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Honest Politician: Oxymoron, or David Holquin?

by **Susanne Schweitzer**
Chief Copy Editor

Every year, students express discontent with their elected student politicians: Namely, with their lack of follow-through. According to the constitution of the Associated Students of Saint Mary's College (ASSMC), the student body president's function is to, among other duties, "be the chief officer responsible for the implementation of legislation passed by the Senate." So when the campaign promises of a senator fail to come to fruition, it is ultimately the responsibility of the Student Body President to answer why.

Enter David Holquin, the current ASSMC Student Body President, who is passionately committed to reviving the Lasallian tradition among Saint Mary's students. Holquin spent the summer here at Saint Mary's working as a student liaison for the District Assem-

bly on Mission, a conference at which non-clergy members of the Christian Brothers community had the opportunity to discuss the next 40 years of Christian Brothers teachings. Having sat in on many of the general assemblies, Holquin is now prepared to effect change on campus.

His first goal is to change the reputation of the ASSMC. He believes that students have grown weary of watching their elected leaders promise miraculous feats of altruism and not deliver. "Most people think of the Senate as this autonomous body that no one cares about, and no one seems to recognize, but I want people to recognize, appreciate, and more importantly, respect the work that we do. I want the work we do to be beneficial to the students," he says, adding, "I am all about follow-through; I don't want my job to be a joke." Holquin is eager to move the

Senate forward, hoping to address some of the most common complaints students have about Saint Mary's. His goals include improving the relationships within the Senate, as well as making the average Saint Mary's student more enthusiastic about attending this college.

"I want students to be proud to be a student at Saint Mary's College. A lot of students are like, 'Yeah, I go to Saint Mary's, whatever.' Well, if you're not happy, don't be here. You should be here because you want to be here. I'm not saying every day will be perfect, but you should like Saint Mary's. That would be a really good thing."

Holquin also wants to educate Saint Mary's students about the teachings of John Baptiste De la Salle, starting with equipping the RA's with

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David Holquin meets and greets a new freshman.

Photo by Nick Sylva

So many freshmen, so little space

Large class of 2006 challenges RA's, Office of Residence Life

by **Courtney Carmignani**
News Reporter

With more than 650 new students, the freshman class is the largest Saint Mary's has seen in years, challenging the Office of Residence Life to fit more beds into any available space. This is to accommodate the approximately 620 freshmen that will be living on campus this fall.

According to Dean of Residence Life, Steve Nygaard, the Office of Residence Life was prepared to house approximately 580 freshman students this fall (94% of the expected entering class). Obviously, the estimate was off.

Each year, the admissions office accepts more students than are expected to enroll. Many seniors apply to between three and 12 different schools, so the difference between students who apply to Saint Mary's and those who actually enroll generally balances out. This year, however, the number of students admitted jumped 580 to 620, and nearly everyone wanted to become a



Photo by Katie Milner

"Jitty" Quad littered with student possessions on move-in day

Gael.

The Office of Residence Life was left to find rooms for everyone.

"The process has not been without its challenges," commented Nygaard, "however, the College has worked collaboratively to include a variety of offices and academic departments to come up with the best possible solution in finding additional spaces."

In the process, 25 double rooms have been converted into triples, including the entire third floor of De La Salle. In addition, Assumption's lounges were converted – now holding four beds and desks – but no mirrors or bathrooms.

Most students seem optimistic. "I was worried at first, but I think it will be fine because I can see that I have enough room," said triple-

“We're prepared for it. We have been well-trained to handle roommate conflicts.”

NATALIA CHIAPA
RA, De La Salle Hall

dwelling freshman Alicia Jansen.

RA's seem confident that they'll be able to handle any conflicts, "We're prepared for it. We have been well-trained to handle roommate conflicts," said Natalia Chiapa, RA for the 4th floor of De La Salle hall.

All things considered, most students seem excited to be here – despite the lack of personal space.

100 years of written words

by **Josh Farley**
Editor-in-Chief

From its inception in 1903 as a college literary journal to its current format as a weekly newspaper, the *Collegian* has survived a century to bring the latest news – as well as an open forum thereto – into the hands of the Saint Mary's community. Since last year, we've added several new columns and features, including the celebratory 100th year weekly feature, "The Way We Were," chronicling a century of the *Collegian's* finest moments.

This year's centennial *Collegian* staff strives to bring you the best in reporting, and to provide the most effective means of communication between the administration, staff, students and the greater community. No opinion at our college should go unreported, and no campus news should go unreported. We are here for you, the community of Saint Mary's College.

And so begins the *Collegian's* 100th year of publication, and with it, cause for celebration. I speak for the entire staff when I say we are excited to serve our fellow Gaels. The *Collegian's* doors are always open; as a member of the Saint Mary's community, everyone is welcome to join in on this joyous mission.

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IN THE NEWS

CFO resigns to teach

Dr. Kristine Chase resigned from her positions as CFO and Vice President for Administration over the summer in order to begin teaching full-time.

Chase will be a professor in the School of Economics and Business Administration beginning in January 2003.

Message from the Registrar's Office

The add/drop period is Tuesday, September 3 through Friday, September 13.

You must obtain the signatures of both the course instructor and your academic advisor to add or drop any classes. The following departments process their own centralized add/drop forms: accounting, business administration/economics, seminar, and the English composition program (English 3, 4 and 5).

Note that Jan Term travel pre-registration is earlier this year (September 23-27). Catalog distribution will begin September 16.

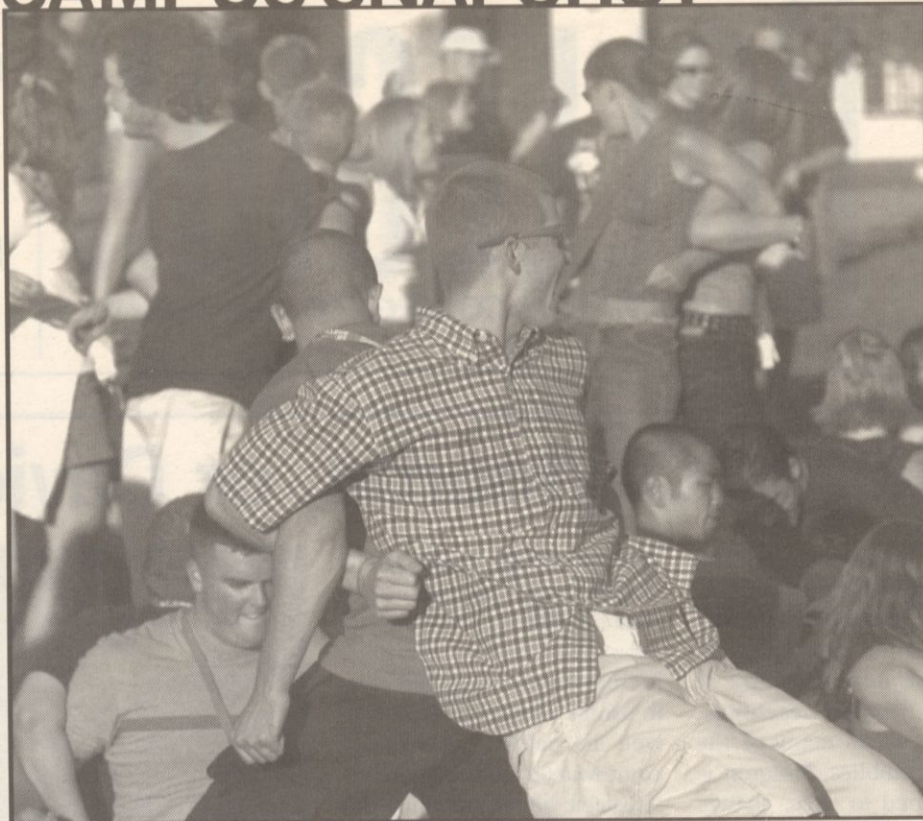
Ice Cream Social

On Wednesday, September 4 after dinner in Ferroggiaro Quad, the Intersivity Christian Fellowship will be hosting its annual ice cream social. All students are welcome to stop by for ice cream and hear about the upcoming events that Intersivity will be hosting throughout the year.

Welcome Back Dance

Program Board will be sponsoring the annual Welcome Back Dance on September 7 in the Soda Center. The theme of the dance is "Welcome to the Jungle." Admittance will begin at 10pm and end at 1am. Be sure to bring an SMC ID and \$2 before 11 and \$3 after.

CAMPUS SNAPSHOT



BLAKE GRIVETTE / COLLEGIAN

Gael-O-Rama eases freshmen tension

As another summer ends and a new school year begins, the freshmen go through the annual tradition of orientation and Gael-O-Rama. New students have a chance to meet other newcomers while playing such games as bird-on-a-perch and the birthday game.

Residence hall project completed just in time

Becket and More residents return with something to cheer about

by Blake Grivette
News Reporter

With summer drawing to a close, SMC's construction frenzy is ending as well. The 10-week, \$2.5 million dollar renovation of the Becket and More dormitories was completed on August 29, two days earlier than anticipated. Major improvements to the two buildings include remodeled bathrooms, new carpeting, vanities, and an arcade that wraps around the first floor of the buildings. Planter boxes

were added in front of the buildings, along with new copper downspouts and gutters to add a fresh look to the aging structures.

Safety and technical improvements include seismic upgrades, a sprinkler and fire safety system, new plumbing throughout the buildings, electrical, TV and phone lines in all rooms, and asphalt in front of the buildings.

In addition, the Justin parking lot was reconfigured, the roof was replaced and new win-

dows were installed.

The construction process was truly hectic, and met with numerous delays. "I'd like to say construction is a science, but it's not. Controlled chaos is what it is," commented foreman Ken Brunbaugh.

Along with Becket and More, the College also has plans to start work on a 1,300-square-foot, tri-level performing arts center. This will be located behind Lefevre Theater. The project is expected to take anywhere from 9-12 months, de-

pending on the number of complications. With music and piano rooms on the first level, the building will also include a second-level dance studio and third-story offices for the theater staff.

The extended education building, Benilde Hall, was demolished during the summer, and its occupants were moved off campus to the Rheem Center. Future plans for this location include a new dining hall and kitchen; however, the project awaits funding.

ITS slows down mp3s

Saint Mary's prioritizes Internet usage

by Christian Muller
Opinion Columnist

Don't panic quite yet - your peer-to-peer sharing has not been completely revoked; however, downloading your favorite radio hits will continue to be a trying experience. Great progress has been made with the ResNet - but, along with the improvements, students will truly feel the effects of last year's Napster court rulings.

ITS director Dennis Rice explains that reports showed as much as 80% of the broadband Internet bandwidth last year was taken up downloading various types of media - illegal media. This explains the sluggishness that regular Saint Mary's surfers experienced when using the system last year.

There is no complete blockage of peer-to-peer sharing through programs such as

Kazaa. However, ITS has programmed the system to prioritize different types of Internet usage, and downloading mp3's is not high on the list. Therefore, they have been able to program the system to recognize media sharing downloads and make them take a back seat to regular surfers checking e-mail or whatever else.

Last year, if someone in your dorm decided to download a DVD video, the entire dorm would suffer. With the new system now integrated, surfers should experience consistently high speed, while the crooks of the Internet will experience excruciating delays of hours or even days.

A word to the wise: With Napster and other peer-to-peer sites shut down and Kazaa having nothing to go back to, the

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Job Hunting?

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There's a **BRAND NEW** job opportunity on campus...

The all new Ambassadors Program needs dedicated students to lead tours, call prospective students, host overnight visits and assist with campus events.

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Across from the
Orinda Theater

Wanted: A few good men and women

Jackson Katz to speak on American manhood and violence against women

“It is important to have men understand why ending men’s violence against women is as much of a man’s issue as it is a women’s issue; this is what is prompting Jackson Katz instead of Katie Koestner.”

Laura Armstrong
Women’s Resource
Center Coordinator

by Chris Swain
News Editor

One in six American women has been victims of rape. 80% of rape victims are under the age of thirty. Nearly 60% of all campus rapes occur in the victim’s residence.

On September 5, the Women’s Resource Center (WRC) will be hosting Jackson Katz to come to Saint Mary’s and discuss issues of rape, sexual harassment, abuse in college dating relationships and other gender-based issues of discrimination and violence.

Katz is largely acknowledged for his work with men and boys in gender violence prevention programs nationwide. In addition to speaking public on the subject, Katz is a member of the US secretary of defense’s task force on domestic violence in the military. He also founded Mentors in Violence Prevention (MVP), a group that seeks to provide gender violence prevention education to men.

The lecture Katz will present is titled, “More than a Few Good Men,” and seeks to target and address men in becoming more actively involved in what are most often perceived to be women’s issues.

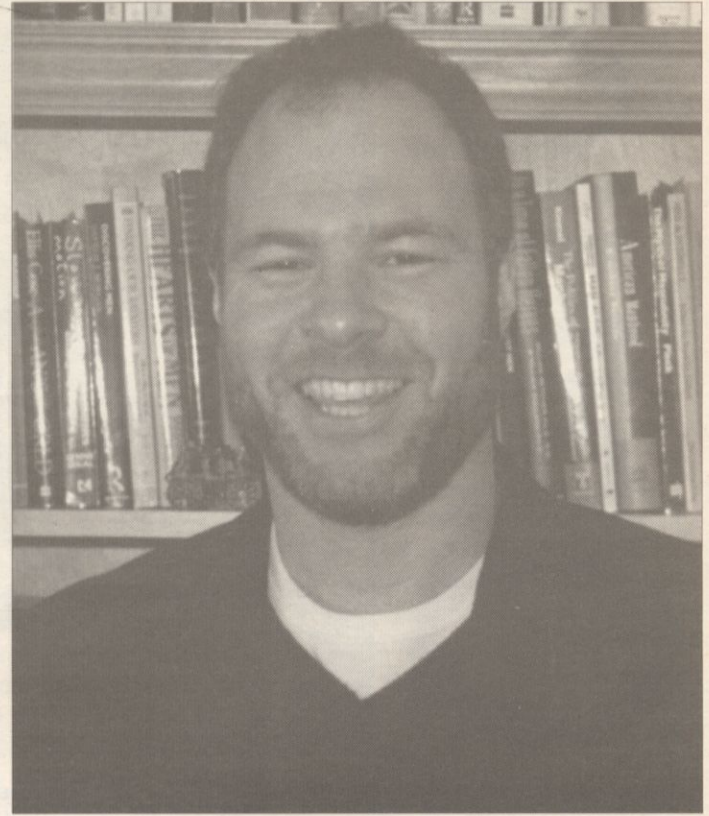
Katz will be replacing Katie Koestner, who has spoken for the past three years at Saint Mary’s on the issue of date rape.

“It is important to have men understand why ending men’s violence against women is as much of a man’s issue as it is a women’s issue,” said the Coordinator of the Women’s Resource Center, Laura Armstrong. “This is what is prompting Jackson Katz instead of Katie Koestner.”

Armstrong is a new face at the Women’s Resource Center. She started work at Saint Mary’s at the beginning of summer. She is a graduate of Iowa State University, and has two masters degrees in education with an emphasis on the nontraditional student and literature and a focus on women of minority in literature.

In addition to a new coordinator, the WRC has moved from Augustine Hall to the ground floor of De La Salle Hall. Sharon Sobatta has also been hired by the center as a sexual assault awareness coordinator, and will begin work at Saint Mary’s in mid-September.

“I would like to expand pro-



Jackson Katz

Photo courtesy of www.menagainstsexualviolence.org

gramming to more than issues of sexual assault, looking at issues of gender, gender equity and the intersections of racism, classism, homophobia relating with sexism,” said Armstrong.

In the past, the WRC has sponsored and held events, and

has planned a variety of new programming, hoping to attract members of the whole campus community. They welcome new visitors as a developing department at SMC.

To find out more, the WRC can be reached at x4193.

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flyers about the works of De la Salle, and hopefully adding some of his works to the Collegiate Seminar program.

“I feel so passionate about educating our students as to who De la Salle was, and why they have such an important and integral part of [his] mission.” Holquin said.

One of the foundations of Holquin’s campaign was personal responsibility, and he wants this ethic to infect the entire student body.

“I want students to be responsible, to be held accountable for their actions. That’s

part of my RA experience coming out (Holquin was an Assistant Resident Hall Advisor in De La Salle last year)— that students need to be adults in their choices.” Holquin is eager to make it clear that he believes students can be held accountable, and that with the increase of responsibility, the administration might be more willing to increase student’s privileges and freedoms on campus.

So look for change this year— with David Holquin at the head of the ASSMC, you might find yourself infected.

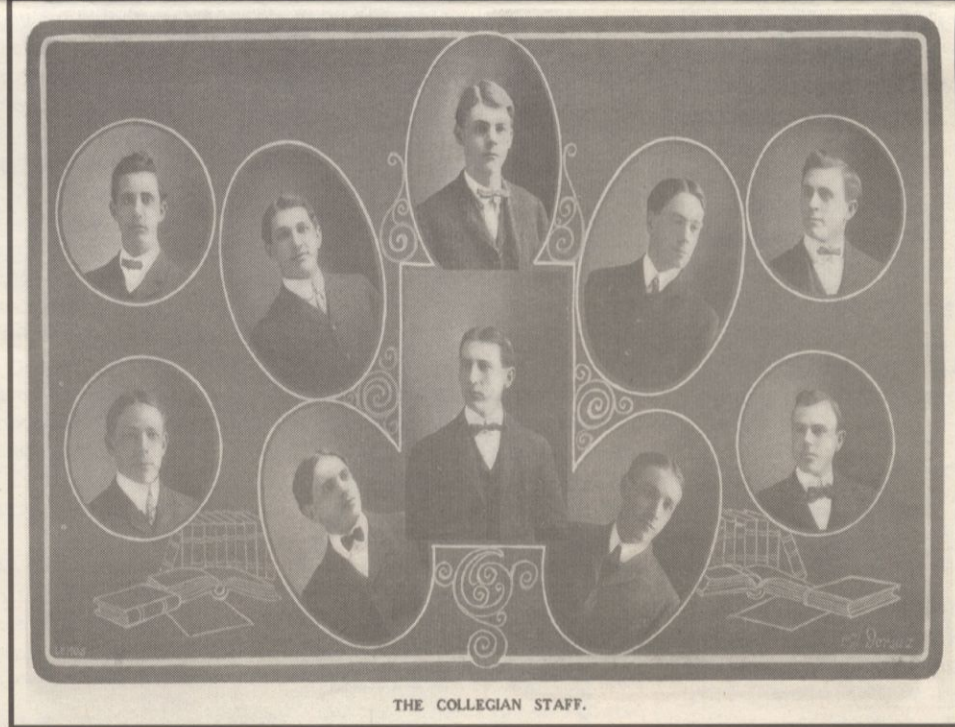
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big guys in the mp3 battle have been wiped out. Now, large labels plan on going after the small guy: Individuals and college students, -- you and I. If you hear nothing else, hear this! If you download a certain movie, too much music from one artist, or have more than 200 illegally downloaded songs, you could receive a fine

of up to \$130,000. Major corporations have found a way to monitor what we download, and, instead of going after ResNet, they will now give ResNet your IP address. ResNet is required, by law to discipline you, starting with immediately taking you off the network. Pick your songs wisely this fall.

THE WAY WE WERE ...

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Humble beginnings of a century-long tradition

The 1904 all-male *Collegian* staff, just one year into the then-literary magazine’s young life, poses for their staff shoot. Little would these men know that the *Collegian* would endure for 99 more years, as the information source for all things Saint Mary’s now celebrates its centennial.

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OPINION



"F#@&%!!!" -- Getting used to SMC's new Ethernet filter.

Cartoon by Jen Gerodias

Gael POLL

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Each week, the Collegian asks questions of 30 random students and compiles the results above. All surveys are anonymous.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Submit your letters to the editor by mail, e-mail, or in person. All letters should be as concise as possible, and the Collegian holds the right to edit any submitted material, solicited or unsolicited.

The President Speaks

Dear Editor,

Another school year has silently approached us. Without our noticing it, school has started again, yet there is a feel and a buzz around campus that is refreshingly new. Over the summer, there have been many changes, additions and surprises.

Becket and More Halls have received a much-needed facelift, much like that of the new IMP service. Likewise, the increase in freshman students has caused tripling in many of their residence halls. The Syufy Center for the Performing Arts is well underway and I feel confident that by next year, students will be dancing, practicing and creating in the new center. There is still so much more that can be said.

Nevertheless, I would like to take this opportunity to extend a heartfelt welcome to all of our students on campus, both residents and commuters alike. First, though, to the graduating Senior Class of 2003: please take this opportunity to encourage, enliven and inspire your fellow peers. Leave a mark on this campus that will forever remind Saint Mary's of what a fantastic class we have been. It is up to us to be responsible stewards of the Mission of the Christian Brothers to educate those younger than us.

To the Junior Class of 2004: please take the opportunity to travel abroad or experience life in ways never before. Your year is unique and I wish that you will continue to grow and mature into the person you would most

like to be.

To the Sophomore Class of 2005: please do not lose your tenacity, dedication and enthusiasm. As a whole, your class has so much to offer Saint Mary's that I hope you will continue on the path you laid a year ago.

To the Freshman Class of 2006: you are our newest members on campus, and I hope you avail yourself to all of the clubs, organizations and sports that we have to offer you here. And please don't ever forget to have the time of your life; this will be one of the best years of your life.

Lastly, to the entire campus community: I hope that this will be a year of responsibility and accountability. That this will be a year of fun-filled excitement and growth. I feel passionately that this year Saint Mary's College of California will shine in all that it does.

With that said, I would like to take this opportunity to once again say, "Welcome Home."

David Holquin

Student Body President

Brother Jack's Advice

Dear Students,

It's great to have you here! This is a year of great academic promise. You know that the Brothers, faculty and staff are eager to engage you in learning opportunities. Additionally, you must know that there are a host of incredibly enthusiastic student leaders also eager to collaboratively work with you this year. Once again, the student body elected a talented group of ASSMC Senators and Executive Council members,

under the leadership of President David Holquin. In addition, there are competent and skilled student leaders serving as RAs, Peer Mentors, Bonner Leaders, Peer Educators, Campus Pastoral Team members, Student-Athlete Advisory Committee members, Student Media and Program Board members, Club presidents and officers, Athletic Team Captains, Student Orientation Staff (SOS) and Week of Welcome (WOW) students. Together, we are all involved in creating a vibrant learning culture here at SMC. Hands, hearts and intellects are all engaged to assist you in making this an enriching academic year. Ready to begin? Let's roll!

I invite you to look around, see and listen, ask questions and engage in dialogue. Get into it! There are great people here and wonderful things to discover and to engage! Let's commit ourselves to inspiring each other to unprecedented heights of growth and development. This premier learning community values faithful relationships, generous involvement, and human dignity. Let us together promote the dignity and integrity of this community, develop habits and skills of learning, and advance the service of others to levels never before seen!

There may be some intense moments, periods of adjustment and challenge, both academically and interpersonally.

However, not one of us is alone on this journey of learning. Seek assistance from a friend or classmate here or at home, touch base with a counselor or

advisor here on campus, talk with faculty or staff members, Brothers, Sisters or Priests in their offices, on the quad, in the residence halls or anywhere – check in with God in a moment of prayer. No one of us is alone – we can share the burdens. September 11, 2001 taught us that we are a tight community and that together we can overcome adversity.

As this year unfolds, take intellectual risks, explore the vast riches of the Saint Mary's curriculum, remain open to new ideas of inquiry – and get involved in student clubs, service and spiritual activities, intramurals, sports and other organizations as a means of becoming an engaged campus community member. Shape this learning focused culture through your active participation! I am looking forward to seeing you around campus.

Brother Jack Curran
Vice President
of Student Affairs

what's on your mind

The Collegian wants to hear from you! Please drop your letters off to the Collegian Office on 2nd floor Ferriggiaro Hall, in the box marked "Letters."

THE COLLEGIAN
QUESTION OF THE WEEK

WHAT ARE YOUR PRIORITIES AS AN SMC STUDENT?

Drop letters off by Friday at 4pm on the second floor of Ferriggiaro Hall or email us at collegia@stmarys-ca.edu

Collegian. view

Holquin: Leading us toward Lasallian Awareness

President David Holquin, you were the underdog in last year's election because you stood for a change from the acquiescent governments of the past; the student body entrusted you with its government. You pledged your commitment to the accountability of Catholic virtues in all facets of campus life. Now is your opportunity to take a stand and make the decisions that have been too divisive for past administrations.

Now is the time to change "Lasallian" from a clichéd buzzword that is thrown around and deprived of meaning into an ideal we hold in our hearts with conviction. Now is the time to make this school one whose students are excited to attend because of a higher level of awareness that exudes from its formerly apathetic student body. President Holquin, now is your time to help us help ourselves through this transformation from negligence and naiveté to consciousness of our own community and that of the world.

Is Celibacy The Problem?

Investigating the role of celibacy in the Roman Catholic Church sex scandal

by Nathan Cho
Opinion Columnist

As the scandal within the Roman Catholic Church has broadened, many have speculated on what the precise root of the issue is. Some maintain that the vow of celibacy is the problem. If priests were allowed to receive the sacrament of marriage, the argument goes, then they would have no desire to engage in sexual acts with minors. This proposal, however, overlooks the fact that a vast number of priests are homosexual. It follows that, even if these men were permitted to marry, they would not be attracted to women. If the vow of celibacy were lifted, it would not necessarily prevent misconduct.

Fr. Donald Cozzens, in his book *The Changing Face of the Priesthood*, mentions that a study done by NBC estimates that 23 to 58 percent of priests are homosexual. Thus, if the requirement of celibacy were rescinded, there would not necessarily be a huge number of

priests making haste to marry. Furthermore, other Christian denominations that do allow clergy to marry also suffer from sexual misconduct. Churches that do not require celibacy are, like their Catholic counterparts, troubled with misconduct suits.

If anything, celibacy is the answer to the current crisis. One should make these vows, like those of marriage, with the intention of keeping them. It doesn't matter whether priests are heterosexual or homosexual; all have an obligation to keep their vows. In the eyes of the Church, the idea of celibacy is intended to allow the religious to mature in holiness through the self-sacrifice of carnal pleasures. This willingly-made sacrifice implies that the priest relinquishes his choice to marry in order to extend his love to God's people and Church, and to serve it more fully. The current scandals are not caused by the vow of celibacy itself, but rather by a lack of celibacy — in other words, by a failure to keep vows on the part of individual priests.

IF I WERE SHAKESPEARE



by Rob Porter

September 11 Encourages Reevaluation of Priorities

Nine months after the September 11 attacks, a minor baby boom occurred. There are many possible explanations, but the most prevalent is that Americans reevaluated their priorities. Americans are notorious "workaholics" who, with a quixotic vision of the American Dream in their eyes, devote vast portions of their lives to their jobs.

After the trauma of September 11, however, it seems that many people became aware that work and the countless other responsibilities of adulthood had distracted them from doing the things that were first on their lists, such as starting families and spending time with loved ones.

As students at Saint Mary's College, we experience the pivotal change from adolescence to adulthood as these responsibilities steadily come into our lives and distract us from the more essential contributors to our happiness.

As I watch my peers fill their days with work, meetings and appointments, it seems to me that it is quite easy to get caught up in these responsibilities as they naturally occur with the shedding of adolescence. As students, we still have the freedom to stay focused on our lifetime goals before the grind of getting by in modern America distracts us from them. I look ahead with hope that we can spend this time as fully as possible without losing the values of family, friendship and spirituality. To forget these values is to forget that which we work for. If we are aware that our youth is passing during our college years, with luck we can manage to make the best of the time and perhaps allow us to preserve it in the future. By doing so, we make ourselves a generation of Americans that can see through the conditioned priorities of work, money and a perverted concept of materialistic "success," to more essential matters from which we are distracted.

LOST IN THE NUMBERS

One freshman's discouraged reflection on this year's orientation



graphic design by Nicole Faraclas

by Katie Kimball

Opinion Columnist

As a prospective student at SMC, I thought I would feel at home. I chose the school for its small size and beautiful campus, and I did not fear falling through the cracks. But at the prospective freshman overnight last April, I did just that.

By the time I arrived on campus after a long flight, I was a nervous wreck. I was told to write down the name of my favorite toothpaste, and that this information would enable my student host to find me. Twenty minutes later, I was still waiting. I asked around, and discovered that my host hadn't shown. I overheard a supervisor asking an upperclassman if she would take me. "I really don't want to," she retorted. To say the least, I didn't feel wel-

come. Eventually, a student took me in, and she was great. Her hospitality helped me decide that I wanted to make SMC my home.

I had higher expectations for orientation, but things went from bad to worse. The registrar had no record of my registration. I was stranded in a foreign town, knowing no one. I was randomly placed in an SOS group and introduced to my leader. She was very helpful; to their credit, it was obvious that the students had put a lot of hard work into the program. But one aspect of orientation had me wanting to run to my dorm room (which wouldn't open): icebreakers. Sitting in circles playing name games had me feeling like a preschooler again.

Although I'm sure that feelings of alienation as a new student are to be

expected, the fact that the registrar overlooked me made my adjustment even harder. I'm a social person by nature; however, I don't yet feel like an integral part of the SMC community. Being new, I already felt lost, and when programs designed to make me feel included failed, I felt even more alienated. My "Week of Welcome" will likely be spent in my room.

Those of you who are familiar with Saint Mary's campus may have trouble empathizing, but think back to when you were a lost freshman, miles from home.

Despite the impressive efforts of orientation staff and programs, it seems that the only way I will feel welcome is with the time and experience that no icebreaker can provide.

SPORTS

Injuries and ranking humble Gaels

Women's soccer team goes 1-1 at Cal Invitational despite missing players

by C.J. Daft
Staff Writer

Maybe there is something to the unluckiness of 13.

In the recent NCAA women's soccer buzz poll, the Saint Mary's women's soccer team was ranked #13 in the nation. But while this may have boosted the Gaels' morale going into the season, pre-season injuries are holding the Gaels back.

Before the team even gathered together for training camp, the Gaels lost one of their strongest defensive players and last season's captain in junior Jessica Poole, who tore an anterior cruciate ligament in her left knee. The team also lost junior midfielders Cassie Wittick and Tonja Cabatana, both of who were expected to contribute heavily this year. If not having these players in the lineup this season wasn't enough of an obstacle to overcome, last season's leading scorer, Katie Fratone, is expected to miss up to a month with a left hamstring injury.

However, at the Cal Invitational last weekend, the team showed that it has enough depth and talent to replace the injured players and still compete strongly. The Gaels lost 1-0 to Purdue and beat Ohio State 3-1. Although the team allowed one goal in each game,



Photo courtesy of Gaelpage

Junior midfielder Jen Belzer hustles to make a play. Belzer scored one goal in the tournament.

it showed that its defense could keep them competitive even in the face of offensive struggles, as was the case in their game against Purdue. With the defense clogging the box, star goalkeeper Ruth Montgomery didn't work up much of a sweat.

If the Gaels have been slowed by injuries, they have

found a rising star in fullback Jen Belzer. Her hustle sent her all over the field, preventing many opposing goals; Belzer even scored an unexpected goal against Ohio State when she outraced the last Buckeye defender and took a perfect cross from striker Lucianne Crenshaw.

Although the team lost its

first game of the season, Belzer believes that this could be beneficial, as it will remind the team that a high NCAA ranking does not leave them invulnerable.

"We have to realize that last year is not going to give us a free ride. We have to start this year working hard," Belzer said.

SCOREBOARD

FOOTBALL

AUGUST 31	
Saint Mary's	24
(20) Montana	27

Nathan Frowsing, Andre Coleman, and Weston Borba were named to Don Henson's 2002 Preseason All-America team.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

AUGUST 30	
Saint Mary's	0
Purdue	1

SEPTEMBER 1	
Saint Mary's	3
Ohio State	1

MEN'S SOCCER

AUGUST 30	
Saint Mary's	2
Fresno State	2

VOLLEYBALL

AUGUST 30	
Saint Mary's	3
Army	0

AUGUST 31	
Saint Mary's	0
UC Riverside	3

AUGUST 31	
Saint Mary's	2
UNLV	1

WOMEN'S CREW

Over the summer, Athletic Director Carl Clapp named Amber Van Heel head coach of the women's rowing team. Van Heel joins the SMC staff with head coaching experience in such organizations as the North Bay Rowing Club and Boston College's novice program. Van Heel takes over for five-year veteran Rich Wendling, who resigned from the position in March.

Volleyball goes 2-1 in home tourney

Tournament MVP Lowry leads Gaels through weekend

by Jackie Reiter
Sports Writer

The women's volleyball team had an impressive showing in its first action of the season, defeating Army and UNLV, 3-0 and 2-1 respectively, and falling to UC Riverside, 0-3, to post a 2-1 record in a season-opening tournament at McKeon Pavilion. SMC Senior Brooke Lowry recorded an incredible 95 assists over three games for the Gaels in an effort that earned her the tournament MVP award. Sophomore Lindsey Bogoson also logged a combined 26 kills in the Gaels' two wins, gaining a place alongside Lowry on the All-Tournament team.

The wins were a promising start to the season for the new-look Gaels, who feature four new freshmen and one transfer student on their roster sheet.

In their first match of the tournament, against UC Riverside, senior Rachel Avilla and Bogoson led the Gaels offensively, with Avilla bringing in 11 kills and nine digs. Bogoson also added 12 kills and eight digs.

The Gaels rebounded from the Riverside loss with an easy 3-0 victory over Army in the second match. Bogoson helped the Gaels take the win, recording a game-high 12 kills, while Lowry came through with 25 assists, seven kills, five service aces and six digs. Bogoson and



Photo by Blake Grivette

Meg Hauser is third on the team with 2.22 digs per game.

Lowry finished with .259 and .368 hitting percentages, respectively.

The Gaels finished the weekend by defeating UNLV 3-0 in their third and final match of the day. Lowry again led the team with 37 assists, and took home the Gaels' All-Tournament Team MVP

award.

With 14 kills, Bogoson led the Gaels offensively, followed by junior Jill Parmele, who wrapped up the tournament with nine kills and six digs. Sophomore Stacey O'Connor had eight kills in the game.

MLB strikes out with this fan

by Brad Kvederis
Chief Copy Editor

Thankfully, A's fans and Yankees fans alike were able to breathe a sigh of relief last week when baseball avoided the obvious disaster that a strike would bring; an espn.com poll showed that 17% of those responding believed that the fans were "the biggest winners" in the near-fiasco. But when baseball nearly devours itself, showing us the exact opposite of everything that playing ball is supposed to represent, does anyone really win?

When baseball's players and owners turn on themselves, they also turn on the fans. Did the owners agree on a revenue-sharing plan because they wanted to? No - they did so because they'd rather do that than have no revenue to share.

If a friend told you, "I took your car out for a spin without asking, and I almost wrecked it a few times, but it's back in one piece - so you win!" you wouldn't let him off the hook - so why do we let baseball off easy time and again? Because it gives us great moments that no other sport can, and we will never forget that. And why did the lawyers and the owners finally work their tails off to give the fans what we wanted this time? Because they knew that we, in the end, had control of exactly what they were fighting over - the almighty dollar.

Men's soccer returns revamped and ready

by Andrea Camarena
Sports Editor

The Gaels opened the 2002 season with a 2-2 tie in double overtime against Fresno State. The team stepped onto its "new" field with five freshman starters – and without starting goalie Kellen Wilson. Instead, junior Josh Duffy, a converted defenseman, stood on the line in his first-ever appearance as the Saint Mary's keeper.

The Gaels, while not playing their best game, did show a lack of inhibition due to the youth of the team. The play on both sides appeared sloppy and unorganized at times – not unusual for a season opener. After a scoreless first half, the Gaels put two away, courtesy of freshmen halfbacks Mathew Walker and Patrick Lowe. Both goals were quickly followed by equally impressive counterattacks by their opponents.

Duffy stepped up for the team after starting goalie Wilson tore both his lateral meniscus and his ACL while training on his own over the summer. The team fell into more

trouble when both their second- and third-string keepers hurt their wrists on the opening day of training. With experience playing on a state team in Kansas during high school, and emergency training in the past two weeks, Duffy stepped into the opener on Friday with skill and experience – despite the fact that he played in the field as a defender for all of 2001.

After only 16 days of team training and no exhibition games, the Gaels' play on Friday was both helped and hindered by the youth of the team. Assistant coach Adam Cooper stated, "I think they were very nervous and very anxious. They just got thrown into the fire out there." For 50% of the team, it was the first appearance on a college field.



Graphic design
by Andrea Camarena
Photos by Katie Linnet

Cooper believes the team has a strong advantage in both its quality and quantity of players. "The best thing about our team is we have competition in practice. The competition really brings out the best in everybody." With an aggressive style of training and multiple-game weeks, the

lineup is never stagnant and a starter is never set for the season.

The game against Fresno fortells the future competition for the 2002 season, and the Gaels must continue to work toward becoming an integrated team.

Football Loses Heartbreaker to Montana

by Denny Bulcao, Jr.
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"We had our chances." That was all either team could say after a sloppy, nerve-wracking, down-to-the-last-possession season opener at Montana State's (1-0) Bobcat Stadium. Unfortunately for the Gaels (0-1), the Bobcats' left-footed placekicker, E.J. Cochrane, wasted no time in taking advantage of a game-winning opportunity.

Cochrane, who had shanked three kickoffs out of bounds, drilled an end-over-end 47-yard field goal with six seconds left to win it for MSU, 27-24.

Somehow, three seconds remained on the clock, but a legend for Gael Land was not to be.

True freshman quarterback Trevor Johnston showed flashes of promise and moments of froshness, leading the Gaels with 118 yards rushing and two touchdowns. Sophomore fullback Clint Wilson ground out 110 yards through the heart of the Bobcat defense.

Montana State took advantage of Saint Mary's first turnover, a misplayed pitch from Johnston to Jeff Brown on the SMC 17-yard line. Bobcat quarterback Tyler Thomas con-

nected with wide receiver Aaron Hill to put the opposition up 7-0.

Another lost fumble by Johnston on the Gaels' second possession, followed by a missed 33-yard field goal attempt by Ezequiel Arevalo, began to frustrate the Gael faithful.

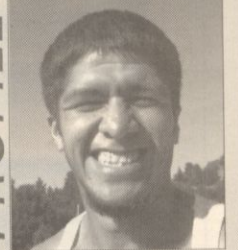
The Red and Blue's standout free safety, junior Weston Borba, finally provided a spark to place doubt in the Bobcat's helmets and instill some confidence in the sputtering SMC offense. Borba's interception on the MSU 25 with 8:10 left in the first half set up a 19-yard TD run by Johnston for the

freshman's first collegiate touchdown – and, more importantly, a tie ball game.

After two more Bobcat touchdowns, the Gaels answered with an 8-yard TD run in the sure hands of junior Andre Coleman. Following a Myron Chivis interception on the MSU 20, Ryan Sauter lunged for a vital first-and-goal before Johnston plunged in for another six. MSU went up yet again with a 26-yard field goal, but the Gaels' Arevalo answered with a 19-yarder for the third tie of the game, 24-24. With 2:49 left, MSU went 50 yards in 11 plays before Cochrane's game-winner.

ATHLETE

PROFILE



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by Jackie Reiter
Sports Writer

Sophomore Gabe Ramos is new in town and running to school – literally. On most mornings, Gabe runs the mile or so to Saint Mary's from his off-campus house. All in good practice, of course, as he is one of the new runners joining the SMC cross-country team. Although Gabe, 20, doesn't have a lot of experience with the sport, he brings a passion for running.

This newest member to the Gaels' squad soon will become a true cross-country runner next summer when he plans to run from New York to San Francisco. A youth-aimed group, Challenge Day, needs to raise funds to continue its youth-oriented program. Gabe volunteered to run from New York to San Francisco for sponsorship, which will go toward Challenge Day. The 3,500-mile trek is set to take four months at a 26-miles a day pace. This leaves the runner training with a marathon a day for four months.

Having previously run only in high school and for fun, Gabe lacks the collection of honors and awards that many Saint Mary's athletes carry. Instead, he brings dedication, having already completed three marathons – two of which he trained for entirely by himself. For the most recent, the California International Marathon in Sacramento, he and a friend trained and prepared for the race for almost four months.

After changing his major to psychology and completing a year at Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo, Gabe decided to transfer to Saint Mary's. His next move was to meet the cross-country team and run with the Gaels. Surprisingly, he joined the team only a week before school began and started running with them, making him the newest and most unknown member of the team.

Junior Peter Stemp explained that nobody has seen Gabe run in a race, so they don't know what to expect – but they all look forward to his finish.

In addition to running, Gabe enjoys volunteering and giving his time up for others. In the past, he worked for an organization in Martinez that helped juveniles re-establish themselves. At Saint Mary's, he hopes to volunteer at San Quentin.

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FILM

My Big Fat Greek Wedding is the best movie I've seen all summer – and that includes *Star Wars*. The title gives it all away, but don't let that deter you; there are some "quality moments" with a senile Greek grandmother that are priceless. Featuring a killer performance from John Corbett of "Sex and the City", *MBFGW* is also educational, teaching viewers how every word in the English language originated from Greek. And even though Joey Fatone (of N*SYNC) has a supporting role, the film is entertaining enough to compensate for the boy band member's appearance. If you don't leave feeling happy you saw it, you must be Turkish. Opa!

-Susanne E. Schweitzer

MUSIC

The eclectic "Unlimited Sunshine" tour passed through California this month. Headlining band Cake assembled a diverse mix of bands including Kinky, the Hackenshaw Boys, Modest Mouse, De la Soul and the Flaming Lips. Notable performances were given by Modest Mouse, led by the harmonic and whammy-bar laden guitar playing of Isaac Brock, and by the energetic hip-hop group De la Soul. The brightest moment of the festival, however, was provided by the Flaming Lips, who, with their phaser-filtered rock symphonies and colorful light shows, gave too passionate a performance for Cake to follow, making the headliners' solid performance seem merely pedestrian.

-Rob Porter

BOOK

Are you wishing to add more to your personal library? Can't remember the last time a book made you laugh out loud? Then you should pick up a copy of "Me Talk Pretty One Day." This hysterical collection of essays from author David Sedaris is a work guaranteed to tickle your literary funny bone. With personal stories and a clever sense of humor, Sedaris creates pages of poignant fun. From tales of fifth-grade speech therapy to life in Paris, this bestseller will do nothing but delight. You will be surprised and sorry when you reach the last page.

-Angela Santillo

Experience the *RUSH*
of
Coldplay
*Band fills sophomore shoes with new release*by Angela Santillo
Detour Columnist

In their new release, *A Rush of the Blood to the Head*, Coldplay does not repeat the excessive melancholy that was so apparent on their debut. Their first record, *Parachutes*, introduced these four Brits as an alternative group with melodious tunes and graceful lyrics. While their first work was a soundtrack for a rainy day, this album provides some lighting for their usually mellow skies.

The songs on this album are – surprisingly – up-tempo, and are played with extra confidence. Chris Martin's voice has more freedom as it ranges from eerie to piercing, and Will Champion's drums indulge in a larger spotlight as he moves beyond soft beat-counting into percussion dominance.

Each track offers something different as their musical intentions see-saw between soulfulness and newfound liveliness. The first track, "Politik" starts

abruptly, with all instruments playing at once in a loud, unstructured fashion. It sounds like a skipping record, but soon becomes a soft backdrop for the lyrics, only to reclaim volume as Martin yells, "Open up your eyes."

A number of songs start off as piano ballads accompanied by the heartfelt lyrics fans have come to expect from Coldplay. "The Scientist," the most intricately constructed song of the record, depicts the over-analysis that can ruin a relationship with emotional lyrics and strong guitar riffs that perfectly

convey the sentiments of the situation.

The more exciting songs are accompanied with words never found on the first album. Their biggest single from *Parachutes*, "Yellow," had calming lyrics like, "Look at the stars/ look how they shine for you/ and everything you do."

In their new record, the title track starts with a simple guitar but gains momentum as

Martin sings, "I'm gonna buy a gun and start a war/ if you tell me something worth fighting for."

The band has been touring the states, riding on the success of their first single, "In My Place," which ranks 18th on the Billboard charts. Their Bay Area appearance will be on Friday, September 6, at Berkeley's Greek Theater. With a great live act, and with these new songs blended into its playlist, the concert will surely delight any Coldplay fan.

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Good eats and budget prices make The Ranch House a great breakfast bet.

by Susanne E. Schweitzer
Chief Copy Editor

Say it's a Saturday morning. Say you partied a mite too hard the night before. Say you're in the mood for breakfast, but not for crowds. Say you enjoy free-range poultry. That being said, your best bet might be The Ranch House in Moraga, across the street from Safeway. Though many Saint Mary's students consider Millie's Kitchen in Lafayette to be the premiere breakfast establishment, The Ranch House is superior overall. It's cheaper, it's closer, they actually have a bathroom – and the food is better.

Consider my recent Saturday morning spent eating at The Ranch House with my roommates; while there, we ran into a good fifteen Saint Mary's students and alumni. In fact, the head server, Linda Zoccoli, said, "we like Saint Mary's students. We get the women's soccer team in there three to four times a season, and the last two days have been filled with Saint Mary's students."



A young girl smiles as she sips her glass of milk at the Ranch House

Photo by Nick Sylva

I recommend the veggie omelet; it's \$7, but my roommate and I asked to split it – and not only did they put it on separate plates for us, but it was actually cooked in separate portions. With the potatoes and English muffins (which are also scrumptious), it was more than enough to

feed both of us. Also recommended are the blueberry pancakes and French toast (\$4.50 and \$3.75, respectively).

Junior Ryan Gilbarch, who was eating a few tables away, had only good things to say about The Ranch House, proclaiming, "It's close to school, and the food is bomb diggity."

Our server, Courtney Norager, told us that Saint Mary's students are her favorite customers because they tip well. So next weekend, when you're looking for a diner-esque breakfast experience, try The Ranch House. Just remember our reputation, and tip generously!