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The debate over war at SMC

Senate opposes war against Iraq

by Jonathan Morales
Staff Writer

The Associated Students Senate passed a resolution Sunday in opposition of the impending war on Iraq.

The resolution was authored by Senior Senator Nick Hardeman, who said that resolutions opposing the war are "a common practice on college campus across the United States." He added, "It's like a giant letter from a huge community."

Hardeman said that a war

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Senate supports a living wage

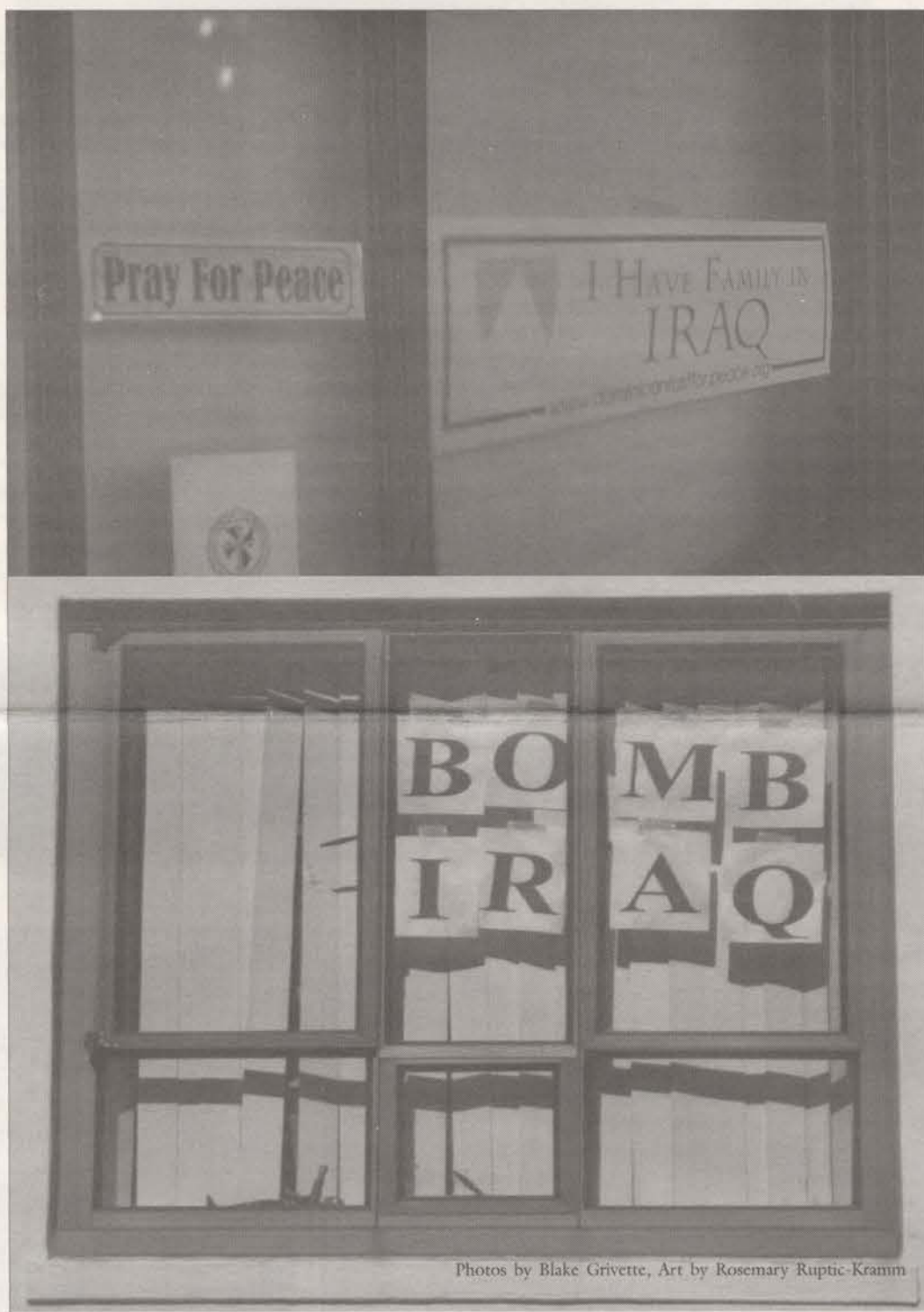
After much debate, the Associate Students Senate passed a resolution in support of the Living Wage campaign at their meeting last Sunday.

Peter Tappeiner, who addressed the Senate at last fall's general assembly, reminded Senate members that many employees of Able Body Co. and Sodex'ho-Mariott do not receive an hourly wage high enough to ensure a decent standard of living.

"So far we've gathered 500 student signatures in support of making this a priority of the college," said Hardeman, who authored the resolution.

Sophomore Senator Jessica

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Photos by Blake Grivette, Art by Rosemary Ruptic-Kramm

ROTC students aware of war, not involved

by Chris Mateo
Assistant News Editor

With the impending war in mind, the lives of many military-trained students have been a concern of their peers. Saint Mary's College students are no different.

A few students on campus are part of the Reserve Officer Training Corps, or the ROTC. These students do part of their training at the University of California in Berkeley where the Air Force ROTC Detachment 085 is based. Each Air Force ROTC detachment has facilities unique to their host university. Classes take place in the classrooms of the university. An average class size is 10 to 30 students, something SMC students are accustomed to anyway.

The ROTC of the U.S. Air Force, like the other branches of the military, provides students with programs and scholarships that help future military personnel receive the education and opportunity to become an officer in the U.S. military as soon as they graduate from college.

When asked about the ROTC students' participation in the war, SMC and ROTC student, Steve Wackowski '04, commented that it was highly unlikely.

"It's only a possibility. We would get called in if there were a dire need," said Wackowski. "We're training to be officers by going through college and doing some miscellaneous activities for the ROTC program, I don't think the military would pull us out of school unless it was urgent."

Wackowski, due to military confidentiality reasons, could not provide any personal opinions about the war.

Since the ROTC cadets should not be concerned with the war, they are able to focus on the primary tool for becoming an officer - education.

The official ROTC website, www.afrotc.com

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Body Acceptance Week brings healthy image

by Liz Schnitz
Staff Writer

Should you stop weighing yourself? Signs across campus command students to do exactly that, along with suggestions to go for a relaxing hike or wear clothes that feel good.

The signs, as well as a range of other eye openers, are all in the spirit of Body Acceptance Month, put on by the Peer Education Network and the Student Health and Wellness Center. The purpose of this annual effort is to show students that eating healthy portions and appreciating your body are not mutually exclusive.

"It's really important to [publicize] eating disordered

behavior and healthy eating", said Christina Cook, who is a first year member of the P.E.N. Cook sensed positive feedback during this year's Body Acceptance Week, and noted that although there seems to be an unspoken pressure on Saint Mary's campus to look good, she sees friends helping each other to stay healthy. "Girls have a lot of support," added Cook.

On a campus known for high-heeled classmates with perfect make-up at eight o'clock classes, it's important to keep both appearance and eating perspective. "It's such a fine line between being health conscious...and going to extremes," said Katie Buback '03, also involved in P.E.N.

"There's a lot of pressure on women here to be 'Miss Saint Mary's'."

Is there a 'Mister Saint Mary's' image as well? "Of course," said Xavier Ramos, a transfer student from Cal Poly. However, Ramos said Saint Mary's is not necessarily the campus most in need of a Body Acceptance Week. "It's not half as bad as Cal Poly," he said.

Regardless of how much pressure there is on the Saint Mary's campus to live up to a Ken and Barbie image, P.E.N. wants to spread the idea that healthy eating, exercise, and mental well-being should still be lifestyle priorities, in the interests of overall physical and mental health.

From February 27 to March 6, P.E.N. will offer several opportunities for students and faculty to care for their bodies. At an information booth outside Oliver Hall last Wednesday, pamphlets on nutrition and body image, and information on the events for Body Acceptance Month were available to those going to and leaving from the dining hall. A "Multi-Cultural Food Fest" and "Relaxation and Stress Management" were held last Thursday. There will be a Zen Meditation tomorrow, March 5 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., and on March 6, students are invited to a panel on "Cross Cultural Perceptions of Beauty" in Delphine from 5:30 p.m.

IN THE NEWS

Asian Cultural Night

Asian Pacific American Student Programs proudly presents the sixth annual Asian Cultural Night on March 18, 2003 in the Soda Activity Center. Registration will begin at 5:30 p.m. and the program will begin at 6:00 p.m. Admission prices are \$3 for SMC students, \$5 for faculty and staff, and \$10 for general admission. Please RSVP by March 7 to Kim Wesolowski at 631-4349 or kwesolow@stmarys-ca.edu

Legacy of Brother Cornelius

On Sunday, March 16 the Hearst Art Gallery will honor Brother Cornelius Braeg, F.S.C. Through the efforts of Brother Cornelius, SMC began collecting and exhibiting art. He is also responsible for the heart of the collection, 150 paintings by William Keith. The public reception will take place in the Keith Room from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Out of Time Art Exhibit

From March 15 through April 27, the Hearst Art Gallery will present *Out of Time: Designs for the Twentieth Century Future*. This Smithsonian Institution traveling exhibit tours America's past through its visions of the future. On Sunday, March 16 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., there will be a public reception in the main gallery.

School of the Americas presentation

On Thursday, March 6, there will be a presentation by SMC students who went as 'participant observers' to Fort Benning, GA. From 7:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. in the Soda Activity Center the speakers will talk about their experiences while investigating the school accused of thousands of human rights violations.

Social Justice Speaker

On Wednesday, March 5 at 7:30 p.m. in the Soda Center, Rob Warden will present "Reforming Our Criminal Justice System." Warden is the executive director of the Center on Wrongful Convictions and is an award-winning legal affairs journalist who exposed many wrongful convictions.

CAMPUS SNAPSHOT



Josh Farley/ COLLEGIAN

SMC Blooms Along with Spring

The coming of the cherry blossoms is one of the most beautiful signs of Spring. Their presence echoes an ancient Japanese belief in the short, transitory nature of youth and life itself.

Web-based communication convenient

Students and faculty adjust to online information resources

by Jonathan Morales
Staff Writer

After a long day of classes you come home and most likely one of the first things you do is turn on your computer to check your e-mail. Among your new e-mail messages is Brother Craig's weekly newsletter. Do you read the letter, or do you delete it and move on to other messages?

If you choose the latter, you are among the 56% of Saint Mary's students who say they do not read the weekly e-mail, as reported in a recent GaelPoll. Vice President for Enrollment Services Michael Beseda expressed concern that so few students read Brother Craig's e-mails but also said that it is a relatively new aspect of campus communication.

"I wish 100% of students read Brother Craig's weekly e-mail each week," said Beseda. "I don't know if students are aware that it's out there each week. I would love to see more students reading it."

However, he commented that e-mail is generally an effective method of communication, especially when important information needs to be given to students.

"It's a great way to communicate and it's a great tool. We want to make information more readily accessible, that's the goal," said Beseda.

E-mail has also permeated into the classroom, and many professors have made communication via e-mail an integral part of their classes.

"It's one of the best things that

has happened to faculty-student communications," said anthropology professor Lynn Meisch. Meisch said that she uses e-mail constantly and gives out her e-mail address to students on the first day of class.

Tom Carter, Dean of Academic Resources, said that he sees students using email the most. "Students use e-mail constantly," Carter said.

He added that email was an unofficial form of communication waiting to become an official one, "I think that it was just recognizing something that was already in existence."

In addition to e-mail, computers and the Internet have affected numerous other areas of campus, including the library, where Carter works. Since his coming to Saint

Mary's three years ago, he has seen periodical subscriptions increase from eleven-hundred to ten-thousand, nine-thousand of which are digital.

"Every semester we're trying to subscribe to something new," said Carter.

Another service available to students and staff is GaelXpress, which allows students to register for classes and add or drop a class online. Faculty members use GaelXpress to perform essential classroom functions, such as entering grades.

Computers and the Internet have made communication on campus more efficient and have opened the door for many new and exciting possibilities.

"We can provide more services more often," said Carter.

CRIME BEAT

2/20 9:36 p.m.

Incident: Possession of paraphernalia
Synopsis: Students charged with battery, possession of marijuana, and a failure to comply at Sabbatte, case referred to Moraga Police Department.

2/22 3:16 a.m.

Incident: Unauthorized use of college property
Synopsis: Misuse of golf cart at Guerrieri West, case suspended.

2/24 3:24 p.m.

Incident: Stolen vehicle
Synopsis: Stolen vehicle from library parking lot brought to Becket and More fire lane, vehicle recovered, case closed.

2/26 9:45 a.m.

Incident: Hit and run
Synopsis: Hit and run, non-injury at lower De La Salle parking lot.

2/26 10:25 a.m.

Incident: Grand theft
Synopsis: Golf cart stolen from Madigan gym and recovered, case suspended.

2/26 11:30 a.m.

Incident: Mentally disturbed person
Synopsis: Mentally disturbed person threatened self-harm at the De La Salle counseling center, referred to student conduct.

2/26 1:00 p.m.

Incident: Vandalism
Synopsis: Graffiti found at De La Salle, referred to Residence Life.

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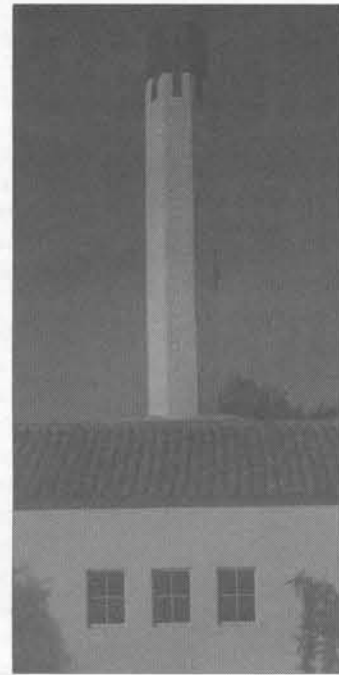
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Is the Power Plant losing energy?

Does the weight room muscle up to the needs of the community



by Billy Porter
Staff Writer

"Everything you can do in a weight room you can do here," said Marty Storti, Assistant Athletic Director for Recreational Sports.

This seems to be the theme for the current status of the weight room on campus.

"It's nothing flashy," said Storti. "It is also not missing anything."

This current situation of "good enough" does not work for some students.

"For the amount of money my family spends to go here I would expect better facilities," said senior Razi Hyder. "It is impossible to get a full work-

out in without running into some problem, which is why I go to 24 Hour Fitness. I see more and more students there [24 Hour Fitness] who say the same thing."

The current dimensions of the weight room allow around 3,000 square feet of floor space according to *SMCnet.com*.

"With a fast growing student body there needs to be some consideration to getting more room for the weights," said Ryan Niebuhr, '04. "It is hard to get a crew team workout to prepare for the season. We are forced to go in at odd hours and work out separate from the entire team."

"It is nearly impossible to find a machine when the foot-

ball team is there," said senior cheerleader Corrine Devon. "The night is not as bad, but it is tougher to find time to do my workout then."

The power plant is taking steps forward, and a solid change for the weight room at Saint Mary's is being worked. Current Power Plant supervisor, Gene Mirra, realizes the need for change and uses an apt metaphor for the process.

"It is not a sprint, it's a marathon," said Mirra. "The improvements that we have made are going in the right direction and it's currently ten times better than it was."

Before 1992, the weights were located in a room inside Madigan Gym. The current

weight room is located inside the old Power Plant. It was completed in October of 1992, and currently boasts a blend of new and old equipment. The oldest piece of equipment on site is the tower, which includes two lat pull downs, reverse rowing, and a curl bar.

"One day I will use the curl bar and it will feel like I am lifting one hundred pounds," said weight room supervisor Jon Fish. "While on other days it sticks and does not fully work."

"A second floor cardio center would be a nice addition," Mirra said. "The stereo is also in the process of being rewired so it should be up and playing soon."

ROTC AT SMC

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states, "the first two years of the Air Force ROTC four-year program, the General Military Course, consist of one-hour classroom work and one to two hours of leadership laboratory each week".

The curriculum is organized by aerospace class and separated into four major areas: Profession of Arms, which teaches the basic knowledge and skills of a prospective officer, Communication Skills,

Leadership Studies, and Military Studies/International Security Studies.

"I came here with the ROTC scholarship from my high school," said Wackowski. "Right now, I go to UC Berkeley on Wednesdays to take academic courses such as military law. Along with my academic-year studies, I commit myself to summer activities in the program such as Army Airborne Training."

ANTIWAR

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with Iraq could have drastic effects on students despite the fact that Saint Mary's is a private college.

"There still are a lot of people on grants and Federal Stafford loans that could ultimately get affected by the war," said Hardeman. "To say that it won't be affecting education at all is a little naïve."

A similar bill failed at the General Assembly two weeks ago. A new resolution was created and amended with a statement recognizing the cost of war and comparing the national defense budget to the budget for education.

After the resolution passed 15-11, Senior Senator Katie Buback expressed her view that it is not the Senate's place to determine the student body's view on this issue.

"I didn't feel comfortable voting for it," said Buback. I think it's so wrong for the Senate to say that Saint Mary's as a whole is against [the war]."

LIVING WAGE

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Porras also spoke in support of Living Wage, saying, "I think it's directly against the nature of our institution to try to devalue the work of the people who serve us everyday, regardless of what country they come from."

Junior class Vice President Adam Melville was one of several senators to voice opposition to the resolution.

"This allocation of the money is not a top priority for us," said Melville. There are more important things that require our attention."

In addition, Sophomore Senator David Colarossi expressed his concern for the worker's jobs.

"I think they're going to lose their jobs if we pass this," said Colarossi. "If we raise the amount of money they are paid, then other people are going to take their jobs."

The resolution, which passed 16-9-1, serves as a statement of support from the Associated Students.

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OPINION



Don't tell me you haven't, like, heard a conversation like this before.

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A Friendly Reminder

Dear Editor,

Hi. I'm in your hall and sat through a meeting with you that our R.A. put together regarding sexual assault on campus. We all had other important things to do that night (as did the R.A., probably) yet we all sat in the lounge reading statistics on brown, mass-copied paper regarding a horror none of us wanted to think about. It's difficult to imagine our simple freedom paralyzed (being sexually abused), or even pinned down with no hope (being raped). But there was no choice; the meeting was mandatory.

As different types of abuse were read aloud at the front of the room, I too had no choice about whether I could leave the meeting, even though I had personal experience with some of the statistical happenings that were orated above the talking and giggling behind me. I have never been raped, but I was sexually abused, which sort of made me feel as if the nonchalant conversation was a cruel indifference to the topic at hand.

The truth, which was clear to me when I left the lounge alongside my hall-mates and the talk about more "usual" things continued among them, is that I had no right to be mad at anyone in that room. They were as scared as I was. Rape and sexual abuse, like death, are not topics that are fun to dwell on. Even if they happen to you. The only difference between myself and the others in the room (and I'll bet not everyone in that room) is that I couldn't escape this bizarre, disturbing topic. I was part of it, whether I liked it or not.

However, like some of my hall-mates, I've always assumed that I can't be raped. My personal reasoning is a naive hope that I'm "let off the hook" because I've already had en-

counters with sexual abuse. But the truth is that victims of sexual abuse are actually MORE likely to be raped in the future, often because of the mindset that they have developed as a result of being coerced into sexual acts before. This, unfortunately, also applies to those who have already been raped.

I want to thank Residence Life and the resident advisors for providing us with information and an opportunity to reflect on rape, especially in light of the many questions that have come about on campus lately. The word "rape," with only one syllable, seems enough to get an emotional point across in conversation, and yet rape happens to more of us than we want to believe, for more complex reasons than we are inclined to look at, and there are more ways of trying to prevent it than we might think. I want to ask everyone at that meeting to perhaps look at those sheets again as a starting point, ask themselves why they had to be made in the first place, and more importantly to remember that a step in preventing rape is to admit to yourself that it can happen to you.
Annie Rosen
Class of 2003

Collegian VIEW

SCU vs. SMC

How can we support our smaller teams?

Here is a fun weekend activity you might want to try: drive to San Jose, and witness a Santa Clara Broncos athletic event. Better yet, reserve the experience for a day when the Broncos take on our own Gael teams: regardless, you'll find something interesting occurring: lots of fans cheering on a variety of different sports.

It is already established that Santa Clara University and Saint Mary's College have many differences. However, they also possess many similarities, the kinds of which have made SMC and SCU rivals for years. But one thing they currently do not share is an equal amount of fanfare—the Broncos have fans everywhere, for everything, and our Gaels, clearly, do not.

Santa Clara abandoned its football team in the 90s, leaving students and friends of the school to search elsewhere for teams to support. Smaller sports teams found increased support both on the field in talent and attendance, and off the field financially.

It would be easy to sit here and blame our own—the students of SMC—for the low attendance at athletic events. But the fact of the matter is that SCU students *can't* be that different from SMC students. So, why are athletic days, especially weekends, not something SMC students look forward to on campus? Do we believe that the other sports (i.e. those other than football and basketball) are not entertaining or not worth watching? Or has the athletic department's administration simply lost all ability to promote "other" athletic events or allocate resources properly?

We *aren't* all that different—but we are definitely better than SCU. And our smaller sports deserve better.

Gael POLL

Slang Usage on Saint Mary's Campus

54

Percentage of students who say "tight."

56

Percentage of students who know what a "tool" is. (Not the garden variety.)

56

Percentage of students who are opposed to the use of the word "hella."

45

Percentage of students who say "sweet."

71

Percentage of students who are annoyed when people say "like" too much.

This week, the Collegian asked 78 students about their opinions on slang, and compiled the above results. All surveys are anonymous.

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The Sensative Gael Strikes Again

An original and creative solution for avoiding the next World War

by Christian Muller
Opinion Columnist

Nuclear warheads, millions of soldiers' lives on the line and feelings of hate within the human race: How do we do away with all of them? Read further.

What am I proposing? A solution for world peace that's a little more unorthodox than usual. My solution will eliminate all major inter-human race conflicts along with breaking down national barriers for one united goal: national governments come together in conspiracy to create an artificial alien, make it as real and terrifying as possible, and place it in outer space.

No matter how much a certain group of people within a community dislikes each other, when there is a threat presented, that puts the community that they both share

in danger, those people will come together.

Use sports for example; one of the biggest rivalries in sports right now is the Sacramento Kings and the Los Angeles Lakers. The fans of these two teams will dislike each other until the bitter end. However, when someone from the east coast decides to say that west coast basketball is no good, then these two groups of fans will unite to defend their teams from California. No matter how much they dislike each other, when someone threatens something they share - West Coast Basketball - they come together. Now stay with me - I know this is very inadequate in terms of true importance, however, the idea can be applied to other conflicts.

Say that there are two Congressmen that dislike each other very much and disagree on every political point.

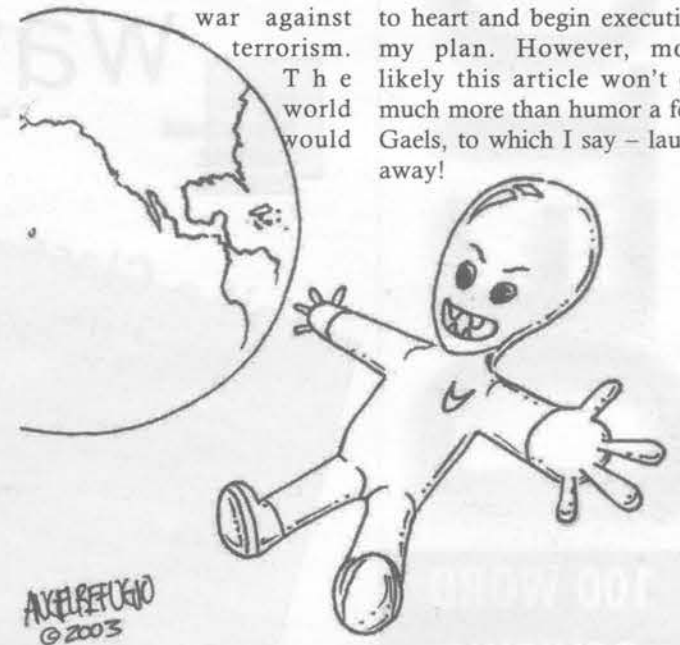
However, they are from the same state. When someone else turns against that state, whether in speech or political movement, the two congressmen will come together in defense. Examples of this can be seen in almost any community.

What I am proposing is to create an exterior threat to bring nations together. Something that would back the human race into a corner where leaders from Iraq, America and North Korea would all be standing shoulder to shoulder assisting each other. If some group of individuals could organize and fund the enormous project of building some kind of structure that would appear to be a threat to the world, peace could be at hand. If there was or appeared to be something bigger, more powerful and more mysterious

than anything humans have known, nations would unite in fear and defense; similar to the way we Americans came together as nationalistic individuals in this war against terrorism.

do likewise if any kind of exterior threat was present.

Ok, so I guess there's a chance that some right wing militia in Oregon might grab hold of this article and take it to heart and begin executing my plan. However, most likely this article won't do much more than humor a few Gaels, to which I say - laugh away!



CALIFORNIA

RAZZIES

by Susanne E. Schweitzer
Opinion Columnist

I am not from California. I was born and raised in Reno, Nevada (and I've never met a hooker, I don't like to gamble, no, I don't know how to ride a horse, and yes, the skiing is quite nice, thank you.)

When I applied here, people said "Whoa, are you sure you want to go to college in....California?" I didn't get it. But then I realized...

Start with the slang. Everything is "golden" (see, that's why they call it the Golden State) or "money." "I mean....do you know what I mean?" Things are "tight", or "sweet", or "hella tight". "Hella" is not even a word! When I was in New York last spring, someone overheard me describe a person as "a tool", and turned around to ask me what I'd meant. That's when I realized how sneaky and infectious this culture is.

Have you ever truly listened to class discussions? "It's...um... you know?--because... I mean...it's like...cool, you know?" I don't know how professors stand it. How can anyone stand it? We're all supposed to be intelligent, right? So why is so much talk just filler?

I swear it takes five minutes just to agree with another. "Because, it's like....well, like—I mean, that's a totally awesome point, you know?"

And then there's the oh-so-sincere "meet and greet" employed across this fair state. It took me a while to get used to it. In fact, I still get tripped up sometimes. Example: "Hey, what's up?" "Pretty good...I mean...crap."

And by the time you've realized, he's long gone. It does add up though; Californians are known for their friendliness and laid-back attitudes.

Maybe it's the weather. One can, except for a month or two in winter, wear flip-flops everyday. Spring rolls around in mid-February, and autumn doesn't quit 'till early December. So maybe all the endorphins have addled our brains. Personally, I have no clue how to dress for the weather anymore, which means that every time I venture out of the bubble that is Northern California, I'm always cold. Still, next year, when I'm freezing my unmentionables off in Baltimore, Maryland, I'll think fondly of my time in this haven. Maybe I'll sport some shorts in January and greet people with "Dude, what's happening? Those shoes are tight!"

Image from www.bigheadlittlebody.com/images/Clueless.jpg
Art by Nicole Faraclas

DETOUR

100 WORD REVIEWS

MOVIE

Ted Turner's prequel to Gettysburg, *Gods and Generals* was sure to be a stunner. Opening weekend my theater was full, but in terms of interest, I think that a four hour Civil War epic stressing the importance of family was too hard to sit through. But, the casting/acting was incredible. Jeff Daniels reprised his role of Colonel Joshua Chamberlain while Robert Duvall and Stephen Lang shined as Confederate leaders Robert E. Lee and "Stonewall" Jackson. Mira Sorvino and Mia Dillon also appeared as wives coping with their husbands' departure. The verdict? Rent the movie and watch it with your dad!

-Lara Endreszl

FOOD

One of the San Francisco's most trendy and upscale restaurants, Asia de Cuba, offers a new flavor to the city's restaurant scene: a Chino/Latino style. The innovative dishes range from roasted ostrich steak to grilled shrimp in Asian pesto. Definitely begin your experience with the lobster quesadillas, which are delicious. The restaurant's club-like atmosphere is an added bonus to your dining experience; filled with retro-furniture, upbeat music, and 20-something San Franciscans. You pay for the top-quality food and upscale environment, but it is definitely worth experiencing. Asia de Cuba is located in the Clift Hotel on 495 Geary Street.

-Nick Manghum

RENTAL

Kicking and Screaming came out a year after *Reality Bites* and attempted to dissect the limbo of recent college graduates, and ended up doing a superb job. Frustrated, love struck and above all, lazy, a foursome of recent graduates pick each other apart each as their fellow collegiates try to stay sane. This movie, underneath all of its humor, has a lot of sincerity and illustrates specific elements of college life that just about anyone can relate to. At a time when the economy puts many of us in danger of feeling useless after graduation, this film reassures you that you are not alone!

-Liz Schnitz

the BEST way to... PART II

by Nick Manghum and Susanne E. Schweitzer

Fail a Class

Study in the oh-so-trendy library. Don't bother going to class everyday; the attendance policy is just a suggestion. Also, if you feel the need for caffeine, stop and get some before class. Who cares if you're late? The professor would rather you be alert. Which also means that if you need a little nap in the middle of class, go right ahead. In fact, come in your pajamas. Professors like to know that you're comfortable. Don't read the homework, but argue a lot with people who have. As long as you're talking, it shouldn't matter if you're informed or not.

Befriend A Professor

Pick a likely subject; this would preferably be someone with whom you have a class, but that's not mandatory. Haunt the third floor of Dante (or wherever his office is) like a ghost. Bring in muffins. Muffins are delicious and show that you care. Make a Adobe Photo Shop collage with altered photos of the two of you on vacation! This shows your willingness to spend time with them.

Avoid Bitterness

Don't drink tonic water. Just kidding. Moving off-campus helps, so does getting involved in something you actually care about. Look on the bright side—you could be at DVC. To avoid drama and the subsequent bad humor, don't be a hypocrite! Just don't talk to the people you don't like. Load up on the Prozac—apparently, all you need to get a prescription is to convince some quack that you're depressed. Also, the best thing to do is to avoid associating with the authors (Speaking of which, don't take these columns seriously; it's just a joke).

Avoid People You Don't Like

Here at Saint Mary's, it's key to block them on AOL IM. Also, try not to walk around during key foot-traffic times (i.e. 11:25, 12:35, or 1:45). This is especially important around Dante and the Chapel Lawn. Pretend your phone's broken, and don't be polite about returning calls. If it comes to that, move out.

Waste an Entire Day:

Get up no earlier than noon. Strive to sleep until 2:00. Immediately get on the computer, and Instant Message everyone you haven't talked to for at least four hours. Those old friends would appreciate hearing from you. Head over to Saga (still in your pjs!), and talk to Manny for a while. Bring up the A's, or the weather; these are sure-fire conversation starters. After lunch (or dinner, depending on what time it is), catch some soaps on TV. Take a little nap; no doubt all this technology is exhausting.

Annoy People

Call all your friends at 4:00 AM to see if they want to hang out. Ask for rides to everything, even if it's just to class from Ageno East or West. In class, take notes on what classmates say, and offer point-by-point rebuttals. This is neither rude nor overbearing, but instead proves your dedication and intelligence. Get really drunk and tell people you love them. Better yet, kiss them. Be "civil" no matter what, even if it makes you a hypocrite. Write newspaper columns about how much you know about everything.

Throw a Birthday Party

Decide on a theme, and decide on your guests. Go to evite.com, and customize your own party and invitation. This service not only allows you to reach a whole bunch of people at once, it's free! And, there are a lot of special features, like a message board where people can post comments and decide whether or not to go-based on others' coolness.

Gale: Surprising Twist of Fate

'Life of Gale' leaves audience gasping

by Michelle Dalida
Staff Writer

There are few movies released that can completely shock an audience. "The Life of David Gale" is definitely one of these rarities. Never has a movie changed my perspective, and when it comes to an opinion, I'm pretty stalwart. However, this movie has completely changed the way I look at the criminal justice system and its sentencing.

David Gale (Kevin Spacey) is a college philosophy professor, father, and death penalty opponent who finds himself in an unlikely situation. After struggling through a tumultuous marriage and problems with one of his college students, his immaculate reputation has been tainted. Although Gale tries to rebuild his life, he succumbs to alcoholism and depression while watching his life shatter piece by piece. However grandiose his efforts, he is always subjected to in-

tense scrutiny due to his past actions and subsequently ruined reputation.

After realizing his career as a professor is over, he redirects his energy by helping Death Watch, an anti-death penalty organization that strives to save death row inmates from their sentencing. Constance Harroway (Laura Linney), a Death Watch advocate and college colleague of Gale's, plays an important role in stabilizing Gale. She takes on a Christ-like image throughout the movie: frail and outside the spotlight, it is her intelligence and passion against the death penalty that makes her character mysterious. Yet her role takes a turn for the worst when she is found raped and murdered in her own home.

All forensic evidence points at David Gale, who has become a scapegoat of the legal system. He is put on Death Row among other murderers in Texas. As his execution date



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Laura Linney and Kevin Spacey star in *David Gale*

approaches, Gale enlists investigative reporter Bitsey Bloom (Kate Winslet) as the first person to take a personal interview. As Gale's story begins to unfold, Bloom realizes that an innocent man may be executed. Time slips away as the 72 hours in which Bloom has to solve the mystery of Harroway's death begins to expire.

Although the acting was less

than perfect and the cinematography was dark and gloomy, the movie's plot and message more than made up for its faults. The ending took me for a loop and left my mouth open all through the final credits. Its poignant message can make any person reexamine their true feelings about life, as well as their values. It's a definite two thumbs up.

Why Do We Love REALITY TV?

Why we get addicted to these horrible shows

by Jonathan Morales
Staff Writer

A few short years ago, when the very first *Survivor* was ready to debut on CBS, I will admit that I suspected this new type of reality-TV would change TV for the worst.

We are being bombarded with reality shows (are we up to *Survivor 6* now? I've lost count...) They are on every network, in every time slot, and near the top of the Nielsen ratings. Put simply, its as if no one's realized yet that this is just horrible television.

Consider *The Bachelor* (and its sequel), the show that promised to bring two young people together in marriage. Last time I checked, neither couple is actually together anymore (Evan Mariott, a.k.a. *Joe Millionaire*, is also currently single). Did anyone actually believe they fell in love? And let's not forget the dazzling *Who Wants to Marry a Millionaire*.

What about Kelly Clarkson, winner of *American Idol*? While she is incredibly talented, I have a feeling that people will soon forget her talent (and stop buying her

records) once a new American Idol is crowned. My heart-felt condolences are extended.

Reality TV brings out the sick, voyeuristic tendencies of TV viewers. How has our idea of good television these days become watching 16 people cut each other's throats somewhere in Southeast Asia or watching married men being seduced by young, beautiful temptresses?

The bottom line is that reality shows are ruining TV. Producers no longer need to put effort into decent television scripts as reality TV provides a quick, 6-8 week ratings boost.

Can you think of one popular sitcom or drama which is less than 2 or 3 years old? Didn't think so.

Because of reality television, there is no reason for networks to air decent, long-term shows. As long as we, the viewing public, continue to drive reality-TV ratings up by watching these shows, we can say goodbye to decent, well-written television shows.



How Strong Is Your Faith?

Take a 'Holly Day' the first Thursday of every month at the 'Drag Races'

by Andrea Camarena
Sports Editor

"Hot Boy" by the bar, "Hot Boy" on the dance floor, "Hot Boy in the cage"...wait...are those "Hot Boys" putting on dresses? That's right ladies and gentlemen--it's the Gay, Lesbian, Transgender, Bisexual club for all those over 18 years of age--"Faith." But it's not just the usual City Nights/Club X with a different name. It's the first Thursday of the month and you'll have to make it through the cold line if you want to catch it.

My favorite person of the night is on stage with all her sass and the smallest outfit imaginable. Queen of the drag races and the most hard-core MC I've ever encountered, Holly Day, takes her time picking out the contestants for the races. Good luck trying to get on stage, she can be picky. Once the five spunky young men are selected, they are sent backstage to strip down, while Holly entertains the crowd by bringing out her dancers or just chit-chatting with the crowd, whichever the theme of the night permits.

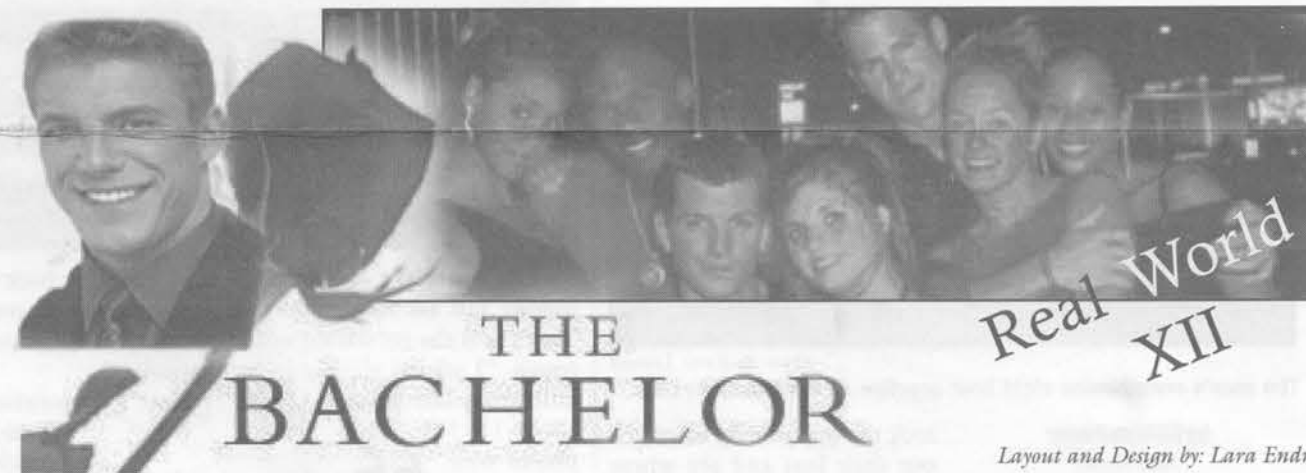
Depending on the theme of the night, the stage may be crowded with toys and provocative decorations. It's Bondage Night, and as this is a G-rated paper, lets just say the Popsicle fairy and two Speedo-clad blond boys make things interesting. But the main event of the Drag Races begins when the five contestants come back out in their unmentionables. (And I feel it necessary to mention that I had no idea that guys could actually wear thongs--silly naïve me).

The guys(divas) begin the race at the makeup table. Then they march through the crowd to the elevated stage where their dresses await them, and its like unleashing a group of gold-diggers in the gown room on the first episode of "Joe Millionaire."

Once the cat-fights cease and the outfits and wigs are on, we get the main event: The dance off. I promise you, if you go to Faith, you will have a hard time topping the dirty/crazy (depending on what you're used to, you freaks) things that you will see on the catwalk while Missy Elliot blares in the background. It's time to vote and that's where even more audience participation comes into play as the crowd screams for the best dancing drag queen of the night.

So, as I'm sure I'm about to lose your attention, my last words will be this: come for the techno music, "Hot Boys," Holly Day, and if nothing else, some good clean dancing.

"Faith" is open every Thursday night at 715 Harrison St. in San Francisco with a \$12 cover charge.



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SPORTS

Basketball four games from Big Dance

SMC Ladies finish 0-2 in McKeon; men 1-1 in So. Cal

by Denny Bulcao Jr.
Staff Writer

The goal of every middle-major Division I conference school is a trip to the NCAA Championships; this is the ultimate prize sought at the WCC Championships in San Diego's Jenny Craig Pavilion March 6-10. Sixteen teams in the men's and women's draws will give their all in San Diego, knowing that the new "8-team play-in format" also means "lose and go home." Most seniors will finish their highest level of athletic competition on the hardwood at USD.

The SMC men, earning a #5 seed after beating LMU 67-62, enter the tourney with high hopes. The Gaels' first round opponent just happens to be those pesky Santa Clara Broncos, who swept SMC by a combined four points during the regular season. Here's how a few of the players feel pre-March 7th:

Junior Chase Poole has been with the SMC basketball program through a school and NCAA worst 2-27 finish just two years ago, to this year's

group of cardiac kids. The tall Texan readies with a fiery confidence, stating "We've seen how well we can compete against every team in the conference, so of course going to the NCAA's has been a very real goal for us all season. We're ready for revenge for the second year in a row against Santa Clara. They're going down."

Junior transfer Frederic Adjiwanou joined freshman Aussie Daniel Kickert in becoming the Gaels new 1-2 punch. Adjiwanou figures, "The championship could go to any school. Look at Gonzaga; somehow they lost to [#6 and #7] LMU and Portland. We know we have to play a physical, focused, and composed game all 40 minutes on the floor. If we all believe in the goal [of winning the tournament] and stay mentally tough we can beat any team in the draw."

Senior point guard Samuel Saint-Jean keeps things short and sweet, full of all the confidence and swagger seen in true champions, responding with a resounding "We're gonna win



SMC freshman Daniel Kickert shoots a free throw.

it all, man." The men's team will face off against #8 Santa Clara in the first round on Friday, March 7 at 8:30 PM in front of the GAELFORCE bus-clan.

The women, seeded 8th, take on the 5th seeded Portland Pilots on Thursday March 6 at

noon. The Gaels split with Portland and won most recently in Moraga, 75-57.

Listen to all of the WCC Championship games on 89.5 FM KSMC, Gael TV Ch.19, www.smcgael.com or www.ksmc895.com. Or, get down to San Diego to support the Gaels.

SCOREBOARD

Women's BASKETBALL

FEBRUARY 28
Saint Mary's 74
Pepperdine 89

MARCH 1
Saint Mary's 67
Loyola Marymount 74

Women's LACROSSE

FEBRUARY 25
Saint Mary's 6
UC Davis 12

SOFTBALL

FEBRUARY 26
Saint Mary's 1
San Jose 0

FEBRUARY 26
Saint Mary's 11
San Jose 0

MARCH 1
Saint Mary's 5
Cal Poly 9

MARCH 1
Saint Mary's 3
Cal Poly 5

MARCH 2
Saint Mary's 0
UC Santa Barbara 8

MARCH 2
Saint Mary's 1
UC Santa Barbara 2

Women's TENNIS

MARCH 1
Saint Mary's 0
Santa Clara 7

BASEBALL

FEBRUARY 28
Saint Mary's 4
Pacific 5

MARCH 1
Saint Mary's 6
Pacific 0

Men's BASKETBALL

FEBRUARY 28
Saint Mary's 67
Pepperdine 72

MARCH 1
Saint Mary's 67
Loyola Marymount 62

GOLF

FEBRUARY 27
Saint Mary's 301
Santa Clara 295

Men's TENNIS

FEBRUARY 27
Saint Mary's 3
Northern Arizona 4

MARCH 1
Saint Mary's 5
Santa Clara 2

Crew starts sprint with strong results



Photo By Katie Linnett

The men's crew Novice eight boat practice as the sun comes up.

by William Porter
Staff Writer

The crew team took a step in the direction of progress on Saturday as both the men's and women's teams had strong showings at the Sacramento State Invitational.

The Race was held at Lake Natoma and featured such schools as UC Berkeley Lightweight, Humboldt, Sac State, Mills College, and Cal State Maritime.

Saturday's race was the first of the spring season and marked the beginning of the sprint races and the end of the head races. The difference between the two is 3000 meters-head races are five-thousand meters, while a sprint race covers two-thousand.

"Sprint races are different than head races in distance and in intensity," said novice rower Tom Greenough. "I can't wait to race another sprint."

Both the returning varsity rowers and the novice women's team placed high in their races.

The men's team showed signs of improvement and hopes of success in all of their races. The novice squad placed second in their four man boat while taking third in the eight man boat.

On the varsity side, the team


took the opportunity to stretch out their legs and see where they stood in the beginning of the semester. Two fours competed in the competitive varsity category.

The varsity eight proved to be interesting: the team fought hard and had one of the best starts holding first place by a foot. The race, however, did not pan out as the boat struggled in the middle thousand meters, resulting in a third place finish.

"It was a good showing," said Men's Crew head coach Dan Faustina. "All our boats are right where they need to be in order to be ready for a strong performance in the championship races."

Both men's and women's teams will be racing again on the 15th and 16th in the West Coast Conference Challenge, located in Redwood Shores. The first race of its kind, the WCC challenge will be a showcase of the rowing talent inside of the league.

"Come out and see us row," said men's rower Ryan Niebuhr. "It would be a positive thing for the sport. Especially because we are going to win, we're practicing twice a day...spectators won't be disappointed."



ATHLETE
[KATE HARDEN]
profile

by Kim Dao
Layout Designer

Girls can make each other jealous; just ask Kate Harden. That's how she got started with tennis. "I started playing in a little group lesson when I was

about 11. I played with this girl who was really mean to me, she always beat me - because I sucked. She'd always make fun of me after, and I was sick of getting my butt kicked because she was so mean to me. I went home to my mom, and said I needed private lessons. I loved it - and I kept playing."

Kate is a freshman from Lodi, CA. She was a Top 10 Sectional player, in addition to being a California State Regional champion and a semi-finalist in NorCal seasons. Kate was undefeated in her high school season and female athlete of the year at Lodi High. She manages to stay athletic in her 5 foot 5 inch frame, amidst a bad diet. "I only eat stuff that's bad for me...I am one of the most un-healthiest eaters."

So what's she like off the courts? Her roommate Piper Hare offers up some words, "She is a person who would

hold your hair back while you are puking on the toilet. She is caring, loving, protective and patriotic."

Kate's inspirations come from her tennis coach at home, who recently passed away, and her parents. "I wouldn't be who I am without them," she declares.

At Saint Mary's, she plans to pursue a degree in psychology, so she can open her own practice and work with an issue close to her: kids who have autism. "I worked with a kid who had autism my senior year in high school. I took him to the movies, I taught him how to play tennis; I just studied the disease," says Kate. "When I was having a bad day, Roland [the autistic child] would make me realize that it wasn't so bad."

Kate's passion lies in quotes: She keeps them posted around her mirror and in a book that she is hoping to give to her kids. When asked to share a favorite one, she smiles and reads, "Never frown even when you're sad, because you never know who's falling in love with your smile."

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