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Reshuffling The Res Life Deck

by Jonathan Morales
Staff Writer

Beginning this coming academic year, The Office of Residence Life will be eliminating the "Resident Director" position in a reshuffling of the campus life system.

The reorganization will see RDs replaced by an "In-Residence" position, which will be held by Christian Brothers and full-time faculty and staff members. Four Residence Community Coordinators (RCCs), will be responsible for one campus residence area, supervise the Resident Advisors, and handle all disciplinary responsibilities.

Martha Gonzalez, Associate Director for Staffing and Programs in Resident Life, feels that the reorganization will help to better serve the students using a full-time professional staff.

"[We want] the residence staff to be directly connected to the college in everything they do both in their full-time positions and in the part-time position of In-Residence."

Gonzalez added that the RCCs will provide training and supervise RAs, relieving the In-Residence staff of disciplinary duties and freeing them up to "develop community, support residents, mentor and guide residents, interact with

residents, have fun with residents."

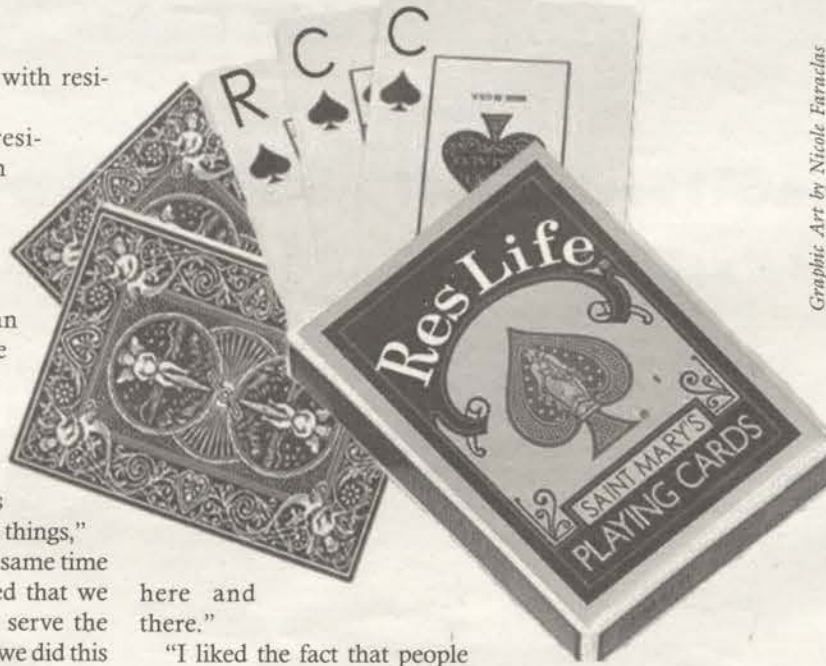
Rob Walters, a resident director in Mitty Hall, was informed in January that he would not be eligible to return as an RD, due to the fact he does not hold a full-time Saint Mary's faculty position.

"We understand their reasons for going ahead with things," said Walters. "At the same time we were disappointed that we wouldn't be able to serve the students next year as we did this year."

Current RAs gave mixed reactions. Some expressed optimism for the new system.

"I think it will be a good process," said Natalie Wilson, an RA in Ageno B. "I think the RAs are going to have more responsibility because they will not have the RDs to turn to as a boss." She also said RAs will be able to take "more active roles in the hall" in terms of sanctions and programming.

Others had reservations. "I'm not sure how to take it yet," said Rosy Iaccino, an RA in North Claeys. "We're not really sure what part the RAs are going to play yet. We're getting pieces of information



Graphic Art by Nicole Farnacias

here and there."

"I liked the fact that people from off-campus can be RDs here," said Joe Viviani, an RA in Ageno A. He had hoped to work with the same RD next year as he did this year, but the reorganization won't enable him to do so.

Dean of Campus Life Steve Nygaard said that the change is the result of two years of planning by the Office of Residence Life and former Vice President for Student Affairs Brother Jack Curran. Nygaard said that the new system hopes to address several "challenges" of the current system.

Currently, RDs are asked to dedicate 20 hours a week to their position, but many work off-campus full-time. "As a re-

sult," Nygaard said, "it's very difficult to get them involved with [RA] training."

He also made it clear that the role of the RA will stay the same.

"There's nothing in the RA's job description that changes."

Nygaard said that the reorganization hopes to accomplish several goals, including providing consistent training and supervision of RAs and preserving the "tradition of adult involvement in students' lives in the halls."

"It's a fairly common model in higher education across the country right now," said Nygaard.

PART TWO OF A TWO-PART SERIES

Parties, possession, and parking lots

Inside the mind of a Public Safety officer during an animated Friday night

by Chris Mateo
Assistant News Editor

The next best thing came to mind after last week's Thursday observation of Saint Mary's College Public Safety - an observation of Public Safety on a Friday night.

While Thursday's patrol was somewhat quiet and informational, Friday's ride along was full of the lively spirit that most college campuses are known for.

Friday night began at 10:00 p.m. from the front gate. After meeting with Sergeant Mike Muna, a two-year veteran with Public Safety, we began our two-and-a-half hour journey through the rhythmic floors of Dryden to the serene main office at Siena Hall.

"You always anticipate that someone's always going to be partying on a Friday night,"

said Sergeant Muna. "There's also an increased amount of visitors to the campus. Having outsiders join the SMC campus should be well monitored. First and foremost, these visitors are not well versed in our rules and regulations. For example, SMC students may not necessarily inform their off-campus guests about the rule of keeping alcohol consumption within residence halls and townhouses."

After discussing how alcohol affects thinking and may bring about odd behavior, a couple of my acquaintances happened to see Sergeant Muna and I in the patrol vehicle and honked at us. I had to explain that it wasn't the alcohol, but Friday night in general that got to their heads.

"I don't mind if that happens. But, let's say that a stu-

dent in the residence hall complained about the honking, I would have to address that because it interferes with my mission to uphold the educational system." Such an odd event was the proper introduction to a very eventful night.

The first fifteen minutes of the ride along gave me a slight taste of Public Safety's adventures in SMC's Friday night. Program Board's "Beach Bash" at Dryden Hall was getting set up when Sergeant Muna got a call from the front desk. After only five minutes of inspecting the dance, Muna and I reported to North Claeys.

At Claeys, we responded to a call saying that a vehicle in the parking lot backed into a Public Safety patrol car. To my relief, there was minor damage to the car and all of those involved were fine. After those

first fifteen minutes, we continued on with the night's patrol.

The usual patrol route was interrupted by a new call at 10:30 p.m. This next call asked Muna to investigate a resident advisor's report of the smell of marijuana in the residence hall. For the next thirty minutes, Sergeant Muna and Officer Jason Berckart carefully handled the situation and took care of the reports.

"After such an incident we just report the facts," said Muna. "We have to identify the individuals. And if they are non-students, then they are asked to leave the premises and told not to return."

By the time 11:00 p.m. came, Muna and I were out on foot patrolling the townhouse area.

"I was young once and I to-
see RIDE ALONG, pg3

Living wage Advocates "skeptical" of deadlines

by Chris Swain
News Editor

A living wage rally was held last Wednesday on the chapel steps in support of the Living Wage Work Group's recommendation to the president's cabinet to implement a living wage for all Saint Mary's workers.

Attached to the De La Salle statue, a poster read, "No poverty wages at SMC" as 60 students, faculty, staff and workers gathered to demand workers be paid a living wage of \$11.42 at the beginning of the 2003 fiscal year.

Speakers expressed their dissatisfaction with the administration's response to "phase in" the plan and "try." "Trying isn't good enough," said Peter Tappeiner '05, a work group member.

"When you get evicted, you can't say, 'I tried to pay my rent.' When your children go to bed hungry, you can't say, 'Sorry, I tried to feed you.' Trying won't cut it," said Tappeiner.

Chants echoed across the chapel lawn as the group followed Tappeiner's lead saying, "What do we want? A living wage! When do we want it? Now!"

Currently according to the work group, some workers are paid \$2,870 less annually than what research shows to be a living wage. The group hopes to have the proposal approved by the end of April by SMC president, Brother Craig Franz.

Many supporters are already skeptical and question the college's wages.

"Why has it taken 20 years to raise the minimum wage only two dollars more an hour when Saint Mary's College tuition has been and continues to be raised dramatically?" questioned Alejandro Mercado.

"Many workers are happy in the situation they are in, but to us, they deserve much more," said Mercado.

A meeting was held last Friday between Brother Craig, Tappeiner and Associated Students President David Holquin discussing the next steps. Tappeiner was pleased that the lines of communication had been opened, but was still left disappointed that the living wage is not in effect, "now."

IN THE NEWS

Exit Interviews

Attention graduating seniors! If you borrowed a Federal Stafford Loan during your enrollment at SMC, you are required by federal regulation to attend a loan counseling session to acquaint yourself with the responsibilities of loan repayment. Loan counseling sessions have been scheduled at 3:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 8. Please bring your social security number, your driver's license number, and the names, addresses and phone numbers of two adult references other than your parent(s).

Hope House

Jani Prucha '05 spent this past Jan Term volunteering at Sister Helen Prejean's former workplace in New Orleans, Louisiana, and wants to create a gift from the SMC community for Hope House's first-ever fund-raiser. A table will be set up in the Dante Quad from Monday, April 7 to Friday April 11. Table hours are as follows:

Tuesday: 8:30 - 11:00 a.m. and 1 - 3 p.m.
 Wednesday: 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
 Thursday: 8:30 - 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
 Friday: 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

"Roger and Me"

The Writers' Club presents "Roger and Me" by Michael Moore, Oscar-winner for "Bowling for Columbine". The movie will be shown on Wednesday, April 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the Wildenrath Room on the second floor of the library. Popcorn will be provided.

Sexual Assault Awareness Month

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. The Women's Resource Center will host several events:

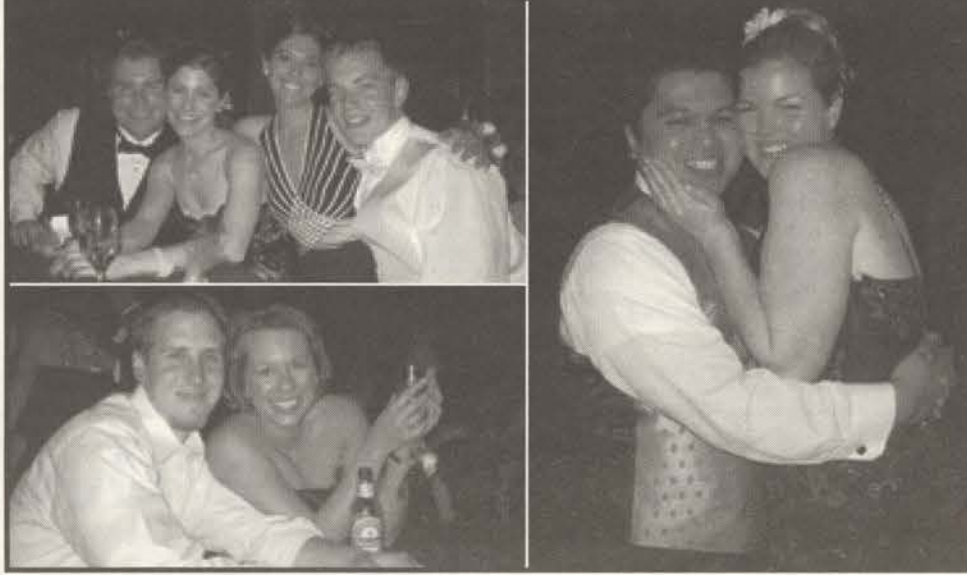
A women's self-defense session will be held Tuesday, April 8 from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. in Garaventa 350.

A poetry slam will be held in on Wednesday, April 9 in Dryden at 6:00 p.m.

The "Take Back the Night" rally and march will be held on Thursday, April 10 at 6:30 p.m. on the chapel lawn. From April 7 through April 10 between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

The Clothesline Project will take place in De La Salle Hall. Each T-shirt or garment on The Clothesline is decorated by a woman survivor of violence and tells an individual woman's story.

CAMPUS SNAPSHOT



Nicole Faraclas/ COLLEGIAN

Senior's having a Ball

The Westin St. Francis was the place to be last Saturday when hundreds of Saint Mary's students ate dinner and boogied down at the "Casablanca" themed Senior Ball.

Activities fill assault awareness month

by Chris Mateo

Assistant News Editor

With April being Sexual Assault Awareness Month, the Women's Resource Center of Saint Mary's College has many events planned throughout the month. During the first week of April events such as "Protest or Prayer: Reactions to war" and "Sluts & Virgins: The media's Catch-22 for girls and women" brought students together to understand modern issues.

During the week of April 7 through April 11, the Women's Resource Center will be busy with four important happenings. From Monday, April 7 to Thursday, April 10, The Clothesline Project will enable participants to tell their own stories. According to the flier, "Each T-shirt or garment on The Clothesline is decorated by a woman survivor of vio-

lence to represent her experiences and express her feelings. You need not be an artist to create a moving, personal tribute. Whether you choose to simply paint or sew elaborate embroidery is up to you - any remembrance is appropriate."

The Clothesline Project is about direct, personal violence against women. The shirts made by the participants will be color-coded to indicate the different types of violence. White is representative of women who have died of violence. Yellow or beige represents women who have been battered or assaulted. Red, pink, or orange are for women who have been raped or sexually assaulted. Blue or green shirts are made for women who are survivors of incest or child sexual abuse. And the purple or lavender shirts represent women attacked because of their sexual orientation. The

materials for this activity will be available to create your own T-shirt.

On Tuesday, April 8 a women's self-defense session will take place in Garaventa 350 from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. This class will help teach women awareness and assertiveness skills, psychological and physical self-defense techniques. Discussion topics will include women's safety issues and volunteer opportunities.

Concluding the second week of Sexual Assault Awareness Month is the "Take Back the Night" rally and march on Thursday, April 10 at 6:30 p.m. on the chapel lawn. Take Back the Night is an international event that started in 1973 as a way to call attention to the violence towards women. Locally, the event has been around since the existence of the Women's Resource Center

at SMC. Ana Montanez '04, a volunteer trained in counseling assault victims has been involved in this rally since her freshman year.

"There have been a few changes in this rally," said Montanez. "Originally it was just a candlelight vigil. Two years ago it became a rally protest with the atmosphere of students demanding a change in policy. Last year it mellowed out a bit. That mellow tone is what I'm expecting for this year. This year I hope that it will be more educational and help people understand the issues at hand. I would love to see everyone come out to it. This year we've seen a real interest in the subject of women's safety on campus. Men as well as women are welcome to participate."

The remainder of the month will be full of more events to educate the SMC community.

CRIME BEAT

3/28 11:29 p.m.
Incident: Disturbing the peace
Synopsis: Loud party at Freitas; referred to Residence Life

3/29 1:15 a.m.
Incident: Fire alarm
Synopsis: Fire alarm in Ageno C; referred to Residence Life

3/30 12:23 a.m.
Incident: Possession
Synopsis: Minor in possession of alcohol in De La Salle; referred to student conduct

3/30 12:45 a.m.
Incident: Petty theft
Synopsis: Stop sign missing at the intersection of Mission road and San Miguel; referred to maintenance

3/30 11:30 a.m.
Incident: Hit and run
Synopsis: Hit and run and property damaged in South Claeys parking lot; case suspended

4/1 11:00 a.m.
Incident: Grand theft
Synopsis: Missing skeleton in Rahill classroom; case suspended

4/3 12:48 a.m.
Incident: Vandalism
Synopsis: Vandalism at Augustine Hall; referred to Residence Life

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African-American men bring back black love

Men pay tribute to black womanhood, a move that some say is 'long overdue'

by Cherise Adkins
Guest Writer

"Behind every strong man stands a strong woman," once said African-American Civil Rights Leader Malcolm X.

Black students and faculty celebrated the First Annual Sisters Appreciation Night, Monday, March 24 as black men on campus paid tribute to black womanhood. A committee of ten men raised over \$1,000 dollars to serve and entertain over 50 semi-formally dressed black female students in Hagerty Lounge.

As the women arrived, they were greeted by a beautifully decorated lounge with dimmed lighting, richly decorated tables, candles, flowers, and the scent of a delicious meal lingering in the atmosphere. Some were moved to tears.

"The motivation behind this event is to celebrate the many contributions that African-

American women have done for the black community," said event organizer, Yonas Tesfai, '03. "This event is to pay honor to black women as black men are recognizing the power of their presence alone."

"So many times I hear the voices of sisters expressing their disappointment with black men," Tesfai said.

"It strikes me that these are the very women who are taking the huge role of molding us black men who will eventually be our future leaders."

According to the Registrar's Office, black students represent only 160 of 2,572 total traditional undergraduate students. Although the community is small, black men no longer want to ignore the importance of their female counterparts.

"There's always a tendency to separate the campus from the outside world," said Curtis Kirkey, '04.

"The women on Saint

Mary's campus are part of black womanhood."

But not all women have been feeling praised by their black male peers. Sisters Appreciation Night came at an unsuspected time, causing some women to question its purpose.

"Some of my friends thought it was a joke," said Jamie Mims, '04. "It's something that I wouldn't have expected."

"I was waiting for a catch," said alumna Rita Pennewell. Pennewell, who admittedly did not realize the severity of the problem between black men and women on campus, understands that Sisters Appreciation Night may not change individual attitudes.

The negativity surrounding black male-female relations on campus caused some women to be curious about the motives of the event creators.

Tesfai responded to the negative feedback. He said that people who get caught up in personal interactions would

miss the bigger picture of "unity in order to create change."

"It's a shame to realize that a group of brothers' ideas of celebration could be ridiculed by the same people whose praises we're born to," Kirksey said.

The men insisted that unity was the focus of the night. Instead of bowing their heads individually, the group stood united and circled the room while holding hands as Charles Nelson, '03, led a pre-meal prayer.

All ten members of the event committee attentively waited on tables as their female guests dined on delicious food.

One by one, the men stepped up to the podium and explained their personal reasons for dedicating time and energy into the event.

Lerraughn Morgan, '04, said that his mother influenced him strongly through motivation and discipline. "She was there for me in hard times," said

Morgan, who wanted to express his appreciation and love for black women on campus as well.

"If it weren't for women, there would be no men anyway," said Teohn Connor. Connor paid tribute to his grandmother who took the role of his absent father. He told the women, "You are the backbone of our society."

Futsum Tesfai, '03, had a sentimental message for his sister Asmeret, who graduated from SMC last year. "You are everything. I couldn't live without you," said Tesfai.

The organizing members agreed that their efforts for Sisters Appreciation Night were less like labor and more like privilege. Tesfai hopes the event will bring the black community "closer to once again rightfully be regarded as kings and queens."

"We hope that this is a tradition that continues on," said Nelson.

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tally understand the students' need to party," said Sergeant Muna. "However, we are governed by rules and policy, and I can't circumvent that. I do have my discretion to a certain degree, but I can't jeopardize my job, my safety, the safety of the campus community, and the liability of the school. So that's where the skill comes in

2:00 a.m." A few hundred feet later, Muna noticed a small group of people congregating outside one of the townhouses. With one flash of the light over the group, Muna was able to send the party back indoors without hesitation. "Oh yeah, no drinks outside people! Let's move it back inside," said one of the

“ You always anticipate that someone's going to be partying on a Friday night. ”

Sergeant Mike Muno
Public Safety Officer

when doing this job."

The townhouse area seemed a bit quieter than expected. "You have to understand that there's a pattern to Friday night's events," continued Muna. "During the early evening, there are students that go out clubbing, out to dinner, or out to see a movie. Then they'll end up getting some drinks and come back here, where they can find more alcohol. It's not unusual for things to start heating up after

participants.

"I believe that we have developed a rapport with the students," said Muna. "It's when parties get out of hand that we have to use authority."

The night ended for me at 12:30 a.m. after watching the new shift of officers meet in Siena Hall. On the way back to my residence hall I wondered what other events might happen throughout the night, and if Saturday would be any different.

THE WAY WE WERE ...

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Senior Ball

On April 19, 1980 the annual SMC senior ball gave students one more formal dance before their upcoming graduation.

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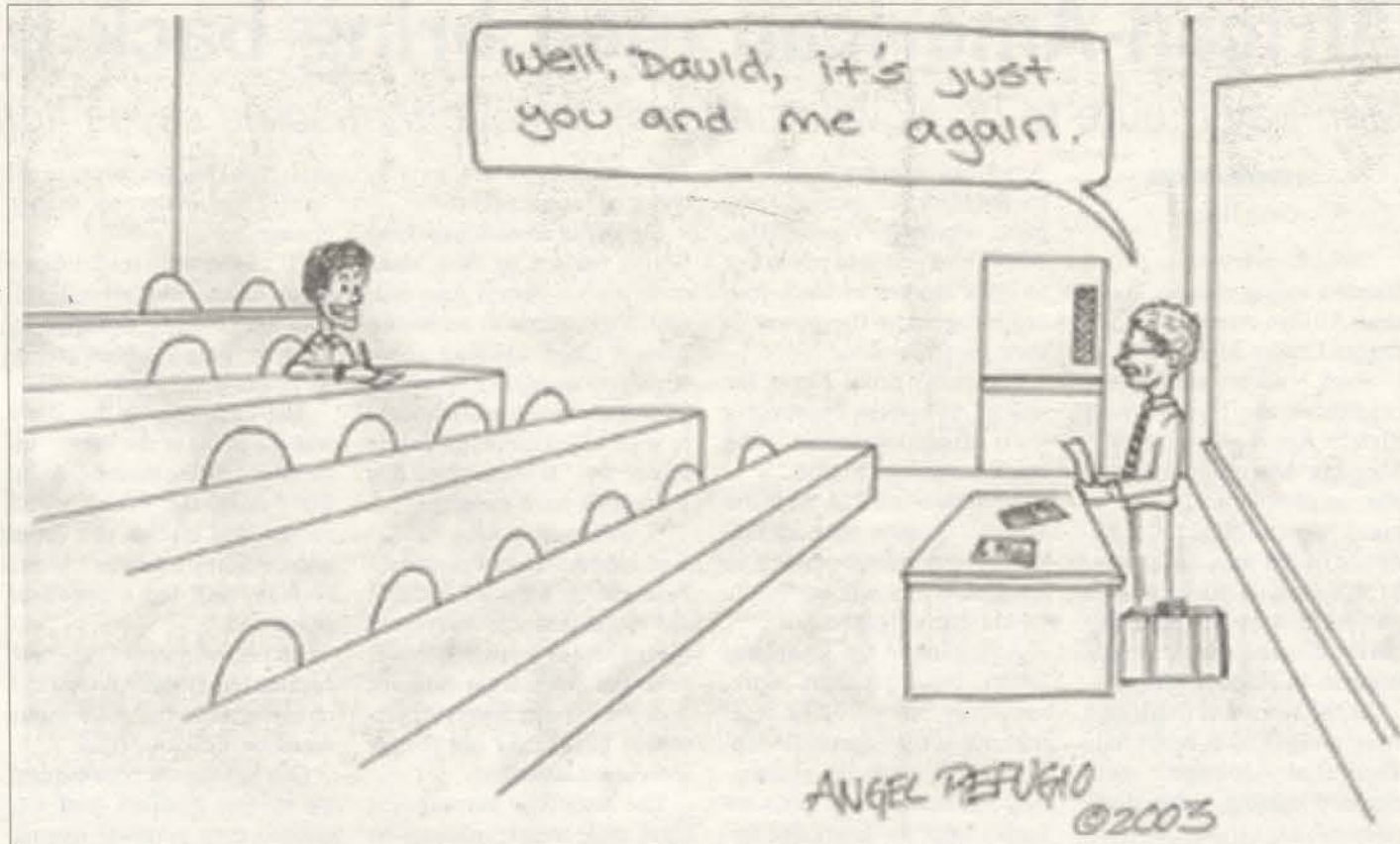
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OPINION



David: the only junior in this SMC class thanks to severe Senioritis.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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

Cleaning up dirty politics

Dear Editor,

If there is one thing that I hate most in this world, it would be dirty politics. I was alarmed last week when I read a letter to the editor in the Collegian attacking our current freshman class President, Jeff Gaeto, on his tenure in office. To say the least, it REEKED of dirty politics, and was chalk full of misleading, false information.

For one, the current freshman balance is not \$480 it is \$725, according to Evan Kirschner, VP for finance. Secondly, during Jeff's tenure as our freshman president, he has accomplished many things, and has been active to say the least. As far as fundraising goes, his "Four dollars for Four Years" fundraising campaign, which will be sent to all freshman students' parents is expected to net around \$1,250 and that's with only 50% of the parents responding. I think at the end of this year our class will be in great shape to take on next year with Jeff at the helm. John Davey, '06

The Saddest Story

Dear Editor,

Sometimes it's so hard being a regular kind of guy. Take Vagina Day, for instance. I already forgot Valentine's Day; and so, not wanting to repeat that mistake, I rushed off to Long's Drugs to get my wife a card. But the clerk (himself regular) didn't even know what I was talking about! We scratched our heads over our dilemma: just what are the acceptable forms for wishing others well on this momentous occasion?

Then I read in the Collegian that intellectuals have tied homophobia (the disease discovered soon after the AMA removed homosexuality from the list of pathologies) to "heterosexism." As near as a regular guy can tell, whenever a man or woman informs him they are now in love, his regular, unthinking response, "Who is she (he)?" is symptomatic of this terrible malady. So, taking myself in hand, and on behalf of all regular, but sensitive folk, I called over to the Women's Resource Center, asking for di-

rection. They didn't call back.

Now what? There is no number listed for GALA. Am I and my kin fated to remain without a clue? Abandoned by the world to fumble through the ways of moral progress?

Every way we turn on campus, we're reminded that being regular is to be a cultural D.P. CILSA, the facilitator of all things Catholic, presents us convicts for exemplars of Catholic piety. Senate Committees complain my Department is teaching only "male-dominated oppressive philosophy." And administrators promise things will soon be better—right after they have added more layers of administration. Yes, everyone has, as they say, their own story. But the story of a regular kind of guy at SMC is the saddest of all.

Wayne Harter, Chair Philosophy Department

Living wage solutions

Dear Editor,

It has been a season of protests, and here at Saint Mary's we are having a living wage protest. We have all seen the signs that Peter Tapenier has posted all around campus, comparing the wages that other colleges pay hourly for their janitors, and the disgustingly low amount we "won't even pay" for ours. But, as the vibrant weekly newsletters our Br. Craig has been providing, the tuition has been increasing each and every year. Does that mean in order for us to feel better about the wages Saint Mary's pays we will have to pay more tuition? Maybe. Or we can consider revising our school's budget in order to pay reasonable and respectable wages to the hard workers that keep Saint Mary's running. Maybe all of those business majors we have at our school can actually do something productive for our school besides writing in to the editor and complaining about the philosophy majors and their "nonsensical jargon." I wouldn't count

on my class senators though, supposedly we don't have enough money to have a Senior Formal next year due to lack of money in our account.

Maybe it's time we looked over the pie charts for sports and the money that is divided amongst them. Our third tier football team gets more money than all of our other sports combined, and that includes the rugby team who actually plays high caliber teams like Cal. It's nice to see all these brand new golf carts cruising around campus too, but maybe they drive too fast by the pillars to see the living wage protest signs posted along campus. And can someone explain to me the reason to have so many public safety officers and public safety vehicles. In a time when gas prices are so high those constant cruises around campus can't be cheap. We can afford all of this at our school, but we can't even pay \$11.42 for hard working janitors who clean up our mess. Is it just me, or is something messed up?

Ryan McGuire, '04

Carnival-4-Kids

Dear Editor,

Something that I have been looking forward to for almost a year is the Carnival-4-Kids, an event organized by students here on campus. When I first heard about the carnival, I asked, "Why are we doing this?" I couldn't see what kind of a difference a carnival would make for these 250 kids from Oakland. The answer that I got surprised and inspired me: we are doing this because the carnival is a chance for us to give these kids a day that they will remember for the rest of their lives. Not only is this a day for the kids who are coming in, but it is also for us students. They are doing a lot of work to make this carnival happen, but we are still in need of volunteers who wish to be "big buddies" for the kids. We need 125 SMC students. The Carnival-4-Kids is on April 25, from 4 to 7 pm. To sign up to be a big buddy, drop by CILSA or call 631-4975.

Andy Pliska Class of '04

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

'Benchmarking' at Saint Mary's—is it all so necessary?

An often-used phrase this year by our administrators has been: "It works at other Colleges, so it will work for us." This week, the Collegian reported the residence life reshuffling, to which Dean of Campus Life Steve Nygaard said that the model was "fairly common" across the country as rationale for implementation.

Three weeks ago, we wrote about our new College "Provost" model of governance at SMC. And the common rationale from the top-level cabinet administrators for the model's realization? Because, it has been effective at other schools our size.

Remember that every time we drive down "Saint Mary's Parkway," we read the banners: we are the members of "the premier Catholic, Lasallian, and Liberal Arts College."

Such a unique and diverse mission statement should be followed likewise.

In the words of ASSMC President David Holquin: "We are our own biggest competitor."

Should we compare ourselves to universities our size to see how we measure up? Certainly. But should we plan our entire College's existence around what other institutes of higher education are doing? I think not.

If we are to pride ourselves on offering such a different kind of education, what good does conforming to the systems of others bring to us?

Gael POLL

Questions regarding Spring Break

7

Percentage of students who are remaining on campus for a portion of spring break.

76

Percentage of students who will spend a portion of spring break at home.

57

Percentage of students who will be travelling within California during spring break.

22

Percentage of students who will be travelling out of state.

11

Percentage of students who will be travelling out of the country.

This week, the Collegian asked 82 students about their plans for spring break, and compiled the results above. All surveys are anonymous.

HOLY & SACRED DESERTS & MOUNTAINS

Exploring the meaning of a distinctly Christian Spirituality

by Nathan Cho *Staff Writer* and The Rev. Dr. Brian E. Daley, S.J.
*Catherine Husking Professor of Theology
University of Notre Dame*

Since the term "spirituality" is often times used today with a vague sense of the "sacred", it can often be used and abused. What about a distinctly Christian spirituality? What does the word really mean and what does it convey? To find out I interviewed the Reverend Dr. Brian Daley, S.J. a patologist and professor of theology at Notre Dame. Daley is a renowned translator of Early Christian texts and he has been teaching college students for many years.

In contemporary usage, spirituality seems to refer to anything having to do with the soul or interior life, in contrast to that which is material. Since the term spirituality is oftentimes ambiguously defined, can that have negative consequences for a distinctly Christian spiritual life?

Understood simply in contrast to what is material, I think "spirituality" can have dangerous consequences. It can lead to a kind of dualism, a sense that what we do with our bodies or with the institutions that frame our life in the world really doesn't count very much; it can cause us, perhaps to withdraw from engaging ourselves for the service of the poor, for the well-being of the world around us, for peace. I think Christian spirituality has generally understood itself more broadly: not as involving a disregard for the body or the world, but as the effort to integrate our bodies and our external actions with the faith in God, the following of Jesus, that is the center of Christian faith. Spirituality is the way we let our lives be dominated by the Holy Spirit, who "conforms us to the image of the Son" (Rom 8.29).

It seems to me that the faith evaporates when it ceases to be practiced. Surely at Catholic universities, like SMC, there are groups devoted to external aspects of the spiritual life, like charity, yet may fall short in the interior life so that this outreach could become mere secular social work. Is there any advice you have in regards to this idea of praxis (practice of the faith)?

I really agree with you. Once the "interior" and "exterior" lives get separated in our own minds, we run the risk of living in self-contradiction. Spirituality, as I understand it, is really the lived-out practice of faith in all our relationships: first of all the quest for God and the desire to love God above all things, to let that love find expression and nourishment in prayer and contemplation and longing; but also our noticing the needs of the people and the world around us, and reaching out to them with something of what we have. Engagement in charitable works, even in the pursuit of justice and peace, can become simply political activism, and can rapidly become secularized, if we aren't grounded in regular prayer and in constant reflection on the reality of God. The challenge of the Christian spiritual life is to let both love of God and neighbor shape our lives at the same time, in whatever way seems most authentic for us. If we don't really work at one, the other is likely to dry up as well, in the long haul!

There seems to be a great interest, from Christians of all denominations, in so-called "new age" practices such as feng shui and eastern meditation among others. Why do you think Catholics are adopting these practices?

I suppose this is part of the general search in our culture for sources of meaning beyond simple self-indulgence or the relentless pursuit of wealth and power: people sense there is more to the world than simple success, and want to come into contact with that "more." I fear, though, that many people are uncritical in trying out various ways of discovering spiritual power and meaning in their lives. We can all be taken in by fads, and some of them are pretty superficial. I always urge younger Catholics to make an effort, first of all, to discover in a substantial way the riches of the Christian tradition, in all its breadth. They will find a strong tradition of meditation and mystical prayer, for instance, in Christian authors, which will enable them to evaluate the usefulness of practices from other sources and see to what degree they are compatible with our faith in God, as revealed by Jesus in the Holy Spirit.

As a university professor and a priest, has it been your experience that students today are interested in authentic expressions of the Christian spiritual life, rooted in the tradition of the Church?

Yes, it really has. I am constantly impressed by the desire of young Christians to know the spiritual and theological tradition of the Church better, and to seek guidance in it for their own concrete choices about the future. Discovering one's vocation from God, committing oneself to a particular way of life that has a Christian shape to it—whether it is marriage or religious life or a life of ministry, or some particular form of work in the world—seems to be harder to do today than it was fifty years ago. We live bombarded by options, always called on to make new choices, and we fear commitment. But at the same time, I have the sense that many, many young people of university age really want to find a faith that is not just a generic kind of background to a basically secular life, but a commitment to God and to the way Jesus that will involve their minds, their hearts, their daily routines, and ultimately their whole lives. Often they feel that their own early education in the faith lacked substance and failed to introduce them to the real power of the Christian tradition. I think we are in a period of searching and perhaps of great creativity, as young Christians, spurred on by the Spirit, find new forms of common life and work and spiritual practice that will anchor them in the mainstream of spirituality whose roots are in the Scriptures and the early Church: lay organizations, informal groups of like-minded Christians, apostolic movements in the Church, as well as renewed forms of the more traditional religious orders. I really believe the Holy Spirit is very present in the life of young Catholics today, and I'm waiting anxiously to see where his work is going!

What Makes a Top Ten Athlete?

Club sports deserve to get more recognition and respect at Saint Mary's, not less

by William Porter
Staff Writer

A recent edition of the Collegian pieced together a top ten list of athletes on campus. In the following issue a Mr. Hughes wrote a very elegant letter to the editor which stated that club sport athletes, those of lacrosse and crew in particular, should not be named in a top ten athletes list. His logic was simple: Saint Mary's actively recruits players to participate in NCAA Varsity Sports.

This is not a valid argument. Here is why.

An athlete is an athlete, whether he can dunk a basketball, run a mile, or even score a goal. Comparing ability of an athlete purely based on sport is impossible. Michael Jordan, probably the best basketball player ever, couldn't hit a curve ball to save his life. Does this make him a bad athlete? Would you put him in a top ten athlete list? Most of you would.

As for the recruiting theory, it is true that Saint Mary's recruits for our Varsity programs. It is also true that there are scholarship athletes on these varsity sports, some of which did not make the cut on the top ten list. Yes, recruiting improves teams, and those recruited are good athletes.

Yet, even if the club sports do not recruit, there really is no difference. An athlete is an athlete. What about the un-recruited athlete—the one that makes the team based on performance? An athlete is measured on talent and also a yearning to make the squad and the desire to want to compete and win. Is his athletic talent less than the guy who was recruited? Tell any coach to dump all his walk-on athletes, and he would laugh at you.

These un-recruited athletes, varsity or club, jump through two hoops to become a member of SMC athletics. They



Club sports athletes: do they measure up to varsity athletes?

need to get into the school based on his or her academic strength as well as athletic ability. So now we are condemning an athlete for all-around ability also? Not a smart move.

Asking Mr. Hughes to hop on an erg, join a rugby scruff, or line up for a face-off in a Lax game

with these "club sport" athletes might prove to him that the athletes are actual athletes, not a bunch of hacks putting on a "club" show.

All of the Athletes that made the top ten list are finely tuned, well trained, and deserve credit where credit is due, varsity or club.

Baby, You Can Drive My Car



By
Susanne
Schweitzer

A severe case of Senioritis

Ah spring: that quick rush of endorphins to the head; warm weather creating all kinds of laziness; and for the class of 2003, a declining interest in the academic side of things. Among lay people, this malady is referred to as "senioritis."

Surely everyone is familiar with the symptoms of this disease: I've no doubt that everyone went through it in high school. Still, I have a theory about why it's worse in college.

Senioritis starts with a general reluctance to spend time—any time—indoors. It then becomes quite difficult to see the point in maintaining the old GPA—don't you just have to pass?

Those of you wondering why an entire column is being devoted to this topic should probably stop reading now. In a nutshell, I'd rather try to sound profound than finish my senior project. Not that hard to figure, eh?

Here's what I'd rather do: hike beyond the astronomy lab, go out to lunch with friends, seek adventure in SF, play Frisbee on the Chapel Lawn, meet new people, take pictures, dance in the rain, kiss someone, paint the SMC, watch "Sex and the City" all day with my roommates, whale-watch, write a novel, start a food fight in Saga, hijack a golf cart.... Basically, anything EXCEPT do my homework. Or go to class. Or work. It's my tiny, futile attempt to be a self-centered five-year-old for the last time. I just want to play!

But somehow I think it's worse for seniors in college, and there are two reasons why. Everyone who knows what he's doing next year does not care about class. Those who don't know what they're doing next year have more important things to do (i.e. job-hunt) than sit around doing homework. Why write a page-long synopsis of Macbeth when you're preparing to spend the next ten years of your life in advertising?

However, the year's not over yet. There are still nearly two months to cram full of moments that actually mean something. I do have to graduate, and to do that, I need to get my behind in gear. Still, until I manage to do that, I'll be the one trying to convince you to blow off class and go to Millie's with me. Oh, come on—I'll even treat!

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MOVIE

Bringing Down the House is a movie about a culture clash, the kind only Hollywood can fabricate. The aging humor of Steve Martin is at the same, lackluster level as it was on Oscar night, and Queen Latifah doesn't come close to giving the performance she gave in Chicago. The plot is amusing but stretched: Queen Latifah comes to WASPy attorney Martin for help in clearing her questionable criminal record. However, there are some amusing moments, especially when Martin dons a basketball jersey, baggie pants, and some "bling-bling" to go to a downtown nightclub. Final thoughts: catch the matinee.

-Jonathan Morales

MUSIC

After ten years of hard work and five albums that have helped them gain immense popularity in the hardcore/punk scene, AFI (A Fire Inside) have broken through with their first major label album, *Sing the Sorrow*. With this album the band manages to accomplish the difficult task of having mainstream appeal without altering their sound enough to alienate longtime fans. It features everything from catchy songs with a heavy, fast punk/pop sound such as the first single, "Girl's Not Grey" to rougher, classic AFI screaming tracks like "Death of Seasons." Not surprisingly, AFI continues their success with this excellent album.

-Chris Lucchetti

TV

What do a surly talking milkshake, a midget Latino father, and an eight-year-old with a camera all have in common? They are all stars of Adult Swim, Cartoon Network's late-night programming block for mature audiences. With a quirky sense of humor that combines the best of the Simpsons with completely far out there situations and characters, there is not a dull episode among the bunch. It is near impossible to sit through any of the 15 minute shows without bursting in laughter at least once. If you're looking for a guaranteed laugh every night, tune in to Adult Swim.

-Marco Torres

Spring Break 2003

by Nick Manghum
Detour Editor

Great Destinations

Didn't do too hot on midterms? Bored with the Saint Mary's party scene? Ready to leave the serene hills of Moraga? No worries, it's time for Spring Break 2003!

For many people spring break is a time to forget about the trials of being a student, and embark on an experience. Often students plan months or sometimes even a year in advance for their spring break vacation. This week of "relaxation" has become more than a trivial occurrence, it is now a tradition for college students across the country. MTV has capitalized on this college pastime; showing many out of control spring breakers in Cancun entering wet tee shirt contests, or in South Padre Island competing for King and Queen of Spring Break, and even in Nigril on the "classic" booze cruise. Unfortunately, not everyone can experience the "MTV" version of Spring Break. Don't fret, there is still plenty opportunity to enjoy your own debauchery.

MEXICO

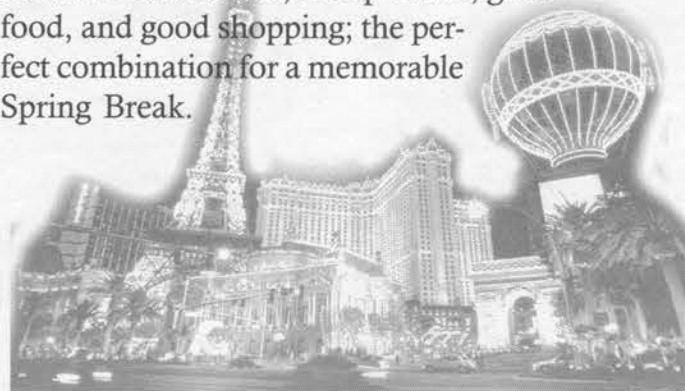
Mexico is a great choice for those who are not yet of "U S" drinking age. Cities like Cancun, San Felipe, and Roserito Beach have been spring break destinations for many years. If you can afford to get down there, the rest of your stay will be very inexpensive. The food is decent, the hotels okay, but the night life is like none other.

SAN DIEGO

San Diego is great choice for people who want to take a road trip this spring break. Make sure you pack your flip-flops and swim suits, because the weather will be in the 80's or higher. If you can manage to leave the beach, definitely experience San Diego's bar scene. It has a very laid back feel, which is great for college students lookign to relax. Also, San Diego's close proximity to Mexico offers the possibility to add a lot to your spring break experience. If you're down there be sure to visit "TJ"!

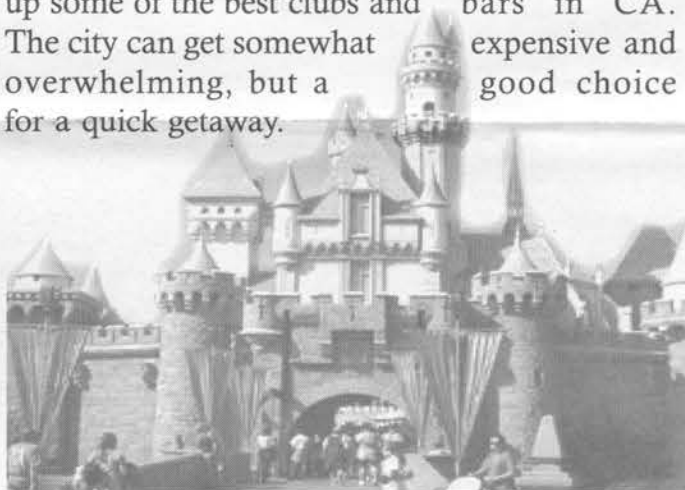
LAS VEGAS

Las Vegas is always a top destination for spring breakers. During the month of April, Vegas becomes the playground for many college students who are looking for a 24 hour party. The city offers warm weather, cheap hotels, great food, and good shopping; the perfect combination for a memorable Spring Break.



LA

A short flight, LA is a spring breaker's paradise. The city has something for everyone. You can spend the day in Santa Monica shopping, or at the famous Venice Beach, or even at the happiest place on earth Disneyland. Also, LA serves up some of the best clubs and bars in CA. The city can get somewhat expensive and overwhelming, but a good choice for a quick getaway.



LAS VEGAS

Bar: Ghost Bar- Palms Hotel
Dancing: Rain- Palms Hotel
Food: Nobu Sushi- Hard Rock Hotel
Shopping: Forum Shops-Caesar's Palace
Hotel: Mandalay Bay Hotel

SAN DIEGO

Bar: Onyx
Dancing: The Room
Food: Azul La Jolla
Shopping: Horton Plaza
Hotel: Hotel Coronado

LOS ANGELES

Bar: The Lounge
Entertainment: Disneyland
Food: White Lotus
Shopping: The Garment District
Hotel: Mondrian Hotel

MEXICO

Bar: Rockadille - San Felipe
Dancing: Safari - Tijuana
Restaurant/Bar: Sr. Frogs - Cancun
Entertainment: Coco Bongo- Cancun

Enter to learn, leave to serve

“To tell you that my Jan Term experience was a privilege and an honor would be an understatement. For me, traveling to New Orleans, Louisiana, and volunteering at Hope House was a life altering month with a personal and spiritual impact beyond words.”



by Janie Prucha
Guest Writer

I know what you are thinking, another “What I did during my Jan Term class” story, but you must understand my urgency in retelling a small part of my amazing experience.

I spent the month living and working with the two directors of Hope House, Sister Lilianne Flavin and Brother Don Everad. Their home is across the street from the now extinct St. Thomas Project. Around the corner is Hope House, a non-profit neighborhood organization that serves its

clients on many different levels. They offer a coffeehouse for the homeless three mornings week, run a food bank, and after-school programs for the youth in the neighborhood, as well as a Learning Center for adults to prepare for their GED; some of them must first be taught to read. (You may be familiar with Hope House as the former workplace of Sister Helen Prejean, author of *Dead Man Walking*). Sister Lilianne visits the local prisons twice a week, now. Both Sister Lilianne and Brother Don have

devoted their lives to Hope House, barely leaving any personal time for themselves in their daily life, even dinner table discussions, focus on events at Hope House and the lives of those they serve.

Hope House, like all small non-profit agencies, rely solely on donations. On April 12, they are having their first fundraising event. In the past, fundraising has been on a very small scale. But this event will require contributors to purchase one hundred dollar tickets for a dinner served by the House of Blues, and other

local favorites, along with famous local musicians. My last week of volunteer service at Hope House was spent on the phone, securing as many donations as possible from local business for the silent auction and raffle prizes. I would like to continue to give to Hope House and I need your help. Please come visit the table this week in Dante Quad (see days and times in the “In The News” column). Donate to the Hope House and I will share with you more about who they are and what they do. Help the SMC Community support this worthwhile cause.

Seriously Sex

Know how to say “no”

by
the Collegian Sexologist

Respect: to consider worthy of higher regard; to treat conscientiously or with consideration.

The issue of respect is crucial during the month of April, as it is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. This is a time for our community to unite ourselves in the fight to prevent male violence against women.

Dr. Will Kiem, a motivational speaker who travels to colleges nationwide, came to Saint Mary's last week and talked to a crowd of student athletes about how respect can save men and women's relationships.

Keim explained that there are two essential elements needed for successful communication in sexual situations: An appeal for permission to continue sexual advances, and a truthful response to that appeal. Keim argues that men have a such a hard time asking permission, and women have such a hard time responding with a definite “no,” that miscommunications are bound to occur, which may lead to sexual assault.

According to the US Department of Justice, one out of every five women in the United States is raped. This number alone should make us all re-think how we “ask” and how we “reply” when we're in sexually charged situations.

It is not acceptable for a man to avoid asking permission to initiate sexual activity with a woman. It is not acceptable for a woman to give an ambiguous response when she wants to say “no.” We need to effectively communicate what we want to keep us healthy and safe.

The following responses are not effective ways to say “no.”

1. “Maybe later.”
2. “I'm not sure if we should.”
3. “I don't know.”
4. “Maybe we should drink more first.”
5. “Yes.”

Here are some appropriate ways to respond to “no.”

1. Accept the “no”: “That's okay; do you want to do something else?”
2. Apologize: “I'm sorry, I didn't know I was going to fast.”
3. Ask him/her: “What would you like to do that would make you feel more comfortable?”
4. Throttle back: “Maybe we could watch a movie instead, and can I put my arm around you?”
5. Depart from the situation: “Would you feel more comfortable if I left/ if I took you home?”



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SPORTS

SCOREBOARD

BASEBALL

APRIL 1	
Saint Mary's	7
Santa Clara	10

APRIL 4	
Saint Mary's	3
Loyola Marymount	7

APRIL 5	
Saint Mary's	1
Loyola Marymount	4

APRIL 6	
Saint Mary's	11
Loyola Marymount	12

GOLF

APRIL 1	
BITE/PACIFIC COAST INTERCOLLEGIATE	
13th Place	
Joe Lanza	18th (214)
Liam Kendregan	52nd (220)
Steven Brooks	62nd (221)

SOFTBALL

APRIL 5	
Saint Mary's	2(1)
Sacramento State	6(2)

APRIL 6	
Saint Mary's	0(0)
Sacramento State	4(10)

Men's TENNIS

APRIL 5	
Saint Mary's	1
San Francisco	5

Women's TENNIS

APRIL 5	
Saint Mary's	3
Portland State	4

Women's RUGBY

APRIL 5	
Saint Mary's	5
Santa Clara	17

Déjà vu for the Gaels

SMC men's rugby wins in convincing fashion

by C.J. Daft
Staff Writer

After a last-second win over UC Davis on Sunday, the Gaels are on their way to New York for Rugby's Sweet 16. After ending the first half with a 21-12 lead, SMC allowed the Aggies to catch up and bring the score to a tie at 26. As the team prepared to play an extra overtime period, the Gaels' Nick Hamann '03 kicked an at-the-whistle field goal ending the game at 29-26.

SMC's victories in the opening two rounds of the national post-season tournament set them up to once again face Cal Poly in the Sweet 16. The game takes place in New York on April 19th.

At Saturday's game, the Gaels defeated a Washington State Cougar team that looked more like a bunch of friends playing tackle football in the park on a weekend afternoon than a rugby team, convincingly, 39-11. In the contest, the Cougars tried to slug past the Gael defense one-on-one too often instead of pitching when need be and failed.

Although Saint Mary's made



The Gaels push towards the Sweet 16 one scrum at a time.

Photo by Katie Linnett

the Washington State contest look easy, the Gaels proved themselves the better team. For the Gaels to advance further in the playoffs, they will still need to take their game to the next level. "The better athletes with the better disciplined game plan won, but looking forward, we need to execute better," commented assistant coach Ed Todd after the contest.

The Gaels led 11-0 at half-

time, scoring on three tries and two field goals by Hamann, securing the lead from WSU.

One of the most exciting plays, and an example of the Gael's excellent team play that afternoon, came early in the second half when Joey Vega intercepted a pitch at midfield, who then pitched to Johnny Busher. When the Cougar defense challenged him, Busher found an open Damien Fatorgia who outsprinted the

opposition from thirty yards out for the uncontested try.

Before the Davis game, Todd predicted that the contest would be a close one.

"The team that executes and puts the pressure on will win the game."

Clearly, the Gaels have found a way to keep the "pressure" on, and hope to continue all the way to New York.

Andrea Camarena contributed to this report



Women's Soccer

On Sunday the Women's soccer team faced Utah in a spring ball game. The Gaels fell 1-0 after Utah scored on a PK. The Gaels had an opportunity to get back in the game when Shauna Rech was penalized in the box at the end of the first half, as she attempted to take a shot. She too took the penalty kick, but shot at the keeper.

WUSA team, the Washington Freedom drafted Gael keeper Ruth Montgomery in February in the the third round of the pro draft. Montgomery declined the offer though and the Freedom took the field for their opening game on Saturday without the record holding goalie. She held the 22nd pick in the draft. Montgomery proved herself with her 32 career shutouts and a shots against record of .87 in her four years at SMC. In place of joining the already goalie-heavy Washington squad, the Portland native will finish out her final year at Saint Mary's and graduate with the class of 2003 in May.

Baseball

After a three-game series sweep by Loyola Marymount over the weekend, the Gaels WCC record fell to 4-8. The Gaels have already faced Santa Clara, Gonzaga and Pepperdine, but still must confront the remaining WCC foes.

Before facing LMU, the Gaels were able to take at least one victory from each of the WCC series they played.

The Gaels next home game is scheduled for Friday versus Portland at 3:00 p.m on Louis Guisto field

Men's Tennis

With the WCC Championships looming in San Diego this weekend, men's tennis will have its work cut out, probably entering the tournament seeded seventh, only above Gonzaga in the conference.

Last Saturday, the team dropped a singles-only match to conference opponent USF 5-1, which didn't help their conference cause. The lone winner for the Gaels was Martin Marechal at the number four position. He continues to be a highpoint for the Gaels this season, with a 13-4 record.

Softball

Pacific Coast Softball Conference play began for the Gaels over the weekend in Sacramento. After two days of doubleheaders, the Gaels returned to SMC with four PCSC losses to the Sacramento State Hornets. This heavy-play weekend came up after a two-week hiatus for the team.

Women's Lacrosse

Yesterday marked the last home game of the season for the Gaels. They faced Stanford. The conference post season tournament will be held the first weekend in May. The Lacrosse season is rapidly coming to a close with only 5 more games, starting with a four-game road trip to New York over Easter Break and then finishing the season at Davis.

The team will lose six athletes to graduation this year, including defenders Regan Lebherz and Courtney Nelson, Attackmen Jackie Reiter, and Thera Luce, midfielder Stephanie French, and keeper Meghan Ceccotti.

ATHLETE PROFILE

by Christian Muller
Staff Writer

Who is she? Jordann Bass. What sport does she play? Softball. What is her favorite instrument to play? Well, ten years ago she was known to occasionally whale on a trumpet or two.

Coming all the way from Seattle, Jordann has been a major help in achieving the Gaels' winning record this season. Having the ability to play anywhere on the field, it has been decided that she best serves the team in left field. As a freshman, she was put behind the plate.

Jordann's favorite sport is baseball, followed by basketball. How athletic is she? She could have played either softball or basketball at the collegiate level. She looks up to Alex Rodriguez the most in terms of athletics. Besides his striking good looks, she has built a shrine to him in her room due to his extraordinary abilities. She knows everything about him right down to the names of his pets.

Talent runs in Jordann's family: her uncle, Kevin Bass, played professional baseball. In 1986 he was an all-star for the San Francisco Giants.

Jordann is twenty-one years old, single (and a fox) and has some dreams of becoming the General Manager of a professional baseball team. She is split majoring in sports management and business administration.