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## Brother Honored

Honorary Ed.D. given at convocation

by Jonathan Morales  
In-Depth Editor

Yesterday, the annual Saint Mary's College Convocation was held in Saint Mary's Chapel at 12:00 p.m. to honor Brother Rolando Dizon, FSC, Ph.D., a Christian Brother from the Philippines.

"The February Academic Convocation is a moment of celebration for our community in which we stop to honor the outstanding contribution made by a brother from some other country," said Brother Craig Franz, president of the college. "In the past we have honored brothers from Venezuela, a brother from the Philippines. We've honored a brother from Rome. This continues our tradition of looking outside of Moraga and outside of the United States to honor individuals who have achieved outstanding accomplishments."

Brother Rolando was presented with an honorary doctorate in

education from SMC to recognize his contributions and achievements.

"He's getting his Doctorate in Educational Leadership, and then behind that will be Honoris Causa. What that means is 'for the sake of honor,'" said Franz.

Franz is the president of the International Association of Lasallian Universities, which links together the 65 Lasallian universities located across the world.

"Through that," said Franz, "that gives Saint Mary's access. First of all it gives us prominence, because we're seen as being the one that coordinates Lasallian higher education around the world."

"Secondly what it does is it lets us know what's happening at other schools around the world and enables us to share in celebrating the good works that brothers do around the world."

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## Bell Hooks on campus

by Chris Swain  
Managing Editor

When Bell Hooks was a younger girl she was encouraged by others to speak publicly in service of the greater good. As she grew older, she turned to speaking as "the only way to resist and resistance was the only way to avoid shear murder."

Hooks spoke Monday in the Soda Center to a crowd of around 250 students, faculty, staff and community members as part of the social justice speaker series.

She read many anecdotes from the numerous books she has written, as well as engaging the audience in a conversation for a better part of the evening.

Speaking about the current political climate, Hooks encouraged the audience that it is "becoming more and more important to speak out about free speech and dissent" from the public opinion and culture of government that Hooks described as a "fascism of surveil-



Hooks signs books for students, staff and faculty before her talk Monday.

lance." "So many Americans don't feel this is a dominator culture," said Hooks. "To live in a world without domination, we learn to live in a world of love."

One example, Hooks elaborated on was the civil rights movement, which she said, "was

one of the greatest social movements the world has ever known."

"It was so successful because it galvanized people around the love ethic," said Hooks.

"Rather than starting from the assumption that domination is

## February celebrates Black History Month

Many events and several speakers help students learn first-hand

by Jessica Lee  
Staff Writer

Black History month kicked off with an opening ceremony last Tuesday that set an energetic tone for the events to come. Students and faculty listened to 1981 alumni and Trustee Reginald Terrell as he spoke about Black History Month and how it ties to the Lasallian and Saint Mary's traditions.

In addition, the audience enjoyed a performance by Pulses and an abundance of food. BSU and Student Activities organized the event.

The opening ceremony to the month was a new idea introduced by Mary Ho, the coordinator of student activities and leadership programs (SALP) in multicultural



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The opening ceremony allowed students to see traditional performances.

affairs. Ho's goal was to make sure the community was aware and excited about the events com-

ing this month, hoping people "come out in support because this

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## Brother Craig reappointed by trustees

President to serve another four-year term starting June 2005

by Chris Swain  
Managing Editor

Br. Craig Franz, president of Saint Mary's has accepted the offer made by the college's board of trustees to return to serve as president of the college for a four-year term.

The reappointment will be the third term of Franz's presidency, which will go into effect after his current term expires in June 2005.

"I'm very excited to serve Saint Mary's College. It's a fabulous community," said Franz.

In addition to the reappointment at Saint Mary's, Franz was

also reelected to serve his third term as president of the International Association of Lasallian Universities, an international association of 65 Lasallian universities.

Both reappointments come in the face of continuing challenges that face higher education in terms of funding and changing student needs.

"There are enormous challenges right now, particularly financial challenges as we move forward, but they're also incredible opportunities. This school has such tremendous potential that it's a real joy to be able to

work with others to be able to realize that potential," said Franz.

During his tenure at SMC, Franz has responded to some of the challenges facing higher education by continually increasing the endowment, building new residence halls, updating the college's technological services and supporting initiatives to foster student life.

In the six-year span of Franz's presidency the college's endowment has grown from just under \$40 million to \$100 million.

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## Res Life Reorganized

Current RA's addressed and supported

by Katie Alpizar  
Staff Writer

Mary Spellman, Dean of Student Development and Mike Zoll Vice Provost for Student Affairs say that the 2004-2005 school year will be a transition year but no one should notice: "There isn't a student living in the residence halls that should feel that it is a transition year. They should feel that the program is getting better, they are getting served and their needs are met," said Spellman.

"One of the biggest frustrations for students and all the staff in the office is we have made major changes. We have done it quickly and what seems like without thought and involvement of the community," said Spellman.

After a Provost's retreat, the transition plan was re-examined and it was decided that a new director of development in the Office of Residence Life must be sought out.

A job description will be determined from input from the entire Saint Mary's community.

Spellman says they will hire a director of Residence life this spring (late April or early May) and bring them to meet office staff. They will come on board in summer to work closely with all of Residence Life to develop a new mission and structure.

This new position will be a partnership with CILSA in order "to create a department that reflects our Lasallian heritage," said Zoll.

Spellman feels that the problem in Residence Life has been a systematic one.

"When we have half of the staff (four out of the eight people) leave you actually have an opportunity to really do something with it," said Spellman.

Zoll has made it a point to go out and talk to the staff openly.

The Resident Advisors (RA's) have been especially receptive to the changes and transitions, said Zoll and Spellman.

"RA's felt they were not being supported by the department ... The organization seemed to exist for the top of the office and central office staff but not for them," said Zoll.

Improvements have already been made. An RA workroom equipped with a computer and mailboxes is in the process of being created where RA's can gather.

The duty time has been changed to 8:30 p.m. to 7:30 a.m., instead of beginning at 7:30 p.m.

An effort to explain why information must legally be withheld in certain situations from RA's concerning their residents is being made, rather than saying they do not have a need to know.

"I am not trying to hide that from you; I am going to try and give you as much info as I can," said Spellman.

The changes made thus far were small but have really made life for RA's easier.

Another concern from RA's was there was a perception that their primary role was administrator and enforcer rather than community builder.

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## What's Happening

### Alisa Macksey

Wondering what to do after graduation? Meet Alisa Macksey '00, Associate Director of the Lasallian Volunteers on Feb. 19 and 20. Come and learn about year-long service opportunities with the Lasallian Volunteer Program. Visit CILSA to sign up for a meeting time. Questions? Call x4975.

### Club Info Fair

Clubs and student media will educate and recruit in LeFevre Quad from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Find out how you can get involved on campus. Direct Questions to Jim Sciuto in Student Activities.

### Black History Month

**Wednesday, Feb. 18, 8:00 p.m.** - Delphine: BSU Poetry Slam.

**Saturday, Feb. 21, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.** - African American and Cultural Historical Society Visit. This museum features African-American culture from the 19th century to the present and in celebration of Black History Month, local Bay Area Black Artists on display. RSVP at x8317, space is limited.

**Monday, Feb. 23, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.** - Delphine: "Faces of HIV/AIDS: the unspoken disease in the Black community" Tim'm West, an educator, scholar, journalist, poet, and rapper will lead a discussion on HIV/AIDS in the black community as well as share his own inspiring life story.

**Tuesday, Feb. 24, 5:30 p.m.** - Soda Center: "Expressions of Blackness" will be recognizing our past and embracing our present, while we journey into the future. To RSVP, call x4349.

### Domestic Violence Awareness

On Saturday, February 21, CILSA and SALT present Domestic Violence Awareness Month: "An opportunity to give back." A Women's Daytime Drop-in Center will take place between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Transportation and lunch is provided. All are welcome to help. Please sign up in the CILSA office by Wednesday, February 18. For more information, please call x4975.

### Fool for Christ

On Wednesday, February 18, "Fool for Christ: The Story of Dorothy Day" will be performed in LeFevre Theater at 8:00 p.m. "Fool for Christ" is a one-woman show written and performed by Sarah Melici. Admission is free to all.

### Senior Photos

Seniors! Missed taking your photo in the fall? You can still make it into *the Gael*. From 9 a.m.-5 p.m. in Dryden Hall on Monday, February 23, senior portraits will be taken. Contact Jim Sciuto in Student Activities for more information.

## Crime Beat

**2/5 8:36 p.m.**  
**Incident:** Disturbing the peace  
**Synopsis:** Disturbing the peace at South Clays; referred to student conduct.

**2/5 9:00 p.m.**  
**Incident:** Vehicle accident  
**Synopsis:** Vehicle accident non-injury at roadway behind Soda Center; case closed.

**2/10 1:45 p.m.**  
**Incident:** Grand theft  
**Synopsis:** Grand theft at JC Gatehouse; referred to Moraga PD and business office.

**2/11 10:00 p.m.**  
**Incident:** Vandalism  
**Synopsis:** Vandalism at Augustine Hall; referred to student conduct.

**2/13 12:15 a.m.**  
**Incident:** Possession  
**Synopsis:** Minors in possession of alcohol and paraphernalia in Ageno C; referred to student conduct.

**Note:** The Town of Moraga Police Department is reporting a significant increase in vehicle thefts and vehicle break-ins throughout the town, but not on campus. Thieves are targeting personal items, vehicle components and cars.

If you have any information about these crimes, or if you see any suspicious activity off campus, please call the Moraga Police Department (925) 284-5010 or 9-1-1. For suspicious activities on campus, please call Public Safety (925) 631-4282 or 9-1-1.

### Safety Tips:

- Do not leave valuable items visible in your vehicle
- Close all windows and lock all doors before leaving your vehicle
- Be aware of your surroundings. Trust your instincts, if something doesn't seem right, find another place to park.
- If someone looks suspicious, leave the area immediately. Contact the police at 9-1-1 or (925) 284-5010

### CONVOCATION: honoring educational leadership

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Dizon received his B.A. from Catholic University in Washington D.C., his M.A. from De La Salle University in the Philippines, and his doctorate from Stanford, where he was a Fulbright Scholar.

Dizon served as President of the De La Salle University system from 1998-2003. In addition he served as a member of the Board of Trustees at De La Salle University from 1979-1988 and again from 1991-2003. He is currently the Chairman of the Commission on Higher Education for the Republic of the Philippines.

While president at De La Salle University, Dizon founded the Caucus on Poverty Reduction, and has continued to fight against poverty throughout his life.

During the Convocation, all college staff offices were closed. Classes on Tuesday were 70 minutes long, and no classes were held during the Convocation.



Br. Dizon will be honored on Tuesday

### BLACK HISTORY: Feb. full of events

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is truly for the students and the community. The more people we have coming to these events, the more it shows that this is what the campus really wants: cultural events."

On Feb. 12, Hip Hop Showcase: Global Warming Tour performed. Students were shown a screening about the state and culture of hip-hop as well as the politics behind it.

On Feb. 16, the well-known Bell Hooks came to the Soda Center to speak as a part of the social justice speaker series.

Brian Stanley, coordinator of Black Student Programs, greatly anticipated her presentation, Teaching Community: Ending Domination.

"It's a really good opportunity for our students to hear a significant Black intellectual speaking about issues related to the Black community," said Stanley.

Upcoming events are the BSU Poetry Slam on Feb. 18, where students will convey their personality and uniqueness through many forms of vocal art. There will be a visit to the African

American and Cultural Historical Society Museum on Sat., Feb. 21. Students can spend the afternoon exploring African-American culture from the 19th-century to the present as well as see work by local bay area Black artists.

Speaker Tim'm West will be at SMC on Feb. 23 to discuss the issue of HIV/AIDS in the Black community plus ways to empower oneself. West came to SMC for a world AIDS day in the past and connected with the students so that they requested his return.

In a close to the month, Expressions of Blackness will be held allowing students to celebrate and express themselves through dance, spoken-word and visual art.

"It's beautiful to see how everyone is coming together and celebrating Black Heritage Month. It was nice to see that not just people from African heritage came to the events, but rather it was a diverse group that came to learn. And that's what it's about. This is a month for us to celebrate and share our culture and take a look at who we are," said Laketa Kinghorne, '07.

### RES LIFE: '04-'05 a "transition year"

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Becky Glover '06, Assistant RA of Becket and More, feels these small changes have been helpful, yet she walks a fine line between friend and disciplinarian.

Overall, Glover feels that the efforts she is seeing in Residence Life are genuine and they have been receptive to RA's opinions and concerns. "No matter what happens it will be better than it was," said Glover.

As part of the Residence Life reorganization a "transition team" has been developed.

Liyone Harris '04, full-time RA in Aquinas Hall and student worker in Residence Life, is an active member on this team.

"Mike Zoll grabbed a bunch of chairs and told everybody, absolutely everybody, to sit down together and talk about exactly how we feel ... that in itself was a

huge turnaround," said Harris.

Yet, she feels more can be done. "RA's have so much experience and expertise in this position but don't feel like they [Residence Life] are utilizing it at all," said Harris.

She believes RA's could be beneficial in assisting with training for new RA's or the lottery process.

Harris is worried about the future for RA's and other staff.

"A lot of RA's want to be around next year and nobody is telling them if they have that option."

They are dragging things along, "by the time they do open their eyes... they are going to be gone [RA's]," said Harris.

Despite her concerns Harris enjoys her job due much in part to the residents and that Residence Life is truly "interested in the concerns of the students."

### PRESIDENT: Accepts third term

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Also, a handful of new buildings were added to the college, Ageno East & West, J.C. Gatehouse, and the Syufy Hall for the performing arts, while countless renovations of residence halls also occurred.

Advances have also been made in the college's technological services with the implementation of e-mail as an official means of communication and the introduction of Gael Xpress allowing students to register for classes online.

During the six years since Franz's arrival, the Catholic Institute for Lasallian Social Action was created, as well as the Women's Resource Center.

Another change during Franz's time is the current organizational shift to a provost model, in which Sally Stamp is responsible for day-to-day operations of the college.

"It's too early to tell how the provost model will play out, we will have to wait and see," said Tony Ancelj, associated students president.

Ancelj said of Franz's reappointment that, "it shows some stability at Saint Mary's to come back for another four years" and looks to the future of continuing the strong Catholic, Lasallian and liberal arts traditions of the college.

### HOOKS: promoting the love ethic

our destiny, it is firmly grounded in the belief that biology is not destiny and we can constructively shape our psyches and our environment."

Hooks read from her book, *Salvation*, saying, "Love is profoundly political. Our deepest revolution will come when we understand this truth. Only love can give us the strength to go forward in the midst of heartbreak and misery. Only love can give us the power to reconcile, to redeem, the power to renew weary spirits and save lost souls."

"Acts of small compassion in everyday life prepare us better for larger acts of collective struggle," said Hooks as she began discussing the current state of public education in the United States.

"I feel a Bell Hooks can be here as a working-class kid coming out of racial apartheid, in part because of the strength of the public school system in which I studied and learned within. We see genocide against brown and black people who are poor and working class that begins in the public school level where people are not gaining basic skills of literacy and in fact are being contained," said Hooks.

She also told the audience about the day-to-day importance of inner transformation.

"Part of what I love about Buddhist practice is that it always makes me think about action," said Hooks, "What is the action I have taken today in my life on

behalf of peace? What is the action I have taken today in my life on behalf of justice, wherever I am, in the supermarket, in the airport, what can I do?"

"We can link those forms of activism to larger forms of activism, like going out to vote for candidates that will take us away from fascism and try to restore our wounded democracy to us," said Hooks.

"I think women are afraid to be political," said Hooks, "did you notice how during the Iraq crisis how few women, especially women on the left said anything publicly. I think there is a tremendous fear of women of power still."

Women's Studies, the Women's Resource Center, BSU, CILSA and Student Activities planned the event as part of the yearlong social justice speaker series.

"We worked really hard to get her here," said Denise Witzig, "when we asked students who they really wanted to bring to campus, her name always came up."

"She's incredibly real. When we talked with her she really was working with you on a very real level," said Jackie Smith '04.

It is an important message to hear at this time said Smith, "at a time when there is a lot going on in the nation and even at SMC, there is an emphasis on the importance of community."

# Smokey Mountain youth to tour Bay

SMC staff look to bring MAIDs performers to campus and raise awareness

by Chris Mateo  
News Editor

From April 27 through May 18, Father "Ben" Beltran, USA will bring a talented group of 25 Filipino youth from Smokey Mountain garbage village's dance company on a tour of the West Coast.

The children of Smokey Mountain hope to raise awareness about the need to protect God's creation while raising funds for the betterment of the 25,000 scavengers who call Manila's garbage dump home. It is this group of performers that Celeste Stanley, director of Intervarsity, and Brian Stanley, coordinator for Black Student Programs, hope to bring to the campus.

In an article provided by Brian Stanley, "Children of Mother Earth (in Tagalog, Mga Anak ni Inang Daigdig, or MAIDs), is a traditional Filipino dance company featuring youth from Smokey Mountain garbage village - the third largest untreated garbage dump in the world. This rigorous and disciplined performing arts group issues a collective

call to commitment through dance to protect God's creation. There are no better ambassadors for this important message than the young dancers of Smokey Mountain who know first-hand the impacts of poor environmental stewardship."

These children live in one of the most polluted garbage-filled areas of the world. MAIDs come to "share a powerful and personal message of God's hope and restoration through their dance. Their life stories, perseverance and motivation to see God change their own lives and the collective life of their community will inspire, convict and transform those who listen to their message."

Smokey Mountain is a ten-story man-made pile that spontaneously burns due to the methane released by the untreated garbage it houses.

The article continues, "Due to political strife, famine or lack of skills, the destitute come to Smokey Mountain garbage village as a last resort. With no alternatives, they raise their families in raw garbage and make a

living sorting through trash to find the rare piece or recyclable plastic or copper wire that could mean a meal for the day. These brave and hard-working folk live without many of the daily amenities we in the Western world take for granted - shelter, three-meals a day, running water, sewage, health and education."

For the past 25 years, Father "Ben" Beltran, organizer of this tour, has lived and served among these Manila's poor. He has dedicated his life's work to improving the physical, spiritual and emotional well-being of his community.

"This is the story about an amazing organization and group of children from the Philippines that are the embodiment of the type of social change that we talk about here," read Stanley's email. "Some friends of Celeste and I are working real hard to bring these folks here and I would love to see the college host and support these students when they come to the area."

For more information please contact Priscilla Tuan Tomikawa at (510) 375-2257.

# Beyond the Bubble

National and world news bites

Tony Vala-Haynes

Researchers in South Korea reported early Thursday that they have succeeded in cloning human embryos. The stem cells they have extracted are to be used for medical research.

The first ever gay marriage in San Francisco took place Thursday, February 12. City authorities were on hand to officiate the marriage of a lesbian couple. Mayor Gavin Newsom coordinated the event that is now being called an act of civil disobedience.

Barbie and Ken have split! According to vice president of marketing at Mattel, Russel Arons, Barbie's new romantic interested will be Blaine, the Australian boogie boarder.

The CIA posted a notice on its website this week promising a remark to anyone who has information that may help in the search for Weapons of Mass Destruction in Iraq.

In Denton, Texas, Eckerd Corp. fired three pharmacists who refused to fill an emergency contraception prescription for a rape victim.

On Wednesday, February 11 in New York, a 19 year-old woman died when she attempted to retrieve her cell phone on the subway tracks. The train, unable to stop, crushed her instantly.

In Phoenix, Arizona, Roman Catholic Bishop Thomas O'Brien, involved in a deadly hit and run accident, faces 3 3/4 years in prison if he is convicted. The accident took place less than two weeks after O'Brien struck a deal with prosecutors to avoid indictment on obstruction charges for hiding the identities of child-molesting priests.

Due to Janet Jackson's topless dance at the Super Bowl, MTV has decided to move six of its racier videos to a rotation after 10:00 p.m. This will include Britney Spears' new video "Toxic."

(Sources: CNN.com, MSNBC.com, Contra Costa Times, The San Francisco Chronicle)

## Wondering what to do after graduation



Meet Alisa Macksey, SMC '00

Associate Director of the Lasallian Volunteers

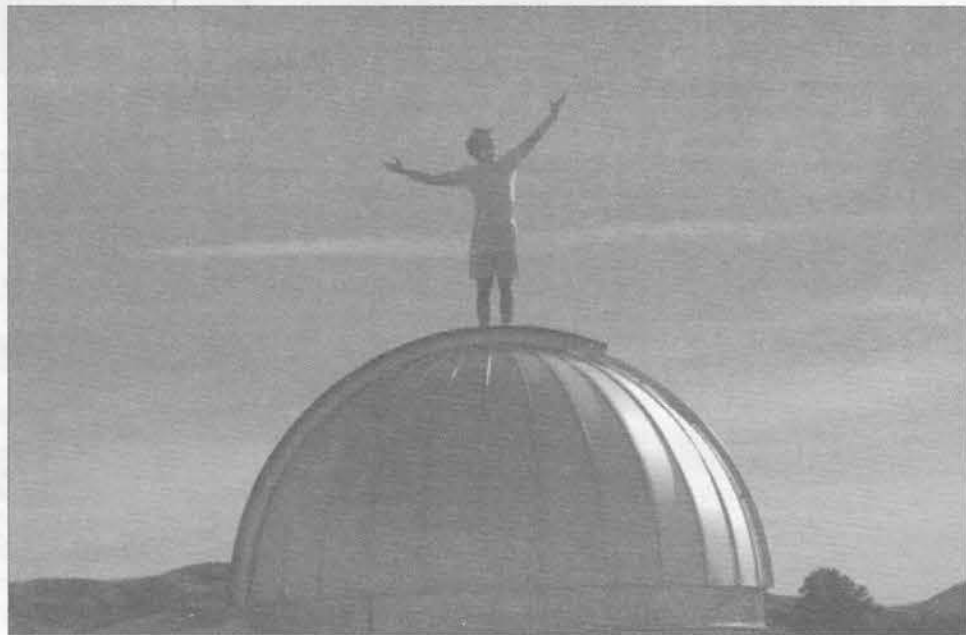
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Learn about year-long service opportunities with the Lasallian Volunteer Program.

Come to the CILSA 1st floor Ferroggiaro office to sign up for a meeting time.

Questions? Call x4975

## SNAPSHOT



Nick Sylva/COLLEGIAN

Jordan King '05 stands on top of the newly built observatory located a few hundred feet behind the SMC Cross. This observatory will house a telescope run entirely through the internet. The dome was completed last week and will be completed by next Spring's astronomy class.

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# H8ing Avril: Pop Hits a New Low

christian muller

Needless to say, pop music has changed over the last fifty years. Has it gotten worse? Yes. Can it ever get back to what it was? Probably not. Who is to blame for this? AVRIL LAVIGNE.

Alright, so maybe I am jumping the gun a little by blaming the princess of anti-establishment for the musical decay towards the end of the century.

Pop music today is lacking many things including substance, emotion, and virtuousity. It's not that there is a lack of talent in the industry, the talent is undoubtedly there. There is just a higher value placed on the dollar than on the note. Jessica Simpson boasts a six octave voice, Justin can set the floor on fire with his captivating choreography and Beyonce can control a whole arena with the seductive moving of her hips.

Everybody has their reasons for disliking Mandy Moore, N'sync and many others. Some may dislike them for their lyrics, lack of musical exhibition, or for preying on the ears of thirteen-year-old girls. All of these complaints are legitimate, but Avril Lavigne is worse than all of them because she thinks she is above this epidemic of pop music. N'Sync knows their biggest fans haven't reached puberty, Sugar Ray's Mark McGrath knows he was put on stage because of his pretty face and not because of his ugly ugly musical talent, and Britney Spears is most likely very aware that half the money she grosses is because of a drooling male audience and an envious female audience. In brief, these artists most likely know that they have been manufactured to appeal to a certain audience so the dollars will flow. These are not bands, they are corporations.

What makes Avril Lavigne head and toes above the rest in terms of "sucking," (for lack of a better phrase) is that she actually has bought into her own image. She really believes that she is the Anti-Britney. She believes that her "look" is genuine, hardcore and Anti- "anything that the popular kids like." In reality, her image and music is more processed than anything. Her coming into the music industry was more corporate strategy rather than the discovery of genuine musicianship. Right around the time she came on the scene, society was getting tired of Britney's perfect body and "becoming a woman" struggle. So conveniently, they "processed" the anti-Britney and gave her a guitar to play some simple power chords and voila, you've got a teenager singing a song that she can't even spell: Sk8er Boi.

Let's review. Why does Avril take the cake for "sucking?" Because she has bought into her own image. N'Sync knows that they are having training bras thrown on stage at concerts and Britney knows she's kissing Madonna to get that cheddar. Avril is told how to act, what to sing about and where to place her "rebellious" sweatband. She thinks she is the real deal refuting all the poppy music today when in reality she is the epitome of it. So next time you hear someone say "Avril kicks a\*\*," do us all a favor and turn them around and kick them in the a\*\*.

# OPINION

## Collegian View

Enter a town house party. Everyone is drinking. From the snobby 22 year-old senior to the 19 year-old over-achieving chem. major.

The scene is common.

It could be any day of the week. College has it's own social rules. The alcohol is free. The music is moving bodies. The drinks go down. The crowd swells. A party hits its peak. Enter 18 year old girl who hasn't learned to handle her liquor. Double-fisted. Cranberry juice stain on her sleeve. Eyes half open. She sways and calls it dancing or walking, it's hard to tell. Sexy and seductive in her head. Difficulty of 'f-me boots,' she slips, hits the ground.

Laughter erupts.

The more experienced 20 year-old women criticize in the background.

The drunk jocks crack jokes over the music. Someone asks the host "who let the freshman in?" She refuses water. Accepts a vodka-cran.

A friend tells her to go home. She drinks and stumbles, but not home. Bumps into someone cute

on the dance floor. A dance turns into a kiss and a kiss turns into a walk. The walk staggers past four public safety officers surveying the crowd. She trips on the steps entering his building. He unbuttons her pants. "I don't want to have sex." Not convincing enough. The 18 year-old Saint Mary's student loses her virginity on a creaky top bunk in South Claeys. When she wakes up, she can't remember if she said no. She can't remember if she said yes either. Does she call it sexual assault? Sexual misconduct? Rape? A bad night?

Who's at fault? The friend who didn't walk her home? The host who didn't kick her out? The Public Safety officer who didn't write her up? The RA who didn't break up the party? The cute junior on the dance floor? The "f-me boots?" The 18 year old girl who hasn't learned to handle her liquor?

The Collegian View is meant to represent the collective opinion of the Collegian's editorial staff. On this subject no consensus was made in an attempt to answer these questions. So this week's



Cartoon by Sam Adams/COLLEGIAN

The physical similarities between Sen. John Kerry and Frankenstein are frightening.

Collegian View lacks an opinion, instead it offers an invitation.

An invitation to remember that while Saint Mary's isn't featured in any I-team investigative reports this year; sexual assault is still an issue that deserves more than a shove under the rug. An honest discussion was held yesterday which opened a student / staff dialogue to be featured in the next issue of *In-Depth*.

This is your invitation to take part in seriously discussing an issue that's plaguing colleges across the nation. While you're thinking about who's to blame remember that it's moments like these that provide an opportunity to get involved in changing Saint Mary's or even just yourself. Send in your concerns, opinions and views to [collegia@stmarys-ca.edu](mailto:collegia@stmarys-ca.edu).

## Community Views

### Attention Junior Class of 2005:

The spring semester is here, and so are many exciting events! I will be writing to the editor often during this semester to keep you informed of the events we as a class have organized, and news regarding Senior Formal. For those who didn't read the January letter the Junior Formal has been CANCELLED, which is the best decision in the long run. Yet, there are many opportunities for us to unite as a class and participate together in. Such as:

1. Baseball style T-shirts will be available in a week. You will want one, only \$15!!!
2. Battle of the Bands: Friday, Feb. 20 (evening). Five SMC bands in LeFevre Theater. Come and support your friends. Tickets are \$5 each.
3. Baja Fresh Fundraiser. Thursday, Feb. 26 from 5-9pm. Bring your ticket!
4. Bowling at Diablo Lanes: Tuesday, March 16 (time and

price T.B.A.). Take a break from the books, and show us your bowling skills. (The bar will be open, and you'll be carded at the door).

We NEED your support. Let us be the most spirited and involved class! If you have any questions/ideas, please contact us at ASSMC, x4704.

Sincerely,

Jeff Haskins  
Junior Class President

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## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

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### EXPRESSIONS of BLACKNESS

Soda Center RSVP x4349

TUESDAY FEB. 24 5 p.m.

### AFRICAN AMERICAN & CULTURAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY Museum Visit

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## G A E L P O L L

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Saint Mary's students were polled on their opinion of SMC Football.

## Should SMC Football be cut all together?

Katie Solis '05



"No, because a lot of the players are on scholarships and it's important to let them have an education."

# Why Keep SMC Football?

One loyal fan explains why SMC football should be here to stay

by Michael Chin Staff Writer

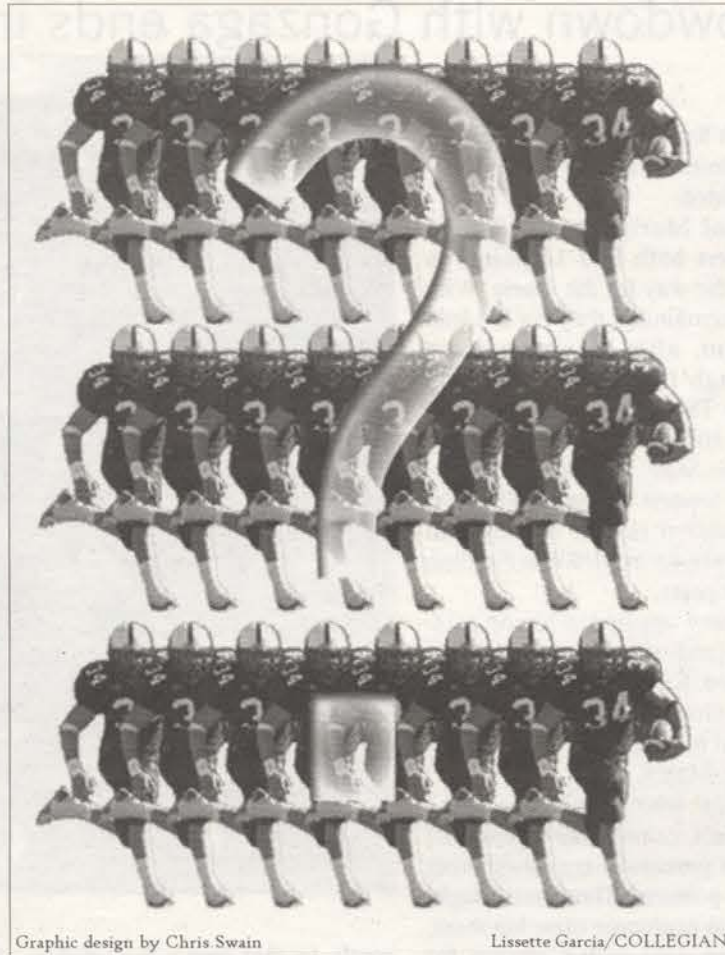
They say it should be erased. "It costs too much, they're not winning, we're not big time and we can't play Cal or Stanford," say the students and faculty. All over campus the shrill scream of "drop the football program" can be heard far and wide. The message is like the Energizer Bunny, it keeps going and going and going. As we enter a very precarious time in the history of Saint Mary's football and question its validity at our school, it must be outlined why in fact we have the sport. Many have said it's because it diversifies the campus, bringing male students to a student body that is already 65 percent female and allows students to attend Saint Mary's who normally could not. These are true, but Saint Mary's football reaches far beyond the boundaries of this reasoning.

On a typical day on campus, the sun is out, the hills are green, and everything is gorgeous. That must have been what Slip Madigan thought when he purchased this land over eighty years ago. For those of you who don't know who Slip Madigan is, he is Saint Mary's greatest football coach. At a time where college football was larger than life, he led the Gaels to a Cotton Bowl, Sugar Bowl and Oil Bowl. He put the Gaels on the map, and most importantly, he and his boys paid for all the land that we go to school on today. That's right folks, central campus was not bought by donors or some anonymous rich family - it was purchased on the backs of

the football team.

What about tradition? If there is one sport that has defined the history of this school it has been

the map like those wins have? Who was the last Gael inducted into any hall of fame? The answer: halfback Squirmin



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Lisette Garcia/COLLEGIAN

football. Yes, women's soccer has done well in recent years and women's volleyball made the NCAA tournament this year. These are great accomplishments, however, do they match the enormity of a Sugar Bowl or Cotton Bowl? Have they put the Gaels on

Herman Weidemeyer from the glory days of Gael football. The last All-American? You guessed it, strong safety Weston Borba this last year.

The argument has also been made that by dropping football, other sports such as basketball,

soccer, and tennis will receive additional funding and scholarships. The theory is that football would be sacrificed for the good of the athletic department. Sounds like such an easy plan, does it not? Not so simple people. Our biggest rival, Santa Clara, dropped football in 1993 for many of the same reasons that people around the Saint Mary's campus want to drop football here. What has happened to them in the last ten years? For starters, millions of dollars once given to them by football contributors has been lost, approximately four million dollars in aid, and the second highest generating revenue sport, men's basketball, has been terrible. Moreover, in the last few years the Bronco athletic program has cut twenty percent of its overall funding from the budget. All the football money that was supposedly going to other sports is not even going to the athletic program.

Many have said that the Gaels should be dropped because we don't win. In regards to last season, there is no doubt that it was a dismal one. Going 1-11 for any team is hard, let alone a team that won six games the year before. In the end though, there are no excuses and we have to pick up. Don't judge the Gaels on one season. Judge them on the last eighty years of football in which hundreds and hundreds of young men have forged the tradition, the mystique that is known as Saint Mary's football.

GO GAELS!

## I'll Be Profiling You

Jessica Gutierrez

The USA Patriot Act stands for the "Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act." It was signed by President Bush and passed on October 26, 2001 in immediate response to the September 11<sup>th</sup> terrorist attacks. The Act broadened the search and seizure powers of law enforcement agencies, especially those involved in countering domestic and/or international terrorism. Angry librarians and citizens across the country feel that any form of search and seizure made by the Act violates their First Amendment rights and is completely unacceptable. "Justice Department officials feel that librarians are misreading the Patriot Act," according to an article published by Fox News Report. "Officials have said [the Act] 'strengthens the government's ability to protect citizens from terrorists who live and operate among us.'" The intent of the law was to increase the security of the United States and its residents, and among the provisions are several that allow requests for information held by libraries or computing infrastructures. This means there will be more requests for library and internet records. Law enforcement can find and retrieve information through e-mail and internet history logs found in library databases. Through this, law enforcement gains insight into the individual behind the log.

Here at SMC, when logging into databases, students must use their user name and password that they create when activating their email accounts; when checking out books they must give their student I.D., which contains personal information including name, date of birth, and social security number. Some students are upset about the issue and feel that the Act infringes up on their rights as US citizens. Hallie Larson '06 says, "I feel that the Act is an invasion of my privacy and that as a student at a private university my prerogatives in the library should be safeguarded." Fortunately, there are no in-depth records kept about students' computer time here at SMC. Like most colleges, we don't keep records of sign in times but we do keep records of all circulating books and materials that go under a student's patron record. At SMC we don't have too much to worry about. It is unlikely the libraries retain information that would be particularly valuable to law enforcement. And, because the amount of digital information stored in libraries in the past decade has expanded, so has the cost of storing the data. If you are the type of person who is checking out Hitler's *Mein Kampf* in dire hopes of a neo-Nazi resurgence strong enough to monopolize the US government, fear not. Because personal information is deleted from our system at the end of each day, it is difficult to link users to particular materials. And, even though the Act gives increased power to law enforcement's rights to expose libraries to court orders, it also is another way that the American government is trying to protect its citizens.

## Why are we such boobs?

Janet's expose getting more attention than it deserves

by Jonathan Morales

In-Depth Editor

It's the most TiVo-ed television event ever. Within 48 hours it was the target of a federal investigation. Parents across America are in an outrage, as if America itself is on the verge of collapse.

Terrorist attack? Inconceivable act of violence? No, Janet Jackson's breast.

Am I the only one sick of hearing about it? I know America has an obsession with the boob, but this has gotten a little out of hand. The day after the Superbowl it was all anybody was talking about. "Was it an accident? Did she mean to do it? No, Janet wouldn't do such a thing!" Who knows? Who cares?

But the most amazing thing of

all, to me, was the outcry from parents, family values groups, politicians, and the like. FCC Chairman Michael Powell righteously said, "Our nation's children, parents and citizens deserve better." Maybe he can explain the massive amount of violence and sexuality the FCC allows "our nation's children" to see each evening on television. There's more sexuality in one episode of Friends than a hundred Janet breasts.

But with lightning speed, the FCC collapsed under the pressure and announced a full-blown investigation into the matter. Keep in mind that it took over a year to get an investigation into Iraqi intelligence. It's just another sign that the extreme right is more concerned with trivial matters of so-

called morality than issues of actual importance.

But allow me to put forth the radical claim that Janet's exposition wasn't the most offensive thing to happen the day of the Superbowl. What about the lyrics to which Janet was declothed: "I'm gonna have you naked by the end of this song," and all the other lyrics in Justin Timberlake's song? How is the means not worse than the end here?

Or what about Kid Rock, whose glowing message to kids is that no matter how little talent you may have, you can still make millions pretending to sing?

By far the worst is the message sent to kids when they see cheerleaders, a remarkable trib-

ute to the fact that nothing sells like a hot, busty blonde in a skimpy outfit (ironically, for as much as it sells, NFL cheerleaders see nothing remotely like a paycheck for all of their prancing).

The point is, there are far worse things for "moral America" than seeing a part of the female anatomy (news flash: 51 percent of the world has them). Janet's breast isn't going to bring down society, nor is it a particularly interesting topic of conversation anymore. People need to stop talking/worrying/complaining about it and realize that there are far more important things to spend our time on. Besides, isn't there another Jackson we should be gossiping about right now? Just kidding.

32%

of students think that SMC football should be cut all together.

Michael Pisarek '06



No, because it's a nice opportunity for the students to do other things besides school work.

68%

of students do not feel that SMC football should be cut.

Brian McGaigan '07



No, because football provides an opportunity for college students to play a physical sport, and to keep them out of trouble.

**Players of the Week**

**Joe Lanza**

In the spring season opener, the Gaels' golf team was only able to finish second in the Santa Clara Spring Shootout at the Eagle Ridge Golf Club in Gilroy, CA, a three-school tournament, last Monday. But Joe Lanza did his part. The junior won the tournament with a two-over 74, two strokes ahead of the nearest player. Lanza, one of the leaders of the team, has played well in his Saint Mary's career, and his profile can be seen below.

**Bryan Oland**



Lisette Garcia/COLLEGIAN

The baseball team only has three wins, and two of them have come courtesy of Bryan Oland gems. The freshman Oland, who just last week threw a complete game three hitter, giving up only one run, was back at it Saturday. Against the Sacramento State Hornets, Oland went eight innings strong, giving up one run, six hits, and getting his second win of the season. He has thrown at least eight innings in all his starts, going eight and giving up three runs in his lone loss.

-Sam Adams, Sports Editor

**Score Card**

**Women's basketball (13-10)**

	1	2	Final
Saint Mary's	33	30	63
Portland	19	39	48

	1	2	Final
Saint Mary's	23	37	60
Gonzaga	18	30	48

**Men's basketball (15-10)**

	1	2	Final
Saint Mary's	42	40	82
Portland	27	36	63

T. Herr - seven 3-pointers, 23 points

	1	2	Final
Saint Mary's	25	35	60
Gonzaga	40	39	79

**Tennis**

Women: UC Riverside def SMC 4-3

Men: Cal Poly v. SMC

**Baseball (3-5)**

	R	H	E
Saint Mary's	5	8	4
Sac State	13	13	1

	R	H	E
Saint Mary's	3	8	0
Sac State	2	7	2

	R	H	E
Saint Mary's			
Sac State			

**SPORTS**

**Gaels come out flat against Bulldogs**

Gaels' sellout showdown with Gonzaga ends in bitter defeat

by Scott Burrola

Staff Writer

With the biggest game of the season for the Gaels, the Bulldogs went to work at McKeon Pavilion as if it was just business as usual - and it was.

The No. 7 ranked Gonzaga Bulldogs jumped out to a 15-point halftime lead and was able to hold off a late Gael rally en route to a 79-60 win and a clinch of their sixth WCC conference title in seven years.

"A great win, in a tough environment," said Gonzaga coach Mark Few.

In front of a sellout crowd, the Bulldogs were not led by stars Blake Stepp and Ronny Turiaf, but freshman Adam Morrison, who scored 22 points in 28 minutes. Stepp was 4 of 7 from beyond the arc and scored 16 of his own along with six assists, and Turiaf, in foul trouble much of the game, scored just 11.

The Gaels had no answer for Morrison and the Bulldogs, as Gonzaga scored 16 straight points to break open the game late in the second half.

Gonzaga's defense excelled, limiting Saint Mary's to 33 percent shooting from the field. St. Mary's shot just 27.6% from the field in the first half.

"(They) did a great job, both-ered us defensively," said head

coach Randy Bennett. "I was disappointed in our 1st half effort," he added.

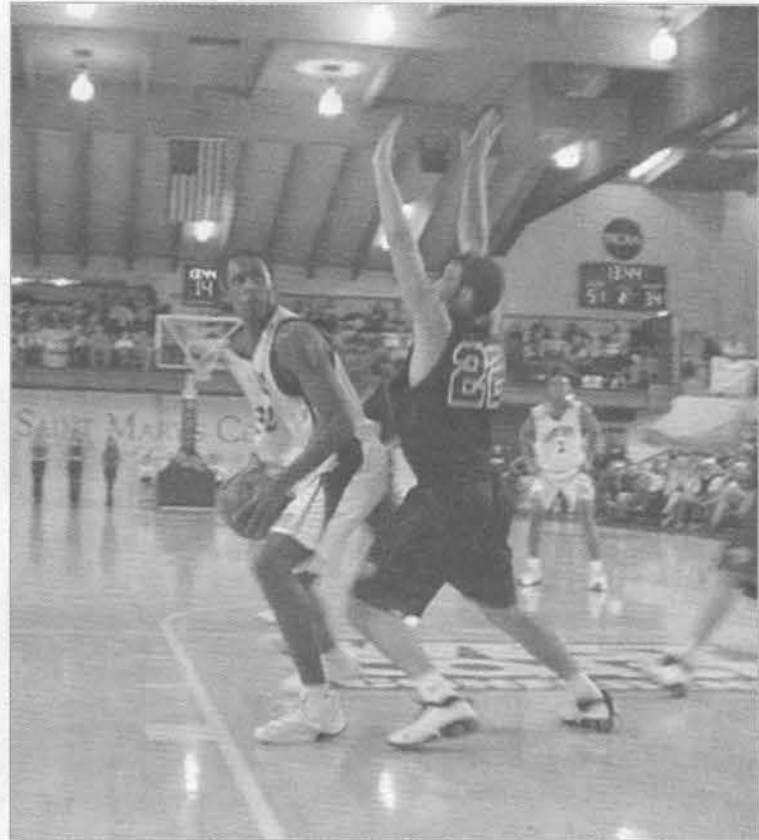
Paul Marigney and Daniel Kickert both had 12 points to lead the way for the Gaels. With 8:53 remaining, they cut the lead to four, after Marigney drove through the lane for a lay-up score. The crowd, sold out for the first time since 1996 against Fresno State, was on its feet and at its loudest all game. This was the highest ranked opponent to have played in McKeon Pavilion in 20 years.

"They applied a lot of pressure, [and we] played jittery," explained Kickert on the first half start. Gonzaga played like a team poised for a deep tournament run come March.

Stepp, who sat out most of the first half, came in the second half to hit numerous crowd-quieting three pointers. The Gaels fought hard to overcome these big shots, staying right with Gonzaga for most of the game. In the end, Saint Mary's succumbed to the talent and depth of Gonzaga.

"They converted on every mistake," said Kickert.

The loss snaps an eight-game home winning streak, dropping the Gaels to 15-10, 6-4 in the WCC, especially disappointing after the solid win against the Portland Pilots earlier in the



week. In that game, the offense was led by Tyler Herr, who had a season-high 23 points, connecting on 7 three-pointers. Against Gonzaga, Herr scored nine points, going 3 of 10 from beyond the three-point line.

The Gaels have four games left before the WCC tournament, at San Diego and Santa Clara, then home games against Loyola Marymount and Pepperdine.

With the loss, it looks increasingly apparent that to get to the NCAA tournament, the Gaels will need to win the WCC tournament next month.

**Upcoming Games**

Feb. 18  
Men's Basketball  
@ San Diego  
7:05 p.m.

**Gaels Golfer limits his strokes**

Joe Lanza '05 talks about food folks and fun

by Sam Adams

Sports Editor

Joe Lanza, junior member of the golf team, comes from nowhere. An outsider from Bainbridge, Washington, Lanza was named to the 2003 All-WCC first team, and is just as impressive this season.

**What is your favorite movie?**

*Dazed and Confused* - the title just describes how I am sometimes.

**What's your Major?**

Economics - because I want to go either into business or politics, and that allows me to do both.



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**What do you want to be when you grow up?**

Pro golfer, but if not, I think I could handle being the CEO of a Fortune 500 company.

**Worst Habit:**

Chewing Tobacco. I like Skoal straight, the nasty stuff.

**Favorite Song/Musician:**

Tom Petty - Free Falling. That's just a tight song.

**What sport would you like to play if you didn't play golf?**

Baseball.

**Do you have any favorite pro/college teams?**

Anyone from Seattle - Sonics, Seahawks, but most of all the Mariners; Ichiro is the man.

**Favorite food?**

My Dad's pasta cannot be beat.

**Video game obsession:**

NBA Street Vol. 2 - it is sick.

**First Job:**

Caddyng - but it wasn't as much fun as the guys in *Caddyshack*.

**Best Tournament as a Gael:**

Last year when I won the Santa Clara Invitational - it was sweet to be able to win at our rival's own tournament.

**Inspiration for success:**

Other people's doubts drive me to rise above the competition.

**Favorite Superhero:**

Come on - it's Superman, of course. He can fly, run through walls, and use that x-ray vision see through things that get in the way.



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**Favorite pastime:**

Sports - I love to play or watch any sport, in person or on TV.

**Guilty Pleasure:**

Double stuffed Oreos - they are twice as good as regular oreos. That and a tall glass of milk for dipping.

**Favorite hangout in/around SMC:**

My house - it doesn't get much better than hanging out at home with the boys.

**Upcoming Tournament**

March 2 & 3  
UC Davis Invitational  
Winchester CC (Davis, CA)  
All Day

# Rower breaks through the crew competition

## Greenland comes in fourth out of 50 opposing rowers

by Patrick Dooley  
Staff Writer

Sacramento State hosted the Golden State Indoor Rowing Championships on Feb. 7.

The entire event was composed of 392 competitors divided into groups by age, weight and gender.

One member of the Saint Mary's Men Crew team, senior Jason Greenland, shot through the competition to finish fourth out of 50 amongst Collegiate Men.

Participating schools included UC Davis, Sac State, and Santa Clara. On the erg, Greenland pulled through a 2000-meter race in six minutes and 23 seconds.

"At the halfway point I felt physically spent," said Greenland, "but once I reached the final 500 meters I was re-energized by the yelling and cheering of the crowd."

Greenland reached his fourth-place finish with poise as if he had competed in numerous indoor races, even though this was

his first such event.

The event was held inside the Sac State boat house with two sets of ten ergs placed back to back with a space for spectators in between. In front of the competitors, screens were strategically placed so that competitors could chart their position while racing on the erg.

Although Greenland will not be in attendance, many of those who finished with respectable times will travel to Boston to compete in the Crash B's World Indoor Rowing Championships.

The Crash B participants number in the thousands and come from across the globe. But on the west coast, the Golden State Championships provide a quasi-accurate picture for the upcoming racing of the spring season.

"Coming into the event I didn't know what to expect, but I had a great time by finding a new meaning to pushing myself to the limit both physically and more so mentally," said Greenland. His teammates plan to push the limits this season and at the WCC.

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## "Legacy" Gaels!

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# Lady Gaels looking for a win

Women's basketball swept on Conference road trip

by Irene Guzman  
Staff Writer

The Gael's women's basketball team found themselves on the road looking for a repeat performance against two of the teams they had already beaten but found themselves playing catch-up instead.

They lost to Gonzaga on Thursday night 48-65 and then dropped another road game to Portland with a 57-76 loss on Saturday.

With the losses, the Lady Gaels now have an overall record of 13-11 while being 5-5 in WCC play, dropping the Gaels into fifth place in the West Coast Conference.

Earlier this season, the Gaels squeaked by Portland with an overtime win at home. The Gaels then dominated Gonzaga, beating the Bulldogs with a 60-48 victory.

This time, it was different. St. Mary's couldn't find their rhythm against the 'Zags, and fell 48-65 in Spokane, helping Gonzaga jump up to a second place tie with Pepperdine in the WCC standings thus far.

The first half was a struggle in itself, with the Gaels unable to score in the first four minutes of play, finally scoring off a Savannah Williams jumper to make the score 2-9.

Williams would lead the Gaels offensively in the game, with twelve points and two assists, followed by freshman Monica Mertle and sophomore Eryn Van Burger, who each had six points in the contest.

The difficulty in the Gaels game could be seen with the shooting, with only 31 percent

shooting percentage from the floor and 23 percent for three-point attempts. Gonzaga was at 77 percent from the free-throw line and 41 percent from the court.

The Bulldogs defense was also too much for the Gaels, forcing 13 turnovers and out-rebounded St. Mary's 20-10.

The contest versus the Portland Pilots was a different story. This time, the Gaels dominated the first half with 69 percent shooting from the floor, completing 18 of 26 shots.

Freshman Monica Mertle led the Gaels with 14 points against the Pilots. Van Burger scored 9 points, along with freshman Eghosa Obaiza, who also led the Gaels with 8 rebounds.

Though the Gaels won the first half, they only managed to shoot 17 percent in the second half, allowing Portland to catch up and eventually outscore the Gaels.

St. Mary's advantage is clearly at home, with a road record of 1-3, and the next game for the Gaels again on the road at USF's War Memorial Gym on Thursday, February 19 at 7:05 pm.

The Gaels only have one more home game, against the Santa Clara Broncos this Saturday at 7:05 pm in McKeon Pavilion.

After that, they head down to Malibu to face off against Pepperdine for one last conference game before the WCC Tournament, which will be at Santa Clara this year on March 4.

### Upcoming Game

Feb. 19  
@ San Francisco  
7:05 p.m.

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## Chin's Corner micheal chin

They've seen the top, they've been to the NCAA tournament, and they are the most winning team at our school. They are our men's rugby squad. But on Pat Vincent field, they are not the same team that dominated the west coast last year. With a team based on speed and quickness, Pat Vincent field has not been conducive to the strengths of the team. A simple remedy to this problem is a new field with proper drainage and better grass.

Plans have been in the works for the last two years. Led by Coaches Tim O'Brien and Ed Todd, the team has raised over four hundred thousand dollars to begin the project. The improvements would add the following to the current area now known as Pat Vincent field: A new field with Bermuda grass and a new drainage system, a team field house complete with viewing stands, and lastly a bridge to connect the main visitor parking lot with the field. All this has already been funded and just needs the okay of a few people. One was the City of Moraga.

Since the bridge will be built over the river, considered City of Moraga land, Coach O'Brien had to get the okay from City Officials so the project could begin. After speaking with them for some time, O'Brien finally got the okay from them earlier this year. According to them this would "enhance the area aesthetics at St. Mary's College. It now looked like just a matter of time before groundbreaking would begin. And yet it has not begun. The field, now worse than ever, is referred to as the lagoon or swamp. Several injuries have come due to the terrible footing and ground which the players must play on every single day. Why has nothing been improved? The answer lies in administration.

Just this last week, several parents voiced their concern for the team, as they began a letter campaign petitioning not athletic director Carl Clapp but instead President Brother Craig Franz to okay the new field area. With the funds in order, an okay from the City of Moraga and blueprints on the way, there is no reason that administration needs to stall on this one. With six potential All-Americans on the squad, most of them back-line burners, are we really going to let this team go to waste? Should we let things that shouldn't be factors become factors? By the way it seems to be an anonymous "yes." It may be too late for this year, but let's think about our men in the years to come. Don't let them drown in the mud when they should be running their way to national championships. In the end what I am asking for is simply to okay a field that is already paid for.

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# 100 word reviews



## hear:

*Feels Like Home*  
Norah Jones

Can you top an eight-time platinum, eight-time Grammy award-winning album? With *Feels Like Home*, Norah Jones has come close. From a jazz to country influence, a livelier sound is found but with the same soothing, dreamy effect unique to Jones. With more original songs by Jones and her bandmates such as "What Am I To You," "Humble Me," and "Don't Miss You at All," *Feels Like Home* is not the put-me-to-bed *Come Away With Me*. The beautifully melodic "oooh" encompassing first single "Sunrise" is about waking every morning with an old love. *Feels Like Home* takes a few listens but eventually steals you away.

-Tina McAfee



## hear:

*Walkie Talkie*  
Air

*Lost in Translation?* Yeah, the last song on this album is in that movie. *Virgin Suicides?* Yeah, they did the entire soundtrack for that one. I'd say Ms. Coppola has taken quite a liking to keyboards with acoustic guitars and a splash of synthesizer. While they deviate occasionally, Air tends to stick to soft and slow music that fits their name. "Surfing on a Rocket," just past the album's midpoint, is a nice example of what I like about Air: when they decide to move through a song rather than float. Bbbuy it!

-Brent Mills

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# DETOUR

## a pop culture atomic bomb: marking 40 years of the beatles explosion in america

by katyana rose sacro, staff writer

When people refer to the Beatles' first arrival in America as "the pop culture atomic bomb," I am incredulous. As a post-baby boomer, a kid of the new millennium and born long after John, Paul, George, and Ringo stepped down from an airplane into American history, I along with the rest of today's youth will never be able to fully understand and appreciate all that the Beatles have accomplished.

We grew up with their songs in our homes; the era of rebelliousness and Rock and Roll had already been established. Sweet melodies, catchy lyrics, songs about love and life and peace—what's not to like about their music? But it's a bit difficult to imagine that the Beatles were at one time pop stars, to believe that they are responsible for the existence of today's youth pop music society.

They were and are. And it all happened forty years ago. Last Monday, February 9, marked the fortieth anniversary of the Beatles' debut in America on the Ed Sullivan show. With 73 million viewers tuned in to see the Fab Four, it became the most-watched telecast in history. It was more controversial than Janet's eye-popping stunt at this year's Superbowl, and arguably the pivotal point of America's music culture. All of this from America's thirteen minutes of airtime with the Beatles? — Why?

One thing everyone does know of, is their huge contribution—as musicians—to Rock and Roll. Still today, their musical presence emanates through televisions and radio stations, into our homes. Their most recent album, "1," a compilation of their number one hit singles,

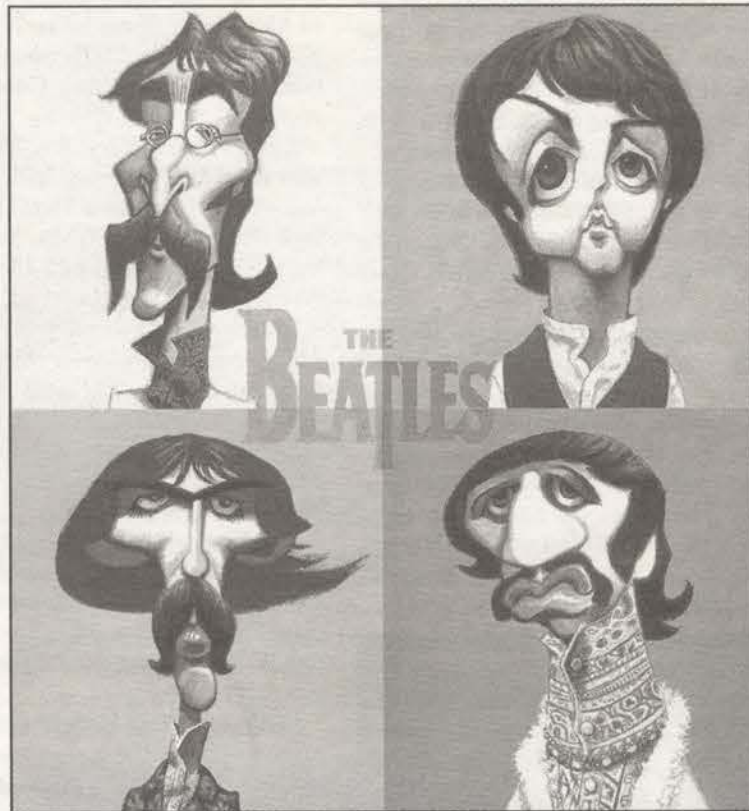
was the top selling album in 2001. With simple tunes conveying profound messages, the Beatles became one of America's icon for Rock and Roll. But they did more than just that.

SMC student and Beatles fan Harvest Daurelle states, "The arrival of the seemingly rebellious, funky-looking Beatles was a source of hope and joy in a tumultuous, sad time of America. It allowed for us to take the next step in change." By "us," she means youth. Yes, it's true—the bowl-hair-cut once was considered inappropriate. Intense guitar-playing and passionate performance was, forty years ago, called crass. And it's because of these "four wise guys who were very glib and certainly not in compliance with parental rules," that teens and young adults realized they could be a political and communal force in society. It's because of them that the voice of America's youth is as strong as it is today.

It's not uncommon for today's youth to admit to liking the Beatles. We agree that after forty years, they have become such an integral part of our culture that we hum along to their songs, that most of the musicians we love have been influenced and inspired by them.

We won't deny that for a generation that came too late to see the Beatles burst into a force of cultural and societal change, we don't mind experiencing the aftermath of its explosion.

In fact, we're enjoying it. And we should appreciate it, too.



## If I Hear About Carbs One More Time

Say no to bread if you have to, but if you've gone to low-carb beer, that's too far.

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Amount Per Serving		
Calories	Too many to count	Calories from Fat If you are worried about this, then stop eating.
		% Daily Value
Total Fat	243g	125%
Saturated Fat	692g	
Carbohydrates	Please read below for further instructions	Just stop chewing now.

You see them all the time now, propping up the bar at meat markets like Bar None in San Francisco. In this case, it's a muscular 23-year old man named Matt who's scanning the happy-hour crowd while flexing one of those newfangled low-carb brews. Matt's a prime example of a burgeoning new species: the already-fit guy who's become obsessed with limiting the intake of a single nutrient. Matt's a Carb Counter, and his asinine army is millions strong. "It's good," he says of his swill, with the delusional, keep-believing-it determination common to his kind. "I would drink it for the taste."

Thanks to the low-carb juggernaut led by the late Dr. Atkins, we've been hearing about the evils of carbohydrates for quite some time. Maybe it's true that passing on pasta and fruit can acquaint you with a few old belt notches, but the cultural revulsion to this once innocent food value is out of control. Besides unleashing a plague of blatantly opportunistic low-carb products, the mania has given birth to hordes of young Carb Counters who read food labels like box scores and interrogate waiters for the nutritional breakdown of the chicken parmesan with the ferocity of a young mother facing down Michael Jackson.

Predictably, the new carb-consciousness is headquartered in California, which has never seen a fitness bandwagon it didn't want to own, customize, and valet-park at the Ivy. Hence Carls Jr.'s new unveiling of the the "carb-less" burger, a meat patty wrapped in lettuce sans bun. And Castus, a new low-carb supermarket chain targeting Schwarzeneggerland with 16 of its 33 planned nation-wide outposts. All of which suggests that although on the surface he seems to be concerned about health, the Carb Counter is doing his nutritional algorithms not to be thin but to be in. It's the dietary equivalent of a sideways-cocked trucker hat.

Watching what you eat is ostensibly a responsible and intelligent act of self-improvement, but most Carb Counters don't really even know what they're counting. "A lot of people associate the word carbohydrates with foods such as cookies, sweet rolls, and cake," says Cindy Moore of the American Dietetic Association. "In reality, carbohydrates can help someone maintain a healthy weight-or lose weight." Moore's group - along with many other groups such as the AHA - is still spreading the old-time religion: a low-fat diet rich in vegetables, fruits, whole grains, and legumes, with limited red meat and high-fat dairy.

Of course, widespread nutritional ignorance is fine by Big Food, which looks at a Carb Counter and sees a fool who needs to be separated from his money. About a year ago the first low-carb breads appeared. Then the floodgates opened. Taking a cue from Michelob Ultra (whose ads, which feature svelte models exercising, seem to suggest that beer is the new Gatorade), Heinz is offering a low-carb ketchup, and Good Humor-Breyers has whipped up three flavors of low-carb ice cream, which has the same appealing ring as "sex-free porn."

Although carb counting is chic now, there are signs that the Atkins revolution may be losing its steam. Catherine Zeta-Jones recently went after the media for associating her with anything Atkins.

Then again, vanity never goes out of style, and as long as the Carb Counter sees salvation in a bottle of ketchup, the world won't be safe for Wonder Bread.