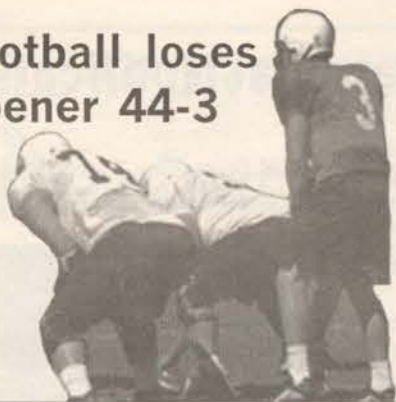


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Both students and parents are now informed of drug and alcohol policies.

Amy Kelly/COLLEGIAN

Parental Notification of drug and alcohol violations aims for prevention

by Michelle Dalida and Chris Mateo
Staff Writer & News Editor

In response to alcohol and drug violations occurring on campus, Saint Mary's College will implement an aggressive campaign to deter underage drinking and establish a clearly defined matrix system. An alcohol and drug matrix, created by the Alcohol and Other Drug Committee, clearly delineates punishments that may occur to students according to the severity and the category of the violation. Along with the matrix, the Parental Notification system will be used as a liaison between

the school and parents about their student's behavior.

"In 2000, Saint Mary's College implemented this policy. This year we just updated it and decided that we should tell students about it. We wanted to make sure that students understand it and consider it when they violate policy," said Mary Spellman, Dean of Student Development.

"The policy hasn't changed. What changed was how we're using the it," continued Spellman. "The law says that colleges may notify parents of students under the age of 21 if their

students have violated either the law or college policy relating to alcohol or drugs. In the past, SMC has used that primarily to notify parents when there was an emergency involving their son or daughter. It was also used sporadically with students when they had repeated problems with alcohol or drugs in the discipline process. However, it was almost too late to be helpful." Now there is a dialogue between the school, parents and students so that all parties are aware of the consequences of certain actions. Although these programs are

see ALCOHOL, pg 2

Response team offers anonymous resources Sexual assault victims find new route

by Andrea Camarena
Editor-in-Chief

Following a year of protests, lawsuits and bad publicity, Saint Mary's Sexual Assault Task Force, has developed a Sexual Assault Response Team to serve students in 2003.

Composed of 5 staff and faculty members, the team offers an anonymous resource to sexual assault victims.

"Primarily it's a place for students to go to find out all of their options both on and off campus regarding things that have happened to them in terms of sexual assault," said Mary Spellman, dean of student development.

With a circulating cell phone, the team acts as a 24-hour contact for victims to talk to a trained individual about an occurrence of sexual assault or misconduct without reporting the incident to officials.

"We wanted this to be a safe place for them (victims) to go before decisions were made for them," said Spellman.

In all but three situations, any other SMC faculty or staff member is required to report any accusation of sexual assault to the office of Student Development.

This report is necessary despite the victims want to pursue an investigation. The Response team joins the Counseling Center and confession to a priest as one of only three anonymous ways to

discuss the issues surrounding a sexual assault.

This allows for the designated SMC employees to act as an unthreatening advocate.

Headed by Sharon Sobotta, SMC's sexual assault awareness coordinator, the team went through over 30 hours of training.

This included case studies, discussions with representatives of the Contra Costa Rape Crisis Center and Moraga PD specialists, and general education on the various physical and emotional undertakings of survivors.

"Seeing the ability and skills of the trainers at the women's resource center and outside trainers and seeing the commitment of the team, I'm very impressed," said Vice Provost for Student Affairs Mike Zoll.

The success of this new program dwells in its publicity. The local cell phone number will be distributed to all residence halls and its students.

"They're a great group of people so it's not even an expectation. I just know they're going to do a great job," said Sobotta about the volunteers.

"Being on this team is an addition to their responsibilities on campus and it's great that people agreed to do this and they are really dedicated."

The cell phone has already begun circulation and each member will now be holding it for a week at a time for the remainder of the semester.

Sexual Assault response team
24-hour number
(925) 878-9207

Res Life re-organizes staff RCC's and IR's replace former RD's

by James Lee and Chris Mateo
Staff Writer & News Editor

Aside from the incoming freshmen, Saint Mary's College, especially the Office of Residence Life, is looking forward to many changes on the campus. From alterations in the staff positions to adjustments with the new drug and alcohol policy, the Office of Residence Life and its employees will face new challenges in maintaining the SMC campus.

The new system of resident directors has been implemented due to certain aspects of campus employment.

The Resident Director, or RD, position has been changed to the In-Resident, or IR, for a building. The IR has the same duties except for the fact that they are not in charge of the disciplinary process and the Resident Advisors, or RA's, no longer report to

them.

While the IR's are not the supervisors of the RA's, they still support their students as mentors and as financial assistance for certain programs and events.

The new Resident Community Coordinators, or RCC's, now take up the disciplinary process.

These RCC's also supervise the resident advisors. The four RCC's handle four specific areas of the campus as opposed to one RD per floor.

The RCC position was created because of problems within the hierarchy of Residence Life.

According to a document provided by Steve Nygard, Dean of Student Life, some of the problems included the fact that the RD's were not available on a full time basis because of other employment responsibilities and see RES LIFE, p2

Syufy nears completion



Amy Kelly/COLLEGIAN

The Syufy Performing Arts building exemplifies the prominence of SMC's arts.

by Linda Baumgardner
Chief Copy Editor

Four months and \$3.8 million later, construction on the new Syufy Performing Arts building approaches completion. The money was donated to the col-

lege in honor of the late Raymond J. Syufy by the Syufy family and an anonymous donor.

The process of constructing this building has been strenuous for the workers and the students. Construction has been progress-

ing since the groundbreaking ceremony in May of 2003.

The road to the Ageno Park has been closed for some time, but will soon open to reveal the magnificent change that occurred see SYUFY, p2

Events Listings

College Life

Attend the "College Life" student panel from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Soda Center on Thursday, September 4. "Reel questions, reel students, reel answers." For more information, call x4704.

Gaelic Hike

On Tuesday, September 2, meet on the Chapel lawn for a Gaelic Hike from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. For more information, call x4704

Kilbourne talk

For Saint Mary's College's Fall 2003 Week of Welcome, the Women's Resource Center has invited Dr. Jean Kilbourne to present her outstanding and innovative work concerning violence against women and the media on September 8, 2003 in the Soda Center at 7:30 pm. Jean Kilbourne, Ed.D. is internationally recognized for her pioneering work on the image of women in advertising, particularly in alcohol and tobacco. A widely published writer and speaker who has twice been named "Lecturer of the Year" by the National Association of Campus Activities.

If you have any questions or would like to become a sponsor of the program, please contact either Sharon Sobotta or Laura Armstrong at x4171 or x4193.

Leadership speaker

On Thursday, September 4, Marguerite Hinrich will talk about leadership, involvement, and success at the Soda Center from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Hinrich is the program coordinator and advisor in the Office of Student Life in Hayward and CEO of Global Consulting and Public Relations.

Paint the SMC

For those interested in painting the SMC, come meet on De La Salle Lawn at 7:00 p.m. Painters will work from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Senior Orientation

The SMC Career Center will be hosting a senior orientation in the Soda Center:

Thursday, September 4 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Friday, September 5 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.

These sessions will have information about on-campus recruiting, resumes, graduate school admissions and interview preparations.

Welcome Back Dance

The Welcome Back Dance will take place on Saturday, September 6 from 10:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. in the Soda Center.

Crime Beat

8/1 9:24 p.m.

Incident: Burglar alarm
Synopsis: Burglar alarm activated at the Rheem Center. Referred to Moraga Police Department.

8/4

Incident: Vandalism
Synopsis: Attempted burglary of cargo container at School of Education. Case suspended.

8/5 10:00 a.m.

Incident: Vandalism
Synopsis: Vehicle vandalized at baseball parking lot. Case suspended.

8/5 1:26 p.m.

Incident: Fire alarm
Synopsis: Fire alarm pulled in Augustine Hall; referred to Office of Residence Life.

8/7 1:08 p.m.

Incident: Grand theft
Synopsis: Theft of a golf cart from the rear of Madigan Gym; recovered at Assumption Hall. Case suspended.

8/14 5:00 p.m.

Incident: Medical
Synopsis: Emergency transport requested for student from Madigan Gym; referred to Office of Residence Life.

8/26 3:28 a.m.

Incident: Found property
Synopsis: Abandoned bicycle found in De La Salle Drive behind Syufy Hall.

8/26 10:05 p.m.

Incident: Vehicle accident
Synopsis: Vehicle accident at parking lot behind Aquinas; no injuries. Referred to Business Office.

8/26 10:41 p.m.

Incident: Medical assistance
Synopsis: Medical assistance requested for head injury at Ageno West; referred to Student Conduct and Office of Residence Life.

8/27 9:15 p.m.

Incident: Grand theft
Synopsis: Stolen/recovered golf cart from library quad. Case suspended.

ALCOHOL: Parental Notification

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an aggressive step towards cracking down on student drinkers, the matrix and Parental Notification system are just expectations of what violators will face.

Each violation is taken under account with Spellman, and may require a less or more severe punishment according to each case.

It is only after each case goes through the policy and appeal process, and what level and category it falls under, that parents may be notified. However, this only applies to underage violators.

So the question arises of the fairness of the Parental Notification program towards legal age students.

Legal students still have to be careful of their actions. Even though their parents will not be notified, it does not exclude them from punishments from public intoxication, disorderly conduct, loss of control of bodily functions and driving under the influence, just to name a few.

Every student is under the shadow of the matrix, no matter what age, or living situation. "We're not being the big brother, we're not doing that; we want to treat you as an adult, but we are also telling there are consequences to your actions now too,"

said Scott Kier, Director of Student Conduct.



Amy Kelly/COLLEGIAN
Father and son walk through central campus, unaware of what a phonecall on Monday could mean

RES LIFE: Changing the disciplinary hierarchy

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that they may have little experience in current student affairs or residence life standards.

Also, the implementation of the disciplinary and programming process varied widely amongst the living communities.

With only four RCC's dealing with all resident issues there will be more consistent disciplinary actions, unlike the varied punishments given by different RD's in the past.

The Resident Advisor position has also had slight changes. "In the past, there were noticeable

differences between the prefixes of the RA's," said Alfredo Biralde '05.

"While we still have specific titles such as 'assistant RA' or 'associate RA', they are all RA positions nevertheless. We are all equal in the jobs and power that entails these positions."

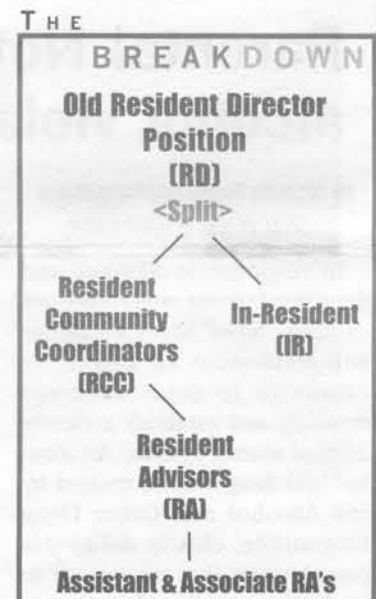
In addition to job specifications, the RA's also have new duties.

"We all have to do more programming events," said Christopher Long '05. "For example, this semester, freshmen dorms have to do a service project with the

CILSA office. Also, we have to do a mandatory sexual assault training class."

The new drug and alcohol matrix will also make standard disciplinary actions. Because of the outlined policy, the RA position is that of a stricter one than in the past.

"As an RA and with this clear matrix system, one can have his or her RA status reviewed and without a strict mentality, one's job can be in jeopardy," added Biralde.



Robyn Leigh Reichenberg, 18

"...when you fall off the horse, you've got to get back on. Robyn literally lived that." REGINA REICHENBERG

by Jonathan Morales

Robyn: daughter, sister, friend and Saint Mary's student passed away on August 8, 2003 at the San Jose Medical Center at the age of 18. She succumbed to injuries sustained during a horse accident on July 10, 2003, after having been in a coma for four weeks.

Robyn resided in Elk Grove, California, just a few minutes south of Sacramento, her birthplace. She attended St. Charles' Borromeo Elementary School from Kindergarten through eighth grade, where she excelled in all areas and was loved by her teachers. In eighth grade she was crowned May Queen by her eighth grade class.

She attended high school at Saint Francis, an all-girls school, where she continued to do well in all academic areas. She held a 4.0 GPA for all four years, including her sophomore year when she was forced to under-

take all household and family duties, including the care of her little brother Dylan, when her mother Regina had to undergo surgery. In her senior year she was nominated, though not chosen, to be Valedictorian.

Robyn began attending Saint Mary's College in the fall of 2002, on a scholarship through the California Highway Patrol's 11-99 foundation. Again, she continued to excel in academics.

She lived in De La Salle hall and was considering becoming an English major or transferring after her sophomore year to become an equine studies major.

Her love of horses began when she was seven, and continued through the rest of her life.

She rode for almost twelve years and, although never able to afford the best horses, was always able to enjoy whatever she could get.

She was known for her determination and her sense of humor, including her distinctive laugh



Submitted by Jonathan Morales

Robyn Reichenberg, August 28, 1984- August 8, 2003

that made no sound.

Robyn is survived by her mother Regina, father Dean, brother Dylan, and devoted companion Brendan Kolding. A fu-

neral mass was held on August 12, 2003 at Saint Charles' Church in Elk Grove.

A mass in Robyn's honor will be held in the Chapel soon.

SYUFY: Benefiting the Arts dept.

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while students were away for the summer.

The dedication of the building will take place on September 14th. Faculty and staff hope that the building will be approved by Contra Costa County before the ceremony.

The building is intended for the Performing Arts department and its students. Up until this point, Performing Arts did not have a complete home and, as a result, classes were scattered throughout campus. This new facility will not only have new classroom space, but will also offer space for several other elements of the department. The new facility contains areas that cater to each part of the Performing Arts department - music, dance and theatre.

For the theatre area of the department, the new building contains a shop for set construction. This new space will speed up and simplify the process of bringing a play from page to stage.

The building also houses a dance studio. The studio is the same size and shape as the stage in LeFevre Theatre, making the adjustment from the studio to performance a familiar one. This studio will not only make it easier

for the Dance Company, but will also allow benefit the dance department.

"The dance studio will increase the number and variety of classes we can offer," said Frank Murray, chair of the Performing Arts department.

The facility contains a great deal of workspace for music classes and their students. The building contains one large practice room that can be used for larger music groups such as the SMC choir, the Nightingales, and the college's Jazz Band.

There is also a large piano room for music classes. The facility includes several sound-proof practice areas for groups and individual students; the practice space includes a larger room for medium-sized groups and five individual rooms, each equipped with a piano. Access to these rooms will be through a key and deposit system. Until now, the music students have been the most scattered, and have been practicing in the lobby of the theatre or in classrooms.

"The biggest impact will be for the music students, it will bring out new students and hopefully, the groups that already exist will improve," said Murray.

New president brings experience

Ancelj pushes for involvement from fellow students

by Chris Swain

When Tony Ancelj came to Saint Mary's as a freshman, he wasn't very involved in campus life; but then things changed.

"Getting involved is probably the best thing I've done: I've met new people, I've learned a lot, [and] I've grown a lot," said Ancelj, now the associated students president for '03-04.

As president, Ancelj wants to see the senate address the new discipline matrix.

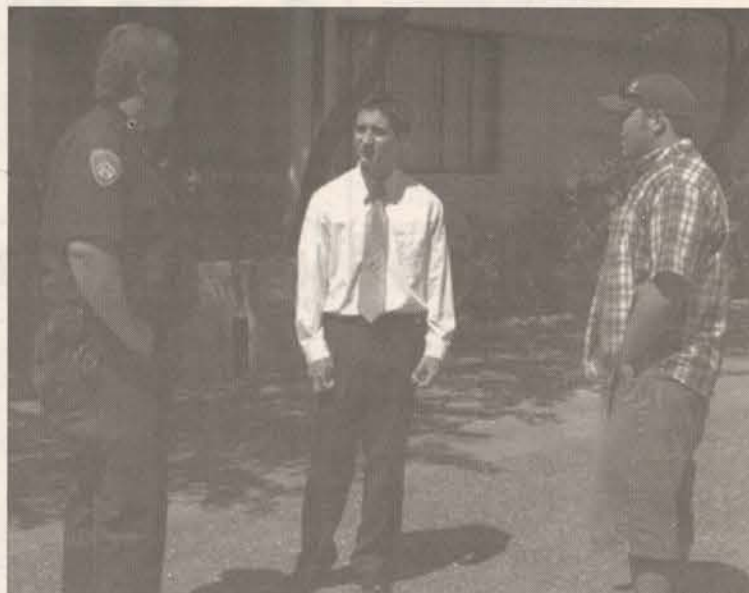
"I want to see students treated like adults in the residence halls.

"If students are expected to act like adults, students should be treated like adults," said Ancelj.

This fall, a new parental notification policy will also be implemented for alcohol and other violations.

"If it works, fine. If it doesn't work, then we are going to see some changes," said Ancelj.

Ancelj is also eager to get students involved in community life at SMC.



Amy Kelly/COLLEGIAN

Ancelj discusses the new alcohol policy.

"I want to see students get more involved through clubs, through media, [and] through club sports.

"The opportunity is here and to not take advantage of that is a really big mistake," said Ancelj.

In his second year at SMC, Ancelj joined ASSMC as a sophomore senator and was selected to sit as media board chair.

Last year, Ancelj was associated students vice president for student affairs, and helped get the new game room in Dryden up and running.

"I know what is realistic and what's not.

"I know what I can do and because of that, that is why I think I was elected," said Ancelj.

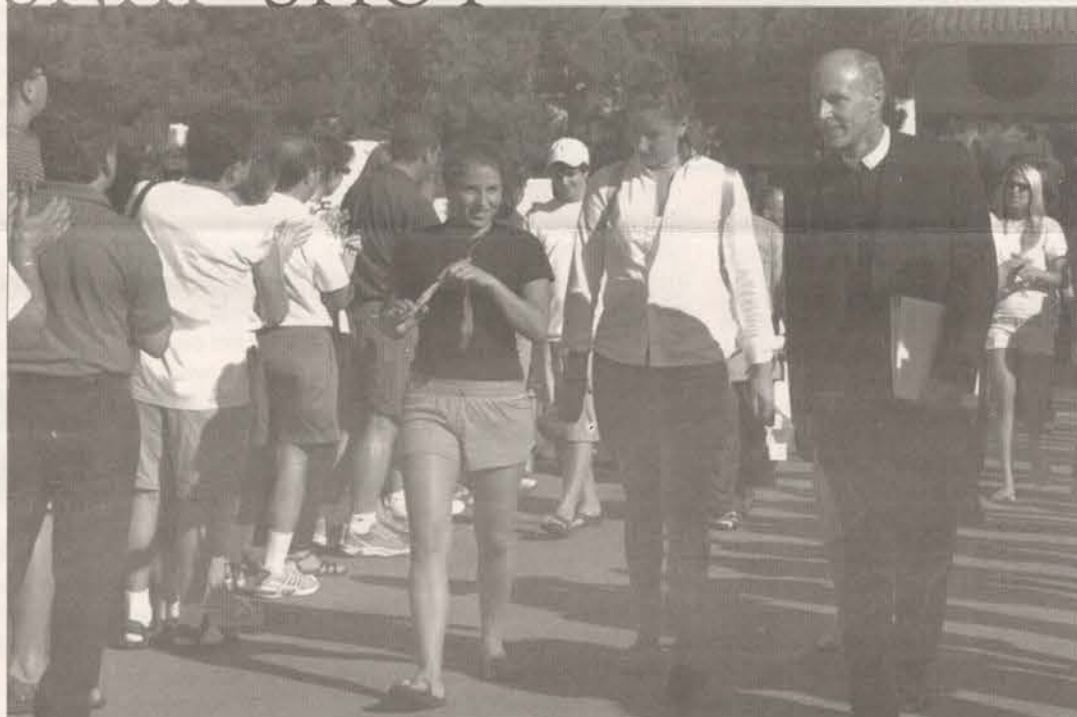
Raised in Millbrae, CA, Ancelj attended Serra High School in San Mateo. He is a double major in Politics and Philosophy with a minor in History.

Ancelj opens his door on first floor Ferroggiaro for all students.

"I want students to love Saint Mary's as much as I do," said Ancelj.

SNAP SHOT

Welcome to SMC



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On Sunday, August 31, 2003 the class of 2007 was officially welcomed into the Saint Mary's College community with open arms and warm applause from their parents and family outside of McKean Pavilion.

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I WILL SURVIVE
katie kimball

One sophomore's advice to incoming freshmen

So you made it to SMC. Congratulations. By this time, you've no doubt said goodbye to mom and dad, figured out if you hate your roommate, and started your classes. Many people have probably told you that the next four years are going to be the best years of your life. Trust me, they will also be some of the strangest and most trying. I'm going to impart upon you some of the knowledge I've obtained over the last year, and tell you the things I wish someone had told me.

First, go to class. It sounds basic, but after a few long nights of partying and "forgetting" about your reading, skipping out to make up some lost sleep is very easy to do; it's not like you're going to get detention. You will find that with some professors, missing one class is all it takes to fall completely behind and become totally overwhelmed. In most classes, don't allow yourself more than two absences.

Get involved. Even if you aren't athletic, there are still activities on this campus if you look hard enough. We pay so much to go here that we should take advantage of extra-curricular activities. Try getting involved with CILSA, Campus Ministry, or (shameless plug) write for the *Collegian*!

Remember how small your school is. SMC is probably not much different socially from your high school, in that good news travels fast, as does bad news. People talk and reputations stick. It's not fair, but it's life. Just keep that in mind when making decisions about what you do and where you do it. College is a fresh start, and most people don't know what you were like in high school. Use this as a chance to start over.

Stick with SMC. Around October, it starts to get lonely. The excitement of moving out has worn off, classes get hard, and being away from your family, your pets, and your friends gets really hard. But trust me, if you can make it until Jan term, you will probably change your mind. I spent those nights sobbing to my mom about how I wanted to come home, and thinking that maybe going away to school was a bad idea. By Jan term break, I couldn't wait to get back here! Seriously, stick it out. Too many of my friends arranged to transfer because they were miserable in the fall, and then couldn't get out of it in March when they wanted to stay.

Don't go home every weekend. I know you miss your boyfriend or girlfriend but by going home so much, you miss out on experiences here. Making yourself be social even when you don't really feel like it is the only way to make new friends.

By next year, you'll have made your own mistakes, and I'll no doubt be able to fill a book with mine by senior year. Just be yourself, and remember that the rest of your class is just as nervous as you are. Have a great year!

OPINION
Collegian View

At the beginning of a school year filled with new faces, buildings and policies, you—the students—can count on the *Collegian* to continue its service of informative campus journalism.

As a student newspaper, the *Collegian* is run by the students, for the students and strives to report the truth, convey campus sentiments accurately, and provide a forum of diverse student voices to inform the SMC community.

We invite you to read the *Collegian* weekly, as we tackle issues that affect our campus and our lives.

Let us remember, by the end of your SMC education, you—your parents, loans, and scholarships—will have accumulated in the neighborhood of \$120,000 worth of bills.

This is the cost of a Saint Mary's education.

We encourage incoming and returning students to take advantage of the multitude of opportunities that are present on and off campus for students to get involved.

Whether being involved means, tutoring at an after-school program in Oakland, being an ambassador in admissions, joining the Gael Force or writing for the *Collegian*, make your college experience worth every moment—and cent.

With that being said, some of you are paying for—or helping pay for your education and as we see it that responsibility makes you an adult.

As an adult, you have the freedom to act as you choose, but with that comes with the responsibility



"Mr. Smith, your freshman son forgot to make his bed today. We just thought we should let you know."

to realize your actions have consequences on yourself and others.

These consequences now include—if under the age of 21—having your parents notified if you violate the alcohol and other drug policy of SMC.

However, the administration reserves the right not to notify your parents as well.

So, they might, but might not?

It is Dean of Student Development, Mary Spellman's decision to notify your parents about your violation. Ultimately however, it is your decision to make choices

that could bring about certain consequences on yourself that (thanks to the fully-outlined matrix) you are now completely aware of.

And since you are now educated on the matter, it is our—the students—responsibility to voice our/your opinion about the policies and producers that affect us.

Talk to Tony Ancelj, your student body president, go to a senate meeting and voice your opinion or write a letter to the editor of the *Collegian*, we'll publish it.

Community Views

Dear Editor,

It is a great honor to begin service to Saint Mary's College as Vice Provost for Student Affairs. I arrived in late July from Maryland, where I served as Dean of Students at Mount St. Mary's College for five years. My wife, Jennifer, and our children (Owen, 4; Sophia, 2; Henry, 7 months) have settled in close to campus (in Lafayette). My transition has been smooth due to the warm welcome extended by students, Christian Brothers, staff, and faculty. I already feel like this is home!

My primary purpose for writing is to welcome you to Saint Mary's College. For our new students, welcome to your new home! My hope is that you explore the many resources available to you and make a decision to get involved in the vibrant life of this campus. If you do, you will enhance the learning process and be more satisfied with your college experience.

For our returning students, welcome back home! You bring back with you the wisdom and experience of having already participated in and contributed to this learning community. My hope is that you will help our new students make a successful transition through your actions, so that they feel a sense of belonging.

One of my first and most im-

portant goals is to get to know you. You are the reason that those of us who serve here are here in the first place! I want to know what you love about this College as well as your ideas for improvement. To facilitate this process, I would enjoy speaking with you or having lunch. Starting September 4 and continuing through the fall semester, please drop by and see me in the Cassin Student Union courtyard on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 3:30-5:00. Or, contact my assistant (Rosa Grundig) to schedule lunch together in Oliver Hall (I will cover the cost of your lunch if you don't have a meal plan). I will do my best to be present at programs, activities, lectures, and athletic events, as well as meet with ASSMC, clubs, groups, and organizations. One way or another, my hope is that we can learn each other's names and start a relationship that carries forward to your commencement and beyond.

I pray for God's blessing on the start of your new academic year and that you may be successful in achieving your goals and reaching your dreams.

Mike Zoll
Vice Provost of Student Affairs

Dear Editor,

On behalf of the Associated Students Executive Team and

Senate I would like to welcome everyone back to Saint Mary's. The Associated Students Executive Team spent this past summer ensuring student representation on committees that will affect different aspects of student life ranging from discipline to academic affairs. We made changes

to our constitution to ensure your government is run fairly, and have developed plans to accomplish the goals that will strengthen your community.

As the new academic year gets underway new opportunities unfold for students to explore a diversity club, take up a new club sport, or pursue an intriguing class or subject matter. In an effort to fulfill an area requirement, I took a philosophy class and loved it. By doing something I had to do I found a new pursuit that I incorporated into my education. During my freshman year I was not involved in any clubs. I did not go to many events. I was just trying to get through classes and spend time with my group of friends. After a while hanging out in my hall got kind of old. There was not much to do in Moraga and not much to do on campus (or so I thought). Towards the end of my first year I realized that I was missing out on the Saint Mary's experience. When you are not involved it seems as though not much is going on and not much is going to change. When I picked up a petition at the Associated Students office for sophomore class senate, I was in-

duced to new faces, a new job, and a new outlook on Saint Mary's; what it was, what it is, and what it could be. This is your college, your home, your experience. You can make this college what you want it to be. As my involvement grew, so to did my passion for this place.

Now that my senior year begins, when I think about all the people I have met and all that I have experienced, I realize that it would have never happened if I did not pick up that petition and explore what was waiting for me all along. Make this the year that you build on tradition, enable change, and find your passion. Feel free to stop by your Associated Students office to ask questions, meet the executive team, and find out more about what we can do for you (I am serious). Experience your Saint Mary's. (I'm not kidding here).

P.S. Arnold for governor. (I'm kidding).

Tony Ancelj
Associated Students President

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What was the Highlight of your summer?

ALLISON GREINA '07



“Going to Hawaii”

CHRIS CANTIERI '04



“Going camping.”

CORI SIMPSON '07



“Going to Ta... for a we...”

Recall: Democracy or Dementia?

Just more GOP dirty politics

Simply democracy in action

by Jonathan Morales *In-Depth Editor*

by Pablo Armas *Assistant Opinion Editor*

Even those of you who are from out-of-state have probably heard about this recall joke, or as I like to call it, the "do-over" election. Think back to when you were a kid, and whenever something didn't turn out how you wanted, you yelled "do-over!"

The effort to recall Gray Davis again shows a trend sweeping through the Republican Party these days: If you can't get elected into power, seize power by whatever means necessary. They attempted it first in 1998 when they tried to get Clinton kicked out of office, and perfected it during the 2000 presidential election debacle.

The simple fact is that Davis did nothing to get California into the mess it's in. The phrase "the higher the climb the longer the fall" works well in economics. California was flying high during the growth of the 90s, so it had a lot farther to fall when the recession hit in 2001.

If we're ready to recall Davis because California is in a fiscal mess, shouldn't we also be ready to recall President Bush for the same reasons? The United States economy is in just as big of a mess as California is, and record federal deficits are predicted for next year. Why is Davis at fault for California's floundering economy but the federal economy is just a victim of the "business cycle?"

Finally, is anybody really going to do a better job than Davis? The leading candidate, Cruz Bustamante, is essentially a Davis clone with less political punch and a lot less hair. The guy in second is a frightfully inexperienced actor whose ego has, quite incredibly, gotten bigger than his muscles. Do we really want the Terminator running one of the largest economies in the world?

Let's get real, California. Stop blaming all your problems on Gray Davis and let him serve out his fairly-won term of office and get us out of this mess.

Contrary to popular opinion, the Republicans are not out to take over California. It's not just the Republicans who want Davis out, either. Many people from many parties are upset at, including fellow Democrats. The process is also perfectly legitimate, and crucial to our democratic system. In the California Constitution; Article 2 section 13, there is a line that reads "Recall is the power of the electors to remove an elective officer" and if one reads further, Section 14 explains the

process in which voters can recall a elected official. That means the voters have the power to remove any elected officer from office, including Governor Gray Davis, in a fair and organized fashion.

Besides, the recall of Gray Davis is good for democracy in California. One reason that it benefits Californians is that it will allow us to exercise our right to recall an elected official that voters feel has done a poor job in office and should be removed. If it weren't for the upcoming recall, few voters would have ever known about Article 2 section 13 or the power that it gives them.

The recall is also good for democracy because the election will get people more involved in and aware of the democratic process. Whether it is gathering petitions for the recall or helping to organize voters to vote no on the recall, people are getting involved in the democratic process.

Finally, if you want Davis recalled, you have a wide variety of candidates to choose from. From businessmen to actors, over a hundred people have signed on to become the next governor of California.

It may seem a lot of people, but that is democracy in action—people who want to get involved because they view the issues as important. In the long run, this election will benefit California not because of the long list of candidates, but because of the number of voters that got involved to make a difference.



THE TRUTH IS RIGHT

John True Johnson

Is our Catholic identity dead?

Here we are in a Catholic school and according to the St. Mary's Fact Book, 58 percent of us are Catholic. We have a beautiful chapel that overlooks a breathtaking campus adorned with Catholic icons donated to the school by benevolent alumni. But is our Catholic identity a thing of the past?

It has become obvious to me that the Catholic name and heritage of our school have been trampled upon by an emerging anti-Catholic sentiment.

Anyone who watches the news knows that anti-Catholicism is one of the last accepted forms of prejudice. Why is it tolerated at a Catholic school; and why are Catholics themselves undermining the very ideals with which they identify? It is true that American colleges in general are bastions for ideals that may not be totally in line with Church teachings, say, atheism. But why has SMC chosen to take the leftward road of secular academia?

The most "Catholic" thing about most of my classes thus far has been the Crucifix hanging on the wall. In one class last semester I had a professor, who took pleasure in repeatedly blaspheming the Catholic Church, and in particular, Mother Teresa. He spent minutes of my \$30,000 education to explain to the class the dishonest practices of arguably, the most benevolent figure of our time. Naturally, his allegations were completely preposterous and down right laughable, but why is this tolerated and often embraced?

Certainly other brands of discrimination aren't tolerated on campus or anywhere else. If I were to discredit someone like Jessie Jackson for allegedly being a philanderer to a primarily black audience, my comments would be quickly rejected and rebutted; I've even been branded a racist for such things. But when this professor makes a far more fallacious accusation about a far more honorable person to a primarily Catholic audience, his words are accepted and embraced. I suppose in an era of double standards, "tolerance" only applies to those promoting a liberal agenda.

Pseudo-tolerance and political correctness have bastardized and adulterated America's higher education system and now it seems that even SMC may have succumbed to this liberal indoctrination of nonsense. Perhaps a barometer of all backwards thought is the degree to which the truly good aspects of a culture are tolerated. To all of the students who call themselves Catholic, I challenge you to stand up for your faith in the face of a culture that disagrees with you.

We must remember that the last remaining virtue of a society is tolerance, and for now, the only accepted form of intolerance is anti-Catholicism.

Beware of the Matrix

Parental notification policy raises important questions

by Marissa Nichols
Staff Writer

As you have no doubt heard by now, Student Affairs has revised the Drug and Alcohol policy. We all received a copy of this new policy in the mail, and I can say I was caught a bit off guard by the new "matrix" format. A closer reading reveals that SMC will now be enforcing strict adherence to the policy, including parent notification of all infractions if you are under 21. So how do changes in policy affect students differently this year? Are we now forced to endure punishment from our parents every time we are caught drinking? Are the days of making posters and throwing

snack nights over? Does the administration really think that the fear of having our parents find out about what we do on the weekends will keep us from drinking?

Scott Kier, Director of Student Conduct, said "Residence Life and Student Development want to stress that this new change is not tattle-telling, but rather a collaboration between the school, parents, and the students to achieve a balance between control and adulthood."

This raises a few issues. College should be a step towards adulthood and part of this should be taking responsibility for one's actions. If students are paying for their own education and receive school-sanctioned punishment

for their bad decisions, their parents have no right to be notified. What do students really gain from being regulated by their parents as soon as they move on to college? Parent-child relationships vary from student to student and for some, those relationships are rocky or even non-existent. Is administration trying to build bridges of communication between our families, or are they just trying to get us in trouble? Is this really their place?

The new matrix is supposed to reflect the choices of the student. If an underage student chooses to consume alcohol while under age or become disorderly in public, the student must also choose to deal with the consequences. Why then does it seem that we are cod-

dling the student body? Drinking happens on every college campus, and whether or not a student decides to participate in it is a personal decision, and the consequences should be personal as well. If parents and guardians did not consume alcohol and become belligerent and attract attention, why should they be contacted regarding their adult student?

Maturity goes beyond age. Drinking will continue at SMC, and it is up to the students if they decide to participate or not. If we are old enough to vote and select our country's leaders, it seems that the decision to drink and the consequences of that decision should be left in our hands alone, and not those of our parents.

“ Going to Tahoe ”
for a week.



Cori Simpson '07



“ Summer Sanitarium Tour. ”

Joe Esquido '05

“ Working at a summer camp. ”



Katelyn Hegarty '06

“ I went to a Phish concert. ”



Lance Reed '06

SPORTS

Borba looks to finish strong

Senior safety closes out great Gael career

by Sam Adams
Sports Editor

Four years ago, a freshman wide receiver stepped on the football field for Saint Mary's. Caught in a numbers game of too many players at his position, he was asked to try moving to defense. Since then, Weston Borba has flourished.

Coming out of Chowchilla High School to Saint Mary's expecting to play wide receiver, ex-Gael's coach Tim Landis asked him to move to safety. Borba has prospered ever since, tallying 4 interceptions each of his three years as a starter, and has improved his tackling numbers each year, going from 77 in 2000, 80 in 2001, then jumping to 115 in 2002.

"(Tim) Landis knew that I played defensive back in high school, so he asked if I wanted to try defense out for a day," said Borba. "I accepted and it ended up working out for the best."

Now entering his final year as a Gael, Borba has attracted plenty of attention and recognition for his efforts. Over the off-season, he was named the I-AA Independent Defensive Player of the Year, along with being named a Don Hansen's Football Gazette First-Team All-American. A handful of NFL scouts have even come by and watched practices.

"He makes plays, runs around, has a nose for the ball," said head coach Vincent White, "really just everything you ask a safety to be."

If he keeps up the same high level of play he has for the past three years, we may hear Borba called on draft day.

Invigorating new blood

New coaches look to change SMC athletics

by Michael Chin & Sam Adams
Staff Writer & Sports Editor

To most coaches in the collegiate ranks, Saint Mary's represents a stepping-stone to the upper echelon of NCAA athletics. Since the beginning of 2003, four varsity programs (football, softball, women's soccer, and baseball) have lost coaches; three of which left for bigger schools. To fill the voids, Saint Mary's hired Vincent White, Paul Sapsford, Megumi Takasaki, and Jed Soto.

With the school already strengthening its other programs, they hope that these fresh faces can build the foundations for continued success. "These additions have a great passion for coaching and will be visible heads to our community," said assistant director Mark Orr. "They are excellent communicators who bring a great deal of passion to their sports and programs."

White and Sapsford have the most experience and bring the most available knowledge to the table of the four. White, an all-

American running back from Stanford, was the running back coach at the University of Utah. White brings the spread offense along with him, a far cry from the run heavy triple option students had grown to hate from the Tim Landis era.

Not only does White carry a wealth of knowledge and experience but also a new look to St. Mary's football. He brings a new up-tempo coaching style. With a tough schedule, the team hopes their new style of play will improve on last year's 6-6 record.

The team's new slogan "love the process" calls for loving each and every step of football from practice to conditioning to games to, what every fan loves to see - wins.

Yet another coach with Stanford ties is Sapsford, who acted as the head of Stanford from 1999-2001. Under his guidance, the Cardinal received several NCAA tournament bids and well garnered several all-American selections.

Like White, Sapsford will also bring an up-tempo style to his Gaels. His practices are more rigid and upbeat, with little standing around.

In arguably the toughest women's soccer conference, Sapsford will play to the weaknesses of each individual team.



(Clockwise from top) Baseball coach Jed Soto, Women's Soccer coach Paul Sapsford, Football coach Vincent White, and a coach watches on at football practice.

"He likes to adapt to whoever we play and attack their weaknesses," said one player.

Bay area native Megumi Takasaki, a former California Bears catcher, will take on the softball position.

Takasaki comes with an impressive resume, playing four years at Cal, and recently coaching the Spanish National Team. This will be her first collegiate head-coaching job.

The final piece to the puzzle is baseball coach Jed Soto. At only 29 years of age, Soto ranks as the youngest coach in the WCC. Before coming to Saint Mary's, Soto

spent six years as the head coach of Feather River community college. While there, he had six players drafted and won five state championships.

Similar to the three new coaches Soto will look to an up-tempo style of play to move the program toward greatness.

"I would describe our coaching staff as young, energetic, and enthusiastic," said Coach Soto. The motto for this year is "First we will be best, then we will be first."

"In all these coaches we have seen that they care about the Saint Mary's way," said Orr.

Score Card

Football

	1	2	3	4	Final
SMC	3	0	0	0	3
NAU	3	7	27	7	44

P. Mangum - 15-28, 152 yds, 3 INT

C. Wilson - 11 carries, 47 yds

P. Goldsby - 5 catches, 45yds

H. Villarreal - 16 total tackles

N. Kenion - 9 tackles, Int (1)

R. Mike - 5 tackles, Int (1)

A. Woodards - 2 tackles, sack

Women's Soccer

	1	2	Final
Saint Mary's Gaels	0	1	1
Montana Grizzlies	0	0	0

J. Belzer - goal (1)

L. Cranshaw - assist (1)

A. Artuso - 4 saves

	1	2	Final
Saint Mary's Gaels	0	1	1
Wisconsin	2	1	3

Volleyball

SMC def. No.23 Texas 3-0

SMC def. Northeastern 3-1

SMC def. CS Northridge 3-0

Men's Soccer

	1	2	Final
Saint Mary's Gaels	0	0	0
UCRiverside	1	0	1

	1	2	Final
Saint Mary's Gaels	3	0	3
CS Northridge	4	0	4

Women's rugby receives club charter



The newly chartered women's rugby team.

Courtesy of Jessica McLennan/COLLEGIAN

by Jessica McLennan
Staff Writer

Saint Mary's has a new addition to the sports family.

In August 2003, the women's rugby team became an official chartered club sport, after only a year and a half of existence.

"It's absolutely awesome," said Sara Jennaro, junior, rugby player. "We've all been working very hard since the spring of '02, and to finally become an official team means that all our hard work and dedication has paid off."

Saint Mary's entered into the women's rugby league as a Divi-

sion II team. Competitors will include Santa Clara, CSU Monterey Bay, UC Santa Cruz, and CSU San Jose.

In order to become an official club sport at SMC, the team went to the ASSMC, and then REC Sports, which chartered the club. The team then petitioned at the general meeting of the Northern California Rugby Football Union. The league accepted the team.

The players are more than pleased.

"It really shows the SMC community how serious we are as a

women's rugby team," said Kristina Maka.

And to think, this all started with a men's practice.

While taking pictures for the men's rugby team, Giselle Murillo, junior, became intrigued.

"It looked like fun," said Murillo, who took the initiative to gather information. She spoke with the men's coaches and Marty Storti, the Assistant Director of Athletics for Recreational Sports, to get started.

In February of 2002, at the inaugural meeting in Storti's office,

forty-three girls showed up. The turnout shocked Storti and Murillo.

"It's amazing to see how many girls were actually interested in playing," said Murillo, pleased that her time and efforts were coming into fruition.

Storti supervised the team during the beginning stages and knew the girls would do well.

"The number of freshman that started this can sustain the team almost on their own," said Storti.

In January 2003, volunteer coach Daniel Kamenetzky helped give the new program an identity by regulating practices and giving the team a sense of leadership.

"His hard work and efforts helped us in all aspects of the game," said Jannaro.

Thirty-five girls showed up to practice on a continual basis. Along with the coach's patience, and the players' dedication, Saint Mary's first game came into sight.

In April, the Gaels played their first game against Santa Clara. Though SMC lost, it was the beginning of the sport.

Even though just an integral program at the time, Division I teams such as Stanford began looking at playing against Saint Mary's - not too bad for a beginning team.

SMC has quickly become a worthy contender in the women's collegiate rugby world.

FALL SPORTS

Preview

Football

With an all-new coaching staff, the Gaels are preparing for an interesting 2003-2004-football season. New Head Coach Vincent White and his staff have worked together to shape the identity of the team.

White said he is happy with the excitement and enthusiasm in which the players have responded to the new program and staff.

Along with the new coaches, 25 new comers add to the total 83 players on the team. Out with the old triple option offense, and in with the wide-open spread offense. The defense will also be switching to a 3-4 scheme. Former wide receiver Jeff Brown moves to running back, wide receiver Chevalier Patterson will see some playing time, and wide receiver Ryan Coogler is also expected to get a piece of the action.

Although the defense played well, the Gaels dropped their season opener to Northern Arizona 44-3. Freshman quarterback Parker Mangum completed 17-of-28 passes for 152 yards, all in the second half of his first game.

It will be difficult to improve on last year's 6-6 record, considering the team plays four Big Sky schools and I-AA powerhouse Lehigh, but White remains optimistic.

White expects to have the team throw the ball, run occasionally, and play strong for four quarters. He encourages students and faculty to come get a piece of the action and watch this new team play a physically exciting game.

- Danielle Tinsley

Men's Soccer

The men's soccer looks to have a promising year from the enthusiasm that the team is already exuding since practice.

"We have a young team who has experience to gain," said head coach Steve Rammel, "but they are excited about the season and I trust that they will rise to each occasion."

The Saint Mary's men's soccer team, picked to finish seventh in the West Coast Conference pre-season coaches' poll announced by the conference office, dropped its season opener to the UC Riverside Highlanders 1-0 Friday.

The team only graduated four seniors last year and now has

eight freshman recruits and 11 returning sophomores.

Coached by Rammel, Adam Cooper, and Carl Edwards it looks like a promising season with a strength that has yet to get even better as the team matures in college soccer experience.

- Marissa Nichols

Volleyball

With the addition of six freshman recruits, Women's Volleyball hopes to finish within the top five in the NCAA tournament. The only worry head coach Jon Stevenson is anticipating is the youth of their team and how quickly they mesh with the veteran members.

"They are a young team; the sky is the limit for them," said Stevenson. "They can be great by the end of the year if they work really hard."

Apparently the meshing has not been a problem since the ladies upset No. 23-ranked Texas 3-0 and Northwestern 3-1 over the weekend. Some players to watch out for are freshman setter Mandy Bible and junior blocker Stacy O'Connor, who is ranked as the sixth best blocker in the country.

The successful start by the Gaels is no surprise, since they tied for fourth in the WCC, one of the best finishes in the past 15 years. With this impressive record, the aspirations of this year's team may well become a reality.

- Michelle Dalida

Women's Cross Country

Despite finishing last place in the WCC, the Women's Cross Country team is hoping to turnaround the discouraging rank with the return of seniors Strada Morris and Jacqui Powell, who were injured last season, and freshman recruit Emily Van Buskirk. The team is shooting to rank at least fourth or fifth this season because of the solid top seven runners, which include seniors Allegra Porter and Ashley Viens.

"Our team is very solid. No matter how fast we run and perform we always come back stronger with more motivation," said Morris. "We don't give up and we have a lot of heart."

Morris predicts a stronger year in spite of the projected WCC ranking of last place for the team.

The only challenges the women face are maintaining health and keeping runners solid. With the return of the runners from the injured list, the women may be able to clinch a higher ranking in the conference.

Men's Cross Country

Along with the Women's Cross Country team, the men's team ranked last place in the WCC. However, junior transfer Andrew Parsel and freshman Sean Hanley are hopefuls to power up the top seven runners in the team. Along with veterans Peter Stemp, Anthony Holder, Casey Chadd and Travis Biziorek, the team hopes to take flight.

"Our top seven is a lot faster with our transfer runner, which gives us two strong number one runners," said senior co-captain Chip Powers. "Our team is faster and in better shape; there isn't any way we can't finish in the top four this year."

The men hope to hit the top four by the end of the season.

"Our team is in mid-season form at the beginning of the season; we are ahead of schedule [in training] which is a big improvement since last year" said Powers.

- Michelle Dalida

Women's Soccer

Coming back from an injury plagued season, the women's soccer team welcomes the return of many vital players. While the team received a 6th place (out of 6) ranking from the WCC coaches, Gael coaches and players are confident in their ability for a successful season.

"It serves to motivate our players. It makes my job easy," said first-year head coach Paul Sapsford. "Our players know that they are significantly better than that and they will demonstrate that."

Coming back from a season ending with a WCC honorable mention, Lu Crenshaw returns this season to take on her dominant role at the front of the field. Joining her on offense are Shauna

Rech and Sarah Burgess filling the forward spots.

Midfielder, Sarah Takekawa is expected to return this season to match her standard of play from her rookie season in '01.

Katie Frattone, however, remains sidelined due to last season's back injury.

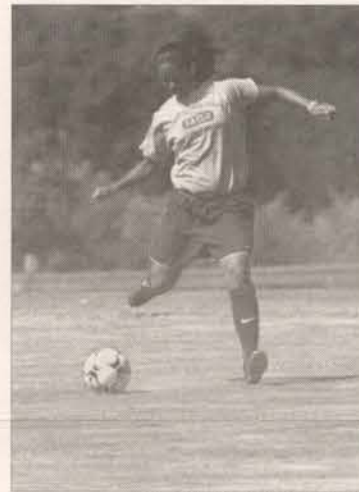
The confidence that Sapsford exudes in his team has held truth so far. The team dominated Montana in their season opener last week with a 1-0 victory. The loss of four-year goalie Ruth Montgomery has not yet proved damaging, as sophomore transfer Alicia Artuso threw a shut out in her first game as a Gael.

Halfback Chelsea Montero is also expected to have a climactic season to end her career at SMC.

"She's a very skillful player, perhaps one of the most underrated players in the WCC," said Sapsford. "This year, I expect her to prove to people that she deserves to be in the west coast conference starting line-up when the season ends."

The Gaels return to the field this weekend at the UCLA tournament where they will face California's LA and Santa Barbara.

-Andrea Camarena



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Senior defender Chelsea Montero.



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BABY STEPS

sam adams

Saint Mary's athletics is coming around slowly - but at least it's moving

Complaining about the competitiveness of the athletic program at Saint Mary's is a common gripe when students whine about the school.

Every team, school, organization, goes through dry spells. People should look at the moves made by the athletic department and be encouraged by the progress its making, no matter how small it may be.

Last year the basketball team finished .500 (15-15), a record most schools would scoff at. But look at the improvements the team has made. Two years ago this was a team that won just two games. TWO. Since head coach Randy Bennet has arrived, the team has improved its win total each year. The basketball team has even been picked to finish second in the WCC this year, and also received one first place vote. For that improvement, the school recently rewarded Bennet with a five-year contract extension, showing their commitment to a coach who improves the program.

Not only has the school shown the willingness to commit to a coach, but the mettle to let a coach go when not performing. For the past few years the baseball team has under-achieved, despite have four players drafted in the past two years.

After a horrid 18-37-1 record in the 2003 season, the school let head coach John Baptista go. It wasn't just the record, but even the players were unhappy and no longer responded to the coaching. They quickly hired Jed Soto, a bright young (29 years old) coach who, has had much success at Feather River (a 167-85 record). In his six years, he had eight players drafted.

Although it hasn't always translated into success on the field, the Gaels have done a good job at developing talented players.

Over the past two years, Saint Mary's has had four baseball players drafted, two women's basketball players, and one women's soccer player.

This year they may get a football player drafted, with Wes Borba drawing attention from NFL scouts.

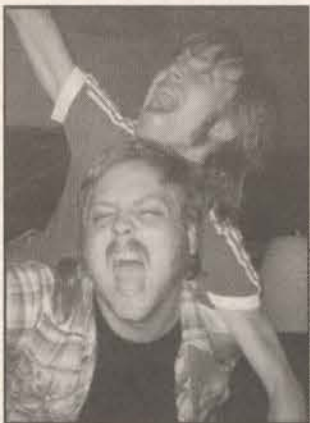
Saint Mary's also has an eye for coaches. Over the offseason they had to replace four coaches, three of which left to take different positions (two coaches being lured to Stanford).

Of course, they still have a long way to go. The best winning percentage was .500, which was accomplished by the football, women's soccer, and men's basketball teams. It's time to raise the bar, get all the teams playing at this sort of level, with others fighting for the playoffs.

But, the school is moving in the right direction, even if they are taking baby steps.

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BRINGING YOU THE LOWDOWN
ON WHAT'S FIRING UP



(AP/WIDEWORLD/PHOTO.COM)

JUNIOR SENIOR:
Danish duo breaks America
with delectable beats

At first glance at these two men, they might look like some of your typical average indie rockers. Dressed in ratty gear that perhaps might involve some ratty denim and trucker hats, one might not think they are actually Danish dance duo rocking up the music charts.

Dance has never seen such a delicious duo than these two. Hailing from Denmark Junior Senior is made up of waif-like heterosexual Junior (né Jesper Mortensen), 20-year-old instrumentalist and vocalist and the openly gay and happy "Senior" (né Jeppe Laursen). The last Danish dance act that saw some time on U.S. airwaves was Aqua. "Barbie Girl" was a hit for them, but their music had bubblegum flavor that had it's pop. Unlike Aqua, Junior Senior has more than water to hold the act afloat.

Junior Senior, already acclaimed Buzzworthy on MTV have just unleashed an irresistible collection of tracks on America, *D-Don't Stop The Beat* (Crunchy Frog/Atlantic Records). The album was recorded in one week; their music incorporates a hybrid of synthetic handclaps, sci-fi video game sounding beats, cowbells and chants of "yeah-yeah-yeah" in unison. It's all laced together and the beats remain seamless to create a wonderful party album.

In a recent interview with Launch.com, Junior notes about the creation of their first single, "The song that's out there now, 'Move Your Feet,' is actually a demo. But we really like that it sounds that way. It proves what we believe in: the power of a good song."

"Move Your Feet" has been set ablaze across TV with it's unique video featuring eye-catching animation. The vocals that are laid on *D-Don't Stop the Beat's* tracks are in some slurred English, but with dance music weak pronunciation can add more funk to their sound.

If you feel the interest to get off your feet and check them out, they are coming to Bottom of the Hill in San Francisco on September 5th. Tickets are on sale now through ticketweb.com and are \$10.

Come on America, get off your couches and move your feet. Junior Senior are beckoning you to the dance floor.

-Kim Dao, Detour Editor

DETOUR

hidden treasures

Uncovering some of the distinctive entertainment our area has to offer.

Jaint Mary's College is widely acclaimed for its beautiful campus amidst the scenic Moraga hills. But what does one do when the sprawling setting suddenly becomes utterly monotonous? Here are three distinctive hidden treasures that our area has to offer.

For a refreshing hiatus from the overblown crowds and prices at most mainstream movie theaters, The Park Theatre in Lafayette offers an enchanting movie experience. The single-screen theater provides the romantic and charming atmosphere that most large cinemas are simply lacking. Ticket prices are fair at \$5 for matinees, children and seniors, and \$8.50 after 5:45 for general admission. The plush velvet seats are short but comfortable, and with an actual curtain that rises to reveal the movie screen on a stage, The Park encompasses an old-time feel with ease. While the quaint theater occasionally shows such mainstream hits such as Bruce Almighty and Chicago, the common screenings are usually those of the independent kind. Featuring critically acclaimed independent films like "Amelie" and "Bowling for Columbine," The Park not only offers an en-

chanting and reasonably priced outing but provides entertainment otherwise found in larger select cities without the drive. A staple in the Lafayette community since its conception in 1941, The Park continues to maintain its vintage ambience to this day.

Okay, so now you're hungry. And the exquisite delicacy of culinary arts isn't exactly Saga's forte. But you're hungry. And maybe you're a little intimidated by the secluded nature of the surrounding hills. But you're still hungry. Well, my fellow glutton, put your fears of starvation aside because today is your lucky day. Despite the hokey, small-town nature of Moraga and Lafayette, there is quite a selection of unique restaurants just waiting to be discovered. One local favorite is the Italian market and deli, A.G. Ferrari, located in Lafayette behind Starbucks. A.G. Ferrari caters to the passionate Italian taste, serving a variety of Italian groceries, including a full olive bar and a variety of breads, cheese and wines. But the main attraction is the deli's unique Italian sandwiches and dishes. For under five dollars you can get an authentic sandwich along with bottled Italian soda. The distinctive style is a great

break from the normal cafeteria lunch and won't completely drain you're already shallow funds. So if you're looking for a little piece of Italy for lunch, be sure and visit A.G. Ferrari next time you happen upon Lafayette.

Alright, so Lafayette has great places to go if you're looking for entertainment and food, but what about night life? Well...if you want anything more than the local sports bar, you're going to have to venture farther out into the Bay Area. If you're not in the mood to drop it like it's hot but still have a craving for great music, Yoshi's located in Jack London Square is just what you need. Yoshi's is a unique combination of Japanese style cuisine and soulful jazz. The menu offers sushi, fresh seafood, and vegetarian fare, and all entrees are under twenty dollars. After dinner, be prepared to be inspired by incredible jazz musicians. Tickets are \$20 for general admission and well worth every penny.

So the next time you're craving an easy escape from the tedium of SMC's natural beauty, look no further than around the bend.

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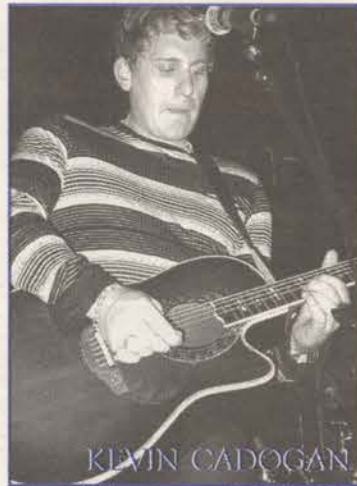
GAVIN DEGRAW
(Andrea Camarena/COLLEGIAN)

With the abundance of one-hit wonders today, artists are sometimes susceptible to a quicker fall than a rise to fame. Singer, songwriter and pianist Gavin DeGraw released a set of songs, *Chariot* in July. Having learned how to play the piano since 8, he was a waiter and newsstand clerk before signing to music legend Clive Davis' label J Records (also home of Luther Vandross and Alicia Keys). DeGraw has a raw emotion that is prevalent in his presence onstage. He captures the emotion of Tori Amos, but channels a early Van Morrison in his voice.

At the showcase, he flashed an irresistible smile that immediately laid his presence throughout the venue. "Chemical Party" captures an image of the twenty-something life, where he beckons a tale about an intimate encounter that is delayed by drugs. (You're just too high to see the point/You think your name is pass the joint/I think I like you/ But you like this whole room/

You sexy machine) DeGraw's musicianship stands the test of time as the audience was diversified with all walks of life. He was a bit overwhelmed with the audience's esteem for him, perhaps a sense of humbleness that makes the foundation for a great musician.

Kevin Cadogan, is a local singer, songwriter, and guitarist who also graced the stage at Café Du Nord. He was helmed Songwriter of the Year at the California Music Awards in 1998 and 2000. Cadogan was a member of the local band, Third Eye Blind who rose to fame with "Semi-Charmed Life." after a dispute



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with lead singer Stephan Jenkins in 2000 over financial matters, Cadogan severed ties with the band.

The show marks a new beginning for Cadogan, where he fleshed out his vocal talents. As an artist who was used to being a collaborator with a multi-platinum band, playing large arena shows, it was a refreshing change to see Cadogan do a show in an acoustic environment.

DeGraw's first single "Follow Through" has been receiving air time on local radio stations. You can catch him at the Fillmore supporting the Maroons in Nov.

-Additional reporting by
Kim Dao, Detour Editor

the burning question

The MTV VMA's are usually known for crazy onstage antics. At the inaugural show in 1984, Madonna writhed around onstage in a famous performance. This year she took a new spin on it.

What did you think of the kiss in Madonna's VMA performance?

"...the kiss was kind of like unexpected; kinda random."

-Ursula Maberley, '07



"...the pop legend of the past kissing the new pop icon who is of the same sex. Controversial and bold."

-Amy Hammond, '06



"I thought it was something sleazy and something that didn't need to be done on national television."

-Blair Howard, '04



"It was awesome..."

-Zach Rockwell, '07



100 word reviews

HEAR

The Thrills' debut release *So Much for the City* is a fascinating blend of styles by an Irish band with a decisively American sound to it. Their music is at times soft and piano-driven as on the song "Deckchairs and Cigarettes" and "Just Traveling Through," but can have a more country-driven beat to it as on the songs "One Horse Town" and "Love Is Like Las Vegas." Lead singer, Conor Deasy sings with a soft, light touch that delicately harmonizes with the rest of the band on songs such as "Big Sur" and "Don't Steal Our Sun." An incredible album.

-Jessica Simons

WATCH

This haunting film uncovers the harsh world of the Irish-Catholic Magdalene asylums, aimed to detain young women suspected of threatening their rigid religious upbringings. "The Magdalene Sisters" is independent filmmaking at its best. While the cast is compiled of veritable unknowns, the talented actresses carry the film with their truthful portrayals of the confusion, desperation and will of the young women working to salvage their hope and self-worth from the humiliating and abusive confines of the convent. "The Magdalene Sisters" is a definite must-see. But hurry, this film is out of The Park by the end of the week.

-Jo-Ann Arquillano

READ

Anne Rice's *Blood and Gold* is a great weekend read. It may seem long, but it is a quick read and there are a few slow parts. Rice has a way of making history come alive through her fictional characters and interesting settings in this provocative novel set in Ancient Rome through the modern era. Anne Rice has a unique creativity that blends history into a work of fiction that sets her apart from other writers. She has a talent for making the reader feel involved in the plot and the story, which makes a spell-binding adventure for the reader.

-Liz Hearst