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Gunman, Police in Campus Stand-Off

Search reveals drugs and ammunition; no injuries in 45-minute confrontation

By BRAD KVEDERIS
Opinion Editor

Police shut down the entire upper campus during their search for a trespassing gunman who fired shots near a dormitory in Ageno Park on Thursday, October 19. The trespasser was also found to be in possession of illegal narcotics.

After negotiation with police officers, the suspect surrendered to the Moraga Police Department, who confiscated the man's weapon and transported him to the psychiatric ward of the Contra Costa Regional Medical Center in Martinez.

According to the Moraga Police, the suspect was a 20 year-old Walnut Creek man, wanted on four outstanding arrest warrants for drug and weapons-related charges. The gunman repeatedly threatened to commit suicide during negotiations with police officers. No one was hurt in the 45-minute standoff.

According to Iterim Dean of Student Development and Student Leadership programs Mary McCall, PhD, the incident began when maintenance workers discovered a bullet hole inside a dorm room in Edward



Public Safety Officers direct students and traffic as the Moraga Fire Department arrives on the scene.

S. Ageno Hall – more commonly known as "Ageno East." Public Safety officers were in the midst of examining the bullet hole when a man entered the suite. Upon seeing the officers, the man fled on foot; he was then pursued through Ageno Park

by Public Safety. During the chase, the suspect pulled out a gun and fired a shot into the air. "[Public Safety] kind of went 'whoa, everybody back off,'" said McCall, adding, "they were just trying to get him to stay outside – which they fortunately

managed to do." Public Safety officers were able to contain the suspect until police arrived. The Public Safety Department refused to comment for this article.

"We were contacted by Public Safety to investigate a possible

weapon on campus," said Moraga Police Chief Barry Kalar. "We found a man with a gun who fired two shots: one up into the hills around campus, and another into a creek bed behind Ageno Hall. He pointed the gun at his own head several times, and kept saying that he didn't want to go to jail. He finally left with us, and we took him to the psychiatric ward at County Hospital."

An October 21 report filed by the Moraga Police Department revealed that live ammunition and a variety of illegal drugs, including marijuana and methamphetamine, were found during an inspection of the suspect's backpack. The report charged the suspect with "possession of illegal narcotics with intent to sell." In an October 22 informational meeting, College officials reported that the gunman had been in possession of over \$800 in ten and twenty-dollar bills speculated to have come from drug deals.

According to both Kalar and Moraga Police Officer Robert Haskell, the suspect had previously been removed from campus and

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Sodexho's Prison Connection Brings Protest to Campuses

Eating at Oliver Hall might become a moral issue

By MARY RUNOLFSON
News Editor

Around the country, college students are refusing to eat in their school cafeterias, and it has nothing to do with limp lettuce.

Students nationwide have reacted strongly to the news that Sodexho Alliance, which owns 48% of Sodexho Marriott (which provides food services to campuses throughout the country, including Saint Mary's), is the leading shareholder in Corrections Corporation of America (CCA), the nation's largest purveyor of private for-profit prisons.

The use of private prisons has become increasingly more common with the over-population of state and federal-run penitentiaries. Along with growth has come criticism. "The industry is almost entirely unregulated, and the system is full of human rights

abuses," said Kevin Pranis, chair of the Prison Moratorium Project based in New York during a recent phone interview with the *Collegian*.

Private systems, including CCA, have been accused of neglect, abuse, rape, murder. Pranis described the case of a man, suffering from sickle cell anemia, jailed in a private Tennessee prison for bouncing a check. "The prison doctor, told by the company that if he cut medical costs he'd receive a \$100,000 salary raise, prescribed the man a single pain pill," said Pranis. "A few days later, the inmate was found dead. In essence, he had received the death sentence, and for what...writing a bad check."

Matt Carroll, general manager of the Sodexho Marriott service at Saint Mary's, said there have been no inquiries regarding the controversy. "I did bring it to [the administration]. I let them know that this was a national issue," said Carroll.

Carroll stressed that Sodexho Marriott has no relationship with CCA. Sodexho Marriott is a stand-alone company that owns 48% of the stock. The Marriott Corporation only owns 10% of Sodexho Marriott.

"Basically, the Marriott part of Sodexho Marriott is in name only. We have nothing to do with prisons, in any of our divisions," said Carroll. "There's a lot of erroneous issues. The people who started this are prison reform activists who needed something to hang their hat on, and the Marriott name is very powerful."

Activists insist the protest isn't aimed at the Marriott name. "If you want to effect Sodexho Alliance, you have to go through their companies," said Pranis. "You cannot do business with Sodexho Marriott without benefiting Sodexho Alliance."

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Seashells, Students, and Science A friendly conversation with reappointed College President Brother Craig Franz

By GEORGE MALACHOWSKI
and LORNA SCHARTON
Sports Editor / Managing Editor

It wasn't too long ago that the enticing waters of Venezuela lured a former high school biology teacher to its shores to study seashells. Sound too good to be true? For Brother Craig Franz, FSC, PhD, examining seashells and other sea creatures was all in a day's work. Franz, a prominent marine biologist specializing in malacology (the study of mollusks or shelled animals), was invited to Venezuela on two separate occasions for his academic research. It wasn't long after his marine adventures that Franz was invited to Saint Mary's to further research in another field: student success.

Franz came to Saint Mary's in 1997 following 25 years of educational experience

throughout the nation. A graduate of Bucknell University, class of 1975, Franz went on to complete a Master of Science degree in Environmental Studies from Drexel University, and a PhD in Biology/Marine Ecology in 1988 from the University of Rhode Island. Following his studies, he embarked on a teaching career at the high school level in Philadelphia, where he taught general biology and environmental studies classes. Franz quickly ascended to the administrative level at St. John's College in Washington D.C., eventually pursuing positions at other national institutions like the University of Rhode Island, La Salle University in Philadelphia, and Saint Mary's University of Minnesota.

Among administrative roles at the College level, Franz has

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NEWSNotes

Campus

Student Population Increases

Undergraduate figures increased to a record high this fall, with the total undergraduate population consisting of 2,400 students. The increase in numbers resulted from a 3.9 percent rise in student retention, meaning more Saint Mary's students are staying at the Collège rather than dropping out or transferring to other institutions. Combined with unexpected enrollment from freshmen, the new figures equaled a 7.7 percent increase in total students attending the Collège.

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SMC BRIEFING

FASTQuote

"Saint Mary's is becoming a statistic because we let too many headlines go by without taking action."

Lorna Scharton
Managing Editor

Read the story on Page 9.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
November 2000			1 MFA Creative Writing, poet Susan Kolodny, 1:30pm, Delphine. English Club Meeting, 3:30, Delphine Lounge.	2 Collegian Meeting, 4:20, Ferroggiaro. MEChA meeting, 5pm-7pm, Delphine. Economics Political Discussion Night, 7pm-9pm, Soda.	3 ASSMC Program Board Movie, Center Stage, 7:30pm, Dryden Hall.	4 Football vs. Towson, 1pm, Stadium.
			5 Alumni Mass, 11am, Chapel. Cohort Dinner, 5pm, Assumption Conf. Roman Catholic Mass, 8pm, Chapel.	6 Lasallian Reflection, 12:40pm, Chapel. LEAP Awards, 4pm, Soda Center. ASSMC Pgm Brd Movie, U-571, 10:30pm, Dryden.	7 Voting, 7am, Soda Center. Collegian meeting, 4:20pm, Ferroggiaro. ASSMC Senate Meeting, 8:45pm, Dryden.	8 Meditation, 12pm, Soda Center. RA Training Class, 4pm, Dante 204. Philosophy Club Meeting, 7pm, Assumption Conf.
12 Student Fall Production, 2pm-4pm. Alumni/Student Comm, Social, 4pm, Hagerty. Roman Catholic Mass, 8pm, Chapel.	13 Cohort Dinner, 5pm, Assumption. ASSMC Prgm Brd. Movie, Entertaining Angels, 10:30pm, LeFevre.	14 Diversity Forum, 3pm-4:30pm, Soda. Collegian Meeting, 4:20pm, Ferroggiaro. Amnesty Int'l, 8pm, Delphine.	15 ASSMC Student Leadership Meeting, 6pm, Dryden. Thanksgiving Dinner, 6pm, Roncalli Hall. Irish Club Meeting, 7:30pm, Delphine.	16 Guild Boutique, 11am, Soda Center. Art Club Meeting, 7:20pm, Studio 1. Collegian Meeting, 4:20, Ferroggiaro.	17 ASSMC Program Board Movie, Entertaining Angels 7:30pm-9:30pm. Women's Basketball vs. Stanford, 7:35pm-9:05pm.	18 CLAM Event, "A Letter From Vincent," 8pm, LeFevre Theater.

ASSMC Senate Passes Resolutions

On Sunday, October 29, Sophomore Class President Sean Sullivan presented the ASSMC Senate with a resolution to form a Select Committee in Academic Excellence. The measure passed with only three abstentions.

Other proposed resolutions that addressed financial aid for Jan Term, a proposed measure requiring Sodexo Marriott to play KSMC in the dining halls, a resolution recognizing the actions of campus authorities during the gunman incident last week, and a resolution to explore rape issues on campus. All of these resolutions passed with the exception of the Jan Term issue, which was tabled pending more information.

Nation

Bush Still Leads in Polls

A CNN/USA Today/Gallup conducted Saturday, October 28 revealed that George W. Bush has maintained a strong lead over Vice President Al Gore. The poll had Bush with 49%, Al Gore with 42%, Ralph Nader with 3%, and Pat Buchanan with 1%. The poll had a sampling error of +/- 2.5 points.

With only one week before the election, the candidates will focus their campaigns in the swing states where undecided voters could make the difference in the scramble for electoral votes.

This past weekend, Al Gore was in Pennsylvania talking about health care, the issue he feels could sway the most voters to his side. George W. Bush and Dick Cheney were in Wisconsin and Missouri. Bush concentrated his speeches on Medicare, Social Security, and taxes.

Recently, there has been increased media coverage of the Ralph Nader campaign. In several states, including California, Nader's increasing popularity is threatening to woo away enough democratic voters to potentially swing the state for Bush.

-M.N.R./L.E.S.

CAMPUS Snapshots



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New Statues Adorn Campus

"Most holy apostle Jude—Come to my assistance in this great need," reads the caption on the base of a new statue (above) that stands in the courtyard between Filippi and Jerome West. St. Jude is the patron saint of difficult causes.

A coiling double helix (right) is the showcase of the Wayne Calloway Family Grove outside of J.C. Gatehouse. The giant strand is actually a temporary structure, composed of wood beams. The real statue, a concrete version of the helix, will be revealed and dedicated later in the school year.



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GUNMAN: Shots fired, ammo found in guest's backpack

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warned to keep off College property or face trespassing charges. "Public Safety told us that this man wasn't supposed to be living on campus," said Kalar. "He'd already been removed from campus once for trespassing."

Police confirmed that the man had attempted to set up residence in a student dorm on campus, although this could not be confirmed by College administrators. "I don't know whether the man was staying on campus," said McCall.

Other details of the case remain elusive. An article in the *Contra Costa Sun* reported that "the police and Saint Mary's College agreed not to charge [the suspect] with trespassing on the campus or possession of a weapon." Neither the Moraga Police Department nor the Contra Costa County District Attorney's office could confirm this to the *Collegian*.

For the student who hosted the gunman as a guest, the future remains uncertain. In an exclusive interview with the *Collegian*, the student stated that he had been evicted from his room by Public Safety officers and placed on "interim suspension" by the College. (For more information, see the entire interview below.)

An eyewitness to the event, Alicia Allegrini, told *Collegian* re-

porters that she could not comment and referred all inquiries to Residence Life Director Steve Nygaard and Martha Gonzales, also of Residence Life. When contacted for interviews, Gonzales was unavailable for comment. Both McCall and Nygaard declined to comment on any actions being taken against the student, citing legal and privacy concerns.

The District Attorney's office reported that no formal charges have yet been filed in the case, although the suspect remains in custody awaiting trial on the four "no-bail" warrants for his arrest.

When asked how effective College policies are in keeping unwanted guests off campus, McCall said that the fact that SMC students are held accountable for their guests' actions should be the main deterrent. "What we're really relying on is the good judgment of the students to know whether [their guest] is going to act appropriately."

McCall stressed the need for student input about security concerns, saying, "What we have to rely on is that students will tell us if there's stuff going on that makes them nervous." However, she acknowledged that Saint Mary's might need work in this area — especially in light of the fact that no one reported the gunshot that left the bullet hole in Ageno East. "One

of my concerns was that we found out about this because there was a report of a bullet hole. If somebody heard a gun being fired in a residence hall, I really want to know that information. We got a report of a bullet hole, not a gunshot."

Many students did not know about the incident as it was happening, but concern arose among students when they learned about details of the situation. Freshman Mike Holmes said, "The rape incident and this incident doesn't make me feel too safe on campus." College officials made it clear that they would try to help students deal with safety concerns.

A memorandum from Vice President of Student Affairs Brother Jack Curran, FSC, was distributed to each resident room late Thursday afternoon, followed by a more detailed memorandum that was posted in residence halls and sent via E-mail to all students. The memos explained what happened Thursday afternoon and provided information about on-campus resources available to handle their concerns.

McCall added that the College is in the process of adding a campus hot-line for students to phone in anonymous crime tips — a plan she hopes will encourage students to come forward with information about potentially dangerous situations on campus.

Key Witness Gives Exclusive Interview

Gunman's friend describes events leading up to and following October 19 stand-off

By LARA BALLENTINE
Editor-in-Chief

In an exclusive interview with the *Collegian*, the student host of the gunman answered the following questions. All indications of the student's identity have been removed because the incident is still under investigation.

What affiliation do you have with the perpetrator?

"I had been friends with him since this summer. I knew he sold drugs, but I did not do them, so business was not an issue in our relationship and his business was not done in my presence. He often complained to me about how he had two types of friends: true friends, and 'business' friends. He told me that he appreciated that I had been a friend despite the lack of 'business' in our relationship."

What sequence of events led to the October 19 incident?

"One night approximately two weeks before the date of the events I had a couple of friends over, including the person in question. Because I was playing music in my room, and a movie was playing in the front room, he [the perpetrator] went into the bathroom because it was a quiet place to talk on the phone. Apparently, that night he had a gun with him and it was discharged because he was playing with it, resulting in the bullet hole in the bathroom. When I heard the shot, I ran to the bathroom, and saw what had hap-

pened. Luckily, nobody was hurt, and no other damage was done besides the hole in the drawer.

"At that point, I told him that he was to never have another weapon with him when he came to my room. The next couple of times that he came over he showed me what he brought with him, and he never brought another weapon. I trusted that he would honor my request, and he did to the best of my knowledge, except for the day of the incident, which was the last time that he was ever at my room.

"The morning of October 19, 2000, two people came up to my room to fix the shower because it leaked. Without mentioning it to anybody in the suite, the maintenance people notified Public Safety of the bullet hole, causing Public Safety to start a weapons investigation in my suite. That same morning, my friend came over to my room with a backpack. Because I had checked before, and because there had not been a problem since that one night, I did not check his backpack.

"The two of us left campus while the two maintenance people were fixing the shower. When we returned, two Public Safety officers were present. When I approached them, they said they had just finished searching my suite and they had to pat me down and search the things that I was carrying. When my friend saw the Public Safety officers standing in my doorway with his backpack, he turned around and ran. When I inquired if they found anything, they said they

found a gun, some marijuana, and a bag of pills along with my friend's I.D. card in the backpack. Seeing that my friend ran, they immediately chased him, and nothing more was said to me that day.

"I have only heard about how my friend acted after he ran from Public Safety. I had never witnessed any behavior like this from him. I had no idea that he had a gun on him when he was with me that day. There was no way that I had any clue about what was going to happen, nor did I have any reason to believe that it had the potential to."

Were you present on-campus Thursday, October 19?

"When Public Safety chased my friend up behind Ageno C, I realized that I would be better off not having any guests at my house because of the situation that had arisen, so I immediately took my other friend to his house in Moraga. I was gone no more than five minutes, but I was road-blocked on campus from returning to my room. As soon as Public Safety allowed people to drive up that road, I went back to my room. No one was there besides my roommates, and no one had attempted to contact me. I was worried and knew that I was going to have to think about the situation. I decided to leave campus for the weekend so that I could do so without distraction. I left my cell phone number and my name on the message board on my door. I did not receive

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NEW TO THE COLLEGIAN:

Campus Events Listing

♦ POLITICAL DEBATE

Father Russo's Political Communication class will present a Presidential Debate tonight, Wednesday, November 1 at 7pm in the Soda Center. Students will represent Bush, Gore, and Nader and will debate on the issues of education and energy. Debate will last one hour and will be followed by questions from the audience. Student videos will be shown. Free food and giveaways will be handed out! Come support your candidate for the Presidential Election 2000.

♦ CAREER INFO NIGHT

Employers will discuss their organizations, positions, areas of responsibilities, hiring qualifications and potential career paths at the next "Career Info Night" scheduled to take place Tuesday, November 7 from 6-8pm in the Soda Center. Event is sponsored by the Career Development Center.

♦ YEARBOOK PICTURES

Lauren Studios will be on campus to take undergraduate pictures for the 2000-2001 *Gael*, the Saint Mary's yearbook. Seniors will need to sign up for their pictures in the yearbook office located on second floor Ferroggiaro to schedule an appointment time. Senior portraits will be on November 6-10 from 11am-6pm and November 13-14 from 9am-5pm. Underclassmen do not need to sign up for pictures and may stop by Ferroggiaro anytime on November 15-17 from 9am-5pm to take their mug shots.

♦ IPHIGENIA & OTHER DAUGHTERS

From the "innocent victim" Iphigenia to the "wild girl" Electra, playwright Ellen McLaughlin brings us the women of Greek legend in her play, *Iphigenia & Other Daughters*. The Saint Mary's Performing Arts Department will perform this contemporary play as the annual Student Fall Production. *Iphigenia & Other Daughters*, directed by Rebecca Engle, invites us to think about the way that myth and history have shaped men's and women's roles. Production will open on Wednesday, November 8 at 8pm in LeFevre Theatre. The play will also take place Thursday-Saturday, November 9-11 at 8pm and Sunday, November 12 at 2pm.

♦ FALL BACK IN TIME

On Saturday, November 11, Saint Mary's will host a "Fall Back in Time" tailgate extravaganza. In celebration of the final football game of the season, all students are welcome to this special event on Saturday, November 11 from 10:30am-1:30pm on the intramural practice field in front of Garaventa. Food, games, prizes, music, and cars will be part of this extravaganza! Stay to watch the Gaels take on Drake in their last football game of the season on Saturday, November 11 at 1pm in the Stadium.

♦ HUNGER AWARENESS DINNER

November 13-17 is Hunger Awareness Week at Saint Mary's College. The annual Hunger Awareness Dinner will take place on Tuesday, November 14 at 6pm in the Soda Center. For those who are not familiar with this event, the dinner will demonstrate the injustice of hunger in the world. By lottery, some students will receive a full course meal and others will only receive a little bite to eat. Last year, this event was a huge success and with student participation, it can be once again. For more information regarding the Hunger Awareness Dinner, please contact Chris Fuller of Campus Ministry at 631-4075.

♦ MARIA MAYHEM: MEDIEVAL MUSIC MADNESS

Imagine yourself in the 13th century court of Spanish King Alfonso X: Christian, Arab, and Jewish musicians jam on great tunes with funky rhythms. Pilgrims dance their way to Santiago de Compostela. Even the king is writing lyrics — songs as devout as Hildegard's prayers, as frightening as Dante's poetry, as hilarious and racy as Chaucer's tales. "Maria Mayhem" bring this cultural richness to life in a concert as discussion of Medieval Spanish music on Wednesday, November 15 at 7:30pm in the Soda Center.

♦ PACK THE PAVILION NIGHT

The Women's Basketball team will face Stanford on Friday, November 17 at 7:35pm. The goal of "Pack the Pavilion Night" is to have a sellout crowd to support the women's team. Students will be allowed free admittance to the game if they show their ID card at the student entrance. The *Collegian* will sponsor a raffle that will reward one lucky student with four 50-yard line tickets plus preferred parking pass to the 49ers game vs. the New Orleans Saints on December 10, 2000. The raffle will take place at half time. Students should arrive early to find seats.

-M.M.S.

Do you want your event listed in the next *Collegian* Campus Events Listing?

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VOTE: Political participation, including voting, an important 'tribal ritual' in American Democracy

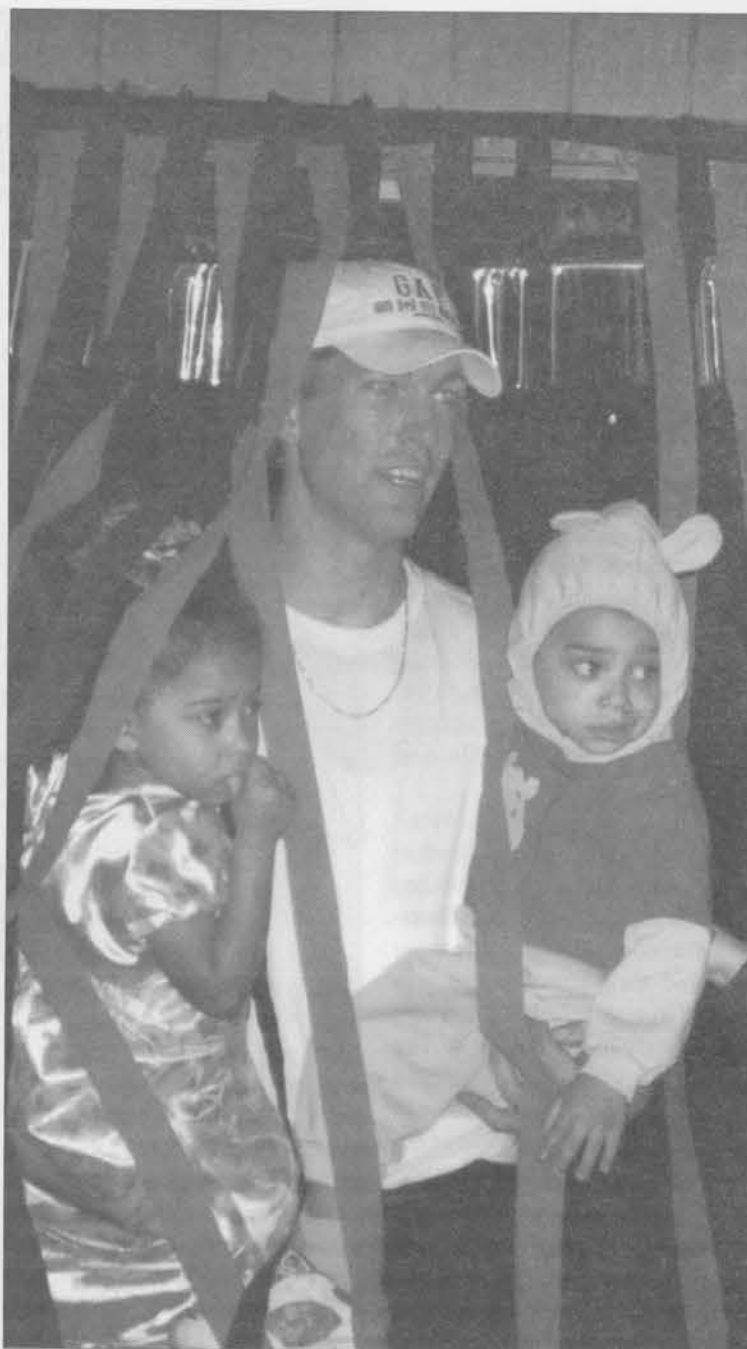
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This made way for the "informed citizen."

With the Civil Rights movement, citizens have become highly concerned with defining their rights. Today, we have a "rights-bearing citizen" model combined with the "informed citizen" model. We are conscious of our rights as citizens and have thus invited politics into our everyday lives.

Our popular sovereignty is not a failure, argues Schudson, even though fewer people bother to vote each year and fewer people get involved with public affairs. There will be at least 100 million people voting on November 7, and thousands of people will spend hours manning the polls.

There is less than a week until Election Day, and hopefully the message of Michael Schudson has touched voters of all kind. He believes that the simple act of voting demonstrates our civic duty; and that participation of all kinds – like Father Russo's class debate tonight – encourages hopeless skeptics of American politics to feel that their vote *does* count, and their voice *can* be heard.



An SMC student volunteer helps trick-or-treaters at the 1999 annual Halloween for Inner-City Children program.

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Saint Mary's Goes Creepy for a Good Cause

Residence halls host inner city trick-or-treaters

By JONNA-LYNN KIRKPATRICK
Staff Writer

A day before Halloween, the Saint Mary's campus was already haunted by children creeping for candy and some holiday spirit.

Monday, October 30 marked the third consecutive year that Saint Mary's has welcomed trick-or-treaters on the campus with the Halloween for Inner-City Children program.

The evening began with the children's arrival at 3:45pm. From 4pm to 5:30 the children made their way through residence halls collecting candy. Following the trick-or-treating, the children were treated to a party in the Soda Center, which included dinner, arts and crafts, and a haunted house.

Led by campus minister Chris Fuller and student Annie Crew, the program is the result of donations, and volunteer efforts by many Saint Mary's students. The purpose of the event is to provide inner-city children primarily from Oakland, an opportunity to enjoy Halloween in a safe environment.

Sharlene Duale, a 2000 graduate, initiated the event three years ago. She wanted inner-city children to experience Halloween on campus, children who would otherwise not be able to trick-or-treat because of unsafe neighborhoods and/or the

ability to purchase a costume. The program reaches about 120 children involved in programs centered in Oakland, including the Leo Center, Jubilee West, Happy Hearts Program, and this year, the newly added Elizabeth House.

The annual event is made possible thanks to student participation. Students and organizers planned all of the evening's events. Circle K, a campus community service organization, designed the party in the Soda Center. Students also provided candy for the children as they trick-or-treated through residence halls.

Various sports teams, such as men's soccer, also provide services to the program. Student volunteers helped by guiding children through their pre-determined trick-or-treat routes and by participating in the haunted house. The Department of Residence Life initiated a residence hall decorating contest to create the atmosphere.

Minister Fuller feels that this experience gives Saint Mary's students "a concrete experience of the Lasallian vision" because to many inner-city children, this is their first introduction to college. "Maybe by giving [the children] some glimpse of college, it will plant a seed in their minds to go to college," said Fuller.

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Around the country, students are taking the connection seriously. At Evergreen State College in Olympia, Washington, campus activists claim they were the primary reason for contract negotiations breaking down between the College and the company. Carroll maintained that Sodexo Marriott probably chose not to renew with Evergreen for financial reasons. "Either it's Sodexo Marriott not wanting to be in the contract because we can't make any money, because the College needs more money, or we just can't agree on terms."

The movement began at the

State University of New York in Albany, and more than 30 other colleges have followed suit. Pranis said the Prison Moratorium group is currently working with students at Fordham University in New York, and has, in the past, helped students at the University of St. Louis, Regis University in Denver, Colorado, Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio, UC San Francisco, and UC Santa Cruz.

Many colleges, including Saint Mary's, require students (if their rooms are not equipped with a kitchen) to purchase a meal plan through the campus food service provider.

"I think, especially at a Catholic school, it is wrong to be forced to deal with a company that you may

have moral objections to. I can't see how a Catholic administration can allow this association," said Pranis. "Never underestimate the power of a student. Protest in the dining hall, start a petition drive, be aware of the contract situation. Change takes conscientious objection," he urged.

Students around campus did not seem too concerned about the situation. "If it was a more prominent issue like they're cutting down trees or something, also if I was more informed on the issue, I might care a little more," said one Saint Mary's sophomore. "But, if there was a company with the same quality of food at the same price, I'd support a change."

CRAIG: President Looks Ahead

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also been fortunate to dabble in other collegiate positions. Describing his past responsibilities, Franz explained, "I have been a Dean of Science as well as the executive assistant to the President. I have been a certified trainer like Steve Jacoby, the athletic trainer, and a swim coach." Undoubtedly these varied experiences were a key factor in Franz's consideration in the presidential appointment process.

Franz accepted the invitation to reside as President at Saint Mary's College, eager to continue his student-centered career. "This is an exciting institution that holds tremendous promise, a rich heritage, and an even richer future," he said, commenting on his vision for the College.

With his recent extension as President, Brother Craig looks to improve on goals he has already set for the College, and addressing recent campus concerns. "We need to create an environment where people feel safe physically, sexually and emotionally," said Franz, in response to the recent gunman incident. For Franz, discussing issues that affect students are a major priority: "Each of us has to [take] responsibility for our actions, and we must call on each other to act responsibly."

Taking this responsibility to heart, Franz also realizes the importance of constructively dealing with the criticism that

comes along with his leadership role. Franz explained, "I need to take a look at what is said and the underlying message, then take that and learn from it."

Franz names such criticism as one facet of his Presidency that he regrets. In response to the protests staged by students and faculty last year, Franz said, "I look back at the disharmony of last year and wish it could have been more constructive because it was not helpful to the community."

Other community issues that have affected Franz and the College have been the increasing departures of prominent faculty and staff members. "It is an enormous challenge to find someone with the requisite skill to fill those positions. You need to make sure they're filled with the right people," said Franz. Despite the losses of these individuals, Franz is not concerned that there is any specific reason for the departures: "They are not leaving for any one reason, they are leaving to fulfill themselves in another way. For example, several people left after long tenures at Saint Mary's to retire."

Despite the effect these losses have on the community, Franz looks towards the induction of new staff to reinvigorate the campus. Reflecting on the many new faces around campus, Franz said, "The people who have filled those positions are incredible people and they are phenomenally committed to Saint Mary's. They have a deep

and abiding respect for Lasallian education."

Considering his extensive career, quality education has long been a priority of Franz. He looks forward to continuing to work towards improvement at Saint Mary's. Commenting on his goals, Franz explained, "Supporting teaching and learning initiatives is one goal. Creating a diverse student body and continuing to encourage faculty to similarly diversify their composition, [is another]. I also want to continue to build up the endowment. You always have to have the student first in what we're doing."

Part of his interest in helping students includes improving the campus structures where education takes place. Physical enhancement has been a goal for Franz throughout his Presidency, and since 1997 he has seen the completion of the new student union, the plaza in front of the Chapel, the refurbishment of the chapel itself, two new townhouses, J.C. Gatehouse and the softball field. Franz looks forward to future physical projects as well.

Since his time at Saint Mary's, Franz has continuously worked to explore and maintain the essence of Saint Mary's College. Revisiting the scientist philosophy that started his interest in education not too long ago, Franz discussed the motive behind his findings and accomplishments at Saint Mary's: "Hopefully the decisions I am making will assist in making this College a great place for students."

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a call or a voice message at that number all weekend long."

When did someone first contact you about the situation?

"Monday, October 23, 2000 at approximately 11pm. I drove up to my room and was greeted by a Public Safety Officer. He told me to put my hands on the wall, and to spread my legs. He searched me and my possessions thoroughly and made me stand with my hands present at all times. When he found nothing but clothes and pocket change in my bags, he told me that I had 10 minutes to move all of my possessions out of the room because I was being evicted. No ques-

tions. He watched me move everything out of my room, watched me put it in my car, took my keys, locked my room door, gave me my eviction letter from Interim Dean Mary McCall and followed me as I drove off campus."

What actions have been taken against you?

"Saint Mary's has placed me on interim suspension. The Public Safety Officer told me that I was not allowed on campus for any reason until I had talked to Residence Life. I was not to go to classes, or be at any dormitory."

What has the College told you in regard to the incident?

"So far, I have been dealing with McCall for matters regarding my

current interim suspension/campus barring and other sanctions, and with Residence Life regarding my campus barring. So far, I have been told to wait until a decision has been made regarding my final sanction(s). At that point, I may choose to accept the sanction, or I may appeal it and sit in front of the Disciplinary Hearing Board.

"I would like to thank Public Safety and Residence Life for allowing a peaceful end to the confrontation. Also, I would like to make a campus-wide apology for the event as a whole, and the danger that the campus was put in. I am infinitely thankful that nobody was hurt, and hopeful that I may still be accepted in the Saint Mary's College community."

CRIMEBeat

10/14/00 Petty Theft

Unknown persons entered a room in Sabatte. They were drinking alcohol and damaged several items. The value of the items is estimated at \$80.

10/15/00 Vandalism

Unknown person(s) started a fire in a dumpster located in the Aquinas lot. Moraga Fire was called, and they extinguished the fire. There were no witnesses.

10/15/00 Vandalism

A student threw an apple at a friend. He missed his friend and broke a window.

10/16/00 Grand Theft

Unknown persons entered J.C. Gatehouse and removed furniture. There are no suspects.

10/16/00 Petty Theft

Someone entered the men's locker in McKeon pavilion and removed a VCR out of an unlocked cabinet. The value is estimated at \$250.

10/18/00 Petty Theft

A stop sign was taken near the Ageno parking lot. Maintenance has been notified to replace the sign.

10/19/00 Mentally Disturbed Person

Someone reported there was a gun in a dorm room. Public Safety arrived to investigate and several items were confiscated. The suspect returned, saw Public Safety, and ran into the area between Ageno E and A, revealed a revolver, and pointed it at himself. Public Safety and Moraga Police negotiated, and the suspect surrendered without incident. The suspect was taken to the county hospital and was later arrested for outstanding warrants.

10/19/00 Vandalism

A student vehicle was damaged in the Augustine lot. No note was left.

10/20/00 Battery

A student placed another student under citizen's arrest for battery in a dorm room. The incident is under investigation.

10/20/00 Vandalism

The windshield of a visitor's car parked in the Lacrosse lot was broken by a baseball.

10/21/00 Petty Theft

Someone stole a jar of pennies that was outside an RA's room in Syufy Hall. The pennies were for a charity.

10/21/00 Medical

A student in Ageno B was taken to John Muir hospital for negative reactions to medication.

10/22/00 Vandalism

Unknown persons broke into a maintenance shed and removed two golf carts. The carts were found on the hill behind South Claeys. They were badly damaged. There are no suspects at this time.



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A disabled golfcart is towed from the SMC under supervision.

10/22/00 Hit and Run, Non-Injury

A student vehicle was struck on campus. A blue truck rolled into her car. When the student tried to inform the driver, he left without leaving a note.

10/29/00 Possession of Marijuana and Paraphernalia

Six students were caught with marijuana in a dorm room. The evidence was gathered, and the case was turned over to Residence Life.

Being a *Good Citizen* Involves Participation in Politics

Michael Schudson Traces the Historic Ritual of Voting Throughout American Politics

By MICHELINE SABATTE
Executive Layout Manager

Walking around campus this week, you may have seen the campaign posters declaring "Gael's for Gore," "No More Fuzzy Math," and "Vote For Nader." These are some of the slogans used by students in Father Russo's Political Communication class who will represent Gore, Bush, and Nader at a debate tonight.

Michael Schudson would be pleased with this.

As Professor of Communication and Adjunct Professor of Sociology at the University of California, San Diego, Schudson would see this student debate as a good example of how "participation in politics reaffirms and reinforces our democracy."

On October 26, Schudson addressed an audience of about 70 students. His lecture was entitled: "Voting: The Strange Ritual of American Democracy." Schudson's speech was based on his book, *The Good Citizen*, where he outlines the participation of voters in American politics throughout history. Schudson claims there are four models of participation in American politics:

In the days of Washington and Madison, voting was reserved for white male property owners who would elect representatives that



Michael Schudson, author of *The Good Citizen*, speaks of civic duty and voting history. Collegian / DAMON TIGHE

knew the issues. Schudson points out that: "The concept of the informed citizen was not part of the Founding Fathers' plan." The citizen's job in this 18th century model was simply to "reaffirm natural hierarchies."

In the 19th century, participation became a "politics of affiliation" model. There was much more bustle on Election Day as voters placed their dedication and loyalty to a party as if it were a college fraternity. "In 1850-1900, there

was the highest voter turnout" due to this excitement, explained Schudson.

Protestant reformers around the turn of the century thought the elections were too social, and huge party parades vanished. The Australian secret ballot was introduced to our system of politics to take power away from the political parties and gave it to the states and individual voters.

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Honor Code in the Works

By ELIZABETH BURNS
Staff Writer

The Academic Integrity Task Force presented two college-wide discussions on October 18 and 24 about a proposed Honor Code, which would tackle academic dishonesty at Saint Mary's.

"It's not about cheating, it is about enhancing a community" said Barbara McGraw who is a faculty member on the Task Force.

Reactions from students varied at the public forums. Many were in support of the Honor Code; others felt that cheating would continue on campus regardless of an honor code.

The proposed components of the Honor Code will be a clear vision of academic integrity, students responsibility and authority, collective education and community census and support. In order to have a clear vision of academic integrity, a positive statement of values is needed along with a pledge signed by every student giving their word that they will practice academic honesty. Student Responsibility and Authority will be met by the creation of an Academic Honor Code Council where students accused of academic dishonesty will be judged by a panel of their peers. The Honor Code will not change any of the current rules concerning the Academic Honesty Codes, but it will change the process in which academic dishonesty is handled. The council will be made up of 10 students and two faculty members. "We want a fair and systematic way of dealing with cheating," said member of the Task Force Andy Brown.

In order to deal with the issues of academic dishonesty, the Education Policy Board (EPD) formed the Admissions and Academic Regulations Committee. The Committee discovered that nationally, at schools without Honor Codes, 68-70% of students admitted to cheating. At schools with Honor Codes, only 30% of students admitted to cheating.

"This is the direction that a lot of progressive schools are taking," said Anderson. The committee created the Academic Integrity Task Force to get students involved in the process of establishing an Honor Code. The Task Force was initially made up of 16 members: one faculty member and one student from each of the schools, along with one student from the fields of composition, athletics, collegiate seminar and advising.

The Task Force met several times last spring. During the summer, three faculty members and one student from the group wrote a draft proposal of the Honor Code. With the meetings this fall they sought feedback from the students. "One of the important things to do is open this discussion to the campus," Anderson said.

Cheating and plagiarism is an issue on most college campuses. Last year, in an effort to decrease plagiarism, seminar students were required to submit their papers to www.plagiarism.org, a database that scans existing papers in the database and on the Internet for similarities. If the database found similarities, the instructor would be notified and could take appropriate actions.

The College abandoned the program because students protested and felt as if they were not being trusted.

"I think this new Honor Code policy will be a more positive system," said Sophomore William Nygen.

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Collegian View

Honor Code : Reach Out And Trust Someone

Saint Mary's is in the process of creating its very own honor code, a mutual contract outlining the ethical responsibilities of students and professors. Last year's initial proposal left many students leery about the College's intentions; students felt the administration was undermining their efforts. But after lengthy dialogue and substantial revision, Saint Mary's new honor code is looking better than ever for students.

The purpose of an honor code is to promote academic integrity and further promote a sense of mutual trust between faculty and students. If carried out, the honor code procedure would begin by having every student sign a document stating that they 1) will not cheat and 2) will work to uphold a sense of academic integrity. What is so undermining about this? Last time we checked, trust was a good thing. We complain that the administration never trusts students, but

here is our chance to uphold our bottom line — if we as students place ourselves in a position to be trusted academically, hopefully administrators will put themselves in a similar position in regard to campus issues.

The honor code has been a successful program in other collegiate institutions. Colleges and universities like Reed College, Stanford University, Mills College, University of Virginia, University of Maryland and Harvard Business School who have instated the program reportedly have a more positive academic atmosphere. Students are allowed to complete tests in their dorm rooms or other comfortable locations, and there is a common understanding that they will do their own work. At some colleges, students flash their student ID cards at local merchants and are automatically trusted with purchases on credit. In this situation, the honor code promotes community. And Saint Mary's loves community!

In the past, Saint Mary's efforts to bring integrity to the academic arena have been in-

sulting and the cause of much student protest. The most recent effort, a web-based plagiarism database, was found by students to be a degrading process that forced students to submit their work to the anti-plagiarism web site www.turnitin.com ... or else. Requiring students to comply with administered programs does not do anything to promote academic integrity, which is why, fortunately, web-related fascism was removed from our campus.

There should be few reasons, if any, for students to protest the new honor code which has been described by faculty and members of the honor code committee. What do we have to hide?

We, as students, should put forth our best work to faculty, not the best work of someone else. If we, as a student body, have nothing to hide about our academics, we should have no complaints over the administration trying to "reach out and trust someone."

LETTERS to the Editor

Study Abroad Troubles Students

Dear Editor,
I am writing in reply to Mr. Stephen Thewlis's response to Taryn Doyle's article about study abroad published in the October 4 issue of the Collegian. I would like to begin by saying that I agree wholeheartedly with Ms. Doyle. My experience with the Center for International Programs was horrible. I was severely misinformed by the Center that it was not necessary to take any language classes of the country that I would be studying in. Due to this misinformation, my entire sophomore January Term and spring term were spent trying to fit Italian into my already busy schedule. I did not mind taking the classes, but I was informed that they were not necessary and therefore, when the time came around, I had to rearrange my schedule and cancel my Jan term trip in order to take Italian. This mistake never should have occurred, especially because the whole focus of the Center is to be informed of Saint Mary's policies for students who wish to study abroad. Furthermore, I went on three different occasions to set up appointments with someone at the Center and every time I went, either no one was around to fit me in or my appointment was canceled because someone had to go out of town. I left phone messages that were never returned, so I finally took it upon myself to figure out everything on my own.

I got approval for almost every class that I could have taken while abroad, but not without much frustration and aggravation. The entire point of studying abroad is to study and learn things that are unavailable to us here at Saint Mary's, so why do we have to find equivalents for every class that we take? Moreover, why don't we receive full credit for the classes that we do take, after all of the effort and time it takes to track down the heads of each department for a signature? These things are great disadvantages to students who want to study abroad and I believe them to be unnecessary. It is entirely understandable and necessary that Saint Mary's require students to take a certain amount of classes here, but isn't it enough that we take four seminars, two English, and Biblical Literature on campus? My roommate was informed that Saint Mary's does not offer a Christian ethics course and therefore, the equivalent class in her study abroad program would only receive credit as a lower division philosophy class. This semester, I am taking a Christian ethics course that I know has been offered at Saint Mary's for a number of years, and I am receiving upper division credit for it. Why was my friend lied to about the class? Why was she not permitted upper division credit for a course whose description is almost identical to the course that I am taking? The only reasonable conclusion that I can come up with is that Saint Mary's resents that the money

we would normally be spending to attend SMC for a semester is being spent elsewhere. I agree with Ms. Doyle that Saint Mary's dislikes that our money is going somewhere other than Saint Mary's. Issues like these make Saint Mary's a very frustrating place to be. In conclusion, it is very true that study abroad is not "travel" or "party" abroad, but the education that one receives from studying abroad has little to do with classes and tests. My education centered on adopting a lifestyle that was completely unique and different from anything that I have ever known. My education was centered on the people I met, the places I visited, and the culture that I was immersed in. Frankly, my study abroad experience had very little to do with a classroom: school was a means to an end, the end being the experience of a lifetime.

Mary Loffa,
Class of 2001

Is it a Newspaper or a Rag?

[As stated in our policy, the Collegian generally edits letters for length. We have reprinted the following letter in its entirety due to the implications of its text.]

Dear Editor,
As the Director of Public Safety here at Saint Mary's College I felt it necessary to respond with my opinion to the editorial written by Collegian Staff Writer Joel Brilliant. I realized how unfair and biased the Collegian has been to

continue printing articles by staff writers that intentionally paint false pictures in order to do harm and deceive its readers. This is when a newspaper starts the agonizing process of turning into a "rag". Ever since I started working here at the college [sic] I have heard hundreds of negative comments about the Collegian. I have also seen article after article printed containing half truths, exaggerations and inaccuracies — all in an effort to distort the truth and paint an ugly picture that looks far different from how things really are.

I might add at this point, but only as a thought, that there is a form of political terrorism where the terrorists send out fliers, print articles in the newspaper and spread lies and untruths. These malicious acts are designed to create a climate of fear and concern among a population — all in an effort to tear down or destroy the community and/or its government. The position that these terrorists (sometimes ghost writers) take provides a degree of realism that some believe in, when in fact, the venom they dispense is mostly fiction and exaggeration and should be treated as such.

I have sat back and watched the Collegian continue to print misinformation and they do so unabated. I recently realized that the public safety department was in real trouble when a reporter arrived at my office without an appointment and wanting an interview to discuss parking issues. This reporter

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"Hey, I Want *That* Major!"

Varying GPA's among different majors raise questions

By BRAD KVEDERIS
Opinion Editor

If you have friends who are studying for different degrees than the one you are, chances are that some of them receive higher grades than you do, while others get lower grades. To be fair, some of the difference may stem from the varying amounts of time and effort that students choose to put into their classwork, but are we all really graded by the same standards? We all know that it's easier to get a high grade in certain classes – but is it possible for students in an entire major to be graded differently than the rest?

The answer, in no uncertain terms, is yes. Grading policies do vary from department to department, and the differences are enough to put some students at a serious disadvantage. If, for example, one were to look at the official grade statistics for Fall 1999, he or she would probably notice that 70.8% of students in upper-division Art courses received grades of A or A-, while only 25.6% of upper-division History students received the same marks. Seven A's

were handed out in upper-division Politics courses – 4.6% of the total grades given. Communications majors have to work hard to get a C, but not in the way you think: only 5.2% of them got any grade of C- or lower. Nobody did any worse than a B- in a Latin class. Seventy-seven percent of Integral majors received a B or better in their upper-division courses. Still think you've got the same chance at a decent grade as the next guy?

We ought to expect some variation in GPA's among different fields of study; the differing subject matter and course requirements should make that much obvious. The truth of the matter, though, is that Saint Mary's grading policies deviate so far from what could be called "normal" that it is also difficult to call them fair. Do English majors earn higher grades than Politics majors because they're any smarter as a group? If pure intelligence and quality of work were the only reasons for the grading discrepancies, then the average Art major should be expected to possess an IQ of roughly 205. The law of averages should tell us that the typical quality of students'

classwork shouldn't vary much from one major to the next. We're all capable of doing quality work; the fact that we made it to college should tell you that. Why do certain students get what seems like preferential treatment?

Honestly, the numbers can't explain why the problem exists; it can only show that it exists. It's tough to point fingers without knowing what goes on inside the minds of the faculty, but certain figures from the grading statistics simply cannot be considered to be a coincidence. If a grade of 'C' is supposed to be given to "average" work, then why were only 6.2% of grades in all Liberal Arts classes below that mark? It is not clear why, but the College has forgotten how to grade our work reasonably – and certain groups of students are feeling real effects. A student can't be selected to be Valedictorian unless he or she possesses at least a 3.75 GPA; is it fair to have such a standard in place when, for example, only seven politics majors received an A in a class? It is time for the College to recognize that its students are not being treated equally in the classroom. Numbers don't lie.

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stated that she had some questions from an "anonymous" person. Three things that this reporter did not have were a pen, a pad and a professional attitude. She said that she would remember everything that I reported to her. How unprofessional could a "reporter" be. How unprofessional could a "newspaper" be. Were we being set up? Any ordinary and reasonably prudent person could not only see how ridiculous this was but I had to feel sorry for the management (if there is any) of a "rag" who would send reporters out for stories without notebooks and pads. This provided us with further evidence that accuracy and the truth are not the "watch words" of the *Collegian*.

The thing that *Collegian* Staff Writer Joel needs to be reminded of is that Public Safety does not make the parking rules – members of the college community make the rules and public safety is directed to enforce them. Public Safety does not authorize more parking lots or parking spaces – the college administration and planning does. Some public safety officers spend their entire eight-hour shift at the front gate. At times they eat their lunch and take two 15 minute breaks while staying at the front gate just in case Staff Writer Joel's friends or relatives call with an emergency, public safety will be able to answer the phone and provide assistance. To top it all, Staff Writer Joel has the audacity to say, "let us learn and leave us be." Hello, yoo hoo, Joel. It's these same public safety officers that assist *Collegian* Staff Writer Joel's community members while they are puking their guts out or are passed out from a drug or alcohol overdose. Do we "leave you be"? No, we provide you with help getting

those in need to the health center or sometimes even getting those in need to the hospital in an ambulance. Its [sic] these same public safety officers that respond and provide first aid and CPR when *Collegian* Staff Writer Joel's fellow community members need emergency medical attention. Do we "leave you be"? No, we provide you with help. It's the same public safety officers that are called to escort *Collegian* Staff Writer Joel's fellow community members around campus at night or to protect *Collegian* Staff Writer Joel's fellow community members from overly aggressive students or guests. Do we "leave you be"? No Joel, we provide you with help. It is these same public safety officers that responded to a call of a man with a gun on campus in an effort to protect Staff Writer Joel's community members. Do we "leave you be"? No Joel, we provide you with help. It was these same public safety officers that responded to over 10,000 calls for assistance from students, faculty and staff last year. Did we "leave you be"? No Joel, with good faith we provided as many as possible with help they needed.

Why is it that a *Collegian* Staff Writer only focuses on the negative and what he perceives we do or don't do? This person is not only unfair but as a *Collegian* Staff Writer representing your "newspaper" I believe his thinking patterns, writings and direction need close scrutiny.

So, to the local rag, I close with the following. I have served as an Adjunct Professor and have helped teach college level press relations classes for the past eleven years. After serving 27 years in law enforcement (15 years as a municipal police chief) I can proudly tell you that two of my best professional

references are newspaper editors. I know that a good newspaper reflects the community it serves. Good press relations make a good newspaper. Good press relations are developed and based on thorough investigative reporting, fairness, impartiality, the truth and trust. There are far too many people on this campus that do not trust the *Collegian* because on far too many occasions the *Collegian* has published information that has been out of context, unfair and/or untrue – thus causing the *Collegian* to turn into a "rag."

My opinion respectfully submitted.

Roger Scuitto
Director of Public Safety

Re: Is it a Newspaper or a Rag?

The *Collegian* holds accuracy and integrity to be our utmost priority. In every issue, we encourage Letters to the Editor to specify any errors or inaccuracies that have occurred in our publication. We print editorial corrections to acknowledge these errors. We encourage campus members to alert us of any inaccuracies found in our text.

As stated in our current policy, opinion pieces written by individual staff writers do not represent the views of the entire *Collegian* staff. Joel Brilliant's editorial was intended to address his concerns with campus parking in a satirical form. His article did not mention the ability of Public Safety officers to respond to emergency situations. We recognize and appreciate the efforts of Public Safety in their assistance to students.

We are concerned by the Department of Public Safety's

IN THIS REALITY

By Sean Sullivan ♦ Class of 2003

Excuses and Confusion: Welcome to Saint Mary's

This campus amazes me. More specifically, the people on this campus amaze me. It's not that people don't deal with issues – they usually do – it's the fact that instead of dealing with the issue appropriately, and perhaps learning something, the campus mode of operation is to make excuses for lack of performance and cause confusion. I do not believe there is a conspiracy among members of the campus community; I simply believe good people, who are talented and qualified, are coming to the wrong conclusions about some things.

Again, the recent publication of the U.S. News and World Report college rankings raises concern. The fact that we have fallen from fourth to ninth place among Western universities in five years is certainly a distressing fact. But, the more alarming matter is how the campus has chosen to handle the information.

First of all, we made excuses. After falling to ninth place, especially after being in fourth place just five years ago, I would assume Saint Mary's would call for a comprehensive investigation into what is causing the College's ranking to slip so dramatically. Yet, in the September 20 edition of the *Collegian*, Vice President for Enrollment Services Michael Beseda said, "While it is important to look at indicators like graduation rates, alumni giving, faculty resources, average class size . . . there are bigger and more important things that U.S. News doesn't know or cannot capture in that survey that we as an institution relate to our mission and Lasallian traditions."

If you look at the factors that U.S. News bases its ratings on, you will be hard-pressed to find "bigger and more important things." Everything – from class size to acceptance rates to the percentage of full-time faculty – is weighed to evaluate the colleges. Furthermore, the U.S. News and World Report methodology brief clearly states that in the academic reputation category, which makes up a quarter of the overall ranking, "intangibles, such as faculty dedication to teaching" are included. So, simply dismissing the report and saying that it really does not capture the essence of the College does little to change the statistics that have caused our ranking to drop. It's time for someone to act responsibly, confront the data, and begin the process of drawing rational conclusions and acting upon them.

The second thing we did wrong was to confuse the issue. In a press release dated September 1, Saint Mary's College proudly proclaimed to the world, "Saint Mary's Again in Top 10 of Regional Universities." Interesting, but the first sentence is even better. "Saint Mary's College of California retained its position among the Top 10 Western Colleges and Universities in U.S. News and World Report's 2001 'Best Colleges' ranking released today." Retained?!?! While we have technically stayed in the top ten ranking in this category, we have not really retained much. We certainly have not maintained our fourth place position from the 1996 ranking, and we couldn't even hold our #8 ranking from last year.

Interestingly, the survey is not the issue. The survey merely masquerades as an issue, while the categories in the survey show Saint Mary's slipping continues to move in the dark. When will we think it important enough to deal with the issues that this drop represents? How low do we have to fall?

FINAL NOTE

Send your comments, ideas, questions, and criticisms of *In This Reality* to our E-mail address, collegia@stmmarys-ca.edu, or to PO Box 4407, Moraga, CA 94575. This column will appear in every issue of the *Collegian*.

recent press relations with the *Collegian*. As the front page "Gunman, Police in Campus Stand-Off" article states, Public Safety refused to comment on the incident. Nor did Public Safety officials provide assistance to the *Collegian* in

obtaining accurate information regarding the October 19 stand-off.

We appreciate Mr. Scuitto's submission and welcome all Letters to the Editor.

The 2000-2001 *Collegian* Staff

It's Too Late For Shock

Crimes don't happen; they KEEP happening

By LORNA SCHARTON
Managing Editor

Sad statistics seem to be run of the mill these days: "College Student Dies in Drinking Binge," "Youth Killed by Drunk Driver," "Rapist at Large." It seems that the more we hear about these losses, the less shocked we are by them. By now, each of us can probably come up with a few specific names or places to attach to each of the general headlines mentioned above. Go on, I bet you have a few cases in your mind already — maybe more than a few. Is it still shocking? By now, is it just sad? Are these tragedies now becoming mere occasions, mere statistics?

Saint Mary's is on the verge of becoming home to exactly that: statistics. While our own recent headline "Gunman, Police in Campus Stand-Off" is shocking and disturbing, it is not exactly new. Sure, maybe the details were not identical to this case, but certainly there have been smaller steps building up to the larger crime. Call them "gateway" crimes if you will: "Assault Weapon Found in Dormitory," "Drugs Confiscated from Student," the list could go on. Ask Public Safety about confiscated switchblade knives or drug paraphernalia, and you will not hear about just one instance. Chances are, you'll get to see the cardboard box that houses dozens of these weapons, confiscated weapons found in student dorm rooms.

This is not a scare tactic; the existence of knives or guns or drugs at Saint Mary's should be no surprise to any member of our community. Students know about it: they share private space with roommates, live down the hall from

someone who has friends who has friends who has *that* friend. Public Safety is aware of it too, as they take action to remove weapons or illegal items that they know of. The Office of Student Affairs is also well aware of illegal possessions on campus: they discipline those students who carry weapons, do or deal drugs, and commit or try to commit sexual assault. Why, then,

"College is a privilege ... If I wanted to sit in class next to a rapist or someone whose friends are gun-toting madmen, I would have aimed for Martinez County Jail."

are so many people surprised to see "Gunman, Police in Campus Stand-Off" or "Student Arrested for Drug Possession?"

It is no surprise to students that their fellow Gaels may indeed be criminals. Sure, their next-door neighbor has been arrested or indicted for drug possession, sexual assault, or brandishing a gun, but they sure won't be missing that student's face in the hallways or the classrooms. Having spoken to students on and off-campus, collectively, I have yet to hear of a Saint Mary's student being expelled or kicked out of Saint Mary's College for criminal activity. If anything, a drug-dealer or rapist will simply be kicked off-campus, so that resident students aren't threatened by his presence.

But as last Thursday's event *did* show: we are *all* threatened by the presence of irresponsible, negligent students who bring their criminal activities onto our campus. Whether that student sleeps on Ascot or in Ageno East, he or she is still present in our community. Their crimes continue to persist in

our memories; when we see that face, read his name, or hear about his latest athletic victory, we remember. We remember the time when that person led to another student's victimization, the time that student contributed to campus fear. We remember when that student invited a guest to our campus who raped/beat/threatened another student. Why is that person a member of our community? Why do they deserve to eat, study, learn or even walk among us?

College is a privilege. That is why we spend the better part of our senior year of high school filling out lengthy applications, writing touching essays and spend hours studying for a four-hour exam that is supposed to severely affect our lives. That is why we work at Bob's Burgers or Supermart to afford this privilege. That is why we study to pass our classes and to go on to the next level. We are at Saint Mary's to be educated. We are here to meet people. If I wanted to sit in class next to a rapist or someone whose friends are gun-toting madmen, I would have aimed for Martinez County Jail.

Saint Mary's is becoming a statistic because we let too many headlines go by without taking action. Do not tell me that we have a zero-tolerance policy when the less-dangerous "Gun Confiscated" becomes "Gunshots Fired." By the time "Student Kills Fellow Gael" comes around, I'm not going to be shocked anymore... I'll be angry: that story has been printed before in every headline involving guns, drugs or violence on campus. Then the question will no longer be "how it could happen here," but rather, "who *let* it happen?"

Stephen Pelligrini and Anthony Stefanich are:

TWO GUYS With LONG NAMES

Mimes Kill!

For the last few editions of TGWLN, we have been reporting cases of silent killers. These murderers can sneak into your very home, without your knowledge, and take away your very life without your ever knowing. If you were paying attention, you'll remember our advice: deadly water sneaks through your pipes, murderous classical music lies in wait in your Japanese radio, and bloodthirsty Eggo waffles crouch in your toaster. Obviously, your home is no longer safe. So, to survive, you should run screaming into the streets, where you'll be safe. Or will you?

No, of course you won't. Because our final silent killer is waiting on sidewalks and street corners around the world. And this killer is the most silent of all. "What could it be?" you may ask yourself. And that is a very good question. The answer is not as good, but here it is anyway: cutthroat, homicidal, remorseless . . . street mimes. Yes! These annoying little creatures may look harmless enough, originating in France, the most harmless, innocent, and smelly country in the world. But behind those bright white cheery painted faces, lies a skull. And inside that skull lies a brain. The brain of a killer!

Think about the facts: First, they dress all in black, so they can sneak around freely in the night, killing at will then slipping back into the shadows. Second, they never make a sound. You think ninjas are stealthy? Well, according to plenty of authentic ninja movies, they make loud potato chip cracking sounds every time they strike, warning their victims of their impending attack. There is no way a ninja could sneak up on you like a mime. Third, they carry around invisible ropes and boxes, with which they can attack with deadly accuracy, while you're busy laughing at their distracting antics. Fourth, Anthony's drunk. Fifth, mime is short for pantomime, which means to pretend. That's right, they'll pretend they're not killing you!

Okay, that's it. We've had enough of this silly "things that will kill you" stuff. Hopefully Anthony will sober up and Steve will finish his RA business, allowing us to devote more time to writing creative articles for your reading pleasure. Hold on...wait. There's something at the window...ahhhh! It's a killer mime and he's got a waffle! Help!!!!

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TRIVIA Winners

Congratulations to Jessica Frasinetti, winner of a \$25 gift certificate to Mangia! Pizzeria in Lafayette. Jessica correctly answered last issue's trivia question -- which former U.S. President was a commencement speaker at SMC? (The correct answer: Lyndon B. Johnson, who gave the speech while he was Vice President under JFK -- who was originally scheduled to give the speech.)

This issue's question:

What former Saint Mary's Gael is also a former member of the Los Angeles Dodgers?

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CAMPAIGN VIEWS 2000

Don't Throw Away Your Vote

Why not to vote for either major political party

By GREG STATTON
and BRAD KVEDERIS

Detour Editor / Opinion Editor

When casting their ballots in Presidential elections, many voters shy away from "third-party" candidates because they are under the impression that voting for anyone other than the two major party candidates would be "a waste of a vote." What these voters don't understand, though, is that a vote for a major party candidate can be just as much of a "wasted vote." Many voters will cast their ballots for the major party candidates—even if they don't agree with their overall platforms—because these candidates are the most likely to win the election. But are these people who choose "between the lesser of two evils" really using the political power behind their votes—or are they giving up their power by deferring to a set of beliefs that is not their own?

If you vote for a candidate simply because he is the most likely to win, you won't do anything to further your own views, and you will weaken the political clout of others like you. Third-party candidates received almost 9.7 million votes in the last Presidential election—over 10% of the popular vote—even though most voters were well-aware of the fact that these candidates stood no real chance to win the election. These people chose to vote for what they believed in rather than submit to more widely-held beliefs—so why shouldn't you? Simply voting for the winning candidate doesn't mean that you've expressed your views, had any effect on American politics, or accomplished anything

for yourself. By the same token, the fact that the candidate you prefer won't win the election does *not* mean that you can't make a difference by voting for him.

Most Americans don't fully understand the election rules that can make their third-party vote important. The popular vote in a Presidential election does not simply determine the winner; the results also have a large but seldom talked-about impact on future elections.

For example, any political party whose Presidential candidate receives 5% or more of the popular vote in an election becomes eligible to draw from a large pool of federal campaign money in the next Presidential election. By itself, getting 5% of the vote would be a huge step toward legitimacy for the minor parties—who spent just over \$10 million in the past election, compared with over \$220 million spent by the Democrats and Republicans. A 15% popularity would guarantee a candidate a place in the Presidential debates. Even if we ignore these issues, every vote that a third party receives makes that party more visible—and hence, more credible—to the American public.

If you don't agree closely with the views of the Democratic or Republican candidates, then you will not make your own views any more visible or well-represented by voting for one of them. Voters frequently express their frustration over the fact that, often times, neither major party candidate appeals to them.

If you don't like what the major candidates are saying, then how can a vote for someone else be a waste?

Why I'm Not Voting For Al Gore

By JOEL BRILLANT
Staff Writer

When November 7 rolls around, I am going to cast my vote for President of the United States of America. I am going to choose the best man for the job—a man who will bring integrity into the White House, and a man who isn't afraid to tell the truth. I am going to vote for a man who hasn't left a trail of speculation in his tracks. Therefore, I am casting my vote for George W. Bush instead of Al Gore.

Al Gore was good at attending funerals in foreign lands. He was quiet, stood still, and had a solemn look of pain on his face. Actually, this is the way Al Gore looks every time I see him on TV. He is unanimated, has no interesting qualities, and he is part of a corrupt Presidential cabinet that needs to be replaced. It is time for Republicans to restore the faith in America, build up our military defense, reform education, and formulate a fair tax cut for all Americans. For eight years I have watched a liberal cabinet deceive, cheat, and manipulate their way around every possible obstacle. Al Gore was a part of this tainted cabinet, and I cannot allow it to continue.

If you are wondering what Al Gore has done, there are several things. There is no truth to the myth that he created the Internet; it was actually credited to the Defense Department in 1969. Secondly, several years ago, Al Gore was asked about his illegal fundraising activities that took place in a Buddhist temple called Hsi Lai, located in California. Participants paid \$2,500 each to attend. This is a violation of the temple's tax-free status as a non-political religious

group. Gore responded to the allegations by saying, "I did not realize I was in a Buddhist Temple." Well Mr. Gore, I would also be confused if bald men in orange robes burning incense surrounded me. In defense of this, Gore told FBI agents in 1998 that he drank a lot of iced tea and spent most of the time in the bathroom. This is another fabrication that I will not accept, and cannot believe.

Finally, and most importantly, I will not vote for Al Gore because I do not believe in his policies. Bush's tax policy is far better for America than Gore's. Bush's tax cut will benefit everybody, while Gore's policy will punish the upper class and the businesses. Doing this will slow the economy, and will put America at risk of falling into a recession.

Gore's Social Security proposal will achieve nothing, because he wants to maintain the status quo as-is, whereas Bush wants to invest our Social Security into the economy, by buying mutual funds and bonds. This will put more faith in our economy, as well as give back a bigger profit to the American people.

Finally, Bush plans on funding the military and building an anti-nuclear defense system, while Gore plans on continuing to do nothing. Gore believes that the military should be maintained in its current state, even though it is falling apart.

How can I vote for a President who believes that America should stay in a deadlock position? We need to advance our power and become bigger, stronger, and more prosperous than ever. I'd rather have a man who has a plan for reform than a man who doesn't have a plan at all.

In keeping with "Bush Mania," I am reminded of George Bush, Sr. detailing his plan for "1000 points of light." Luckily for you, I intend to be much more brief with my...

6 Points on Why You Should Not Vote for Bush

By BRIAN DOUGHERTY
Guest Writer

Point #1: Texas ranks 50th in teachers' salaries and benefits, and 48th in overall education. Bush has instituted a system of standardized tests for Texas students that determines the amount of funding their schools receive. The tests, however, are based on a 5th grade curriculum, and the importance of gaining funding has led schools to gear all of their programs mainly toward passing the tests.

The Austin school district itself was investigated when evidence appeared that indicated teachers were changing students' answers on the tests in an attempt to raise the scores from their schools. Schools with low funding are also hurt by the fact that money from their budgets is allocated to pay for testing. The money that pays for these tests would otherwise go toward paying for

computers, music programs, and other beneficial programs.

This information is available at the U.S. Census Bureau and Austin Herald web sites.

Point #2: Many would argue that being the governor of the fifth-largest economy in the U.S. gives Bush the experience he would need as President. In Texas, though, that is not necessarily the case; the Governor's position is largely ceremonial, and he is more of a Chief of State than a Chief Executive Officer. The Governor of Texas is, in fact, third in the state government's chain of command.

Outside of his six years as Governor, Bush has no experience in public office except a failed attempt to run for Congress. He has no experience as a legislator, no experience with foreign policy, and has never worked in Washington. Even Brent Scotwell, National Security Advisor to former President George Bush, criticized his former employer's son, saying, "he is not comfortable with foreign policy issues."

This information is available at the Texas Government and Center for Responsive Politics web sites.

Point #3: While in office, Governor Bush allowed Dallas to surpass Los Angeles as the smoggiest city in the U.S. His Texas environmental agency consists of chemical manufacturers and big industries; this, in turn, has promoted self-testing and no surprise inspections—even though Texas ranks first in nine out of ten categories of serious environmental risks, including air pollution, smog days, and underground nuclear waste injection.

During his governorship Bush has not worked to remove the "Grandfather Clause" that exempts industries built before 1971 from regulation, although one-third of all air pollution originates from these older plants.

This information is available at the EPA's web site.

Point #4: During his time in office, Bush has increased spending on the Texas Youth Commission, quintupling their staff from 300

to 1,500. The number of Texas youths in prison has gone from 200 to 4,000—with 764 serving "determinate sentences" that will keep them in jail for 40 years after their 21st birthdays. Bush has also lowered the age at which a minor may be tried as an adult to 10.

This information is available at the U.S. Department of Justice and the Texas prison government web sites.

Point #5: In Bush's tax cut proposal—which is based on classic Republican supply-side economics—the wealthiest 10% will receive two-thirds of all tax cuts, while the bottom 60% will receive 11%. The bottom 60% will receive only 249 dollars a year—a tax cut of roughly 68 cents a day.

This information is available at the Republican National Committee web site.

Point #6: In Texas, a man is executed every 15 days.

This information is available at the U.S. Department of Justice web site.



R.I.P. Rage Against the Machine

By BRAD KVEDERIS • Opinion Editor

The future of Rage Against the Machine, one of the most popular music acts in the past decade, was thrown into uncertainty Wednesday, October 18, when lead vocalist Zack De La Rocha announced that he is quitting the group. While the other three members of the group insist that they will continue to make music on their own, no one knows how the band will fare without De La Rocha, the man that one fan described to MTV as "the true firebrand of the group."



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Without frontman Zack De La Rocha, the future of Rage Against the Machine is unclear.

According to a Friday, October 20, story from MTV News, lead singer of Rage Against the Machine (RATM), Zack De La Rocha, intends to release a solo album, reportedly involving members of the bands Cypress Hill and Roots. In the same article, RATM Guitarist Tom Morello said that some or all of the 29 unreleased tracks recorded by the band will be released this fall. While there will be plenty of brand-new music available to Rage fans in the near future, it remains unclear whether or not we can expect to hear anything resembling RATM's furious, powerful music after the upcoming albums are released. Some bands, such as Sepultura and Pink Floyd, continued to record and perform after the departures of their lead singers. But Rage fans may have good reason to be worried, the loss of a prominent frontman made bands like Nirvana and the Grateful Dead all but disappear. Emily, a 17-year-old fan

from Massachusetts, wrote to MTV News, "We all know that no one can take Zack's place," and Rick, a fan from Arizona, wrote, "without De La Rocha, Rage isn't Rage!" To anyone who has seen the band perform live, it is obvious that De La Rocha's pure energy and emotion brought something special to the band, and that his powerful presence was something that will be difficult or impossible to replace.

Other artists have expressed sadness over what they perceived as the end of a hugely successful and influential band. B-Real of Cypress Hill told MTV News, "It's a damn shame," while Coby Dick of the group Papa Roach said, "Why do the good bands have to break up? ... I think that their music will go down in history, and I think that Rage Against the Machine really left their mark. The only thing I wish is that we could have played with them." Fans echoed those sentiments, saying, "it is a shame that arguably the

best and most influential band of our era is losing its vocalist," and "we live in a Dark Age of music. When the mainstream reigns, the respectable dissipates." It seems that, for many fans, authority and influence of the music that Rage produced will be forever overshadowed by the loss of the limitless potential they possessed. The band's vigor and in-your-face political activism told its fans that they were fighting together as part of a cause, and made the eventual breakup seem unimaginable. True Rage fans can be expected to be particularly distraught over the breakup because, to them, De La Rocha was not only a singer, but also an emotional leader. If the man who seemed to be leading a cause can simply walk away, then what will his followers think? In one of the band's songs, De La Rocha asks, "Why stand on a silent platform?" But with his departure, many of their fans must wonder if there's any platform left to stand on.



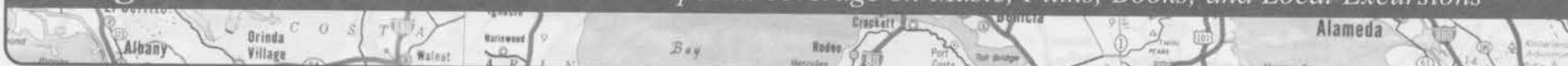
Rage Against the Machine on their Battle of Los Angeles Tour.

Photo Courtesy of www.ratm.com



The intensity of Rage's lead singer will be missed.

Photo Courtesy of www.ratm.com



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ROADTRIPPIN'

Calendar of Events in the Bay Area and BEYOND

By TARYN DOYLE ♦ Detour Editor

Nov. 4

Luckie Strike, Kalifornia Redemption, The Pitts, Anonymous at Emo Ben's House, 20 Jules Dr., Novato \$3, 3pm
(Benefit for Luckie Strike's stolen van & equipment) info./directions
E-mail: novato_core@hotmail.com

Nov. 6

Stone Temple Pilots, Godsmack, Disturbed at Events Center at San Jose State, San Jose, \$29.50, 7pm

Nov. 7

Wyclef Jean, De La Soul at Event Center at San Jose State \$27.50 (\$20 for students at Event Center boxoffice)
8pm, Sponsored by MTV

Nov. 11

K. D. Lang Berkeley Community Theatre
For info., call 510-549-9547

Nov. 12

Fuel, Nickelback, Full Devil Jacket at the Fillmore, S.F. \$20.50, 8pm

Nov. 15

The Wallflowers, Everlast at Warfield, S.F. \$27.50, 7pm/8pm

Nov. 16/17

Squirrel Nut Zippers, Dirty Dozen Brass Band at the Great American Music Hall, S.F. \$20, 8:30pm/9pm

Nov. 18

Limp Bizkit, Eminem, Papa Roach, Xzibit at the Cow Palace, S.F. \$38.50, 7pm (there is a second Cow Palace show on Nov 19)

Nov. 25

The Offspring, Cypress Hill, MxPx at Bill Graham Civic Center, S.F. \$27.50, 7pm

Nov. 26

Dixie Chicks at Oakland Arena
Visit www.tickets.com for more information

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3 GUYS WITH NO RIDES

A helpful guide to finding stuff to do in the Bay Area



By RYAN CHRISTOI, BRAD KVEDERIS & ALONSO ROJAS

Welcome, welcome all over again. In this issue, we deal with a problem that has plagued college students for generations: The food at our dining hall is not exactly five-star cuisine, but most of us don't have a fortune to spend on food, either. If you know where to go, though, it's still possible to get some great food at a good price. So, in order to help your stomach make it through the semester, Three Guys With No Rides offer their advice on...

WHERE TO GET GOOD FOOD WITHOUT GOING COMPLETELY BROKE

Pizza

Lamorinda Pizza is decent and cheap; Round Table offers slightly better pizza for a slightly higher price. The best pizzas in Orinda come from Village Pizza and Zamboni's Pizza (expect to pay more than you would at Round Table), and the best in Lafayette is probably Freddie's (about the same price as RT). None of these restaurants, however, compare to Zachary's Pizza in Berkeley — *the best pizza you will ever eat, period*. Zachary's deep-dish pizza is excellent, but the regular thin-crust pizza is the best pizza that money can buy.

Zachary's will easily put any other pizza place to shame — even Fat Slice and Blondie's, the next most popular Berkeley pizza joints. Expect to pay about as much as you would at Round Table — less if you come in for lunch, when enormous slices are available for \$2.50.

Zachary's is on College Avenue near the Berkeley/Oakland border.

Mexican

Not too much Mexican food is available locally: El Charro (Lafayette) is among the best, but it's also pretty expensive. Una Más (Lafayette and Walnut Creek) is like the "Subway Sandwiches of Mexican Food," and offers a good meal for about \$5-\$6. High-Tech Burrito in Orinda is very similar, but offers a few more options (try their 'Nuclear Salsa' if you're into really hot food). Once again, though, you'll have to travel a bit to get to the really good stuff. The best Mexican food in the Bay Area unquestionably comes from Gordo's Taqueria in Berkeley — go there and you'll never want to eat at Taco Bell again in your life. It's not a particularly fancy place, but for about \$5, you can eat so much you'll hardly be able to walk. Don't miss this one. Gordo's is on College Avenue near Ashby Avenue in Berkeley.

Chinese

There is a lot of good Chinese cuisine near the Saint Mary's campus, so this one isn't too hard. Uncle Yu's (Lafayette) and Mandarin Flower (Rheem) are both very good; Chef Chao in Rheem may even be a little better. The Chinese food you'll find outside of Lamorinda won't be much better, unless you go all the way to Chinatown. King Yen (Berkeley) is comparable to Chef Chao, but if you're going that far, you'd be happier eating at Gordo's, which is right next door. The only Chinese restaurant that is obviously better than the rest is the House of Nanking, located near the intersection of Kearny and Columbus

Streets in San Francisco. It will cost about \$10-12 per person, but you'll find that it's well worth it.

Ice Cream

This is one of the rare cases where the biggest is also one of the best; although it's a huge chain, Baskin-Robbins sells some of the best ice cream you'll find locally. Fudge Alley (next to the Rheem Theater) is just about as good, but it also has booth seats and a generally more pleasant atmosphere. You'll find good ice cream — and the best milkshakes you can buy — at Loard's in downtown Orinda. (Loard's has another store in Lafayette, but it just isn't quite as good for some reason). For some of the best sundaes you've ever had, try Fenton's in Piedmont.

Miscellaneous

Try Top Dog on Durant Avenue in Berkeley. They have the best hot dogs you'll find, (we recommend the hot links) and they're open until 3am. If you like sushi, Isobone has some of the best — they're on the same block as Zachary's Pizza in Berkeley. Strange as it may sound, Ethiopian food is very good; if you want to try it, we recommend the Blue Nile on Telegraph near Dwight Way in Berkeley. You'll get a good meal for \$7 or \$8. Right across the street from the Blue Nile is La Fiesta — a Mexican restaurant that's not quite as good as Gordo's, but still worth trying. Hamburgers are hamburgers, but Nation's still has the best ones for under \$5. Some killer sandwiches come from Brennan's (on University Avenue in Berkeley, near Highway 80). Finally, avoid Taco Bell at all costs.

The Electric Buzz Bin

U.S. pop star **Britney Spears** has denied that she has struck up an E-mail friendship with Britain's **Prince William**.

—www.Eonline.com

Bono has put away the briefcase and Irish super-group **U2** are back on song.

—www.Eonline.com

Screen Actors Guild, **SAG**, has ended the commercial actors strike as of October 29.

—www.Eonline.com

Less Than Jake released a new record on Fat Records, titled *Borders and Boundaries* in stores now. See review on page 15.

— www.epitaph.com

Rapper **ODB** is now considered a fugitive after missing a court date.

—www.Eonline.com

Quentin Tarantino is signed to direct a new film titled *Kill Bill* starring **Uma Thurman**.

—www.Eonline.com

The famous Vermont ice cream purveyors, **Ben and Jerry**, have teamed with **Jerry Seinfeld** to license and create a new flavor, *Festivus*, inspired by George's family holiday on the comic's former TV show.

—www.Eonline.com

Al Pacino has attached himself to *Betsy and the Emperor*, an international film project about Napoleon, helmed by French director **Patrice Chereau**. No production dates have been set.

—www.Eonline.com

Information Compiled by Greg Statton



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Meet the Parents: Finally a Sadistic Comedy That Hurts Where You Want It To

By GREG STATTON • Detour Editor



Universal Pictures

Well there I was, another Friday night with not too much to do. So what to do? Well the only logical solution: I went to the movies. *Meet the Parents*, directed by Ray Roach, wasn't the first film to come up with this clever title. In fact the writer for this rendition of *Meet the Parents* 2k was actually the director/actor/writer from the 1992 version of this masochistic comedy. But I didn't go see that film, so now I will talk about the 2k version of *Meet the Parents* and leave all this silliness here.

Let me first preface this by saying that I am a HUGE De Niro fan and I try to like every film he makes, but I didn't let that get in the way of my seriously jaded cinematic eye. De Niro plays an ex-CIA special agent and father to Pam (Teri Polo) who Greg (Ben Stiller) wants to marry. Greg and Pam show up at Pam's parent's house for the weekend to see Pam's sister get married. This so-called-comedic set-up has Greg haphazardly make a fool of himself at all costs. The alleged weekend of fun at the girlfriend's parents' house turns into the trip from hell. By the end of the

film you just want to see Greg get up and leave, because there would be no use trying to save himself from what's happened, but he doesn't stop and neither does the laughter. It's almost a sadistic laugh, all the way through the film until the end, but I won't spoil that for you. That just wouldn't be nice.

As an art form, this film is just sub-par. But for an hour and a half of pure fun and agonizing torture, this film just can't be beat. Although this is no new role for Stiller, usually playing the "odd" man that has nothing going his way, he fits it like a glove and plays very well off De Niro The Great. All in all I say: GO SEE THIS FILM. It's worth both your time and money, but maybe you should go to the matinee.

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HERE'S TO YOUR HEALTH

Answers from Miriam Eisenhardt, RN, MPH and Nancy Glenn, PhD

Q. What's with the E-mail forwards linking anti-perspirants and breast cancer? Also, what about male breast cancer?

E-mail and the World Wide Web are great, but littered with "spam." The American Cancer Society has found no evidence linking antiperspirants to breast cancer. The idea is that antiperspirants trap toxins in the body causing abnormal cell growth. This is not what causes breast cancer. Besides, the purpose of sweating is to help regulate the body's temperature, NOT to rid the body of "toxins."

Some breast cancer risk factors are close family history of breast cancer and menstruating before age 12. How to prevent it? Start a monthly BSE (breast self-examination) NOW, and get a breast exam by a health professional at least every three years. Talk with your health professional if you notice any changes. Have a mammogram starting at age 40. Regular exercise and decreasing fat in your diet may also help.

As for guys . . . breast cancer is rare in men (1% of cases), but more aggressive when it does occur. Testicular cancer is more the concern for college-age men. That's what Lance Armstrong had. It is one of the most treatable types of cancer when it is diagnosed early. Testicular exams are the way to go.

Q. How can I drink without getting alcohol poisoning?

The key to avoiding alcohol poisoning is drinking responsibly. Don't binge drink (having 5 or more drinks for men, 4 or more drinks for women, at one sitting). A drink is a 12-ounce beer, 1 ounce hard liquor, 4-5 ounces of wine, or 8 ounces of malt liquor.

Your body can only process 1 drink per hour (1/2-1 ounce alcohol); it doesn't have the time it needs to process the alcohol when you consume multiple drinks in a short time. This is why drinking games ("spoons," "quarters," "the century club") are so dangerous. Your blood alcohol level can quickly rise to a dangerous level and lead to alcohol poisoning. The risk multiplies if you mix alcohol and other drugs; the effects of both increase. Tips for responsible drinking? Space drinks apart, alternate with non-alcoholic drinks, always eat *before* you start drinking, do not mix alcohol and other drugs (including over-the-counter or prescription), and keep your drink in sight to avoid someone slipping in another drug (such as date rape drugs like roofies or GHB). Remember, if you choose to drink, drink responsibly. If you have questions about anything: E-mail questions to meisenha@stmarys-ca.edu, or call 631-4776 or 631-4364.

Mary's Books 'n Crannies



By MARY RUNOLFSON • News Editor

Telling Whoppers

William Bloom's father is dying. As William sits by his bed, he tries to learn about his father, the thoughts, the experiences, and the memories that have shaped him.

Each time William asks a question, his dad answers with a joke or a story. In fact, throughout his life, his father has never revealed much about himself, only fantastical tales. Edward Bloom is of the WWII generation that feels the need to remain strong and impenetrable to the very end.

William knows his father only through the stories he has told. However, he realizes that as he chews the scant morsels of information, he can begin to construct a portrait of the real Edward Bloom, his triumphs and failings.

Daniel Wallace's *Big Fish: A Novel of Mythic Proportions* is a bizarre little book. One reviewer called it "a male weeper...along the lines of *Tuesdays with Morrie*." It does have the same feel as *Morrie*: one man trying to learn life from another. However, the sugary-sweet moments in *Big Fish* are balanced nicely with spoofs of legend and myth.

The book is divided into short chapters, in each William recounts one of his father's tall tales. Each short episode is incredibly simple, yet recalls all the veins and charms of mythology and humanity. In one, Edward tames a giant. In another, he charms woodland creatures. Each story can be read on several levels. Are they just stories? Are they metaphors? Are they truth disguised?

William willingly retells the stories, but he always returns to the bed of his father. Each time, Edward is closer to death and even more reluctant to open up. The fact that Edward has a joke for every occasion I find quite charming, for William it is frustrating. I can empathize. We've all been in those uncomfortable, excruciating situations where some inappropriate joke rises like a wave and violently surfaces, regardless of internal censors that may be screaming for control. Why, in the worst moments of life, do we feel the need to laugh?

I first heard about *Big Fish* when I read that Steven Spielberg had bought the film rights. After reading the book, I thought the plot sounded a little out of character for one of Spielberg's action-driven movies. *Big Fish* really wouldn't provide much opportunity for special effects, at least nothing in caliber to his other films. But then, thinking back to films like *E.T.*, *Jurassic Park*, *Close Encounters* and others all feature characters with absentee or irresponsible fathers. Spielberg's own father was just that: aloof, removed, almost indifferent to his son. This could be his chance, if done with the subtle art of understatement, to make his most personal, deep film.

It's not that Edward Bloom, or any other man like him, was a bad father. Perhaps with the clashing of societal pressures and natural instinct, simply providing (financially) for the family became a compromise for the increasing desire to provide emotionally. It seems that each generation, despite (or is it because of) the many technological advancements, craves more and more emotional connection.

In the end, William joins the game. He forgives his father, and Edward is redeemed when his son realizes that some people's greatness exists in the way they see their own lives.

Between television shows, commercials, books, etc., we are creatures afloat in stories. Mythic structure comes naturally to us, and were all seeking our own place in the story. Perhaps we should listen more to the tall tales that people communicate, however subtly, because what you do say does reveal what you don't.

Big Fish: A Novel of Mythic Proportions is available in the Saint Mary's Bookstore for 20% off the cover price.

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RENT THIS!

A few good movies you shouldn't miss

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Okay, now you're probably wondering what's going on here. Is this some careful ploy by the *Collegian* staff to sneak yet another movie review under your nose? Nay, fellow *Collegian* readers, this is something totally different: I am going to review movies that haven't been in theaters for years! These movies have been gathering dust on the shelves of video stores for quite some time now. Well it's time to rescue them from the \$2.99 pile and get them back in the VCRs where they belong. No author nicknames, no silly rating scales, and no brown-nosing the films too much. Just good old honest critiques of some movies you might have forgotten about or never even heard of. So read this, and then tell all your friends to read it... I'm hoping for a kickback from Blockbuster.



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Major Kong rides the nuke to Russia.

Dr. Strangelove or: How I Learned To Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb (1963)

Starring: Peter Sellers, George C. Scott, Sterling Hayden, Peter Sellers, Slim Pickens and Peter Sellers. Directed by Stanley Kubrick.

"Gentlemen! You can't fight in here, this is the war room!"

Stanley Kubrick's immortal satire of nuclear paranoia is a movie you cannot miss. It's filled to the brim with dry humor, subtle sight gags and great acting. Set somewhere during the swell years of the 50s or early 60s, the movie follows the insane plot of General Jack D. Ripper (Hayden) to bomb the heck out of the Soviet Union using a little known attack plan that doesn't need the President to push the button. His reason? Simple: the Commies are planning on taking over the world by fluoridating the water, "the most monstrously conceived and dangerous Communist plot we've ever had to face." So 34 U.S. planes are on their way to nuke Russia as the President and his advisors meet in the war room to discuss their options, or lack thereof. What they don't know is that the Russians have created a Doomsday Device that will destroy the Earth if they are ever attacked.

You might have noticed Peter Sellers' name in the credits more than once; this is because he plays three different roles. First, as Group Captain Mandrake, Ripper's British and slightly nerdy second-in-command; then as President of the U.S.A. Merkin Muffley; and finally, as the pseudo-Nazi nuclear scientist, Dr. Strangelove. All characters come complete with great accents and quotable lines.

This flick will knock you upside the head with clever humor and satire, and nothing beats Slim Pickens' famous scene of riding the A-bomb to its target. Yee-haw!



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Affleck sports a mohawk as "Jack."

Glory Daze (1996)

Starring: Ben Affleck, Sam Rockwell, Vinnie DeRamus, French Stewart, with Alyssa Milano. Written and Directed by Rich Willies.

"Angst for the memories."

Will you ever be so happy as when you lay on your thrift store couch drinking a cheap twelve pack of beer with your best pals? I will be blunt, *Glory Daze* is just another cynical movie about a group of twentysomethings trying to figure out what to do with their lives. But since most of us belong in that category, and because it's written well and funny, it makes my list. Set in beautiful Santa Cruz at UCSC, the story follows Jack (Affleck) in the days leading up to his graduation. Jack is knee-deep in angst over his recent breakup and the reality of having to move away from his party house, "El Rancho." He is unable to give up all the good things in life — his punk band, the bar, the raging parties — all for the sake of moving on and finding a (gulp) career, and pleasing his parents. Guess what? These are things real people in the real world think about. I like how this flick deals with the serious issue of having to move on with one's life, which is the main conflict. But we don't focus totally on Jack, there's also Rob (Rockwell) who is afraid of committing to his girlfriend and meeting her mother. There's Dennis (Stewart) who has been at Santa Cruz for longer than he can remember and gets his third BA over the course of the film. And then there's Mickey (DeRamus) and Slosh (Vien Hong) who have to stick around for another year of school. They are faced with the harsh reality of watching their friends leave and finding a new place to live and new party guys to hang out with.

All in all this picture is full of smart dialogue, great cameos from Matthew McConaughey, Brenden Fraser, and Matt Damon, and pretty decent performances from its starring cast members. However, contrary to popular belief, *Glory Daze* is not the *Animal House* for the 90s. *P.C.U.* has that honor if you ask me.



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Darryl and Steve discuss the crime scene.

Zero Effect (1998)

Starring: Bill Pullman, Ben Stiller, Ryan O'Neal, and Kim Dickens.

Written and Directed by Jake Kasdan.

"I told you we can't be too careful. Two guys...at an airport...talking... it's a little fishy."

Let me introduce you to the greatest private detective in the world, the man who can solve cases in under an hour, sitting at home, over the phone. Actually, he hardly leaves his cluttered Los Angeles loft, but for the purpose of an interesting film, Darryl Zero (Pullman) must journey to Portland to find a billionaire's missing safe deposit box key and the person who is blackmailing him for its contents. Using objectivity and observation, "the two obs," Zero finds himself involved in something even deeper than a simple case of blackmail: a sad story of murder, deceit and broken hearts that leads him to suspect a paramedic (Dickens), whom he falls in love with.

What makes this film so interesting is the character of Zero, an intellectual giant in the comfort of home, yet an emotional wreck in public. He is so terrified of human interaction, he works with his clients through his overworked and reluctant proxy, Steve Arlo (Stiller), who spends much of the film flying back and forth from LA to Portland and acting like every other character Stiller has ever played. This movie is one of the most intriguing films I've seen recently, with a detective's attention to detail and plenty of plot twists to keep you sucked into the story line.

At the end, however, I was left feeling unfulfilled. I wanted to see more: more escapades, more villains, an archrival, a

new sidekick, or an unbeatable case. I feel that this picture would have been better as a two-hour television series premiere, because the character of Zero is so complex, so intense and has so much room for growth that a mere movie doesn't do him justice. Unfortunately, people like me don't get to make those decisions. Go get this movie and see if you agree with me, you won't be disappointed.



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Sydney offers John \$150 to play in Vegas.

Hard Eight (1996)

Starring: Phillip Baker Hall, John C. Reilly, Gwyneth Paltrow, with Samuel L. Jackson.

Written and Directed by Paul Thomas Anderson.

"You look like a man who needs a friend."

As the music from the opening credits connotes, this is a dark movie. It's a drama in the purest sense of the concept. Sydney (Hall) is a professional gambler with a soft heart and a guardian angel, along with down-on-his-luck John (Reilly). Sydney takes John under his wing and teaches him the ins and outs of gambling in Las Vegas casinos. Over time, John becomes like a son to Sydney and the two are inseparable. John emulates Sydney in every way, including always ordering the same drinks. The plot thickens when they meet Clementine (Paltrow), a Reno cocktail waitress who sometimes takes her business home with her. In other words, she's a hooker in her free time. The plot thickens again when John and Clementine get married, and by nightfall are holding a man hostage for not paying Clementine's "bill" and call on Sydney to bail them out. If that's not enough for you, enter Jimmy (Jackson), John's friend and casino security guy. Jimmy knows a secret from Sydney's past that could threaten his friendship with John. Sydney, who hasn't been doing very well betting at the craps tables lately, decides not to take this bet and leave anything to chance. The end will shock you.

To clear up the meaning of the title, "hard eight" is a craps term meaning you roll the dice for an eight the hard way; by rolling two fours instead of a six and a two or five and three. The other cool thing about this film is that you learn what John learns about the casinos, a little trick to fool the floor manager into thinking you've spent a lot of money at the slots. We learned from *Swingers* that if you spend big bucks in a Vegas casino, they give you free stuff. It would be interesting to see if these tips actually work.

This being the first feature film written and directed by P.T. Anderson, I'd say he did a pretty good job. Like I said, it's a hard movie to watch, but afterwards, you can't help but feel like you need to watch it again.

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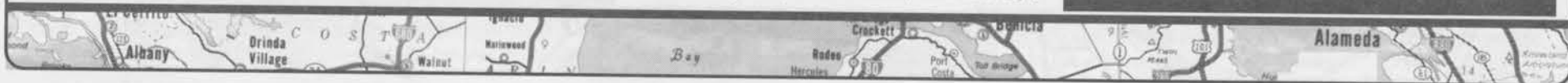
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DETOUR

Pro Skater 2 Will Have You Spazzing For More

Here's the 411 on Tony Hawk's latest shred fest!

GUS GUARDADO • Staff Writer



Alright, remember those good ol' days when you first played video games and whenever you wanted Mario to jump, you literally moved your controller to the right or left as if it would somehow aid in safely landing the jump? Well, *Tony Hawk Pro Skater 2* is the first game in years that actually had me doing controller "spazzing" (as I call it) once again.

No really, it's that good! You get so involved in this game that you forget your skater isn't going to land a trick with the help of your nervous twitch. For those who have played the first installment, you know of what I speak. The sequel is packed with even better action than the original.

Even if you've never picked up a skateboard, you'll still get hooked on this game. Once you start seeing people pull off these mind-busting moves, you'll be seduced to the power of *Pro Skater 2*. Hey, I got my suitemate to play this game and he can barely ride a Razor scooter!

Now, if I were a car dealer I'd be tryin' to sell you with all the options this game has. To start, you have grips of professional skaters to choose from, including a token female skater! Who says videogames are geared towards men only? If that doesn't excite you, go ahead and create your own skater. This is pretty cool — you can pick everything from the types of clothes they wear, to their hairstyle. White people with afros are going to make a serious trend thanks to this game!

Okay, so you've got your skater, now you want to skate. Well, you start in a skate park where your goal is to get high scores, collect certain items, and unlock hidden rooms. For every goal you make, you get cash, which you then use to improve your skaters' stats. Need better hang time? Just save a couple hundred bucks and you'll start to controller spaz in an upward motion as well standard spaz-ation.

So you do this a couple times and more and more skate parks begin to unlock, not only in "Career Mode" but two-player mode as well. This brings us to the head-to-head aspect of the game. It certainly

makes the processor act slow like the lines in the registrar, but the speed still holds up enough to not be completely bothered. Plus, once you and a friend start competing against each other you won't notice the minor slow down. The graffiti game is especially sinister at getting friends to hate each other. The objective is to do a trick on an obstacle, which then tags it blue for player one or red for player two. The skater with the most tagged obstacles wins. Sounds simple, huh? Well it is. That's what makes it so obnoxiously addicting; throw in the ability to steal your opponents tag, and you've got a game that'll suck the marrow out of your bone dry time.

All this and I haven't even gotten to the "Park Editor" included in the game. This feature is what makes the sequel so much better than its pappy! You can actually create a skate park of your own design and save it on a memory card, which only takes up one block of memory (for all you rookies, that's good). By the way, the death spikes make for an interesting incentive to land your tricks right. This feature makes the game's replay value skyrocket since you can tweak your own parks to infinity, not to mention teach you a thing or two about video game making.

Finally, with all that great stuff, this game also has a better soundtrack than most movies these days. If you like beats, there's Mos Def, Public Enemy, and Naughty by Nature to bob your head to. Into rock? Then you'll enjoy hearing Rage Against the Machine (see page 11), Papa Roach, and Bad Religion. All of which actually make you skate better than just the cheesy synthesized computer music most games come with. The only aspect worth criticizing in this game is that the 16 tracks eventually do become repetitive. But hey, you can always turn the music off in the game, and blast your own skate jams. If you have a Playstation, you need this game! Or if you can wait a little longer for November 7, you can see it totally pimped out on the Dreamcast. Either way, skateboard or no skateboard, after playing a couple hours of this game you'll be looking for the best way to grind the curbs around campus.

Less Than Jake's New Album Transcends Borders and Boundaries

By DANIEL GALLEN • Guest Writer

Since its formation in 1993, Less Than Jake has transformed from a punk-inspired pop group into a six-member punk band with ska appeal, and a three-piece horn section. Embracing an all-about-the-fans attitude, Less Than Jake has moved from Capitol Records to the San Francisco-based label Fat Wreck Chords and has produced its sixth and most dynamic album entitled *Borders and Boundaries*.

The album cover contains a picture of a street map and while one listens to the lyrics, he realizes that the band is not only breaking down musical boundaries, but doing so with a sense of direction. Less Than Jake goes back to what works; essentially the album's theme track, "Magnetic North" talks of personal roadblocks, past experiences and a need for direction, and does so to the tune of a fully harmonious ska/punk sound. The band carries a bright outlook into its future, but reminds fans in "Kehe" that Less Than Jake is fan-oriented and the lyrics confirm this sentiment

when they declare, "this is the flag we've flown for years." *Borders and Boundaries* moves with purpose because while the majority of the tracks embrace the upbeat, fast-paced nature of ska and punk, lengthy intros and a selection of slow tracks allow the listener to connect with the instruments and digest the intensity. "Look What Happened" and "Is This Thing On?" slow the pace of the surrounding tracks, yet still maintain the diversity of sounds illustrated in the CD's faster and edgier songs. The accomplishments of *Borders and Boundaries* allow Less Than Jake to deal with important internal issues, but still maintain the sense of humor found in "Pete Jackson is Getting Married."

With six albums now under its belt, the band has experienced a significant passage of time illustrated in the track "1989," and with a new member and collective musical rebirth, the band appears ready to assert itself under the Fat Wreck Chords label.

Man, Where Did the Time Go?

By GREG STATTON • Detour Editor

I don't know how many of you remember, or even care for that matter, but the best year in 90s musical history was only two years after the worst year. Picture this, it's early 1994 and you are perusing "The List" for possibilities on a Friday night. Well, you might come across such bands as: Jawbreaker, Jawbox, Green Day, Texas is a Reason, Samiam, Face to Face, and various others. And what is the significance you ask? Well, all these bands recorded on indie labels and then all-of-a-sudden BAM! They were all signed to "major" labels and distributors. With this change came the fall of many talented bands. Of the list above, three (Jawbreaker, Jawbox, and Texas is a Reason) of the six bands broke-up. Is this okay? NO, it's not! And this is where this issue's rant will find you: *What happened to all the good music?*

Now, I know some elitist is going to come along and say, "Hey man, those bands shouldn't have sold out, so they deserve it, and they suck anyway!" Well here's what I have to say about that before it even happens. I don't really care if they

signed with major labels. Now, unknowingly, these bands signed, and we can't go back and stop that from happening, but what we can do is still support them and pressure the major labels to give the artists creative freedom.

Back to 1996, I can say, without being wrong, that there hasn't been a better year in music that I can remember. I was fortunate to see some of these bands before they went off the deep-end. And the sad thing was that all of them put out their worst album the year that they got signed by major labels. This is due to something I call the "Cash Money Syndrome." To explain this I will use one of my favorite bands, Knapsack. These guys knew what they were doing and how to do it well. No one has been able to top them in the Emo-Core genre. But one year they decided to sign a six album contract with Alias, and from there it all went down hill. Being forced to be creative doesn't necessarily mean that it's going to be your best. So don't do it!

So I don't know where I left you, but I did. I hope you take what I said to heart.

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Football

Chivis Honored Again

Gael football standout, Sophomore Strong Safety Myron Chivis, was named football I-AA Independent Player of the Week for his play against Colgate in the Gael's 37-20 win. Chivis broke the game open with a fumble recovery in the fourth quarter, which he returned for a touchdown giving the Gaels a 30-23 lead. On Colgate's next drive Chivis stopped the Red Raiders with an interception helping Saint Mary's seal the win.

Soccer

Crenshaw Shines Against Broncos

Freshman Forward Lucianne Crenshaw exploded against Santa Clara scoring all four goals in the Gael's 4-2 win. The Broncos were ranked 15th in the nation and the win preserved the Saint Mary's flawless WCC record. Her effort earned her the West Coast Conference and *Soccertimes.com* Player of the Week for October 16-22. The Gaels, now 12-5-2 go against Portland to end their season on November 5 at 12noon on Garaventa Field.

Intramurals

Flag Football

The intense flag football season came to a close the Untouchables pulled away with the win against the #1 Stunnas 31-21. Before reaching the championship game, the Untouchables were faced with many challenges including The Replacements and Los Pornstars, two of the top four teams in the Tuesday/Thursday league. The Untouchables defeated both teams, The Replacements 55-49 and Los Pornstars by a mere point, 28-27. The #1 Stunnas were one of the top four teams in the Monday/Wednesday league. They defeated the Hustlers 42-31 followed by the Knuckle Busters 49-21.

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Gaels Tied For Conference Lead

Gaels loss to USD breaks undefeated streak in WCC play

By **JACQUELINE REITER**
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Sophomore Forward Lucianne Crenshaw dominated the field as the women's soccer team defeated Loyola Marymount, Santa Clara and Michigan State improving their record to 12-5-2 and their WCC record to 5-0. However, the San Diego Torero's ended their winning streak on Sunday 2-0, leaving Saint Mary's with a record of 5-1.

After the Toreros scored in the first half, the Gaels couldn't hit the net and went into the second half down one goal to nil. More attempts were made to score an equalizer, however, San Diego was the only team that scored in the second half bringing the final score to 2-0. This loss brings both teams into a tie for first place in the WCC since both teams are now 5-1.

On Friday, the Gaels ran the visiting Loyola Marymount team ragged, leaving them with little opportunity to come back for a win. In the second half, Crenshaw came through with the first goal of the game, followed by Freshman Marie McCann who scored two goals of her own. The first

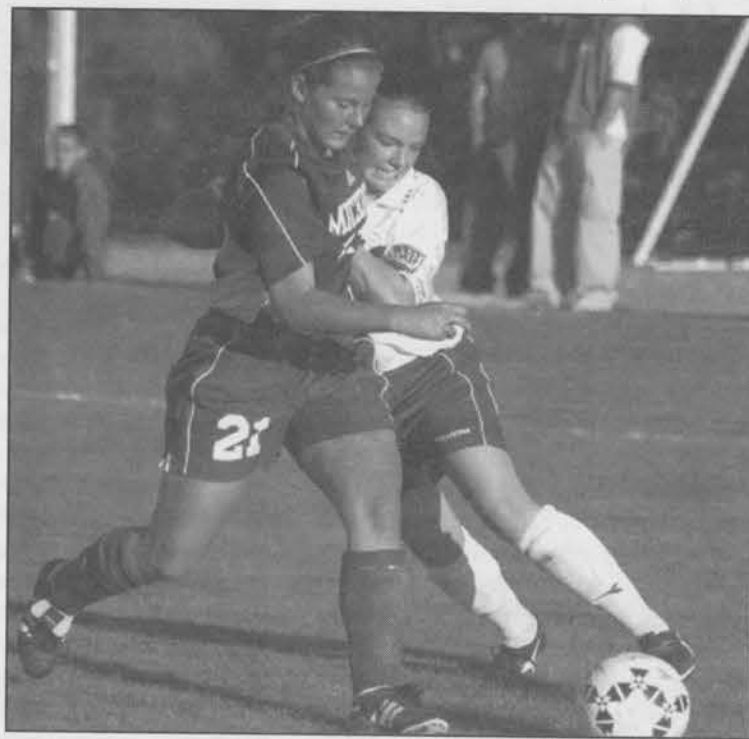
of McCann's goals was assisted by Junior Katie Sticinski and the next was assisted by Freshman Shauna Rech. This secured the win for the Gaels, as the Lions were only able to score one goal.

The Gaels faced league rival Santa Clara on October 22. Ranked 15th in the nation, the Broncos couldn't pull off the win as Crenshaw hammered in four goals in the Gael's 4-2 victory.

At the start of the game, Crenshaw's first goal came off an assist from Freshman Cassie Wittick. Seconds later, Santa Clara responded with their own goal. Tied in the second half Crenshaw added two more unassisted goals to take the lead. The Broncos were able to put one more goal on the board but Crenshaw came back to secure the Gael's victory with her final goal from an assist by Rech.

The victory over Santa Clara marked Saint Mary's sixth win in a row and pushed them to the top of the WCC.

On Friday, October 20, the Gaels defeated the Michigan State Spartans 2-1 in double overtime. The Spartans took a one goal lead in the first half, but in the second half the Gaels raised their intensity level. With only a few minutes left in the



Lucianne Crenshaw (in white) barges her way in through the Michigan State defense.

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game, Freshman Jen Belzer found Wittick open on the left side of the goal, bringing the game to a 1-1 tie.

Neither the Gaels nor the Spartans could find the net in the first overtime. The two teams went into sudden death as the game came down to the last goal scored

by Crenshaw. Breaking through the Spartan defense, she successfully brought the goalie out 20 yards and then lobbed the ball in the net.

The Gael's final game is against Portland in a match-up that could determine the WCC Champion on Sunday, November 5 at 12noon on Garaventa Field.

FOOTBALL PROFILE *Travis White*

By **C.J. DAFT**
Staff Writer

Junior Defensive End Travis White is having an unbelievable season. In eight games, White has recorded 45 tackles, 16 of those team-leading tackles, for loss of yards, and 10 sacks. Yet, when White came out of high school he was told he was too small to play college football at 5 feet 9 inches and 245 pounds. People told White that he would never receive a Division I scholarship nor would he ever start as a defensive end on a college team.

Since then, he has grown three inches, but he is still a relatively small defensive lineman. Despite his size and with the help of a good heart and determination, he has become a feared and talented defensive lineman. In our conversation White describes why he chose Saint Mary's and the Gael's football squad.

Did you have a successful high school team?

We went undefeated during the regular season and won the section championship my senior year.

Why did you choose to attend Saint Mary's over other schools?

A coach from Saint Mary's came to one of our practices to scout me. The next day, my

brother, who also played football, gave me a pamphlet on the school and told me half-jokingly that I was going to attend the school, and then walked away. Before this, I had never really even heard of Saint Mary's. I did not think much of it when he told me, but someone murdered him a few days later. I felt that was a sign for me, and that I owed him for it.

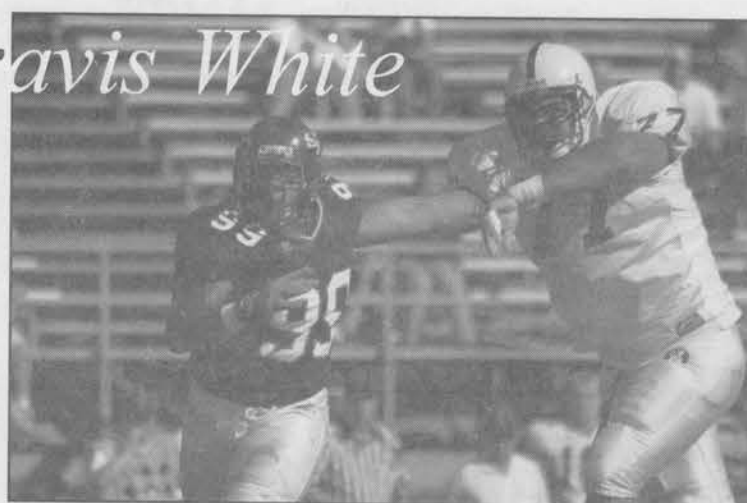
Also, I thought that the academics were very good here. In addition, the Gaels were ranked #17 in the nation in the NCAA D-IAA level at the time.

Is your brother what has kept you motivated throughout your college career?

I am not just doing this for me, but for him also. He was smart enough to attend college [but didn't get the opportunity to go]. Also, I am motivated from the standpoint that I am the first person in my family to attend college. When I was growing up, I hardly thought of college and didn't seriously consider it until my junior year in high school. I am that role model that I did not have to my nephews, whom all want to go to college. In addition, my sisters are now going back to college, because of me.

What do you think of the new coaching staff?

I have two words to describe them: fantastic and great. They



Fighting against larger players, White (number 99) plays with more heart than girth.

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brought an enthusiastic and positive attitude, which the team needed. This year, when the team has lost, it has been the players' fault more than the coaching staff.

What do you think of this year's team?

We have improved from last season at 4-4, but don't think that we are happy to only have four wins at this point [this interview was done before the Gael's last game against Southern Utah giving them a 4-5 record]. We feel that we could have won a couple of our defeats, and we know how good we actually could become.

Did the new coaching staff bring a new defensive scheme to the program? If so, how has your role changed?

The defense this year seems to mix it up a little more. With the new coaching staff, I moved to de-

fensive end from defensive tackle to utilize my speed. Before, I used to get worn down playing offensive lineman 50-60 lbs. heavier than me. Now it is not as tough, because usually I am going up against the opposing team's tight end.

The school single season record in sacks stands at 16. Right now you stand 6 away from that record. How much would it mean to hold the record?

Winning is my first priority. If I break the record, then that is great, but how the team plays is more important to me than a personal record. Besides, I don't want to put pressure on myself. Last year, I tried to set goals for myself in regard to sacks, and for the most part

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Men's Soccer Finds Spotlight, but No Success

By **GEORGE MALACHOWSKI**
Sports Editor

The Gaels Men's Soccer team played to mixed results their last two weeks, beating Wisconsin-Milwaukee, but losing to Cal and WCC opponent USF, making their overall record 5-11 and their more important WCC record, 0-3.

The night of Friday, October 27 saw the Gaels receive unusual attention as their game against USF was televised on Bay TV. However, this exposure didn't help the Gaels as they fell to the Dons 3-1. The game was the last home game for legendary Don's Head Coach Stephen Negoesco who has won a NCAA record 544 games. This emotional game was controlled by the Dons from the start and they opened the scoring in the 27th minute when placing a loose ball that was 15 yards out into the back of the net.

The Dons added to their lead in the closing moments of the first half when a Don drilled a 25 yard shot past Sophomore Goalkeeper Kellan Wilson in the 44th minute. The Dons added an insurance goal in the 68th minute off a deflected free kick. This goal was helpful since the Gaels answered back minutes later when Junior Midfielder Brian Voltattorni put in a ball off the framework and into the net in the 72nd minute. Saint Mary's could only muster 7 shots for the game and only forced USF Goalkeeper Scott Spaulding to make one save during the game.

Fierce winds and even fiercer Gaels (who earned five yellow cards and a red card) led to the men's soccer team losing to Cal 1-0 on Sunday, October 23.

Huge gusts of wind that sent the assistant referees' flags snapping of their own accord set the tone for this game by hindering any team



Brian Kummer pulls a *Matrix*-esque defensive move against Cal.

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that was playing against the wind.

In the first half, the Gaels faced two opponents, the wind and Cal, and decided to take a defensive posture throughout the half.

The gusts continually hurt crosses from both teams, but were a great advantage for the Bears since their kicks went considerably farther with the wind assist. However, the Gaels played tight defense and Cal only had a few real scoring opportunities, including one that deflected off the crossbar.

The second half saw the wind to the Gaels back and a switch to a more attacking formation. Sloppy play by Cal and counterattacks led to several chances for the Gaels to score, but they could not connect with the net.

A red card in the 59th minute

changed the momentum of the game when Sophomore Evan Fontaine received his second yellow card (for unsporting behavior). Even after the Gaels went a man down, they continued their tight defense and it was not until a fluke goal off a direct-free kick in the 81st minute by Cal Bear Robbie Aylesworth, that the Bears took the lead.

For the last nine minutes, the game deteriorated with the Gaels getting more and more frustrated, committing needless fouls.

Saint Mary's only win during this stretch was during the game against the Wisconsin-Milwaukee Panthers 2-1 on October 21. Even though the Gaels were outshot 30-12, they still managed to pull out the win with staunch

defensive play by Wilson who had seven saves on the day. Saint Mary's first goal was scored in the 23rd minute by Sophomore Midfielder Rica Reyes. The deciding goal came on the referee's whistle in the 27th minute when Junior Midfielder Alex Avina was able to convert a penalty kick making the score 2-0. Under heavy pressure in the second half, Saint Mary's only allowed one goal, which came in the 62nd minute of play. This victory was made possible by early scoring and excellent second half defense. The Gaels face a tough end of the season playing two tough WCC opponents: Portland and USD. Both games will be played on Garaventa field. The Portland game is on Sunday, November 5 at 2pm, while the USD game is on Sunday.

Football Beats #15 Colgate, Falls to SU

By **DENNY BULCAO**
Staff Writer

The Gaels traveled to Hamilton, New York to face their toughest task of the year. Waiting was Patriot League opponent Colgate (5-2, 2-0), ranked at #15 in the nation in Division I-AA before they played Saint Mary's.

On a bright and clear 73° day, Saint Mary's was ready to show the Red Raiders how football is played out west. Saint Mary's Junior Cornerback Myron Chivis commented, "We finally came around and showed what we can do defensively. It proved to the team that we can win big games."

The Gaels played their best game of the year on both sides of the ball and Head Coach Tim Landis had good reason to boast about the nearly flawless play, "There's good wins, there's great wins, and then there are what I call program wins. I think Colgate is undoubtedly a program win. It puts us on the Division I-AA map. Colgate has been to the national Division I-AA championships the past three years. Only 16 teams out of 122

get that invitation each year."

Coach Landis continued, "We really put 60 minutes together. That was the closest to playing a perfect football game that you can come. I felt our kids played really well offensively, defensively, and we got enough on special teams to keep them at bay. At half-time the guys were really excited and focused. We grew up a lot [as a team] and our kids really believed [that they could succeed]. Colgate is certainly a team that has the ability to come back, so to hold them like we did was a real tribute to our kids and the effort they put forth."

The small crowd in Colgate's Andy Kerr Stadium of 3,970 (which did not come close to the stadium's 10,582 capacity) never had a chance to get their hopes up as the Gaels held the momentum throughout the game.

Senior Offensive Lineman Jed Bodger noted, "It was fabulous. [The win] puts a great twist on the season and gives us a lot of momentum going into these next three weeks." Senior Wide Receiver/Punt Returner Bruce Rhode summed everything up by saying,

"I think it was a great experience. It showed a lot of maturity [on our team's part] to travel 3,000 miles across the United States and come away with a victory against a nationally ranked team."

Special Teams play has improved immensely the last three games. SMC Place Kicker Reed Mokler deserves special credit for this accomplishment. In SMC's 71-34 drubbing of Menlo, Mokler tied a school record, hitting eight of eight extra point attempts and keeping the Oaks Return Teams guessing on kickoffs. Coach Landis notes other factors in the improvement. "We just kept working on the same things. It's nothing new; it's just working to get better on what we were doing. A lot of our guys who start on offense and defense play on Special Teams, and that creates a problem when you get tired and worn down. Now that we're in a little bit better condition we're getting better [results]."

Saint Mary's has an interesting streak going this year, two losses, two wins, two losses, two wins, and now a loss this past Saturday in Cedar City against the South-

ern Utah Thunderbirds. The Gaels hoped to break this seemingly automatic pattern. SU Quarterback Matt Cannon and Fullback Rod Madsen made Gus Papanikolas and the rest of the team wait another week to break the "two win, two loss" hex.

In light drizzle on a 52° day, Saint Mary's fought back, then fell hard in a 43-14 loss. SU Kicker David Pretzer connected on field goals of 27 and 39 yards, and Madsen and Cannon each scored on six-yard runs to put the Thunderbirds up 20-0 with 5:27 left in the first half. The Gaels picked up some momentum going into half-time, after Sophomore Linebacker Travis Burkett recovered a fumble on the Southern Utah 48-yard line. With 1:52 left in the half, Saint Mary's drove 48 yards in four plays to get within 13. Sophomore Running Back Jeff Brown ran for a Saint Mary's first down with a 13-yard gain. Senior Fullback Eric Billeci fought to the SU 34, where the Gaels called a time-out on second and nine and 1:27 left. The time-out served well as Gus

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SCOREBoard

Football

October 21	
Saint Mary's	37*
Colgate	20

October 28	
Saint Mary's	14
Southern Utah	43*

Overall record: 4-5

Men's Soccer

October 21	
Saint Mary's	2*
Wisconsin-Milwaukee	1

October 22	
Saint Mary's	0
UC Berkeley	1*

October 27	
Saint Mary's	1
San Francisco	3*

Overall record: 5-11

WCC record: 0-3

Women's Soccer

October 20	
Saint Mary's	2*
Michigan State	1

October 22	
Saint Mary's	4*
Santa Clara	2

October 27	
Saint Mary's	3*
Loyola Marymount	1

October 29	
Saint Mary's	0
San Diego	2*

Overall record: 12-5

WCC record: 5-1

Volleyball

October 21	
Saint Mary's	3*
San Diego	0

October 27	
Saint Mary's	3*
Loyola Marymount	0

October 28	
Saint Mary's	0
Pepperdine	3*

Overall record: 9-11

WCC record: 5-4

Cross Country

WCC Tournament

MEN'S RESULTS:
Saint Mary's finished 4th scoring 129 points.

WOMEN'S RESULTS:
Saint Mary's finished tied for fifth with USF scoring 144 points.

Porter Named Freshman of the Year

Freshman standout Allegra Porter was named the WCC Freshman of the year and named on the All-WCC squad for her 4th place finish at the Championships.

*Denotes winner.

SPORTS *Talk*

The Running Writer: Are You Ready?

The step-by-step thoughts of one runner on championship day

By **MARTY KINSEY**
Staff Writer

Every athlete experiences pressure. Having played in over six organized sports, I have had a variety of stresses arrive before a major competition. However, the days leading up to the West Coast Conference Cross-Country Championships, out of all these experiences, have been the most stressful days of my athletic career.

One may say, "Why stress? You are only running." This may seem valid, however, this is no time trial or PE mile. This is a day where 56 of the fittest athletes in the entire WCC come together to defeat and

destroy you. The time leading up to the race is filled with questions, doubts, and preparation.

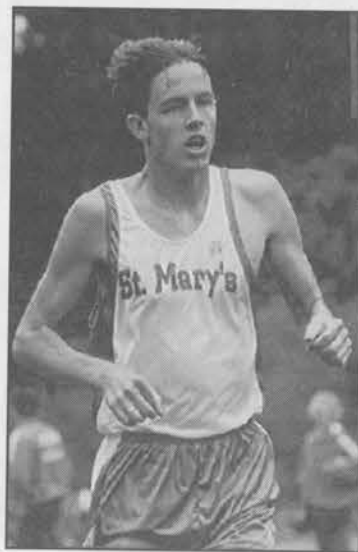
During race day the minutes leading to the race seem like an eternity. I encounter my foes of the past and look them in the eye. Are they ready? Am I ready? After warming up for two miles, my heart pounds with anticipation. I slip on my racing shoes, and run a few strides, a familiar feeling of comfort begins to overcome my worries. I look down the starting line filled with my opponents; finally the time has come and doubts fill my head.

Did I run enough miles this summer? Did I get in enough qual-

ity workouts? Will I be able to endure five miles of hills at five minutes per mile, and still have enough energy in the last 400 meters to out-kick my nemesis?

These questions don't just trouble me because I'm nervous about the race; they are troubling because I no longer have control over the answers to them. Coping with these worries includes visualization. I run the race in my head as much as possible, hoping the outcome will be as victories as my thoughts of the visual process of the competition.

Nevertheless, the jitters are still omnipresent. Did I get enough water? Perhaps I didn't run



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Running Writer, **Marty Kinsey.**

enough, maybe I ran too much. Suddenly the gun goes off, all those thoughts disappear and the trail lies ahead.



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

Economics, Inflation, and the Yankees

With baseball season at its triumphant end, the national pastime's shortcomings have become more than obvious. The sport has seen a recent surge in national interest because of the juiced ball and Andro-popping sluggers, while becoming nothing more than a game of glorified batting practice. Teams now depend on home runs, losing its strategic, chess-like maneuvers, of the game; however it is still the greatest game on earth.

We may complain about how bad pitching is now, or continue to argue about the designated hitter or how astro-turf has ruined the game, but these aren't baseball's biggest problems. Its major flaw is its difference from other major sports — the absence of a salary cap. The salary cap is the maximum amount of money each team is allowed to spend on its players. Baseball doesn't have one, which means that teams with deep pockets will always be in the playoffs. Look no further than the Braves or Yankees who consistently win a hundred games and go to the World Series.

All the teams in the playoffs, except the Giants and A's, have payrolls of over sixty million dollars. The Yankees spent more than most third-world countries on their outfield, and the last guy on the Yankees bench is a multi-millionaire. Imposing a salary cap is the only way to fix this problem. The salary cap would keep the Yankees from getting Jose Canseco just to flex his muscles between innings or Alex Rodriguez to ask for two hundred million dollars with a straight face. Inflation should only occur in the Federal Reserve — not between the chalk lines. When watching the game, always remember that these men who are still playing a boys' game, are nothing more than capitalists at heart.

THE WAY *i* SEE IT

By **MATT HOFER** ♦ Staff Writer

Allen Iverson: An Embarrassing Artist

With 76ers basketball player Allen Iverson's degrading comments in his upcoming rap album *Non-Fiction*, I couldn't help but notice the strong parallels between him and Atlanta Braves Pitcher John Rucker. Rucker made similarly degrading comments last spring in a Sports Illustrated interview and was consequently suspended by baseball authorities for his disgraceful remarks. I can't help but see striking similarities between the two, which leads me to ask this pivotal question: Should Allen Iverson be suspended?

Iverson has used the First Amendment as his main defense since his album was released with racist and sexist remarks. Because

Iverson has the freedom of speech, what he's doing is in fact legal and he cannot be prosecuted. However, the First Amendment does not excuse him for his actions in regards to the National Basketball Association.

I don't buy Allen Iverson's second defense tool either — his claim to be an artist. That's a bunch of bull. Allen Iverson is a basketball player. At this moment in time, he's a basketball player trying to sell some records. But he's a basketball player and that's not the end of it. When Iverson was asked what he thought about the fact that his fans (who are mostly kids) would be listening to his racist and sexist rap album solely because they idolize him as

a basketball player, his response was a short note to the media. He made a statement proclaiming that this album was intended for adults and is of an adult nature. Gee, thanks a lot Allen.

I think Allen Iverson should, and will, be suspended by the NBA. When you examine John Rucker's suspension from baseball last spring, I can't help but think of this as a smaller infraction. Rucker's comments came in an interview. Rucker was a man ranting and raving on a variety of issues. Don't get me wrong; I don't like John Rucker in the slightest. I was offended just as much as everyone else with his remarks, but at least his remarks came at the spur-of-the-moment. My point is that

Iverson sat down and wrote out these lyrics. How long did it take him to think of the lyrics, write them out, and then record them? Iverson's actions were well thought out.

It's a scary that Iverson, while sitting at his desk and writing out these lyrics, didn't once stop and think that perhaps this wasn't such a good idea. It shows Iverson's lack of responsibility and integrity. Because of that, I think the NBA should consider a suspension similar to the one handed down to Rucker. Iverson has made an embarrassment to himself, and if the NBA isn't careful, it will reflect poorly on the league itself. Because Iverson tarnished the NBA he should be suspended.

From the Sports Desk . . .

GAEL GLORY: My Favorite Sports Moments

By **GEORGE MALACHOWSKI**
Sports Editor

Most people don't know the full extent of Saint Mary's Sports heritage. Rugby, baseball, basketball, and football were some of the first sports played here as early as the 1890s.

Working at the Saint Mary's College Archives, I have been able to explore many of the athletic achievements of Saint Mary's. Here is a list of some of my favorite Gael teams and their accomplishments:

1999-2000: The Women's Basketball team reached the NIT, beat Hawaii 75-60 in the first round and lost to Long Beach State 73-48 in the second round.

1999: The Women's Basketball Team wins the WCC tournament and gains an automatic bid to the NCAA's. Against Notre Dame in the first round, they fell 61-57 in a

game that came down to the final seconds.

1996: The Men's Basketball team wins the WCC title and earns an automatic bid to the NCAA's. Facing Wake Forest and future NBA superstar Tim Duncan, Brad Millard and company enter into the national spotlight with a 68-46 loss.

1984: The Women's Soccer team wins Saint Mary's only national title. Mowing down the opposition in NAIA tournament, they cap their run with a 4-0 romp over Cardinal Newman.

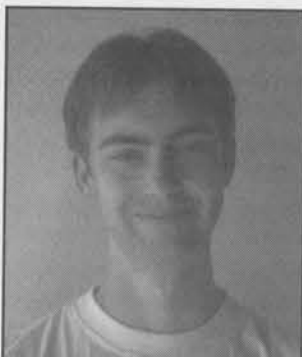
1947: The Gael Football squad finished their regular season 6-2 and was invited to the Oil Bowl against Geor-

gia Tech. Even with Squirmin' Herman Wedemeyer, the Gaels lost 41-19.

1946: The Gaels garnered a post-season invite to the Cotton Bowl by finishing 7-1 during the regular season. The Gaels valiantly fought Oklahoma A&M and although Wedemeyer wooed the crowd, they fell 33-13.

1939: Gael football wins a major bowl game, capping an 8-0-1 season by beating Texas Tech in the Cotton Bowl 33-13.

1911: The Saint Mary's Baseball team, nicknamed the "Phoenix," beat the eventual World Series Champion Boston Red Sox 1-0 in an exhibition game. In the game the Red Sox played



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George Malachowski.

10 of their starting players.

1910: The "Phoneix" played an exhibition game against the Chicago White Sox, trouncing them 6-0.

Do you have a favorite Gael Sports moment? Submit them to the *Collegian* by E-mailing your comments.

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CROSS-COUNTRY PROFILE

Enrique Hernandez

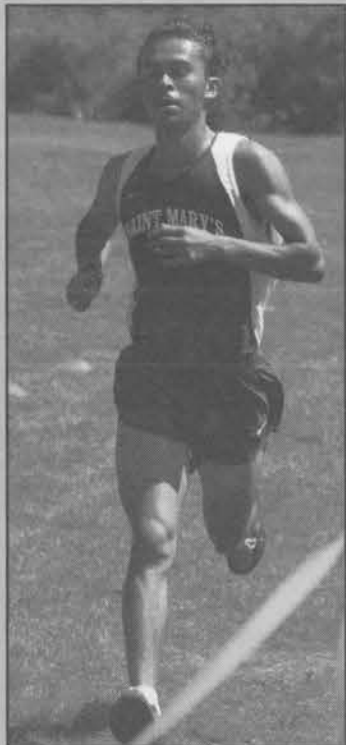
By JACQUELINE REITER
Assistant Sports Editor

Cross-country is a sport known for its determination and endurance, and who better to emulate those qualities than Senior Enrique Hernandez? Majoring in HPER with an emphasis in teaching, Hernandez has juggled school, work and cross-country for four years (he red-shirted freshman year). Although he is a senior, he will continue to run for Saint Mary's in the fall of 2001 as a fifth year senior.

Hernandez aims to perform at the highest level of competition and goes into every activity with a robust motivation. Despite the many activities he is involved in, Hernandez seizes every opportunity in which to excel.

Recruited by the old cross-country coach Randy Rau, Hernandez sees his sport as both an individual and team effort. On one hand, the individual has to perform his or her best in order to improve the ranking for the team. An individual's time depends on his or her determination to finish well. However, the team also plays a large part in this so-called "individual sport." It takes a team effort to finish the race as close as possible to each other and to support one another. Hernandez believes that the team has a big role as the motivator and therefore sets high goals not only for himself, but also for the team.

Cross-country, like all sports, demands a lot of time as well as commitment, both of which Hernandez is willing to give. He not only runs with his teammates, but also runs by himself to get in extra miles for the day. On Mondays, he takes a long run, anywhere from 15 to 20 miles, while during the rest of the week he runs about 10 to 13 miles a day. His motivation to practice twice a day comes from his enjoyment of competing on a high level. In order to keep up with the other top runners from different schools, he must practice, because this determines fast times more than



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Enrique Hernandez runs at the San Francisco Invitational.

anything else. His fastest time this year for five miles is 25:30, a time that he may have to improve in order to make the top five at the upcoming WCC tournament.

Going into the tournament on Saturday, October 28, Hernandez believes he has the ability to do well, but does not want to jinx himself with too much optimism. He knows it will be a challenge, but he is ready to gather every last drop of strength in order to be among the top five finishers, a goal he is capable of achieving.

Hernandez's goals for the season are to have a good team showing at the WCC and NCAA Regional tournaments, as well as personally running a fast race. The highlights of this season for Hernandez are the friendships made between teammates, traveling on trips, and the girl's cross-country team. For next season, Hernandez is optimistic about the health of many of the runners. This season, a few runners have actually not been able to run due to injuries. With everyone in good shape and a little more motivation amongst the team, Hernandez expects another good season ahead.

FOOTBALL PROFILE:

Talk with Travis White

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I failed to reach them. For me, I play the best when I just go out and play.

Whose decision was it for you to play fullback?

I approached the coaches about the possibility, and they said that they would try it.

The two times that your number was called to run the ball, you have scored. Maybe you should get the ball each offensive play.

Well, Jed Bodger and Nate Frowsing make it easy for anyone to run behind.

Have you considered giving the NFL a try once you graduate?

This is what I set out to do in '97 when I came to Saint Mary's. The academics are great here at school, but I came here for football. Throughout my football

days, people have always doubted my abilities, but I have always seemed to prove those neysayers wrong. When I was a senior in high school, people doubted me and said that I was too small to play Division I football, but I proved them wrong, others told me I was too slow to play defensive end, but I have proven them wrong. Why not give it a shot? Everything is in God's hands, though. If it were not for Him, I would not be here.

For those football fans that are not familiar with the defensive end position, what does it entail?

You have to protect the gap and make sure no one gets to the outside. Everyone knows when you mess up, as a big run play develops. As a defensive player, you have to be thinking ahead of the quarterback or who ever else is running the play. To read the play, you have about two tenths of a second to do so.

FOOTBALL: Colgate and Utah Game Summaries

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Papanikolas hit freshman sensation Andre Coleman for a hard-fought 34-yard touchdown reception on the next play. Junior Place Kicker Reed Mokler drilled the extra point attempt, giving the Gaels hope going into the half with the score 17-7.

Unfortunately, the Thunderbirds came out of the locker room ready to close out Saint Mary's. Five plays after an interception in SU's end zone, Cannon sprinted 67 yards to extend the lead to 27-7. The Gaels fought back with a touchdown run of their own. Andre Coleman capped a seven minute, 65-yard drive with a two yard run for six. Mokler converted the point after, making the score 27-14 with 3:06 left in the third quarter. Comeback hopes were in the air for the Gael faithful, but would soon be denied. A holding penalty on SU's first play pushed the Thunderbirds back to their ten-yard line. On first and twenty, the Gaels defensive (and sometimes offensive) leader Travis "Ice Box" White, stopped Madsen after a one yard gain. However, the Gaels had

an let down on the next play when SU's record setting quarterback Matt Cannon evaded the SMC line, then outran the Gaels secondary for an 89-yard score. Southern Utah would never look back, tacking on another touchdown and field goal to cap a 43-14 win.

Saint Mary's (4-5) returns home for their final two games of the season as the Gaels take on Towson and Drake. The Gaels, having already doubled their win total of last year, have also posted their best record since 1997. First-year Head Coach Tim Landis and his staff have worked wonders with the Saint Mary's football program. With funding for only 14 full scholarship players, the Gaels have beaten, teams with up to 45 full ride scholarships (the Division I-AA maximum). This year's team has surprised naysayers, and risen expectations for the Saint Mary's football team.

Support your Gaels in the final two weeks of their 2000 season against Towson and Drake. If you can't come out to the game KSMC 89.5 broadcasts the game via the radio and via the Internet on www.smcgaels.com.

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Volleyball

2000 SCHEDULE

- ♦ Friday Nov. 3, 7pm vs. Portland
- ♦ Saturday Nov. 4, 7pm vs. Gonzaga
- ♦ **Friday Nov. 10, 7pm vs. San Francisco**
- ♦ **Sunday Nov. 12, 3pm vs. Santa Clara**
- ♦ Saturday Nov. 18, 5pm vs. San Diego

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Senior starter Rachele Von serves up the ball.

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Getting ^{TO} Know

THE WOMEN'S

Volleyball Team

THE Starting 6



☉ Megan Coolbaugh #11 ☉

As a 6' senior middle blocker, Coolbaugh leads the Gaels in kills this season, with 245 in 65 games. She also leads in service aces with 21, is second in digs with 166, and is second in blocks with 38.



☉ Rachele Von #3 ☉

Playing outside hitter, Von has been a key player in 62 games, recording 182 kills and 134 digs. She is a senior from Hollister, CA, where she lettered four years in volleyball as well as track.

Individual Photos
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☉ Whitney Hoover #5 ☉

As a senior from Newport Beach, CA, Hoover is leading the Gaels as setter for the fourth season. In 58 games this year, Hoover has recorded 519 assists, 12 service aces, and leads the team in digs with 173.



☉ Megan Smith #10 ☉

In 57 games this season, Smith has recorded 96 kills, 16 blocks, and 96 digs. She is a junior from Laguna Beach, CA, where she lettered 3 years in volleyball and was also an all-league selection those years.



☉ Heather Dill #14 ☉

This 6'1" senior outside hitter is second on the team in kills with 240, third in digs with 158, and third in blocking with 26. Dill attended high school in Carlsbad, CA where she lettered three years and was a two-time All-CIF selection.



☉ Meg Hauser #1 ☉

A sophomore outside hitter from Pleasanton, CA, Hauser has had consistent performances all-around this season, with 129 digs and 13 services aces in 61 games.

Head Coach: Ron Twomey



☉ This is Twomey's fifth season as head coach of the Saint Mary's Women's Volleyball team. Prior to Saint Mary's, he was head coach at Villanova University for four years. In 1995, his team went 21-13 and he was named Big East Conference Co-Coach of the Year. He is a graduate of the University of California at Berkeley with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Physical Education. He has a master's degree in Sports Management from Appalachian State. ☉

Volleyball Player Profile S

All Profiles Written By ANDREA COSYNS ♦ Staff Writer

#2 Ana Nelson: Nelson is one of six seniors on the team and came to Saint Mary's from Salinas, CA where she was a two-time first team all-league selection. As an outside hitter, she has appeared in 27 games this season.

#4 Rachel Avilla: In her junior year at Saint Mary's, Avilla is recovering from knee surgery. She attended El Molino High School and lettered four years in volleyball.

#6 Lauren Arsenault: From

San Diego, CA, she is in her second season as an outside hitter for the Gaels. At Torrey Pines High School, Arsenault lettered two years in volleyball and four years in track.

#7 Carla Vandebark: This 6' tall junior middle blocker has been dominant at the net this season, leading the team in blocking with 51, and has also recorded 148 kills. Vandebark transferred to Saint Mary's this year from the University of Wyoming.

#9 Rebecca Wood: The team's

only freshman this year, Wood came to Saint Mary's out of Gonzaga Preparatory High School in Spokane, WA. In high school, she lettered three years in volleyball. She is a 6' tall middle blocker.

#12 Tara Wofford: As middle blocker, Wofford has been a team leader since her freshman year at SMC. Due to injury, she has only played in 14 games this season. She attended high school in Olympia, WA where she was a first-team All-State selection in 1996.

#15 Melinda Mascarenas: She

is a senior middle blocker from Santa Fe, NM. At Santa Fe High School, she lettered three years in volleyball and was named first team All-State and first team All-League in her senior year.

#18 Suzanne Sarkees: In her first year at SMC, this junior has played in 62 games, recording 121 digs and 13 service aces. She transferred from Saddleback College where she was named team MVP in 1999.

#22 Brooke Lowry: As a

sophomore, Lowry has played in 38 games and recorded 327 assists as setter. She transferred to SMC from the University of Wyoming where she started 26 of 30 matches her freshman year. She attended Xavier College Prep, where she lettered in volleyball four years.

♦ Statistics current as of October 26