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SMC activists march against war

by Peter Tappeiner
News Writer

Last Saturday, October 26, more than 40 Saint Mary's students, faculty and staff joined nearly 80,000 people in San Francisco to protest the Bush administration's plans for war with Iraq. The protest, organized by International ANSWER (Act Now to Stop War and End Racism), was part of a global day of protest with demonstrations in London, Rome, Tokyo, Hamburg, and nearly 200,000 protesters in Washington, D.C. Protestors in San Francisco came from all over California, as well as Washington, Arizona, New Mexico and Oregon. Though their reasons for opposing the war varied, the diverse group of demonstrators all shared the belief that the U.S.'s proposed war is unjust, dangerous and must be stopped.

A group of fifteen Gaels met at the Women's Resource Center to carpool to BART and meet with a larger group in San Francisco. The members of the Saint Mary's community who were present represented a spectrum of academic disciplines, ages, and views about the proposed war. History professor Gretchen Lemke-Santangelo believes that war with Iraq "has the potential to

destabilize the entire Middle East and lead to a conflict of long duration."

Melissa Khan '04 said she sees the war as a means to "divert the attention of the American people" away from the current economic crisis.

Jordan King '05 expressed his opinions on the Bush administration's stated reasons for war on Iraq: "[they] aren't necessarily the real reasons and I think it's just a lot of propaganda."

Despite the variety of views held by demonstrators, none of those interviewed saw any credible connection between the plans for war against Iraq and the war on terrorism. "Everything I've read from different news sources, including official government agencies says there's almost no connection between Al-Qaeda and Iraq," said CILSA assistant director Gary Adler.

"I just think that it's a way

for Bush to increase the military funding," said Michelle Luk '03, who also saw no connection between Iraq and the war on terrorism.

Many of the demonstrators from Saint Mary's were impressed with the number of Gaels in attendance. "The number of people at this protest reflects a growing animosity towards the Bush administration and signifies a change in the SMC community that encourages individuals to speak their minds," said Lindsay Lamb '03.

Lemke-Santangelo called the participation "historical,"

noting the increased degree of activism in contrast to students' response to the 1991 Gulf War. While the protesters from Saint Mary's believed that Saturday's demonstration was an important opportunity to connect with like-minded people, send a message to policymakers and raise awareness, some expressed doubts that the march would be effective in preventing war. Given the U.S.'s uncompromising attitude in negotiations on the U.N. resolution authorizing the use of force against Iraq, many protesters believe these doubts are well-founded.



Students take part in Saturday's anti-war rally in San Francisco. Photo by Nick Sylva

SMC teaches about violence

by Jonathan Morales
News Writer

Across the nation last week, campuses and communities took part in "Week Without Violence," whose events and presentations were brought to SMC by the YWCA.

On Monday, children from Canyon Elementary School painted a poster for peace in front of De La Salle Hall. Women's Resource Center director Laura Armstrong hopes that the poster will be displayed on campus.

On Wednesday, red silhouettes of women and men were displayed as part of the Silent Witness Program, representing the many cases of domestic and gender violence that are not investigated. According to Armstrong, "all of these women were being murdered and nothing was being done."

The women's resource center showed the Jennifer Lopez film "Enough" on Wednesday night, followed by a discussion on the media glamorization of domestic violence.

DIVERSITY AT SMC: *The bigger, more colorful picture*

by Andrea Camarena and Chris Mateo
News Writers

As the class of 2006 finds its way through the many layers of Saint Mary's College, a familiar topic surrounds the makeup of its population. Diversity on the SMC campus has reached a new high. According to the Office of Institutional Research, "Slightly more than 40% of new SMC freshman students are either African-American, American Indian, Asian, or Hispanic-American. This compares with 30% ten years ago."

"Diversity is a lot more than just numbers," said Brian Stanley, Coordinator of Black Student Programs. "As long as the campus climate and culture remains one which is oriented towards middle-class white students, then this will never be home for the non-white students. It's not good to have 40% of your freshman class feel like

unwanted guests at a party. There are 40% students of color in the class of 2006, but the campus climate and culture needs to change."

Administrators such as Brother Jack Curran, FSC, PhD, Vice President for Student Affairs, noticed this significant increase in the population.

"Since I've been here, the campus has diversified a great deal," said Curran. "The increase in ethnic diversity shows how representative the campus is in relation to the greater population. Programs and activities allow the different ethnic backgrounds to enjoy the

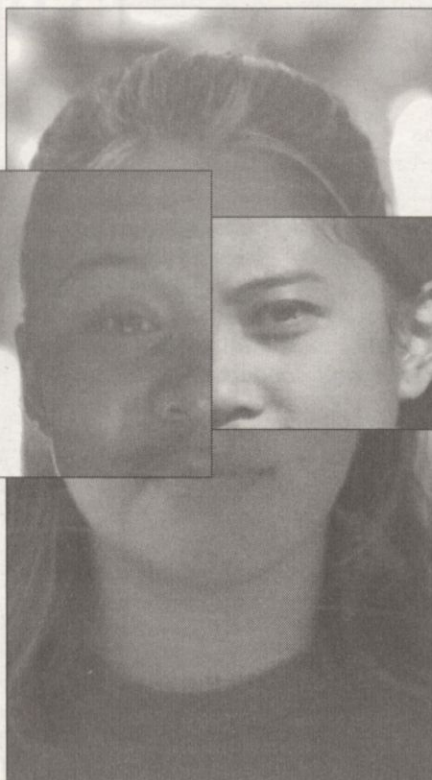


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educational benefits of diversity. We get to learn of the richness of the human race as a

whole, not as a combination of separate groups."

While change is constant, Curran acknowledges the fact that without a constant desire for change, things will stay the same.

"We must always be careful not to be satisfied with the diversity of the campus. We could always improve the distribution. I feel we have done a great job in doing this, but we must remember that we should always promote a varied community in order to learn more about the world around us."

Stanley agreed, saying, "Saint Mary's exists inside the world today. It is a microcosm of the world. The elitist and racist ideas that exist in the world also exist at Saint Mary's, and I think we would be well-served to address those issues."

College is meant to prepare

students for the world. One possible preparation is to be involved. Actions taken by people who desire change have been quite effective in the progression of SMC diversity.

"Every once in a while, something very positive will happen, like getting faculty of color," said Kim Wesolowski, Coordinator of Asian Pacific American Student Programs. "The diversity task force that originated in 1996-97, a group of faculty, staff, and students that worked on diversifying the campus, stopped last year," continued Wesolowski. "By doing that, it held the administration accountable for institutionalizing the changes as opposed to the voluntary actions taken by the task force. Now, each department is responsible for their own areas. For example, I feel student activities are going in the right direction in their multicultural program-

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IN THE NEWS

Sister speaking

Sr. Joan Chittister will be speaking on campus November 6 and 7. She is a renowned author and activist in the areas of human rights, peace, justice, ecumenism, and contemporary religious life. She is the author of *Winds of Change: Women Challenge the Church*. The presentations will be at 7:30 p.m. on November 6, and 4 p.m. on November 7.

"Endangered Spaces" exhibit in library

Beginning October 19, Saint Albert Hall Library will feature an exhibit by Richard Rollins. "Endangered Spaces" contains 40 black-and-white images that present a different perspective of land use and open space preservation in the Bay Area. A reception and panel discussion will be held on October 30 from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Pre-registration for Spring 2003

Advising for Spring 2003 will take place between November 4-15. Advisors still need to approve student schedules in order to pre-register using GaelXpress.

Woodrow Wilson visiting fellow

Marvin Suomi, President and Chief Executive Officer of KUD International and Chairman of Kajima Construction Services, will be at Saint Mary's the week of November 3. As a Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellow, Suomi will be participating in classes, meeting with students throughout the week.

ASSMC Meeting

At the ASSMC general meeting on Sunday, October 27, the Senate chartered two new organizations, including the Student Labor Action Coalition, discussed the general fund and club expenses, and opened issues concerning the impeachment process. Freshman class president Jeff Gaeto made his first appearance at the Senate meeting.

Club Meetings

Commuter student Meeting October 29, 3:30-4:30 p.m. in Delphine. **APASA Meeting** October 29, 5:00-7:00 p.m. **BSU Meeting**, October 30, 7:0-8:00 p.m. in Delphine. **Intervarsity Meeting**, October 31, 7:45- 9:45 p.m. in Delphine. **ACN Open Forum** November 4, 5:30-7:00 p.m. in Delphine.

CAMPUS SNAPSHOT



CHOUA YANG / COLLEGIAN

APASA feeds SMC

On Thursday, October 24, APASA successfully sold egg rolls and chow mein to hungry students in the Dante Quad.

Campus organizations have happy Halloween

Res. Life and Campus Ministry provide safe trick-or-treating for inner-city children

by Liz Schnitz
News Writer

With the combined efforts of Campus Ministry and residence life, the Halloween Trick-or-Treat party has been increasing its size and success for the last five years.

The event began in 1998, when Saint Mary's student Charlene Duale '00 invited children from areas that were not safe for trick-or-treating to come to Saint Mary's and make their candy runs in the dormitories.

Duale turned her idea into a reality through many calls to outside organizations for assis-

tance, as well as meetings with students interested in helping make the event happen.

Children from all over the East Bay were led by student guides around campus, touring through the residence halls and offices.

The afternoon proved to be as much fun for the students and faculty as it was for the children.

Throughout the past four years, much support and effort has been given by the students and faculty to entertain and scare the trick-or-treaters.

The townhouses, in past years, have become infamous for utilizing their space to cre-

ate mini-haunted houses, much to the delight of the children.

After four years, planning the event has become easier due to a clearer designation of responsibilities by the planning committee.

Three student chairs organize the trick-or-treating, a party and a haunted house, respectively. After the trick-or-treating, a party organized by Circle K waits for the kids.

This year, Kamen Parker, the president of Circle K, is organizing the party which, in the past, has included face painting, games and contests and food provided by Sodex'ho.

Last year, the haunted house team, led by current chair Michael Gonzalez, created a house that scared some of the bravest guests, and was hampered only by the chaos caused by opening the house up to the traffic of undergraduate participants.

Chairing the trick-or-treat this year is senior Resident Advisor David Barajas, who hopes to make the night run even smoother with the use of walkie-talkies to aid in communication between the student guides.

The Halloween Trick-or-Treat took place Monday, October 28.

CRIME BEAT

10/12 12:14 a.m.

Incident: Weapon Possession

Synopsis: A butterfly knife and expandable baton were confiscated from a student in Augustine hall. Student was referred to residence life.

10/13 3:52 a.m.

Incident: Domestic Violence

Synopsis: Student reported physical assault by former boyfriend. Student referred to residence life.

10/17 1:30 a.m.

Incident: Possession of Marijuana

Synopsis: Public safety confiscated marijuana in South Claeys hall. Student was referred to student code of conduct.

10/17 1:31 a.m.

Incident: Possession of Alcohol

Synopsis: Minor in possession of alcohol in South Claeys hall. Student was referred to student code of conduct.

10/19 1:00 p.m.

Incident: Possession of Alcohol

Synopsis: Alcohol confiscated from student at football game. Student was referred to residence life.

10/19 3:00 p.m.

Incident: Ejection from football game

Synopsis: Non-student was ejected from game for possession of alcohol.

10/22 1:45 p.m.

Incident: Stolen vehicle/golf cart

Synopsis: Unknown person took golf cart from Filippi Hall. Case closed.

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Freshman election chaos finally over

Disqualification overturned; Gaeto elected class president in re-vote



“He knew what the rules were, broke them, yet still gets to run in the election? Now, I don't think that's fair.”

Katie Gallagher
Freshman Candidate

by Pablo Armas
News Writer

Jeff Gaeto was elected president for the class of 2006 last week in a special election held in response to confusion about proper election procedures in the first freshman election.

Although the Associated Students Senate (ASSMC) refused to disclose the final results of the election, the general consensus among the members of the senate was that Gaeto won by a fairly large margin.

Many complications surrounded Gaeto's victory. A new election commission was formed after the controversy aroused when the original commission disqualified Gaeto for passing out flyers illegally.

The flyers did not receive a stamp of approval, which was needed from the ASSMC be-

fore posting. Despite this, the new commission decided that Gaeto would be allowed to participate in a run-off election against fellow candidate Katie Gallagher.

“I'm just glad that it's all over and that the freshman voice was heard,” said Gaeto.

“He shouldn't have been allowed to run at all!” said Gallagher, who was briefly president by default after the original disqualification, but lost her position to Gaeto after the re-election.

Gallagher claimed that Gaeto had manipulated the system so that he would gain the presidency.

According to Gallagher, Brendan Hughes, ASSMC's vice president of administration, told Gaeto that he needed the official stamp on his flyers, but Gaeto failed to com-

ply.

“He knew what the rules were, broke them, yet still gets to run in the election? Now, I don't think that's fair,” Gallagher said.

“All of the newspapers made [Gaeto] out to be a poor victim so that if he did run for election, everyone would vote for him out of sympathy,” Gallagher said in response to media coverage of the election.

Gallagher chose not to appeal the results, not wanting to disrupt the senate anymore then it already has been.

In response to Gallagher's loss of her position, Gaeto said, “I'm sorry that she feels that way, but what happened to me wasn't fair either.”

“She is right about one thing: the process wasn't done in a fair and orderly fashion,” said Gaeto.



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Jeff Gaeto
Freshman Class President

DIVERSITY:

ming.”

In respect to the diversity clubs' status, multicultural programming and efforts by some dedicated individuals has created change.

“As far as support for the Asian Pacific American students, it has vastly improved,” said Wesolowski, who attended SMC in 1993, when the Asian Pacific American group had only 9 members and a \$400 budget. “There were no Asian Pacific American student programs to support the students academically. In those terms, the situation has really improved.”

While the situation is still being improved, student feelings are still at risk. “There is a gap academically, where students feel left out of the community,” said Stanley. “I feel that SMC should be a place where you can get your needs met. I think you should be able to see ways to do that. And I think students must be attended to.”

As an academic advisor, Wesolowski encounters a variety of student frustrations. Many students experience the uncomfortable situation of coming from a very diverse community and see an entirely different environment at SMC. “You hear students saying they don't fit in here and that people don't understand them. They feel somewhat discriminated against.”

Wesolowski pointed out that this feeling of isolation is due

to the lack of true support. “As a member of the faculty, I feel that there is, outwardly, a support for diversity, but when it comes to things on campus, there is resistance. People generally support, but when it comes down to it, they're not willing to change how they're doing things.”

Senior senator William Nguyen expresses similar concern in regards to the support that the SMC community offers in diversifying the College.

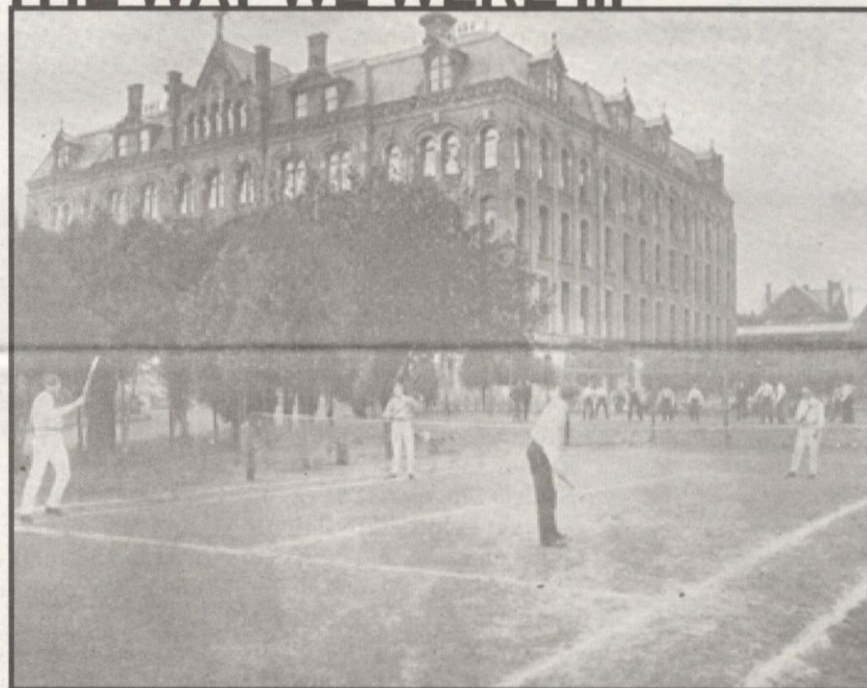
“Being a part of ASSMC, I understand the efforts they put into trying to increase the minority student participation,” Nguyen said. “To me, it seems like those are just words. The only encouragement that I ever received to join ASSMC was through my own group (APASA, BSU, M.E.Ch.A.). It's been difficult, but it's definitely something that I chose to do and hopefully others will follow.”

As a new member of the SMC community, Norma Lopez, Latino Student Coordinator, noticed that the diversity clubs contribute to making diversity a priority to their peers.

“The thing I really like is the cooperation between the BSU, M.E.Ch.A., and APASA. That's definitely a strong point in this community. These groups clearly support each other. Their cooperation is a perfect model for the students because in this world, you need to be able to work with all kinds of different people.”

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OPINION

The Collegian reserves the right to publish all submitted letters, especially those that pertain to campus issues.

Out of Context

Dear Editor,
In the fall issue of *Context* magazine the article entitled "Race in the Balance," written by Ms. Angela Reynvaan, was one of the worst-written statistical articles I have ever read. The statistical work was a ridiculous mishmash of foolish assumptions based on appallingly mangled research. For example, the author uses "relationship" to refer to the difference between two numbers instead of using the appropriate statistical models to demonstrate the strength or weakness of a real correlation. The author fails to report how many people participated in the survey or how the survey was done. This is an important component when one is referring to over 30 million people. Was it a survey of eligible voters (over 22 million

in 1998) and/or actual voters (9 million in 1998)? Was it a phone survey, paper survey, or something else? It would have been a Herculean task to survey all of black America, so it is clear that a portion of the total African-American population of the United States was surveyed. What was the margin of error in this survey? Was it sufficiently randomized for this to be valid as a measure of the opinion of the whole of black America?

Unfortunately, the author fails to report any of this information, thus leaving room for serious statistical errors as the reason for the reported differences. For example, it makes a significant difference if the voters were from Beverly Hills or South Central L.A. Such errors could mean that differences in the initial test were the result of a disproportionate percentage of poor black Americans and upper middle-class white Americans being tested rather than a real difference between black and white voters on this topic. The author fails to talk about the fact that, at no time,

did 51% of black voters favor increasing welfare. 32% is not 51%; in fact, it isn't even close and it is not a majority. This calls into question the practical significance of her work in some very real ways.

The simplistic hypothesis of the author remains unproven at best. She argued black voters were more in favor of increasing the government spending in welfare due to their statistical concentration as welfare recipients. In the 1997/1998 F.Y. there were 200,066 total more black welfare recipients (37% to 39%) in the U.S. However, in 28 out of fifty states there were more white recipients of welfare than black. In two additional states the amounts were equal. Again, the aforementioned errors (randomization, sampling size, statistical significance, and correlation analysis just to name a few) raise their ugly heads and bring into question the entire study. Statistical conveyance as a way of explaining these differences is nonsense. The data presented in the study does not support

the ridiculous contention that black voters are in favor of increasing welfare because of a difference of 200,066 persons unevenly dispersed over 50 states. There appear to be more things in play here which the author inexplicably did not consider and/or did not report in this article. Such grievous omissions are simply inexcusable in any type of social science research and do not belong in any publication regardless of the political orientation of its leadership.

I could continue ad infinitum but I think the point is clear. This may have been a wonderful paper in the methods course but it was hacked into a dreadful and atrocious article.

Those responsible for *Context* magazine must do a better job of quality control. To publish something this intellectually vapid, theoretically weak, and structurally flawed on a topic of this importance is reckless, offensive and shameful.

Brian Stanley
Academic Advisor & Director of Black Student Programs

Correction: LSP is not M.E.Ch.A.

Dear Editor,
The article written by Blake Grivette, in the *Collegian* on Tuesday, October 1, "Lopez Delivers Leadership to Latino Programs" inaccurately describes the Office of Latino Student Programs (LSP) as the student club Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan (M.E.Ch.A.). I would like to clarify that the LSP Office is not the same as the M.E.Ch.A./ Latino Club. The LSP Office is a student retention program within the department of Academic Advising and Achievement that provides culturally relevant academic support services to Latino students on campus. The coordinators provide academic advising services to the general student population and develop retention programs to promote the academic success and graduation of Latino students.

The M.E.Ch.A./ Latino Club, on the other hand is a student organization on campus that reports to the Student Activities Office and is funded by Associated Students of Saint Mary's College. The M.E.Ch.A./ Latino club provides a welcoming environment for Latino students and educates members and the campus community on Latino

issues, history and culture.

Norma Lopez
Coordinator Latino Student Programs
Brother Michael Avila
Assistant Coordinator Latino Student Programs

Stop Attacking Iraq

Dear Editor,

The U.S. government and corporate media exhibit a lot of arrogance and duplicity in continually complaining about Iraq's possible possession of weapons of mass destruction. The United States has used four weapons of mass destruction against Iraq.

The first weapon of mass destruction was the massive bombing in the 1991 Persian Gulf War. Hundreds of thousands of Iraqis were killed, and there was no way of fighting back, since they don't have an air force capable of protecting their cities or causing American losses. Political activist Helen Caldicott called it a massacre and not a war, since Iraq was so inferior in power to the United States.

The second weapon of mass destruction was the embargo, which according to the United Nation's own figures has caused the deaths of over one million Iraqi people, including 500,000 Iraqi children. When asked about the deaths of Iraqi children on *60 Minutes*,

Madeleine Albright replied: "We think the price is worth it."

The third weapon of mass destruction was the bombing of the water purification and sewage systems and the hold placed by the embargo on parts to repair these systems. The drinking of impure water has led to outbreaks of infectious diseases in Iraq.

This is a form of biological warfare. Researcher Thomas Nagy has discovered Defense Intelligence Agency documents that prove that the bombing of the water and sewage systems and denial of repair parts was a deliberate strategy by the United States to cause disease in Iraq.

The fourth weapon of mass destruction was the use of depleted uranium or uranium 238. I prefer calling it uranium 238 because it is not depleted. The more radioactive uranium 235 has been removed, but it is still radioactive and emits gamma, beta and alpha radiation. The cancer rate in Basra in southern Iraq, where most uranium 238 was used, is six times normal, and children are being born with the most appalling birth defects like hands growing directly from the shoulders, noses above the eyes, no fully developed brains, etc. These birth defects are similar to those seen after

Hiroshima and Nagasaki and have also occurred in the children of Persian Gulf war veterans.

The cowardice of the corporate media in reporting on this situation is truly disgusting. Only journalists like Jeremy Scahill of Pacifica radio and British journalist John Pilger have told this story. The medicines to treat the cancers are under embargo, as is the morphine to treat the pain. Former Assistant Secretary General of the United Nations and former U.N. humanitarian coordinator for Iraq, Denis Halliday, brought in medicine against the embargo to treat a little Iraqi girl named Saffa. She recovered, but thousands of children die.

The use of radioactive weapons is a very pernicious form of terrorism. The effects can be passed from generation to generation and will disappear only after billions of years.

The half-life of uranium 238 is 4.5 billion years. To even consider using more uranium 238 on the suffering Iraqi people is pure insanity. President George W. Bush talks a lot about evil in the world. This is a perfect description of another attack on Iraq- EVIL!

Gary Sudborough
Reader from Bellflower

Gael POLL

Questions on campus diversity

37

Percentage of students who think SMC is culturally diverse.

57

Percentage of students who think SMC should do more about its diversity.

91

Percentage of students who believe diversity enriches thier education.

37

Percentage of students who think SMC is ethnically diverse.

25

Percentage of students who belong to a diversity club.

Each week, the Collegian asks questions of 60 students and compiles the results above. All surveys are anonymous.

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The American Salad Bowl

The effect of diversity on the American identity

by Rob Porter
Opinion Editor

"Diversity" is simply a word, but a word with numerous connotations. But whatever its true meaning, diversity saturates the core of the American identity in the sense that we should all know it's important – but in what way and to what purpose is vague.

America is unique in the world – a land of refugees with scores of backgrounds converging in a single place, yet with extraordinary cohesion; different ethnicities, heritages, customs, philosophies, religions, et cetera composing the American identity. This cohesion is central to the American consensus and a crucial aspect of the one thing we may call – a m b i g u o u s though it is – "American culture." The difficulty, however, is how such a vast conglomeration of differing backgrounds still manages to compose a single American consensus – an underlying "theme" of American culture.

Each minority culture defines the whole of the American identity in some way. In order for them to coexist in such close quarters, the core of the universal American consensus employs

a political element highly reminiscent of Rousseau's social contract; regardless of background, the one thing to which any culture in America must adhere is the tenet that the one thing we may not tolerate is intolerance. This lets

minority cultures survive without being eradicated by the majority. Their existence exercises its influence on the things that are definitively American: Blues, jazz, rock n' roll, Hemingway, Steinbeck, Scorsese, Hollywood, and so on.

This is why America is endowed with an almost

invasive sense of political correctness. Such attitudes that venerate political correctness as an end miss the point, however, because while they aim at maintaining tolerance, they do so for the overly-sentimental purpose of "niceness," not the true purpose of keeping diverse cultures unadulterated, to the further enrichment of the whole of America.

Diversity is valued because it defines America, yet it can also be dangerous. Diverse cultures inspire American creativity, but in order for this to occur, the cultures that do so must be kept pure.

The danger of mixing cultures beyond the level of tolerance to assimilation is homogenization – damaging to the American identity and destructive to the original culture itself. The greatest fear of the European Union, for instance, is that cultural distinctions will fade in lieu of political unification.

If America is to remain a truly "diverse" society, diversity must mean a separation of cultures – to the end that they be kept pure and available to influence the whole of American culture. The moment that we become so "diverse" that cultures begin melting together, the cultures themselves disappear and America loses its identity.



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The Sensitive Gael



By
Christian
Muller

Why men and women can't be "just friends."

So, you're a girl and your best friend is a guy, huh? That's rough, because ultimately, men and women can't be friends.

How do I define true friendship? As a relationship between two people based on bonding, life experiences and care that is completely absent any physical desire. I have two best friends – they're guys. I know for a fact that I will never try to date, marry or have relations with them. Girls, guys: You can't say the same about your friends of the opposite sex. Here's why: Ladies, ask yourselves what you look for in a best friend? Maybe he would be funny, a good listener, enjoy a particular sporting event, and like Barbie dolls (just kidding). Throw in any physical attraction, and that sounds like a husband to me.

For some reason, we think that we are going to marry this idol that we have created in our heads when, in fact, that image will come no closer to reality than it is now. We are going to marry a down-to-earth, everyday person with whom we love spending our time – our best friend, and if you're into that whole pro-creating thing, you might want someone of the opposite sex.

In every relationship we form, we are subconsciously searching for that person who completes us. Girls often carry on temporary "best friend" relationships with guys; however, seven years down the road, they'll tell me that there is no way they could see themselves with that "best friend?" This interaction invests something more.

Here's what I'm told: One, you can have a friendship with someone that you are not physically attracted to, and, two, a friendship can be formed after one of the people has entered matrimony. In regards to the first argument, you can have a far more intense physical relationship once you develop an attraction to the inner person, as opposed to solely a physical lust. Due to lack of experience, I cannot necessarily speak on the second argument. However, what I have observed is that once men and women get married, they seem to have very little interest in the opposite sex, which can be seen by the lesser number of relationships they choose to have outside of the marriage.

Sorry if you have a best friend of the opposite sex, but now you can see that there is something more invested. And girls, keep talking and hanging out with me; don't let this column stop us from pretending to be friends.

Collective Insincerity is Killing Culture

Appreciating diversity takes more than Saint Mary's students think

by Liz Schnitz
Opinion Columnist

A white girl talking about diversity? Just another typical Saint Mary's irony. Especially when, on "Late Night with Conan O'Brian" last week, my ethnic subgroup, Irish-Americans, was hailed as "the whitest people ever."

We complain about the lack of diversity but, in this respect, Saint Mary's has an advantage over other schools. On paper, we are one of the more diverse schools in the nation, with ethnic minorities making up roughly 40 percent of the student population. Yet I can't possibly say with a straight face that a school enrolling 60 percent white students is ethnically "diverse," even with the knowledge that the term "Caucasian" groups many different cultures under one

title. Nonetheless, we are in a better position than many other schools to appreciate diverse backgrounds.

But why does this not happen? Why have we been listed in the Princeton Review, contrary to our "diverse" numbers, as a remarkably cliquey campus?

Part of the answer to this question takes into account the fact that Saint Mary's, in some respects, is not far removed from the real world. Prejudices didn't disappear when we moved into the dorms or attended our first day of classes. In fact, the confined atmosphere of Saint Mary's might just exacerbate the racism of the outside world. Not only is it clear in Saint Mary's student rhetoric that most of us would not admit to the inevitable position of harboring racial biases – this

claim due either to our idealism, naiveté or both – but the size of the school itself aids in the slander of races, genders and sexual preferences.

We are a campus that is small enough to suffer severe repercussions after ill-advised words are passed between students – the speaker, of course, meaning "nothing by it." I have made poorly informed comments myself, and most of us – if we are truly honest with ourselves – can admit to making statements in the past for which we now want to slap ourselves. How do we reach the point where we can admit that we may not have contributed to the development of diversity at SMC at one point or another? By being honest with ourselves.

As a girl in one of my seminar classes once said, "I can't believe that no one sees

color when they look at another person. I know I do. It's hard not to." Perhaps we can first admit that we do see color, we do see differences amongst ourselves, and then perhaps we can embrace them sincerely, and not just because political correctness tells us we're potentially breaking the law if we don't.

"Celebrating Diversity" means little if we are not doing this wholeheartedly, if we are not making an effort to get to know each other, or if we are making dumb comments that we think are harmless because we are friends with the one in the group of whom we are making fun. With all of the energy and expectation put into diversity clubs, and with the sincere interest of many on this campus in keeping culture alive, let's try not to kill it with collective insincerity.

DETOUR

100 WORD REVIEWS

OPERA

Prepare yourself for a visual feast -- one that would make Puccini proud. Baz Luhrmann, director, co-writer and producer of "Moulin Rouge" and "Romeo + Juliet," brings his vibrant and visually splendid version of the 1896 opera *La Boheme*, written by Giacomo Puccini with a libretto by Giuseppe Giacosa and Luigi Illica, to the Curran Theatre in San Francisco. Sung in Italian with English subtitles and set in France, Luhrmann updates this classic story of romance and tragedy to the 1950s, dressing his young cast in leather jackets and playing out the action on amazingly realistic sets. Playing now through November 10.

-Nicole Faraclas

MOVIE

Adam Sandler and director Paul Thomas Anderson collaborating on a project was interpreted by some as the second sign of the Apocalypse. Surprisingly, "Punch Drunk Love" is absolutely life-affirming. Sandler's Barry is an optimistic-depressive with an anger problem and seven bullying sisters. Every strange side of Barry is believable--no small feat, given his clumsy but rewarding romance with Emily Watson. Vanished are Anderson's tendency to write excess dialogue ("Magnolia") and Sandler's typecasting as an overgrown kid. With *Love*, Anderson has never said more with less, and Sandler's characterization is both heartbreaking and endearing.

-Liz Schnitz

STORE

Want good shopping without the hassle of long lines? Do you like quality, stylish clothing at affordable prices? Atlas is the newest men's clothing store to call Walnut Creek home. Atlas provides everything from shoes and sunglasses to vintage T-shirts and activewear. The store targets men from 18-40 who are on a budget but still want that upscale appearance. They boast that every item in the store is under \$100 -- a hard find in the area. The store carries brands like Mavi and Buffalo Jeans. So head down to 1356 N. Main Street and check out what they have to offer.

-Nick Manghum

DIVERSITY

VALUING DIVERSITY ON CAMPUS

[asian pacific american student association].....

by Chris Mateo

The Asian Pacific American Student Association (APASA) has played a very intricate role in the diversification of the SMC campus, continuing to encourage personal growth through cultural and political empowerment of their members. The club also provides opportunities for students to come together and celebrate the cultural differences of the community.

"Through our common goal, I feel confident that we will bring the full potential of APASA forward in creating an atmosphere where social, cultural, and even political diversity is valued," said APASA president Erica Uchida. "Without the continuous support and encouragement, our vision may have been just a vision, but thank you to all those who support us and continue to sustain the development of the Asian Pacific American students."

To support these goals, APASA has added a cultural show-and-tell segment to their general meetings.

"By having our members take the time to teach their peers about their own culture, we are able to maintain a unified family, strengthened by knowledge of each other," said Theresa Mejia, vice president of info management. APASA joins Saint Mary's goal of creating a community where all cultures are respected and accepted for their uniqueness.



WORKING TO ACHIEVE COMMUNITY

[black student union].....

by Nick Manghum

Many know the Black Student Union for its well-attended "Gael Spots," but the club provides much more to Saint Mary's than weekend dancing. The BSU, one of the most active and recognized clubs on campus, fosters a strong sense of community for African-American students through guest speakers, weekly meetings and social events.

This year, the Black Student Union is under the new leadership of junior Fernisha Crawford. "This year, we will have a focus on community building," Crawford said. The club is making it a goal to take an active part in the SMC community and beyond. And the club is well on its way to achieving its goal. In the first few weeks of November, BSU will be holding a food drive in each of the residence halls to donate to a local food bank. The club is also working to implement religion into its programming this year. "Once a month, we will be holding a church service for students, offering an alternative to the Mass on campus," Crawford reported.

The unity of the campus will soon be even stronger with the collaboration of the BSU and other campus organizations. "BSU will be working much more this year with the other diversity clubs on campus" said Crawford. There is a tighter bond being made, and the effects will soon be seen. The Black Student Union is working hard this year to create a stronger more viable community. The BSU is a prime example of an organization on campus bringing the College's mission to light.

FOSTERING LATINO AWARENESS

[m.e.ch.a/latino club] ..

by Andrea Camarena



The Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan began at Saint Mary's in 1967, when Latinos constituted 2% of the College's student population. In the fall of 2002, the organization, now known as the MEChA/Latino club, has over 30 active members and prides itself on creating an inclusive community to learn and share experiences from all Latin American cultures.

The club changed its name in 1999, and has also added the position of Latino Diversity Officer to its Concilio. This office, created and held by Ivannia Cuevas '03, will focus on diversifying the Latino Club's events and socials to represent all Latin American cultures, as well as reaching out to all students of the SMC community to learn about these cultures.

With elections finalized last week, the club now focuses on its next event, Dia de los Muertos. On Friday, November 1, volunteers will host 40 elementary school children for the day. The children will tour the school to visit several altars located throughout campus, including the Chapel and the Women's Resource Center.

President Gladys Valenzuela emphasizes that the club "welcomes students of Latin American background, seeks unity through cross-cultural awareness and promotes building across our own diverse community."

Service

Helping Those in Need

Saint Mary's newest service club, SMC Outfitters, goes the extra mile

by Brad Kvederis
Chief Copy Editor

If SMC student clubs were ranked in order of their energy, motivation and pure willingness to take action, the SMC Outfitters would surely be near the top of the list. The Outfitters, currently in their third year of existence, are a group of 20-30 students who devote their time to helping the homeless and increasing campus awareness toward the issue of poverty – in ways more direct and constructive than any other club on campus.

The Outfitters' main

mission is simple: Every second Friday, the group travels to San Francisco and directly seeks out the homeless on the city streets. They talk with homeless individuals, find out their most pressing needs, and distribute essentials such as food, clothing and blankets that they have gathered through donations

and to co-founder David Barajas '03, was started in an effort to take advantage of what he and others saw as a missed opportunity in the area of student service clubs. While several service clubs existed at the time of the Outfitters' inception, few made any kind of sustained effort to reach out to those they sought to help.

contributions. The club, and

"It started because we wanted to go out and do something," Barajas said. "We wanted to put our words into action."

Because of the hands-on nature of their work, the Outfitters do not command the kind of publicity enjoyed by many other clubs that hold prominent, large-scale campus events. And while they do occasionally stage events on campus, they are always intended – as are

all of the Outfitters' undertakings – to make a difference rather than to entertain.

Some SMC students may remember the "Food Barricade" staged by the group last year in Oliver Hall; the Outfitters collected all the food that students were about to throw in the trash or leave at their tables – and came away with over 120 pounds of wasted food in one lunch period (The SMC student body, according to the Outfitters' projections, wastes over 24,000 pounds of food every year). Others may remember the "Shantytown" that the group constructed on Chapel Lawn last spring, in which students spent a day living in cardboard boxes to bring a striking example of the poverty problem to the center of campus attention.

"People really need to be more aware of the homeless problem," Barajas told the *Collegian*. "How many times do people walk past a homeless person on the street and just ignore them?"



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WRITERS' club

by Josh Krehbiel

The Writers' Club hosts a medium for all SMC students who are interested in literature in any format to express their interest. Under the leadership of advisor Barry Horowitz and president Brian Ely, the Writers' Club meets two days a week, Tuesday and Thursday, from 3 to 4 p.m. in or near Delphine Lounge.

"The club is for enthusiasts of the written word," states active member Preston Thomas. All are invited to attend the meetings and share their work or offer suggestions for literature-related activities. Thus far, the club has hosted multiple writers' circles and is currently discussing plans for guest speakers and a student publication.

ACADEMIC

PHILOSOPHY club

by Rob Porter

The Philosophy Club provides an environment for students inclined toward philosophical studies and activities to engage in intellectual discourse with fellow students and professors. It is a very loosely composed club, meaning that it has no specific guidelines for membership – there is no official list of members and there aren't necessarily any "officials," but such things are not to the philosophical purpose. As president, I don't think we need concern ourselves with such minutiae.

Philosophy Club meets every Thursday at 5:15 in Arcade 2 to discuss Aristotle's *On the Soul*, and is associated with a Dante reading group in San Francisco, which is currently reading the *Purgatorio* every Tuesday evening. There are also plans to have more meetings in which to focus on single weekly readings.

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SPORTS

Lions edge faltering Gaels

Loss to LMU puts Men's soccer in fifth place in the WCC

by Andrea Camarena
Sports Editor

The Saint Mary's men's soccer team fell 2-1 in their third conference game on Sunday October 27, to the #11 Loyola Marymount Lions. LMU put one away 28 minutes into the game to leave the Gaels trailing and scoreless at halftime. Both teams scored one in the second half of play, sending the Lions back to Los Angeles with their second West Coast Conference victory. The loss puts the Gaels' conference record at 0-2-1.

This loss leaves the Gaels with a 4-10-3 season record, and places them at the bottom of the conference rankings. Their .167 conference winning percentage tops only the archrival Santa Clara University (0-3), putting Saint Mary's in second-to-last place in the West Coast Conference. Sunday's game elevated LMU to third place in the league.

Head coach Steve Rammel attributes the loss to the team's slow performance in the first 40 minutes of play.

"In the first half, we didn't play with any urgency. In the second half, we woke up and played a quicker game."

Junior left midfielder Niles Almaranez agreed: "We were flat in the first half, but we did better and I think we dominated



Photo by Andrea Camarena

Defender Michael Johnson leaps to stop one of LMU's attempts from reaching the SMC net.

the second half."

Almaranez pushed an offense that came close to success throughout the second half, but only finished on one attempt. The Lions only outshot the Gaels 8-7 in the last 40 minutes of play, but SMC ran into its familiar difficulties in finishing.

SMC's lone goal came from freshman defender Michael Johnson. A free shot from fellow freshman Derek Youpel bounced out of LMU keeper Adam Sthay's hands, allowing Johnson to follow up and ricochet the rebound off the left post and into the right corner of the net.

"The game was disappointing. We're motivated, but we waited until we're down 2-0 before we put in some effort," senior sweeper Evan Fontaine said about the critical loss.

The Gaels have three more conference games to play, and must now get help from other teams to make the playoffs.

SCOREBOARD

FOOTBALL

OCTOBER 27	
Saint Mary's	24
Southern Utah	14

WOMEN'S SOCCER

OCTOBER 25	
Saint Mary's	2
Gonzaga	1

OCTOBER 27	
Saint Mary's	0
(5) Portland	1

MEN'S SOCCER

OCTOBER 27	
Saint Mary's	1
(11) LMU	2

VOLLEYBALL

OCTOBER 22	
Saint Mary's	2
UC Berkeley	3

OCTOBER 25	
Saint Mary's	0
(12) Pepperdine	3

OCTOBER 26	
Saint Mary's	1
Loyola Marymount	3

INTRAMURALS

The Hell-Bent co-ed flag football team ended the Untouchables' hopes of a three-peat. Hell-Bent defeated the defending champs 56-52. Each team scored a touchdown in the last thirty seconds, before Nick Zarcone swatted away Josh Palone's attempted pass as time expired. Hell-Bent held the distinction of being the only team to finish the fall league undefeated. In addition to that, no team in their Tuesday-Thursday League came within twenty points of defeating Hell-Bent.

MEN'S TENNIS

Senior Thomas Burgemeister and senior Romain Lachens advanced to the third round of the Omni Hotels ITA Regional Tennis Tournament, held at the Tim Korth Tennis Complex.

Gaels split in WCC weekend

Women's soccer beats Gonzaga, loses to UP

by CJ Daft

Assistant Sports Editor

In what turned out to be a defensive test for the Saint Mary's women's soccer team (9-8-1, 3-2 WCC) on Sunday, the team lost to the fifth-ranked University of Portland, 1-0.

During the first half of the contest, Portland passed the ball with ease and rarely allowed the Gaels into their backfield for an offensive attack as the Pilots outshot the Gaels 14-2.

When Portland got the ball around the box, the Gaels' defensive unit, consisting of Chelsea Montero, Jill Anderson and Allison Kop, among others, rarely gave the Pilots a good look.

Even when Saint Mary's could not stop an attempt, goalie Ruth Montgomery defended the goal well, saving 10 of 11 shots on goal. "Our defense kept the shots down," Montgomery commented.

On Portland's one successful shot in the second half, the Pilots drew Montgomery to the left side of the goal box, leaving the right side wide open for a cross and an easy score.

The Gaels have been hindered by injury upon injury this season. Saint Mary's went from being a deep team in the pre-season to having only two field substitutes and one backup goalie. Currently, the team has eleven players out for the season due to injury, including leading goal-scorer Lu Crenshaw, who tore her medial collateral ligament last week.

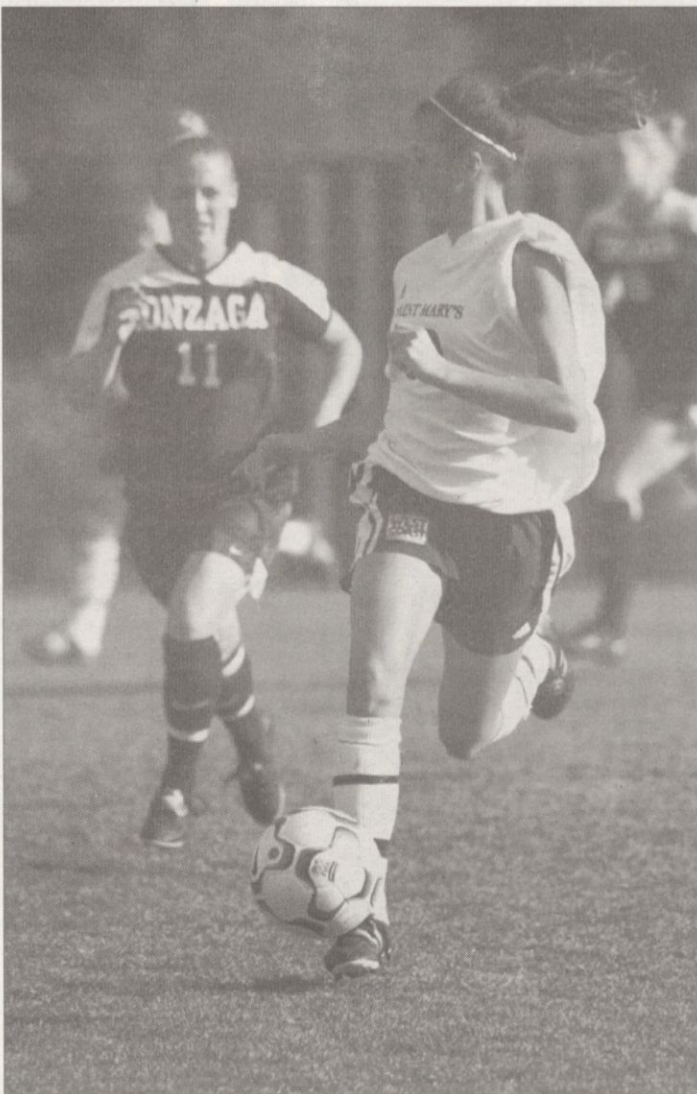


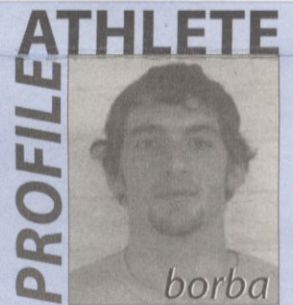
Photo by Katie Linnett

Sarah Burgess '05 rushes down the line against Gonzaga.

"It's hard, Lu's a leader and she's a competitive presence on the field and a goal scorer," said head coach Paul Ratcliffe. "So we are going to really miss her, but other players are going to have step up

and make a difference. I think they did [against Gonzaga]."

In Friday's game, the Gaels beat the Zags 2-1 as the team outshot Gonzaga 21-4 and four different Gaels took at least three shots.



PROFILE ATHLETE
borba
by Katie Linnett
Photographer

Gael football's number 30, Weston Borba, started out playing offense for the Gaels, but has now found his place on the field as the starting free safety. This position has given his talent a chance to shine.

Not only was he named the I-AA Independent Defensive Player of the Week for the fourth time this season, but was also ranked nationally as the Sports Network I-AA Defensive Player of the Week on Monday, October 21st.

Ranked in the top 20 in the nation with 90 tackles and tied for fifth in SMC history with 11 interceptions, Borba is a key player for the Gaels.

The statistics show great promise for his future, as he hopes to pursue a career in professional football after Saint Mary's. If that doesn't work out, his sports management major will help him with his desire to coach children.

The Gaels have four more games left in the season, and Borba has a positive attitude, saying, "We expect eight wins, and every game, we expect to win."