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Controversy arises in frosh elections

by Josh Krebbiel
Copy Editor

The elections for the Class of 2006 appear to be shrouded in controversy after the disqualification of Jeff Gaeto, the heavy favorite in the election for freshman class president.

Gaeto, who received the most votes in the original election on Sept. 24-25, was disqualified from a run-off between himself and Katie Gallagher for violations of the Associated Students (ASSMC) election code. Gaeto, who received 92 votes in the first election to Gallagher's 58, allegedly broke the rules of the election by distributing a flyer reminding voters of the run-off election without obtaining official approval.

An appeal by Gaeto remained unresolved after a meeting of the ASSMC judicial tribunal last Wednesday.

Gaeto did not get the flyer approved because of a conversation he had with Brendan Hughes, ASSMC's vice president of administration, earlier in the week. Gaeto inferred from the conversation that an official stamp was not needed for flyers that were to be distributed by hand.

The Election Commission was informed of the illegal flyer, and voted to disqualify Gaeto. This was followed swiftly by Gaeto's appeal.

Select members of the student senate convened on the matter in the Associated Students Office and heard testimony from Gaeto, freshman vice president Alex Kirschner, and Hughes.

With the appeal unresolved, the senate left for the student government retreat at the Russian River Oct. 4-6, with the newly elected freshman officers – but without a freshman president. Hughes says that ASSMC plans to hold another hearing this week, where it hopes to make a final ruling.

The election originally went to a run-off because no candidate received more than 50% of the votes; besides Gaeto and Gallagher, Amandeep Mahal and Pablo Armas received 52 and 21 votes, respectively.

Faculty petitions for investigation

ACADEMIC PETITION

Whereas Saint Mary's College identifies itself as "one of the most distinguished colleges in the West," and

Whereas the reputation of Saint Mary's College relative to that of other academic institutions affects:

- a) its ability to recruit qualified students, faculty and staff,
- b) the perceived value of its diploma among employers, graduate schools and professional schools,
- c) its ability to raise funds from donors and alumni, and
- d) its stature in the local and academic communities

Therefore, we call on the Academic Senate to investigate whether the College's relative academic standing has changed in recent years, and to support specific measures designed to improve its academic reputation.

by Josh Farley
Editor-in-Chief

A growing number of SMC faculty members are asking the administration to investigate the College's academic stand-

ing, most recently in a petition to be submitted to the College's faculty academic senate.

The petition comes in response to a series of recent publications in which the ranking of Saint Mary's College has

universally fallen.

Most recently, *U.S. News and World Report* announced a drop of eight places over the past five years, from 4th to 12th among Western colleges.

"We wish to find out, as best we can, whether Saint Mary's has slipped academically, relative to other academic institutions," said Stephen Woolpert, chair of SMC's political science department. "[This question] deserves to be answered."

Woolpert, who authored the petition, warns that not only the reputation of the College falters when the its ranking continues to decline.

"It's not just that we want to teach some place that is prestigious for its own sake," Woolpert said, "but the more respected the school is, the better job we can do, and the more resources we'll have."

It matters to the students, and therefore it matters to the faculty."

One of Woolpert's specific concerns is the lack of opportunities offered to faculty members to pursue scholarly

research projects.

Gerard Capriulo, a science professor, echoed Woolpert's concerns.

"There have been growing perceptions, assertions and actions over the last several years coming from some SMC faculty and administrators that suggest a strong belief on their part that faculty scholarship interferes with teaching," said Capriulo. "We wish with this [petition] to bring about a campus wide reaffirmation of institutional commitment to scholarship in the life of the SMC professor."

The petition, signed by more than two dozen faculty members, will be reviewed shortly by the academic senate.

Both Capriulo and Woolpert hope that the petition can bring about a thorough investigation of the College's reputation.

"We need to find out what is really going on, if we're slipping or not," said Woolpert. "If so, let's advise some steps we can take that will improve our academic reputation, and advocate that."

Recruiting gets serious at Saint Mary's

Student Ambassador Program organizes and improves SMC recruiting

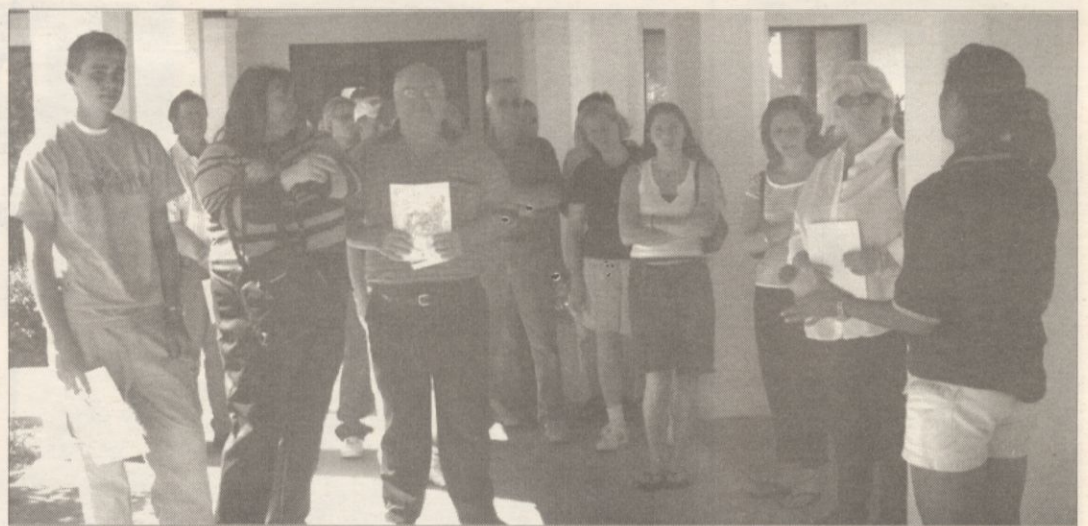
by Scott Sanford
News Writer

This semester, the Admissions department has completely revamped the way that it deals with prospective students. The duties involved with recruiting new students to Saint Mary's – once conducted by volunteers and work-study students, has now been formed into a team similar to SOS, called the Ambassador Program.

The team consists of sixteen Saint Mary's students who were recruited last spring. Each position lasts for the entire year, and students work approximately eight hours a week.

Tasks include calling and recruiting prospective students, hosting campus events and overnight programs, high school visitations and, of course, guiding tours.

"In the past, the quality of our program had been lower because we relied heavily on volunteers, who had little training. The new program is much more organized," said Laura Layton, assistant director of admissions and the creator of the Ambassador Program.



Choua Yang/ COLLEGIAN

Ambassador Irene Guzman gives a tour to prospective students and their parents.

Since the team is small and the participants stay the same for the entire year, more time can be spent on training the students.

"This gives us a confident number of qualified students able to take ownership of the process," said Layton "They see the whole process of dealing with prospective students. This makes it much more rewarding for the ambassadors."

Layton, who came to Saint Mary's last semester, was responsible for creating a similar program at the University of Oregon.

Michael Beseda, vice president for enrollment, believes that prospective students would rather talk to actual students than to administrators.

"It is an outstanding effort to give some of our current Saint Mary's students more time to deal with prospective students," said Beseda, "and opportunities to share some of

their experiences with prospective students. The Ambassador Program is a better-organized program with better opportunities for training of current students, which ultimately is better for prospective students."

New recruits will be chosen for the ambassador program each spring.

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IN THE NEWS

SMC ranked in top 8 % by NCAA

Ranked at the top of the West Coast Conference, Saint Mary's is 24th out of the 308 NCAA institutions in the graduation rate of its athletes. According to the National Collegiate Athletic Association report, men graduated at an 81% rate while women graduated at a 100% rate. The national averages were 53% for men and 70% for women among Division I-A schools.

Career and Internship fair

Wednesday, October 9, a career and internship fair will be held for students in Dryden Hall and the surrounding area. There will be a fashion show, and Krispy Kreme will donate 20 dozen donuts to the event.

Message from the Registrar's Office

Jan Term registration is this week. Registration forms are available in the Registrar's Office. Forms may be turned in from 8:30- 2:30 p.m.: Seniors- Monday, Oct. 7 Juniors- Tuesday, Oct. 8 Sophomores- Wed., Oct. 9 Freshmen- Thurs., Oct. 10.

SMC History Lecture Series

The history department will host Professor Richard Gyug from Fordham University in New York. Gyug will give a talk titled "El Camino de Santiago: Past and Present on the Way of Saint James." The lecture is on Thursday, October 17 at 8:00 p.m. in the Soda Center. Admission is free to all.

Open Mic. Night

Tuesday, October 8, Campus Ministry sponsors "Open Mic. Night" in Delphine Hall. The event will be from 9:30-11:00 p.m.

After Dark Dance

Friday, October 11, Program Board sponsors the After Dark Dance in Dryden Hall. The dance will be from 10:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m.

Club Meetings

APASA General Meeting October 8, 6-7 p.m. in Delphine. SAA Meeting October 8, 7:30-9:00 p.m. MEChA Meeting, October 9, 6-7:30 p.m. in Delphine. Intersvarsity Meeting, October 10, 7:45-9:45 p.m. in Delphine. Dante club Pasta Feed, October 10, 11-1:30 p.m. in Dryden.

CAMPUS SNAP SHOT



BLAKE GRIVETTE/COLLEGIAN

North Carolina brings fans to SMC

Fans filled the seats at Saint Mary's Stadium to watch the women's soccer team in the SMC Fall Classic, a tournament that pitted the Gaels against #1 Stanford, #2 North Carolina and Tulane. The team went 1-1, defeating Tulane 3-1 but falling to UNC on Sunday.

Future jobs not in jeopardy for students

Job market competitive but not impossible with present economy

by Courtney Carmignani
News Writer

After 9/11, there seemed to be a dark cloud looming over the economy and college graduates entering the job market. With the tragedies now one year behind us, the outlook seems to be brightening, and students nationwide are becoming more optimistic about their futures.

A recent poll conducted by consulting firm Ernst & Young revealed that college students nationwide feel confident about life after graduation, even in the midst of the wavering economy. In fact, of the 800

students polled, 59% expect to be millionaires in their lifetimes, and 81% expect to be better off than their parents.

"Young people today are entering the workforce with a strong sense of confidence in themselves despite an uncertain economic outlook, and we feel their determination to succeed is very promising," said James Freer of Ernst & Young, according to *Collegiate Presswire*.

Although the job market is not impossible to conquer, it certainly is not what it once was, according to Patty Bishop, employer relations manager at

Saint Mary's.

"Five years ago, we were seeing job offers with signing bonuses, car allowances, and stock options, those days are over for the time being," Bishop said.

Bishop predicts the reality for the class of 2003 to play out much like that of the class of 2002. "Employers will continue to be conservative in who they hire."

However, even with the struggles that graduates will face, Bishop says, SMC offers students an edge over the competition. "Saint Mary's students traditionally have a stel-

lar reputation among the recruiters who come to our campus. They know our students are well-prepared, excellent communicators, and critical thinkers," says Bishop.

Regardless of the economy and the job market, there is no confusion about one thing: Students must take an active role in their own job hunts.

Internships, said Bishop, are a good way to get your foot in the door. "Over 50% of internships turn into job offers."

Bishop recommends taking advantage of the career center, workshops, and the career fair on October 9.

CRIME BEAT

9/28 5:15 p.m.

Incident: Damaged Property

Synopsis: Car windshield was hit by a foul ball during baseball practice. Case referred to Insurance Administration.

9/28 2:15 a.m.

Incident: Medical

Synopsis: Student broke arm from fall in Mitty. Case closed.

9/29 10:20 a.m.

Incident: Vandalism

Synopsis: Grass reported damaged on the east lawn of Ageno C. Referred to buildings and grounds.

9/30 12:33 p.m.

Incident: Grand Theft

Synopsis: Student's mountain bike was stolen in Guerrieri West Hall. Case suspended.

10/1 5:30 p.m.

Incident: Suspicious circumstances

Synopsis: Public safety called because of unknown person at the Health Center. Case referred to Dean of Student development.

10/1 6:05 p.m.

Incident: Vehicle Accident

Synopsis: Private property was damaged in accident in Filippi parking lot. Case closed.

10/1 8:00 p.m.

Incident: Suspicious circumstances

Synopsis: Student reported e-mail harassment in Justin Hall. Case suspended.

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Public Forum

New Student Convocation hosts large crowd

Required attendance, an NBC television star and food bring students together

by Chris Mateo
News Writer

“Believe in yourself, follow your dreams, and be aware of a higher being’s presence in your life.”

Mahershala Ali
Class of ‘96

For the first time in recent history, Saint Mary’s College held a New Student Convocation on Wednesday, October 2. From now on, freshmen will be handed intricate wisdom from campus faculty and staff annually, thanks to the new tradition.

After an invocation by SMC’s vice president of student affairs, Br. Jack Curran, FSC, representatives from the business office, financial aid office, registrar’s office, and the Jan term office all came for brief descriptions on their roles at the school and how they assist students in their respective areas.

Following those key points, alumnus Mahershala Ali offered words of wisdom for the freshmen.

Ali gave an inspirational speech on how his college experience brought him to fame in the performing arts. “Success is an everyday battle,” said Ali.

Ali came to Saint Mary’s to play basketball and left with a bachelor degree of arts in mass communication. He began acting his junior year and joined the performance “Spunk” during his senior year. Due to close relationships formed with faculty, he developed his love of acting. Ali summarized his life’s philosophy by saying, “Believe in yourself, follow your dreams, and be aware of a higher being’s presence in your life.”

“This convocation is meant to remind new students of important suggestions for enhanced learning,” said Michael Beseda, Vice President of Enrollment Services. Freshmen this year were given the book *Making the Most of College* by Richard Light to inspire students to enhance their college careers.

“Many people across the country felt that this book was a great way for students to learn about how to get the most out of college. It’s basically the voice of experienced students giving advice to inexperienced students,” Beseda said.



Mahershala Ali, class of ‘96.

Photo by Choua Yang

To conclude the event, the cheerleaders, Gael Force One, and the football team came in and sang the SMC fight song, “On to Victory.” The audience was then led to a barbeque with music and a club fair encouraging involvement.

GALA’s new presence

by Liz Schnitz
News Writer

Under the new leadership of president Joanne Genewick, GALA is finding its footing on the Saint Mary’s campus.

At the September 26 meeting, fifteen attendees were there to ask questions, share experiences and contribute to the development of the club.

A primary goal of the club is to make GALA more of a presence on campus this year. The club hopes to dispel the myth that one has to be gay to attend its meetings. Genewick made a special effort at last Thursday’s meeting to welcome students of homosexual, bisexual, and heterosexual orientations alike.

“We need everyone,” Genewick said.

One of the official GALA slogans this year is, “I’m straight, not narrow.”

The gay-straight camaraderie of the club should become more evident on October 10. Parents, Family, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) will be on campus the eve of National Coming Out Day, October 11.

This event will be in Dryden Hall at 7:00 p.m., and will include a discussion panel from PFLAG.

Saint Mary’s faculty members Denise Weitzig and Anna Adams will also be contributing to the discussion. There will be a table set up handing out pins in support of National Coming Out Day.

The event this Thursday is meant to initiate awareness on campus of a national phenomenon known as “Allies.” Allies are best described as friends to gays and lesbians. They are listeners who are sympathetic and supportive, which can provide a friendly haven for a gay or lesbian acquaintance who might fear rejection from others when approaching the topic his or her sexuality.

The role is invaluable, according to Genewick, “Coming out is a big process. It takes a lot of courage... Sometimes, people who come out to a few of their friends are not ready to come out to the entire school.”

The club’s hope is to ameliorate the feeling of intimidation that a new member feels when walking into a GALA meeting for the first time. It’s easy to feel as if one has made a silent declaration just by appearing at the meeting.

The club has planned social justice activities as well as events to ensure gay rights. Other, more leisurely activities like barbeques, movie nights, and trips to the Castro district for dinner and clubbing are in the works.

THE WAY WE WERE ...

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A religious experience

Whether flying a kite, drinking a beer, or hiking to the cross, students enjoy their SMC experience in a variety of ways. Photo from 1981 Gael.

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OPINION

Gael POLL

Questions on academic honesty

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Percentage of students who have cheated on a college exam.

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Percentage of students who have taken an exam from a former student to help study.

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Percentage of students who believe that cheating should result in failure of the class.

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Percentage of students who have given someone a paper they already turned in.

24

Percentage of students who have plagiarized in a college essay.

Each week, the Collegian asks questions of 70 random students and compiles the results above. All surveys are anonymous.

Academic Honor Code

Frankly, I'm getting a little tired of listening to you students complain about the new Academic Honor Code. (And please stop calling it the "Shining Path to Values Re-education.") You say you hold in contempt any institution of higher learning that would require you to pledge intellectual dishonesty as condition of admission. You say you're being forced to sign it, but that once you sign it, you'll ignore it (and us).

Come on, already! How about looking on the bright side, for once? In the rush to offense you have overlooked the sheer entertainment value of the new Dishonor Code. Just imagine how things will look at old St. Mary's, after you pledge yourself to:

- Harbor curiosity—the pursuit of knowledge for immoral ends.
- Respect [not only] peers and professors [but even] their opinions—no matter how bone-headed those opinions may be.
- Preserve the future of our institution and its upstanding reputation—by large contributions to the Alumni Association and no more embarrassing articles in the Collegian.

- Embody the values and morals of our founder, Jean Baptiste DeLaSalle—for example, subduing your flesh with knotted cords in penance of sin, and rooting out Protestant heretics in France.

- Extend Christian behaviors into methods of inquiry—such as, such as ... what? (Well, I really don't know; I have no idea what it means; I don't know anyone who knows what it means.)

- Raise questions for which we do not have absolute answers—Is slavery bad? Is God triune? Has the College slipped in its national standing?

- Strive [as "citizens of a global community"] to create and to enhance environments of free, fair and open exchange for ourselves and for all humanity—(Submitted by a former contestant in the Miss Orange County Pageant. She lost.)

And don't ignore the more intriguing possibilities suggested by the Dishonor Code table of Alternative Penalties. Long forgotten will be the days when you grumbled over the lack of fun on campus, as you are treated to gangs of moral miscreants, reckless disregards of progressive values:

- Picking up trash along freeways or in underprivileged neighborhoods.

- Constructing informative sandwich boards on the horrors of value-free living.

- Wearing the boards in procession around the campus.

- Accusing themselves in public at high noon (well, actually at 12:13PM, right after our sonorous "bells" play an extended, appropriate and stirring hymn)—accusing themselves of their values crimes and then testifying to

the much appreciated help they received at mandatory values workshops.

- Discovering they will no longer be receiving a Saint Mary's degree, even if they have already completed all requirements for graduation, even if the College has already mailed their diploma.

No more gloom and doom! Look to the shiny side and come on over to the Soda Center this Thursday. Show us, the Faculty Senate, just how much you appreciate our relentless efforts to improve academic culture on campus. Let us hear from you that we can count on you to do your part. Tell us you don't want to wait for next year to pledge the values of good, smart people; that you are ready right now to be ever vigilant while listening in to conversations in the dining hall; that you have already begun to help others in their own progress by reporting suspicious behavior to the appropriate authorities.

The Path is good; it's real shiny; you're gonna love it. It's not for us (contrary to an earlier version—thank God), but aren't you glad it's there for you?

W. H. Harter,
Chair, Philosophy Dept.
Faculty Senator

La Salle vs. U.S. News & World Report

Most of us, I am sure, were saddened to learn that, once again, this year we slipped in the *U.S. News* rankings, this time to twelfth place. However, what saddened me the most was not our slipping in the rankings (which is of serious concern), but rather our official response to it, as presented in the *Collegian*. I will grant anyone the argument that the *U.S. News* rankings are not the be-all and end-all of assessing ultimate value of an education. Nonetheless, they are meaningful and, like it or not, a tool/external measure of value used by prospective students and their families for choosing a college. These ratings also highlight institutional trends vis-a-vis other competitor institutions. Our trend has been downward over the last 5 years. Rather than making excuses for our slide, and suggesting that other measures and indices would be more appropriate for us, and that we are too good for the rankings, we should be asking ourselves where have we fallen down, and how can we change for the better to reverse the slide. That would be the healthy, forward looking institutional response. Excuses don't make us better, inward reflection resulting in appropriate action does. With regard to the *U.S. News* criteria, there are 16 categories on which they focus. In examining them, one notes that none of them are in opposition to our Lasallian heritage. In fact, any of the best-rated colleges and universities, particularly the liberal arts ones, are very Lasallian in their ways even though they don't identify

themselves in that way. The reasons for our rating slide, in actuality, include either progressively static or weaker scores relative to other institutions (many of which have improving numbers) in areas that include: percentage of full-time faculty (e.g. Santa Clara has 87% full-time to our low 60's percentage), our selectivity and acceptance rankings, the average SAT/ACT scores of incoming students, our freshmen retention rates, our graduation rates, our rising class sizes, and what our peer institutions think of us.

Saint Mary's remains a vital and exceptional institution. As such, it is incumbent on those of us who love this institution to continue to help in its nurture and growth. Just as a parent does not make excuses for a child's ill behavior or failings, but rather teaches that child how to improve in the future, so we too must stare our ranking square in the eye and join our collective hands to improve. That means we must change, without excuses or backpedaling, some of the numbers (in the *U.S. News* categories) for the better. The time to do this is now; next year's rankings are already in the making.

Gerard M. Capriolo, Ph.D.
Fletcher Jones
Professors of Biology and Environmental Science

The Time has come to Embrace the World

As I reflect upon this past week's letter to the editor, authored by Peter Flores, I am greatly disturbed. Flores suits to prove his point through the ridicule of that of his opposition, just as America, for the past year, has sought to prove its own through hypocritically conforming to the tactics of that of its enemy.

We as a country suffered a great injustice and tragedy on the date of 9-11-01, and yet America has managed to partake in the same eye-for-an-eye tactics and simultaneously justify our actions. "Justice has caught up with the enemy," wrote Flores. It is a perverted sense of justice indeed that constitutes the sacrificial killings of innocents a world away in hopes of capturing our opponent. Have we all too soon forgotten the photographs of Afghanistan's own ashen decay as a result of our bombings and raids? Have we succeeded in suppressing news of the innocents slaughtered and bin Laden yet to be found? I have not; and I hope you haven't either. Flores commented, "Will it take debris falling at their very feet, or the sight of their own loved ones in a body bag for them to accept the gravity of the situation?"

My response to such a question is that abiding by an eye-for-an-eye mentality has succeeded in getting America absolutely nowhere. The problem with society today is egotistical American mentalities such as your own, Mr. Flores. There is a world collectively existing be-

yond country titles and boundaries, and it is when you allow your flag to distinguish you that your sense of individuality dissipates.

It is an age-old irony that war is fought in hopes of achieving peace. "What does peace mean?" Mr. Flores asks. Peace means maintaining your virtue as your most hated enemy spits in your face. The term "strength" is of the same definition. America has drastically failed in obtaining either, and so we shall wait. A country is as good as the people it harbors, and so I challenge myself along with each and every one of you to love your enemy as you love your friend, and perhaps the world will learn from such an example.

Kacie S. Le Compte
Senior Class Vice President

Reminders from Brother Jack

In the efforts to invite participation in our community newspaper, the *Collegian View* (1 October 2002) reminded us that the *Collegian* is "your campus information source." I would like to thank the *Collegian* for their ongoing efforts (celebrating 100 years!) of reporting campus information that is of particular interest to students.

As the chief student affairs officer of the College, now that we are nearing mid-terms, I believe it's good for students to be reminded of a few realities. First, I would like you to know how awesome and gifted you are! Truly, I pray that you continue to know and to appreciate your giftedness and that you continue to apply yourselves with integrity and honesty in all of your activities and your relationships. By your choices, you are creating the fabric of our community and that's a real good thing! I encourage you to continue to look out for each other, reach out to help each other, and to be an engaged scholar. Likewise, I believe that it's good to be reminded that opting to abuse alcohol or drugs, opting to plagiarize or otherwise cheat, opting to offend, abuse or harass another person are all choices that are not consistent with the values of our community. As you know, any activity that represents falsely one's own academic performance and/or any activity that does not promote respect for oneself or another member of our community is an activity which is not consistent with the expectations and principles of the SMC community. Let's continue to remember this and let's continue to build on the greatness of each other – to value the dignity of each other – and to celebrate the pride we have in being Gaels! This is a community that values faithful relationship, generous involvement and human dignity – and together we are this community! Brother Jack Curran, FSC, PhD

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Proposed academic honesty policy falls short

Intellectually lazy honor code reflects confusion in Catholic education's values

by Rob Porter
Opinion Editor

Our school's faculty senate has a new academic honesty policy scheduled for a vote of approval on October 10, but the intellectual indolence seen therein is a shocking signal not just of the fading of the Catholic school ideal, but of the understanding of the ideal itself. If passed, this policy will require new students, as a condition of admission, to swear that they will "take reasonable and responsible action in order to uphold [their] community's academic values," – a list of values so vague and half-baked that they show hardly any effective understanding of Catholic values as they should be exercised in a Lasallian school.

In a *Collegian* article published in 1903 and titled "Catholic School Ideals," a student named Edward M. McGlade wrote that Catholic education is based on the fact that "the deepest in man is not that which relates to visible and transitory things, but that

which makes him akin to the Divine Prototype."

This list of values appears mysteriously unaware of this, but instead seems concerned *only* with the visible and transitory. It is concerned with "respect for opinions" (no matter how ignorant), preservation of our "upstanding reputation" (which means articles like this won't be seen much anymore), and, among others, the trendy yet already-stale concept that "we do not have absolute answers" – an intellectual cop-out, and a contradiction of the Catholic faith that Mr. McGlade cites as "the things of absolute and everlasting import...God and the soul's immortal destiny."

Furthermore, they are written with such vagueness that their interpretation by the judicial council will be highly subjective – meaning that students will be pledging their honor to values that will largely be defined *after* they bind themselves to it.

Collegiate Seminar – a department designed to *draw forth* mental impulses from



Photo By: Blake Grivette

New students must pledge to uphold the honor code if passed.

students – will then be the medium through which they mindlessly *indoctrinate* students with their list of academic values. Mr. McGlade writes that Catholic education is "a stirring of the impulses which enable man to become more perfect in his physical, intellectual, and moral nature." Apparently, in our present era, the method by

which we "stir impulses" is to force-feed a contradictory and empty-headed list of "academic values" down the throats of impressionable freshmen through the Collegiate Seminar medium. It is a disturbing revelation that a student from one hundred years ago better understands the values of a Catholic college than some faculty members of the present.

One Mouthy Senior



By
Susanne E.
Schweitzer

Art is its own reward-- but some money wouldn't hurt

If we are a liberal arts college, it would make sense to emphasize the arts (performing, visual and language). In my experience at Saint Mary's, however, I have found that this is rarely the case. On average, I spend approximately 30 hours a week at either the *Collegian* office or at the theater. Some weeks – especially during tech weeks for plays, or when there is an especially difficult issue of the paper – that number has jumped as high as 60. This is not unique.

I've talked to athletes on campus, and the amount of hours spent in practice each week is roughly 20, not including games or individual workouts. There's no question that college athletics requires a significant amount of time and dedication – so much so that full scholarships are offered and justified. However, there seems to be some confusion over the value of the arts.

There are currently no department scholarships for the performing arts at SMC, though many performing arts majors and minors have been known to put 40 or more hours a week into their disciplines. The *Collegian* staff puts in 20 hours or more a week – for no money, as stipends were eliminated by the ASSMC last year. So, while artists and journalists spend as much time as athletes enriching the College community, their rewards are significantly less. Not only that, but the number of students, teachers and administrators who attend performing arts events (or read this paper, for that matter) is hardly worth the time spent producing these mediums.

Though it may seem otherwise, I don't begrudge the athletes their scholarship money. I understand that the work they put into making SMC a more diverse community is admirable and worthy of reward. Shouldn't the arts be encouraged as well? For all the dancers, writers, poets, actors, musicians, stage managers, editors, senators and technicians: I hope to speak for you. Though passion for the arts is in itself recompense, it is no longer a large enough compensation. Administrators: We desire change – department scholarships, a renewal of stipends, greater attendance at performing arts events will do much to renew your students' morale, as well as offering incentives for more people to get involved in the arts – the focus, after all, of our College's mission statement – and the reason why many of us are here.

County Connection Corrections

After World War II, Italians acknowledged

that their former fascist leader, Benito Mussolini, had at least at least one redeeming quality: He made the trains run on time. Unfortunately, this is not a compliment I can give to County Connection buses, the means of transportation around the Lamorinda area for car-less Gaels. In the past month, although fare has increased by 25 cents per ride, the punctuality of bus arrivals has declined considerably. Case in point: On the first day of class, I was "stood up" by the 106, leaving me no alternative but to hitchhike to my Eastern Religions class. In less extreme cases, the bus has come up to half an hour late, and it arrives five to seven minutes late consistently.

If it seems like a waste of effort to show up at the bus stop, there do happen to be a couple of practical excuses for the inconsistencies. One problem is that the road next to Lafayette BART is under construction this fall, and so the 106 to Orinda has had to take an alternate route which adds a couple of minutes to the trip. But the diversion takes less than five minutes, so where do the extra fifteen minutes come from?

Enter the junior high school kids. Many kids in the area's public schools do not have the benefit of school buses because the district can't afford them. So, to be fair, when doing a school route, the bus is stalled for about 5 minutes. Traffic has also, on occasion, kept the bus stationary on its route, so I'll toss in another five minutes there.

Therefore, on the *worst* possible route – with a five-minute detour in Lafayette, five minutes of shouting thirteen-year olds insulting each other's shoes, and five minutes stopped behind commuter traffic, there are *still* five mysterious minutes of tardiness unaccounted for.

I'm not about to throw all of the blame on the drivers. For the most part, the drivers I've talked to are obviously experienced and enjoy working the Lamorinda routes. It's a rare instance that I don't receive a friendly greeting upon entering the bus, nor can I count how many times I've discussed my future after college with one of the drivers. In short, they care. It's difficult, then, to assume that the lateness is the result of lack of effort or discontentment on the part of the employees.

It may be that the time allowed for each trip is just not possible, given the confounds of traffic and picking up students. But, if that's really the case, then couldn't the schedule reflect this? If it's not actually possible for the bus to show up at 3:20, then revising the schedule might be a prudent course of action. Until that happens, here's some advice to prospective riders so that they will have less to be peeved about:

1. Arrive at least three minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive. Believe it or not, earliness (tardiness's ugly cousin), does rear its head from time to time.
2. Plan your schedule around the buses *tentatively*. If you absolutely have to make the 206 at 2:30 in order to be at the BART station by 2:47, brace yourself for disappointment.
3. Transfers are a good way to save money, but they are only good for one hour Monday through Friday, and for two hours on Saturdays. In the case of the rare cranky bus driver, ask for a transfer at the beginning of your ride.
4. Don't sit at the semicircle on Sundays waiting for the bus to arrive. It won't, and you'll be left very annoyed by its absence.

by Liz Schnitz

Opinion Columnist

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MOVIE

For those who are seeking a fun-filled night out with the girls, "Sweet Home Alabama" is the movie to see! Reese Witherspoon is adorable. Her character, Melanie Carmichael, is torn between every girl's dream wedding and the man she really loves. This movie is a combination of a ritzy New York lifestyle and warm Southern hospitality. Although, at times, this can be a very predictable movie, it is still worth every sweet moment of romance. So if you are out with your sweetheart or your friends, this romantic comedy comes highly recommended.

-Katie Linnett

MUSIC

Lifehouse hit the music scene with the surprise success of *No Name Face*, leaving fans eager to hear the band's sophomore release, *Stanley Climbfall*. The fourteen tracks on the second album have many of the same emotional lyrics and dramatic chords, but also differ greatly from the soothing tracks on their debut album. Expect louder instruments and more aggressive singing from frontman Jason Wade on the recently released CD, and a less mellow and romantic feel for the entire album. Any fan of Lifehouse will likely enjoy *Stanley Climbfall*, but don't buy the album expecting the same style as *No Name face*.

-Alicia Jansen

CLUB

Bored on a Thursday night and still under 21? Fear your books no more: A fun-filled night of drag queens and techno music awaits you at Faith, an SF club that's also known as Club X and City Nights. This GLBT hot spot welcomes dance fiends of every sexual orientation. The highlight of Faith occurs the first Thursday of every month, when five lucky patrons participate in the "Drag Races." Guys get into the club's finest dresses and makeup, and strut for the voting audience. If not for the music, come for the friendly company that anyone can enjoy.

-Andrea Camarena

Recreating History the Hard Way

History Channel's "THE SHIP"

dangerously relives a treacherous 18th century voyage



by Brad Kvedoris
Chief Copy Editor



Ever wonder what would happen if "Reality TV" was actually real? What if the cast of "Survivor" actually got lost in the jungle without food, shelter or 21st-century technology? What if the cast of "The Real World" consisted of something other than aspiring musicians, DJs and actresses? On October 14, The History Channel's new miniseries "The Ship" redefines the meaning of "reality" on television.

The premise of THC's new adventure is simple, yet incredibly daring: 40 ordinary civilians form the crew of the *Endeavour*, a true-to-life replica of the 18th-century "collier" ship that Captain Cook took on his voyage around the globe in 1768-71. Using only 1700s technology, the crew of the *Endeavour* will retrace a segment of Cook's groundbreaking exploratory mission. No exceptions for modern convenience will be made: The voyage will be made without the use of maps, electricity, refrigeration or the Global Positioning System (modern safety devices are kept onboard, but used only in case of emergency).

The *Endeavour's* six-week voyage from Australia to Indonesia promises to deliver what no other modern "reality" program can.

"We do want to try and sail this ship exactly as she would've been sailed 200 years ago... try and measure ourselves against Captain Cook and his crew," said captain Chris Blake.

Unlike other reality shows such as "Survivor," there is little money involved; the participants vary in age from their 20s to their 40s, come from all walks of life, and signed on simply for the chance at a unique

adventure. At least six of the crew had no previous experience aboard a ship of any kind.

Jerry Boyd, a 30-year old talk show producer from New York, has a fear of heights, which makes the 40-foot climb up the ship's riggings a daunting proposition indeed. Jason Ellis, a 31-year old IT manager from London, has sailed all his life, and "looks forward to the complete change of environment and an escape from the office." Vanessa Agnew, an Australian with a degree in music, was about to take a teaching position at the University of Detroit but, when the offer fell through, she opted to try out for a position aboard the *Endeavour*.

Although the crew makes every effort to shun modernity, contemporary knowledge does inevitably show its face. While Cook crashed his ship on the Great Barrier Reef and spent several weeks exploring the Australian mainland, the crew of the new, shallow-bottomed *Endeavour* circumvented the reef and dined with Aborigines instead. And while women were allowed on THC's present-day mission, they were barred from voyages such as Cook's because they "would have been considered incompetent for the mental and physical demands of the voyage, complicated lodging arrangements, and potentially distracted the crew and threatened morale." Today, no fewer than 10 women are among the 40-person crew.

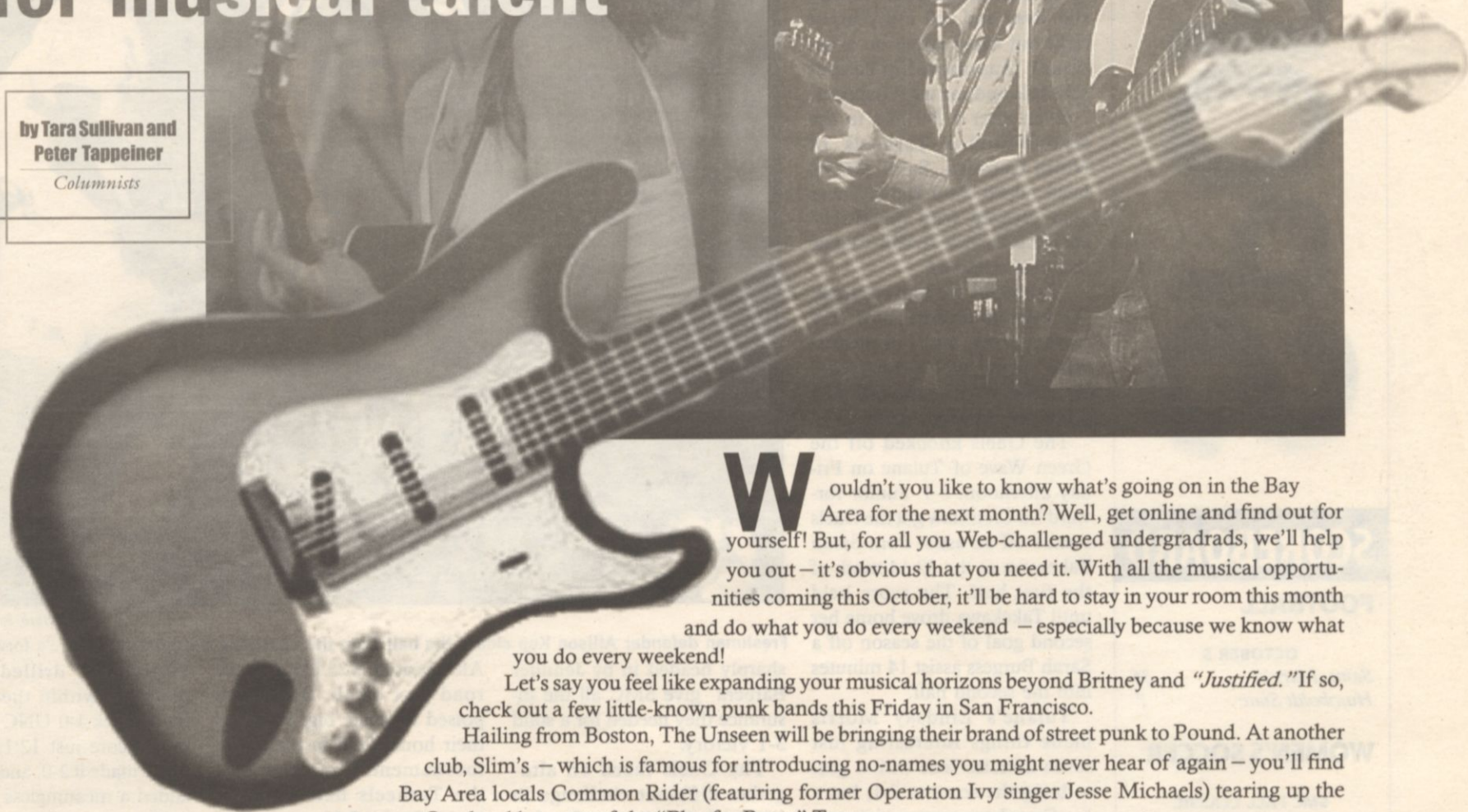
"The Ship" will air on The History Channel, Ch. 48, each night at 9:00 p.m. from October 14 - when the *Endeavour* departs from Mission Bay, Australia - through October 20, when it arrives in Indonesia. Be sure to tune in, and to visit www.historychannel.com for show times, crew bios, trivia and prizes.



ROCK HARD OR GO HOME

Bay Area a playground for musical talent

by Tara Sullivan and Peter Tappeler
Columnists



Wouldn't you like to know what's going on in the Bay Area for the next month? Well, get online and find out for yourself! But, for all you Web-challenged undergrads, we'll help you out — it's obvious that you need it. With all the musical opportunities coming this October, it'll be hard to stay in your room this month and do what you do every weekend — especially because we know what

you do every weekend!

Let's say you feel like expanding your musical horizons beyond Britney and "Justified." If so, check out a few little-known punk bands this Friday in San Francisco.

Hailing from Boston, The Unseen will be bringing their brand of street punk to Pound. At another club, Slim's — which is famous for introducing no-names you might never hear of again — you'll find Bay Area locals Common Rider (featuring former Operation Ivy singer Jesse Michaels) tearing up the stage on October 11 as part of the "Plea for Peace" Tour.

If Blink 182 is your idea of punk — and you like hanging out with your parents — perhaps you should opt for a Bob Dylan show at the Greek Theater in Berkeley that same night. If you *really* like your parents, he'll be there Saturday night, too. Haven't heard of Bob Dylan? Crawl back under your rock. Why are you reading this anyway?

Maybe a synthesis (wica wica) of Bob Dylan and punk is more your style. If so, head on over to the historic Paramount Theater in Oakland on October 25 and 26, where Ani DiFranco will be entertaining her excessively-pierced and tattooed fans.

For your celebration of All Hallow's Eve, retire the bedsheet and stop waiting for the Great Pumpkin. Dress up like your favorite character from "Crossroads" and experience the joy that is The Strokes. These indie rock gods are appearing at the Bill Graham Civic Auditorium in San Francisco on the 31st. There you have it: Your October concert calendar. Now go forth! Rock hard! And bring the *Collegian* everywhere you go!

▲ Above are photos of Bob Dylan and Ani DiFranco plucking their guitars and crooning away.

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SPORTS

Gaels thrash Tulane, 3-1

Women's soccer falls to #2 UNC Tarheels in SMC's Fall Classic

by Denny Bulcao, Jr.

Assistant Sports Editor

There are two things a team can do coming into a season without five returning starters who were lost to injury: Watch its preseason national ranking slip away and call it a year, or fight out every game on a national championship-caliber schedule and see what happens.

Even after a 3-0 loss to the second-ranked Tarheels of North Carolina, Saint Mary's head coach Paul Ratcliff was very pleased with the Gaels' showing in SMC's Fall Classic this past weekend.

"I thought we played great. We were up against some very strong teams, and I'm pleased with how we competed," Ratcliffe satted emphatically following Sunday's game.

The Gaels knocked off the Green Wave of Tulane on Friday afternoon, 3-1. Junior forward Lu Crenshaw got the Gaels started off an assist from Sarah Takekawa at the 32:14 mark of the first half. The score held until Takekawa drove home her second goal of the season off a Sarah Burgess assist 14 minutes into the second half.

Tulane's Lindsay Morris made things interesting just seven minutes later with a goal to bring the score to 2-1, but a Lu Crenshaw corner kick was



Photo by Ken Fung

Freshman defender Allison Kop clears the ball from the oncoming pressure of Tulane's forwards.

sharply headed in by Jennifer Barbera give SMC all the insurance they needed for a solid 3-1 victory.

The Gaels faced an altogether different challenge in #2 North Carolina on Sunday.

After beating #23 Utah on the road last week, SMC was poised to make big waves on their home field in their own tournament. Unfortunately, the Tarheels had different ideas. At the 2:13 mark, Lori

Chalupney drilled a shot thainside within the goal line for a quick 1-0 UNC lead. Another score just 12:11 into the game made it 2-0, and the Heels added a meaningless goal with 6:52.

SCOREBOARD

FOOTBALL

OCTOBER 5

Saint Mary's 36
Humboldt State 7

WOMEN'S SOCCER

SMC FALL CLASSIC
OCTOBER 4

Saint Mary's 3
Tulane 1

OCTOBER 4

(2) North Carolina 1
(1) Stanford 0

OCTOBER 6

Saint Mary's 0
(2) North Carolina 3

OCTOBER 6

(1) Stanford 3
Tulane 0

MEN'S SOCCER

OCTOBER 4

Saint Mary's 1
Gonzaga 1

OCTOBER 6

Saint Mary's 2
Oregon State 4

VOLLEYBALL

OCTOBER 4

Saint Mary's 3
USF 1

OCTOBER 5

Saint Mary's 1
Santa Clara 3

MEN'S BASKETBALL

The Saint Mary's men's basketball team will participate in a country-wide reading program sponsored by the National Association of Basketball Coaches. The team's involvement in this reading program is intended to benefit young students in Contra Costa County by speaking at three Bay Area elementary schools about the importance of literacy. The team visits Sequoia Elementary school in Pleasant Hill on October 8 and Valle Verde Elementary School in Walnut Creek on the 15 and 22.

SMC hacks Lumberjacks, 36-7

Victory gets Gaels back to .500 at 3-3; Landis' 50th win in I-AA

by Denny Bulcao, Jr.

Assistant Sports Editor

It was the kind of game a team needs after back-to-back losses. A game that saw four Gael ballcarriers (Clint Wilson, Ryan Sauter, Heath Villarreal, and Trevor Johnston) average over four yards per carry, totaling 320 yards rushing. A game where two of three fumbles by Humboldt State (1-3) and three errant Lumberjack passes settled in the arms of Saint Mary's defenders (INT's by Ramon Burley-Johnson, Travis Burkett, and Sean O'Hara). A game in which punter Ben Antongiovanni and the Gaels (3-3) pinned HSU on their seven and three-yard lines to further dampen any hope the Homecoming crowd of 4,327 held in Redwood Bowl. Aside from a lost opportunity on fourth-and-goal from the HSU one-centimeter line, and an untimely fumble on their own 11, the Gaels played a near-flawless game Saturday night in Arcata.

The only thing HSU won all night was the coin toss; it was all downhill from then on. Saint Mary's defense forced an immediate three-and-out on the Lumberjacks' first possession, and Sauter and the Gaels went to work. In less than four minutes, SMC had scored with a quick, efficient drive capped by a 13-yard touchdown run by Sauter. After some lost opportunities and stalled drives, the Gaels pulled things together just before the half. Heath Villarreal scored on a seven-yard TD run

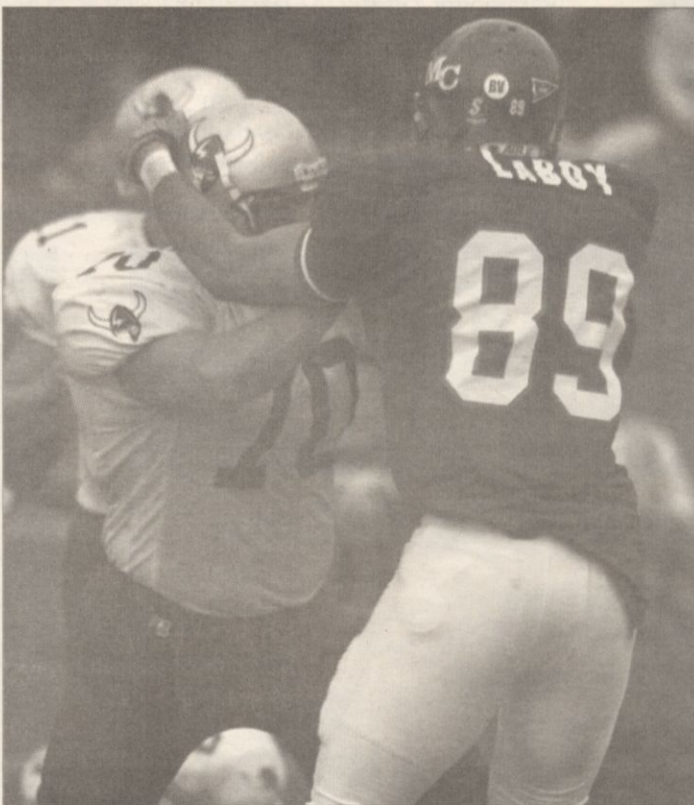


Photo by Katie Linnett

Saturday, C.J. La Boy forced a crucial fumble for the Gaels at HSU.

with 1:09 left in the second quarter, and Ezequiel Arevalo's second extra point (one of four on the evening) put the Red and Blue up 14-0 at the break. The Gaels got more breathing room when Clint Wilson barged in from seven yards just 4:20 into the second half, and the rout was on. HSU took advantage of the above-mentioned fumble recovery with a five-yard TD pass from Chris Dixon to Dustin Creager with 2:26 left in the third.

Until that point, the Gaels appeared to have an ideal

chance for their first shutout since 1994. A touchdown pass from Johnston to Nate Brown, followed by Brown sprinting in for two on a fake point-after attempt added some serious insult to the Lumberjacks' lack of offensive production. Johnston capped the night off with a 23-yard TD run of his own to finish things off at 36-7 with 5:20 to play. Saint Mary's plays Holy Cross at 10:00 a.m. PST this Saturday in Worcester, MA. Listen to the game live on 89.5 FM and through Gael TV audio (Ch. 19).

A midseason refreshment

by Andrea Camarena

Sports Editor

October has arrived, and the Gaels are well into the fall sports season. At this point, it's a bit disturbing to admit, but the SMC sports teams aren't having their best seasons in terms of the big wins. By this time last year, swarms of fans followed the victorious women's soccer team all the way to the NCAA playoffs in Stanford; this year, its seven injured starters aren't making for the same winning team we cherished in 2001.

Volleyball's 5-7 and men's soccer's 2-6-3 records aren't looking too attractive, either. But a logical overview may bring hope. We are on the edge of conference play. The games that actually matter, for the most part, have yet to occur.

In defense of our volleyball team, a 1-1 conference record doesn't sound discouraging. The same can be said for our ever-improving men's soccer team. Although they've had their ups and downs thus far, the team tied Gonzaga in its conference opener this weekend. Women's soccer has yet to enter conference play.

If WCC play is looked at as a fresh start, it can be said that the SMC fall sports program hasn't let us down at all; it's still a level playing field for the Gaels in the West Coast Conference.