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ASSISTANT PROVOST FOR ACADEMICS / STUDENT AFFAIRS: BOTH TO BE DECIDED

The assistant provost for academics will oversee the five deans, the schools and support groups. The assistant provost for student affairs will manage the areas of student life.

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Asian diversity exhibited at cultural night

by Chris Swain
News Editor

As California poppies come into full bloom for the spring, the Asian Pacific American Student Association will be performing tonight in an evening filled with song, dance, food, fashion and poetry: Asian Cultural Night (ACN).

The annual event will be filled with entertainment and education, all while celebrating the uniqueness and differences of multiple Asian cultures.

"ACN is a night where people can come and hang out with their friends while being exposed to Asian culture," said Boom Chuidian, co-chair of the Philippines set.

The sets are representative of Chinese, Filipino, Chamorro, Korean, Vietnamese, and Japanese cultures.

The Philippines set will include a dance called the 'Tinikling' a bamboo stick dance where participants jump in and out of the sticks to a clapping rhythm.

"I love it," said Chuidian.

"We bring our culture to the Saint Mary's community and they can experience our culture through song and dance."

The Korean set will feature signer/pianist Lino Rivera alongside Nancy Han '04, singing a piece in Korean.

"ACN gives the Asian Pacific American (APA) community the opportunity to come and learn about their culture," said coordinator of Asian Pacific American Student Programs, Kim Wesolowski.

Wesolowski emphasized the opportunity to "learn about the vast differences between cultures," and that the event hopes to get more people involved in the APA community.

The evening sponsored by Asian Pacific American Student Programs is planned and produced entirely by students. The ACN executive planning team consisted of William Nguyen '03, Elaine Abelaye '04, Theresa Mejia '05, Duyen Pham '05 and Mona Lee '03.

Look for ACN again next year at SMC as the annual performance blooms every year with the poppies in the spring.

SMC's future under the "Provost"

by Josh Farley
Editor-in-Chief

It is September, 2007.

The Saint Mary's College school year has begun in all programs, graduate and undergraduate alike. A new department of education building will revolutionize College learning; a new student recreation center will give students the latest in workout equipment. And a College "Provost" will govern campus operations.

At one time, this was the job of the traditional Christian Brothers President, as it had been for 140 years. But in the spring 2003, the era of the Provost began.

In the past two weeks, SMC president Br. Craig Franz has outlined the next step in bringing Saint Mary's closer to his vision of what the 2007 campus will look like: He will hand over his authority on day-to-day operations to Academic Vice President Sally Stampf, and focus on external duties such as fundraising and promotion of the College.

"We have a president that is realizing he can't do justice to both sides of his position - the chief architect of the school and the external leader," said Charles Hamaker, chair of the academic senate. "Student life and academic life can now be more integrated [as a result]."

The provost model requires

no approval from the Board of Trustees or Regents, but Franz and his cabinet of vice presidents have much work to be done in readying and defining the model for its launch this fall. Concerns from the SMC community range from how much power Franz will give to Provost Stampf to how visible Franz will be on campus for students.

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"[Stampf] will present the Lasallian mission of the school, and not just sustain it, but advance it," said Franz. "I want her to assume the operational control with regards to how academics, student affairs, and enrollment come together."

The provost model will enable Stampf to work with Pete Michell, vice president of finance, and Barry Vanderkelen, vice president of advancement. But it will focus her duties on the integration of enrollment, headed by Michael Beseda, and academic and student affairs, both positions with leadership to yet be named by the College.

Stampf began working in student affairs when the department vice president, Brother Jack Curran, resigned last November.

"Granted, I came into students' issues on a very unhappy note dealing with sexual

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Junior class budget in the red

Low bid sales and lack of fundraising cause large deficit

by Andrea Camarena
Sports Editor

The class of 2004 began its freshman year with a base account of \$500. With more than a year of college left and the budget currently at \$300, senior year programming looks bleak.

The alarmingly small amount of cash has been blamed on a variety of mistakes made by the junior class. The issue came to a head last month in the discussion of Junior Formal fundraising.

"A lot of people have blamed the current Junior class senate for the problem with fundraising," said Tony

Ancelj, ASSMC Vice President of Student Affairs. "But, [Junior class president] Nick Egide and the current junior class have fundraised more money in the last two months than the class has in the last two years."

The lack of funding is speculated to be the fault of various people involved in the class and the junior formal committee.

55 couples turned out for the March 1 formal, a significantly smaller turnout than the anticipated 100. The Junior class, which was able to give only \$400 to the formal, has little money left in its account, and has left the junior formal com-

mittee in debt.

According to Evan Kirschner, ASSMC Vice President of finance, the student government will bail out the formal committee with a transfer from the Associated Students' general fund. This transaction will temporarily solve the current deficit, but the hope of ASSMC is that next year's Junior formal committee will pay back this year's lost money.

"It's not the junior class's fault. It's because people were not buying bids," Ancelj said in defense of the event.

"I think it's unfair that the junior class is suffering such a huge loss as a result of the for-

mal, considering that not every member of the junior class senate was on the formal board," said Junior senator and Media Board Chair Gina Damiano. "They are completely separate entities, and they expected the class to do all of the fundraising."

"There was [also] the board planning this expensive event without even consulting us. So I kind of felt that both scales were tipped a bit."

The junior class hopes to pad its wallet with upcoming fundraisers, such as a Krispy Kreme donut sale, and by running the beer garden, which is expected to bring in \$1,100 at Saint Mary's Day Off.

IN THE NEWS

Vote today

The Associated Students of Saint Mary's College is holding elections today and tomorrow for student body president and vice-presidents of finance, administration and student affairs. Voting will be held at Ferroggiaro Hall from 12:00-7:00 pm today, and 9:30am to 7:00pm tomorrow. Bring your student identification.

Asian Cultural Night

Asian Pacific American Student Programs proudly presents the sixth annual Asian Cultural Night tonight in the Soda Activity Center. Registration will begin at 5:30 p.m. and the program will begin at 6:00 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 pm-4:00 pm, there will be a public reception in the main gallery.

International Immersion

Part of the International Immersion Program for Brothers and Lasallian Partners, Susan Parr will be speaking about her experiences in south India. Her presentation is March 19, from 12:30-1:30 pm, in Delphine Lounge.

Dinner and Discussion

Filmmaker Ang Lee's *Eat, Drink, Man, Woman* will be showing in Delphine as part of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. The film examines the many cultural contexts within Asian communities. All are invited on March 25, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Women of Soul

A panel of women of color come and share their views on being part of the art industry. The panel discussion will be held in Delphine Lounge, March 31, 6:00-7:30 p.m. Call x 8317 for information.

Pray for peace

Every day during Lent, Campus Ministry is hosting a prayer for peace in front of the chapel at 12:05 p.m.

CAMPUS SNAPSHOT



Rosemary Ruptic-Kramm/ COLLEGIAN

"Lovers" heats up Delphine

Seniors Katie Maloof and Erik Michels perform "Lovers" from Brian Feriel's "Winners." The play was a senior project production, directed by Susanne Schweitzer.

Associated Students elections today

by Jonathan Morales
Staff Writer

Today is election day at SMC, and several students are running for the four positions on the ASSMC Executive Board, comprised of the student body president and three vice presidents. Running for president are juniors Tony Ancelj and Mary Anne Tooke.

Ancelj is currently the ASSMC vice president for student affairs, and sits on several committees, including the media board and the Alcohol and Other Drugs Task Force. Ancelj's plans if elected include a Safe Ride program, pub nights in Dryden Hall, and improvements in campus parking.

"Saint Mary's shouldn't have a parking problem," said Ancelj.

Tooke studied abroad last

semester in England, and has previous experience as the sophomore class president and a freshman senator. Like Ancelj, Tooke wants to explore ways to improve parking on campus, including the possibility of a parking structure. She also hopes, in the wake of last November's sexual assault allegations, to improve the reputation of the College.

Running against each other for the position of vice president for administration are roommates Erik Johnson and Nick Manghum. Both candidates say that being roommates has created no conflict between the two of them.

"So far, it's been good," said Manghum. "It's not going to get too dirty or heated."

Manghum is the current sophomore class president. He said that, since the job of the

VP for Administration is to ensure that the senate runs smoothly, if elected, he would work towards "making the senate function as a team."

Johnson is currently the sophomore class VP, and is also the speaker of the senate.

"I'd just like to continue to make the senate represent the

needs of the students and improve the workings between different on-campus groups, clubs, Program Board, and senate," said Johnson.

Running for the position of VP for Finance are Jennifer Merlo and Sara Jenarro. Gina Damino is unopposed in the race for VP for Student Affairs.

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assault [last November], said Stapp, "But I'm fascinated by how the whole world of student affairs operates."

Faculty members have also expressed excitement for the provost position because it places Stapp, a Saint Mary's professor, in charge of the direction of the College.

"The Provost will be an academic, supervising College operations," stated Sandra Grayson, a professor of English and director of the English composition program. "This is an improvement on the current structure, in which the academic vice president is just one among several vice presidents."

And ultimately, the provost will oversee all changes to what is taught at SMC.

"The provost is the guardian of the curriculum and also the provocateur of change," said Brother Gerard Molyneux, FSC, a professor at LaSalle University in Philadelphia - a school that has used the provost model for 20 years. "As an academic, I like that sense that it's an academic who is second in charge."

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"The role of a [college] president is an increasingly external job," said Jonathan Brown, President of the Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities (AICCU). "[The provost model] will allow the president to focus on the macro-issues [of the college]."

Brother Craig's new role will see him traveling more, working on a national level to promote Saint Mary's.

"[The provost] will free up the president to do more work promoting the College nationally, said business professor Barbara McGraw. "But it will also let him become more avail-

able internally."

Not everyone agrees on the point that Franz will be able to spend more time on the home front.

Associated Students president David Holquin raised concerns about whether or not Franz will be able to balance his time, both promoting Saint Mary's to the outside world and spending the time on campus with students. Holquin believes losing touch with students would be fatal to the president's new position.

"It's really important that the president knows students and that students know the president," said Holquin. "Without the knowledge of particular students doing particularly great work, any discussion the president has will fail."

Holquin went on to say that if Franz spends too much time traveling - and not enough on getting to know his students - he will not be able to accurately portray life at Saint Mary's.

AAICU President Brown also sees this as a potential problem.

"The risk [of the provost model] is the extent to which the president forgets about the students' day-to-day activities," said Brown. "[This is] where closeness can be lost."

Many faculty members and administrators like the new plan for its departmental organization. The present system has been described as having too much of a "silo" effect, in which the different campus organizations have little or no communication.

"It's very hard under the existing [organizational] structure to coordinate things," stated Roy Allen, dean of the school of economics and business. "The goal [of the provost model] is coordination."

CRIME BEAT

3/8 12:57 a.m.

Incident: Disturbing the peace

Synopsis: Student disrespected College official in front of Soda Center. Student referred to student code of conduct.

3/8 3:30 p.m.

Incident: Unauthorized use of College property

Synopsis: Misuse of golf cart at Ageno West. Case referred to Office of Residence Life.

3/9 2:00 p.m.

Incident: Gas leak

Synopsis: Odor of natural gas detected at the Justin parking lot. Case referred to maintenance.

3/10 9:15 a.m.

Incident: Grand Theft

Synopsis: Backpack stolen from bookstore, case suspended.

3/10 11:00 a.m.

Incident: Petty Theft

Synopsis: Vandalism to bike and theft of accessories at Aquinas hall, case suspended.

3/10 12:30 p.m.

Incident: Sexual battery

Synopsis: Sexual battery, unlawful entry and verbal harassment at Ageno B. Case referred to student code of conduct.

3/14 7:00 a.m.

Incident: Vandalism

Synopsis: Front entrance to Justin Hall smashed. Case referred to Residence Life.

'Pulses' race through Saint Mary's

The new dance group is drawing new dancers and a crowd

by Chris Mateo

Assistant News Editor

Cultural diversity has found a new beat to dance to, as "Pulses" introduced itself to Saint Mary's at the beginning of Spring '03 dancing at "Expressions of Blackness" on February 21.

Pulses, a new dance group on the SMC campus, is as unique in its group makeup as it is in its dance moves.

After their first performance at "Expressions of Blackness" - a cultural presentation with different performances reflecting the black and African American culture - Pulses' popularity spread. "The performances were highly ener-

getic," said Alfredo Biralde '05. "As a performer, there were some ups and downs, but I noticed the audience was enthusiastic despite our first-time jitters."

Freshman students involved in Pulses noticed their club's popularity and determination. A few have found a new social group in this team as well. "I hope to see a lot from Pulses in the future," said Oscar Rivera '06. "It's been a great experience for me and occasionally I get students telling me how much they regret not trying out for the team."

Founded by Tolu Odewumi, Julia Barboza, Latrice Lee, Katie Solis, and Krystal Will-

iams, Pulses was created to provide an opportunity for people to perform, despite their differences. After a year of planning Pulses' creation, the dance team finally emerged in Spring '03.

The founders were looking to start a dance team with diversity, heart, and a new beat. "Pulses" was a random name thrown out in the planning, and it stuck.

"We wanted to have a dance team that fused different cultures and explored their many forms of dance. Right now we're focusing on hip-hop, but we're looking into learning different performing arts from the diversity clubs."

"I joined Pulses because I wanted to be with a group of very talented dancers who had his or her own style and passion for dance," said Jean Tolentino '06.

Their dedication - as well as their diversity - is what has been attracting audiences and prospective dancers alike.

The club's future appears bright at this point. Many members plan on returning, while many other students at SMC plan on trying out for next year's team.

"I plan on coming back next year," said Biralde.

"I'd love to be more involved with the club's future, and I'm not the only one."

"I joined Pulses because I wanted to be with a group of very talented dancers who had his or her own style and passion for dance."

Jean Tolentino
Class of 2006

'Safe Zone' tackles homophobia

by Liz Schnitz

Staff Writer

Homophobia is already a well-understood term on campus, but the newly organized "Safe Zone" workshop hopes to teach students about the more silent danger of "heterosexism."

Through education and discussion, students and faculty now have the opportunity to confront the cultural norms that tend to exclude gay, lesbian, bisexual, transsexual and transgender persons (LGBT) in everyday life. The ultimate goal of the training, held for the first time last Monday, was to enable students to be recognized as compassionate allies to LGBT students on campus. An "ally" is someone who is not gay, but works to offer support to people in the LGBT community.

Joanne Genewick, president of GALA (The Gay and Lesbian Association) began this project at the beginning of the year, with the help of the Women's Resource Center, among other supportive centers on campus. The process of designing a training session required meetings and a lot of planning, at times looking for the worst possible outcomes of such a program, such as harassment. "We wanted to do it right the first time," says Genewick.

About 25 people attended the training, including stu-

dents, faculty and staff of the college, which although encouraging, represents about 1% of the school. However, Genewick is confident that the benefit of 25 people who have gone through this learning process will help Safe Zone to spread. "It will grow exponentially, I hope...I think it will happen gradually."

During the workshop, the foremost objective was for the group to understand how much our present culture is saturated with heterosexism, which manifests itself in notions and language, verbal or body-oriented, that presuppose the dominance of male-female relationships.

Genewick sees the value of this initial step as understanding heterosexism "in an indirect way, how [the trainees] are noticing things."

The training session went through a packet of facts, advice, and questions aimed at dispelling preconceived ideas of gays and lesbians. A discussion followed, and hypothetical scenarios were given for allies to work through, so that the trainees could have an idea of what it will be like to offer support.

At the conclusion of the training, "Safe Zone" posters were given to post as a form of nonverbal support.

The program will continue with workshops being held at least once a semester.

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The years change, the issues stay the same. Budget problems and parking issues graced the front page of this edition of the 1985-86 Collegian. The years may be different, but like everything in SMC life, the more things change, the more they stay the same.

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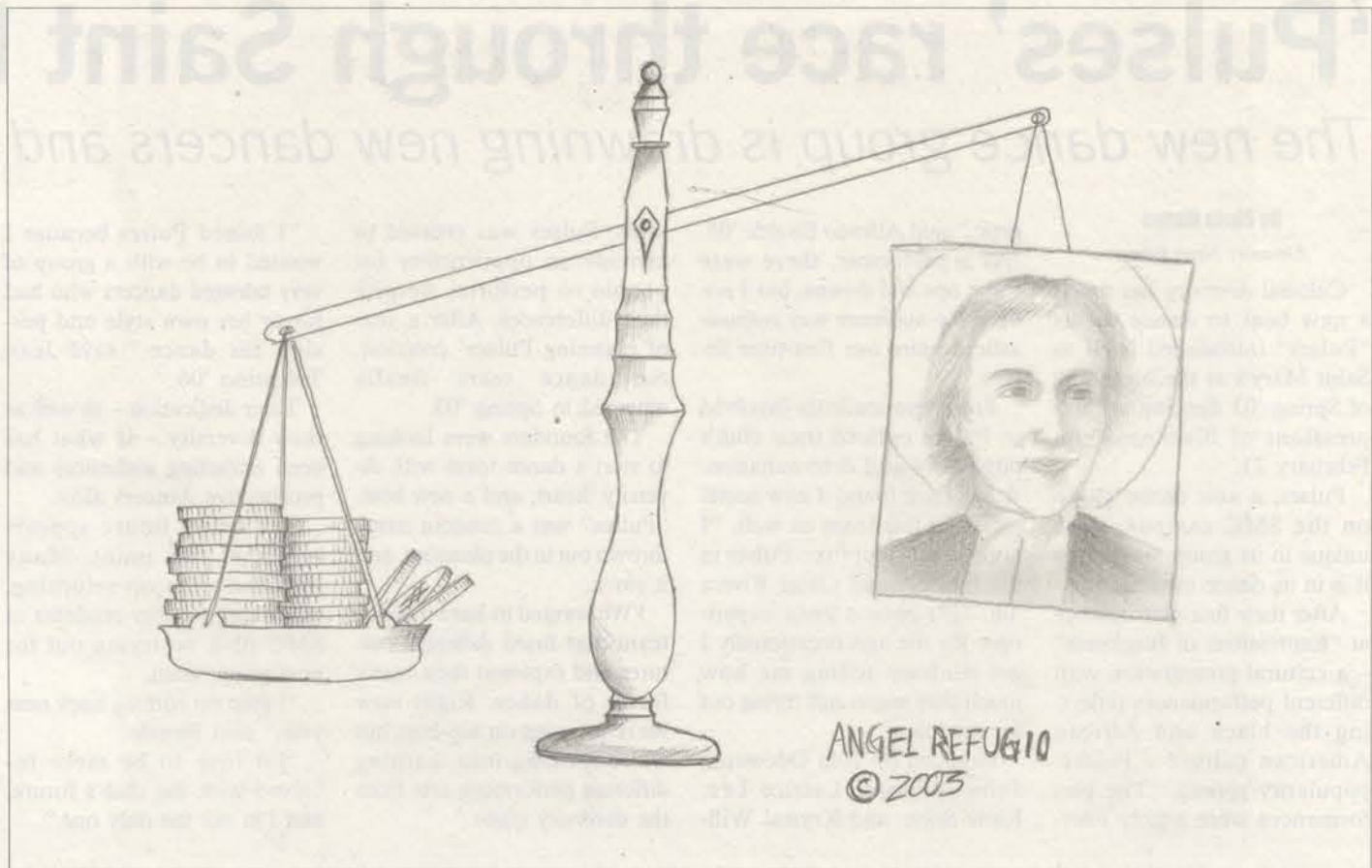
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OPINION



As financial problems linger, money matters take precedence over de La Salle and his mission.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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

Sodex'ho helping students

Dear Editor,
On February 27, the Peer Educators Network (P.E.N.) and the Health and Wellness Center hosted a Multicultural Food Fest as part of Body Acceptance Month 2003. With food prepared by Sodex'ho, and with the ska band Hebro, we effectively conveyed the message of appreciating one's body without restrictive eating habits.

General manager Matt Carroll created the multicultural menu without hesitation, thus providing a great meal for all students attending. Thank you Matt and Sodex'ho for your continuing support in making the Fest a great event!

The Peer Educator's Network

The Saint Mary's 'Rumor Mill'

Dear Editor,
People who live within a system as closed off from the world as the campus life of Saint Mary's are prone to perpetuating urban myths and tall-tales at a level unknown to the outside world. Within this community, residents are privy to a variety of secrets which range from the assured truths of gossip to the collective myths of rumor. These bits and pieces of supposed truth touch intimately upon the private lives of others in an attempt to make sense of the unknown. While this propagation of half-truth and fairy tale is responsible for ruining the reputation and character of countless members of this community (myself included) and the community itself, the only truth it exposes is the participants' own lack of substantial being.

Further, while the common

residents spend vast amounts of time managing their contrived social images, they are also prone to prying into the business of others. If a person is not forthcoming about their private business, the common resident will become suspicious and begin to speculate based on other speculations. As a result, an undependable version of truth takes hold. Myth is consequently built, which leads to the creation of an imaginary world that overshadows the real one.

The perception of this dream as the authentic reality is the most distressing aspect of this community, because it is this tendency for fairy tale belief that is responsible for the aberrant, unsophisticated, reprehensible manner in which many members of this community behave towards one another.

While this tragic flaw may not be applicable to the community in its entirety, it is scarcely possible that someone here has been able to avoid its menacing consequences, and those faculty and administrators who have pledged service to us are actually unwilling to do so or are simply incompetent. Enough already.

These rumor mill fabrications have no place in an institution whose touchstones include free thinking and individual thought. It is the responsibility of each person here to challenge the validity of these subjective labels and damaging accusations. As an alternative to perpetuating fantasy, use your mental capacity to cultivate truth. I challenge the individual members of this community to be voices of reason instead of aiming for institutional carnage and the defamation of your peers.

Brendan Leonard '04

Disappointment at lack of attendance

Dear Editor,
At a time when history is being made, SMC is inviting knowledgeable speakers, free of charge, to come and further our education.

Students: be aware of the events that are going on. "Smcnet" on the web has provided a great resource to know what is happening on-campus. Visit CILSA, the ASSMC, or ask your professors to find out what is going on.

Professors: please stay current on events as well, and encourage your students to attend. Jan Term is not the only time of the year to make events mandatory! Teach us how to further our education, outside of the classroom.

March 12th brought Rebecca Walker to our campus. Walker is a dynamic writer, poet, author, speaker, and person. I am disgusted that so few of our students and faculty attended the event.

Walker connected the liberation of women to the lack of liberation of men, to Bush's "cowboy" policies and his inability to back out of the impending war with Iraq; as well as America's masculinity in policing the world. If you weren't there, you truly missed out.

Crystal N. Riggins '05

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

What I've learned about being "Lasallian" at SMC

• Apparently, being "Lasallian" is expensive.

With education costs at \$30,000 a year and rising, Lasallian students sure have to dig deep into their pockets in order to live among his "learning community." It sounds like de La Salle sure helped the financially stable become better citizens and smarter people!

• You don't have to be a Christian Brother to manage a Lasallian school.

With a smaller number of Christian Brothers on campus with each passing year, it is up to us as laypeople to continue to live up to our "Lasallian" ideals. It is predicted that there won't be many Brothers left in ten years—so we'll need all the help we can get to ensure its survival!

• Evidently, de La Salle didn't pay his workers a living wage.

Some workers employed on campus do not earn a "living wage" by local standards. There must be a "Lasallian" lesson being taught!

• De La Salle must have traveled the world in search of donors to keep his schools afloat.

With the heightened demand of finding donors and enlarging the endowment, La Salle must have trekked all over Europe to bring capital into his native French schools. The bottom line is the be-all and end-all of our education!

Gael POLL

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This week, the Collegian asked 50 students about their knowledge of student leaders, and compiled the results above. All surveys are anonymous.

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Art by Nicole Faraclas

PRESIDENTIAL SHOWDOWN

The candidates reveal why they want to be president

mary anne tooke tony ancelj

My name is Mary Anne Tooke, and if elected president, I will fight for the interests of the students to make Saint Mary's a better school. My goal is to restore the *reputation of excellence* long associated with SMC. This will bring our *U.S. News and World Report* rankings back up and thus enable our graduates to secure better jobs.

Last semester, I studied abroad in Oxford, England where I was a member of the most famous debating society in the world. Knowing how to win an argument is an essential characteristic for the Associated Student Body President, and I believe students will gain from my *creative thinking and ability to defend the position of students in the face of a powerful administration*. I will ensure that policies are not enacted that punish the entire school for the wrongdoing of a few individuals. Furthermore, I believe that *more on-campus activities should be allowed to sell alcohol* so that students over 21 have a safe environment in which to drink.

One of my objectives is to develop a better rapport with the town of Moraga in order to secure a permit for a *parking garage*. This will be a long-term project but is ultimately a better solution than continuing to build lots that detract from the beauty of the grounds. A structure matching the present architecture can be built to accommodate the growing demand for parking as the incoming class sizes increase.

What Saint Mary's College needs is *positive energy* – the negative press throughout this year has been detrimental to our image. Saint Mary's is NOT a breeding ground for sexual predators, and we must refuse to be represented as such. The public needs to become aware of the many advantages and unique positives our campus has to offer such as its ability to foster friendships among students and faculty. Working with administration to *develop strategies for preventing and solving sexual misconduct* is the first step in demonstrating to the media and our critics that we are dedicated to maintaining a safe campus environment.

The foundation of my presidency will be built upon my belief that any leader should simply be an extension of those whom they represent. This was what guided me as *Sophomore Class President and Freshman Senator* during past years in Senate. As president I will listen to, and work with, the student body. Given the opportunity, I promise to make next year your best ever as a Gael!

It seems that when a problem arises at Saint Mary's, we always have the same response: we deal with issues on a surface level. In order to get to the root of the problem, we must understand students instead of trying to change them. We must use our heads, and not simply act on our feelings. I am reminded of the words of Robert F. Kennedy, "The future does not belong to those who are content with today, apathetic toward common problems and their fellow man alike, timid and fearful in the face of new ideas and bold projects. Rather, it will belong to those who can blend vision, reason and courage in a personal commitment to the ideals of American society."

I have many plans to improve Saint Mary's for the years to come. If elected president, I will devise a safe ride program. I am tired of seeing ten people pile into a Honda Civic on a Friday night on their way to a party. During my time as a member of the Alcohol and Other Drugs Task Force, I have promoted responsibility over prohibition. I will work with Residence Life and Public Safety to let you live your life responsibly and without unnecessary interference. My other plans include pub nights in Dryden Hall, improved parking, and more faculty involvement.

In May of last year, I drafted a plan for a new student lounge in Dryden Hall to present to the Campus Student Life Committee, and I made it happen. My experience as a leader will make Saint Mary's the college we want it to be. An experienced candidate has lived through something personally. As a student leader these past two years, I have seen that our student body needs a president who will represent students. In my time on Senate, I have served as Vice President for Student Affairs, Media Board Chairman, and as a senator. As the current Vice President, I have worked with over forty clubs and contributed to the chartering of Pulses, Habiart for Humanity, and Women's Rugby. My work with the media has provided news, information, and entertainment for the college community.

The future of this college is in our hands. I don't know about you, but I am not content with the way our college is dealing with the issues we face. I am not going to let student apathy destroy student life and, unlike others, I am not afraid of new ideas and bold projects. My vision for Saint Mary's will not put a Band-Aid on our problems. On election day, you will decide the future of this college. Vote for a real student whose love and dedication upholds the mission of Saint Mary's. God Bless.

CONTEMPLATING CONSCIENCE



by Kacie S. Le Compte

Anti-war senate resolution

I, along with several other students, conducted a student survey in an attempt to statistically determine Saint Mary's students' stance on the proposed student senate resolution SR02-012: "Resolution Opposing a Preemptive and Unilateral Military Attack on Iraq." The survey requested of students a yes or no vote in response to a passage from the resolution which states: "[We oppose] a preemptive and unilateral military attack on Iraq, and call on the Bush Administration to cooperate fully in a multilateral, long term approach to solve the problems in the Middle East under the auspices of the United Nations."

This survey and resolution were made in an attempt by several student senators to voice the collective opinions of Saint Mary's College to legislators. This is a strategic move being made by academic institutions across the country in an attempt to stress the public opinion that there be *no war on Iraq*.

Two hundred and forty-seven students were surveyed. From this number, 172 students (70 percent) agreed with the proposed resolution while 72 students (29 percent) disagreed; three gave no opinion. Senate Resolution SR02-012 was passed at the meeting on March 2, 2003.

Yet, we shall wage war with Iraq if Saddam does not surrender all banned weapons he may possess. "In other words, only a miracle – a complete change of heart, a coup, a journey to exile – can stop a war now," stated Ratnesar in *Time*. After the war has been waged, Bush has said that the burnt cities of Iraq will rise from their decay, stimulated by democracy. The president egotistically assumes that his beliefs are "universal truths," and that all are to be subjected to them.

Troops train for suburban warfare while Catholic Just War Theory stresses that no innocents be slain. Look into the eyes of the child whose Baghdad you seek to bomb. Tell her democracy will soon hold her hand in place of her deceased mother. Whisper in her ear that you wish to free her from the confines of an oppressive regime, and then attempt to justify the deaths of her loved ones, as they are a result of the U.S. military machine. Today America stands on the mountaintop, and upon all the world she looks around; one day she will realize that her standpoint is merely upon the ground.

SPORTS

The international flavor of SMC athletics Why they come, why they stay, what they think

by J. Gutierrez & W. Porter
Staff Writers

Saint Mary's sports have benefited greatly this season from foreign aid in most athletic programs. Of the 55 International students here at SMC, 14 of them participate in varsity sports. So, to figure out exactly how the international athletic system works, we went in and interviewed a few players. And here is what they have to say about sports and life at an American campus...

We found out the inner most secrets of three of Saint Mary's finest international student athletes. Here's a quick bio:

Filip Sarovic- Tennis
Born in Croatia, raised in Switzerland, has been in Moraga for two and a half years, will graduate in the spring, and watches the news and "The Simpsons."

Lissane Elfring- Tennis
From Holland, enjoys the drama of "The Real World" TV series and the San Francisco night life.

Erika Urmonaite- Basketball
The native of Klaipeda, Lithuania, played her high school ball in Merced, CA. She enjoys long walks on the beach and shows such as ER and Friends.

How did you get involved with the sport you play at Saint Mary's?

Filip: I started playing tennis when I was twelve for fun. I really enjoyed it and kept playing. My father played professional soccer and was on the Yugoslavian National Team, so I knew I did not want to play soccer.

What do you miss most from home?

Erica: You can always get used to new cultures, so I really miss my family and friends. Also, the surroundings here are much different. I miss the Baltic Sea, the beaches, and long walks in the forest. Plus, I miss having four seasons, especially fall and spring. Here it seems only like winter and summer.

What about beautiful California? It is the sunshine state. What is your favorite part about the area?

Lisa: San Francisco, it looks like a European city. There is a lot to do.

Filip: San Francisco.

Wow, I think San Francisco is fun too, especially the night life. What is the difference between the nights here and back in Europe?

We are going out and clubbing at age 14. It is a more relaxed environment with less people out of control.

Lisa: Parties get broken up too early here.

What is the weirdest "Americanism" (a.k.a. American trait) you have seen so far?

Erica: In Europe, we think that Americans are always smiling, they are always happy - now I realize that it depends on the individual. Also, the

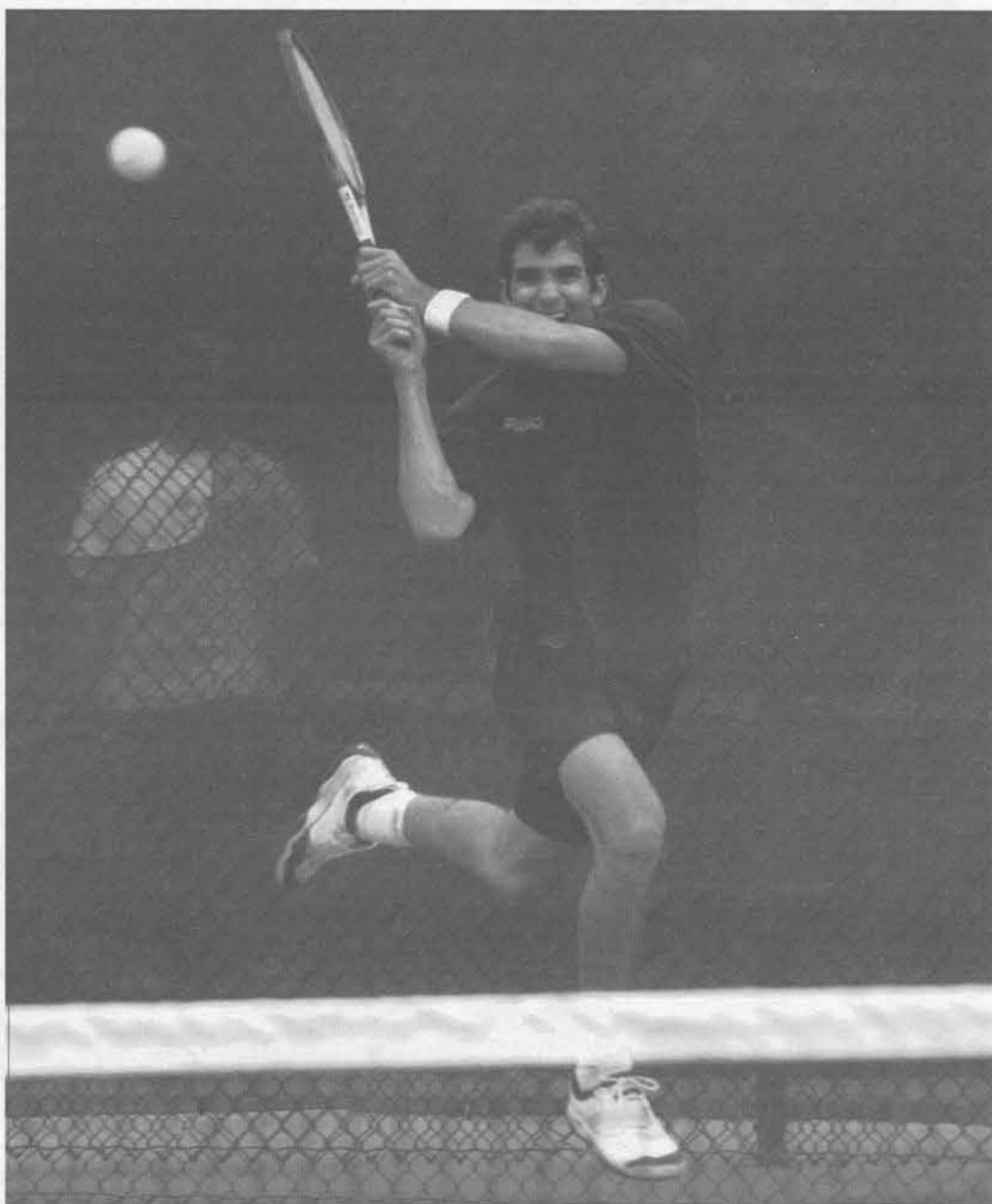


Photo by: Lisette Garcia

Romain Lachens '03 hits a backhand volley in a recent match against Wayne State.

SCOREBOARD

SOFTBALL

MARCH 11

Saint Mary's 2/4
UMKC 1/3

Men's BASKETBALL

MARCH 12

Saint Mary's 52
Gonzaga 73

Women's LACROSSE

MARCH 12

Saint Mary's 10
Stonehill 9

Saint Mary's 9
UC Berkeley 13

Men's TENNIS

MARCH 13

Saint Mary's 3
Wayne State 4

Women's TENNIS

MARCH 11

Saint Mary's 5
Creighton 2

BASEBALL

MARCH 11

Saint Mary's 3
San Jose State 8

MARCH 14

Saint Mary's 8
Santa Clara 12

MARCH 15

Saint Mary's 7
Santa Clara 2

Women's ROWING

MARCH 13

Saint Mary's placed 2nd in the varsity eight, and first in the varsity four and novice four at the Chapman Invitational.

Men's GOLF

MARCH 11

Saint Mary's placed 3rd in the Sacramento State Invitational.

way you are raised is much different; you are much more open and let people in quicker than we do in Lithuania. But, now that I am here I am used to most things, like expressions.

Speaking of "Americanisms", what is the most bizarre trend held by Americans?

Filip: Flip-flops. What is the deal with them? I do not know why they are so popular; I don't own a pair.

So, how did you hear about Saint Mary's?

Lisa: I found Saint Mary's through an agency called the Dutch International Agency Services. They place students in schools across the globe. I came here with two other students from Holland.

Erika: They found me. I am on scholarships, and the scouts were looking for new players, so they came to see my games and then gave me information about SMC.

The associate director of athletics for com-

pliance, Stephanie Shrieve, described the process of obtaining foreign athletes.

Different types of networks are available to coaches for finding students. They range from coach-to-coach networking to referrals from current student-athletes.

"For example, last year there was one athlete from France and one from Australia on the men's basketball team," said Shrieve. "Now, this year, there are more through student networking."

Men's basketball coach Randy Bennett, who has been at SMC for two years and is constantly in contact with possible foreign recruits, has strengthened the International athlete connection. Men's tennis coach Michael Wayman is from England, so he has many connections with different countries' coaches and their student-athletes.

"In some instances, we ac-

tually go to the country to meet with the student and observe their talents," said Shrieve.

How do you get the athletes interested in coming to a small school on the West Coast?

"From what I have observed, our liberal arts approach to education appeals to International students whose past academics have not focused on factual math and science courses," said Shrieve. "These kids are excited about being in California, near a popular city like San Francisco, while playing for a Division I sports team. Also, our school encourages them to come and see SMC on a complimentary visit."

In summation, Shrieve said, "I would really like to see more International students here on our sports teams. We have a great program that has many benefits for our International students, and their presence adds to the cultural community of SMC."



Gaels host two rounds of postseason

Rugby helped by fifth-year seniors and former football players

by C.J. Daft
Staff Writer

With their convincing victory over Sacramento State, 47-17, two weekends ago, Saint Mary's clinched second place in the conference and became a host for the Pacific Coast play-offs. This season, the Gaels have only lost to Cal – a team that has won the national championship for 17 consecutive seasons – and to BYU, which some consider a threat to end Cal's consecutive national championship streak if the school allowed them to play on Sundays (the day that the national championship game is contested).

In both contests, it appeared that these perennial national powers dominated the games, but the Gaels showed they can play with the best of them, staying in each of them until late.

"They know they have gone to the trough, and next time they will take a drink," said Saint Mary's assistant coach Ed Todd.

Statistically speaking, besides Cal, Saint Mary's is the only team in the conference to outscore its opponents (148-126). The great play displayed by the Gaels can be attributed to the contributions that the coaching staff of Tim O'Brien and his assistants have made over the last two seasons – as well as the experience of this year's team, which consists mostly of seniors.

"It's definitely the second



Photo by Allison Moore

Rugby has only lost two contests this season, the #1 Cal Berkeley, and BYU.

year in the process," Todd commented. "We took them over last year and had a lot of learning and lot of things we had to show them. This year, it's been about taking it to the next level."

In addition to this, the success that the rugby team enjoyed last season worked as a marketing tool for recruiting more athletic players – particularly football players who had

used up their eligibility. "With the success of the club," said Todd, "it's attracted some better athletes, more than before."

These players, Scott McMahon, Jack Kearns, and Travis Burkett (all three of whom are former Gael linebackers) have added size and athleticism to the Gaels' front line, providing the team with much greater depth and more muscle up front.

Another factor that has worked in the Gaels' favor this season is that in club sports, an athlete can use five years of active eligibility; in varsity sports, the NCAA allows only four. With this rule, Saint Mary's was able to return last year's captain, Johnny Busher, along with a few other key players.

.500 and rising

Men's hoops will be hungry for more after solid 15-15 season

by Denny Bulcao, Jr.
Staff Writer

2-27. 9-20. 15-15. What a difference two years and a new coaching staff can make. In 2000-2001, the Gaels managed wins over NIAA Dominican University and UCSB (that's Santa Barbara; not L.A. or Berkeley) in their school and NCAA-worst 2-27 season. That year, the Gaels also suffered their all-time largest and most embarrassing defeat at #1 Arizona, 101-41.

The Saint Mary's men's basketball program has gone from the laughingstock of the West Coast Conference to a contender in every game they play – from Portland to Stanford. Once again, second-year head coach Randy Bennett and staff did the improbable, guiding the sliding #5 Gaels to an upset win over #4 Pepperdine in the WCC tournament quarterfinals in San Diego. Previously, SMC was 1-4 against Pepperdine in the WCC tourney. Last year, the 6th-seeded Gaels upset #3 Santa Clara in the first round, avenging a regular season sweep. Bennett's bunch fell to #2 Pepperdine last year and #1 Gonzaga in 2003. The Waves went to the NCAA

Tournament in 2002, and the Bulldogs have a very good chance this year. At 3-2 in WCC tournament play, this roster of Gael ballers is quickly learning (and experiencing) how to win when it matters most.

The Gaels will miss their four graduating seniors: All-WCC point guard Samuel Saint-Jean, WCC Defensive Player of the Year Anthony Woodards, Ross Benson, and Bill Enea. Still, there is a lot to look forward to in 2003-2004.

The Gaels will have junior Chase Poole, sophomore Adam Caporn, and fab frosh Daniel Kickert returning as starters. Junior guard Tyler Herr has one more year to knock down treys with fellow incoming freshman Zonies Brett Collins and Daniel Waddy. Transfer standout Frederic Adjwanou could be granted two more years of eligibility pending some NCAA red tape. Sophomore Jonathan Sanders just began hitting his stride with a career-best 23-point performance against Pepperdine in San Diego. More help should come from sophomore Scott O'Hara, junior Paul Marigney (redshirted – ACL), and 7-foot-1 redshirt freshman Blake Sholberg.



Photo By Elisse Trauscht

Men's hoops fights for a rebound.

Stick around, Gael fans. Things will only get better. Next year's squad can snag five more W's for a 20-win season

and get SMC back to the Big Dance for the first time since 1996-1997. Expect – and accept – nothing less.

Athletics stuck in 2nd gear

By William Porter



It's halftime inside the Jenny Craig Pavilion, and the Gaels are trailing by seven. The team is within striking distance of the top-seeded Zags. Although effort and hustle were strong points throughout the game, the second-half result was not what Gael's were going for. Too many turnovers and mistakes haunted the overmatched Gaels as they dropped the game to the Zags and ended their season.

A disappointing label seems to fit most Gael teams: good, but not quite good enough. This can be compared to getting a "C" in a tough class. It's good that you passed, but it's not an "A".

Let's take a look at other varsity sports for clarification. Football (6-6) and men's basketball (15-15) boast the best records of the Gael athletic family. Sports that have finished their seasons are as follows: men's soccer (4-13-3), women's soccer (9-18), and women's basketball (11-17). Of the teams still in season, none are jumping out of the blocks strong.

With no team currently above .500, it's no wonder athletic events are not regularly attended by the Saint Mary's faithful.

What is the cause of our slump? A conspiracy? Something in the Moraga water? Are we wearing the wrong brand of athletic shoes? I'm sure there are a million crazy ideas that might actually carry some weight.

But the reality is that the facilities on campus are sub-par for any varsity program. More people can fit in my townhouse comfortably than can work out in the power plant at one time. Madigan Gym is currently held together by chewing gum, duct tape, and the divine will of God. There are rumors that a new sports complex is in the works – but there are also rumors that Elvis is alive and the boogie man really does exist.

The bottom line is that a winning team produces more fans, which means higher attendance and more money for the school and the program.

Should SMC ax a team? Follow the seemingly endless stream of WCC schools that have left their football teams in the dust to push other sports?

The answer is not as easy as you may think. Santa Clara did it, and what happened to their sports? They improved. Their soccer teams are nationally recognized. So we should ax the most successful sport we have. Let's do it. Follow the Santa Clara model.

But let's not count our eggs before they hatch. We can also look at the University of San Diego. USD still has a football team, but their men's basketball team is headed to the final four – and the Gaels upset Santa Clara in the same tournament.

Everyone loves a winner, looks down on a loser, and pays little attention to the ones in the middle.

DETOUR

100 WORD REVIEWS

DVD

So you've seen "The Osbournes" curse their way into the heart of America's homes. Now you can have them any time you like: MTV has just released the first Emmy-winning season on a double-disc DVD. The two best things about the DVD? Well, besides the great dysfunctional television the show makes, all the stupid bleeps over the bad words are gone—bad words come out like they are supposed to. And for two, there's a hilarious DVD extra — "name that dookie" involving the family dogs and their special treats that they leave. Bottom line: it's f—ing great TV, man.

-Kim Dao

GAEL TV

One hundred words on Gael TV. Gael TV can be found on by pressing one then nine on your remote. Go ahead, I'll wait. Ok, what is in front of you is Gael TV. During the day the station boasts a multimedia bulletin board. The background music you hear is the handiwork of the student radio station, KSMC 89.5. In the evenings, the station plays movies — no more late fees at Blockbuster. Gael TV should utilize student creativity and open a forum for students to produce shows. A newscast or even a sketch comedy act would advance Gael TV greatly.

-Billy Porter

MUSIC

Unexposed musical genius Jason Mraz is just *Waiting for his Rocket to Come* on his debut album. This funky singer is far from folk and lacks a genre to fall into. He plays guitar, sings both romantic and dirty lyrics, and has quite a knack for that whole rapping thing. His first single, "Remedy," is quickly hitting airwaves on stations like Alice (which really pay him no proper respect). The singer/songwriter will grace the stage at Santa Cruz's Rio on March 25 with songs like "Curbside Prophet," in which the "cock-proud" Jason sings about masturbation with no remorse. Heck it out; should be fun.

-Andrea Camarena

St. Patrick's Day

Saint Patrick brought luck to the Irish, but you don't have to be Irish to feel lucky.



by Lara Endreszl
Layout Designer

The Irish may be known in part for their celebrations, but all things considered, they have a lot to celebrate. Contrary to popular belief, the Irish have a lot more to appreciate than the multitude of beverages they pour in their mugs.

Aside from the snakes Saint Patrick allegedly drove from the country, Ireland has weathered the "Potato Famine," during which many immigrated to America, and an ongoing conflict between Catholics and Protestants that dates back hundreds of years. Needless to say, they've come a long way, and have every right to party. But who is this Saint Patrick, and how did an unknown missionary become so important to the Irish?

Saint Patrick was enslaved in Ireland as a child, and escaped — only to find his way back to the country in 432 AD as a missionary. The legend claims that during that time, he drove all of the snakes out of Ireland, saving all the citizens. He also taught his people the meaning of the Holy Trinity by using the three-leafed shamrock as a symbol, while leading them into Christianity. Beloved to the Irish, Saint Patrick has been revered ever since, and March 17th is marked as his "feast day."

As for the leprechauns, those tiny Irish fairies known for their shoe-crafting and gold-hoarding: catch one if you can, and you might get their pot 'o gold out of them. But beware: they have been known for their mischief and trickery — if they can deceive you, they'll run away!

Good luck charms are ultimately the biggest part of Saint Patrick's Day — when someone finds a four-leaf clover on this day, they have their luck "doubled" over their luck on any other day. Wearing green will also increase your luck twofold; try kissing the Blarney Stone as well — something I can only hope to do when I visit the island country someday.

So if you're Irish, part Irish, wish you were Irish, or just want to have a good time: grab some friends, raise your glass and cheer! Whether you searched for clovers, captured a leprechaun or two, became a "Lord of the Dance," or grabbed a pint of Guinness and raised it high, you've taken part in a time-honored tradition, for those Irish and non-Irish alike. If there's anything I've learned from being around the Irish, it's that if you're not with them, you're missing out on a good time!

Seriously Sex

It's time to talk about it

by the Collegian Sexologist

During my sophomore year, I lived in a suite in Ageno A. At one point or another, all five of my suite-mates had sex with a special someone in their dorm rooms. So did I. We lived next door to a group of girls who liked to ask each other "did'ja bone?" every Sunday morning after a night of partying. If someone got laid they would go to Millie's to celebrate. I think there was a lot of sexual activity in Ageno A during 2001. I wonder if there still is.

To fuel the Collegian's first sex column, I went into Saga to talk about sex on campus. 150 Saga-goers admitted to having sex somewhere on campus on at least one occasion this year. So, we are having a lot of sex at Saint Mary's, although it doesn't seem like we talk about it much. Looks as if cohabitation is bound to happen behind the Catholic walls we reside in. So why not talk about it? Why do we only openly discuss sexual assault? It's time to talk about healthy sexual behavior as well.

Lets be honest: everyone's doing it. And, some of us are having sex in some creative places. It is rumored that some feisty SMC students have "scored" on the softball field's home plate. Others take advantage of the Redwood Grove, near the statue of Our Lady of the Oaks. And this is fantastic because sex is good for you!

In fact, sex keeps you fit and makes you look more vibrant. According to a British sexual health website, www.malehealth.co.uk, "An hour of passionate sex could easily burn off 360 calories, equivalent to about two pints of beer. And couples who have sex at least three times a week look more than 10 years younger than couples who have sex twice a week. Sex also boosts the levels of a little-known hormone known as DHEA. This is reputed to have a wide range of benefits, including improving your sense of physical and emotional well-being, increasing energy levels, and reducing the risk of heart problems.

So, it's time to talk about sex. How many females out there have been fully satisfied in bed lately? How many SMC men have experienced premature ejaculation when trying to please a female student? How many out there are having homosexual sex? Having sex in creative positions? Wish they were having more sex?

Write the sexologist at collegia@stmarys-ca.edu.

Let's get the ball rolling.