . The Board of Trustees is willing to support making the necessary pay increases over-time. The goal is to align all salaries to the market in an equitable manner." On November 15, a forum sponsored by the AAUP in conjunction with the Faculty Welfare Committee will focus on the "problem of faculty salaries," as noted in the e-mail.

*J.D. Phillips said that when he interviewed for positions at various schools in 1992, the median price of a house was 3.5 times the top salary of the College's pay scale, which he refers to as the "upper-end of tolerable. But now, the median house costs 6.5-7 times the full-scale salary. It is now prohibitive. Faculty salaries should be no worse than the terms in the 1966 agreement." Steve Cortwright feels the College will become "a tawdry little degree mill" in the next 2-3 years unless something is done in the way to adjust salaries.*

ment of \$40,000 required for a house this price, in addition to mortgage payments that add monthly strain to the budget.

Professors who have been at the College for many years, and were able to seize upon the housing market before the mid-90s, feel Saint Mary's will have difficulty hiring new faculty. Professor of Politics and President of the local AAUP chapter Wilber Chaffee said, "This crisis will directly affect students. We are losing faculty and can't hire anyone else because the housing costs are high and the job market is very, very good." Having been a professor for 22 years, the housing crisis has not directly affected Chaffee. But while on sabbatical in South America last year, Chaffee rented his home to a fellow Saint Mary's professor. When he returned to the Bay Area, the effects of the housing crisis were evident, as his own house had gone up 33% in value and he was told his former renter would no longer be able to

## CRIME Beat

### 10/2/00 Hit & Run

A staff car was struck in the business lot. No note was left, and there was minor damage.

### 10/3/00 Vandalism and Malicious Mischief

An RA in Mitty Hall awakened to find smoke bombs on her door. There was no witness, and an investigation is underway.

### 10/3/00 Booted Vehicle

A student vehicle was booted in the upper De La Salle lot for unpaid parking fees. The fees were paid and the boot was removed.

### 10/3/00 Booted Vehicle

A student vehicle was booted for three unpaid parking citations. The fees were paid and the boot was removed.

### 10/5/00 Theft

A student's wallet was taken from her room while she was outside on her cell phone. Her door and the common doors were unlocked.

### 10/5/00 Obstructing Business Operation

A student, told not to enter the Brickpile, was asked to leave and refused. Public Safety was called, and by the time they arrived, the student was gone. An investigation is underway.

### 10/6/00 Trespassing

A nonstudent was found living in a dorm room. He was told to gather his belongs and leave campus. He was also informed that if he comes on campus again, he will be charged with trespassing.

### 10/6/00 Damage

A student parked across from the Lacrosse parkinglot found that her windshield had been broken. No note was left.

### 10/7/00 Possession of Marijuana and Paraphernalia

While responding to a fire alarm, Public Safety noticed a pipe and the smell of marijuana coming from a room in Ageno East. The items were seized, and the students were reported to Residence Life.

### 10/8/00 Vandalism

A student's car was keyed while parked. No note was left, and there are no suspects.

### 10/9/00 Medical

A student was injured while playing basketball in Madigan Gym. The student's roommate drove him to the hospital.

### 10/10/00 Grand Theft

Two stacks of *Collegian* newspapers, approximating 1000 papers, were taken from in front of Ferroggiaro before distribution. There were no witnesses.

### 10/11/00 Towed Vehicle

The owner of a booted vehicle in the upper De La Salle lot failed to contact Public Safety, and the vehicle was removed from campus.

### 10/11/00 Medical

A student, who had been drinking heavily, was breathing but not responding. The student vomited and was transported to the hospital by paramedics.

### 10/11/00 Medical

An employee was injured while moving chairs inside the Soda Center. He went to a doctor on his own.

### 10/12/00 Traffic Accident

Two students were involved in a non-injury accident on the Saint Mary's parkway. Information was exchanged, and one vehicle had to be towed from campus.

### 10/12/00 Traffic Accident

A student ran into a maintenance vehicle after waving the truck to proceed. Insurance information was given to the campus, and both cars could drive away from the scene.

### 10/12/00 Vandalism

A student reported that her car's grill had been damaged while she was parked. No note was left, and there were no witnesses.

# No Immediate Plans to Fix Campus Housing Crunch

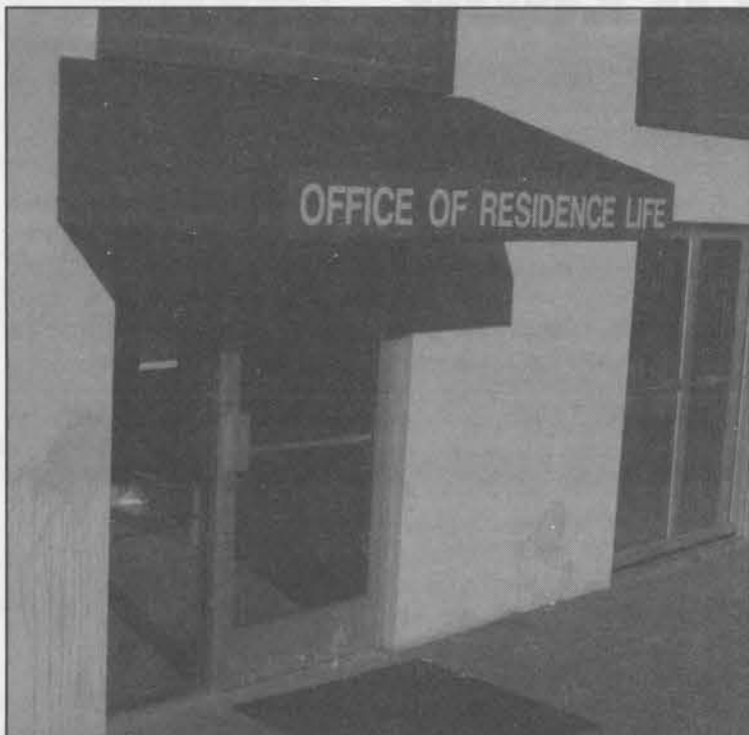
By ELIZABETH BURNS  
Layout Designer

The addition of two new dorm buildings to Saint Mary's has allowed Residence Life to provide housing for 100 additional students. However, 135 students remain on a housing waiting list.

This year, there are 1,574 students living on campus, up from 1,550 last year. Of the students living on campus, 38% are freshman, 30% are sophomores, 15% are juniors and 13% are seniors. Freshman are guaranteed housing as well as returning sophomores who lived on campus during their freshman year. Juniors and seniors must enter a lottery to compete for the remaining rooms.

Due to limited housing, many freshmen were placed in triples this year. All of the freshman triples are in De La Salle Hall, because, according to Residence Life, it has larger rooms than most other halls. There were a total of 34 freshman triples at the start of the year. Of these rooms, 10 have been untripled due to students who "at the last minute, decided not to attend," says Norma Armtrout of Residence Life.

Though Saint Mary's currently has no plans for building a new residence hall or buying off-cam-



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The Office of Residence Life is located on the ground floor of Mitty.

pus housing, they are trying to make the process of finding off-campus housing easier. "We're trying to get it out to the community that SMC is in need of housing," says Armtrout. Residence Life has a list of off-campus housing that is currently available, and it is mailed to all wait-listed students every two weeks during the summer months.

Despite the fact that next year all of Assumption Hall will be con-

verted into offices, Residence Life is looking at ways to solve the problem. The strict enforcement of turning housing forms in on time, and possibly some changes to the lottery are issues that are being considered. The housing situation has improved: 15 years ago Saint Mary's did not guarantee housing to any of its students, and did not give housing to students living within a 25 miles of campus.

## ASSMC Hires New Editors; Gets Gael Up and Running

By KELLI IVERSON  
and MELISSA CAMILLERI  
Staff Writers

ASSMC.

Last spring, Paul Leonardi and Erica Nishinaka formally announced their resignation as Co-Editors-in-Chief of the *Gael*.

Traditionally, the yearbook has been allocated close to \$50,000. Past editors have been able to make this amount work, but last year, Leonardi and Nishinaka faced additional financial difficulties.

Leonardi and Nishinaka discovered an existing debt that left them with a budget of \$24,000. In addition to fundraising, the team reduced costs by changing paperweights and switching inks. These efforts decreased the budget by \$20,000, and they were able to produce the book.

This year, the ASSMC Finance Board cut their budget to \$34,000. Former ASSMC Vice President of Finance Tiffany Price, argued that because of student disinterest (evident by the surplus of unclaimed books each year), the *Gael* did not need the traditional allocation of funds. Leonardi and Nishinaka repeatedly appealed the decision but ultimately met with a lack of support from the

Facing the lack of support, along with the 2% increase in production costs, Leonardi and Nishinaka felt it impossible to produce a high-quality book. "We informed the Media Board that neither of us were reapplying for the positions mainly because we were completely disillusioned by the apathy shown," said Leonardi.

Their positions remained vacant throughout September. "We were left in a very awkward position. We came into this year without any yearbook leadership," says ASSMC president Kiersten Daniel.

On October 2, the Editor-in-Chief positions were filled. Junior Megan Montefusco and Freshman Christopher Swain will share the position, with Freshman Michelle Luk as Assistant Editor. Daniel is hopeful but realistic about the reduced budget and somewhat inexperienced staff.

Nishinaka and Leonardi said, "In no way want do they place the blame or point a finger at the current ASSMC for last year's difficulties." Both also want to make it clear that the only way to ensure the future of the SMC *Gael* is through the students' support.

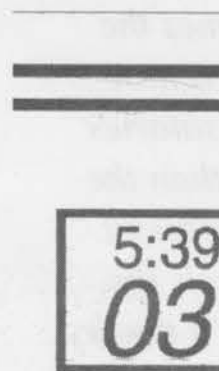
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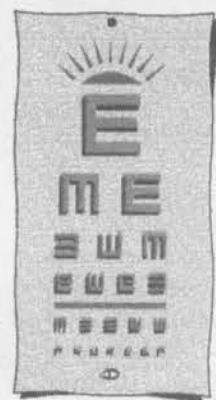
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## IN THIS REALITY

By Sean Sullivan ♦ Class of 2003

### "Nothing Really, Just the Value of Our Diploma."

What is the value of our Saint Mary's diploma? No one would dispute that the reputation of an institution is important, but is it really such a big deal? In a word, yes. It's important to law schools, medical schools, graduate schools, prospective employers, and even to our long-term career and family aspirations.

A variety of factors determine the reputation of a college, and thus the value of the diploma it confers upon its students. Everything from the percentage of faculty with terminal degrees to the average high school grade point average of admitted students plays a role in determining the weight of a Saint Mary's degree. The factors are wide-ranging and diverse, but they remain the basis for how anyone outside this college judges us, as students and graduates.

Recently, *U.S. News and World Report* announced its annual college and university rankings. In this report, Saint Mary's fell to ninth place among regional schools. Saint Mary's had been ranked as high as fourth place, in 1995, but has declined in recent years to its current level. As soon as anyone uses this report in connection to Saint Mary's, one is immediately bombarded with comments about the "changes in methodology," the "inaccuracy of the report," and the "fact that we are still in the top ten."

And while these are valid points, it does not change the facts: Saint Mary's fell in the rankings from fourth to ninth place. No discussion of methodology or faulty indicators can change that. **FOURTH TO NINTH IS A DECLINE.**

And you can't change the fact that we will be judged according to this ranking -- judged by graduate schools, judged by prospective employees, and judged by interested students.

Some would say that too much has been made of the *U.S. News and World Report* rankings. In truth, we have not even scratched the surface of the salient issues raised in the study.

What is the value of our Saint Mary's diploma?

Enrollment issues play a crucial role in determining our diploma's value. The acceptance rate of the College (reported as 85% in 1999 and 78% in 2000 by the Office of Institutional Research) remains an issue of utmost concern. This basically translates into the fact that about four out of five applicants to the College are admitted. How can any kind of standards be maintained in the classroom if the range of students admitted is so wide?

There is a need to reject weak applicants! The phrase "We are only as strong as our weakest link" is applicable in the case of admitted students as well. We are willfully choosing to devalue our diplomas by admitting deficient students, and not seeking a narrower acceptance pool.

This wide-ranging admission policy cannot be the future of Saint Mary's. In a report by the Committee on Admissions and Academic Regulations to the Educational Policies Board dated April 12, 1999 the committee plainly states: "The quality of our students has not matched the increasing reputation and quality of our undergraduate faculty." Ouch. That's a painful realization.

As students, we should consider this a call to action. We must begin to care about the value of our diploma, and about the factors that determine it. As students, we must press the faculty and administration to take action that will manifest itself both internally (better classes; and more enriching experience) and externally (higher survey rankings).

Most of all, at every step in the process, we must ask ourselves and those that lead us: What *is* the value of our Saint Mary's diploma?

### FINAL NOTE

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## Collegian Editorials

### "Pump up the Valium"

*Low participation in ASSMC elections demonstrates increased student apathy toward campus politics*

By BRAD KVEDERIS • Opinion Editor

When the results of the ASSMC elections were published on September 27, I was very surprised to learn that I had tied for fourth place in the race for Junior Senate. Despite the fact that I wasn't even *running* for the position, I was the runner-up in the contest -- with a total of one vote received.

While appearing so high on the list of candidates for this office was good for a laugh, it was also somewhat disturbing. Earlier this year, ASSMC President Kiersten Daniel reported that students were turning out to get involved with campus affairs in record numbers -- but what happened two weeks ago? There were three positions open in the Junior Senate, and exactly three candidates ran for office. Two new Senior Senators were to be

elected, and -- you guessed it -- there were exactly two candidates who ran for that office. If you're worried about student apathy on campus, you may find some comfort in the fact that we're doing better than last year: the only reason that the aforementioned elections were held is that there were not even enough candidates to fill the available positions in *last* year's elections.

So what happened to our record-setting enthusiasm? Thirty seniors bothered to vote in this election, and so did a whopping 54 juniors. Some students complained that the elections weren't well-publicized, or that they didn't know where to vote, but how can a turnout of roughly 5% be chalked up to anything other than apathy or lack of

interest?

To be fair, not everyone seemed to take the elections as lightly as the upperclassmen: every last race in the freshman class elections was contested, and voter turnout approached 50% -- significantly higher than our age group's turnout in the last election for President of the United States. The freshman class has been here for only a month, making it impossible for them to really "get to know" their candidates -- but their high level of participation tells me that they are the ones who care the most about taking control of their own futures.

This year's figures may make it seem like the current freshman class has an unusual amount of

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## To Protect and to Serve?

*Local police departments unprepared to protect students*

By JONNA-LYNN KIRKPATRICK • Staff Writer

Generally speaking, this area of Contra Costa County is peaceful and at ease. Moraga, with all of its peace and harmony, seems something like a modernized caricature of Mayberry. I can't blame the police if they get a little bored here, although handing out tickets for driving 5 mph over the speed limit *does* seem to be a popular pastime among them. I can, however, blame them for their seemingly negligent unpreparedness; emergencies do occur, even in Mayberry. In the short time I have lived in this area, I have noticed that the police generally have their guard down, and that scares me. Saint Mary's is con-

sidered to be a very safe campus, but is it really?

Sure, the crime rate is low on campus, but if we were suddenly faced with a crisis situation, how prepared would the Moraga Police Department be to deal with it? How prepared are the police in this serene part of Contra Costa County to deal with any crime-related emergency?

Many make the mistake of considering the concepts of "peace" and "safety" to go hand in hand, when the reality is that they do not. Sure, this area is peaceful, but if one were to call it "safe," I would question their reasoning. Right

here on campus, there are plenty of examples of how students are placed in the path of easily preventable danger. If, for example, a student were to use a residence phone to dial 911, she needs to dial "9-9-1-1" to reach the police. After she makes the call, the 911 dispatch will contact Public Safety. That's right, Public Safety receives a call from 911 after ANY emergency calls are made from on-campus. What details are given to Public Safety? And are these calls recorded to be included in a crime log so the community of Saint Mary's is aware of activities that

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## Collegian Editorials

### Public Safety or Public Enemies?

By JOEL BRILLANT • Staff Writer

As I drove toward Madigan Gym to play a game of pickup basketball on a recent Sunday afternoon, I noticed something different about the Saint Mary's campus. When I passed through the gate where Public Safety stands guard, playing solitaire on the computer and fielding phone calls from friends and relatives, I noticed that there were several unoccupied parking spaces available for me to choose from. Unlike the average weekday, when I have to drive to the furthest Ageo to park my car, on this Sunday I found a spot right in front of Madigan Gym.

After playing basketball for over an hour, I walked to my car and found a yellow ticket tucked underneath my windshield wiper. As I looked around, I spotted a lurking man with a fudgesicle in one hand and a pad of parking tickets in

the other. Who was this man? Recently, he has been my enemy. I have since come to the conclusion, though, that he is not only my enemy, but also the enemy of every licensed student at SMC.

It isn't the name "Public Safety" that bothers me, but rather the ironic twist which that name illustrates -- the public is kept safe by having our cars ticketed. If there are certain places where I should park, then shouldn't the College post signs to inform me where those places are? Or would that take away from the school fundraising campaign sign that was so nonchalantly advertised on the front lawn next to our enemies' lair? If the College can use a metaphorical sign like a thermometer to let everyone know about their drive to obtain a large amount of money, then maybe they should do the same at each parking lot to inform students where they can park. Perhaps they could use a red hand, a

skull-and-crossbones, or a picture of the \$20 ticket we will receive if we park there. Maybe they could erect a thermometer that shows how many tickets students have received for parking there. It happens so often that one may be led to wonder whether parking tickets have become a part of the fundraising campaign -- a way for the College to raise their \$150 million, twenty dollars at a time. And just think of all those booted vehicles, too.

As I recall, we go to school to learn. But how can we learn if we can't go to class because we don't want to run the risk of being ticketed by our enemy? I have gone through the parking lots many times looking for spaces, only to find that same disarming man writing ticket after ticket as though he has a quota to meet. Instead of being petty and ticketing us for minor violations, let us learn and leave us be.

### AIDS Happens to Catholics TOO

By AMANDA JANIS • Executive Copy Editor

If you are remotely aware of events on campus, you probably heard of or participated in the Health Center's recent meningitis vaccination clinic. Evidence of the "meningitis media push" included comprehensive letters sent home to parents regarding the vaccinations, along with the *Collegian's* September 20 issue. The issue included "Here's to Your Health," in which Miriam Eisenhardt, RN and Nancy Glenn, PhD of the Health Center wrote solely about meningitis and closed with an announcement of the upcoming vaccinations. While I applaud the Health Center for successfully alerting us to the dangers of a disease which can specifically affect college students, their thorough attempt to educate students and their families about it, and even provide a solution, I wonder who

chooses the diseases to publicize on campus?

Rumors abounded last week that there was also HIV testing at the Health Center. Shocked that a college who removed condoms from the bookstore would provide HIV testing?

I was too, and then started to be proud for half a second, until I realized that's all it was -- a rumor. Turns out that the company doing the meningitis clinic also does HIV testing, and their sign announcing the meningitis vaccines blew off from the windy weather (or was taken off by vandals), revealing a sign from a previous AIDS clinic.

It seems to me that AIDS is of greater worry (and reality) to most of us than meningitis. Am I wrong? If Saint Mary's Health Center was truly student-oriented, wouldn't they realize the need to publicize and try to help in preventing all fatal diseases specifically affecting

college students? Wouldn't it be logical to have such services -- especially HIV testing -- on a metropolitan college campus? The nurses at the Health Center say they don't do HIV testing for confidentiality reasons, but that students can be referred to outside agencies. As I compare friends attending other universities whose comprehensive health centers offer services like STD testing and birth control prescriptions, I can't help but wonder if this is yet another way for Catholicism to encroach on our campus existence?

I guess my concern is that in promoting Catholic and Lasallian values, serious things like AIDS are not addressed because of their associated taboos. But the fact is that AIDS affects everyone, including Catholics. Shouldn't our Health Center rise above religion and simply be a medical resource to help us?

Stephen Pelligrini and Anthony Stefanich are:

## TWO GUYS With LONG NAMES

### Waffles Kill!

Just when you thought it was safe to eat breakfast . . . dangerous predators lie in your grocer's freezer. They wait for unsuspecting parents to open the fogged glass door and buy them, releasing them into the city, where they can wreak their heartless havoc. Unrelenting monsters devouring the hearts and minds of our nation's children. They are: (da-dum . . . da-dum . . .) Eggo Waffles!

That's right, that golden brown goodness that pops up out of our toasters every morning spells doom for America's youth. Every day, more and more children become addicted to these waffles, chanting, "Leggo my Eggo!" as soon as it pops up . . . a sure sign of their terrible addiction. Children go as far as shoving their brothers, sisters, and parents out of the way, willing to do anything to be the first to get to that appliance of death. Sometimes, even aunts, uncles, grandparents, dogs, and plumbers fall victim to the child's voracious hunger. Pretty soon, kids desperately trying to get their next fix will carry forks, and maybe even knives, to the kitchen. They will make sure everyone else leggos their Eggos.

That's not the most frightening part. Eggos are a gateway pastry. They satisfy kids for a while, but soon the children's addiction has gone too far, and they have to graduate to bigger, more fattening forms of breakfast: Pop Tarts, Toaster Strudel, chocolate eclairs with gooey custard inside and those little sprinkles on top. The list goes on and on.

And what do the evil people of Kellogg's do about this rampant problem? Nothing! Why? Because. Because why? Because they make sacks of money off our kids' weakness. And regular Eggos just aren't enough. To combat that fat little money-grubbing Pillsbury Doughboy, Kellogg's has found new ways to keep children and midgets hooked. Blueberry Eggos, Banana Eggos, Apple Cinnamon Eggos, Chocolate Chip Eggos, Snickers Eggos, Crack Eggos!

Our only hope? The cigarette companies! Hopefully, Phillip Morris and his friends can steer our kids away from the dangerous addiction of toastable waffles and back to the safer addiction of cancer sticks. Please, Joe Camel. Please, Marlboro Man. Save our children. Make them Leggo.

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## QUAD Talk

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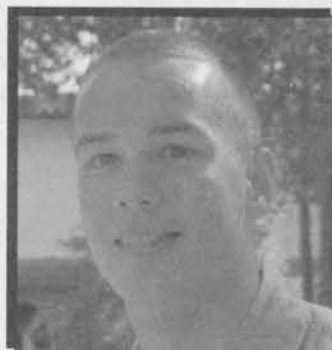
*The school is thinking about changing Spring Break so that it falls more in the middle of the semester instead of around Easter; what's your take on that?*

By TARA BARNETT • Staff Writer



"I think that would be better because that way people have a break and you don't get so stressed out having to do schoolwork because break is so close to finals."

-Lane Conway



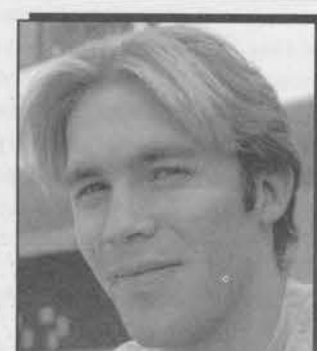
"If it actually did not include Easter weekend, I think it would be a bad idea. This is a Catholic school and Christian religious holidays are important."

-Jared Wambaugh



"I think it's important to spend those holidays with your family, and I think it would be a bad move to change it so that kids would have to travel on a short weekend to go see them, or maybe not be able to see them at all."

-Shannon Linben



"It would be nice if they had it when all the other schools had it. Last year, we were the only ones who had spring break at that time. It seems kind of pointless. You go places and no one is there because it's so late. It would be nice if they split it up."

-Nick Crawley

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### APATHY: Student participation lacking in ASSMC elections

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enthusiasm, but the fact of the matter is that a disturbing pattern repeats itself in each round of ASSMC elections. Students are eager to vote and to run for office in their first year or two of college, but after that, participation plummets. In the words of Greg Teshara, ASSMC Vice President for Administration, "Unfortunately, it's become a tradition -- the older you get, the less you care." For some reason, students' enthusiasm for campus affairs drops off sharply in those first two years -- but why?

Teshara cited several possible reasons for the consistent decline in participation, including publicity problems and students' perceptions that ASSMC has been ineffective in making any tangible changes. "Last year, nothing happened for a reason," he said, pointing to a lack of decisiveness among last year's ASSMC, as well as administrative "brick walls" that often prevented student leaders from making the changes they wanted to. But according to Teshara, some of those barriers may be coming down, and the long talked-about overhaul of the Senate is finally taking shape. "This year, we have a student government that can

change the constitution," he stated, "Why we couldn't in the past, I don't know."

Although the reform of ASSMC is exciting, things are still set up so that those students with the highest rates of participation in student affairs are the ones with the least opportunity to make a difference. The freshman class had by far the largest turnout in this year's elections, yet current ASSMC rules prohibit any freshman from even being listed on the ballot as a candidate for ASSMC President. One member of last year's much maligned ASSMC Executive Council went so far as to say that underclassmen were intentionally excluded from the higher offices because "we have to have people who know what they're doing. What would happen if a freshman was elected President?" If you were told this during your first year of college, would you feel encouraged to stay involved in campus affairs? I sincerely hope that the changes made this year will help raise enthusiasm about student government, but there will still be problems to overcome. In students' freshman and sophomore years, certain people often establish themselves as "the ASSMC people" and the rest of us seem more or less resigned to the fact that the same people will hold leadership positions year in and year out. Freshmen who vote in the elections

become sophomores who might vote for their friends in the next election, and then juniors and seniors who stand around behind Dante Hall saying "Who cares about the election? It doesn't matter anyway." Freshmen and sophomores, who cast roughly two-thirds of the votes in ASSMC elections, are barred from making full use of their potential. But if upperclassmen remain unwilling to get involved themselves, then why *shouldn't* those who are willing to participate be allowed to take the reins?

Many students retain skeptical attitudes toward ASSMC, and that won't change overnight. I am not sure myself whether or not this year's reform will be enough to counter this campus's cynicism toward student government. What we *ought* to remember, though, is that refusing to participate in campus politics isn't going to get us anywhere. Yes, you may be discouraged when elections are uncontested or positions are left vacant, but that means that even *you* could get elected, if you bothered to run. Whether or not the student government undergoes a sweeping transformation this year, it can't hurt to participate. Will we "pump up the volume" this year -- or "pump up the Valium?"

### SAFETY: Students placed in danger by security policies

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are occurring which need the attention of 911?

Even when the police are contacted, I am concerned how prepared they are to deal with emergency situations. I currently live in a very secluded house in the hills of Walnut Creek (the perfect setting for a scary movie), and I consider this seclusion to allow more vulnerability than protection. Last week, I was at home alone when the alarm sounded. The alarm system in my house instantly contacts the police when it goes off, but panicked, I ran to my

only neighbor's house while I waited for police to arrive. Boy, did I ever wait. It took the police 35 minutes to get to my house, and on top of that, only one officer came. He told me that he figured it was a false alarm, because an invader would have had to actually know where he was going to find my house. There was no invader in my house, but what if there had been? That police officer would have been totally unprepared to deal with it, and I would have been a victim of a crime that could have been prevented. This nonchalant approach is all too common among police in this area, and that attitude can lead to unnecessary danger.

I suppose that the tradeoff for living in a reasonably peaceful area is that the police are not well prepared to do their jobs, except for writing tickets. Just because crime-related emergencies aren't common around here, though, doesn't mean that they don't occur. The police should be ready to deal with these situations, however occasional they may be. I almost feel as though I would be just as safe living in a city with a high crime rate such as West Oakland, because even though crime is common, the police take their jobs seriously, and know what it means to protect and to serve.

## "The Truth" in 150 Words or Less

By BRAD KVEDERIS • Opinion Editor

#### Public Safety in Action

Part of the reason why we enforce parking regulations is to ensure that people who need to use certain parking spots can get them. In case of parking violations, Public Safety has sometimes been known to place an immobilizing 'boot' on the offending vehicle. Yeah, they weren't supposed to take that parking space -- but now NOBODY can.

#### Now We Can Get Pregnant and Get Lung Cancer

In keeping with our 'Lasallian Mission,' the administration won't allow condoms to be sold at the bookstore. Of course, we can still buy cigarettes there. I guess it's okay for us to do one thing, but not the other.

#### Rocket Science

Two new dorms were opened in the past year, and almost no extra parking was added. This year, the parking situation is worse than it's ever been before. Hey, science majors, can you figure out why?

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her academic program overseas. Remember, it is called "study abroad" for a reason -- it's not "travel abroad" or "party abroad." And it's a good idea to start your preliminary planning, program selection and discussion with your major advisor and Center staff the semester before you're planning to apply (a full year before you want to leave).

Course approval is another reality of any study abroad experience. It is the advisor's duty to ensure that course selections conform with your overall academic intent. Every home institution has non-waivable courses that must be taken at the home campus and in a specified sequence. For example, the upper division religious studies requirement at Saint Mary's cannot generally be satisfied by coursework in non-SMC-sponsored programs. There is a "senior residency requirement" at every school, specifying the number of courses that must be taken at the home institution. Balancing a semester or a year away with the need to take certain required courses in a specific sequence is a reality that requires careful planning and sometimes the distressing realization that you can not "do it all," and at times hard choices need to be made.

I have no doubt that Ms. Doyle would have found similar "roadblocks" to study abroad at virtually *any* school she might have attended.

Such "tedious regulations" come with the territory. There is a reason for their existence: they are not intended to confound

students, but, rather, these steps are part of any responsible study abroad program selection and approval process, to ensure that proposed courses of study reflect and achieve a student's academic goals. The fact that Saint Mary's follows nationally recognized guidelines is not evidence that we are not being true to our commitment to a Liberal Arts education, but rather that we are doing our best to ensure that there are no "unpleasant surprises" when a student returns home.

And Ms. Doyle's preposterous assertion that the "real reason" for these kinds of regulations "has to do with money" is simply insulting to the faculty, staff and students who have worked so hard to expand study abroad opportunities for all students here.

I won't deny that there have been problems in the past, nor that there continue to be glitches in the present system, but the Center for International Programs is making a steady and consistent effort to keep contradictions and catch-22 frustrations to a minimum. I hope that students will make an effort to see what the current realities about study abroad are, and not rely on Ms. Doyle's negative perspective to keep them from experiencing what she, herself, has acknowledged as "different...amazing...and truly important." We are here to provide that experience for anyone willing to understand the difference between thoughtful planning and "tedious regulation."

Stephen Thewlis  
Center for International Programs

### Editorial Correction Box

♦ On page 7 in the October 4 issue of the *Collegian*, the Jan Term article stated that students are required to take at least two Upper Division Jan Term Courses. There are in fact no Upper Division Jan

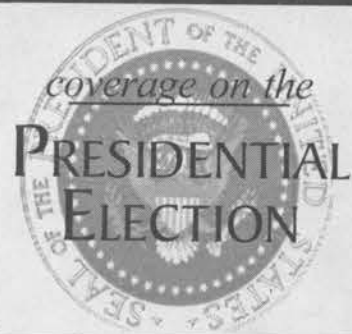
Term requirements. Students must take 17 Upper Division classes to graduate.

♦ On page 7 in the October 4 issue of the *Collegian*, the thirty percent figure regarding admin-

istrative costs was inaccurate.

♦ On page 1 in the October 4 issue of the *Collegian*, *The West Wing* was stated as being on ABC. It actually airs on the NBC network.

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# Campaign 2000

## Why You Must Vote

By MARK MEYERS + Guest Writer

**E**lection Day is rapidly approaching us, and many Saint Mary's students aren't planning on voting. Maybe you aren't interested in any of the candidates, don't care who our next President will be, or think that your vote doesn't matter. If you suggested any of these reasons for not voting, you are neglecting your social responsibility as an American. The nature of the American voting system -- one vote for every citizen, regardless of class, race or gender -- is one of the reasons that we enjoy so many freedoms. If you pass over your chance to vote, you're not only stabbing the back of the system that provides us freedom, but you're also letting down your fellow Americans. Consider this: in the 1992 election 52.2% of eligible voters voiced their opinion at the polls. Of that 52.2%, only 43.3% of the vote went to Bill Clinton. That means that precisely 22.6% of Americans put Bill Clinton in the White House. Do you want 22 out of every 100 people in your country deciding for you who your president is?

Another important reason to vote is that no matter who you are, the candidate's opinions will affect you in one way or another. For example,

if you support affirmative action -- you may want to vote for Al Gore. If you support an across-the-board tax cut for employed Americans, you may want to vote for George W. Bush. If you are employed in America and pay taxes (if you aren't now, you will be soon) you *must* vote because you will be affected. If you don't vote, you lose the right to complain if you don't like the way things

accordingly. This year, however, there are a high number of registered voters, and both major candidates have given higher priority to issues that apply to all ages. Education is one of the largest issues being discussed during this election. One idea is to give billions of tax dollars to schools in the hopes of improvement, and another idea is to hold schools accountable for student performance. These are issues that are close to our age group -- and we, as a portion of the voting population, should voice our concern about them.

A privilege of being an American is having the freedom to vote and take control of our country's future. It must not be taken for granted. For

example, felons lose their right to vote, and foreign citizens can't vote. It wasn't until 1922 that women gained the right to vote through vigorous campaigning and protest. Many African-Americans in Southern states could not vote until the 1950s and 1960s due to poll taxes and other circumstances. It's a right that makes our country great, and all Americans, including Saint Mary's students, must exercise this right.

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Mark Meyers  
Guest Writer

are going.

You may have thought to yourself, "My vote is so insignificant that it'll never make a difference." This type of thinking keeps many people from voting. In the last election, only one out of three people from ages 18-24 voted, compared with two out of three seniors voting. Don't the younger generations have more at stake? Candidates know that there are a lower number of young voters, and they package their campaigns

## Not a Political Science Major?

By KATHERINE TOMKINS and  
BRAD KVEDERIS  
Lifestyles Editor/Opinion Editor

Do you shy away at parties as soon as the conversation turns to politics? Still not quite sure how the whole thing works? Fret not. Here at the *Collegian*, we understand that you need not be a "Young (fill in your party here)" in order to be involved in the election process.

So where did we come up with these guys that run for office? Candidates are nominated during the primaries -- elections held within a party to determine who will represent the party in the election. In most states only party members can participate in this event, but California has open primaries, which means any registered voter can vote for any candidate in a primary election, regardless of party affiliation. Financing a primary campaign can be quite a task, because party money is not used for this purpose, and the candidate must come up with their own funds. Since the voter turnout is typically quite low during the primaries, a very small percentage of the actual population decides upon a pool of candidates from which our future president will be selected.

Once nominated, a candidate's campaign is usually funded in part by his or her party. If the party received at least five percent of the popular vote in the last election, the candidate also becomes eligible for government funding. The Federal Election Committee is responsible for setting the standards for government spending

on the election. This committee has the power to reevaluate its standards year to year, during elections.

Another task that faces candidates before an election is selecting a "slate of electors" for each state. The number of people on a slate for each state equals the number of electoral votes the state has. The number of electoral votes, in turn, are determined by the number of congressmen a state has.

During the election, if a candidate wins the popular vote in a given state, his or her slate of electors gets to cast the electoral votes for the state. The downside of this "winner-take-all" system is that if the candidate narrowly carries states with a large amount of electoral votes, it is possible for him or her to be elected, even though he or she failed to obtain the majority of popular votes.

For someone to win an election without winning the popular vote is rare, but the possibility itself suggests that our system may need to be improved. That can also be within our power as voters. Do yourself a favor, check out candidate websites, and find out what issues matter most to you. Then when your date's parents ask you about where you stand on childcare, you won't think they're asking you if you know anyone who baby-sits. And when you hit the polls on November 7, hold your head high.

## SMC Professor calls for Election Reforms

By KATHERINE TOMKINS  
Lifestyles Editor

As the 2000 Presidential Election nears, there is growing concern as to what the next four years will be like. Voters acknowledge that this is an important election, with the potential appointment of Supreme Court Justices, talk of changes in schools and exciting changes in the field of health care. After watching the bickering egoism of the 2000 Presidential Debates, however, I was not the only one who felt disappointed and ashamed of the candidate I plan to vote for. How does a system created to provide us with leadership come to alienate the ones it is meant to benefit? Saint Mary's Associate Professor of Politics Dr. Susan C. Weissman pinpointed many of the problems with our current election system, problems that seem to stem from the exclusivity of the two-party system.

When asked if she felt that Gore and Bush did a good job of covering the most important issues in the debates, Weissman was adamant, "Absolutely not!" Weissman feels

that the debates were geared almost exclusively towards the relatively small group of swing voters. Because this group is comprised mostly citizens over retirement age, argument over prescription drugs, rather than the war on drugs, bombarded viewers of the debate. As a result, Weissman fears that such important issues as "the criminal system, death penalty, and a corporation dominated congress" are cast aside.

Even more disturbing, Weissman indicates, is that "Other candidates [outside of the Democratic and Republican parties] are not allowed to be part of the process." According to the Federal Election Commission (FEC) website ([www.fec.gov](http://www.fec.gov)), on October 3, 1996, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit upheld the ruling by a lower court dismissing the lawsuits brought forth by Ross Perot (Reform Party) and John Hagelin (Natural Law Party), both hopefuls for the Presidency. Perot and Hagelin filed the suits in part because the Commission on Presidential Debates (CPD) had excluded them from a nationally televised debate. Even though the event

was funded by the CPD, which is in turn funded by taxpayer dollars, the courts ruled that the plaintiffs had no private right of action against the commission. Currently, there are three Democrats and three Republicans serving on the committee. Weissman maintains that a possible reason for the exclusion of Perot in 1996 was his surprise popularity when he ran for President in 1992.

"Americans were starving for new ideas," she reasons, and as a result, Perot received 18.91% of the popular vote that year. Perhaps this concerned a few folks, because since the FEC had started publicly funding Presidential Campaigns in 1976, no third party candidate had managed to take much more than 1% of the popular vote.

Since the FEC is able to change their policies on a constant basis, this year there is a new 'resolution' to the third-party problem. This year, the CPD has decided that only candidates who take at least 15% of the popular vote in polls will be included in the nationally televised debates. That eliminates the possi-

bility of third party candidates like Ralph Nader or Pat Buchanan from getting their message out to the public at large.

Some argue that there are plenty of other ways for these candidates to spread their messages, but Weissman persists that "... in many ways, this election is a democratic sham!"

She believes that the system is set up to exclude third parties and to avoid the most important issues that many people feel our government should be addressing.

She claims that many people would be more likely to vote if they felt that there was a candidate who represented them. We operate in a "bizarre political system" if we are simply settling for the lesser of two evils, or "tweedle-dee and tweedle-dum" every four years.

So does Weissman have any suggestions to improving our current political system? Definitely -- she stresses that we need to "get rid of the corporate yolk" on our government, "Congressmen should have to wear jackets and headbands, just like athletes do, to let the public know who paid for them." Not only that,

but in order to ensure that the American people have real options when voting for their leaders, the next President ought to "come up with a real campaign finance bill." Most of all, as voters, she stresses the need for involvement and awareness concerning our government, "I would never say that people participating can't make a change."

Weissman believes that polls can be extremely detrimental to the election process. "I sincerely believe that every American should refuse to participate in polls," she declared, because the questions are "canned," and "manufactured," in order to "elicit the desired response..." Candidates base their positions on polls. This affects the process by supplying the American people with candidates who lack strong convictions and are willing to change their position based on what they perceive as popular opinion. Voters, in turn, may decide not to vote for the candidate they really feel will do the best job if the polls make it seem that the candidate has little chance of winning.

## THE REPUBLICAN PARTY

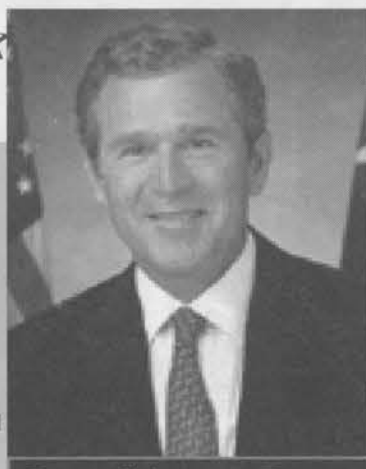
The Republican Party began in the 1850s by anti-slavery activists. The Republican Party was the first major party to support women's suffrage and played a leading role in securing their right to vote. The 2000 Republican Party is in support of improving education by raising national standards and developing curriculums focused on basic academic skills such as grammar and arithmetic. The Party also advocates tax relief by strengthening Social Security. Representative Governor George W. Bush also proposes strengthening national missile defense and condemns the involvement of U.S. troops in U.N. armies.

## THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY

The Democratic Party was founded in 1792 by Thomas Jefferson in order to fight for the Bill of Rights. The Democrats are dedicated to expanding educational opportunities by decreasing class sizes and integrating more technology in school curriculums. Democrats advocate the protection of Social Security and Medicare benefits. Representative Al Gore is in strong support of improving the quality of childcare services and increasing the funding for women's health care programs. Gore is also in favor of strong action against crime, including harsher criminal sentences and reducing crime among youth.

### George W. —☆ Bush

**DOB:** July 6, 1946  
**Education:** BA Yale University, MBA Harvard Business School.  
**Marital Status:** Married to Laura Welch Bush since 1977  
**Running Mate:** Dick Cheney  
**Interesting Fact:** George and a group of partners bought the Texas Rangers baseball franchise in 1989 and helped build the team a new stadium.



Republican Party

### Al —☆ Gore

**DOB:** March 31, 1948  
**Education:** BA in Government from Harvard, attended Vanderbilt University Divinity School and Vanderbilt Law School.  
**Marital Status:** Married to Mary Elizabeth "Tipper" Gore since 1970  
**Running Mate:** Joseph Lieberman  
**Interesting Fact:** Al and Tipper met at a high school dance in 1965.



Democratic Party

## Why I am Voting for Bush

— By SEAN SULLIVAN ☆ News Editor —

As the presidential election approaches, one cannot help but be confused by candidates' claims of both their own achievements and their opponents' mistakes. On the surface, this election would seem a rather dull time to choose a president. The economy is growing at a robust pace. The unemployment rate is at its lowest rate in decades. Yet, most Americans seem somewhat anxious, although opinion polls show they cannot put their finger on why they feel that way.

Perhaps Americans are concerned because the prosperity of the last few years cannot be fully enjoyed without being placed upon the background of moral leadership, sound foreign policy and stability, and effective education of America's youth. Perhaps Americans are seeking to find a balance between work and home, and between their careers and their families.

Public opinion polls show that many are happy with the way President Clinton governed the nation, but few feel he was a good person. Although his actions may not have been found technically guilty, many find him responsible for his actions, and the resulting uneasiness may signal a time to begin anew.

Enter, George W. Bush. Certainly not a politician who has shined in the national spotlight for years, Bush brings to the table a solid record as the governor of the second-largest state in the nation. In Texas, he accomplished many of his goals on education, justice reform, tax relief, and helping the disadvantaged, to name a few. In 1994, he won his first term as governor. In 1998, he reached out to the Hispanic

community to become the first governor in Texas' history to be elected to a second term.

Just as Clinton marketed himself as a "New Democrat," Bush can be thought of as a "New Republican." He does not favor dissolving the Department of Education. He believes that immigration is a positive benefit for America. He believes in inclusiveness for all.

On a variety of issues, Bush bases his positions on his firm belief in opportunity for all.

On technology, Bush understands that hard-working entrepreneurs developed the companies of the New Economy, and certainly not government. He believes the country should reward risk-taking, applaud innovation, and promote equal opportunity to advancement.

As housing becomes more difficult for Americans to find, Bush plans to remedy the situation with his "American Dream Down Payment Fund," which will help provide down payments for over 650,000 American households.

Education, his most important issue, is truly Bush's passion. Bush plans to establish programs to ensure every child can read by the fourth grade, promote excellence in both students and teachers, and restore local control to public schools. His policies will restore the dignity and value of the public school system in America.

While this election may not seem the most important of the past few years, few can deny the lasting ramifications the next President will have upon the country, and specifically America's youth.

## Why I am Voting for Gore

— By MARY LOFFA ☆ Guest Writer —

I am voting for Al Gore in the upcoming Presidential Election. I have known since the primaries that I would be voting for Vice President Gore, but there is really only one issue that sways me: the nominations for the Supreme Court. Currently, there are three justices that are on the verge of retirement: Justice John Paul Stevens, 80, Chief Justice William Rehnquist, 76, and Sandra Day O'Connor, 70. If these justices retire, the next President will have the opportunity to nominate three new justices. These nominations are significant because when a candidate is nominated by the President and approved by Congress, the candidate will serve as a Justice of the Supreme Court until their own retirement or death. In essence, they are the legacy of the President who appoints them.

Justice Stevens was appointed by Gerald Ford, Justice Rehnquist was appointed by Richard Nixon

and Justice O'Connor was appointed by Ronald Reagan. Because, the Supreme Court is closely divided on so many issues, the next appointees could sway many future decisions such as abortion, affirmative action, gay civil rights, federal power and the separation of Church and State. Decisions on these issues could change American society, and it is for this reason that I am very

concerned about who is appointed.

As a registered Democrat and a "flaming liberal," I am pro-choice, pro-affirmative action, in favor of gay civil rights, in favor of big government and in favor of the separation of Church and State. This, essentially, makes me diametrically opposed to just about everything that Governor George W. Bush stands for. It also means that I am in agreement with Al Gore on most issues and I know that I will be pleased with his choices for nomination.


Currently, the vote is very close and the stakes are very high. In June the Court struck down state bans on "partial birth" abortions, but only by one vote. The Court struck down racial preferences for federal contracting, again, by only one vote. The Court also decided that the Boy

Scouts could not be forced to accept an openly gay scoutmaster, also by only one vote. It is imperative that such decisions as

these be left to Justices who bear in mind the betterment and advancement of all Americans, not just the wealthiest one percent. I am concerned that Governor Bush's conservatism holds him loyal to the one percent, while I am confident Vice President Gore and his nominees for the Court will keep the betterment of the rest of America in mind.

*"I am pro-choice, pro-affirmative action . . . and in favor of the separation of Church and State."*

Mary Loffa  
Guest Writer



# Bush vs. Gore

## On the issues of education and taxes



**Bush on Education:** "Governor Bush will reform the nation's public schools, as he has in Texas, which is one of two states that have made the greatest recent progress in education. He will close the achievement gap, set high standards, promote character education, and ensure school safety. States will be offered freedom from federal regulation, but will be held accountable for results. Performance will be measured annually, and parents will be empowered with information and choices."

**Bush on Taxes:** Governor Bush believes that roughly one-quarter of the surplus should be returned to the people who earned it through broad tax cuts — otherwise, Washington will spend it. His plan will promote economic growth and increase access to the middle class by cutting high marginal rates. It will also double the child credit, eliminate the death tax, reduce the marriage penalty, and expand Education Savings Accounts and charitable deductions. The largest percentage cuts will go to the lowest income. As a result, 6 million families will no longer pay federal income tax." (All information found at the official Bush/Cheney website, [www.georgewbush.com](http://www.georgewbush.com))



**Gore on Education:** "I have proposed a National Tuition Savings plan that would allow families to save for their children's college education inflation-free and tax-free. I support the President's budget proposal to make up to \$10,000 worth of college tuition tax-deductible. I have also proposed life-long learning accounts that allow employers and individuals to put money away tax-free for qualified higher education expenses. These 401(j) accounts would let Americans save tax-free for job training, education and lifelong learning."

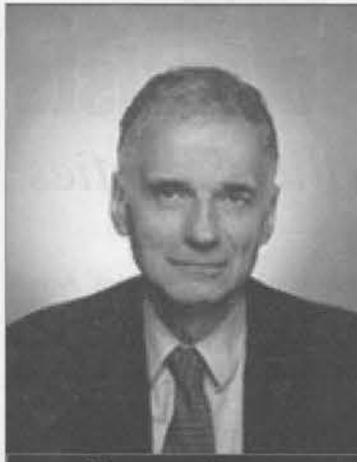
**Gore on Taxes:** Al Gore supports eliminating the "marriage penalty," giving married couples an additional \$1,400 tax deduction, so they will not have to pay any more taxes than if they had remained single. Gore also promises that he "will offer Social Security Plus accounts, through which the federal government will match every dollar you save with a one-dollar tax credit, up to total credit of \$1,000 per year as long as your earnings fall between \$30,000 and \$60,000 per year. If you and your wife together put away just \$10 per week, that would translate into an annual tax credit of more than \$500" (All information found at the official Gore/Lieberman website [www.algore.com](http://www.algore.com))



## Pat Buchanan

DOB: October 2, 1948  
 Education: BA Georgetown University, MS Columbia University  
 Marital Status: Married to Shelley Ann Buchanan  
 Running Mate: Ezola Foster  
 Interesting Fact: Pat Buchanan once earned his living as a syndicated columnist before becoming President Reagan's director of communications.

Reform Party



## Ralph Nader

DOB: February 27, 1934  
 Education: BA, Princeton University 1955, LLB Harvard University 1958  
 Marital Status: Single  
 Running Mate: Winona LaDuke  
 Interesting Fact: Ralph is a vegetarian. He is also the oldest candidate, at 66 years of age.

Green Party

## THE REFORM PARTY

*The Reform Party was created in 1992 by Ross Perot and his "United We Stand America" organization. Perot was the first candidate to run for the Presidency under this party. The Reform Party is committed to setting high standards for elected officers and restoring integrity to the government by limiting gifts, favors and outside sources of income while in office. Representative Pat Buchanan proposes balancing the budget and creating a new simpler and fairer tax system. This system is designed to raise the money needed to pay the nation's constitutionally legitimate bills.*

## THE GREEN PARTY

*In 1984, a group of Americans inspired by the German Green Party came together to form the Green Party. The Green Party's core values include social and economic justice, ecological wisdom and nonviolence. The party also fights to spread democracy, peace and sustainable living by realizing the connections between nature, society and individuals. Representative Ralph Nader advocates ensuring that all persons have the rights and opportunities to benefit equally from the resources afforded to them by the society and the environment. They support Universal health care, ending corporate welfare and abolishing the death penalty.*

### Why I am Voting for Buchanan

By ELIZABETH WALSH ☆ Guest Writer

Many people think of Pat Buchanan as nothing more than a right-wing fanatic. I myself never took him very seriously until this election, the first presidential election I am eligible to vote in. The issues that appeal to me most have to do with human rights, especially in regards to foreign policy and abortion.

Pat Buchanan refuses to bend in his policy towards China. He feels that the U.S. has no business trading with a country that since 1989 has provided nuclear technology to Iran, has continued to persecute Catholics, Evangelical Christians, political dissidents, and has refused to free Tibet. He also feels that it is unconscionable to do business with a government that forces abortions and sterilizations on its people, completely stripping them of their reproductive right. Some argue that this is simply an effective means of population control, but would they feel the same way if their mothers were put in this cruel situation and they were denied a sibling?

Pat Buchanan is not an isolationist, he knows that we cannot possibly ignore a country that represents such a large portion of the world's population. Instead, he claims that we should simply approach China "with our eyes open." We should not simply ignore the blatant violation

of human rights, nor should we turn a blind eye to the fact that while we have been reducing our arms, China is building on nuclear technology. While it sounds paranoid and silly to think that China might ever attack us, what if they decided at some point to invade Japan, or another one of our economic and political allies?

Closer to home, Buchanan's stance on abortion is an important factor in my decision to vote. It may not be the popular response, but I

feel that Buchanan really believes what he says and is not just giving lip service. He promises that if he is elected, he will only nominate

pro-life Supreme Court Justices.

As a struggling student, Buchanan's policies on tax reform appeal to me. His tax plan makes the first \$35,000 of wage or salaries income tax exempt. Any income above this amount will be subject to a flat 16% tax. He will also support tax-free education savings accounts, which will help students attain an affordable education.

Most of all, Buchanan is a candidate who has come under fire many times in the past for high 'extreme' policies. However, if he can take that kind of heat and not compromise, I feel that he will have the ability to stand up for what he believes in Washington.

*"I feel that Buchanan really believes what he says and is not just giving lip service."*

Elizabeth Walsh  
 Guest Writer

### Why I am Voting for Nader

By BRAD KVEDERIS ☆ Opinion Editor

When you cast your vote in the Presidential election on November 7, chances are that you'll be making your decision on the basis of innumerable determining factors. A candidate's views on important issues, personality, background, and experience all weigh heavily in the decision-making process - but one thing, more than anything, made me decide to vote for Ralph Nader.

To put it simply, I want our next President to be someone whom I can trust to do his best to represent the interests of the entire American public, and Nader is the candidate who seems most willing to do that. America needs a leader, not a politician. The major party candidates have done nothing other than play politics, presenting their own views as the best and hoping that a majority will vote for them. Nader makes it clear that he will not take a particular stance on an issue just to gain votes; his motto, "Government Of, By, and For The People," tells me that he wants to do what's right, not just what'll win political support.

Nader's views on abortion are perhaps the best indicator of his willingness to put what's practical ahead of what will affect his political alignment. "I don't think government has the proper role in forcing a woman to have a child or forcing a woman not to have a child," he says, "This is something that should be privately decided with the family, woman, all the other private factors of it, but we should work toward preventing the necessity of abortion." Instead of leaning toward one side of an issue or

another in order to gain votes - by simply saying "I'm pro-choice" or "I'm pro-life," - Nader proposes a solution that deals with both the ideals we hold and the realities of life. He recognizes that no one group's view is necessarily the right one, and he will do what is sensible rather than cater to the interests of specific politically active groups.

When Nader speaks, he draws the largest crowds of any candidate: his average turnout of between 10,000 and 15,000 is far larger than that of either major party candidate. People see him as a man who will respect their views as much as his own, and who honestly wants to do what's right for all of America.

Unfortunately, a large number of us feel that voting for Nader would be a waste, since a vote for him wouldn't count toward the total of the Democrat or Republican who is actually elected President. But if you give Nader even a one-in-a-million chance of winning the race for President, he has a far better chance of winning than your vote has of deciding the election. Is being a part of "the winning team" so important to us that we are willing to forsake a promising candidate in order to jump on one of two political bandwagons that don't particularly excite us? Election Day is the day when the American Public has its chance to speak out and tell elected officials how we want them to do their jobs. Nader may not win this election, but every vote for him will send politicians the message that we want them to represent our interests, not their own. I'll sure be watching how many votes he gets.



## Buchanan vs. Nader

### On health care and the environment



**Nader on Health Care:** "Every western country provides universal health coverage for its people. But we are not doing it, and, to hear Mr. Gore, he pledges that he wants to do it, step by step, and it seems like it's step-by-step backwards. In 1993, there were 35 million Americans without health care coverage and there are now about 46 million Americans. Now, the health care system is riddled with inefficiencies, monopolistic practices and waste."



**Nader on the Environment:** Nader believes that the government needs to create new standards that would encourage the purchase of more fuel efficient motor vehicles, he maintains the importance of manufacturing recycled paper without the use of chlorine, and he hopes to protect National Forests from logging and road building. (All information taken from the official Nader/LaDuke website [www.votenader.com](http://www.votenader.com))

**Buchanan on Health Care:** "The best way to cure all that ails Medicare is to allow American workers to save and invest their Medicare taxes in personal investment or insurance accounts to provide for health care after they retire. Government bureaucracy will not ration their benefits and a third-party will not manage their care. Instead, this less costly, privately controlled, competition-driven alternative will empower seniors to make their own health care decisions and support our American ideals of free choice, free markets, and the sanctity of each and every human life."

**Buchanan on the Environment:** "As President I will abolish the Bureau of Land Management and give the 500 million acres of BLM back to the states-without conditions or mandates. Require Congress to vote on every endangered species and compensate property owners when their land is seized and converted into protected habitat. We want to see the bald eagle and grizzly bear survive, but unelected bureaucrats must not be allowed to violate property rights in the process." (All information found at the official Buchanan/Foster website [www.buchanan.org](http://www.buchanan.org))

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# Commiss, Hippies and Scientists

Getting to know the "other" political parties

By **STEPHEN PELLIGRINI**  
Layout Designer

Ah yes, election year. What could be more exciting? Well, professional sports, video games and prime time television aside, elections are pretty exciting...well okay they aren't, at least not for our generation. That's right according to the latest MTV poll only about 30% of citizens age 18-24 are registered to vote. Maybe the Dave Matthews Band or Kid Rock should write about voting, then we'd be up to 40%. I've decided that the reason we young'uns are so reluctant to vote is because we think we only have two choices when it comes to our elected officials: Democrats and Republicans. Actually there's a whole bunch of other political parties out there with candidates for all levels of office that you can vote for. So if you're tired of trying to decide between Al Junior and Dubya, here's a little peek at these other guys.

**The Libertarian Party:** (Presidential Candidate: Harry Browne) I love these guys, they're great. The platform of the Libertarians is freedom. The freedom to do as you like and take personal responsibility for your actions. Basically they want most of the illegal things to be legal. This includes drugs, prostitution and pornography on the Internet. Well, why the heck not? They have the theory that the legalization of drugs will reduce crime because most crimes are drug related. So fire up a doobie whenever and wherever you want, just don't try to walk from your house to the store in the middle of the night while stoned. It's unsafe. Libertarians want the American people to be able to do whatever they want, whenever they want to do it, as long as they do not infringe on anybody else's rights or harm them. Those that do will be dealt with accordingly. One more thing: They want to get rid of income taxes! Yeah that's right, no more of the government picking your pocket every paycheck. So if you want to keep more of your hard-

earned money to buy drugs or hire a prostitute, vote for the Libertarians. ([www.lp.org](http://www.lp.org))

**The Natural Law Party** (Presidential Candidate: John Hagelin, PhD) The NLP has one base platform for their solution on how to run this country: The government has problems (duh) and all of these problems can be solved by following the natural laws, which govern everything in the universe (probably a twelve-step program). Problems cannot be solved by legislation but by education that "unfolds intelligence and creativity...and raises life to be in harmony with natural law." This is the only solution to every problem in the country and perhaps even the world. Oddly enough they also have the same reason for every problem in the country and perhaps even the world: stress. That's right, Americans are way too stressed out so we rape, murder, abuse drugs and rip off mattress tags. So I would like to announce that I will be taking off the next few weeks of school and work so I can sleep until noon, get massages and lay about on the couch watching movies. Don't argue, it's the only way I can save myself. ([www.natural-law.org](http://www.natural-law.org))

**The Green Party:** (Presidential Candidate: Ralph Nader) Here's your basic single issue party. These people are only concerned about one thing: the environment. Should we get a tax cut; how does it affect the environment? Should we legalize drugs; how does it affect the environment? Should the President get oral pleasure in the Oval Office; how does it affect the environment? You get the idea. The cool thing about the Greenies is they are the party of civil disobedience, which is the practice of finding non-violent solutions to our problems. So go right ahead and lay down in front of that communist tank, especially if it ran over a spotted owl! ([www.greenparty.org](http://www.greenparty.org))

**Young Communist League USA** (Presidential Candidate: Yeah right, democracy is for capitalist pigs to exploit the workers) These are the people driving that afore-

mentioned communist tank. Actually they're the children of the people driving that tank...and they're about to get their licenses! We all know what communists are about so there's no need to dredge up the manifesto or anything. The YCLUSA, however is a bunch of people our age who read too much Marx as a kid instead of comic books. Who knows, maybe they have communist comic books. So sign up, destroy corporate America, turn your country into the Soviet Union and make Uncle Ché proud! ([www.yclusa.com](http://www.yclusa.com))

**The American Socialist Party** (Presidential Candidate: David McReynolds) You thought your taxes were high now, wait 'til these idiots take control! Main platform: Health care, education, housing, work, transportation, and legal justice for everybody. Yay! Sounds great until the taxpayers get the bill. They don't seem to realize that providing all this stuff adequately costs money...lots and lots of money. The real kicker: They want to raise the minimum wage to \$12 an hour! Sure, that'll work. Soon we'll be enjoying \$20 Big Macs and \$15 grande lattes because that's how much McDonalds and Starbucks will have to charge in order to pay their employees. They also want guaranteed income for those that do not work. Great, I wonder how many people would quit their jobs tomorrow in order to take advantage of that benefit? The Socialists want to create a new society without classes. Aw, isn't that sweet? That way us college graduates will get the same paychecks as the guy who pumps our gas. Who hoo! ([www.sp-usa.org](http://www.sp-usa.org))

[www.y2vote.org](http://www.y2vote.org)



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# JUSTICES FOR ALL

How your vote will affect the Supreme Court

By **BRAD KVEDERIS**

Opinion Editor

Many voters are aware of the fact that our next President, whom ever he may be, will be faced with the unusual task of appointing up to three new Justices to the United States Supreme Court. But how many of us have a good idea of how much impact our votes will have on the future of the Court? The Collegian asked Politics Professor Stephen Woolpert to explain what we should expect.

According to Woolpert, three current Supreme Court Justices - Rehnquist, O'Connor, and Stevens - are expected to retire before the end of our next President's term in office. The President will be responsible for filling

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**Stephen Woolpert**  
Politics Professor

these vacancies, but he may face challenges in altering the entire makeup of the Court. Although the President nominates Justices, his appointments must be confirmed by the U.S. Senate. As the Senate is currently controlled by Republicans, the President would have to make some concessions as to whom he would appoint. In other words, if Al Gore were elected President, we couldn't realistically expect him to put three new die-hard liberals on the Supreme Court. There has also been some speculation that, if Gore were to win the election, the more conservative Justices would continue to serve for four more years, in hopes that a more conservative President will eventually be elected to choose their successors.

What issues can we expect the Court to deal with, and how will its decisions affect us? Will a drastically reformed Supreme Court be likely to overturn *Roe v. Wade* and other landmark cases that have an impact on our everyday lives? Woolpert sees the court dealing with current

"hot topics" such as civil liberties, economic regulation, and relations between state and federal governments. "They're very broad areas, and lots of specific questions arise in all of them," Woolpert said. "It's hard to predict which specific issues will arise, but these are perennial issues that come up before the Court." Woolpert stated that the Court has moved noticeably to the conservative side in the past twenty years, and certain civil liberties, such as the rights of criminal suspects,

have been somewhat weakened in that time period. Still, no sweeping decisions have greatly altered our way of life recently, and the fundamental direction of

our nation remains largely unaltered. Can we expect a dramatic change in the next four years? Woolpert wouldn't rule out the possibility, but neither did he seem to think it exceedingly likely. "Presidents should be entitled to pick people who will agree with their views," he said, "but views are not the only thing considered when selecting Supreme Court Justices." An elected official must choose appointees who are respected as legal minds, and who will appeal to the Senate and to the voting public. Will the Justices selected by the next President turn our lives upside-down? Probably not, but the views of the next President will certainly be well-represented in the Supreme Court for perhaps twenty or thirty more years. When you cast your vote on November 7, remember that the results of this particular election may have a bearing on American politics for much longer than only four years.

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## Did You Know?

- ☆ William Henry Harrison holds the honor of having the shortest presidency in American history. Harrison died in office in 1841 - one month after his inauguration.
- ☆ Robert Todd Lincoln, the son of Abraham Lincoln, is the only man who was present for the assassinations of three different U.S. Presidents - Lincoln, Garfield, and McKinley.
- ☆ In the history of the United States, only four incumbent Vice Presidents - John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, Martin Van Buren, and George Bush - became President in the elections following their terms.
- ☆ Don't feel bad if you can't get a date: President James Buchanan is still the only U.S. President who was a lifetime bachelor.
- ☆ Step aside, Bill Clinton - President John Tyler holds the record for the most children fathered by a U.S. President. "The Father of our Country" was a dad to fifteen (!) children: eight by his first wife, and seven by his second.
- ☆ It is possible to win a Presidential election without winning the popular vote. The last one to do it was Benjamin Harrison, who in 1888 received 5,447,129 votes to Grover Cleveland's 5,537,857. Harrison's votes, however, translated into 233 electoral votes, while Cleveland managed only 168.
- ☆ The shortest President in history was James Madison, who stood 5 feet, 4 inches and weighed less than 100 pounds.

## TRIVIA Question

Which former president was a commencement speaker at SMC?  
(Hint: Pre-Reagan, Post-JFK)



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# Gaelspot: It's the



Collegian / KATHERINE TOMKINS

Jim and Dan Kehoe, owners of Hardnox Productions rock Dryden at every Gaelspot.

# HOTTEST Thing On Campus!

By JONNA-LYNN KIRKPATRICK ♦ Staff Writer

If you're looking for a phat party on Friday nights, you don't need to look too far. There's a club that's cheap, safe, outrageously fun, and you don't need a ride to get to it. Right here on campus we have our own hip-hop club scene called the Gaelspot, which is held monthly in Dryden. If you like getting your groove on to the hottest hip-hop and R&B jams, you will be ecstatic over the Gaelspot. The Gaelspot is a production of the D.J. duo Dan and Jim Kehoe of Hardnox Productions, who are also SMC students, and the Black Student Union.

The Gaelspot began last school year due to the creative effort of Senior Dan Kehoe and the BSU. Dan felt as though there were not enough activities on campus to occupy SMC students' weekends. He saw that students were paying high prices to go clubbing on weekends, when it dawned on him that we could have, as he calls it, "a Saint Mary's Party" right here on campus. With the partnership of BSU, Dryden providing the dance floor,

Hardnox Productions (consisting of Dan and his brother Jim, freshman) providing the music, Public Safety and extra hired help providing the security, the Gaelspots were born.

Dan Kehoe considers the Gaelspot to be the most successful and popular event on campus, averaging an attendance from 400 to 500 people. What helps to make the Gaelspots so popular is the music. Jim says, "Hardnox Productions has evolved to be one of the most popular D.J. services in the area." Hardnox Productions D.J.'s San Francisco 49ers games and have made mixes for the dancers of big celebrity names, such as Ricki Martin and the Backstreet Boys. Hardnox Productions is notorious for providing the hottest music and they don't come up short at the Gaelspot. The music is the root of the Gaelspot's success, as Jim puts it, "hip-hop has evolved to appeal." Jim considers hip-hop music to be the number one selling music genre, and to have the most diverse, multi-cultural audience.

This being my freshman year, I only heard about how great the Gaelspots were. The constant praise of the Gaelspots made me eager to go to one. The school year's initial Gaelspot was held on September 29, and I was there. I had so much fun; I couldn't sit down. There weren't very many wallflowers at all. Who could lean against the wall when the music was so good? The atmosphere was fantastic. Every one was there to have a good time, and a spectacular time we had. The crowd was very diverse, and there were so many cool people to meet. If you haven't been to a Gaelspot, take it from me, you are definitely missing out on the hottest thing on campus. The hope of Jim Kehoe and the BSU is that the Gaelspots become a campus tradition; a tradition in which all students of every race and culture can take part in, and have a great time. If you love hip-hop, and you want to party in a safe and friendly atmosphere, be at the next Gaelspot.

## It's All In Your "Head"

*With the  
wonderfully  
warped Kid A,  
Radiohead  
goes electronic.  
Tune in, turn on,  
and rock out!*

By AMY SYLVESTRI ♦ Staff Writer

You know that crazy, frantic falling feeling you sometimes get right before you fall asleep? The rush that jolts you awake, then dissipates so quickly that you wonder if it ever even happened. Well, thanks to English rockers Radiohead, it's now available in LP format.

Radiohead's long-awaited new album is *Kid A* -- the follow-up to their critically adored 1997 space opera, *OK Computer*. *Kid A* is an album full of sonic swooshes and lyrical puzzles that just may mark a major step in the evolution of rock 'n' roll. Although the band is supported by not one, not two, but three guitars, Radiohead has shifted its focus from shreddin' to sonic manipulation. On the title track, it's impossible to tell where lead singer Thom Yorke's voice ends and the synthesizer begins, resulting in an eerie, effective commentary on literal and figurative disconnection. This commentary on technology's disturbing influence on humanity is a theme that the band introduced on *OK Computer*, and it continues to infuse every song on *Kid A*.

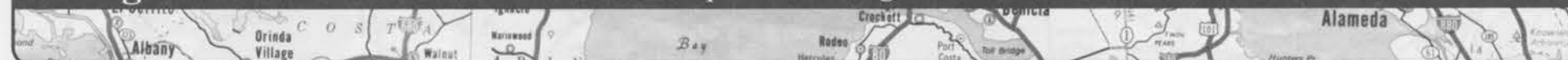
But don't be put off by its sci-fi trappings; the record comes through as a satisfying (if a little complex) listen in any context. Lyrics float into each other -- starting with one idea and evolving throughout each song -- like a game of musical "telephone." The vocals to the lead track "Everything in its Right Place" sound choppy -- as if Yorke were singing into a fan rather than a microphone -- but the over-all message of the song is immediate and demanding enough to be compelling on a personal level. Similarly, the most affecting song on *Kid A* is "How to Disappear Completely," which could be interpreted either as a great mopey break-up song or a transcription from the black box of a doomed airplane.

One disappointment is "Treefingers," a monotonous and showoff-y instrumental that is the band's "look-at-my-masterpiece/blank-canvas" moment of pretension. "Treefingers" is notable, however, in that it marks a dramatic transition in the album's tone. I hate to use the term "concept album," but *Kid A* is meant to be listened to all at once -- and when taken in whole, it's hard not to notice a shift in the album's form: Whereas the first tracks subtly hint at themes of distraction, separation, and interference, the later songs vigorously pound these concepts into your head.

Early on we get "The National Anthem," a song that whispers "Everyone here is so alone" over what sounds like a high school marching band rehearsal -- compare that to "In Limbo," a late track that plainly, boldly announces "You're living in a fantasy."

In fact, many of *Kid A*'s most satisfying moments are its tweaked juxtapositions: "Optimistic" messes around with the old "This little piggy..." game in a sinister way. "Idioteque" starts off disconcertingly like Madonna's new single "Music," but soon swirls into a surreal -- but still damn catchy -- synth-driven dirge. Even the cover art is spiffy and ironic: a panoramic landscape that looks like a post-apocalyptic Island of Misfit Toys.

*Kid A* isn't readily accessible pop -- there won't be any hit singles or videos on *TRL* -- the album is opaque, rootless, and demands repeated listening. But it rewards adventurous music lovers with something wholly original. Radiohead isn't trying to do everything to everyone. In fact, with *Kid A*'s shrewd, yet willfully obscure themes and sonic drifts, we can see a band well on its way to being nothing -- no *thing*, anyway -- to everyone. And, believe me, that's the highest compliment I could pay them.



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# ROADTRIPPIN'

Calendar of Events in the Bay Area and BEYOND

By TARYN DOYLE • Detour Editor

**October 20**

-Tsunami Bomb (cd release), Loose Change, The Frisk (members of The Criminals and A.F.I.), 3 Day Weekend,

-The Resiliants

Location: at Phoenix Theater, Petaluma

-The Groovie Ghoulies, The Bobbyteens, Shotgun Won, The Riff Randals, Sissy Chrome, dj's (in seperate dj room)

Location: Modesto Centre Plaza, K and 10th Street, Modesto

**October 21**

-21st Exotic Erotic Ball

Location: Cow Palace in Daly City, 415-469-6065

Fee: \$49.50

Time: 8pm-2am

Hosted by porn queen Nina Hartley and Magician Paul Nathan featuring costume contests, cyber events and performances by Digital Underground, Suberbooty and others.

**October 22**

-Santana, Everlast

Location: Sac. Valley Amp., Marysville

Fee: \$59-\$29

Time: 7pm

**October 24**

-Culture Club, Rubyhorse

Location: The Warfield, S.F.

Fee: \$32.50/\$26.50

Time: 7pm doors/8pm start

**October 28**

-Mr. T Experience, Nerf Herder, Vegas De Milo, Applesaucer

Location: The Fillmore, S.F.

Fee: \$9

Time: 8pm/9pm

-Santana, Ozomatli

Location: Pavillion, Concord

Fee: \$58-\$31

Time: 7pm

Planting Seeds, Low Budget

Location: Ding's Lounge, Fairfield

Fee: free

Time: 9pm

**November 7**

-MTV Campus Invasion: featuring

Wyclef Jean and De La Soul

Location: Event Center at San Jose State

Fee: \$27.50 GA

Time: 8pm

**November 12**

-Fuel with Nickelback and Full Devil Jacket

Location: The Fillmore

Fee: \$20.50 GA

Time: 8pm

**November 15**

-Wallflowers with Everlast

Location: The Warfield, San Francisco

Time: 8pm

Fee: \$27.50 balcony and main floor

**November 17**

-Shane MacGowan and The Popes

Location: The Fillmore, San Francisco

Fee: \$21.50 GA

**November 25**

-The Offspring with Cypress Hill and MxPx

Location: Bill Graham Civic Auditorium, San Francisco

Fee: \$27.50 GA

Time: 7pm

If you have any suggestions for listings and would like to contribute to Roadtrippin' please submit them in the box outside the Collegian office, Second Floor Ferroggiaro Hall.

# THREE GUYS WITH NO RIDES

By Ryan Christoi, Brad Kvederis & Alonso Rojas



Before we begin, Three Guys With No Rides need to apologize for the fact that Brad got his license back last week. We are sorry, and he is a traitor to our cause. What that cause is, we're not entirely sure, but he's a traitor nonetheless. At any rate, the Three Guys With No Rides have spent the past two weeks doing "research," and, despite a few setbacks, we are ready to bring you Part 2 of our guide to Bay Area drinking establishments. This week, we talk about bars in Berkeley.

**THE ALBATROSS PUB**  
1822 SAN PABLO AVE,  
BERKELEY, CA 94702  
Phone: 510-843-2473

Located on San Pablo Avenue in Berkeley, The Albatross is an interesting place to hang out. Its main room has a large seating area, and board games and dice are available. There is one pool table, rented by the hour, and it is usually empty. If you like the game of darts, The Albatross has a whole section of the bar devoted to it. Drinks are relatively expensive: glasses of beer cost \$4-5, and pitchers cost \$13-14 (yikes!). On the positive side, though, some of the beers on tap are quite different from what you'd find at a typical bar. The atmosphere here is relatively quiet and laid-back, and caters more to friendly socializing than to the drinkin', hollerin', and rootin'-tootin' that you're likely to find at other bars. In a nutshell, it's a dimly-lit but very comfortable place where you can just talk, relax, and have a beer. Since The Albatross is in Berkeley, you probably can't expect to run into many SMC students there, but it's definitely a fun place to go if you bring a group of friends.

**ASHKENAZ MUSIC & DANCE HALL**  
1317 SAN PABLO AVE,  
BERKELEY, CA 94704  
Phone: 510-525-5054

Located on the northwest end of town, Ashkenaz is tucked back from the usual Berkeley hotspots. The epitome of the dancehall, Ashkenaz is complete with a giant wooden dance floor and towering high ceilings. To go to the Ashk on seven consecutive nights

would be like visiting seven distinctly different cultures in the same time span, as this music hall brings in the most diverse acts in the East Bay. From Thursday's Grateful Dead Night to New Orleans style Cajun and Creole music to Swing to Jazz to Samba...the Ashk has it all. All shows are all ages, beer and wine flows freely throughout the evening, and on certain nights you can get a free dance lesson before the show (i.e. Swing and Samba). We recommend hitting it up on the previously mentioned Dead Night which takes place every Thursday. The assorted crowd that shows up for this event tears up the dance floor all night long to an onslaught of "live" jams or to the occasional Dead cover band. It's a smoking good time for all and be on the lookout for that "Friend of the Devil," the Cookie Monster.

**TRIPLE ROCK BREWERY & ALE HOUSE**  
1920 SHATTUCK AVE,  
BERKELEY, CA 94704  
Phone: 510-843-2739

If you've ever driven up Highway 24 from Oakland or San Francisco, you've probably seen a large billboard advertising the "Triple Rock Brewery." What is the Triple Rock Brewery, and is it good enough to merit a whole billboard? The Three Guys With No Rides checked it out. As it turns out, Triple Rock looks and feels like an ordinary bar, but it has certain "bonuses" that set it apart from the rest.

The most unique thing about Triple Rock is that you can't buy a Bud or a Coors - the only beers on tap are the in-house microbrews. You probably won't be familiar with most of them, but more than half of the eight or nine brands were excellent, and the rest were at least respectable. Their "Titanium Reserve" is high on the list of recommended beverages. Another interesting thing about Triple Rock is that you can buy beer by the gallon - buy 10 and get the eleventh one free! This, in itself, may make your excursion into Berkeley worth the trouble. Although there's not much to do in the bar other than sit, talk, and look at the table carvings, UC Berkeley campus is literally only a

couple blocks away, and a fair number of college students usually frequent the bar. Whether you're celebrating a friend's birthday, hunting for the man or woman of your dreams, or just looking for some good microbrew beer, you won't do badly at Triple Rock.

**BLAKE'S BAR, RESTAURANT & NIGHT CLUB**  
2367 TELEGRAPH AVE,  
BERKELEY, CA 94704  
Phone: 510-848-0886

Home to the Monday Night Blues Jam, Blake's is about as close as you can get to that nitty-gritty Blues feeling on this side of the bridge. Located on Telegraph Avenue, Blake's has three distinctly different levels to it. The ground floor is the main restaurant with a full menu and stocked bar. The upstairs is a much more chilled setting, complete with comfy couches and a music volume low enough to allow you to "spit your game" to prospective "clients." The basement, however, is where the real action lies. This blackened cellar can really light up, especially on our favorite night to partake: the Monday Night Blues Jam with the Steve Gannon Band and the world famous Mz. Dee. Having played together here for years, these guys can really rip it up...but it doesn't stop there.

Anyone and everyone is invited to sit in with the band. Play the guitar? Bring it along, sign up on the list and rock out with the band for a song or two. Be prepared though, the local musicians who sit in are by no means lightweights and play by ear, so if you can't play on the fly you might want to leave the instruments at home and bring your dancing shoes instead. Mondays at Blake's is an all ages show and will cost you a mere \$3 to get in.

Save a couple bucks for afterwards, though, as no trip to Telegraph is complete without feasting on a sausage from Top Dog, or pizza from Blondie's or Fat Slice; both are open late and both are guaranteed to absorb some of the liquor in your system.

FOR EXTRA KICKS, LISTEN TO:  
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# A Phantastic Pharewell

Phish at the Shoreline Amphitheatre: October 6-7

By LINDSAY LAMB  
Guest Writer

I should preface this concert review by stating I am a Phish-head. I love Phish, and my love for them only grows every time I see them live. It is an experience I can't even begin to articulate because it is simply a feeling shared by so many people; a feeling so strong that thousands travel around the country following them because they are amazing live. Once you step into the arena, no matter how big, or how many people are there, a sense of community, family, and unity is felt. The love for Phish unites all.

The two-day concert marks the beginning of Phish's two-year hiatus, some even speculate that Saturday's show could have been their last show forever. The excitement from the fans as well as Phish was tangible everywhere -- everyone was ready for a good time, and we certainly got one!

**DAY ONE:  
October 6, 2000**

On Friday, Phish started off playing good songs; however, it felt like they weren't giving us everything. This all changed when they played "Mellow Mood," a Bob Marley cover -- the crowd turned into one giant dancing mass singing along with every word. This was the turning point of the concert. Following "Mellow Mood," Phish played "Maze," containing the best jam of the night. The concert just kept going up from there: the first set ended with "Run Like an Antelope" which left the fans energetic and excited, waiting to hear what was next. "Heavy Things" off of their new album, a very upbeat

song got everyone into the groove again for the second set. This set kept getting better and better climaxing when they played "Golgi Apparatus," a song rarely played and a fan favorite. Everyone was bouncing around, singing along and totally into the song, it was awesome to see such widespread excitement! The second set ended with "Bold as Love" another fan favorite. During the encore, none other than Bob Weir from the Grateful Dead came out. He played "El Paso," "Chalkdust Torture," and "West LA Fadeaway" (a Dead song). Bringing out Weir heightened excitement, getting everyone ready for Saturday's show. The second half of the first set and the entire second set was like Episode I of Star Wars -- it was good, but it got everyone talking, speculating and anticipating the next one. Good songs were played, but better songs were left for Saturday.

**DAY TWO:  
October 7, 2000**

Walking through the parking lots on the way to the Amphitheater was one of the most amazing experiences in my life. I have never seen so many people so excited and ready for any show. People would just randomly start yelling and screaming in anticipation -- these fans were ready, it was their last show too. Once your ticket was torn, and you stepped into the arena itself, a rush of relief and excitement (along with lots of screaming and yelling) came over you. In bathrooms, people were speculating what Phish would play, if they'd do covers or not, if they would bring any guests out, how many sets they would do, how late they would play, etc. The one thing everyone knew was that it was going to be the best Phish show in a long time -- it was their last one for two years

or more, it had to be memorable!

Set one started with "First Tube," an explosive jam from their new album *Farmhouse*, and set the mood: this was Phish's final show, they wanted to have fun and wanted the audience to have fun too. My favorite part of the show was when they played "Fee," one of my favorite songs that few people have heard live. The jam during "Glide" was amazing, too -- they were untouchable. The second set began much like the second set on Friday: an upbeat song from their new album, in this case "Twist." Phish is also well known for their spectacular light shows, as was highlighted in their rendition of 2001 -- all I can say is "Wow!" The fans also contributed their own "shows" ranging from tortilla wars to glowstick wars to balloon fights -- this was as much their show as Phish's show. Probably the funniest part of the show was when Phish played "Meatstick" which not only had a Japanese translation, but also its own dance. I mean how much cooler can you get when Trey Anastasio (lead singer/guitarist) and Mike Gordon (bassist) put down their instruments and teach you how to dance? For their encore song, Phish played "You Enjoy Myself" and halfway through Mike and Trey started bouncing on trampolines! It was sheer entertainment. Phish ended their last concert with an a cappella song that said every emotion they were trying to convey without them saying a word or playing a single note. This was the end, but it won't be forgotten. The best thing about Phish is that they are just a band, and all they want to do is play music. They are humble -- they don't show off, they just jam, and hey they must be pretty damn good if thousands of people religiously follow them paying \$30 and up to see them in concert after concert.

## Mary's Books 'n Crannies



By MARY RUNOLFSON • Assistant News Editor

### BOO! Books

In honor of Halloween, my favorite holiday, I've selected three books from three different genres which I hope will give you, in the immutable words of Elvira, unpleasant dreams.

I've read some pretty sick stuff, and John Connolly's *Every Dead Thing* ranks up there with the worst of them. Charlie "Bird" Parker, searching for the killer of his wife and daughter, uncovers a convoluted chain of crime and murder that almost becomes laughable. In fact, the book is so jam-packed with sub-plots, names, and twists that it is, at times, difficult to read.

That said, I found the book very captivating, and it is one of the few books that has made me scared to fall asleep. At times, I was so creeped out, that I took to sleeping with my stun gun under the pillow. I don't know what was scarier-bumps in the night or worrying that I'd roll over on that damn thing!

If you can tolerate the gruesome, and if you're willing to have patience with an overzealous, first-time novelist, read this book.

Since reality is always scarier than fiction, some of you may enjoy John Douglas' *Mindhunter*. Douglas is the FBI's famous criminal profiler who, among other things, has inspired characters in *Silence of the Lambs* and TV's *Millennium*. Some believe that Douglas' knack for hunting predators rests with super-psychic abilities. In truth, he relies more on common sense and reason.

This book is an anthology of some of the more hideous and infamous crimes that Douglas has either solved or studied. He takes us through the intricate process of tracking down sadists like Robert Hansen (who used the vast Alaskan wilderness to hunt women for sport) or interviewing men like Ed Kemper (aka the "Co-Ed Killer").

Douglas' writing tends to be a bit dry, but in the context of the subject matter, it works. Part of Douglas' success lies in "becoming" both the killer and the victim. As Douglas has learned (he's since had a bit of breakdown), your own thoughts can turn frightening when you immerse yourself in the mind of serial killer.

Finally, for those who can't stomach the more grisly side of life, I offer *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* by J.K. Rowling. I'm very proud to say that I read this book nearly three years ago, before it became a literary wunderkind.

My feelings for little Harry run tepid. It's diverting, cutesy, and certainly creative, but, to be honest, I feel a little embarrassed reading a kid's book. However, since *Potter* is now the favorite book of my dad, mom, and grandparents, I guess I should get over my little problem.

For those of you who don't know, Harry is a young kid who learns that he is a wizard and has the opportunity to attend wizard school in a kind of secret dimension. The book chronicles his experiences, his friendships, and his battles with all sorts of nasties.

*Potter* offers a reality laced with wizards, monsters, and enchantment that fits right in with the traditions of Halloween. We may be "adults" in an adult world, but that doesn't mean we have to surrender our right to believe in a little Halloween magic.

**NEXT ISSUE: Look for a review on FICTION.**

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# Le Tigre Mixes Latin Music With Politics at the Justice League

By KRISTINA HUNKEN ♦ Guest Writer

To label Kathleen Hanna solely as a musician is a huge understatement. For the past ten years, Miss Hanna has publicly put herself forward as a feminist, a human rights activist, a social critic, and a pioneer of the Riot Grrrl Movement. When discussing the Riot Grrrl Movement (which originated in Olympia, Washington and Washington, D.C. in the early 1990s), it is inevitable that Kathleen Hanna's band, Bikini Kill, will be mentioned more than once. Bikini Kill's songs include titles such as "Lil Red," in which Hanna hisses, "These are my ruby red lips/The better to suck you dry/These are my long red nails/The better to scratch out your eyes." Bikini Kill addressed the issue of rape, incest, and sexism in an aggressive, in-your-face manner. Many young women, who have been oppressed by sexism or are survivors of sexual abuse, view Kathleen Hanna as their spokeswoman. For the slightly displaced Third Wavers of the women's movement, Hanna has given feminism a face and a voice.

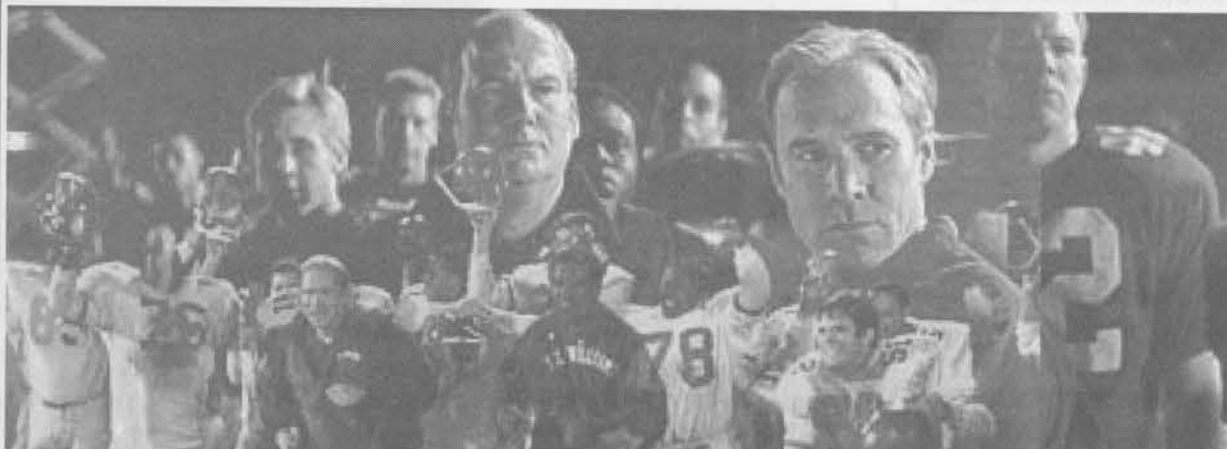
In 1996, Bikini Kill disbanded after releasing *Reject All American* (Kill Rock Stars). Two years later, Hanna released a record as the persona of Julie Ruin. Unlike the gritty sound of Bikini Kill, Julie Ruin utilizes a drum machine, samples, and keyboards to create poppy, new wave love ballads and political rants. In hopes of touring, Hanna teamed up with filmmaker Sadie Benning and fanzine writer Johanna Fateman. The dynamic combination of these three women led to the conception of Le Tigre and a record release on Mr. Lady Records last year. In simplest terms, this record is genius. Hanna, Benning, and Fateman brilliantly incorporate political and social messages into catchy pop tunes that even your mom would find enjoyable.

After over a year of restless waiting, every Le Tigre fan's prayers were answered: Le Tigre hit the road and headed west. History was made within the walls of San Francisco's Justice League (a hip hop club on Divisadero). On October 3, Le Tigre took the stage and put on one of the most amazing shows I have ever witnessed. Jocelyn (the apparent replacement of Benning) grabbed a megaphone and shouted, "Who took the bomp?" Le Tigre launched into "Deceptacon," the first track on their record, and the crowd (who had painfully endured two not-so-hot opening bands) instantly sprang to life. The club became a mass of sweaty bodies chanting in unison. It was beautiful. During one of Le Tigre's newer songs, the girls busted out with choreographed dance moves. I experienced pure joy as I watched Hanna and her band mates because they were having fun, a quality several bands sadly lack these days. Hannajogged around the stage, playfully interacting with Fateman and Jocelyn (her last name is a secret).

Le Tigre are strong advocates of the idea that yes, feminists/activists do have a sense of humor, and yes, punk rock can still be used as a political platform. During an appropriately named instrumental song, "Slideshow at Free University," Le Tigre ran a slide-show with powerful images of rallies for Mumia Abu-Jamal, political protests against rape, and rallies by various human rights groups. The audience reverently viewed the pictures, perhaps recalling rallies they had partaken in themselves.

When Le Tigre had finished their set, the crowd pleaded for one more song. The girls returned to play "Les and Ray." While playing, a girl in roller skates joined the band on stage. Hanna changed the lyrics and sang, "Here's a song for the girl in skates." That night, I left the Justice League with a big smile on my face and tears in my eyes. Le Tigre is living proof that the marriage between punk rock and activism is far from dead.

## Movie Review: Remember The Titans



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By BRIAN MURPHY ♦ Guest Writer

*Remember the Titans* is the latest dramatization of America's Civil Rights era, in particular the struggles that accompanied racial integration in the school system. The film's focus is on the T.C. Williams Titans, the pride of Alexandria, Virginia. New coach Herman Boone (Denzel Washington) is appointed head of the newly-integrated school's football team over incumbent and potential High School Hall of Fame coach, Bill Yoast (Will Patton). What follows is this racially-mixed team's struggles to learn to respect one another and, through their struggles, become a team.

During the first 30 minutes, Denzel Washington appears to be playing himself, as though he'd traveled back in time to deal with "ignorant" people like a person from the year 2000 would. T.C. This point is proved when Williams uses modern phrases like: "Who's your daddy?" Once he actually gets into his character, the audience is treated to a fairly enjoyable experience. Washington plays Boone with strength, but unlike some of his previous films, the supporting cast actually supports his talents. The Titans' two captains, Julius Campbell (Wood Harris), and Gerry Bertier (Ryan Hurst), become friends despite their skin-deep differences, and it is this relationship that provides the most convincing performance in the film.

Be that as it may, the material often limits performances. In the case of *Remember the Titans*, the actors prove their worth with gutsy performances, as the script - though based on a true story - relies heavily on cliché - which for sports films is a cardinal sin. The script also introduces perhaps the year's most obnoxious character as Yoast's daughter, Sheryl (Hayden Panettiere), an absurdly precocious nine year old, who, on more than one occasion, makes you want to lick your hand and smack her upside her little head just to shut her up. Nevertheless, the film is entertaining, though not as substantive or "important" as both the previews and Disney would have you believe. If you want to be entertained - but not floored by the awesome power of profound filmmaking then, by all means, see *Remember the Titans*.

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# SPORTS

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## Volleyball Starts Pivotal WCC Matches Earning a 3-3 Record

By ANDREA COSYNS  
Staff Writer

The Saint Mary's volleyball team entertained fans at home with three consecutive victories, two of which were West Coast Conference matches.

On October 13, they then traveled to Santa Clara against the 17th ranked team in the nation, losing three matches to none. Leading the Gaels was Meghan Coolbaugh who set a career record with 23 kills in the match.

They redeemed themselves the next night on October 14 beating USF three matches to two. One Gael standout in the game was Senior Setter Whitney Hoover who recorded a match-high 65 assists along with three kills and eight digs.

On October 6, the Gaels defeated Gonzaga in a five game battle to record their first league win. It was a long match, with the momentum changing hands constantly, but the Gaels were able to overpower the Bulldogs in game five for the win. Three players stood out offensively for Saint Mary's: Coolbaugh with 15 kills, and Heather Dill and Rachelle Von with 14 kills each.

The following night, the team beat Portland at McKeon Pavillion in three straight games. The Pilots held the lead several times throughout the match, but the Gaels fought back each time and pushed for the win. SMC Senior Von led the team in kills, re-



Heather Dill gets low to dig the ball against the George Mason Patriots.

Collegian / NATALIA DUGANDZIC

cording 13 for the match. Sophomore Brooke Lowry set for the Gaels in the first two games and earned 27 assists.

On Monday, October 9, the Gaels managed to hold off yet another opponent in a drawn-out five game match. In a non-league

matchup, Saint Mary's faced George Mason of Fairfax, VA. The Patriots narrowly beat the Gaels in game one, but Saint Mary's came out strong in game two to win 15-6. Again in game three, the Gaels lost by only two points before coming back to win

games four and five with final scores of 12-15, 15-7, 13-15, 15-6, and 15-12. Dill and Coolbaugh led the Gaels with outstanding offensive performances, scoring 21 kills each. Other standouts included setters Hoover and Lowry. Please see VOLLEYBALL, page 23

### Cross-Country

The WCC has named Freshman cross-country standout Allegra Porter their Player of the Month in women's cross-country. Consistent sub-20 minute runs have helped them finish well. Her time of 18:40 at the UC Davis Invitational led the team and gave her 8th place in the race. Read the "Sports Profile" on Allegra Porter on this page.

### Football

The NCAA gave honors to three Gaels after their lopsided victory over Menlo College 71-34. Quarterback Gus Papanikolas, Strong Safety Myron Chivas and Place Kicker Reed Mokler all garnered NCAA I-AA Independent Players of the Week ending on October 14. Papanikolas for offensive, Chivas for defensive, and Mokler for special teams. The victory was highlighted by Papanikolas passing for 213 yards and running for 113 yards, Chivas having a career high 14.5 tackles, and Mokler kicking 8 out of 8 Point After's (PAT's).

### Gael Glory

Saint Mary's football team's 71-34 drubbing of Menlo College set a modern day scoring record for the Gaels. Their 725 yards of total offense also set a single game record. SMC's all-time scoring record was set in 1946 when the Gaels beat Alameda Naval Air Station 73-0.

### Soccer

SMC's woman's team is off to a perfect WCC record going 3-0. During this stretch they have beaten USF, Gonzaga, and Peppordine out scoring their opponents 7-1.

## SPORTS PROFILE Allegra Porter

By GEORGE MALACHOWSKI  
Sports Editor

Freshman Allegra Porter leads six freshmen on a revitalized cross-country team that is gunning for the WCC Championships. Her efforts have not gone unnoticed, as she was named the WCC player of the month. This past weekend Porter led the Gaels to a 13th place finish at the Long Beach State Invitational. Already Porter has run faster than any woman last year and is leading the team's charge towards the WCC Championships. In an interview with Porter, she shared what role cross country has been in her life.

**When did you first start running?**

I started running in the fourth grade, because we had to run in PE and I liked trying to beat all the guys and girls on our runs. After that my dad signed me up

for a track meet and I ran the 400 and 800 and I was hooked. In the seventh grade I joined the track team and I ran the 800 meters my first race. Later on I found that the longer I ran, the faster I got and found that the two mile was my favorite [track event].

**How did you do running cross-country in high school?**

I made it to our section meet every year and made it to the state track meet several times. My junior year I placed 16th for Division IV [in California, high schools are placed in divisions according to size with Division I being the biggest schools] runners in cross-country. My senior year I placed fourth.

**Since you are the fastest runner on the team, do you think there is a leadership role attached to that?**

There is a little bit of a leadership role. By being ahead, I can pull people to run faster and try to

get all our runners to finish together as a pack.

**How will you measure your team's success this year?**

Our goal is to beat Santa Clara at the WCC tournament. They have been ahead of us all year and we hope to catch them.

**How will you measure your own success?**

I want to run a good race at conference and run well against Portland [they are the perennial favorites and always have strong runners]. I also want to make my team proud and go to regionals.

**Do you like certain courses more than others? A flat course or hills?**

I like hills. If you're a strong hill runner you can get people going up and coming down the hill.

**What is your favorite part of Saint Mary's?**

The team, they are supportive, strong, and dedicated. Also, I love running in the area. Bollinger



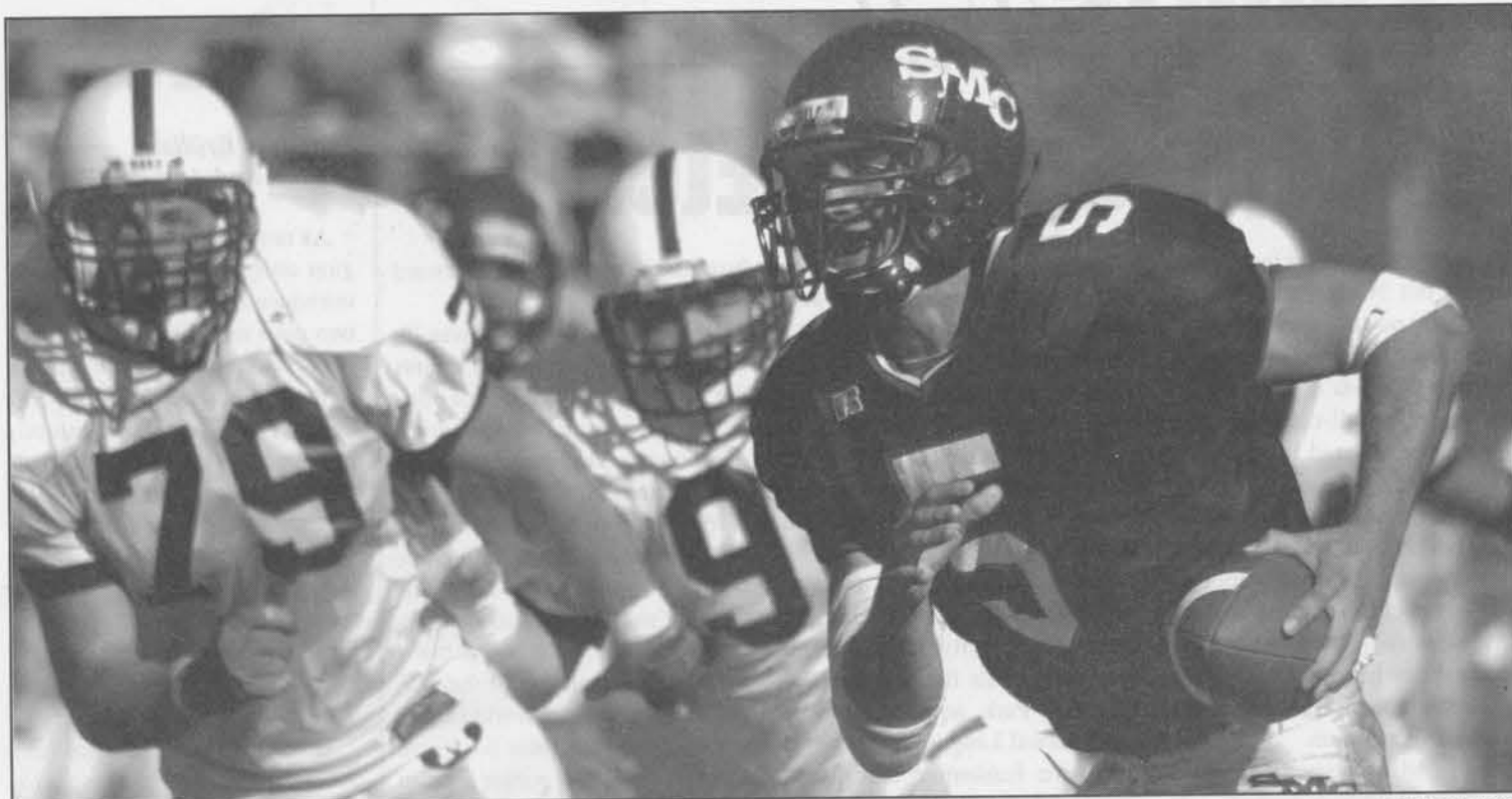
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Canyon Road and Kings Canyon are my favorite runs.

**What is a good run around Saint Mary's for people who like to jog that they might not know about?**

Up Bollinger Canyon Road. It starts as a hill, then turns into dirt and it is so pretty, you forget that you are running.

# The Gaels Blitz Menlo Oaks



Saint Mary's Quarterback Gus Papanikolas runs around the Menlo defenders.

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## Team Scores Second Highest Points in School History

By C.J. DAFT  
Staff Writer

The Menlo Oaks, Saint Mary's opponent this past weekend, found a way to stick around in the game until late in the third quarter, when they finally fell apart and lost 71-34. The 71 points scored by the Gaels was the second highest in school history. They failed to surpass the record set in 1946 when the Gaels beat Alameda NAS 73-0.

In addition, the team offense produced 725 yards of offense (this team beating the school record) and defensively forced three fumbles and intercepted four passes. Saint Mary's also set a season record for total yards rushed in a season by bringing their total to 2,224. The old record stood at

2,140 set in 1991.

This great day on the field included a career-setting 139 yards rushing by Eric Billechi, which was highlighted by a 51 yard touchdown run in the second quarter. Also, Bruce Rhode scored two touchdowns, including a forty yard reception, and caught five passes for 90 yards.

In addition, to these performances, Gus Papanikolas continued his steady leadership role scrambling for 113 yards on the ground and throwing for over 100 yards for the first time all season. The receivers continually beat the defensive backs down the field, while the offensive line provided great blocking for Papanikolas and they gave the backfield time to cut through the holes. The defense did not necessarily shut down the

opposition's offense, but they made plays at the right times to break the momentum of the Oaks. Zamir Amin, the Oaks' quarterback, threw for 421 yards, but also threw four interceptions. This was caused by the Gaels' defensive linemen and linebackers' continual pressure on Amin forcing him to throw passes to wide receivers who were tightly covered by the Gael defensive backfield. Credit must be given to the SMC defensive backfield as they broke up numerous passes with crushing hits on the receivers.

This win gives momentum to the Gaels as they head on a two game road trip against Colgate and Southern Utah. Hopefully this win will signal more victories and a winning record as the Gaels are still one game below .500 at 3-4.

## Gaels Reel in Loss on the Road

By DENNY BULCAO  
Staff Writer

Piling off charter buses, dejected Gaels found their way back to their rooms in the early morning hours of October 8. Earlier, the Gaels had fallen 41-20 at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo in Mustang Stadium. This marked another blowout loss to a quality opponent (the Gaels have now lost 9 of 10 to Cal Poly) after the Gaels lost the week before to UC Davis (#4 nationally in Division II) 55-14.

Though the final quarter of play resembled the prior week, there were some bright spots. Saint Mary's set a school record with 529 yards total offense. Junior Defensive End Travis White sacked Cal Poly QB Seth Burford

Please see FOOTBALL, page 23

## Women's Soccer Team Flawless in WCC Play

By ANDREA CAMARENA  
Layout Designer

A tough preseason training camp and daily two hour practices with weight training benefited Saint Mary's women's soccer team as they head into the second half of their season with only one loss and a positive attitude. The team hopes to meet their opponents with strong team unity and a set goal to aim for.

The Gaels are playing in the WCC, rated as the second hardest league in the country. Coach Paul Ratcliff feels the enormity of this challenge and knows how to mentally prepare for this type of season. "We have to play to the best of our ability and make sure everyone is healthy and fit to play, and really work hard as we get down to the wire."

Ratcliff's players also feel that the team's on and off-field chemistry will help them in accomplishing their main goal of making it to the NCAA playoffs. Freshman Jill Anderson stated, "We're really bonding now as a team because we've been together for two

months now and I think we're going to do really well."

Even with a drastic line-up change from last year, with several freshman starters the team consistently performs well together. They already won their first conference opponent University of San Francisco. Sophomore Defender Jessica Poole does not feel that having a young team is a disadvantage for the Gaels, "I'm very impressed with how well we've done this year with all the new players. We lost a lot of starters but we are doing really well with a lot of new faces."

The commitment of the players is another factor that strengthens the team. According to Ratcliff, all of the women are doing their part to help the team, "They work hard and we have a lot of talent and everyone wants to be successful. Their training habits are very good, they all work hard in the training sessions, so when it comes to the games, they're prepared." This preparation and persistence was evident in their recent game against San Jose State. The Gaels worked hard and dominated



Tonja Cabatana volleys the ball against Gonzaga

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against the competitive team and won in the second 15 minute half of overtime with an ending score of 1-0. On Friday October 13, the Gaels shut out Gonzaga with a 2-0 win, and pulled through against

Pepperdine with a 2-1 victory on October 15. Working extremely hard against the competition, the Gaels have an excellent lead towards play-offs with 3 WCC wins under their belt.

## SCOREBoard

### Football

#### October 7

Saint Mary's 20  
Cal Poly 41\*

#### October 14

Saint Mary's 71\*  
Menlo College 34

Overall record: 3-4

### Men's Soccer

#### October 5

Saint Mary's 1  
San Jose State 2\*

#### October 8

Saint Mary's 1  
Loyola Marymount 2\*

#### October 13

Saint Mary's 1\*  
Sacramento State 0

Overall record: 4-8  
WCC record: 0-1

### Women's Soccer

#### October 1

Saint Mary's 1  
Cal Poly 1

#### October 5

Saint Mary's 3\*  
San Francisco 0

#### October 10

Saint Mary's 1\*  
San Jose State 0

#### October 13

Saint Mary's 2\*  
Gonzaga 0

#### October 15

Saint Mary's 2\*  
Pepperdine 1

Overall record: 5-4-2  
WCC record: 0-0

### Volleyball

#### October 6

Saint Mary's 3\*  
Gonzaga 2

#### October 7

Saint Mary's 3\*  
Portland 0

#### October 9

Saint Mary's 3\*  
George Mason 2

#### October 13

Saint Mary's 0  
Santa Clara 3\*

#### October 14

Saint Mary's 3\*  
San Francisco 2

Overall record: 7-10  
WCC record: 2-3

### Cross Country

#### October 7

**Long Beach State Invitational**  
Men's Team 7th  
Women's Team 9th

**Top Runners:** Enrique Henriquez placed 9th with 25:52, Alex Rodriguez placed 33rd with 27:42. Allegra Porter placed 13th with 18:51, Strada Morris placed 39th with 20:31.

\*Denotes winner.

The Sports Section has an opinion:

# SPORTS *Talk*

## The Giants' Hope Springs Eternal

By **MATT HOFER**  
Guest Writer

The coming of winter brings with it a definite bleakness this year. Two weeks ago Sunday, the San Francisco Giants were eliminated from the playoffs in a depressing manner, losing to the New York Mets three games to one. I've been a fanatical Giants fan since I was able to catch with a mitt and choke up on the bat.

I've lived and died with my beloved Giants. I've suffered through the gut-wrenching collapse of the 1993 team, the trade of my boyhood idol Will Clark later that

same year, and the bleak years closing out 3Com Park. And finally, after posting the best record in the major leagues this past year and with thoughts of a World Series title at an all-time high, the Giants were ousted by the New York Mets.

Yet none of these heartaches could possibly prepare me for what I experienced in the days following the conclusion of the season. Countless radio and newspaper personalities have been demanding immediate change within the Giants' organization.

These idiotic requests have ranged from trading Barry Bonds

or not re-signing Dusty Baker, to a host of other ludicrous off-season changes. This is the part that's hard for me to swallow. How can these people throughout the Bay Area not be grateful for what the San Francisco Giants did this year? They still finished with the best record in baseball, and they still made the playoffs.

How many teams made the playoffs this year? A meager eight teams out of thirty. After a rough start, the Giants flourished at Pacific Bell Park, now the jewel of the National League. In the midst of all the frustration and disappointment, people have forgotten

how much there is to look forward to in the future.

Don't get me wrong; I was by far the most disappointed Giants fan in the land. My visions of post-season glory were crushed without remorse. Yet I am hopeful for next spring. April, and for that matter the most promising season of Giants baseball yet, can't come soon enough. Sadly I feel as though I'm one of the few optimistic ones. How ironic it was that I awoke the morning after the season-ending loss to a world of rain and dampness. October has given way too soon, and winter is upon us. Hope springs eternal.

## Sport Gurus

With **Joel Brilliant**  
and **Anthony Parker**

As new additions to the *Collegian* staff, we would first like to introduce ourselves. We are just two guys who like sports. Every two weeks, our article will appear in the sports section and we will be covering national sporting stories, since we both have a disdain for collegiate athletics. We thought that it would be nice to read something in the *Collegian* that separates the boys from the men, and these are the men who make you cheer, laugh, cry, and even sometimes break objects in your moment of rage.

This week, in accordance with the end of the baseball season, we would like to present our awards for the 2000 season. After much debate and a couple of punches thrown, we present our picks.

**NL MVP:** Vladimir Guerrero, RF, Montreal Expos. AVG. 345 HR. 44 RBI. 123.

Even though the Expos didn't make it to the playoffs, Guerrero carried this team from the start of the season, and he has the numbers to show for his effort.

**AL MVP:** Carlos Delgado, 1B, Toronto Blue Jays. AVG. 344 HR. 41 RBI. 137

Delgado's team didn't make it to the playoffs either, but he presented the first real Triple Crown threat in the last decade.

**NL CY YOUNG:** Rob Nenn, P, San Francisco Giants. ERA. 1.50 SV. 41 SO. 92

Without Rob Nenn, the Giants would have never gone to the postseason. His 91-MPH slider is virtually impossible to hit, and he recorded 27 straight saves during the playoff run.

**AL CY YOUNG:** Pedro Martinez, P, Boston Red Sox. ERA. 1.74 W. 18 L. 6 SO. 284

How can Pedro not be the Cy Young award winner? His numbers are disgusting, and I'm beginning to wonder if this guy is better than Maddux.

**NL ROOKIE OF THE YEAR:** Rick Ankeil, P, St. Louis Cardinals. ERA 3.50 W. 11 L. 7 SO. 194. Ankeil had a great season for a 21-year-old rookie; we will go out on a limb and predict that this young man will win 20 games next year.

**AL ROOKIE OF THE YEAR:** Barry Zito, P, Oakland A's. ERA. 2.72 W. 7 L. 4 SO. 78

Zito only played the second half of the season, and many believe that he is better than Tim Hudson. Either way, with Hudson and Zito around, expect to see the A's in the playoffs for a long time.

**NL MANAGER OF THE YEAR:** Dusty Baker, Giants. He let the dogs out.

**AL MANAGER OF THE YEAR:** Jerry Manuel, White Sox. He took a bunch of no names to 1st place.

These are our picks, they stand alone, and if you don't agree with us, just remember: we have forgotten more about sports than you will ever know.

## SMC, We Need To Get On "Track"

By **MARTY KINSEY**  
Guest Writer

Have you found our track here at Saint Mary's? Well the answer is no, because we don't have one. This is a sad fact considering both Miramonte and Campolindo have tracks, and they are only high schools. We go to one of the most expensive higher learning institutions in California, and we don't even have a track. During my sophomore year, I questioned our former athletic director on why we didn't have one. He blamed it on lack of funds, lack of available land, and low interest for a track team at Saint Mary's. The following year though, we discovered enough land for a new softball facility and had \$50 million arrive for a new athletic center replacing Madigan Gym, which, of course, has no plans for a track and field complex.

Even if we don't get a track and field team, there would

still be great interest in a track for people running on campus. I see people running every day along the hard asphalt, and with all the crazy drivers here, it would be nice for people to have a safe place to exercise. Our own cross-country team has to run to Miramonte High to do track workouts. When asked by the students of the high school why we don't run on our own track, we have to pathetically answer with "Saint Mary's has no track," when we are really thinking, "Saint Mary's is too cheap for a track and no one seems to care."

I love driving up the campus drive and seeing that wonderful billboard sign announcing, "\$150 million dollar campaign goal reached." It's nice to know the College's administration can campaign for that money and deny our students what virtually every high school in America has -- a simple track and field complex.

## Counting Down Disrespect

By **JOEL BRILLIANT AND ANTHONY PARKER**  
Staff Writers

During the recent 49ers rout of the Dallas Cowboys, Terrell Owens took the art of celebration to a new low when he sprinted to the Dallas Cowboys 50-yard line and spiked the ball on the team logo. Owen's actions were disrespectful; however, it is only one more moment in a long history of unnecessary actions committed on a field of play. Therefore, we would like to compile a list of the Top 10 Nastiest Moments In Recent Sports History.

**10.** Tanya Harding hiring two goons to cripple Nancy Kerrigan's hopes of winning a medal at the Olympics.

**9.** Boxer Andrew Golata sparring with opponents balls on several occasions.

**8.** Former Basketball star Charles Barkley elbowing unknown foreigners during the '92 Olympics.

**7.** Pill-popping Bronco Linebacker Bill Romanowski spitting in the face of 49ers wideout J.J. Stokes and afterwards screaming a pleasant racial slur at the top of his lungs.

**6.** Hall of fame pitcher Juan

Marichal using his bat as a lethal weapon, hitting Dodger catcher John Roseboro in the head. He must have had a fiesta flashback and thought Roseboro's head was a pinata.

**5.** Former Warrior star Latrell Sprewell losing his temper and attempting to kill former Warriors coach P.J. Carlesimo by strangling him.

**4.** Former Indiana University coach Bobby Knight, losing his temper and attempting to kill unknown Indiana player by strangling him.

**3.** Former King and Shark hockey player Marty McSorley using his stick as a club and attempting to decapitate Vancouver Canuck Donald Brashear. (McSorley went on trial for manslaughter and was convicted).

**2.** Boxer Mike Tyson during a heavyweight bout with Evander Holyfield feeling hungry and snacking on his right ear.

**1.** Never to be Hall of Famer Pete Rose, during an all-star game ending the career of Catcher Ray Fossi by knocking him over at a play at the plate and breaking his throwing arm. The game didn't matter, but he must have had money on it.

From the Sports Desk...

## How do you evaluate your team? What is Sports Success?

By **GEORGE MALACHOWSKI**  
Sports Editor

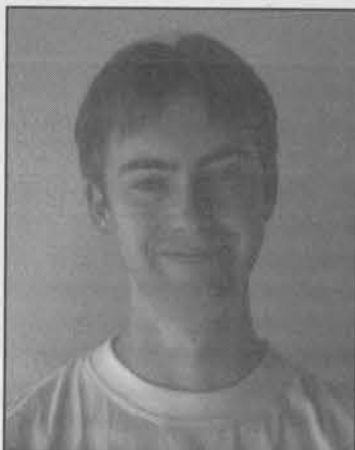
Almost two weeks ago, the Bay Area faced a sports letdown like no other: Black Sunday. The Giants, A's, and 49ers lost (and the Raiders won, truly making it Black Sunday). World Series dreams died and pride was lost that day, and its aftermath made me ponder what a fan should expect from their team.

I listen to sports talk radio quite a bit and, it was strange for me to hear all the fantastically bitter people berate teams that lost on Black Sunday. People were especially bitter about the Giants

and to a lesser extent, the A's. Both teams made the playoffs and had stellar seasons that ultimately ended prematurely. But, does this make their season into failures?

For me the answer is no. A team, whatever their end accomplishments become, can be successful if they provide entertainment to the fan. This is not to say that winning is not an important factor, but that it is not the only factor.

I watched the Saint Mary's Women's Basketball team last year and enjoyed each game even though they didn't make it to the NCAA's and ultimately lost in the NIT. I was also entertained when the Warriors were competitive



with "Run TMC" and when they had Webber, Sprewell, and Hardaway, even though they did not win anything in the post-sea-

son. Teams are successful if they evoke emotion in their fans by playing hard, and by winning, but also by giving the fans a good time.

I had fun attending A's and Giants games this season as well as following their season through the newspapers and radio stations. Whether or not they succeeded in the post-season was a side-note to the regular season that I enjoyed tremendously. I would have been ecstatic if any of our Bay Area teams had gone further, and I was disappointed that they lost. But, this does not mean they were unsuccessful teams.

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## VOLLEYBALL: Last three league games result in wins

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who shared court time, and collectively earned 61 assists.

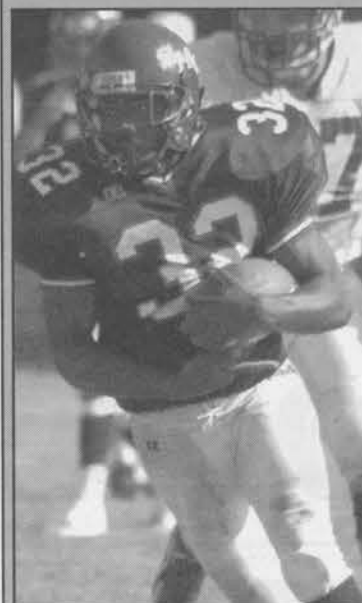
Earlier in league play, the Gaels fell to two nationally ranked WCC opponents, Pepperdine (#9) and Loyola Marymount (#23), on the road. In Malibu, the Gaels did not go out without a fight, losing game one 14-16.

Pepperdine came back stronger in games two and three to take the win in three. Coolbaugh (18 kills, 8 digs) and Heather Dill (17 kills, 12 digs) led the Gaels with Dill recording her fourth double-double of the season. Setter Lowry earned 43 assists in the match.

The following night, the Gaels faced a tough Loyola Marymount

team and fell in three games. Despite an early lead in game three, Saint Mary's was not able to fight off the Lions.

Junior Megan Smith played very well defensively, recording 18 digs against the Lions' strong offense. Dill had 15 kills and 9 digs, and Junior Carla Vandembark recorded 10 kills. In her first conference match this season, setter Whitney Hoover earned 43 assists, 8 digs, and 3 kills. The Gaels are now 3-3 in West Coast Conference play, and 7-10 overall. The Gaels face WCC opponents in eight of their next nine games making this stretch the most pivotal of the season.



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Defensive Back Myron Chivis carries the ball up the field.

## FOOTBALL: Team suffers second loss on the road

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four times during the night, tying SMC's single-game record. White also rambled in to tie the score at 7-7 on a third and goal. Sophomore running back Jeff Brown carried 40% of the offensive load, with 205 total yards and two TD's. Senior QB Gus Papanikolas had his best passing performance of the season, throwing for 197 yards and 1 TD.

Unfortunately, it wasn't enough. Though the Gaels won some important statistical battles on paper,

5 turnovers and a few ill-timed, costly penalties lost the game.

Cal Poly QB Seth Burford had a big night for the Mustangs (18-26, 309 yards), throwing for 3 TD's and rushing for another. Though the Gaels closed to within eight at the half, the second could have been a carbon copy of the UC Davis fallout. The Mustangs scored on their first drive of the second half, and followed a Saint Mary's TD with another TD and two field goals to cap a convincing 41-20 victory.

## SOCCER: High intensity WCC games challenge skill

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to put our opponents away."

Both Sacramento State and Gonzaga beat rival Santa Clara, whom the Gaels will play November 2 at 7:30pm on the Bronco's field. According to Talan, both the Spartans and the Zags are aggressive and will be tough opponents. "Gonzaga has a home field advantage, especially considering it might snow. With the past few rainy days, we've had a sneak preview to weather in Spokane."

The Gaels defeated Sacramento State 1-0 on Friday, September 13. Sophomore Midfielder Evan Fontaine scored his first goal of the season in the 78<sup>th</sup> minute, with an assist from Senior Dan Miller. Both teams remained scoreless in the first half, ending the game with nine shots on goal for the Gaels and 16 for the Hornets. Hornet Goalkeeper Chris Haustein com-

pleted six saves for the game, while Sophomore Goalkeeper Kellan Wilson had four saves for the game, recording his second shutout of the season.

The Gaels headed to Spokane, Wa. for their second WCC game against Gonzaga on Sunday, October 15. Freshman Alex Monsalve scored his fifth goal of the season in the 28<sup>th</sup> minute with an assist from Junior Alex Avina. The Gaels continued to maintain the Bulldogs until the last ten minutes of the game when two red cards were given to Monsalve and Freshman Josh Duffy.

With only nine players on the field, the Bulldogs scored twice in the last five minutes of the game. Bulldog Gon Fardinia made the game-winning goal with seven seconds left in the game. This game brings the Gaels' record to

4-9, 0-2 WCC and the Bulldogs to 7-4, 2-0 WCC.

The men's soccer team strives to continue meditation sessions with Br. Camillus Chavez, but has had trouble scheduling because of mandatory freshman study hall. When the opportunity arises, the team benefits on the field from the sessions. "We appreciate Br. Camillus' help and support," Talan commented.

Support from the sidelines is also appreciated by both team members and the coaching staff. It's great to see "students, other teams, and community support. It's an advantage to have support at home," Talan added. The next home games will be Saturday, October 21 at 2pm against Wisconsin-Milwaukee, followed by a match against Cal Berkeley Sunday at 2pm.

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# MEN'S SOCCER



## The STARTING 11

**KELLAN WILSON**  
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Defender

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Defender

**BRIAN KUMMER**  
Defender

**ERIC REED**  
Defender

**ALEX AVINA**  
Midfielder

**NICK MARCUM**  
Midfielder

**RICA REYES**  
Midfielder

**BRIAN RHODES**  
Midfielder

**OSCAR BUENO**  
Midfielder

**ALEX MONSALVE**  
Forward  
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PROFILED BELOW

## Men Look to Improve on Last Season's Results

By LARA BALLENTINE  
Editor-in-Chief

With just six games left in the season, four of which are West Coast Conference games, the men's soccer team is looking to beat last season's record of 8-10-1, 2-3-1 WCC. According to Head Coach Mark Talan, the West Coast Conference is the #2 conference in the country. "Our big goal is to finish out with five wins and perhaps win the conference. We've played three Top 10 teams in the last two weeks. We are playing very good soccer, we're just not coming up with results."

The battle against #1 UCLA (8-0-0) on October 1 ended with a 3-2 loss after a tough fight by Saint Mary's. The Gaels led 2-1 at halftime, with the first goal in the 7th minute by Senior Captain Eric Reed and the second by Junior Defender Nick Marcum in the 25th minute. The two goals were the first recorded goals to be given up at UCLA this season. The Bruins put two more goals in the net in the second half after their initial score in the 6th minute. SMC Sophomore Kellan Wilson recorded four saves for the game. Junior Brian Kummer said, "We were happy with our performance, yet still disappointed that we lost such a close game. At least we know we can play with the best."

The Gaels traveled to San Jose on Thursday, October 5 to play the 11th ranked Spartans (9-0-1). Spartan Lars Lyssand scored the winning goal in the 84th minute, finishing with a final score of 2-1. After Spartan Frank San Filippo scored the first goal in the 58th minute, Junior Captain Alex Avina scored his first goal of the season in the 63rd minute. Wilson completed ten saves in the match.

In their first conference game of the season, the Gaels looked to improve their 3-7 record with a win over Loyola Marymount Sunday, October 8, but failed losing 2-1. Four minutes into the game, Marcum scored his second goal of the season with a double assist by Senior Defender Dan Miller and Midfielder Avina.

The second half brought two goals by the Lions, one in the 57th minute and the winning goal in the 79th minute. LMU had 12 shots on goal, while the Gaels skimmed by with 5. Wilson completed 4 saves, combining for a total of 66 saves this season.

Before heading to Washington to battle Gonzaga, Talan looked hopeful, "I am very confident we have a good team. We show we can play against the best in the country. We just need to get killer instinct

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## PLAYER Profile Alex Monsalve

By LARA BALLENTINE • Editor-in-Chief

Growing up in Florida, Freshman Forward Alex Monsalve constantly watched his dad, cousins, and uncles play soccer before beginning to play the sport himself at five years old. Monsalve devotes his life to soccer because of "the excitement it brings with the sport itself. The passion each player gives on the field along with the pride you take in wearing your uniform" all make the sport worthwhile.

Spending his first two years of high school at Moreau Catholic in Hayward, Monsalve graduated from Newark Memorial in Newark, CA. Monsalve chose Saint Mary's after looking at both UCLA and St. John's University in New York. "I chose Saint Mary's because it's closer to home and the weather factor in New York was too extreme."

The leading scorer for the Gaels, Monsalve enjoys the team atmosphere. "I've gotten to bond with the guys. We're like a big family." Playing in every game so far this season, Monsalve has racked up the most points on the team with five goals and one assist. Monsalve has managed 19 shots on goal in the 14 games played. One highlight of Monsalve's scoring history includes scoring the most goals in the 1999 Olympic Development Regional Camp tournament, earning him the "Golden Boot" award.

Monsalve's ability to score impresses Head Coach Mark Talan and he sees a bright future for the freshman: "He is a very talented student athlete. He is creative and has a knack for finding the net. As he gets used to the competition, he'll be able to score more goals. We need his offensive ability for conference games."

In high school, Monsalve played on the Ballistic U.S. Team for three years, helping them to win the 1999 State Title. Monsalve's favorite moment in his career came during his senior year in high school when he scored the game-winning goal against the East Coast in the Far West Regional Tournament, held in Austin, Texas. This season, Monsalve's favorite game came against UCLA on October 1, which was "pretty exciting. They're number #1 in the nation and we almost knocked them off."

Like others on the soccer team, Monsalve

participates in meditation with Br. Camillus Chavez, which has helped Monsalve. However, he feels that he hasn't "been able to find that peak performance Br. Camillus talks about. I was able to relax the second time, and it felt like I just woke up from a nap."

The Gaels are in the stretch run against WCC opponents and Monsalve will be a key to their success or failure in the coming weeks. Come see Monsalve strive for his peak performance when the Gaels play Wisconsin-Milwaukee on Saturday, October 21 at 2pm.



Alex Monsalve tangles with LMU's Phillip Arias in a battle for the ball.

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