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## Computer viruses plague SMC

'WelchiaWORM' attacks on-campus computers & servers since start of school year

by Jonathan Morales  
In-Depth Editor

Many students returned to campus last Sunday to find that they did not have access to the internet or the ResNet system, which has been a victim of the Welchia worm currently affecting computers using Microsoft Windows.

The worm, which cripples networks by generating tremendous amounts of traffic, has been attacking computers all summer and has recently infected computers are returning to dorms.

Dennis Rice, Director of In-

formation Technology Services, explained that the worm is not like the usual computer virus. The worm is triggered without the help of emails or attached files.

"It just has to be on the network," said Rice. Once the worm is activated, it begins using a loophole found in the Windows 2000 and XP operating systems to flood the network with traffic by sending out requests to any computer it can find. These computers are forced to respond to all the requests, overloading the system.

"Microsoft enabled a service that has a weakness," said Rice. "There's a door there that they can get through and take control of your computer."

ITS has been working hard all week to respond to the problem by shutting down the system on Monday and leaving only essential academic functions available, such as email and Blackboard.com - which eventually became infected. Eventually, they began adding dorms to the network until everybody was reconnected on Wednesday. However, Rice said it will take more

that just ITS to solve this problem.

"Everyone's going to have to participate in the cure," said Rice. For the majority of students who use Windows XP, eliminating the worm will be as simple as downloading a patch to eliminate the loophole in the Windows System as well as a tool from Symantec to clean out the worm. Students using Windows 2000, however, will have to download larger, service packs from Microsoft before they can download the patch. Macs and com-

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## No tolerance for student athletes

by Sam Adams  
Sports Editor

After a wild Sunday night bash to open up the year, the school is coming down on the athletes.

The school has administered a "no tolerance" policy to the football team, with AD Carl Clapp meeting individually with each and every team on campus.

"My concern is the health and safety of all the students on our campus," said Clapp. "This isn't the first time I've spoken to student athletes about the responsibility we have as community members."

Clapp said the policy is nothing new, pointing out a section see ATHLETICS, p3

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by Marissa Nichols  
Staff Writer

Saint Mary's College received the ranking of ninth among all schools in the west-

ern U.S. according *U.S News & World Report* magazine.

Based on comprehensive studies of undergraduate and masters' programs, these rankings are suspected to affect prospective

students' decisions when choosing a college or university.

Saint Mary's 68% graduation rate ranks the Gaels fourth overall, among schools in its category.

Freshmen retention, the number of first-year students who return the following year, is another area where SMC rated well.

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## Volleyball accomplishes winning record

by Tina McAfee  
Photographer

This season, the Gaels Volleyball team has had the best start since 1993 while under the direction of second year Head Coach Jon Stevenson.

"It was very meaningful," Stevenson said about his hot team and their season-opening win against No. 23-ranked Texas. "They were probably the highest ranked team we've beat."

The Gaels walked away with a 2-1 record at the Cal Poly Tournament last weekend. The ladies have made an amazing improvement with a 5-2 record, just the opposite of last year. Senior Jill Parmele collected her second Tournament MVP recognition of the year while freshman Mandy

see VOLLEYBALL, p8

## AmeriCorps funding cut for Bonner leaders

by Chris Swain  
Managing Editor

While most students return to campus excited about getting into their new classes and reuniting with old friends, Daniela Simunovic '05 is disappointed.

She is one of 15 new Bonner leaders that won't be receiving an AmeriCorps scholarship.

"At least most of us still have the opportunity to serve," said Simunovic.

The budget of AmeriCorps, a government funded network of service programs, was significantly cut—the result being no funding for new Bonner leaders at Saint Mary's.

"The way we have seen AmeriCorps and the Bonner Leader program is that we're supporting students that are committed to community service," said Gary Adler, assistant director of the Catholic Institute for Lasallian Social Action (CILSA).

Adler said, the Bonner program, which works in about 50 schools nationally, requested 1,500 AmeriCorps public service scholarships, but received none.

"It's not a huge grant, but it's not negligible either," said Adler.

Returning Bonner students are see CILSA, p3



Ana Canjura '06 works with a junior high student at the LEO Center in Oakland.

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## Events Listings

### APA Welcome Reception

The office of Asian Pacific American Student Programs invites you to join them for the Asian Pacific American Student Welcome Reception on Tuesday, September 16 at the Soda Center. RSVP by Wednesday, September 10 with Kim Wesolowski at x4349 or at kwesolow@stmarys-ca.edu.

### BSU BBQ

The Black Student Union will be having a BBQ on Thursday, September 11 at 5:00 p.m. in the Justin/Mitty common area. For more information call x8110.

### Election Petitions

General Election Petitions will be available beginning Thursday, September 11 at 10:00 a.m. in the Associated Students Office.

### First Homegame

The first homegame for the SMC football team will be held Saturday, September 13 at 1:00 p.m. at Saint Mary's Stadium against Humboldt. Come support your SMC Gaels.

### Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity is having their first general meeting on Wednesday, September 10 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Delphine Multicultural Lounge. Come and learn what Habitat for Humanity is all about.

### Info Fair

The Club and Info Fair will be held in LeFevre Quad from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 10.

### International Dinner

The Fall Welcome Dinner for international students and returning study abroad students will be in the Soda Center from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 11.

### LASA Welcome

The Latino American Student Association will have their welcome BBQ from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Justin/Mitty common area.

### Meet the Faculty

The Business Club will be hosting "Meet the Faculty Night" in the Delphine Multicultural Lounge on Tuesday, September 16 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

### New Student Retreat

Campus Ministry is holding the annual New Student Retreat from September 12 through September 14 in Santa Cruz. The retreat is a great opportunity to meet other SMC students, relax, renew, and have fun. It is only \$60. Call Campus Ministry at x4366 for more information. Make friends that will last a lifetime at SMC.

### Women's Rugby

Women's Rugby will be holding their first meeting in the Soda Center from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 9.

## Crime Beat

8/29	9:10 p.m.	Hall; case referred to Student Conduct or Residence Life.
<b>Incident:</b> Fire alarm		
<b>Synopsis:</b> A fire alarm was activated in Ageno West Hall; case referred to Student Conduct and Office of Residence Life.		
8/31	8:24 p.m.	
<b>Incident:</b> Medical assistance		
<b>Synopsis:</b> Medical Assistance required at Dryden Hall to a student with a head injury. Case referred to Student Conduct or the Office of Residence Life.		
8/31	12:00 a.m.	
<b>Incident:</b> Large gathering		
<b>Synopsis:</b> Public Safety responded to a large gathering of students at the townhouses; referred to Student Conduct or Office of Residence Life.		
9/1	12:41 a.m.	
<b>Incident:</b> Medical assistance		
<b>Synopsis:</b> Medical assistance was needed for a student that fell in Augustine		
9/1	1:00 a.m.	
<b>Incident:</b> Suspected intoxication		
<b>Synopsis:</b> A student was suspected of being drunk at Justin Hall; case referred to Student Conduct or Residence Life.		
9/2	3:00 p.m.	
<b>Incident:</b> Illegal Dumping		
<b>Synopsis:</b> An unknown person illegally dumped substances at the Rheem Shopping Center. Case suspended.		
9/3	4:42 p.m.	
<b>Incident:</b> Vandalism		
<b>Synopsis:</b> Smoke was emitting from a trash container near Filippi Hall. Case closed.		
9/3	9:00 p.m.	
<b>Incident:</b> Harassment		
<b>Synopsis:</b> A student was harassed by a written note at Justin Hall; case referred to Student Conduct or Residence Life.		

## VIRUS: Blackboard infected

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puters running Linux, Windows 95, 98 or ME are not affected.

Rosters will be distributed to dorms, asking students if they have a computer susceptible to the worm, and will explain what steps to take to get rid of it. If a student is not cleared on the roster, his or her entire room will be disconnected, affecting all occupants of the room.

"I'm hoping that we'll get a high level of compliance," said Rice, "because we're going to need it."

Residence Life will be helping ITS clean out the worm. RA's

will be working to inform students of the procedure and make sure every student has gone through the necessary steps.

"In order to take care of this, every single computer... will have to have this done to it," said Steve Nygaard, Dean of Residence Life. "Our RA's are going to be tracking that."

Later this week, student technicians will be coming into the dorms to help students with any problems they have getting rid of the worm.

"We'll be working to give any assistance to the techs," said Nygaard.

## Executive Council optimistic about new year

by Andrea Camarena and Chris Mateo  
Editor-in-Chief & News Editor

The 2003-2004 Associated Students executive team is comprised of three very positive individuals, each hoping to get his or her constituents excited to get involved and eager to voice their opinions. Erik Johnson, Vice President of Administration; Jennifer Merlo, Vice President for Finance; and Gina Damiano, Vice President of Student Affairs have made their way through involvement on the Saint Mary's College campus to their current status as the Associated Students Executive Council.

After receiving an educational "hands-on lesson in damage control," from Gary Condit, Johnson steps into his new role with the Associated Students with government experience and fresh ideas.

"I'm just trying to focus on getting the senators from all the different classes to work to improve student life on campus," Johnson said.

Balancing a part-time job, a full-time class schedule, and his role as vice president, Johnson

has little time for much else. When he's not creating "safe ride" programs, this politics major uses his spare time for cooking and watching independent films.

But where he really finds enjoyment is working with the senate and the rest of the associated students.

"I've made a lot of good friendships (on senate), met a lot of different people around campus and felt like I could start to eventually see things changing. I've already seen it with Dryden Student Union and the start of the student endowment," said Johnson.

For Jennifer Merlo '05, this is her first experience with the senate. In fact, this is Merlo's first time participating in any on-campus organizations.

Merlo felt that being Vice President for Finance would fit her personal preferences. "I wanted to find my place at Saint Mary's," said Merlo. "I've always been interested in senate, and finance is what I love to do. It is my life and it will be my life."

## US NEWS: Moving up the ranks

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Saint Mary's has a freshman retention rate at 88% - up from last year's 85%.

*U.S. News* also rated SMC a "best value" among schools in its category.

This merit is based on an assessment of academic quality, class sizes, and financial aid offered.

One area that SMC improved is the number of classes offered with fewer than 20 students. It is at 43% compared to last year's 35%.

"I am personally pleased to see Saint Mary's College of California rated among the best colleges and universities in California and the western U.S.," said Michael Beseda, vice provost for enrollment. According to Beseda, this result is consistent with other surveys that have awarded Saint Mary's high marks for its academics and overall quality of campus life. However Beseda said, even

though the *U.S. News & World Report* rankings are highly respected and referred to, other surveys such as the National Survey of Student Engagement more accurately describe the process and result of a Saint Mary's student.

"Although the higher ranking confirms what students and faculty here already know about Saint Mary's, there are similar surveys that focus on student development and engagement that would more accurately describe what it is about Saint Mary's that makes us stand out," said Beseda.

"I have read *U.S. news* and worked at Colleges and Universities for years," said Mike Zoll, vice provost for student affairs.

"I know that these ranking are well read and important to prospective students and parents. The fact that we are ranking higher is awesome.

"Why not go all the way to number one?" said Zoll.

## CILSA: AmeriCorp scholarships cut

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not affected by the cuts and receive the AmeriCorps grant after completion of 900 hours of community service—totaling around \$2,700.

"The Bonner program has been about providing a consistent op-

portunity to serve, to develop skills at a service organization and an opportunity to grow as leaders," said Adler.

Most of the Bonner leaders receive federal work-study for their service sites, which has allowed all but one of the new Bonner leaders to continue the program.

The lack of funding is a real blow to students who have high financial need according to Adler.

"The little stipend we receive is useful for college books, if it wasn't for that I don't know how I'd be able to afford my books," said returning Bonner leader, Pablo Armas '06.

"I don't even want to think what would happen if I were an incoming student," said Armas.

"The way we have seen AmeriCorps and the Bonner Leader program is that we're supporting students that are committed to community service." GARY ADLER

The new Bonner leaders have plans to possibly write a resolution to the Associated Students asking for help in funding transportation costs, as well as possibly writing and applying for a private grant.

"The main feeling among the new Bonner leaders was disappointment, but everybody was just glad we were getting the opportunity to serve," said Simunovic.

"I don't even want to think what would happen if I were an incoming student," said Armas.

"The little stipend we receive

decided to get involved with the school. "I got involved with Senate as a freshman because I was always associated with student government in the past," continued Damiano. "After a fun first year, I stuck with it." After her first year in Senate, Damiano took a break from Senate and tried a different way to get involved with SMC. "During my sophomore year, I was the associated member of the media board and a club president. The following year I became a junior senator and the media board chair."

These stepping stones allowed her to view both sides of her job—as a senator and as a club representative. With this knowledge, Damiano feels that her interactions with this year's clubs will be highly successful.

"For this year, I'm hoping that the clubs will be very active. I would like to see the clubs be more self-sufficient. I would also love to see communication between the Senate and the student body. I'd like to know what students think of us, and what they'd like to see from us."

Merlo has remained a strong individual despite some challenges along the way. "One thing about me that not a lot of people know is that I'm blind in one eye. And, I am very proud of myself because I have overcome a lot of things. In high school, I ran hurdles. I can drive, and I can do anything any normal person can do. It's great. I've had it all my life. I love it."

This year, Merlo plans to increase the endowment, get donations, and encourage class fundraisers.

Gina Damiano '04 is excited about her interactions with the clubs and media of SMC. "As the Vice President of Student Affairs, it's been fantastic so far," said Damiano. "There's been a lot of communication with clubs and media, and that's very important to me. I'm pleased to see that everybody is taking an active interest this year."

The great welcome Damiano received from the SMC community made her want to become a part of this institution. So even before she moved in, Damiano

# College communications reorganized

Shiller new director conjoins internal and external college communication

by Michelle Dalida  
Contributor

Official Saint Mary's College Communications has reorganized their departments in order to strengthen the effectiveness of communication throughout the College.

Internal and external college communications has conglomerated to include External Relations, Media Relations, Publications, Community Relations, Public Relations, and Government relations under one entity. Hired to oversee this new entity is new Director of College Communications Barry Shiller, who joined as a full time staff member in May.

The goal of College Communications is to serve the College as a single integrated place for help with communication needs, whether internal or external, and is to focusing on campaigns to showcase the new Syufy arts center and inform the surrounding community on highlights of students and faculty.

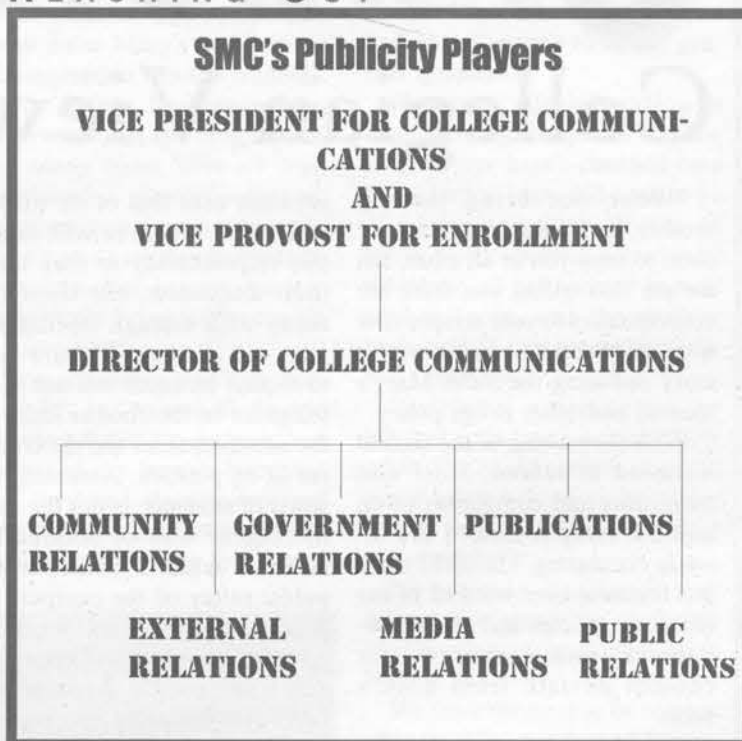
"We are working on humanizing the college so that the public knows that our students and faculty are doing remarkable things. We want to clearly express what it means to be a Lasallian college," said Shiller.

Another important aspect that College Communications is try-

ing to provide clarity to show how the college is internally reorganizing, especially with the new role of Provost Sally Stamp. "I do sense there is a real strong interest in having [the Provost model] being continued to be expressed in a more granular way so that its very real and people understand what Sally Stamp will be doing as the Provost and how it will affect Brother Craig's role as president of the College and how it will affect everyone across campus. I think that's going to be a major internal priority," commented Shiller.

Although College Communications on campus have integrated, there have been some major changes that have affected the entity. Along with the expanding of titles, such as Lisa Douglass' new title of Director of Community and Government Relations and the recognition of campus news reporters for *Update*, two key players in College Communications have changed their positions. According to an e-mail issued by Vice President for College Communications and Vice Provost for Enrollment Michael Beseda, John Leykam, who has held different positions in helping college communications and fundraising, will now assist Director of Athletics Carl Clapp. Another key player,

## REACHING OUT



Clifford Williams, who had served as Director of Media Relations for the College, had resigned July 11, 2003, although his position was not terminated with the integration. Williams was not available for comment on his resignation.

Overall, the collaboration of College Communications into one whole entity is supposed to strengthen communications be-

tween departments, students, faculty, staff and the surrounding community. "In addition to strengthening collaboration among those charged with articulating and sharing the College's mission, this structure supports the move to the Provost model by better assisting the President in his efforts to raise Saint Mary's external visibility," wrote Beseda.

# Athletics: Zero tolerance

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from the handbook saying the athletic department or any coach can suspend a player without any notice. But the explanation to the athletes was more detailed.

Sources say the football team is under a strict policy. Clapp relayed to the team that any alcohol related incidents would result in suspension from the team.

No one would say what brought on the team scolding, but speculation points to a rowdy Sunday night after everyone moved in and public safety and RA's had their hands full with students and alcohol. Clapp said students

"This problem is not just a student-athlete problem; it's a Saint Mary's issue," said Clapp. "We are certainly addressing the issues and not looking to transfer blame."

"The goal of the athletic department is to promote appropriate behavior in the community; not keep players from playing."

Coaches like the idea, another way of keeping their players in line when things wind down.

"It's a good policy," said football coach Vincent White. "I don't think any athletes should be drinking anytime, especially in their season."

White also refused to comment on why the policy had come into existence.

## SNAP SHOT

Art and Music at SMC



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On Sunday, September 7, Mobius Operandi performed at the opening of the "Art of Music" exhibit at the Hearst Art Gallery; the focus was on instruments and music from around the world.

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## SYSTEM DOWN Pablo Armas

### Technical problems plague SMC

This past week, I was extremely angry when I tried to go online, only to find that I couldn't access my email or, for that matter, anything else online.

As a result I was unable to obtain a vital email for my class, resulting in the buying of the wrong book, leading to the even larger burden of having to return it. This as well as other time sensitive emails received my attention too late to be of any help.

During the first week of school, this made my life extremely inconvenient. The last thing I needed during that chaotic week was to find out that I had no access to the internet and had to scramble from Ageno C down to the library to check my email.

In addition, accessing my schedule over the summer was near impossible on GaelXpress, which added a great deal of stress as I tried to add classes and get to them on time. For a school that relies on e-mail as an 'official form of communication,' it sure isn't doing a good job. It felt like Barry Shiller, the new head of college communications, took an extended vacation which left SMC students frustrated.

My question is, did the school see this coming?

Throughout the summer there were reports of viruses and worms affecting systems and computers across the country.

Did they honestly think that nothing like that could happen here, and were they prepared for such a disaster?

True, the students' computers were the ones that brought about the infamous Welchia worm back to campus. But most students, even those running anti-virus software, didn't know that their computers held "worms" that would damage the campus server.

I sure had no idea.

Students did what they did last year—bring their computers and plug them in.

This worked fine last year, when there were viruses and worms as well. But never was our school server so badly affected to the point that they had to shut down the entire system.

The server simply wasn't able to handle the sudden arrival of Welchia. ITS knew that there were worms and viruses floating around, knew that other colleges were under siege by them, so they should have known that something like this would happen. ITS either didn't think that it could happen to us, or more likely, knew it could happen but knew that nothing could be done to stop such an attack.

What can be done to ensure that it doesn't happen again? Preventive measures, like ensuring that all computers were scanned for the virus before getting on the network, should have been taken.

From this experience, we are reminded that our technology is fallible. We can never totally rely on our new method of communication. Morse code, anyone?

# OPINION Collegian View

"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 you there are consequences to your actions now too," said Scott Kier in last week's story outlining the Saint Mary's alcohol and other drugs policy.

With the passing of the second weekend of school, more and more tales and complaints of on and off campus fiascos are already circulating. The SMC campus has now been notified of the enforced policies and the consequences awaiting those whose choices deviate from SMC's rules.

Now that the students are educated on the matter, we can be held accountable for our actions, without doubt. Students should step up and take the responsibility for their choices. The admin-

istration asks this of its student body. Not everyone will accept this responsibility or own up to their decisions, but there are many with enough intelligence who will. Perhaps it's now time to request an equal amount of intelligence in the choices made by the administration and the enforcers of its policies. Assuming the worst of students, is not the most intelligent way of conducting business when it comes to the public safety of the campus. Indeed, some people will break the rules, some people will get drunk, and some people are bound to make bad decisions (it can even be considered part of the growing process). But there are students who manage to avoid those situations. Harassing a small group of sober students who happen to want fresh air at 11pm on a Friday



The definition of loitering has been taken to new heights.

night, is not the most productive or beneficial task to set a public safety officer to. At times, there are those who do want to look at the stars at the cross without smoking out at the observatory.

Perhaps, it's time for the Saint Mary's students and administrators to have equal respect for each other and to use actual intelligence in making and following the rules.

## Community Views

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to the article entitled, "Is our Catholic identity dead?" in the September 3rd *Collegian*. To say that I was completely shocked after reading the piece would be an understatement. It is a mystery to me how a column could be so narrow-minded and cloaked in ignorance. Granted, Saint Mary's College is a Catholic institution rooted in Lasallian traditions; however, the fact that our school has a somewhat diverse population should be celebrated, not attacked as I felt it was in Mr. Johnson's article. Diversity, whether it is religious, racial, or otherwise, contributes to the melting pot of differing opinions, which makes up the entire fabric of college. Just because a person is not Catholic, or he/she downplays the relative importance of somebody like Mother Teresa, does not mean that person is anti-Catholic or being intolerant. Tolerance is based on knowledge and it involves, according to Webster's Dictionary, "recognizing and respecting others' beliefs, and practices" without necessarily agreeing or sympathizing. Everybody is allowed to have his or her own opinions without being condemned, just as Mr. Johnson and his professors have theirs.

I also find it baffling how one could say, "the only accepted

form of intolerance is anti-Catholicism," when we continuously witness intolerance toward homosexuals and minority ethnic populations everyday. I sincerely hope that I misunderstood this part of Mr. Johnson's article because, I hate to say it, there is a multitude of "accepted" intolerance in this world, not just anti-Catholicism. It is ignorant to cry about the prejudices targeted at your own beliefs while denying the existence of prejudices towards others. College is a time for learning. Don't be afraid to question ideas that have been around for hundreds, and sometimes even thousands of years, but at the same time be open-minded towards others.

Matthew Van Donsel '04

Dear Editor,

John Johnson's column, "Is our Catholic Identity Dead?" raises an important issue.

The question of how to protect the Catholic identity of Catholic higher education has been the subject of book after book in recent years. For my views on the subject, Mr. Johnson can turn to James Burtchell's book, *Dying of the Light: The Disengagement of Colleges and Universities from their Christian Churches*, and look me up in the index. More recently,

Peter Steinfelds, *A People Adrift*, covers the ground, though from a larger perspective.

More specifically, the administration here at Saint Mary's has wrestled with the issue for quite a while. For years now advertisements for new faculty have included a stipulation of respect for the Catholic tradition. We have symposia and summer workshops for current faculty on the topic, and in years past incoming faculty, during the orientation process, would be taken up to the Brothers' headquarters at Mount LaSalle in Napa and introduced to the Brothers' traditions. This past August, I was one of the folks who, with Gregorian chant in the background, spoke to incoming faculty on the Catholic heritage of SMC, including Dave Gentry-Akin, who spoke movingly about his conversion to Catholicism and Brother Ron Gallagher, who gave a discussion of the life of Saint LaSalle.

I could go on, but it is untrue that the College has shown no interest or effort in this area. Still, Mr. Johnson feels that his teachers, at least many of them, are anti-Catholic. He cites only one example, a teacher "blaspheming the Catholic Church and in particular, Mother Teresa." I have a couple problems with Mr. Johnson's self-reporting here. First of all, did Mr. Johnson speak, politely, with his professor about his concerns? If not, why not? I make this point because I have experienced many

times that students often misunderstand what I have said in class. Perhaps, after conversation, Mr. Johnson would realize that the prof wasn't so much attacking the Church as attacking abuses that all rational people might find there. Perhaps, after conversation, the faculty member would realize that her or his remarks were intemperate or just plain wrong. Perhaps the prof was trying to be provocative.

But here's my point, and I'd like to underline it: it's unfair to attack a faculty member for bias without giving that individual a chance to explain himself or herself. I have seen this happen before, and it's not pretty. Indeed, it always seems cowardly to me. Just as Mr. Johnson wouldn't want to be judged as a racist because he regards one African-American individual as a phony, so he wouldn't want to judge someone as an anti-Catholic bigot without making sure of his charge.

Paul Giurlanda

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## GaelPoll

79%

of students stayed on campus

Kristian Mariano '06



"I walked around and got to know a lot of people."

32%

of students went to the townhouses

Victor Butos '07



"I stayed in Justin and played cards with some buddies."

## What did you do your first night

6

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# Alcohol Policy: On Target or Overboard?

## Going Too Far

by Katie Kimball **Opinion Editor**

As a student who never got written up last year, I agree with most of the alcohol policy. I am by no means a saint, but I accept the fact that if I choose to drink on campus at my age, there is a very good chance that I am going to get in a lot of trouble. For this reason, I didn't drink very often last year, and found myself sober in rooms where a lot of people were drunk.

This year, however, poses a new challenge. The school will be enforcing the policy that anyone in a room where minors have alcohol will be sanctioned, even if they are stone-cold sober and not holding a drink. So if I make the responsible adult decision not to drink, I still get written up because my friends are drinking?

The Residence Life handbook says, "The Office of Residence life encourages students to acknowledge and embrace their own freedoms, campus rights and responsibilities, to respect the dignity of themselves and others..." This creates a contract between myself and the administration. I stay responsible, and I have rights. So why would I be punished for keeping my half of the deal?

It seems the only way to fully avoid getting written up is to stay sober, never leave my room, and tell on my roommate if I know she has alcohol. That sounds like a really great way to spend my \$30,000 education. After all, if I go into another room, someone might crack open a cold one, and then I'm in trouble. Hmm...that

write up is looking more and more appealing.

I know the reason why many people don't drink in rooms is because they may get written up. But if they are going to get written up anyway, why not get plastered? Maybe everyone should take their drinking off campus, from which they will have to drive home.

I am going to continue to go out and make good choices. I'm sure my parents will be really happy with the administration when I get fined \$50 on top of the \$30,000 they already pay a year, all because I was being responsible.

## A Necessary Evil

by Jonathan Morales **In-Depth Editor**

Since school began, I have heard nothing but complaints about Saint Mary's and how its administration handles students. Public Safety, Residence Life, the new alcohol and drug matrix, and many more have all been mentioned in all-too-familiar accusations that the school simply doesn't let us college students be ourselves. But are we, as students, really being fair to the administration?

One complaint was that Public Safety has wasted no time in cracking down on parties, and several of my friends lamented that they had already received write-ups (or had come close to receiving one) by the first day of

school, mostly for alcohol violations. "Why can't we just have fun and party?" seems to be the general question.

However, administration is simply trying to uphold the law (no, the law hasn't changed over the summer - you still have to be 21 to drink legally). Within 48 hours of the campus community returning, all hell seemed to have broken loose, and the student body proved that we cannot control ourselves.

Partying is a part of college life, but so is being a responsible adult. I've heard people complain about being written up by public safety, and they are completely surprised by it.

It's as if they're saying "I can't believe they wrote me up for being drunk and underage. How lame is that?"

We students need to be responsible for what we do and be prepared to accept the consequences if we let it go too far.

The administration sees that there is a problem and needs to take steps to correct it. Simply writing everyone up is ineffective.

Many of my over-21 friends have mentioned that they would like to see school-sponsored, over-21 events where alcohol is served.

Creating a controlled environment for alcohol may be the solution.

In general, students need to realize where the administration is coming from when they enforce alcohol rules - it's the law.



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# Freshmen first impressions

The class of 2007 adjusts to college life at Saint Mary's

by Jessica McLennan and Jesse Radin **Staff Writers**

The first week of the semester is now behind us, as are those crazy parties and welcoming events. Everyone is settled into their classes, the embarrassment of walking into the wrong class has passed, and the snooze button on the alarm clock is officially broken. Congratulations on surviving the first week.

As for the returning students, last week was nothing new to them. We're pros at this game, right? But what about the freshman? How did they get through last week, and what do they think of Saint Mary's so far?

"It's cool. All the people are nice, and the teachers care about their students and want to know them on a personal level," said Richard Jones '07.

"Everyone here is really nice and it's a nice change from my house," said Cristin Radcliff '07.

Yet even though some freshmen are loving life and school, some are still getting used to the changes in daily life that college brings. The roommate situation is a big adjustment for most, and having to walk all the way down the hall to use the bathroom or shower can be a major inconvenience.

"[The change] was all right. I'm adjusting to it," said Elizabeth Morrisey '07.

The general impression from those who attended the events during Week of Welcome seemed to be very positive. After all, who wouldn't like to walk up a huge hill on a hot day and paint our SMC letters? And how about seeing all those glistening, wet bodies at the pool party? Sounds like an exciting way to get the semester underway.

Though there were no complaints about the social events,



Students enjoying the Ice Cream Social

Jesse Radin/COLLEGIAN

some freshmen showed dislike for the mandatory meetings and the new alcohol and drug policies. "They're too strict about having fun," said Tim Piserno '07. As a whole, it seems like this year's

freshman class is adjusting quite well to their new life and the new changes at the school. Sure, it is a little difficult at times, but just tough it out, and before you know it, you'll be pros as well.

## First night at Saint Mary's?

111 People were surveyed. 50% of them were freshmen

**68%**  
of students did not drink

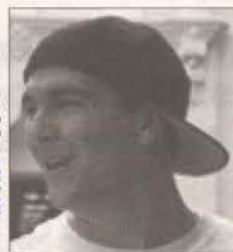
Chelsea McDonald '07



"I hung out with my friends that I missed over the summer"

**1%**  
of students were written up

Nick Zepna '07



"I hit up the Welcome Back Dance and went to a few parties... in between studies"

## A DAY IN THE LIFE

Amy Kelly

### Homeless for a Night

Saint Francis was a beggar on the streets of Assisi. Shouldn't the sight of beggars on the corners of San Francisco spark compassion in the hearts of those who are inspired by Assisi and his work? But after spending a night on the streets of the city, I found compassion to be the last thing on anyone's mind.

While most SMC students were partying, hanging out, or sleeping this past Friday night, a friend and I hit the pavement of San Francisco to experience life as a homeless person. While we never actually got to sleep, I got the impression that had we wanted to curl up on a bench on Market, no one would have bothered us or thought it at all unusual.

"While lodging on the streets in San Francisco is illegal," said Officer Yamaoto, a police officer in the area, "it is up to the individual officer's discretion on action toward the homeless. Oftentimes officers will take men and women to detox or a shelter if assessment deems. Yet most homeless are unwilling to go to shelters. This is due largely to the limitations imposed on individuals and the dislike of structure and rules."

Though shelters are somewhat available, it is difficult to find basic necessities. We walked over a mile just looking for a restroom. While we were not above using the one pay-toilet we passed, we found a very overstuffed toilet. After finally finding a place that would allow us to use their facilities at three in the morning, we found a doorway to sit in and watched those more fortunate than us drive by and splash water onto the curb. We saw men take cardboard from the trash, take off their shoes and curl up with their few possessions as they tried to get some sleep under dirty blankets.

The night was quiet and in a strange way, comfortable. Not one yell, whistle, or crude remark came from anyone whose "home" we were invading. Instead, the harassment came from cars and people walking down the streets on cell phones. So why is it that we look upon those men and women who are homeless with disgust, when they treated us with more respect than the privileged?

We cannot forget that the homeless are very often victims of cruel fate. At some point their dreams and aspirations were not unlike ours.

Who are we, as SMC students, not to answer Mayor Brown's call for "care not cash"? Who are we to not reach out to our fellow man? If tomorrow something terrible were to happen to one of our friends and they were being faced without having a home to go to, wouldn't the community reach out in some way to help them? So why is it that we dread walking past the homeless on the street? Is it because of guilt or is it something far more superficial? After experiencing this life, I challenge the SMC community to treat all humans with the compassion they deserve.

the burning *question*

Technology has finally put it's use to friendship with Friendster.com. Friendster is the new thing among people. We decided to get some info on Friendster at SMC.

**Are you on Friendster?**

**21% (Yes)**

**79% (No)**

**You connect with:**

**20% (New People)**

**80% (Old Friends)**

**Have you met anyone interesting on Friendster?**

**85% (Yes)**

**15% (No)**

**Is SMC Connect your friend?**

**49% (Yes)**

**51% (No)**

100 *reviews*

HEAR

This latest offering by Pinback resonates rather well with the recent events on campus. Amidst all the chaos in these introductory days to our stay at the Mary, Offcell pulses with soothing rhythms and delicious harmonies to bring back some peace and order to our lives. Maintaining a minimalist approach to pop music has its drawbacks and triumphs. On earlier efforts Pinback sounded less produced and rougher, more of a diamond in the rough. Offcell finds the band tighter and cleaner, while maintaining the organic feel that made the previous records stand out. Tracks "Microtonic Waves" and "B" are the highlights of this EP. "Microtonic Waves" eases gently into a ridiculously catchy chorus, refusing to get out of your head. Soft vocals and gently strummed guitars lull you into a compulsory sway on the title track "Offcell". Fighting the urge is completely useless.

-Brent Mills

WATCH

At St. Mary's, there is the notion among some that you can be saved by God. But at Bayside High, you can be *Saved By the Bell*. One of the 80's greatest TV show, *Saved By the Bell* has just been resurrected in DVD form. Seasons one and two are released on five discs where you can hang out at The Max with Zach, Kelly, Slater, Screech, Lisa and Jessie. One memorable episode from the DVD is included, "Jessie's Song" the one where Jessie gets addicted to those caffeine pills. Life is great when you are 'saved by the bell.'

-Kim Dao

READ

Haven't read good comics lately? Pick up *Road to Perdition* by Max Allan Collins at the library. If you seen the movie, read the comic that started it all. If you haven't, you won't be disappointed. Artist Richard Piers Rayner does an outstanding job with the panels and drawings of the comic and the storyline set forth by Mr. Collins is excellent. This is not in any way a kiddy comic. This graphic novel has no problem swearing when needed or showing blood and bodies on the panels of the comic. Check this out book out and others in the SMC library.

-Pablo Armas

# DETOUR

## the underground still thrives

By Brent Mills  
Staff Writer

*New music used to be found on the dashboard, but now you just have to look harder.*

The underground still thrives. Sadly, not enough people are aware of where to go to find the best new music and just settle for what is pushed in their face. Bands slip in and out of existence extremely quickly so it is a necessity to find the best before it is swept away in a band breakup, poverty, or perhaps the band members dying off.

I suggest the following songs from bands that I believe will offer a good introduction into the realm of contemporary independent music. While by no means comprehensive, this list gives you a good jumping off point into music more memorable than the latest J-Lo or Tim McGraw single.

**Exploding Hearts**

*Sleeping Aides and Razor Blades*

These boys are true rock hedonists, indulging in every dirty little pop trick. Every instrument is maxed out in the mix. The songs are loud and straight to the point. As stated midway through the song, "hell is breaking loose / she says she don't mind." Yeah, well neither do I.

**Broken Social Scene**

*Stars and Sons*

Recently gaining some recognition from the mainstream press, Broken Social Scene is finally getting what they deserve. The snaking bass line and breathy, almost ethereal singing work together incredibly well. Just listen.

**Pinback**

*Loro*

While not very recent, this song needs to be included. I highly recommend putting this on as you lie on your bed late at night, preferably with headphones. You'll be humming the end of the song by the end of your listen. GUARANTEED.

**Ben Gibbard**

*You Remind Me of Home*

Ben Gibbard (front man of the Postal Service, Death Cab for Cutie) is below the radar of most self-labeled "emo" boys and girls. It is a cruel and unusual world in which this song takes a backseat to the newest tear stained opus by Dashboard Confessional. Don't let that world win! Get ready to hear a truly sad song. Remember that girl you long oh so much to see but can't? So does Ben.

**Dizzee Rascal**

*Sittin' Here*

From the streets of East England, Dizzee Rascal is a fresh face in the polluted landscape of mainstream rap. Only 18 years old, anxiety comes spilling out in his delivery. The simple, lo-fi production puts emphasis squarely on the lyrical content, which, in this case is a good thing, a very good thing.

**The Notwist**

*The Pilot*

Everything German oozes with quality. It's a steadfast rule. And we all want to have the best of the best.

You know that guy who drives the BMW and sits so freaking stylishly in the restaurant, sipping on a Heineken? Well, you'll never be as cool as him. But you can listen to better music.

Strings, guitars, and synthesized sounds make their casual presence known on this track; much like that cool German fellow makes himself known in the restaurant. Only the music won't make you cry because it stole your girlfriend.

This is only a few of the many artists that deserve to be heard. And they don't deserve it so much as you do. There are tons of other hip-hop, rock and electronic artists that are low on the public's radar that are playing more for you than for the record label. Just keep looking.



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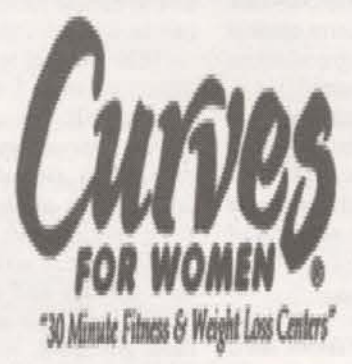
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# We're Here, We're Queer and We're On Your TV

## Incorporating homosexuality adds a new facet to television programming

They're here, they're queer, and they're raking in the big ratings. Some of today's most popular shows on television are those featuring homosexual characters, but unlike their early 90's predecessors, it's the shows themselves, and not the shock and scandal of exhibiting the taboo sexual relations, that are reeling in the audiences.

TV has always had a way of 'trading spaces' or doing things 'while you were out.' Bravo takes it to a new level with "Queer Eye For The Straight Guy." Five homosexual men who are masters in the virtues of style, taste, and class make over their heterosexual counterparts through a grueling four-day process (later compressed into a one hour slot).

While the fab five of "Queer Eye..." are taking on stylistically challenged straight men, is just the signal of the invasion of homosexual themes on television.

"Dawson's Creek" did it with Jack, the gay football player/frat boy. Emmy Award winning "Six Feet Under" incorporated the homosexual lifestyle of David, marking his coming out and eventual move in with his partner.

Daytime even marked a milestone by incorporating the role of a lesbian named Bianca (daughter of Erica Kane on "All My Children") and having her participate in the first same-sex kiss of daytime television.

But now, having homosexuality as just a facet of the cast isn't enough. Networks are beginning to become aware of the asset and new dimensions to storylines that homosexuality brings.

Networks are seeing that while

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Staff Writer



(ILLUSTRATION: Amy Kelly/COLLEGIAN)

incorporating homosexual cast members may attract larger audiences, shows with gay characters in leading roles are even more effective.

ABC brings a new show, "It's All Relative" to its airwaves in early October. It is a sitcom about the culture clash of a couple's parents - a pair of Irish-Catholic conservatives and two cosmopolitan men. While the ads seem fixed on the same-sex parenthood, the network maintains that the big contrasts occur between the economic standings of the two families which serve as the premise for the show.

Bravo's "Boy Meets Boy," the dating show where one man, James, eliminates possible suitors every week only to discover that some of them are straight, follows the intriguing dishonesty of its NBC's money-or-the-man predecessor, "For Love or Money" or FOX's charade "Joe

Millionaire." "Boy Meets Boy" is yet another devilishly entertaining reality dating series. What gives it its special twist, however, is its contestants' abilities to fool the audience (and the poor sap that's dating them) about their sexuality. Gay and straight alike seem engrossed in trying to figure out who is what. Will James find the man of his dreams? Or will he find himself falling in love with a straight man? These are the questions that kept viewers fixed to Bravo this summer.

So is this the newest trend in Hollywood? Are conservatives nationwide now to be plagued by the threat that it may be hip to be gay? No. Rest assured that shows like "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy" and "It's All Relative" will not necessarily glorify homosexuality, but better represent a long existing population with the matter-of-fact tone it deserves.



o you've been to San Francisco walked clear up Embarcadero and conquered all of the shopping and restaurants that you can find. If you can bear to walk a little off the main streets, however, you can find yourself wandering into a world of little known city favorites.

The Sony Metreon, located on Fourth Street and Mission, has a collection of things to keep the electronically challenged, as well as the literate, busy. For the ultimate gaming experience, be sure to go to Portal 1 where you can virtual bowl through San Francisco and Yosemite. Also in Portal 1 is everyone's favorite feet karaoke game-Dance Dance Revolution. Portal 1 is open until 10pm and on Friday and Saturday until 11pm, which makes it the perfect late night gaming palace.

For every anime lover, visit the Action Theatre on the second floor. Along with popular anime, the theatre also plays recent action movies. If you would like to enjoy the latest flick, head up to the third floor to see the city's largest movie theatre. With 15 screens, the Loews Theatre Complex allows everyone to find a movie that fits his/her personality. The Loews Theatre also has

IMAX screens and the largest 3-D effect screen in the world.

If you're looking for the ultimate gaming store, the Metreon covers that as well. Located inside on various floors are over 8 gaming and electronic stores; including the coveted PlayStation store that is the world's only fully hands-on gaming store, complete with game bar.

While the Metreon has various places to eat ranging in price and genre. We would recommend leaving the Metreon to go to Original Joe's. While it is not actually the "original" Original Joe's this second site is the one that survived. Located on Taylor, between Eddy and Turk. Original Joe's sacrifices elegance and beauty in exchange for cuisine. With decent pricing and a great atmosphere, it has to be one of our favorite stops. The open kitchen and waiters in tuxedos are sure to amuse you. If you're looking for that non-greased setting instead, try Buca di Beppos on Howard less-than a quarter of a mile away from the Metreon. With family style Italian, everyone in your group will be sure to get a few things they can enjoy.

For those who indulge in the arts, be sure not to miss the Museum of Modern Art (dubbed SFMOMA). Currently there is an exhibition on 33RPM: 10 Hours of Sound from France, which debuts music and art from the 1950's to the present. Since the Museum has multiple floors, be sure to check out the gallery as you pass through. Many SMC students spend at least one day going through the museum for a class in their four years. Located on the ground floor with the auditorium is also a coffee shop, so you can sit and work on class-work while still in the museum.

Right next to SFMOMA is Yerba Buena Gardens. With beautiful architecture, this building is sure to catch your eye. But what is inside

"With decent pricing and great atmosphere it has to be one of our favorite stops."

will keep you busy for hours. Located on the corner of 4<sup>th</sup> and Howard, the building features ice-skating, bowling, the Zeum, as well as Moe's Grill. While Yerba Buena gets far less press than the Metreon, it still has plenty to do. Even for those of us who don't bowl, there are bumpers that can be turned on with a switch on every lane, making it a bit fairer for those of us who didn't perfect the technique while we were younger.

On top of the Moscone Center is the ice skating rink that is open daily and on MWF nights at 7:30pm. For a mere \$6.00 and a \$2.50 skate rental, you can skate as long as the session lasts, which is usually about two and a half hours. Be sure to bring something warm as it gets pretty chilly inside this glass-walled building. And for the kid in all of us, there is a carousel from 1906 that still has real horsehair tails. Rides are \$1.00 and, well frankly, are just like the way when you were a kid.

If you're interested in eating in Yerba Buena Gardens, try out Clouds; which faces the waterfalls on Howard. This stop is great for lunch since it specializes in sandwiches and salads. With decent pricing and a polite staff, it is a nice quiet getaway while at the gardens or SFMOMA. While we suggest the Cajun egg rolls, if you find yourself less adventurous stick with a true American Blank Angus hamburger.

Whatever you decide to do in the city, remember that the main streets are not always the way to go. If you're willing to venture off a bit and perhaps get lost, you're sure to find some great places.



by amy kelly and sam adams staff writers photos by amy kelly

The most interesting things are usually found where you least expect them

# SPORTS

## Players of the Week

### Ray Mike

After making the switch from defensive end to linebacker, Ray Mike has flourished in his two games thus far.

Against Northern Arizona, his first game at linebacker, he had five tackles and an interception. Last Saturday against Sac State, he had seven tackles, one for a loss, and a 66-yard interception return for a touchdown.

### Jill Parmele

Parmele was named WCC Co-Player of the Week as well as the Fremont Invitational & Loan tournament MVP. She was also named tournament MVP at the Cal Poly Invitational. She has helped lead the team to its best start since 1993 (3-0), which included a stunning upset of No. 23 ranked Texas.

The senior outside hitter leads the team with 4.8 kills per game, 15 against Texas. She set her career high against CS Northridge with 23.

- Sam Adams

## Score Card

### Football (0-2)

	1	2	3	4	Final
SMC	6	0	6	7	19
SacState	26	10	19	14	69

P. Mangum - 15-26, 121 yds, 3 INT

C. Wilson - 14 carries, 70 yds, TD

R. Mike - 7 tackles, Int (2), Sack, TD

W. Borba - 11 tackles

### Women's Soccer (2-2)

	1	2	OT	Final
SMC	0	0	0	0
UCLA	0	0	1	1

A. Artuso - 13 saves

S. Takekawa - shot

S. Burgess - shot

	1	2	Final
Saint Mary's Gaels	1	2	3
UC Santa Barbara	1	1	2

J. Barbera - goal(1)

M. Belzer - 2 goals (2)

### Volleyball (5-2)

Oregon State def. SMC 3-0

SMC def. Cal Poly 3-0

SMU def. SMC 3-1

SMC def. Texas-San Antonio 3-0

### Men's Soccer (1-2)

	1	2	Final
Saint Mary's	2	1	3
Denver	1	1	2

M. Fitzgerald - 2 Goals

J. Bernal - Assist

	1	2	Final
Saint Mary's	0	0	0
Sac State	1	0	1

K. Wilson - 6 saves

## VOLLEYBALL: Big start

### Hot start carries team to 5-2 record

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Bible made the All-Tournament Team as well.

The ladies won Friday's match against the Cal Poly Mustangs, 3-0, with game scores of 30-27, 30-20, and 30-14. Parmele chalked up her second double-double of the season with 13 kills and 11 digs. Solid team play at and away from the net sealed the win for SMC with a .321 attacking percentage.

Saturday brought freshman Cassandra Kolkka her first collegiate double-double with 13 kills and 11 digs against the SMU Mustangs. Parmele added her third double-double while Bible had 56 assists and 2 kills. Junior Lindsey Bogason racked up 9 kills and 5 digs. The team closed game one with a .121 attacking percentage but recovered with .500 in game two. Despite such great effort, the Gaels lost 3-1, scoring 30-22, 16-30, 30-23, and 34-32.

Later that day, SMC downed Texas-San Antonio 3-1, with

scores of 30-21, 20-30, 30-28, and 30-19. Salzman superbly performed with 22 digs, 9 kills and a .421 attacking percentage overall. Bible recorded 38 assists and 1 ace. Once again team play halted the Roadrunners in their tracks.

Stevenson attributes his young team's success to the improvement of the returning members, the level of play of the new recruits, and the ability keep the game simple and perform well under pressure.

Wednesday night the Gaels tried to keep up their high-level of play versus their Pac-10 competitor, Oregon State. Parmele and sophomore Kauai Salzman started strong in the first game. Unfortunately, the Gaels lost the match to the Beavers 3-0. The three games were decided 27-30, 25-30, and 26-30 respectively.

Parmele racked up 16 kills and 9 digs for the night. Salzman finished strong with 9 kills and 13 digs. Kolkka recorded 16 digs and junior Stacey O'Connor had 7 kills and 3 block assists.

The Gaels kept the points in close range, helping maintain excitement throughout the match. Although a comeback remained possible, crucial errors and a .129 attacking average for the Gaels locked victory for the Beavers.



Tina McAfee/COLLEGIAN

Jill Parmele has been racking up honors early in the season

Oregon State finished with an attacking percentage of .215. The 39 total kills by the Gaels were not enough to withstand the Beavers' 55.

With a knowledgeable coach and a hardworking young group, the Gael's Volleyball team has an impressive season ahead. Stevenson believes in the saying "Records in history are made one play at a time." The Gaels practice shirts carry the message "Every Play Everyday," a motto that explains such an incredible beginning this season. The ladies are away taking on No. 3-ranked Stanford today, September 9th at 7pm.

## Gaels lose thriller to UCLA

### #2 Bruin's golden goal ends tight game at 1-0



Jesse Radin/COLLEGIAN

The Gaels prepare for tough play before heading down to LA for the UCLA tournament.

### by Skip Powers

Staff Writer

Having to play the number two team in the land can be one daunting task, but to have to face them in their own confines, can be flat out intimidating.

The women's soccer team made the trek to UCLA and lost 1-0 in overtime, lead by the stellar goalkeeping of sophomore transfer Alicia Artuso.

"We gave 110 percent," said midfielder Jenny Barbera. "We stayed with them the whole entire game, and they just got a lucky break at the end."

Artuso, who was bombarded by 24 Bruin shots, recorded a season high 13 saves, and earned her second shutout in regulation of the season.

But just eight minutes into overtime, UCLA escaped disaster by

finally finding the back of the net, on a goal by Even though they came home with a win, the team is still looking to improve.

It was good to pull out the win today," said midfielder Sarah Takekawa, "but we're looking to improve for this weekends home game."

The team went play again until Friday, at home against Fresno State at 4:00.

## Expectations Soar for Student Athlete

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At Saint Mary's college, the words "partying" and "alcohol" are synonymous. It is not a secret that the students of Saint Mary's do their fair share of partying. Like most colleges, student athletes are just one of several groups that take part in these activities. Due to the recent events, Athletic Director Carl Clapp has issued further orders that if any Saint Mary's athlete is found in violation of the alcohol policy then he or she will be suspended indefinitely from his/her athletic team.

Are athletes held to a greater standard than average students?

"Although it may not be fair, it is a reality student athletes attract attention," said Clapp.

Unfortunate as it may seem, the reality is that they are held to a higher responsibility. So the fact is, student athletes, whether they like it or not, must understand that when they decide to play for Saint Mary's they have a greater responsibility than the average student.

Similar to other colleges, Saint Mary's student athletes represent the student body as a whole. In many ways these young men and women are our representatives to the nation. Each and every team at the college has a Saint Mary's logo on his/her jersey. They are showing the public, what we, as a community, are like. Moreover, many of the athletic teams at Saint Mary's engage in tutoring and helping younger children in the community. In so many ways they are the heartbeat of Saint Mary's.

One thing many student athletes forget is that playing collegiate sports is a privilege. It states in the Student Athlete Handbook that "The student has the obligation to maintain high standards of academic integrity, respect for the rights and privileges of others, and to comply with the rules and regulations of the College."

"With the privilege of being a SMC athlete comes great responsibility," said Clapp

When a player signs on with a collegiate team he or she must understand that they are automatically under the microscope. There are countless examples of this in college sports, such as Ohio State's star running back Maurice Clarrett or former Alabama Head Coach Mike Price. In both of these incidents the character of the school was reflected by the individual's action.

Another reason for greater expectations on athletes is the money the school spends on sports. Many Gael varsity sports are fully funded or close to it, and the school does not want to spend all this money to be embarrassed.

Just because student athletes are still held to a higher standard does not mean they cannot have fun. All people are asking is that athletes make smart decisions and act like adults, because that is what college is all about. It might not be fair, but life's not fair. Getting to step out on the field is something not many get to do, and the price athletes pay to be able to do what they love is making smart decisions.