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Able employee of SMC electrocuted by cable

Administration denies allegations of liability for summer worker

by **Michelle Dalida**
Staff Writer

On June 26, 2003 a 12,000-volt wire electrocuted an Able Janitorial Services worker temporarily working for Saint Mary's Building and Grounds. The worker sustained permanent nerve damage, internal tissue burns in his upper and lower back, shoulder and arm, as well as impaired vision.

He has continuous pain, and cannot work. Following the incident, SMC is under investigation by the Occupational Safety Hazard Association (OSHA) for penalties ranging from general to serious with fines totaling to \$21,455.

Despite large amounts of evidence justifying OSHA's fines for the college, SMC is in the process of appealing the penalties in question.

An interview conducted by OSHA on Aug. 25 with the employee replays what happened on the day of the incident, "Jorge Gomez radioed Jack, a management official with Saint Mary's College; Jorge Gomez asked Jack if it was okay to cut the cable. Jack said it was okay. Jorge told me to cut the cable. I put a common blade into the sawzall, it belonged to Saint Mary's. I cut the cable with the sawzall and there was a strong explosion with fire. The cable was whipping about wildly.

I was frozen for a minute – out of fear or from the electric shock – I don't know which. Jorge came into the room and yelled at me to get out. That helped me come to my senses and I was able to leave the area. Management officials from SMC came running to try to cut power to the cable. They couldn't find the breaker to cut the power. Jorge did not know where the breaker was either. It took them 35 minutes before they found the breaker to cut power even though the breaker was located at the transformer adjacent to the room where the cable was."

The employee, at the time of the accident, was wearing gardening gloves and safety glasses. The sweater he was wearing at the time of the incident was burned from the force of the electric volt.

However, the ABLE employee was lucky. According to official public OSHA documents, "[He] used a saw which could take a 4,000-volt maximum adequate for normal use in a 120-volt system. No saw is rated to cut into live electrical cables; the plastic body and rubber boot on the saw likely contributed to the victim's remaining alive after contacting 12,000-volts."

One of the penalties in question by SMC was appealed on Oct. 15 filed by Peter Michell, Vice President for Finance, call the citation "erroneous." see EMPLOYEE, p2

General Assembly gets down to business



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Senator John Zabala, Speaker of the Senate, commented a few times at the year's first General Assembly.

General Assembly addresses campus issues

Senate tackles topics from 'Safe Rides' to communication

by **Andrea Camarena**
Editor-in-Chief

The Associated Students started off the year with the first general assembly last Sunday.

The event brought together the senate as a whole for the first time since the annual retreat two weeks ago, which sparked controversy among the active members.

Nine senators missed the mandatory three-day retreat giving each of them three ab-

sences, qualifying the students for hearings by the judicial tribunal, which holds disciplinary authority of the ASSMC, including the removal of senators from their positions.

Seven out of the nine absences at the retreat were due to the senior class.

Required to pay for the unexcused absences of each of the senior class senators, the class was charged over a thousand dollars, pushing the class further into debt

despite their fund raising efforts this fall.

"I think we're still pretty dedicated. This was just a minor setback," said Irene Guzman, senior class president, who missed the retreat after a change in her lacrosse schedule. "We did it to ourselves."

"I'm disappointed that certain senators could not make it. Overall it went well," said Assee SENATE, p3

Annual program brings trick-or-treaters

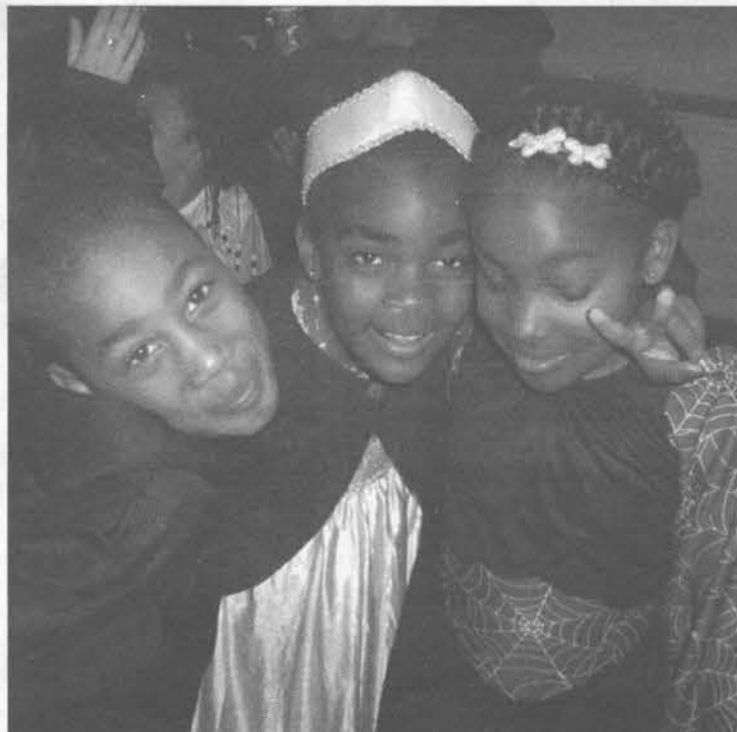
CILSA holds annual inner city Halloween party

by **Danielle Tinsley**
Staff Writer

Once again its time for the 5th Annual Halloween Party for inner city children in Oakland, hosted by Campus Ministry. All members of the SMC community are also welcome to bring their children.

The children will arrive on campus in their costumes at 4:30 p.m. at the bus stop where SMC students will meet them. The children will be divided into groups and led by student guides around campus to trick-or-treat in the residence halls.

This program was started 5 years ago by Charlene Duale, an SMC Alumnus, because she wanted to create an event that would allow children who probably would not have the oppor-



Courtesy of Chris Fuller

Every year kids come to trick-or-treat at the various residence halls of SMC.

Prank calls, new security concern

Obscene calls and questions add to stalker issues

by **Adrienne Gallo & Whitney Leonard**
Staff Writers

If the recent presence and reporting of a Peeping Tom wasn't enough, vulgar prank calls and stalkers are tormenting the students of Saint Mary's College.

Between Wednesday, Oct. 8 and Monday, Oct. 13, female residents were sexually harassed as an unidentified male in a disguised voice fired personal and sexual questions at them. This kind of behavior is not only sexual harassment, but it also violates the 653(m) California Penal Code for Annoying or obscene telephone calls.

Public Safety suggests attempting to identify the caller first. If no response occurs or continuous obscenities persist without identification, Public Safety urges students to hang up immediately. Additionally, under any circumstances, do not divulge

any personal information. Avoid conversation if threats are made.

Bill Foley, Director of Public Safety, stated, "Since the posting of the prank call bulletin, there has been only one report. It seems to have stopped and I believe it's because of the campus' new awareness." Foley continued to say that in regard to the prank calls and Peeping Tom reports, everything has been easier to secure and monitor on because of the cautious community and its communication with Public Safety and the Moraga Police Department. "Public Safety and Moraga PD would like to thank the students of SMC who help us keep an extra secure eye on this campus."

An anonymous freshman living in Augustine Hall, received relentless phone calls on Monday, Oct. 13. Assuming it was a friend

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What's Happening

Dia de Los Muertos

From Oct. 27 to Nov. 10, Latino Heritage Month will conclude with the commemoration of Dia de Los Muertos, or the Day of the Dead. View the altars of remembrance of our ancestors throughout the campus. These altars will be located at the Office of Academic Advising and Achievement, Campus Ministry, Delphine Multicultural Lounge, the Chapel and other locations.

Dine with Alums

The Office of Alumni Relations presents "Dine with Alums" on Wednesday, Oct. 29 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. in the Soda Activity Center. For more information, please contact Giles Miller at x4577.

Halloween Party

Campus Ministry presents its annual Inner City Halloween Party on Friday, Oct. 31 in the Moraga Room of the Soda Activity Center. For more information, please contact Chris Fuller at x4075.

International Club

The International Club will have a potluck today from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in Hagerty Lounge.

Marion Lee

The Fall 2003 Art History Lecture Series will be presenting Marion Lee from Stanford University and her topic "Reciprocity between art and history: A case-study of China (1300 BCE - 1300 CE)." The lecture will be held from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in Sichel Hall 106. This lecture is sponsored by the SMC Art Department and the Art Club. For more information, please contact Professor Anna Novakov at x8315.

Meningitis Vaccine Clinic

The meningitis vaccine clinic will be set up today in the Moraga Room of the Soda Activity Center from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Seminar event

On Thursday, Oct. 30, the Collegiate Seminar program will present "The Starry Messenger: Galileo's text" with speaker Brother Raphael Patton. This presentation will take place at 7:30 p.m. in the Soda Activity Center.

Women in Media

Today from 3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Soda Activity Center, Narda Zacchino, the senior editor of the *San Francisco Chronicle*, will be presenting "Women in Media." Zacchino will examine the issue of women in the professional work place, and will discuss gender equity, workplace etiquette, discrimination, employment, diversity in the media, and communication industry.

If you have any events you would like to see posted, please email the event with details to collegia@stmarys-ca.edu.

Crime Beat

10/16 1:45 p.m.
Incident: Obscene phone calls
Synopsis: Obscene phone calls made to student in Augustine Hall; case suspended.

10/16 5:23 p.m.
Incident: Medical
Synopsis: Intoxicated student transported from Sabatte Hall; referred to Health Center and the Office of Residence Life.

10/17 2:19 a.m.
Incident: Disturbance
Synopsis: Student found fighting with unidentified person in Freitas Hall; referred to the Office of Residence Life.

10/17 8:35 p.m.
Incident: Possession
Synopsis: Minor in possession of alcohol in lower De La Salle parking lot; referred to the Office of Residence Life.

10/18 2:00 p.m.
Incident: Informational
Synopsis: Soap put in fountain in front of Cassin Student Union; referred to maintenance.

10/19 6:10 p.m.
Incident: Obscene phone calls
Synopsis: Obscene phone calls made to student in Mitty Hall; case suspended.

10/21 10:30 p.m.
Incident: Possession
Synopsis: Possession of weapons, alcohol, marijuana, and paraphernalia in Becket Hall; referred to the Office of Residence Life.

10/23 9:00 a.m.
Incident: Defacing of college property
Synopsis: Defacing and destruction of college property at Mitty Hall; case suspended.

Note from Public Safety:
 During the week of Oct. 12, three incidences of sexual assault were reported; all occurred on campus. Two occurred during the week of Sept. 28, and the third occurred during the week of Oct. 12. All three incidents were unrelated and are under review.

HALLOWEEN: Kids visit SMC

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tunity to have a safe and happy Halloween other than this.

Donated costumes are also provided by Campus Ministry to children who do not have them

and would like to dress up. This program also discreetly provides these children an opportunity to get a glimpse of college life, which is important to Chris Fuller from Campus Ministry who is head of the event.

Shakespearean characters modernized in campus play

"Goodnight Desdemona, Good Morning Juliet" brings comedy to classic tragedies

by Jessica Tson
 Staff Writer

Saint Mary's College annual fall play is making its next appearance in the form of "Goodnight Desdemona, Good morning Juliet," the newest installment from student productions.

The play is a contemporary comedy based around the central character's journey through two Shakespearean texts.

The play is divided into three acts: Act I is in a contemporary setting on a college campus; Act II is in the world and time of "Othello"; and Act III is in the world and time of "Romeo and Juliet".

The play follows a college assistant Constance Ledbelly, played by Siobhan O'Neill '04, as she tries to support her thesis that these two Shakespearean tragedies are really comedies.

The audience is exposed to familiar characters such as Juliet, played by Katie Krueger '04, from Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet." Expect the character to be played out of her original context.

Director Frank Murray, Chair of the Department of Performing Arts, said he chose the play for three main reasons.

"Firstly, thematically it's a play about interpreting texts, which seemed like a really im-

portant theme for Saint Mary's," said Murray.

"Secondly, I knew there were a large number of talented female performers, and this play's really built around the women. So I wanted to use the strengths as a department this particular year and give those women an opportunity to have leading roles. Then thirdly, that it's a comedy, and I just thought it would be fun for me and for the students to work on a play that would be funny and fun to work on."

Although the play required many female roles, Murray commented on the difficulty to find male actors, and how it set back production.

Now, with actors like Adam Coy '06 and Dorian Edwards '06, the male roles have been adequately filled.

Coy will be playing the role of Iago in the "Othello" portion of the play and Othello will be played by Edwards.

What can the audience expect to get out of this play? Muarry hopes "people will get a new way of looking at the relationship between self and a work of art, and that folks come away from this play with an understanding of the power of art for the purpose of self-transformation."

"Goodnight Desdemona, Good Morning Juliet" opens in LeFevre Theater, Thursday, Nov. 6 and runs through Nov. 9.

EMPLOYEE: Cut cable cause of worker's injuries

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Michell further states, "The circuit breaker identified as the subject of the citation is the main service switch for the entire property. It is Saint Mary's understanding and belief that the citation issued is erroneous, as this switch was properly marked..."

However, the cable in question, although claimed by the College to be "properly marked" was still traced to see if it was live or dead.

The tic tracer used could only detect up to 600-volts and could detect a voltage if the cable was shielded. When a Saint Mary's electrician tested the cable, the tic tracer reported a dead cable, making it fair game to be cut.

Yet, a telephone interview conducted by OSHA and electrician Brian Hair, would suggest otherwise. Hair acknowledged the cable to be circa 1940-50, because it was an old PG&E feed to the college. Hair further emphasized the knowledge that the cable was live with a chilling statement, "Yeah, I've worked in that room; I've worked out there on and off for 13 years. We knew it was a live cable."

This adds to the fact that the ABE employee, who ended up cutting the cable, had no electrical experience whatsoever.

However, SMC refuses to take the blame as they are in the midst of appealing claims and have scheduled a meeting with OSHA to review the citations.

PRANK: Cautious campus helpful

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at the time, she did not think that it was serious. The male caller continued, "Can I ask you some questions?" However, after the calling continued through the evening into the early morning, she began to be frightened and realized that this was not a joke. The caller, after numerous attempts, refused to identify himself and still remains nameless.


As serious as this situation can be with the amount of danger students may be in, some students find the whole fuss about the disturbing calls to be ludicrous. Christina '07, dismisses the warnings about prank calls saying, "It's just a prank, probably just a joke from another student on campus."

Whether the prank calls are just a silly joke or are a danger to students remains a mystery. It makes some females feel uneasy, possibly in harms way, out of control, and therefore will not be toler-

ated. This caller anonymity gives the offender power.

As for the Peeping Tom and the stalkers, there has been no recent reports. "Since the composite sketch's posting and contacting other colleges for similar reports, we haven't received any reports of the Peeping Tom," said Foley. "There hasn't been any serious reports regarding the stalker situation either. There was one incident where two female students were driving to a certain event on campus. They both felt that there was someone following them. They proceeded towards the event and saw the same following vehicle in the parking lot. It turns out that it was just another student going to the event. The two female students were very cautious and aware of the situation. Although it wasn't a serious incident, it's good that they remained observant of odd incidents."

Additional reporting by Chris Mateo.




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'Media and communication weeks' come to SMC

Campus to host prominent media, business, and entertainment leaders

by Chris Mateo
News Editor

From Oct. 27 - 31 and Nov. 3 - 7, the Saint Mary's College School of Economics and Business Administration (SEBA), the Disney Forum, the Department of Communication and St. Gallen University of Switzerland will be hosting the first "Media and Communication Weeks."

Members of the media, business and entertainment fields will be discussing topics including current events in Iraq, the influence of corporate media, and the role of Bay Area businesses in shaping the future of movie production.

In coordination with St. Gallen University of Switzerland, SEBA and the Disney Forum will host the U.S. part of St. Gallen's executive Master's of Business Administration (MBA) program in media and communication.

The SMC portion of this one-year program will essentially be "Media and Communication Weeks." These weeks will host 33 European and international students from St. Gallen Univer-



Deborah Amos of ABC and Rick Davis of NBC will examine the media.

sity. Through the many events and the courses offered both on the SMC campus as well as onsite at Bay Area companies, SMC plans on establishing a premier executive education program in American Media and Communication industries.

Courses available during these weeks include "Technology, Creativity, Innovation", "Organization and Leadership in Contemporary American Business", and

"How Communication and Media Transformed the California Wine and Winegrape Industry" where students will have a field study in Napa Valley.

There are a total of 11 classes offered during these weeks, six of which include field studies anywhere from Dolby Laboratories to Lucas Digital.

The participating executives and companies include Dolby Laboratories, Lucas Arts,

Disney, Apple Computer, NBC, ABC, CBS, the *San Francisco Chronicle*, Hewlett-Packard, Turner Pictures, Mondavi and Hesse Wineries, the *Los Angeles Times*, Motorola, Sony, Electronic Arts, and Pixar.

Distinguished speakers for the weeks include Robert Wussler, co-founder of CNN; Deborah Amos, ABC News correspondent; Bill Jasper, President of Dolby Laboratories; Jim Morris, President of Lucas Digital Limited; Rick Davis, NBC News Middle East correspondent; Narda Zacchino, Senior Editor of the *San Francisco Chronicle*; George Riggs, Publisher of the *Contra Costa Times*; and Dan Walker, Chief Talent Officer for Apple Computers.

A few of these distinguished speakers will lecture at the Soda Center to start off "Media and Communication Weeks."

Today, Narda Zacchino will focus on issues of gender equity, discrimination and employment diversity in the media and communications industries during her lecture "Women in Media" from 3:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

"The U.S. & Iraq" is a presentation by Deborah Amos and Rick Davis, news correspondents and Woodrow Wilson Fellows who will examine current events in Iraq and the role played by the national news media. This will be held on Nov. 4 from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

"Hollywood and the American Dream" will feature companies such as Industrial Light & Magic discussing what success means in 21st century Hollywood on Nov. 5 from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

On Nov. 6 from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Robert Wussler, former head of CBS, and President of Turner Pictures, and his son, Rob Wussler, an NBC executive, will discuss the strategies of big American media and their impact on civilization in their lecture "Big Media."

Campus events are free for all of the SMC community members.

Admission for non-SMC community is \$20.

For information on these and other events and courses, please visit <http://stmarys-ca.edu/mediaweeks>.



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sociated Student President Tony Ancelj of the retreat. "We talked about real student issues including Safe Ride, library hours, academic excellence and weekend life."

These various topics resurfaced at Sunday's general assembly at which Ancelj gave his State of the Student Body Address.

In his speech, he brought to the floor plans to change the "us vs. them" mentality existing between students and administration. Ancelj also used a speech by former ASSMC President Greg Tashara to accentuate the responsibility of senate to put forth extra effort to make changes that have been confronted but not made in the past few years.

"We will act...together we will address the safe ride program as a senate," said Ancelj on one of many new ideas for the year which include improvements for campus-wide communication and a new, efficient process for composing and passing resolutions.

Students sent to sexual assault conference

Policies and programs covered on 4 day trip

by Chris Swain
Managing Editor

A contingent of six Saint Mary's students and staff went to International Conference on Sexual Assault and Harassment on Campus, sponsored by the Safe Schools Coalition.

The group, led by Mary Spellman, dean of student development and Sharon Sobotta, interim director of the Women's Resource Center (WRC), sought to learn about policies and programs to continue the improvement of Saint Mary's own procedures.

The conference also helped the four students learn about educational programs to help in the structuring of the peer educator program through the women's resource center, which was created last year.

"It gave me more knowledge about what other colleges do and it broadened my knowledge about the issues in general," said Ana Montanez, '04, the education and outreach student intern for the WRC.

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Forever Single

Katie Kimball



I've been watching a lot of "Joe Millionaire", "The Bachelor", and "Newlyweds" lately, and all these shows about relationships really got me thinking that I might have a problem. I am almost twenty and have never had a boyfriend. Out of all my friends, I am usually the one without a boyfriend, and always the one who has never had a relationship. The only meaningful relationship I've ever had with a man is with my male cat, Buster. Does the kid that asked me out in eighth grade count as a relationship? (I broke it off after two days because the handholding made me uncomfortable). My last and only date was in high school, which was apparently my prime, which I have now passed. I think I am just missing the boyfriend gene.

I don't want to come off as totally desperate; because here's the strange thing, I don't want just anyone. I feel like until I meet someone I totally connect with, I'm not really interested in a relationship. At this point, I have met very few of those people. And boy am I behind. I have watched friends walk down the aisle, break up, make up, and fall totally in love. It seems that we have been conditioned to want a partner, and that hasn't really worked out for me. I was raised on Sweet Valley High and Saved by the Bell. I'm not a Kelly Capowski by any means, but I think I'm at least as cute as Jesse Spano. Where's my Zack Morris?

All of this kept me dreaming about high school relationships. But nothing ever happened the way I thought it should, you know, no letterman jacket, no class ring around my neck, if that ever happens anyway. When that fell through, I set my sights on college. All my older friends would tell me, "Forget high school- all the great guys are in college." Not to insult any of the great guys I know here, but for the most part I see a lot of tail chasing. So now I'm thinking about how my parents always say, "Oh yeah, you will meet someone in grad school where everyone is mature...that's where we met." Well, let's hope so, because I'm starting to envision myself as an old spinster with a lot of cats.

Until then, I'm not going to be hard on myself. I'm trashing all those "how to find a boyfriend" articles in Cosmo and focusing on accomplishing my goals and independence. Besides, everyone always says, it comes when you least expect it- and believe me, I really don't expect it.

OPINION

Collegian View

"We've spent years understanding these issues, let's get to work," said Tony Ancelj, president of the Associate Students, at the General Assembly senate meeting.

The Collegian shares a similar sentiment in its over 100 years of reporting that the same issues occur year after year and very little is done by students to actively address these issues and promote change.

What are these issues?

According to the state of the student body address, they are alcohol, communication, campus safety and weekend life.

The Collegian would like to propose one additional issue it frequently harps on: apathy.

Now, this apathy we speak of, isn't just the stereotypical uninvolved student, rather an apathy that extends to those who are actively involved through various means in campus life.

Are we as students satisfied with the current state of our lives and the college's influence in

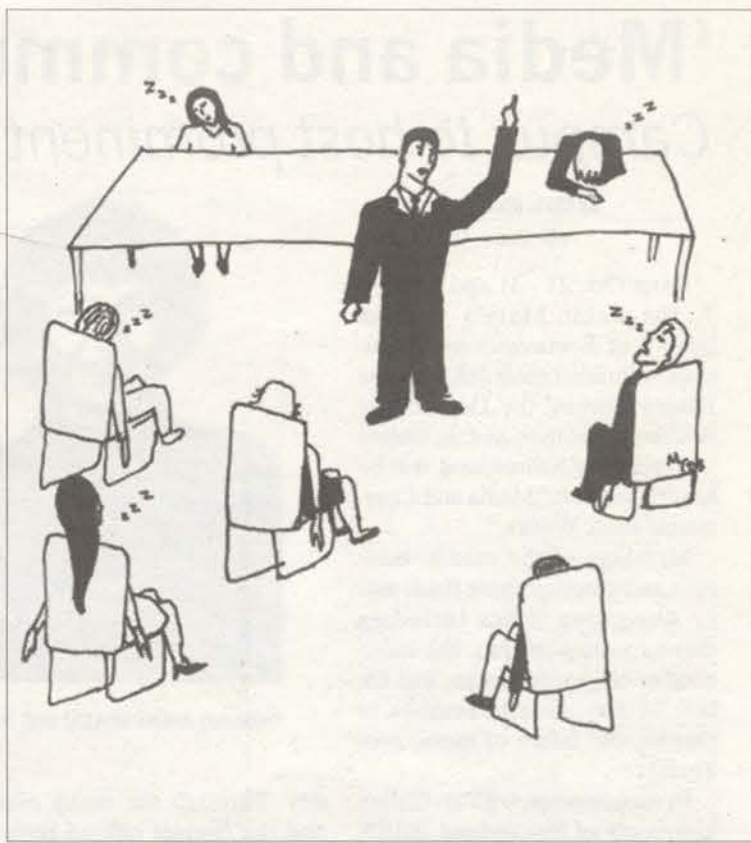
them? Or rather, are we as students more concerned with who we will become and what we want the college to be that we forget we—the students—make the college what it is?

Our main representative to the administration, the Associated Students president posed a challenge to his/our student senate "to act," and to address issues together as a senate and more importantly as a student body.

Students, especially at SMC are notorious for complaining about anything, parking, food, classes, residence life policies, and are also unfortunately notorious for not constructively doing anything about it.

Granted there are a few, very few, who promote the type of change this institution needs and we as students deserve that makes our/the students lives better and more engaged in the broader community.

Unfortunately, these students at times are out shadowed by the



Cartoon by Marco Torres/Collegian

President Ancelj has the large task of keeping senate from falling into old habits.

cloud of quasi-actively passive/complaint driven students that plague the campus.

These students not only congregate outside of Dante, but also are present in numerous clubs, organization and even our/the students main representation to the administration, the senate.

Too many years have passed with the student senate having or choosing the inability to actively change campus, rather than get-

ting to work and doing it.

Too many meaningless resolutions are passed, too many opportunities to really address key issues are overlooked or forgotten about.

Too many personal agendas interfere and negatively tear apart the common goals and chances to make a difference.

Will too many voices overshadow the one that says, "lets get to work"

Community Views

Dear Editor:

I appreciated the Collegian's View on October 14, 2003, that urged students to work together with staff to improve campus life. It caused me to recall lyrics from a Michael Jackson song (Man in the Mirror): /I'm starting with the man in the mirror, I'm asking him to change his ways; If you wanna make the world a better place, take a look at yourself and make the change. /Change starts with all of us—faculty, staff, and students—working together to improve student life. To that end, ASSMC has recently identified a series of issues that they believe need attention. After a structured voting process, the following were identified as the most significant: 1) how campus events/activities are organized, scheduled, and communicated to the campus; 2) the student conduct "matrix"; 3) how to create a more vibrant and active campus life, especially on weekends; 4) how to improve select campus facilities (e.g. recreation). Under the capable leadership of Tony Ancelj and his executive officers, committees are being established

to examine each of these issues and will be co-chaired by an ASSMC representative and a staff member.

I welcome your input on student life. My email is mzoll@stmarys-ca.edu and direct extension is x4524. I've scheduled three noon hours each week to meet with students in Oliver Hall, so let me know if you'd like to share lunch (or meet at another time that is convenient to you).

Sincerely,
Mike Zoll,
Vice Provost for Student Affairs

This letter is in response to Karen Britten's Article on Sept. 30th.

Dear Editor,

First and foremost it is not too much to simply ask, but to demand equality. Our country was founded on one of the many principles of equal opportunity. Outcome on the other hand, is up to the team. Take football, a sport where much of the athletic money goes to: are they winning?

NO! (Disclaimer: I'm not anti-football) Yet fans still gather in the masses. It's not just about the fan base; it is the hurrah that goes into the games. There is the Gaelzone before, dance and cheer performances, halftime shows, etc... Are these consistent or even present at female events?

This aforementioned annoyance is not my main grievance. I am bothered by the line "many women lose their femininity." Looking pretty on the field or court is not going to help women win a game. Just as looking cute, fine, hot, is not going to help a male win a game either. Women are playing competitive, sweat-inducing sports because we want to! Female athletes are not concerned with their femininity when they step onto the field. Furthermore, female sports are not trying to imitate or be as good as male sports. Although there are sports in which both men and women participate in, this does not make one game better than the other. They are entirely different.

In conclusion, it will be a sad day when athletes, male or fe-

male are playing for the support of fans. We are playing our sport out of love for the game, not from the fan base. However, they are an added bonus that helps to create energy and intimidate the opponent. Talking trash to the opponent gets them out of their element. It is not simply the fans in which we are demanding equality but also giving female sports the same attention male sports receive.

-Caitlin Hungate, '06

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110 Saint Mary's students were polled on their opinion of the recent technological problems.

How do feel about the technological problems on campus



88%

of students have had problems with technology on campus.

...In a recent *Collegian* survey

40%

of students considered themselves very spiritual

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91%
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Lasallian educa-
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THE COLLEGIAN TAKES A PROBE INTO

SPIRITUALITY

THE OTHER WORLD AT SAINT MARY'S

by *Jonathan Morales*
In-Depth editor

“Welcome to the premier liberal arts, Catholic, Lasallian learning community.” This phrase greets students, staff and visitors as they enter the Saint Mary's College, driving towards the chapel and the statue of John Baptist De la Salle, symbols of the second and third traditions of the college, Catholic and Lasallian.

According to the admissions office, 54 percent of students at Saint Mary's are Catholic. In addition, many students belong to other faith traditions. Thus, the question of religion on campus and its role is an important one.

This week the *Collegian* explores further this important campus issue.

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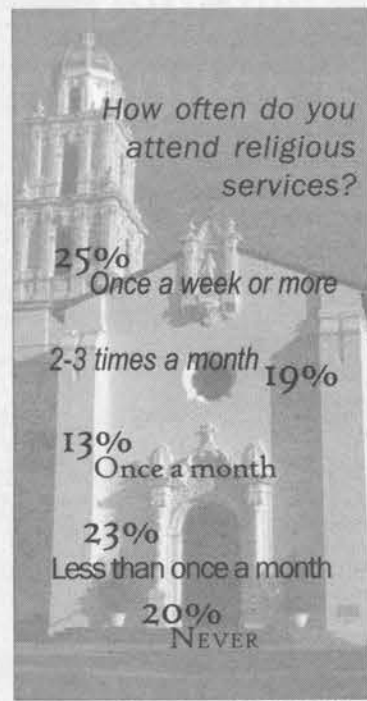
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Three on-campus groups help to solve this question by serving the religious needs of the Saint Mary's community.

"The mission is education"

Walk into Brother Michael Meister's office, and one of the first things you will notice is a blue plaque engraved with the signature of De La Salle, sitting on top of his computer monitor.



Lisette Garcia/COLLEGIAN

"It reminds me when I look at it," said Meister, the Assistant Academic Vice President. The 25 Christian Brothers on campus, most of whom teach in the classrooms, represent the original mission of De La Salle: to pro-

"The world of education, in a sense, is the ocean we swim in, it's the air we breathe. It's our lifeblood." BRO. MICHAEL MEISTER

vide salvation of the mind and soul for his students.

"That mission of education for salvation based upon our belief of the worth and dignity of every student is still very important to us and it's very present here. That's what we stand for," said Meister. "It's not just a profession. It's not just a job, but it's a place where there is a kind of spiritual dimension that is very important." He said that though the brothers serve many roles, they are primarily teachers.

"That is our main function. Our mission is to teach," said Meister. "Most of the brothers are professors."

The brothers also provide a link to the Lasallian mission of the college, and help to bring that mission to life on campus.

"We represent this 300 year tradition. Our presence is a way

to guarantee that mission will continue," said Meister. He added that he sees the brothers continuing their mission of education into the future.

"I think we will always be involved in education. The

world of education, in a sense, is the ocean we swim in, it's the air we breathe. It's our lifeblood."

"We're here for the students. I always say this, without students we have no reason to be here. We're here for the students plain and simple. We're not here for ourselves."

Spiritual "bus stop"

The liturgical needs of the college, such as the running of daily mass and initiation into the Catholic Church, are fulfilled by Campus Ministry.

"Campus Ministry is the department whose mission is to organize the faith life of the college," said campus minister Chris Fuller. One of the many roles of Campus Ministry, Fuller said, is to facilitate a

student's spiritual transition from the religion they grew up with to the religion they will have during their adult life.

"Our role is...the place where students can make that transition," said Fuller.

Campus Ministry also prepares students to assume leadership roles in their own parishes once they graduate by allowing students to help organize events and bring ideas into fruition.

"It's a transition also towards students developing leadership skills within the context of the church," said Fuller, citing the popular Halloween party for inner-city kids as one example of a student's idea. "It was really a partnership between me and her that first year."

Like the brothers, Campus Ministry places an importance on maintaining a strong presence on campus, including being at club meetings and events, and speaking out on campus issues. Sometimes, they must act quickly to fill a campus need. For example, on September 11, 2001, Campus Ministry organized a prayer service within hours of the terrorist attacks.

Faith and fellowship

A resource for students seeking a community in which to grow in

their faith, or find new faith, is the Intersarsity Christian Fellowship: an active club on campus that seeks to help students in their spiritual journey.

"The point of Intersarsity is just to welcome students into Christian fellowship, making it clear that we're a group that's about following Jesus," said Rian Stewart, Intersarsity leader.

Currently, Intersarsity has about forty active members. They hold Bible studies twice a week, and on Thursdays have a large group meeting where they listen to speakers and worship together. They also participate in events with other Intersarsity groups and do outreach work.

Stewart stressed that Intersarsity is about helping a student in his or her relationship with Christ.

"Our role is to introduce students into who Jesus is and invite students to become followers or grow in their walk with Jesus," said Stewart.

"It's important that students who are pursuing the question of 'What am I here for, what's my purpose in life,' to help them pursue answers to these questions through faith, through fellowship, through community, and ultimately through a relationship with Jesus Christ."

Beyond the Catholic norm

Accepting other religions at SMC

Katie Alpizar
Staff Writer

Saint Mary's College is a liberal arts institution based on the Catholic-Lasallian tradition. Yet there are many members of this community that do not identify with the Catholic religion and instead share other faiths and beliefs.

Although there are a variety of cultures and traditions intermingled, there is a definite feeling of community here.

The general consensus of several faculty members and many of the opinions expressed at the round-table discussion last Wednesday night, agree that Saint Mary's provides an atmosphere that not only accepts, but welcomes diverse faiths and beliefs.

According to Saint Mary's College 2002 Institutional Summary, 58 percent of incoming freshman marked "Catholic" to the question "current religious preference." In addition, 3.4 percent were Baptist, 2.9 percent were Presbyterian, and 11.4 percent were under the category "other Christian."

From these statistics, it is clear that the majority of students here identify themselves as Catholic and only small percentages make up the other 42 percent.

Professor Norris Palmar, who has been at Saint Mary's for over five years, teaches Introduction to Biblical Literature and Eastern Religions and is an ordained Protestant minister.

"[I] have a very strong commitment to helping to foster the Catholic identity at Saint Mary's College," said Palmar, but adding, "I found Saint Mary's to be wonderfully hospitable which means it is embracing, it is encouraging, and it's also a very welcoming community."

Because he is Protestant, he acknowledges he "cannot speak with authority on issues of Catholic doctrine, nor would I try to." He also discussed the universal meaning of catholic: "The word catholic with a small 'c' means universal...another way to read that is that it is a universal truth and folks from a variety of cultural traditions embrace the truth as well," said Palmar.

He finds that students have a real interest in religious affairs but does acknowledge that this time in a young person's life is a developmental period that may cause students to question or explore their own beliefs and ideas.

"Religion is not at the forefront of every college student's mind, so you can see an apathy there perhaps, but I don't know if that's true for any 19, 20, or 22 year-old, or whether they're in college or not, or whether their Catholic or not. I don't think it's a function of the person's own faith as it is a function of that period in life; it's questioning, it's exploring, and that's what the college seeks to do. That's part of the liberal arts education."

Kusum Singh, Professor in the Communication Department, says she's Hindu, but not practicing.

"Hindu religion doesn't have any strict rituals; it's a way of life." Singh said Hinduism is tolerant of other faiths and religions. She was

excited about coming to Saint Mary's because of the Christian brother philosophy.

"Their philosophy is to live with the students and serve the students. That concept really appeals to me," said Singh. "I must say the Christian brothers and the faculty have been wonderful. I have never sensed that they were excluding me in any way."

As far as religion and how it influences teaching is concerned, she said that although religion may create a problem for some professors, it does not for him.

"It doesn't bother me as long as we can have intellectual discussions and as long as there is no restriction on our academic expression."

Singh has been teaching at Saint Mary's for 21 years, and does not regret leaving her previous home in New York.

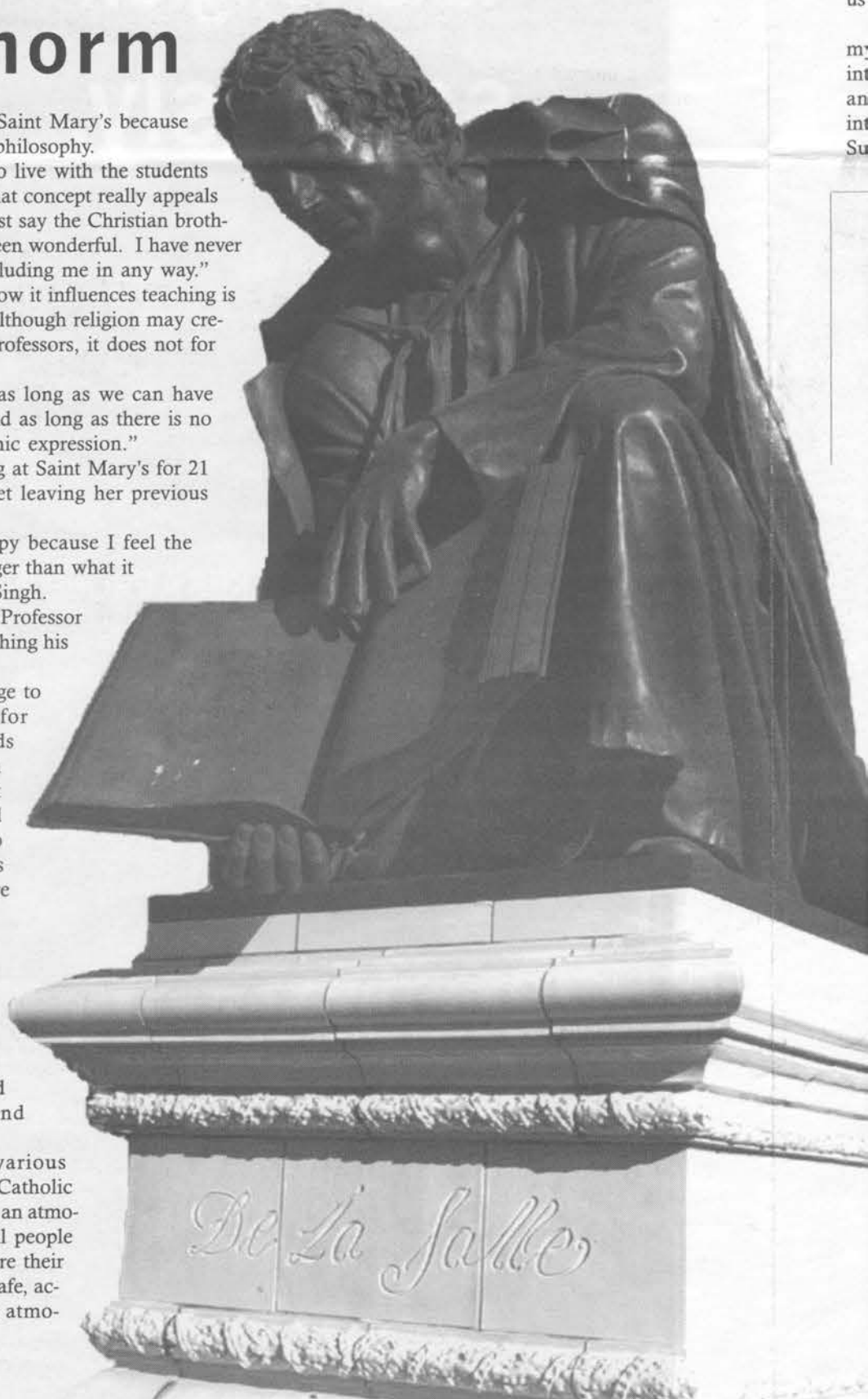
"I have been very happy because I feel the community spirit is stronger than what it was in New York," said Singh.

Rabbi Harry Manhoff, Professor of religious studies, is teaching his first semester at SMC.

He has found the college to be a "beautiful place for people of all backgrounds to get together." Although he has not been at Saint Mary's long, he is excited to teach here. He also hopes to give his students a new perspective and share ideas with young people.

Mary Vue '04 said in a round-table discussion, that although she is non-Catholic she has developed her own faith toward Catholicism through the people and spiritually she has found here.

According to various professors, Saint Mary's Catholic traditions seem to provide an atmosphere that encourages all people to come together and share their religions and beliefs in a safe, accepting, and welcoming atmosphere.



Jesus: still my homeboy?

School, religion don't reconcile

Anna Gates

Here we are at college. Away from the comforts of home, away from our parents. Here we are left alone to defend for ourselves.

But we're not completely alone—right? After all, we do go to a Catholic school. And in the age of “Jesus is my homeboy” t-shirts, surely God is with us, even with all the freedom and anarchy that accompanies college life.

And yet, despite the fact that we are surrounded by friendly reminders that God goes to our school, I cannot escape the fact that college life has somehow severed the ties between God and I. And everywhere I look, it gets worse.

Through my dorm window in North Claey's, I can clearly see the clean, white cross on top of the hill, peering flatly over me.

Perhaps before I arrived at SMC, this symbol would have meant something to me; perhaps it would have represented God's presence in my life. But now that cross is nothing more than a place where students go late at night to make-out. Its image has been reduced to the terms by which a real “college experience” is defined.

I find this hypocrisy in other places as well. Sunday nights at mass I see people week after week praising the Lord. I know that they are there on their own accord, not because anyone is forcing them. But when I look around at some of the faces present I see the same people who, the night before, were hugging a toilet seat because of over-intoxication.

This insincerity and pretense, though perhaps not deliberate, tells me that the power of college life is more prevalent than that of faith. This moment in our lives is full of changes and experimentation. And these changes often pull us away from God.

For many students, including myself, being at college forces you into an internal battle between making college the best party ever and strengthening your relationship with God. And you cannot integrate these two separate lives into one, hoping that singing on Sunday will make everything okay.

Keeping the faith

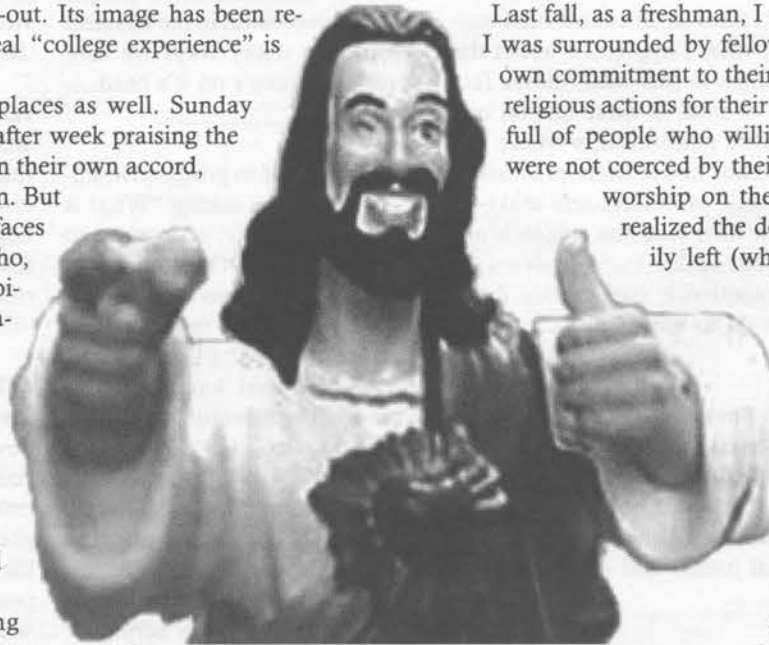
Jo-Ann Arquillano

My grandmother, a wonderfully kind and incredibly devout Catholic, introduced me to religion. She employed her influence on my sister and I, and implanted the seeds of faith in us at our young age. She ensured that every bedroom was adorned with its own touches of religious icons; she taught us prayers and how to say the rosary. Sadly, I cannot rely on my grandmother to assure that I am developing into the good and virtuous person she hoped I would one day become.

Going off to school, I have said goodbye to the ever-present guidance of my parents (and grandparents). But what others have taken as an opportunity to flee toward the exit sign, I have seen as a chance to strengthen my faith. Religion is no longer limited to my parents simply guiding me through the motions of their beliefs. It is now a part of my life that I have chosen, an obligation that I choose to uphold.

Last fall, as a freshman, I attended my first mass here at SMC. I was surrounded by fellow students who also relied on their own commitment to their faith; believers who continued their religious actions for their own intent. There I was, in a church full of people who willingly chose to be there, people who were not coerced by their parents to attend but who came to worship on their own accord. It was then that I realized the decision before me. I could have easily left (who was to stop me?), but I chose to

follow through with my grandmother's teachings. She was no longer there to hold my hand through the process of how to continue and develop my faith, but I found this to be a time to define my faith on my terms. It isn't about perfection, it isn't about following someone else's rules, it's about figuring out what I want for myself and maintaining what I believe in. I'm not trying to become a saint, I'm just trying to get by, and it's the faith that I have developed here at Saint Mary's that allows me to do so.



Viewing religion from the

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by ana

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Is it really possible to be liberal and at the same time maintain strong Catholic beliefs? Apparently, it is. More and more Catholics today are identifying with liberal political stand points while holding on to their Catholic identity. Perhaps this is one explanation as to why many students on campus identify themselves as Catholic although they hold non-conservative ideals. But how do we explain the seemingly paradoxical view of liberal Catholics? Perhaps the best way to explain this phenomenon is that, as Marco Torres '04, put it, “The very nature of Catholicism is to be counter-cultural. If we're following the example of Christ then we must challenge the status quo.” Torres not only shared this great explanation of why many Catholics are also liberals, he also expressed that he believed most of the students who participate in campus ministry at Saint Mary's are liberals as well.

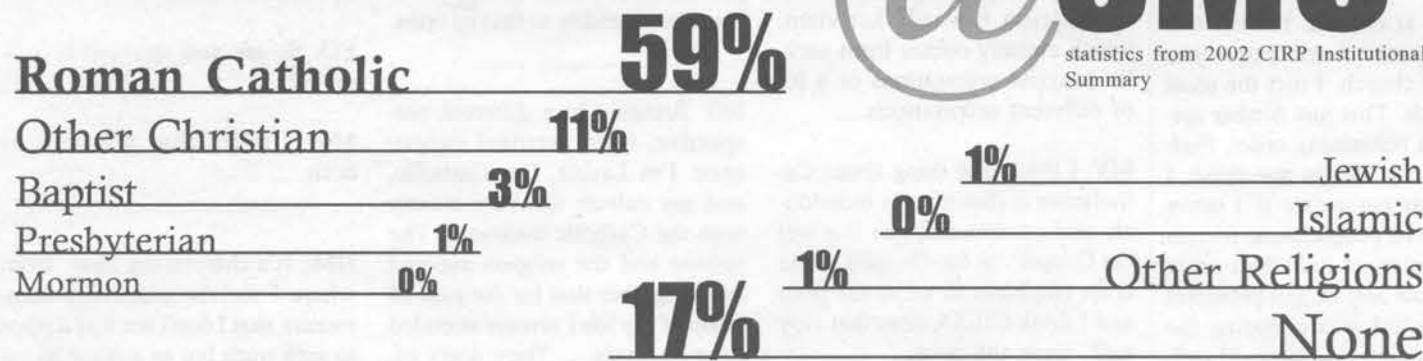
Having grown up Catholic, I know that it can be difficult to understand some of the church's views when they do not coincide with my liberal politics. On the other hand, it is also very refreshing to see that the church has also expressed increasingly open views about certain traditionally taboo topics, such as homosexuality. In fact, the topic of same sex marriage and the acceptance of homosexuality is one of the issues that struck me as the most progressive in the population of Catholic students here on campus. It was interesting to see that when the Collegian did its weekly “Gael Poll” on the topic of same sex marriage that most students, were open to the idea of two individuals of the same sex being in love and being able to have legal recognition of their relationship. However, Catholic liberals do not just exist on our college campus.

Many Catholics now feel more comfortable than ever before with their liberal political ideals. Catholics everywhere are protesting wars, and fighting to uphold the dignity of the poor. However, these ideals are not only liberal at heart, they're also traditionally Catholic. In fact, many Catholics have spoken out on these issues in the past. One of the most well-known and most revered liberal Catholics was Dorothy Day. Day was well known for her essential part in the Catholic Socialist movement. In case you're wondering if that was a typo - it's not. There was in fact a Catholic Socialist movement. But the liberal political Catholic ideals don't stop there. There are other ideologies that came out of the Catholic tradition such as Liberation Theology that are well known as liberal political views.

No matter what liberal ideology people take on, I believe Torres explained it best. If being liberal is being “counter-cultural” then it only makes logical sense that Catholics would be compelled to “challenge the status-quo.”

RELIGIOUS preferences @ SMC

statistics from 2002 CIRP Institutional Summary



Reaching the highest potential Finding truth through a religious education

Rob Porter
Staff Writer

It is natural, by virtue of being human, to aspire to reach the highest of that which can be reached by human potential. This is approached by means of our reason – the greatest of human attributes and that which, of all human talents, is the most distinctively and exclusively human.

At an institution such as Saint Mary's, which is intended to promote the liberal arts tradition, the development of the ability to reason is the principal goal of its students' education. A fully developed intellect is an end in itself in that it contributes to the completeness of the human being, and this completeness is integral to the fulfillment of human potential.

However, such development of the whole person is not possible by secular education alone. By itself, reason is not remotely capable of discovering the answers to all questions, for there are truths that may only be ap-

proached by revelation. At Saint Mary's, Catholicism is the vessel through which such truths are afforded to the willing student.

To the student, the most important of these truths is that there is a divine order present in the essence of existence. Religion gives the student's education an orientation that reason cannot provide. This orientation provides a system of values, making possible the discrimination of the worth in opinions.

Furthermore, the effects of habit and experience upon the lives of each person prevent knowing truly good action. Catholicism provides a guide for right thought and action, freeing

each from the mental confinements of habit, and leading the student to a better understanding of life and of himself.

As it is important that, in the education of the whole person, the student approach a full understanding of himself, it is also necessary to understand the limits of his intellect, and know what he is not and cannot be. By offering insight through revelation that which is beyond the limits of intellectual perception, it is possible to look back to see the limits of reason. This allows for the completion and fullness of intellectual development, thus working toward the objective of educating the whole person.

“I come from a highly religious family...

With my grandfather, uncle, and father being ministers, you can say I have a little bias in my ideas about religion. I feel that our family has been really lucky or has been blessed by God because there have been many instances when some of my relatives faced adversity and even death, but by a stroke of luck made it out alive.

My grandfather, who is now a pastor, was on his deathbed at the age of eighteen - his liver had stopped working because he drank too much. He was immobile and in pain for a couple months. According to Korean custom, dying people were left in the wilderness to pass away at peace. While he was there he heard of a god in the Christian religion, and at the time he was living in Communist North Korea where religion was outlawed. Not wanting to die at such a young age he prayed, saying "I heard about you God from some people, and I don't want to die this early in my life so let me live and I will do whatever you want me to do." The next morning he felt better, and went from lying on his deathbed to running down from mountains to town.

Short on space I can't tell of other things such as how he managed to escape to South Korea, but now religion is now a huge part of my life, and I will live by it all my life. Following in his footsteps I have traveled as a missionary: building houses in Mexico, and also helping doctors treat people in the Andes in Peru. And every time I am in need or feeling down I pray and it always seems to calm me down and help me get through things. I find that whatever comfort I need God shows me comfort by revealing himself in the people around me.

So what do I think about God and Christianity? Well it is the only thing in my life I will put in front of my family if I ever had to choose.

“He is invisible...

I have never seen His face, nor heard His voice. I cannot say that I have hung out with Him, but he's been with me. Although I have never fully understood the concept of God, in terms of what or who He is or even if He exists, I have a clear understanding that I'm mad at him. Why is it that we can forgive our enemies, but still be mad at an entity that no one has ever seen? Perhaps it is easier to be mad at something that supposedly has "the whole world in His hands," and the power to change your life. Therefore, when life messes up on you, it is easier to take the wrath out on someone who is supposed to ultimately control it.

If God were a human being, I would have definitely called him out a long time ago and have him explain the things that have transpired in my short life. I've been in a bad mood for two years because of Him, and if He were human, I would have had a serious brawl with him. I'm not mad I'm boiling. I've been seething in my own anger which is more potent and bitter than acid. My anger burns through me, and it has fueled my life in a completely different direction than what it would have been.

I met a bad person (let's keep it to that) at church. Funny, one would think good people go to church. However, I will prove you wrong by saying I met the spawn of Satan at church. I met the most despicable, low down, dirty amoeba at church. This just further spiraled into appearances at court, arrests, and a restraining order. Preferably, things I could have lived without in my life. In my mind, I could have completely avoided this three-year nightmare if I never attended church. It showed me that the most evil people make friends with God, and hide behind his devotion and piety to hide their nasty lives. For that, I can't take God. I can't swallow any of His promises or look to Him for hope because all the while I was enduring the worst trials of my life, God answered my prayers such as, "Lord, please make this go away," with the answer, "No." So now, I am saying "no" to God.

I don't deny the fact that God has enriched so many lives around the world. I can't deny the fact that He has answered many prayers with "Yes," and has been an influential deity all over the world. But I'm going to pull a very mortal saying: "Why me?" For a long time, I was a good Christian girl; I firmly believed that God could do anything, answer any prayer and make miracles happen. However, when I needed him the most, He abandoned me (and no, He wasn't carrying me like the poem "Footsteps" states; I'm pretty sure He just tossed me into the ocean instead). I feel no loyalty towards God because, in my opinion, loyalty is two-sided. You can't treat anyone like a dog without some sort of backlash, and my backlash is my doubt, anger and frustration at Him.

People tell me that I will get over it, and that time will heal. Well, it's been about two years now, and my anger still boils over. Although I cannot fight with Him, I've won my battle. I've realized that all fairy tales, even religious ones, are not true.

Students, staff share thoughts on religion

Wednesday, October 22nd
Delphine Lounge



Liz Hearst/COLLEGIAN

Campus Ministry Chris Fuller	Student Marco Torres	Student Rosa Garcia	Professor Patrick Downey	Professor Rabbi Harry Manhoff
Anna Adams Campus Ministry		Chris Buckels Student	Paul Giurlanda Professor	Mary Vue Student

Excerpts from last week's discussion:

CF: I think in an educational context, what I appreciate about the brothers is this idea, either faculty or staff, in these one on one kind of relationships where the students know their professors and that professors will make to know their students, which is not something that many students get to experience, particularly those who go to universities...

MT: I'm not sure if most students understand what it means to be Lasallian but I think, at least in my experience, the vast majority of students here seem drawn to social justice and service work.

AA:There's very little recognition and emphasis on Lasallianism, it's a word that's thrown around much more....

PD: At the risk of being contrary here, I guess the question I'd ask about the Catholic and Lasallian nature of Saint Mary's is...is it distinctly Christian and even more so Catholic? In other words it's very, very close to a secular orientation towards activism, which entirely comes from secular Marxist orientations or a lot of different orientations....

MV: I think one thing about Catholicism is that it is for individuals and communities to live out the Gospel. In the Gospels, there is an emphasis to serve the poor and I think CILSA does that very well, serve the poor.

PD: So do the Marxists...How is it uniquely a Catholic service to the poor?

MV: Yes we are serving the poor...but we also include a prayer piece that reflects on God and seeing God in the people we serve, so its not like we're out there "Here's a piece of clothing for you, I feel sorry for you," but its more like "You are our brothers and sisters," or "we see Christ in you..."

PG: The temptation is to do what links us with the culture rather than what causes us to be in opposition to the culture, I don't think that's a conspiracy, I think that's a natural thing, but once you start on that road I think larger questions emerge. For example, well, this whole college is built on capitalism, in a way. The college is built on the notion that success means money, success means we sell the college, its all about getting a degree. De-

gree means financial success, it means status in the world. Alumni who return are people who are successful in the business world. In many ways we turn Jesus's teaching's on it's head....

CB: I've talked to prospective students that were asking "What is Saint Mary's like, is it more to the right or left? Oh, to the left? That's not my view of real Catholicism, I don't think I really want to go there. I'll pick somewhere else that has an actual Catholic community" that they can join up to....

AA: I do think, not to be overly pessimistic, but I can't imagine that there's any less hostility towards Orthodoxy at secular institutions than there is here....

CB: I think as a college we should definitely be open to different perspectives because we're seeking truth, that's the collegiate part of it, we're seeking truth, even though we're a Catholic college. But because we're a Catholic, Lasallian college we should have at least a Catholic view of truth presented more forcefully or at least more readily so that its open.

RG: Bringing in a different perspective, from personal experience, I'm Latina, I'm Catholic, and my culture ties very closely with the Catholic tradition. The culture and the religion are tied in so together that for the past 18 years of my life I always attended Spanish mass.... They don't offer a Spanish mass here, and there's no transportation, and I'm really pushing forward this year to try a get at least one Spanish mass....

AA: I think the Catholic tradition compels us to collaborate with other traditions and to respect the spiritual truths found in those religions.... It's my understanding that the school is very respectful of other traditions, and non-believers as well.

CB: Everyone that comes here knows that it's a Catholic college, should we really have to be worried about offending people from displaying our Catholicism.

AA: I don't think you should worry about offending people, I think we should play our Catholicism to be witness, to acknowledge our faith. I'm very confused that people sometimes take offense.

MT: I think my faith has been given the opportunity to fully develop here.... My faith has become a lot more community-oriented, and I've been able to integrate it more into my everyday life because I am surrounded by people who share my beliefs and who are willing to discuss, and to explore, and to question, and to develop.

MV: Right now I'm learning doctrine, and I'm learning through classes, but my faith in Catholicism is rooted in my relationship with God, and the doctrine comes with it once I go through RCIA. So definitely Saint Mary's has helped me develop as a person, as a human being....

PD: So are you spiritual or religious?

MV: I think that you can be both....

HM: It's interesting that, from where I see the university community, that I don't see it as a place to seek truth but as a place to exchange ideas. Truth is not a goal of my studies. I want to know the best answer that I can have and I want to try to believe in the answers that I've come to accept for my life, but I'm not sure that there's a single "capital-T truth" that I've ever been looking for and I don't think that our tradition teaches that there is such thing as a "capital-T truth."



Students listen to panelists' comments

Liz Hearst/COLLEGIAN

It's a word that can you get in a frenzy, and it's only three letters...

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Tech problems persist; who's to blame?

ITS just doing its job

"We understand, but..."

by James Lee Staff Writer

by Kim Dao Detour Editor

Not many people know I work for ITS so I get a good sense of what people think when they curse, complain, and make comments on what ITS does or says to them. Once a person who I won't say by name was telling people how he was fed up with ITS and how rude he was to the guy he talked on the phone, but he didn't realize that "guy" was me. Sometimes students forget that they are talking to student workers, not people who are paid tens of thousands of dollars, but someone like me who gets paid a meager \$6.75 an hour (Would you like fries with that?).

My biggest frustration is with the people who haven't updated their computer and cleaned the viruses. Because of them I can't get full access to the net. Yes, I can visit websites, check email, and chat online, but I cannot play Counter-Strike, and run file-sharing programs. That is why I did not mind ITS shutting people's Internet down last weekend.

For months no ITS has been trying to tell people to download the latest patches and remove the worms from their computer so the Resnet would not be clogged with virus and run slow like it is right now. Letter and emails were sent out, along with phone calls to each person.

But for some reason people didn't care or don't know how to click on the update button and remove the worm, so now there are still 103 people who still hadn't updated or cleaned the worm.

To my counterparts in this argument, everyone should be able to use the Internet, and that's why we have a computer lab, all I have to say is it's about time students are held accountable for the things they do, or in this case not do.

For the roommates of the people who were blocked from

When e-mail is a form of "official communication", and the fate of my schedule lies in the hands of the Internet, it's pretty frustrating when the school can't keep a good connection. Why? I know the phrase has become a cliché by students: "I pay so much and (insert whining here)," but in this case it's true. If I am

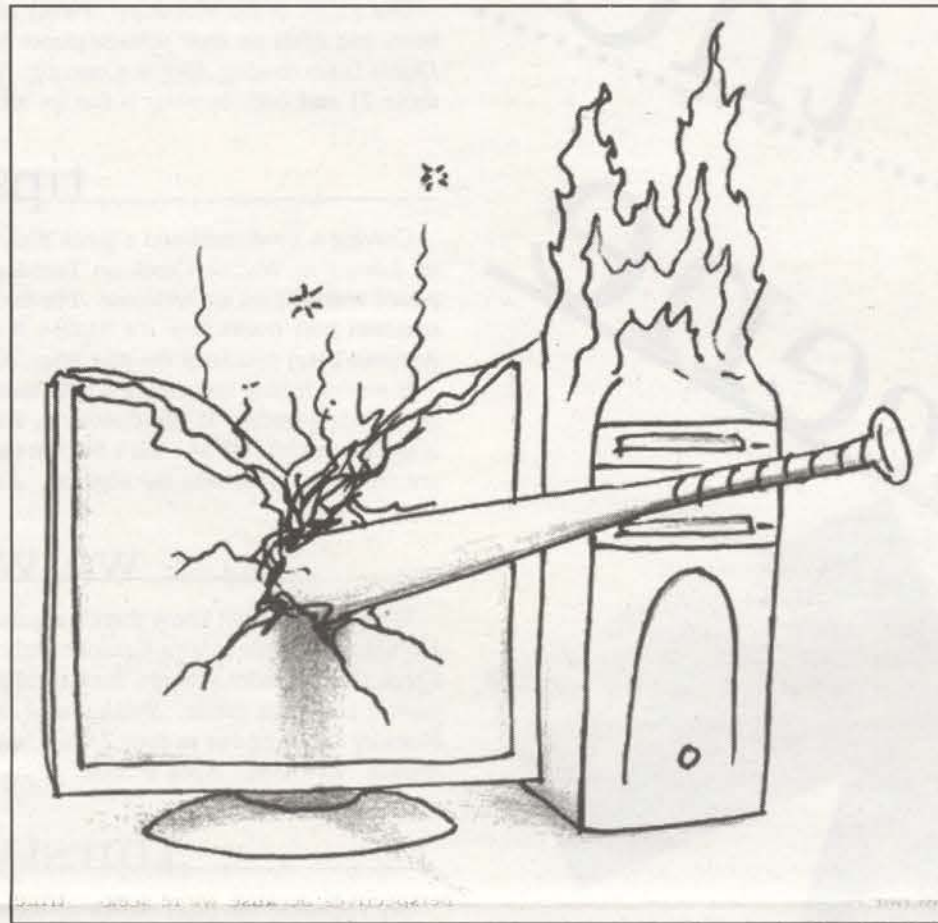
my problems were usually fixed with ease, but this year it is a totally different story. My problem this year; I have no Internet. Everything has been tested out and it's now down to the line wired to my room. First of all these people give me a hub, which is useless because it rips my suite open. No doors can be closed and it is supposedly only a temporary solution to the permanent problem.

I know they do what they can, but ITS leaves me in the dark and leave me only with "it might be a few months" that just comes out to equal "we don't really care."

There has been nothing done in between now, and I've had this box known as a hub for two weeks. I even called two heads of the technology department and they don't return my calls.

I am understanding when it comes to most things, but I am being dealt the short end of the stick with technology. I have now

learned that the information technology services, known as ITS at our school comes with disclaimers. The information is given with a problematic structure, technology that is unreliable, and service that is non-effective.



Cartoon by Angel Refugio

Resnet whose ports were also shutdown, remember the few affect the many, so help your roommate fix the problem and see it as another form of roommate bonding.

That's my opinion and I'm sticking to it.

in debt so much because of my education (the school does come at a price), why can't I at least get the "always-on" data connection that is promised to me?

So as last year when I had technology problems, I went to the trusty people at ITS. Last year,

Where's the Info for commuters?

by Elizabeth Hearst Staff Writer

Off-Campus students often left in the dark

As a commuter student, as of lately I have not only been having problems finding parking, but also information of events on campus.

I do not know if I am the only one, but as a student who just started commuting this semester I find it frustrating.

I also may be an unusual commuter student because I don't wander aimlessly around campus to find flyers and posters of what is going on, I tend to go to class, sometimes the library, and

then leave again. In those areas there aren't too many postings.

Sure there are the flyers lining the hall of Dante, but when I read them, they seem to be out of date or simply what classes are being offered for Jan term.

I was talking to one of my roommates, who also commutes, about the lack of information found for commuter students and she was telling me that she was disappointed to find out the day of the career fair when it was, because she would have

liked to check it out.

I have another friend who commutes who happens to be on Program Board. She and I were talking about this problem and she was telling me about how some of the posters she made were torn down before they were supposed to be.

She was also telling me of an idea that could solve the problems of so many flyers and posters, by replacing paper with kiosks. The kiosks would be set up strategically around campus

and any student could go and access information about school events on them.

I know that solution probably is not very cost effective, but it would be better than seeing a bunch of out of date posters or flyers.

I enjoy living off of campus, but it would be nice to know what events are coming up ahead of time and not having to search for current flyers around the areas I frequent.

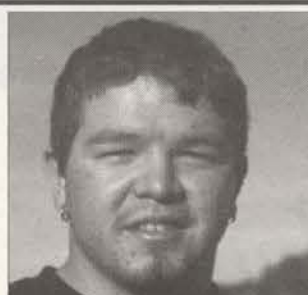
"I don't feel like we get our money's worth."



46%

Feel that the school does an inadequate job of providing technological help.

Victor Bustos '07



"I think it kinda sucks cause I'm always having problems with it."

73%

of students are not satisfied with the internet service on campus.

The Secret Life of Roommates

Michelle Dalida

When you move in with your friends, you feel like you have a complete grasp of who they are. You've spent countless hours hanging out, talking, partying, and just straight up knowing them for a few years. However, it is only when you move in with them, and study them in a natural environment, that you get a really good sense of who they are.

My anthropological study on some of best friends happened when I moved in with them. My best friends, who I lived in a triple with my junior year, showed me what having sisters were like. They too, were sisters, so I just became an extended part of the family. I began to pick out and familiarize myself with their idiosyncrasies, like what mood the person was in when they wore a particular hat, or wore their hair a certain way. I could mimic the way they talked, all their vocabulary, and could tell, even by the food they made what was going on in their lives.

There roommate readings, however, were not one-sided. They could pick out my little idiosyncrasies like my punching rhythms on the keyboard when I write a paper, and the exact way I crawl into bed every night. For some reason, they could pick me apart by personality trait when we were living together. However, this kind of intense living situation just made us realize how stupid, quirky, and wonderful each other was.

I know what you might be thinking: This kind of study happens only with girls. Yet guys do it all the time too. My guy friends can mimic the hell out their roommates and suitemates, and take pride in doing it everyday, non-stop, just to annoy them. One day, when I was hanging out with my favorite guy suite, I saw my friend, Tim, brushing his hands across his face. I looked at him puzzled and asked, "Doesn't Justin do that?" Tim laughed, "Yeah, I started doing it to annoy him, now I can't stop doing it; it's kind of addicting." After we both got a pretty good laugh from that, we both could pick out and mimic every idiosyncrasy of every guy in the suite. It was then I realized that everyone gets to know each other in a more intimate way when they move in with each other; regardless it's guys or girls.

Living with people is a hard task; there are highs and lows, brawls, and times of pure bliss. However, it is this intimate knowledge of each other, while you are living together, that forms a secret bond because you can't hide your true self for eight months in a closed environment. Your friends become just more than people you have hung out with and have known, but your real friends because you've actually shown who you really are to these people. Although times can get trying at "home," whether at the dorms or at an apartment, the people you chose to live with either heighten or greatly deteriorate your experience of life.

A night to drop all your inhibitions

Breaking down the dilemma of a costume for Halloween

By Anna Gates
Staff Writer

Ah, Halloween: the one night where we can leave all our inhibitions behind, gorge on candy-corn, dress up like freaks/skanks, and finally have an excuse for a themed party.

But have you found the perfect costume yet? After all, whatever you choose to "be" this Hallow's Eve will be a clear representation of your unconscious, Freudian-self. So use extreme caution when making this imperative decision.

Now you may be thinking to yourself, "How can I find an outfit that will best fit my true inner self?" Or (most likely) you're wondering, "Which costume is sure to help me get a little 'bobbin'-for-apples" action with the opposite sex?"

Well, whatever your motives for dressing up this Halloween, you're in luck. Just be prepared to expose those hidden, Freudian desires and get ready to mask whatever insecurities you may have. So sit back and let this be your guide to discovering the perfect (and most psychologically appropriate) Halloween costume:

We'll start with something easy that probably appeals to just about everyone. This genre is from the ever-popular Pimp and Ho collection. The accessories are pretty simple; anything lime-green, leopard printed, or faux fur will do just fine. Now, if you choose to sport this eccentric get-up on Halloween, most likely you are expressing your true manizing (or womanizing) aspirations. Chances are you're either

really smooth and hot, or you only wish you were.

Okay, so maybe the whole overtly-promiscuous costume isn't for you. If, for example, you're more into the unexplored galaxies of the universe and that sort of science-like stuff, a Star Wars or Star Trek outfit is perfect. Dress up like a ninja with a glowing stick or a plain girl with cini-buns on her ears.

But maybe you're looking to make a bigger impression this year and the whole Trekie thing just doesn't do it for you. In that case, (and if you're a girl) you may want to go with the Sexy She-Devil or Witch costume. This costume is great for expressing any suppressed feelings of hate and revenge. It'll give your annoying roommate the hint and may even attract some fellow he-devils, as well.

Now, if you're a guy whose goal of Halloween night is to pick up some of these hot she-devils, my suggestion is to go for the Superhero look. These debonair-style costumes are sure to attract plenty of damsels in distress. Batman, The Hulk, or (my favorite) Superman, are just a few of the characters you could portray. These costumes reveal a sleek, hero-esque part of your personality...but also suggest that you might be a pinch into yourself.

Alright, so maybe you don't have enough money (or time) to go out and buy a costume for Friday night.

Don't worry, cause there are plenty of cheap costumes that



If you need some inspiration for the 'ho' look, Christina Aguilera has premiered some good variations.

(http://www.xtina-online.org)

you can put together for practically nothing. Take for example, the Toga look. Wrap a white sheet around yourself and...poof...instant Greek attire. Got a pink bikini and pleather pants? Go as Malibu Barbie and embrace you're blond side. And, of course, there is the ever-popular cross-dressing. Steal you're

girlfriend or boyfriend's clothes and show off your more flamboyant self.

These are just a few costume ideas and what they might reveal about your personality. Just remember that whatever you do this Halloween isn't nearly as important as what you dress up as. So choose your costume wisely.

THE TOP TEN REASONS WHY MOVIES AREN'T AS GOOD AS THEY USED TO BE

by J. Alexandra Tsou
Staff Writer

Lack of Volume Control

Studios pay big bucks for precise dubbing, music, sound effects and scoring. Theaters even advertise what audio type a movie is playing in. Then, why must I either hold my breath to hear because the movie's so low, or have to bring cotton because the movie's so loud?

Rising Costs

\$9.50+ a ticket, the movies is an investment. Why attend movies you're unsure about, you feel a financial waste if you're not satisfied. And refreshments. With popcorn at \$4.50, soda at \$3.50, and candy at \$2.50, you're thinking, I should've eaten at home.

Cellophane

Wasn't this tested for db levels before every piece of movie candy was wrapped in it? The sound of opening a box of Snowcaps is deafening.

Laser Pointers

Small in size, but big in distraction. Some people should just never be let out of the house.

Cell Phones

USE VIBRATE! Or just leave it in the car. And don't answer the phone and chat, while not leaving your seat to do so.

Commercials

No one likes watching commercials. Even that Pepsi commercial that pop up on the movie screens that I just saw last night during the premiere of OC. It's tantamount to holding my movie hostage.

Cinema Employees

You can't expect much for minimum wage, but at least look presentable, professional, and be cordial. Enforce some rules and keep the area clean.

Underage Children

No child should witness Diane Lane on her back moaning in ecstasy. "Mommy, why's that man on top hurting that woman," A child asked during Unfaithful. Parents should know better. Worse is the "Rated R Drop Off": Parents buying tickets for kids, then leaving. You're stuck listening to 10 year old's crude comments: "Boobies!!" Oh yes: heard that one too.

Senior Citizens

Many seniors think movies are the time to talk. Mindless chatter, then they asked what happened in the movie. Whispering is worse.

Teenagers

Not all, but some teenagers, the movies, and anyone who wants to a pay attention, don't mix. "Mob-mentality": A bunch of friends, no longer individuals, they're the horde. Groups of teenagers ruin most movie going experiences. Parents don't raise kids with courtesy and respect for others, so we all suffer.

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St. Mary's Rugby Preview

Sunday's season opener for the SMC Rugby team can be described in one word: dominating.

In the stifling heat, the Gaels trampled the Pacific Northwestern Champion Oregon State Beavers 51-14. The No.8 Gaels ran the ball up and down the field all day as the Beavers stood little chance stopping the charge. Led by their five pre-season All-Americans - Cody Heller, Dan Heller, Terry Galetti, Nick Hammond and Evan Barial - the Gaels clearly had the advantage.

The second half of the game was no different as the Gaels continued to pound the beavers up and down the field. Despite only a few weeks of pre-season camp, the Gaels looked in good shape and ready to go for the season. The Gaels, ranked second on the West Coast and eighth in the nation, have a daunting schedule, including UC Berkeley (currently ranked first on the west coast), Stanford, and UC Davis. Also appearing on the schedule is the University of Washington and Arizona.

For the meantime, the Gaels are playing well as they look to play the Central Washington Wildcats in Ellensburg Washington this Saturday.

-Micheal Chin



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Score Card

Football (1-7)

	1	2	3	4	Final
SLU	7	7	0	13	27
SMC	3	14	16	0	33

Leaders:

C. Webb - 7-13, 71 yds
 R. Kirby - 90 yds, TD
 R. Mike - sack (5), TD
 W. Borba - INT (3), TD,
 Fumble Recovery

Women's Soccer (7-7-2)

	1	2	Final
Saint Mary's	2	0	2
San Diego	1	0	3

A. Artuso - 2 saves
 J. Poole - goal (1)
 S. Takekawa - goal (1)

	1	2	Final
Saint Mary's	0	0	0
(8) Santa Clara	0	0	0

Volleyball (16-8)

USF d. St. Mary's 3-1

Parmele - 18 kills

Men's Soccer (6-9)

	1	2	Final
Saint Mary's	0	0	1
San Francisco	1	0	0

SPORTS

Gaels steal a victory

Football team gets first win of the season over SLU

by Sam Adams
 Sports Editor

MORAGA, CA - After an infuriating 0-7 start, four different quarterbacks, two different offenses, and numerous injuries, Saint Mary's filled their most basic need - a win.

On Saturday, the Gaels picked up their first victory of the season and head coach Vincent White's first career victory, after the team defeated the first year Southeastern Louisiana 33-27. The defense contributed two scores on four turnovers and back up running back Ryan Kirby led the offense.

"They play so hard, work so hard," said coach White, "it's good to see them get a win."

The key to the game as usual was turnovers, but this time the Gaels were on the right side of the board. For the first time this season they registered no turnovers, while forcing four of their own.

"We didn't turn the ball over," said White. "When you do that it gives you a chance to win football games, like we did today."

The defense was again led by senior safety Wes Borba, who nearly took a fumble recovery to the house, but fumbled it when reaching for the goal line. Ray Mike, who forced the fumble, picked it up for an easy score and a 10-7 lead.



Allison Moore/COLLEGIAN

Webb had an error free game.

"Ray got the sack, caused the fumble," said Borba, "we got six points, that's all that matters."

Borba also recorded his team leading third interception, and promptly returned it for a touchdown to give the Gaels a 26-14 lead.

It was a game of non-starters playing big roles, with three starting defensive backs injured. The cornerback, Ryan Coogler, intercepted a pass, and Tyson McGuire also had an interception, along with a tackle for a loss. Travis Menke played well at safety, registering two tackles for a loss. Safety Da'Sean Spencer helped set the tone for the defense, laying a savage hit on a Southeastern Louisiana receiver that could be heard throughout the stadium, making the team and the crowd go crazy.



Allison Moore/COLLEGIAN

"I think everyone knows when you get your call you want to come in and play well," said White. "They played significant roles and did a great job."

Kirby's performance was especially surprising considering he hadn't had a carry all year.

"He took advantage of the opportunity," said White. "He did a great job."

The Lions actually went ahead 7-0 6:20 into the first quarter on a touchdown pass from Martin Hankins to Jeffrey Howard. But the Gaels responded, closing the deficit to four on a Brad Scoffern field goal. Later in the quarter they went ahead on Mike's touchdown and didn't look back.

"A lot of hard work finally paid off," said Borba. "This is a huge chip off our shoulder. Now we can just play."



Allison Moore/COLLEGIAN

Ryan Kirby, who only had three carries last year and none going into Saturday's game, rushed 15 times for 90 yards.

St. Mary's bucks the Broncos

Unable to score, Gaels take double OT tie with No. 8 Santa Clara

by Micheal Chin
 Staff Writer

It's one of the oldest rivalries in California: Santa Clara vs. Saint Mary's.

This last weekend the Gaels renewed their rivalry against the Broncos in women's soccer at Garventa Field. Over matched and against the odds the lady Gaels fought the Broncos to a double overtime scoreless tie, ending a Santa Clara win streak against the Gaels that dates back three years. Leading the way for the Gaels was goalkeeper Alicia Artuso, who recorded her second shutout of the season. All day she kept the Broncos vaunted offense in check. Though it was a score-

less tie that is not to say that both teams did not have chances to win the game.

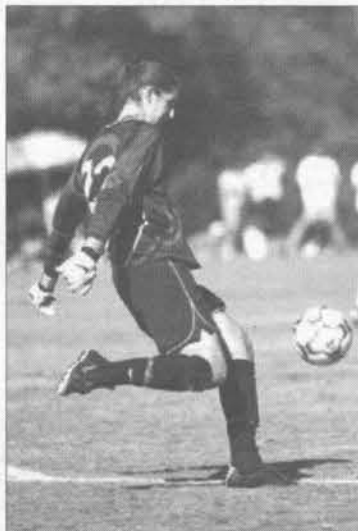
The Gaels came on in the waning seconds of the second half. With five minutes left before the half, forward Sarah Takekawa went to a three-on-two breakaway and narrowly missed a goal. On the next possession, fellow junior, Sarah Burgess, put a shot on goal that just flew over the Bronco goalkeeper. In the second half, Jen Belzer, started to get the offense going as her shot passed just wide to the left and out of bounds. Takekawa and Burgess, along with newly returned Katie Frattone, back from a two-year hiatus after suffering countless injuries, helped the Gaels keep on the pressure all day long. Senior Chelsea Montero also added to the offensive mix as she made most of the big crossing passes and assists that set up the goal scoring opportunities.

The second half for the Gaels it was the climax for the defense. Headed by Seniors Jessica Poole and Tonja Cabatana, alongside freshman Cali Larson, the "stone wall trio" withstood the No. 8-ranked Broncos best shots. In fact, the Broncos out shot the Gaels. With this tie St. Mary's

moves into a second place tie with Santa Clara in the WCC. Future opponents - Pepperdine, Loyola Marymount and San Jose St. - leave the odds for the Gaels making this years NCAA tournament promising. It could be the second bid in the last three years. This is indeed an enormous accomplishment as they play in arguably the toughest league in the United States. For now though, they must next look to the San Jose State Spartans, who they will play next Wednesday.



Lisette Garcia/COLLEGIAN
 Allison Kop takes a shot against SCU.



Lisette Garcia/COLLEGIAN
 Goalie Alicia Artuso held the Broncos scoreless all day.

THE COST OF BEING AN ATHLETE

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Collegiate athletics could change as we know it - soon

With the continual changes in athletics, the last thing an athlete may fear is their sport being in jeopardy. Unfortunately, this fear may come true if State Bill 193 is passed. The bill was introduced by Senator Kevin Murray as the Student-Athletes' Bill of Rights. This bill goes against NCAA codes on scholarships, health insurance, agent relationships, academic achievement, and transfer rules. SB 193 also states any California collegiate athletic program will not participate in the NCAA unless the provisions are met. In turn, these drastic changes to athletic procedures would limit NCAA participation. Athletes hope to participate in post-season play, but with if this legislation would be passed, the likelihood of California athletes being able to maintain NCAA membership greatly diminishes.

To many, these ideas are quite utopian. Having all athletes not just on scholarship, but on cost of attendance would be incredible: something many athletic departments would love to give but unfortunately do not have the means to do so. Year-round health insurance on and off the field also is a beneficial idea to athletes. The mandatory policy of having health insurance seems like a policy that many other schools in California would abide by as well.

Although these ideas could greatly benefit student athletes, they might not be seen by the vast amount of athletes. Schools would not be able to fund multiple sports under all of the provisions of the bill and athletic departments would only be able to fund one or even two sports under the requirements of SB 193.

"For every athletic department there would be significant budget increases to be able to maintain competitiveness to our scholarship student athletes and in recruiting scholarship student athletes," said Stephanie Shrieve, Associate Director for Compliance. "To keep our membership in the NCAA, our budget would be greatly challenged to a standard of cost of attendance instead of full scholarship." Adding more limitations on athletic budgets is an impediment that would bring negative results for athletics.

Fortunately for students the power of our voice is coming into play. On Oct. 28, at Stanford University, athletes have a chance to voice our concerns and trepidations of the bill. AD Carl Clapp, Shrieve, Lisa Douglass (Director of Community and Government Relations) and Barry Shiller (Director of College Communications) will be attending as representatives for our campus. The summit meeting will be from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. in which Senator Bill Murray, NCAA representatives, and other key people will be there to address SB 193. Some of the proposals of Senate Bill 193 go against the purpose of the NCAA due to significant budget increases that colleges would face.