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## Students vote on senate policy

### Amendments to constitution require senator evaluations

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

A committee of student senators looks to change policies and adjust the role of the Associated Students' senators by amending the ASSMC constitution this Wednesday through a student body vote.

Headed by junior class president and next year's ASSMC president, Jeff Haskins '05, the committee met over the past two weeks to discuss the efficiency of Saint Mary's student government.

In an attempt to raise the standards of each senator, the committee's proposed amendment limits each class to a president, vice-president and only five senators, adjusted from the current seven-senator roster.

By reducing the amount of senators, the committee hopes to increase the level of competition for the limited positions.

"You're really going to have a lot more dedicated senators that

are going to be passionate about creating change and are willing to take on that leadership responsibility," said Haskins.

As a means to enhance senator productivity, the change will also include a procedure for evaluating senators. Similar to semi and annual reviews done of the clubs and media, the senators' performances will be evaluated by the leaders of the clubs and media that they represent.

"Putting on these requirements means that the people who run are going to be people who really want to do it," said Zabala '05, speaker of the senate.

If passed, the constitution will require each senator to act as a representative to two organizations in Student Activities for which they must attend a certain amount of events ranging from general meetings to socials to large campus functions.

The purpose of this requirement is to ensure that the senate has a good grasp on the impor-

tant issues affecting each club and to form more productive relationships with the club leaders said Haskins.

The senate voted down a resolution at the Feb. 29 general assembly that looked to liquidate two senate positions from each class and higher the standards of the class senators. Zabala authored the resolution that senators agreed would improve the effectiveness of senate. But senators did not see the necessity of the size reduction.

"It's giving the clubs and media the representation they deserve," said Tony Ancelj '04, current ASSMC president.

"The [organizations] need senators to be at their events, because if they aren't at their events, and they don't know what's going on with the club, then there's no proper way to evaluate them or give them proper budgets," Ancelj said. Ballots will be available outside of Student Activities on Wed.

## ASSMC leaders picked

### Current senators take new positions



Graphic designed by Amy Kelly

(Clockwise from top left) Haskins, Merlo, Porras, Zabala: The '04-'05 Exec Team.

by **Katya Sacro**  
 Staff Writer

All four positions of the ASSMC executive team were determined on Friday, March 12. In order to get an understanding of the newly elected officers, the following are summaries of Jeff Haskins, John Zabala, Jennifer Merlo, Jessica Porras and their ideas for the upcoming year.

#### Jeff Haskins '05, ASSMC President

After serving as this year's Junior Class President, Haskins is stepping up to his second leadership position in the ASSMC. Haskins plans to serve as the representative of the students' voice when talking to the Board of Trustees, regents of the college, alumni, and upper levels of administration.

He is also looking forward to enhancing the student activity and involvement on campus.

"It's about really creating sen-

ate to be that leadership and governing body that represents the students' needs, and it's just about all of us wanting to be here and wanting to make the school better. I think if we all have that same mindset and we all work together with open communication, we're going to see some great things throughout this semester, through the summer, and especially next year," said Haskins.

#### John Zabala '06, Vice President Of Administration

In serving this past year as Speaker of the Senate, Zabala is already well acquainted with the affairs and ideas for change of our student administration. Now, with his newly elected position defined as Chair of the Senate, he's ready "to really work with the Senate so that these changes happen in a good and positive way." Zabala plans to closely fo-

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## Wireless internet hits campus

### Students able to view web via computer card

by **Ken Fung**  
 Staff Writer

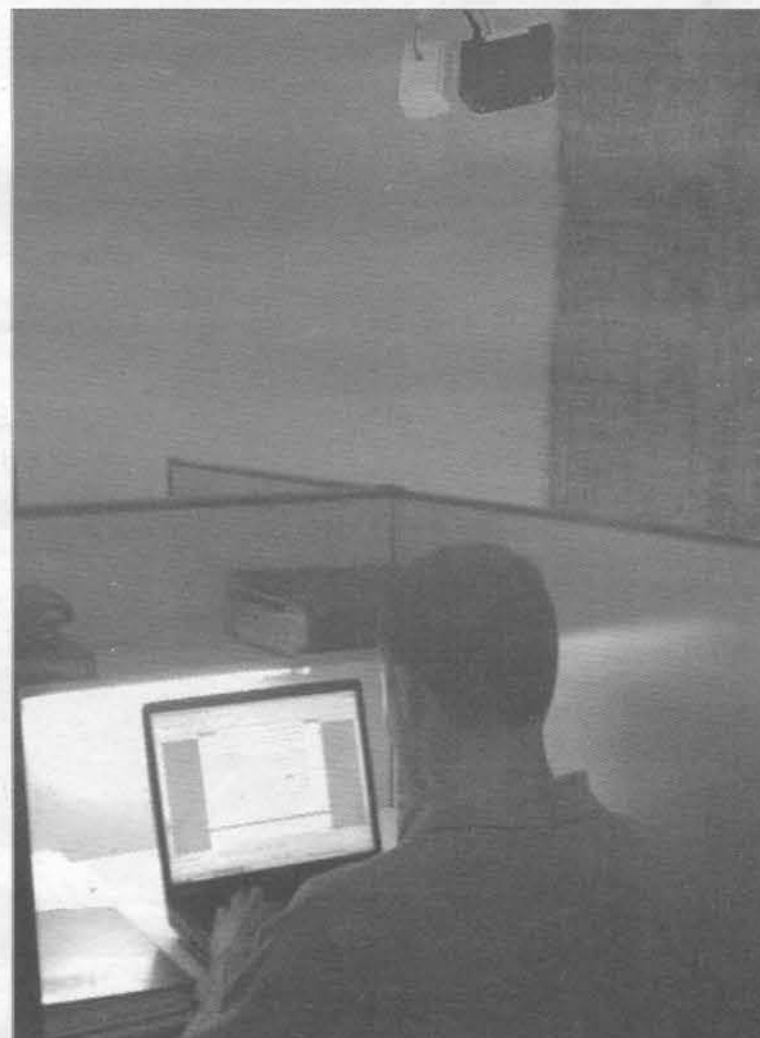
While many people are unaware of it, wireless internet is available on the Saint Mary's College campus. The wireless services on campus are available for anyone to use if his or her computer has proper access.

According to Dennis Rice, Senior Director of info structure services, all laptops can access the Internet by clicking on the web browser, just as one would log on to the residential network regularly.

If students have an 802.11b card in their computers already, they can access the wireless internet on campus.

In order to add wireless access in a computer, Rice recommends using a PCMCIA card made by 3 Com, Cisco, and Orinoco. PCMCIA cards start at \$50 and can run up to \$125. The difference in price depends primarily on the strength of the Reception Frequency.

Currently there are 24 wireless routers on the SMC campus located in the following areas: nine in Garaventa Hall, four in Sichel Hall, four in Dante Hall, and three in Saint Albert Hall Library. The following areas each have one router: Dryden, Subversions, Cafe Louis, and Assumption Hall. Each router can handle about 35 users at one time. However, one must remain relatively close to a router for it to work properly.



Amy Kelly/COLLEGIAN

Buildings such as Saint Albert Hall Library will allow students with laptops to utilize their wireless internet capabilities.

All the routers at SMC are here due to a donation from an alum who is an employee of Cisco. The routers, which were installed over Christmas Break and Jan Term Break, will be available to students by mid-April.

However, this date may change due to current residential network problems.

Because residence hall rooms already have the wall jack that connects directly to the Internet, routers will not be installed.

## Spanish mass now offered

### Proposed idea becomes campus reality

by **Cori Simpson**  
 Staff Writer

After a few months of planning and organization, a Spanish mass is now offered on campus. The first Spanish mass was held on Sunday, March 7 at 5:30 p.m. and will continue to be held every Sunday in March. According to Alicia Perez, finance officer of the Latin American Student Association (LASA), the mass on March 7 attracted approximately 40 to 50 students.

In the fall semester of 2003, after hearing concerns from the

Latino population on campus, LASA decided to try to get a mass in Spanish at Saint Mary's College. LASA asked Latino members of the community what they thought about a Spanish mass and found out that many students felt that there is a need for a Spanish mass. After sending out an e-mail and receiving many positive responses, LASA decided to take action.

LASA brought the idea to campus ministry, which supported

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# What's Happening

## Asian Cultural Night

Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Month culminates with the 7th annual Asian Cultural Night Tuesday, March 30, 5:30 p.m. in the Soda Center, with the theme "Bridging the Past and Present." Admission is \$3 for students, \$5 for staff and \$10 for guests. RSVP at x4349.

## Carnival for Kids

The annual Carnival for Kids is coming up. The actual carnival will take place on April 23 from 3:15 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Sign-ups for Big Buddies will go through April 10. Sign-ups will be at CILSA or the ASSMC office.

## Diversity Dance

This year's Diversity Dance, "A Night of Stars," will be held on March 26 at Scott's Seafood in Oakland from 7:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Tickets will be on sale from March 12 to 17 for \$35 and from March 18 to 23 for \$40. Tickets will be sold at the Dante quad, Monday through Friday from 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Come and dress up as your favorite celebrity in semi-formal attire. Your campus diversity clubs bring this event to you. For more information, please call x8317.

## "Journey of a Man"

Michael Cook will present his new play "Saint John Baptist De La Salle: Journey of a Man," on Tuesday, March 23 at 7:30 p.m. in the Soda Center. The event is free and open to the public. In this one-man play Cook portrays De La Salle, the founder of the Christian Brothers, as he struggles to create a teaching order for the poor in 18th century France.

## Senior Ball

Attention seniors: Do you have a date for Senior Ball? This year, the Senior Ball will take place on Friday, April 23 at Hs. Lordships Restaurant at the Berkeley Marina. Bids will be sold for three weeks, starting on Monday, March 22. Call x3566 with any questions.

## Senior Retreat

Saint Mary's College of California and Campus Ministry present "The Senior Retreat 2004." The annual retreat will take place March 19 to March 21 at the Westminster Retreat Center. The cost will be \$60.00 per person; scholarships are available.

## St. Patrick's Day BBQ

Sporting your green, head to Ferroggiaro Quad Wednesday, March 17 from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. for a BBQ lunch. Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with Shallow, Sinead Healy (from Petar's), Irish dancers and SMC's own "Bagpipe" Steve Norton. Questions? Call x4146.

If you have any events you would like to see posted, please email the event with details to [collegia@stmmarys-ca.edu](mailto:collegia@stmmarys-ca.edu).

# Crime Beat

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| 3/6<br><b>Incident:</b> Possession<br><b>Synopsis:</b> Possession of paraphernalia (beer bong) in Guerrieri West; referred to student conduct.         | 1:05 a.m.  | 3/10<br><b>Incident:</b> Unlawful cause of fire<br><b>Synopsis:</b> Unlawful act caused small fire at Mitty Hall; referred to student conduct.                        | 12:00 p.m. |
| 3/7<br><b>Incident:</b> Damaging college property<br><b>Synopsis:</b> Damaging college property in Townhouse parking lot; referred to business office. | 12:50 a.m. | 3/10<br><b>Incident:</b> Harassing phone calls<br><b>Synopsis:</b> Harassing phone calls made to Augustine Hall; referred to student conduct.                         | 10:15 a.m. |
| 3/7<br><b>Incident:</b> Damaging college property<br><b>Synopsis:</b> Damaging college property in Siena parking lot; referred to business office.     | 1:15 a.m.  | 3/10<br><b>Incident:</b> Burglary<br><b>Synopsis:</b> Burglary (private residence room) at Justin Hall; referred to student conduct.                                  | 11:00 a.m. |
| 3/7<br><b>Incident:</b> Fire alarm<br><b>Synopsis:</b> Smoke detector fire alarm activated in Augustine Hall; referred to student conduct.             | 3:06 a.m.  | 3/10<br><b>Incident:</b> Damage to college vehicle<br><b>Synopsis:</b> Damage to college vehicle at maintenance yard; referred to physical plant and business office. | 2:30 p.m.  |
| 3/7<br><b>Incident:</b> Tampering<br><b>Synopsis:</b> Tampering with fire alarm in Mitty Hall; referred to student conduct.                            | 3:12 a.m.  | 3/11<br><b>Incident:</b> Stray dog<br><b>Synopsis:</b> Stray dog outside Cassin Student Union; case closed.   | 5:15 p.m.  |

## Offices help students regardless of prior notification

by Chris Mateo  
News Editor

On Wednesday, March 3, the football program of Saint Mary's College was cut. After the news, many departments were busy attending to the students most affected by this - the football players. Many departments from the office of academic advising and the counseling center to academic support and achievement programs and the financial aid office had to help the students get back on track.

Brian Stanley, coordinator for Black student programs and an advisor at the office of academic advising was one of these individuals involved in the last-

minute transition period. "We [academic advising] started thinking about the important issues that these students will be going through in the next few weeks. They need to make some major decisions really quickly and they probably need some help from the center," said Stanley.

Stanley named off departments such as those already mentioned as well as the registrar's office, student disability services, and athletics. "We got representatives of those groups together in a room and we said 'look this is what we need to do. We need to figure out a system to help these kids through this process, it was Friday by then so we unfortunately

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cus on making sure that the connection between senators and students is stronger than it has ever been. "I decided that I needed to be more involved and really take an active role on campus in making this a place I wanted to go to instead of a place I just wanted to complain about. And I think that's something that should be encouraged for all students," said Zabala.

### Jennifer Merlo '05, Vice President for Finance

Elected for her second term, Jennifer has a clear understanding of all that comes with the role of being Vice President for Finance.

Her view of the position goes beyond keeping club budgets in check and handling the Associated Students' Endowment; she is also very concerned with the school's club charges and raising money for more student involvement. "I don't feel that the school should be charging clubs for setting up and tearing down events that happen on weekends, which is when the majority of our events happen," said Merlo.

Her concern attributed to the

accumulation of \$80,000 for the Associated Students' Endowment last year, and now pushes her to raise even more. "I'm looking forward to working with my new Executive Team, and it's going to be a great year full of change - I definitely know that."

### Jessica Porras '05, Vice President for Student Affairs

After a close run-off, Porras was re-elected for her position as Vice President of Student Affairs.

This past semester, she and the Executive Team have been working on a new review process to enhance the coordination of allocating club funds. The process involves more concern for the performance of SMC's clubs, and giving senators more accountability for those they have been designated to.

Above all, Porras' greatest focus is the "interaction between clubs and with the way the system's going to be changing - it's going to be a little bit different next year than it has in the past. Thank you for electing me, I'm really looking forward to a great year of working with this exec team," said Porras.

did this after the [news] but it had to get done, so we got it done. I am always impressed with how the people that work on this campus generally respond to students that are in need."

In response to receiving this information without prior notification, Stanley commented, "if some of this stuff had taken place in advance I think some of these transitions for students would have been a lot easier. I think we need to recognize that these young men were having part of their identity radically altered by the institution that they believed, believed in them. I know they don't think that now and they are really hurt by the decision of the

institution and we probably could have made some of that transition process easier for them."

Overall, Stanley congratulated all of the involved departments and commended the handling of this situation, "I think the people really did a good job here, the folks in the counseling center and the people in athletics have really been working hard. I have really been impressed with how hard they have worked to keep these kids focused. They have been working quadruple overtime with the phones bouncing in their office and on their cell phones too. So with much appreciation and great thanks that those people helped to put together this plan."

Find out about the controversy surrounding

the

# SOA

in a student panel discussion about last November's trip to Fort Benning, GA.


## TONIGHT

7-8:30 in the Soda Center

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# Loss of football discussed

Students question Athletic Review Task Force at BSU meeting

by Chris Swain  
Managing Editor

An open discussion about the loss of the football program and the greater ramifications on athletes, students and SMC was held at the Black Student Union (BSU) meeting last Wed., March 10.

Six staff and faculty participated as panelists in the question and answer discussion with members of BSU and others students seeking answers and understanding in the decision to cut the football program.

Also questioned were the larger considerations of the school that were made/not made in dealing with the players and thinking about the effect on the Black male student population.

Two members of the Athletic Review Task Force were on the panel.

"Our charge was to look at the future of athletics and what would be the future of athletics according to our mission at Saint Mary's," said Dorothy Jones, dean of admissions and member of the Athletics Task Force.

"A lot of discussion took place about the effect [cutting the program] would have on students, not just student athletes, but all students," said Jones.

Jones reminded everyone that the task force was "put together to look at athletics, not just football."

Within the overall look at athletics, multiple strategic plans were looked at in determining the future direction of athletics.

"There were no other options for conferences," said Mike Zoll, vice provost of student affairs and task force member.



Staff and faculty served as a panel in Delphine. Liz Hearst/COLLEGIAN

Ed Tywoniak, chair of the communication department and faculty moderator for the team pointed out "the irony in that football was the primary topic of conversation" in task force discussions.

"Was this an inevitability anyway?" questioned Tywoniak.

"The fact that a cross campus body ended up in this conversation suggests that there wasn't things going on in the past six weeks, or past six months, there was more happening than meets the eye," said Tywoniak.

"Seven million dollars goes into the athletic program, 1.2 million of that goes to football alone," said Jones.

Graduating football player Ray Mike pointed out that "money doesn't make you competitive on the football field."

Other speculative students wanted to know if the distribution of footballs funds would benefit the 14 other athletic programs or, as one student said, "just buy them some new warm-ups."

With the discontinuation of the football program, questions were raised by students about the preparedness of the school to deal with athlete and student needs.

"Nothing," said Brian Stanley, coordinator of Black student programs, "was planned in advance to deal with students who were impacted by the decision."

"We got something together because that is what we do, but we should have got things together a hell of a long time ago," said Stanley.

"I think, institutionally, mistakes were made," said Stanley. "At the end of the day, how do we get Black students to come to Saint Mary's that don't play athletics?"

47% of the Black student population at SMC is involved with athletics.

It is estimated that between 30 - 40% of the Black student population probably will be leaving.

"I'm sad we even need athletics to come to college," said Curtis Kirksey, '04.

"It's echoing among the Black males that maybe we aren't wanted here," said graduating football player, Jeffrey Brown.

"I'm looking for a town hall meeting or something, but if no-

# Beyond NATIONAL AND WORLD NEWS BITES

BY TONY VALA-HAYNES

## the bubble

- Chesapeake, Virginia — Lee Boyd Malvo, 19, was sentenced to life in prison without parole for his involvement in the Washington sniper killings that took place in 2002. Malvo's youth persuaded jurors to not seek the death penalty.

- The House of Representatives banned all lawsuits against fast food chains on Wednesday. The obese customers who claim fast food is the source of their health problems will now be forced to blame their health problems solely on eating too much.

- Pornographic DVDs are the new hazard for drivers these days. There have been a number of complaints from parents whose children have witnessed XXX action on the screens of passing vehicles. With the growing popularity of DVD players in automobiles, children are bound to learn about the birds and the bees sooner than later when stopped in traffic.

- Democratic Presidential candidate, John Kerry, was caught on tape calling a number of Republicans "crooked."

- After city officials were threatened with criminal charges in a city in New Jersey, they were forced to stop issuing gay marriage licenses.

- The Army, in land mine experiments, blew up 7 cadavers donated to the Army by Tulane University's medical school

- William Hung, the now infamous rejected American Idol who was laughed off stage in his audition, received a record deal.

- Washington—People just won't lay off Mel Gibson. "The Passion" keeps getting flack. This time some parents are upset because an elementary school teacher showed clips from the film to his class.

(Sources: Cnn.com, Msnbc.com, The Contra Costa Times)

body else is interested, it supports the thought, however uneducated, that maybe we aren't wanted here," said Brown.

"There is an immediate impact we are all going to feel in the fall," said Jones.

"We need to look at what we can do to affect this fall and new programs as we plan for the future...there is a sense of caring and concern, but now, people need to put their money where their mouth is," said Jones.

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the idea. Father Tom McElligott, who will be giving the masses, said, "It's a wonderful thing. It's a historical moment in the life of Saint Mary's, at least for the Latino community."

Spanish mass will be offered every Sunday in March at 5:30 p.m. in the chapel. Due to scheduling conflicts, it will not be offered in April. "In April there are major sacramental events involving the whole Christian community which will be celebrated on April 17 and 25. They are baptism and confirmation. We want the whole community present for these," said McElligott.

Services in Spanish will resume in May and may possibly continue in the fall. "We plan to have it develop into a permanent thing," said Perez. Campus ministry echoes this statement and has the intention of continuing it in the fall if possible.

While there are many people on campus who support a Span-

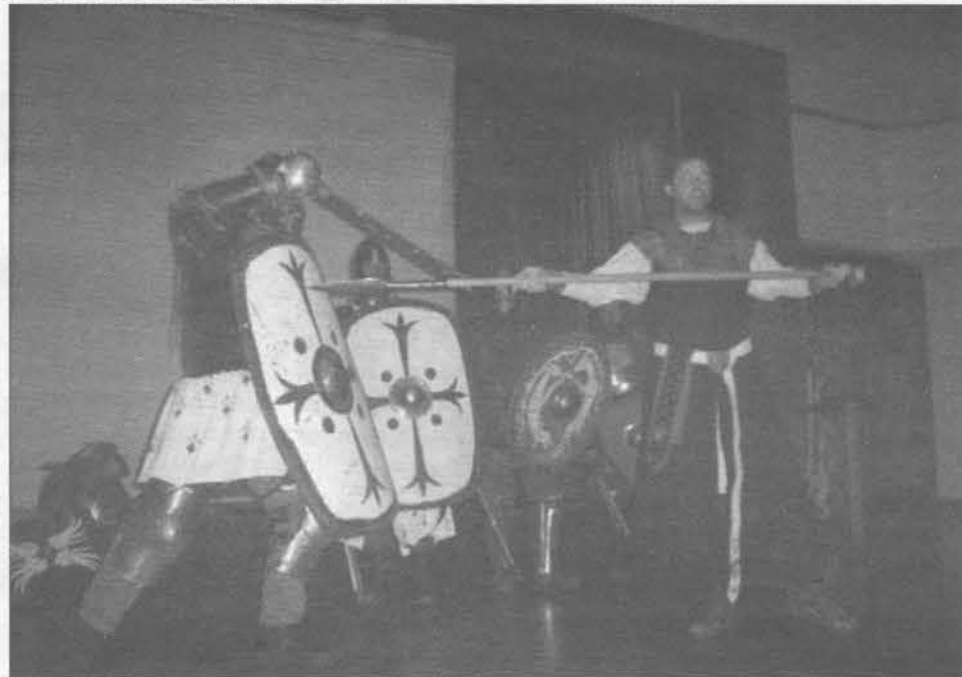
ish mass, a few have expressed concern that having a Spanish mass will divide the community. "I think our community is small already. If we have a Spanish mass it will just divide it up and make it even smaller," said Jorge Gonzalez, '06.

McElligott disagreed, "We are trying to avoid splitting the community. At the other dioceses where we've done a Spanish mass, it seem to me not to divide the community as much as it recognizes the diversity. Only time will tell if it splits the community or makes it tighter."

LASA and campus ministry want students to know that the Spanish mass is open to anyone and everyone who would like to be a part of it.

"It's open to any student that would like to attend; even students who are minoring in Spanish or majoring in it or people who don't speak the language. Anyone can come just to listen to the Spanish," said Perez.

## SNAPSHOT



Lissette Garcia/COLLEGIAN

Duke Radnor of Guildemar and his squire demonstrate medieval fighting techniques at "Living by the Sword" last Wednesday, March 10.

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# OPINION

## Offense or just Offensive?

Jessica Gutierrez

SMC's men's basketball team played their final game against Gonzaga University last Monday night. The game was packed with fans fueled with anticipation and, quite possibly, a little hostility. In both student sections, there was an overwhelming feeling of camaraderie mixed with school pride. There were people wearing wigs, body paint and holding signs. There were yell leaders shouting out all kinds of slogans to get the audience pumped. With any sporting event, sometimes the cheers and chants of the fans can become spiteful. However, I felt our student section crossed the line of decency and became completely inappropriate when they hollered in unison, "Zags are fags!"

At first I was startled to find that our generation is still using the word "fag" in a derogatory context. Have we learned nothing of tolerance? Was the horrific murder of Matthew Shepherd a few years ago completely forgotten? Was his mother's visit to our school last year in vain? Are we not the fortunate generation that lives in a society of democracy, supposedly free of civil prejudices thanks to leaders like President Lincoln, Martin Luther King Jr., and Eleanor Roosevelt?

Perhaps I may be taking the situation to an extreme, but something compels me to address the issue. American colloquialism, especially among teenagers and young adults, finds the words "gay" and "fag" to have alternative meanings other than the primary Webster definitions of "happy" or "homosexual." It's been like this for some time.

I will never forget when I first heard the word "gay" used as a synonym for "stupid." I was with my Uncle David, who happens to be gay, and my friend Olivia. We were discussing a movie and Olivia referred to it as "gay." David, to my surprise, was not offended, but confused. He questioned what Olivia meant by calling a movie that had no homosexual innuendo "gay." She replied in an unsure tone of voice, "It means that it's stupid, or, uh, dumb." David, only a generation older than us, could not understand how a word could be so warped, especially when it defined a group of human beings.

Sadly, I don't think Olivia could either. Her comment was a product of our society that has a lingo with negative attachments to words that describe others. We are beginning to sound ignorant. Even when these words are used without hatred or prejudiced intentions, does that make it okay to use them? Even if the other team is shouting it, does that make it okay? Whether you support homosexual lifestyles or not, does that make it okay? I don't believe so. The issue isn't about taking sides or choosing life preferences. It's about equality and treating all people with respect. Isn't that what we all want? Everyone should begin to evaluate their daily slang, what it means and how it affects others.

## Collegian View

The sentiment can be heard in unsatisfied student leaders' voices. But the *Collegian* can't speak for everyone. The *Collegian View* unfortunately can't speak for frustrated club presidents whose needs are being overlooked. It can't speak for those involved students who have no idea who is on senate; let alone who is their club or media board representative. And, it definitely can't speak for organizations that can't obtain necessary funding because a group of uninformed senators determine the fiscal needs of every club and media on campus without ever attending an event outside of a senate meeting.

No, the *Collegian View* can only speak for the *Collegian*. It can describe the absence of our me-

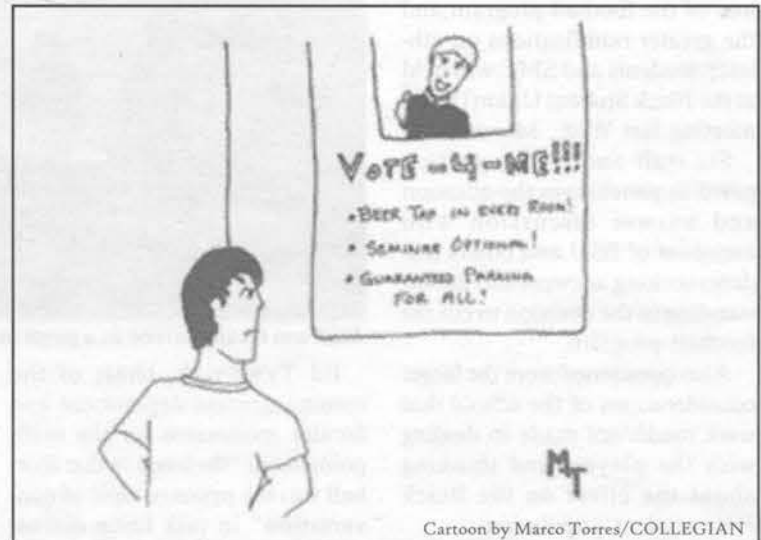
dia board rep outside of media board meetings. It can describe the disregard of necessary funding requests. The *Collegian View* can put senate-driven frustration in print.

Here it is:

Where are our senators? Who are they? And most importantly, what do they know about the *Collegian* and what it takes to put out an 8-12 page newspaper every week?

Like the *Collegian* itself, senate is student-run and perfection cannot be expected. But, the actions and quality of the ASSMC senate directly affect every other club and media on campus, in turn affecting all the students at SMC.

An amendment to improve senate performance and account-



Cartoon by Marco Torres/Collegian

Perhaps we need to be separate campaign claims from political reality.

ability is appearing on a special ballot this Wed. thanks to a group of truly driven and determined senators who have put the student's interest first. The amendment would require senate

attendance at club events and raise the standard of student government, which this campus is in desperate need of. The proposed amendment needs your vote. Vote yes.

## Community Views

Dear Editor,

Attention Junior Class of 2005:

I'm wondering why the paper would publish an ad that contradicts Catholic teaching and natural truth. The ad appearing in the *Collegian* on Feb. 24, 2004 entitled "Explore Your Sexuality!" is morally wrong for many reasons. The ad encourages homosexuality and portrays it as something exciting and fun. The ad is so bad that it even goes against pro-gay arguments that support homosexuality, saying one's sexuality is a "preference," instead of something natural; further more, the ad degrades the sacredness of our sexuality-reducing [sic] it to a level comparable to the flavor ice cream we prefer. The Church's teaching on homosexuality is clear, but is often misunderstood or overlooked.

It is irresponsible of the *Collegian* to confuse students on this issue, making homosexuality appear as an acceptable lifestyle. The *Collegian* should be using its resources to educate the student body, helping to bring students closer to the Truth, instead of creating confusion and leading them further away.

Nicholas Iden '05

Our class, along with the Student Alumni Association, is putting on a bowling night at Diablo Lanes in Concord from 9 p.m.- 1 a.m. Tickets are on sale today for \$12, which includes unlimited bowling and shoe rental. Be sure to buy your ticket now if you haven't already, because it will cost \$15 at the door. Let's celebrate Saint Patrick's Day together, because we're all Irish tonight! Directions: North of 680, exit Monument Blvd., turn right on to Monument, and Diablo Lanes is on the right about a mile down.

Buy your baseball t-shirts now! We will be selling them at the bowling alley, and at tables in front of Saga for the next few days. For only \$15 you too can sport these unique and stylish shirts to show everyone your GAEL spirit. Shirts are limited, so don't be the one who waits until the last minute.

We would like to welcome Travis Biziorek to our class senate. The senate confirmed him as our new senator on Sunday, so let's make him feel welcome.

WHO IS THE MOST SPIRITED CLASS? CLASS OF 2005! Any questions or ideas, please contact us at ASSMC, x4704.

Sincerely,

Jeff Haskins '05  
Associated Student President-elect

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# GAEL POLL 108

SMC students were polled on their opinion of President Bush's campaign ads.

Photos by Lissette Garcia  
Compiled by Pablo Armas

## Is it appropriate for the Bush campaign to feature 9/11 in advertisements?

Althea Danby '05

"It's not appropriate because they are exploiting the family's loss for political gain."

# September 11 and the run for the presidency

*Is it appropriate for George Bush to feature the events of September 11 in campaign ads?*

Profiting off others' pain

by Tony Vala-Haynes

by Jon Slobodin

He just doesn't want us to forget

In January, 2002, President Bush spoke to House and Senate members about his desire to honor the delicate nature of the September 11 terrorist attacks which killed more than 3,000 people. He said, "I have no ambition whatsoever to use this as a political issue." Sadly, Bush has chosen not to honor the sacred nature of the attacks. Images in the ads for his re-election campaign now range from an American flag flying in the wreckage of the twin towers to a fireman carrying a stretcher with a flag draped over a body.

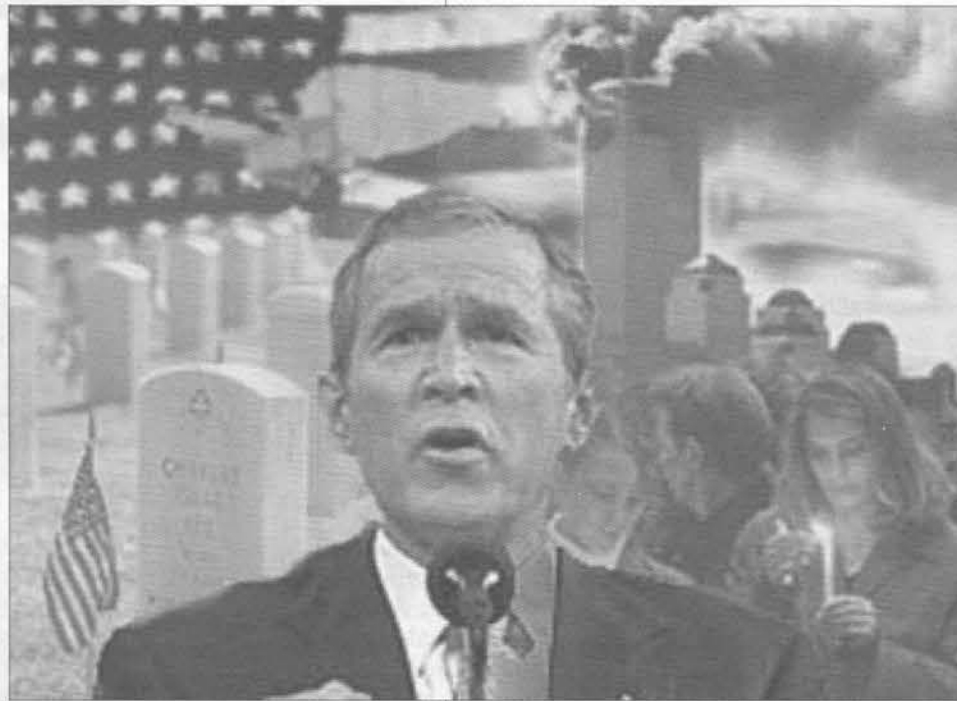
How dare our president flash images of such a horrific tragedy in an attempt to be re-elected. Has he forgotten that it was under his protection that New York was attacked? Is he telling the public he will sacrifice his life just as the firemen did for the sake of our country?

If that is the intention of the ad, why isn't our president carrying the stretcher? How sad that Bush feels he can use disturbing images from September 11 as political propaganda. For those who don't believe it's propaganda, ask yourself why there aren't ads that flash images of a soldier carrying a stretcher in Iraq. Bush is manipulating the public's fear, stressing that if he is re-elected, the U.S. will stay strong and safe, as it did after 9/11. At the same time, his disrespect toward victims' families is appalling.

Colleen Kelly, who lost her brother Bill Kelly Jr. on September 11 said, "It's absolutely inappropriate. There are certain memories and certain images I consider sacred." There is something sacred about losing a loved one, no matter how it happens.

Now in Bush's ads, victims' families can witness Bush using the loss of loved ones as a platform for his political career. Should a line be drawn in politics that condemns those who will use other's pain in order to profit? The honor embodied by a fireman carrying a stretcher in the wake of September 11 is certainly not embodied in President Bush. There is no courage in capitalizing on an event that remains an open wound in our country. Throw salt in someone else's wounds, Bush.

(Sources: CNN.com, MSNBC.com)



Last week, Bush's new re-election ad campaign came out, and one of the ads featured images from the terrible tragedy of September 11. This ad has caused incredible outrage with some Americans, who feel that Bush is shamelessly exploiting the deaths of thousands to politicize his campaign. They say it's unnecessary and insensitive. These people are obviously reacting on the surface, but they're failing to look into the deeper meaning of why Bush is doing this.

The events of 9/11 are, without a doubt, one of the saddest and lowest points of the history of the United States, but they're something we can never forget, nor should we ever forget. That is why Bush is using these images in his advertisement.

Our president is reminding the American people what happened, and letting them know that it is something that they should never turn their back on. These terrible events happened during Bush's presidency, and it is his vision and leadership which got us out of those tumultuous times, so 9/11 strikes him as something very significant and heartfelt.

**Our president is reminding the American people what happened, and letting them know that it is something that they should never turn their back on.**

Our president just wants us to know that we are safe in his hands, for if he got us through those terrible times, there is nothing in this world that he can't lead us through again.

Many people are accusing the president of being insensitive, but the advertisement was tastefully done. There is a very solemn and mournful mood throughout, and it was very moving and heartfelt.

The message of the advertisement is extremely uplifting. That day was the defining moment of the times we live in today, and it is because of our president's strength of leadership and fortitude of character that we, as a country, are much safer today from terrorism than we were when it happened.

Photo illustration courtesy of [www.rnw.nl/hotspots/html](http://www.rnw.nl/hotspots/html)

## Sliding through Saint Mary's political cracks

*Latest elections a reminder of communication gap*

by Kim Dao  
Detour Editor

In the past week, candidates for the latest student body elections began plastering the campus with flyers. I am getting a bit disillusioned. One presidential candidate affirms to me in his flyers that he will throw out the matrix, and bring back social life. I've already been screwed by the matrix and I stopped believing in the facade known as the social scene a long time ago. Another candidate tries to assure me in his fliers that he will "listen" and is "a nice guy." It says in his candidate profile that he has been employed in the workforce since

the age of 16, but what the hell has he worked for to put on our campus? It's a shame that someone considering being Vice-President of Student Affairs doesn't know that generic excuses don't make a good politician.

Politics seem so sketchy. The events of September 11 seemed to erupt a volcano of lies, doubts and hidden mysteries in the national government. On a national scale, that's to be expected. At Saint Mary's, I am a little perturbed; with such a small system, I expect more from my politicians. The system here seems to work like cattle herding. Smartly dressed politicians stand around the halls and coerce me into vot-

ing for them by eagerly asking, "Have you voted yet?" They shove a flyer in my hand and I'm left standing there in confusion.

*Who are you? Why am I going to vote for you?*

It seems as if they are equating my intelligence with that of a cow or a sheep.

I'm a little insulted, but I'm not trying to make any assumptions. I'm not saying that the politicians are lazy, but there is a communication gap between the executive team of Saint Mary's and their constituents.

Apathy is a big problem on this campus. Students should really find out who they are voting for, because we pay to go here. It's our

responsibility. But the executive team also has a responsibility to educate their student body about who they are. There is really no established avenue to hear where they stand on important issues. Everything is put on paper, but there are no words in my ear, no changes being made. Wanting to do something is totally different from actually doing it.

Social life seems to be common propaganda served up by the candidates, but what about the bigger issues? While the social life is something that plagues me daily, I'm sure there are more things that affect me and the rest of the student body than partying. What about the effectiveness

of the matrix?

Governor Schwarzenegger is cutting funds for public and private education - what is Saint Mary's going to do? Football got cut and the population of Black males is down - how will that affect our diversity as a student body?

As representatives and leaders of the student body, I'd think that they would keep me better informed and lead me, a part of the student body, in the right direction. Time will only tell. Social life is good, but alcohol can only take you so far.

Let's hope for something different, shall we?

87%

of students haven't seen the ads.

"No, because you shouldn't use people's lives as advertising tools."

Patrick Young '05

23%

of students thought using images of 9/11 is appropriate

"No, because it's distasteful and exploits a tragedy."

Jessie Macias '06

77%

of students thought use of the 9/11 images is wrong

**tongue**  
IN CHEEK IN CHEEK  
IN CHEEK IN CHEEK  
IN CHEEK IN CHEEK  
*in cheek*

By JON SLOBODIN STAFF WRITER

**GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, HEALTH LEADERS FINALLY ADMIT SMOKING IS 'COOL'**

New York, NY—After years and years of preaching about the terrible effects of smoking, and saying that smoking does not enhance the images of users, leaders in government and health organizations have finally caved in and admitted what we've known all along—that smoking is “damn cool.” “After years and years of trying to hide behind the truth, we just couldn't say it with a straight face anymore,” says Robert Gahan, surgeon general. He goes on, “Even though we are aware that smoking causes all sorts of debilitating diseases, such as heart disease, emphysema, lung cancer, and the like, we just had to face the facts: smokers just look a lot cooler than non-smokers.” Echoing the general's sentiments Rachel Mirson, leader of the American Heart Association says, smoking her first cigarette since the unsurprising news first broke, “Look, we all know it's dangerous and bad for you, blah, blah, blah, but some facts you just can't escape from. Smoking looks hot.”

“When I was out last night,” she continued, looking extremely sexy with a Camel perfectly dangled from the corner of her mouth, “all the guys that were smoking just looked so damn good. And the other guys just looked like total losers. One of them tried to talk to me, and I was like, “Yea, I don't think so.”

Just in case you're thinking of going out tonight to spark a cig and attract the opposite sex, you might want to hold back on your excitement there, cowboy. There is one important catch to this alleged revelation: “In order for smoking to enhance your coolness factor,” said Gahan, “you have to be attractive. If anybody has ever told you that you're ugly or fat, or even the least bit unattractive, then smoking will not enhance your coolness factor, and in fact, may even make you look like more of a loser than you already are. The last thing these people need is a habit to mar their already grotesque features. I cannot stress this enough. If you are unattractive, then please don't smoke.”

Some people are thrilled about this uh, news, and can't wait to try it out. “Oh, man, this is awesome,” said Herman Nutty, a scientist who works for the American Medical Association, smoking his first ever cigarette. “Tonight I'm going to go out (cough, cough) and score with some babes,” he said enthusiastically, seemingly unaware of how unattractive he is. “I don't care if I get lung cancer or whatever, I just want to look cool (cough, cough) and maybe even kiss a girl,” he said, looking like a huge dork.

[Editor's Note: *Tongue In Cheek* is a bi-monthly satire and is not based on fact.]

# DETOUR

**Disturbingly different, more than okay.**  
**Elefant puts on an eclectic performance at San Francisco's Bottom of the Hill**

By KATYANA ROSE SACRO STAFF WRITER

Don't be deceived by the more-than-obvious glitch in the band's name. Actually, you'd probably admit that the anomaly itself is phonetically more convenient—and the best of sounds is all that this New York band is about. Almost a year ago, these guys were opening for Broken Social Scene in a small New York venue. Last Monday, they were found headlining at San Francisco's Bottom of the Hill, on their own tour cross-country, and undeniably to success.

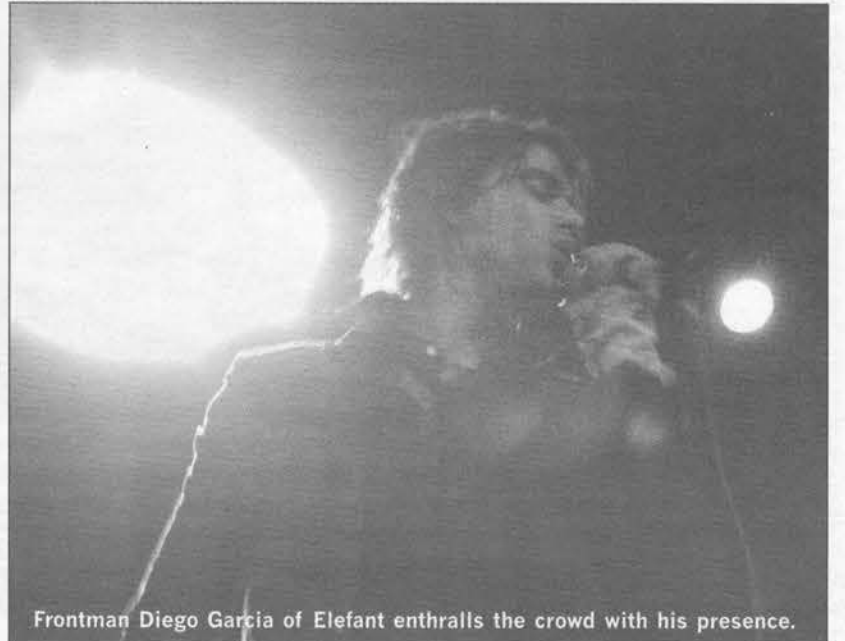
The place was nearly packed to capacity, as frontman Diego Garcia stepped up to the microphone. It may have been the dark, mysterious look on his face, it could have been the black scarf and sleek blazer, or the fact that he's about a foot taller than his band mates.

Whatever it was, Garcia had the crowd enthralled the moment he stepped onstage. With fellow guitarist known as Mod, bassist Jeffrey James Berrall, and animated drummer, Kevin McAdams, Garcia transformed

the small-staged venue into musical euphoria for a full hour.

They opened with “Make Up,” a song with lyrics any girl in love wants to hear: “you finally take your make up off, I like your eyes.” In fact, all of their songs albeit two, “Sunlight Makes Me Paranoid,” and “Clown” alluded to love—in the upbeat, appealing way, that is. Each song convinced me that it was my favorite (until I heard the next song), as they moved from “Tonight, Let's Dance” to the crowd's most preferred, “Misfit.” For an entire hour it felt as though we had flashed back to the British invasion of the eighties; all the while everyone surrounding me couldn't help but give in to the fervent dance vibe coming from the stage.

If you missed the show, don't pass on the chance to see them at



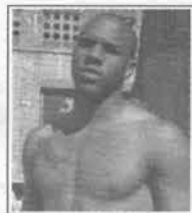
Frontman Diego Garcia of Elefant enralls the crowd with his presence.

Coachella in May. Elefant creates a sound slightly familiar (think The Cure meets *Hedwig and the Angry Inch*), yet evidently distinct in style. There's something about this band's ecstatic showmanship that makes it stand out above all others I've seen before. In fact, it

stands out so well that the whole spelling glitch ordeal might be worth forgetting after all. Or better yet, worth appreciating: just like its name, the band's disturbingly different—and that's exactly what makes them sound more than okay.

## ear candy

TAKING A LOOK AT WHAT SMC IS LISTENING TO



“...Kanye West, because he's the hotness.”

-JUSTIN BETHUNE, FRESHMAN

“AFI, *Drowning* - it's fast-paced because it's hard-core kind of music. It's on whenever I turn on my player.”

-MIKE JOHNSON, SOPHOMORE



“*The Halfway Tree*, by Damian Marley - there's so much political insight and it's very eclectic. It's a fusion of reggae and other styles.”

-EILEEN SAM, SOPHOMORE

“*40 Oz. to Freedom* by Sublime because it has the feel of a live concert. It flows well and it's good music.”

-CHALAN CUNNINGHAM, FRESHMAN



“*The Diary of Alicia Keys*, it's a mix of urban, cool sophisticated soul laced with some smooth beats.”

-ELAINE ABELAYE, SENIOR

## on the burner:

By TINA McAFEE, STAFF WRITER

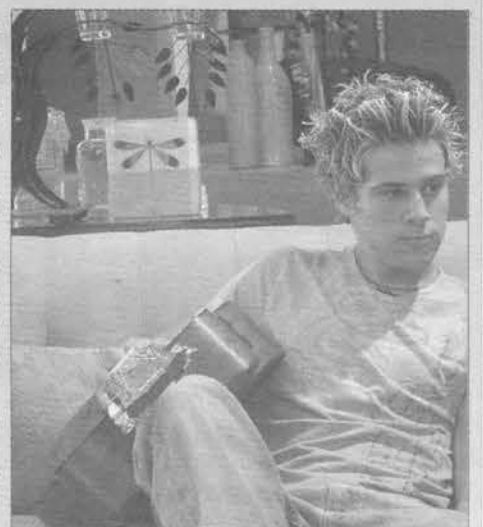
### Ryan Cabrera

Okay, so he may look like Howie Day but do not be deceived. It's only the hair and guitar that draw similarities. At 21, the Dallas native is hitting the road, publicizing his future major label debut album *Take It All Away* co-produced by himself and Goo Goo Dolls frontman Johnny Rzeznik.

At 19, Cabrera recorded his now out-of-print independent album *Elm St.* He produced and arranged the eleven-track album, playing most of the instruments himself. Soon after its completion, Joe Simpson (father and manager of Jessica Simpson) was impressed with Cabrera and signed him to his management company. The next step was to get signed to a major label, and after a few trips he had himself a multi-record deal with Atlantic Records. Working with Rzeznik on his new album was a dream for Cabrera because he brought out aspects of his music he thought were not possible.

Ryan Cabrera is not new to the touring scene. During high school, he started at small local venues in his hometown, eventually branching out to entertaining audiences at various cities within Texas. He was eventually picked up as an opener for popular bands such as Sister Hazel, Wheatus, The Pat McGee Band and others, as well as working the side stage for Third Eye Blind, Tonic, and Ben Harper. Cabrera ventured out all over, hitting cities like Philadelphia, New York and Chicago.

Recently, he opened for Bleu and Josh Kelley at Café Du Nord in San Francisco; his level of excitement and passion behind his music left me anxious to see him headline in the future. Armed with his acoustic guitar, Cabrera's set featured tunes on his upcoming album. Cabrera seemed shocked that people knew who he was. His humble and friendly character will definitely take him far if he remains true to himself. He said he was coming back in a month, so keep a look out for him on Café Du Nord's calendar. Closer to pop, *Take It All Away* is expected to be released on June 29<sup>th</sup>, so be sure to pick it up.





PHOTOS: LISSETTE GARCIA/COLLEGIAN

## CONFESSIONS OF A REAL LIFE ABERCROMBIE QUEEN

By KATIE ALPIZAR STAFF WRITER (ABERCROMBIE ADDICT)

I have a hobby. Well passion might be more appropriate. No, that still sounds trite. Okay, I have an addiction. It involves a little store (you've all probably heard of) called Abercrombie and Fitch. For the record, I shopped Abercrombie before it was trendy to do so, but lately things have gotten out of control. I find myself dressed from head to toe, inside and out with "Aber" (as I so lovingly call it) gear. I don't just say I got a new pair of jeans or t-shirt; I say I got the 5-pocket denim flares and sheer vintage cami with layering tank. Yes, it is that bad; Abercrombie technical terms are used in my daily vocabulary, and I am shamelessly mocked for it. Yet, it is so natural. Just like my collection of bags (some of which are displayed on my wall) of the hot boys of Abercrombie past, when I walk into a mall equipped with this venue my pace quickens, my pulse increases, and my friends are many steps behind.

Abercrombie is the only reason I am there. I hope to find some new treasure I have overlooked on the website or catalogue — a diamond in the rough if you will - but secretly I would be ashamed of myself for missing any new gear. I enter Abercrombie and am immediately enveloped by the subtle scent of their classic fragrance and put into a trance by the techno music (some of which is downloaded on my computer). The only thing that can stop me

now is if they don't have my size, but there is always the stock room, which I have personally checked on several occasions. Since spring has literally sprung in a matter of days, there is much to stock up on. I am mesmerized by the intense colors of pinks, greens, and yellows of the tanks and knit-mini's (skirts to the layman) that are beautifully displayed on the sparkling wooden tables. When they change the layout or season it is like a whole new canvas — anything can happen.

I start grabbing items frantically as if they will be snatched up by someone else and when I literally cannot carry one more thing, I head to the dressing rooms, which I secretly think are equipped with special lighting and mirrors to make one look stunning in whatever she tries on. I make desperate decisions and come out with my selected items, sadly leaving some behind. Meanwhile whoever accompanied me is passed out on the couch or yelling at me because they have a headache. I don't leave that store without a purchase. I know Abercrombie is cliché and it is like everyone else. It is a trap I am surprised I have fallen for and I keep falling faster and faster. It is like a black hole because with each new season there are new clothes that entice me further. I am terrified for the day when I will be "too old" to shop there, but since I still get asked if I'm 15, there is hope for my almost 22-year-old self. If it is true that the first step to getting over an addiction is admitting you have one, maybe there is still hope for me?



Brush your shoulders off...  
**for the Pimp  
and Whore Hour**



PHOTO: KIM DAO/COLLEGIAN

Mily Vasquez (left) and Jorge Diaz (right) work to create pleasure of the musical kind on their show.

KSMC 89.5 is perhaps one of Saint Mary's best kept little secrets. Not only is it one of the sole radio stations that comes in clearly on campus, but KSMC is home to a variety of outrageous student DJs who aren't afraid to push the envelope with hilarious and provocative hours of programming.

One show that truly epitomizes the excitement and chaos that is KSMC is, "The Pimp and Whore Hour" with deejays Mily Vasquez and Jorge Diaz. The show runs every Thursday from 3 to 5 p.m., and includes a mixture of music and non-stop, random commentary. The show, armed with a very apt racy title, is kind of like visiting a dingy, yet high-end, street corner in New York City. There's plenty of hip-hop, off-the-chart chemistry, and anyone who visits is guaranteed to have a good time (wink, wink).

The pimp and whore duo, Mily (the pimp) and Jorge (the whore), met by chance this year and quickly discovered an instantaneous chemistry they had while on the air. Connected by their vast knowledge and obsession with pop culture, Mily and Jorge have no problem filling their show with side-splitting comments about whatever and whoever. And when they're not harassing students that happen to walk by the KSMC window, the two aren't afraid to go off on a crazy tangent that leads to nowhere in particular.

The show's music list includes an array of hip-hop and R&B artists, with a random punk song thrown in every once in awhile. "Pimp and Whore Hour" is also very fond of old school music, especially the Jackson 5. Basically, they're willing to play anything that you can shake yo' booty to.

And it doesn't stop there. In addition to their weekly show, Mily and Jorge are scheduled to host the long-awaited Gael Stock in May of this year. They will be the pre-entertainment of the event, playing music and commenting on the multitude of festivities.

But until then, when you're stuck in your dorm room, bored and looking for a little stimulation, turn no further than 89.5. Where else but KSMC can you find a well-rounded pimp and whore ready and willing to make you laugh?

-Anna Gates, Staff Writer



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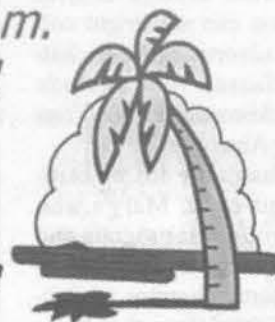
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## Players of the Week

### brent jensen

The golf team has played well as of late, having three 1st place finishes thus far. Brent Jensen helped wrap up the third, finishing 10th in the UC Riverside Braveheart Classic.

### kate harden

The women's tennis team has scuffled early on this season, but their improved play of late can be linked to Kate Harden. In the three matches the team played this week, Harden not only won her singles, but her doubles as well. The team went 2-1 against San Francisco, UC Davis, and San Jose State.

-Sam Adams, Sports Editor

## Score Card

### Men's basketball (19-12)

|              | 1  | 2  | Final |
|--------------|----|----|-------|
| Saint Mary's | 29 | 42 | 71    |
| Gonzaga      | 39 | 45 | 84    |

F. Adjiwnou - 16 points  
E.J. Rowland - 16 points  
P. Marigney - 12 points

### Golf

#### UC Riverside Braveheart Classic

First Place - 909 strokes  
B. Jensen - 10th place  
J. Lanza - 12th place  
C. Cocco - 12th place

### Women's Lacrosse (1-4)

Lehigh 12, SMC 10  
C. Spencer - 4 goals

### Men's Lacrosse (2-5)

Pepperdine 7, St Mary's 6  
Utah St. 12, St. Mary's 8

### Tennis

**Women (4-9)**  
SMC def. UC Davis 5-2  
SMC def. SJSU 6-1  
San Francisco def. SMC 4-3  
**Men (5-6)**  
SMC def. Gonzaga 6-1

### Softball (6-15)

|              | R | H | E |
|--------------|---|---|---|
| Saint Mary's | 1 | 8 | 2 |
| Nevada       | 5 | 5 | 2 |

|              | R | H  | E |
|--------------|---|----|---|
| Saint Mary's | 2 | 5  | 3 |
| Utah St.     | 3 | 10 | 0 |

|              | R | H | E |
|--------------|---|---|---|
| Saint Mary's | 6 | 8 | 4 |
| Nevada       | 4 | 8 | 1 |

|              | R | H | E |
|--------------|---|---|---|
| Saint Mary's | 7 | 9 | 2 |
| Utah St.     | 5 | 7 | 1 |

|              | R | H  | E |
|--------------|---|----|---|
| Saint Mary's | 3 | 10 | 0 |
| Nevada       | 4 | 9  | 1 |

|              | R | H | E |
|--------------|---|---|---|
| Saint Mary's | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Utah St.     | 2 | 4 | 0 |

### Baseball (4-15)

-Bye Week-

# SPORTS

## Women's lacrosse falls to Lehigh

### Gaels fumble halftime lead, fall to 1-4 on the season

by Caitlin Hungate  
Staff Writer

There are games in which the score does not reflect how a team played. This was the case for the Women's Lacrosse team in their recent loss to Lehigh 12-10.

The Gaels were up 8-6 at halftime but then fell in a scoring slump in the second half as Lehigh dominated the scoreboard with six goals, while the Gaels answered with only two of their own.

The Gaels, seemingly did everything right. They controlled ground balls, out-matching their opponent 41-18, out-shot them as well, 30-26, and were called for less fouls than Lehigh, 18-35. Statistically the Gaels had a superior day - all except goals scored.

Two things hurt the team this game that they hope to improve on for their two home games this



Caitlin Hungate/COLLEGIAN  
St. Mary's got out to a quick halftime lead, but couldn't hold on in the second.



Caitlin Hungate/COLLEGIAN  
Lehigh handed the Gaels their fourth loss of the season.

week: their offensive shot selection and the opponents' transitioning in offense. Quick goals by Lehigh hurt the Gaels on defense and unfortunately their offense was not able to get into a scoring rhythm as they tallied eight goals in the first half.

Although after losing their fourth game in a row, the Gaels can still look to what they did right.

"I think that we worked really hard on getting the draw controls this week at practice and that showed during the game," said sophomore defender Jenny Levesque.

Yet Levesque and others realize what they need to work on for the rest of the games.

"One of the problems was that our communication broke down on defense," said Levesque.

## Rec. Sports calling all students

Exercise programs offered on campus give students an excuse to get out of their dorm room.

by Caitlin Bligh  
Staff Writer

If you have ever looked for a fun way to exercise on campus and want a little more than what the Power Plant can offer, the Recreational Sports Program has just the answer for you.

Not only is the Recreational Sports program responsible for the club teams and intramurals on campus, but they also offer various types of exercise classes throughout the week.

If you walk around central campus, you can see bright colored fliers advertising these challenging classes that include Cardio Kickboxing, Power Yoga and Killer Abs.

These classes are led by certified students at St. Mary's who are paid through the program and are offered twice a week.

Marti Storti, Director of Recreational Sports, says that these classes are a fun way to get out of your dorm room and get some exercise.

"Part of my role here is to say no matter what you do, you need exercise, you need to balance your life," said Storti.

Rec Sports also has drop-in classes that don't have an instructor, but consist of a group of students just dropping in to play.

The drop-in classes consist of indoor soccer, volleyball, wiffle ball and Ultimate Frisbee.

These games are played in Madigan, but Ultimate Frisbee will eventually move outside when the fields dry out.

"This is a very wide and varied program with a lot of opportunities for the students," said Storti. "For those who continue to sit around and instant message on their computer or play video games, they're really missing out."



Courtesy of forgemind.net  
Wiffle ball is just one of many programs that Rec. Sports offers to students for free.

"Contrary to some games, our intensity level was maintained throughout the game," said junior midfielder Kristen Schmiedeskamp. "We just dropped our heads in the second half. Then we started catering to the other team instead of keeping to our own game."

Even though the team may have dropped their heads, they did not look sloppy. The Gaels continued to make key connections throughout the midfield and some stops on defense. This loss was particularly frustrating for them because many realized that not only could they have won the game, they should have.

The Gaels continue their home action in the stadium on Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. versus Wagner and also on Thursday at 3:30 p.m. versus George Washington.

## Just Short

Men's Lacrosse loses to Pepperdine 7-6 despite late comeback

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Men's lacrosse dropped their second straight game, three out of their last four, after losing 7-6 to Pepperdine Saturday.

The team was down three with two minutes left, and scored twice, but their last shot on goal was a miss, unable to force overtime.

The team has been hobbled by an ankle injury to Peter Burns, their leading scorer of the past three years.

"It has been frustrating watching from the sideline just because I know I can't do anything about what's going on in the game," said Burns.

The team has tried to replace Burns' production. Nick Egide, who only had two goals all of last year, already has a total of 12 this season. Egide scored two goals in the loss Saturday.

The loss leaves the Gaels at 2-5, although the record is misleading since they have played some division A teams.

The team's next game will be at home against Biola on Friday.

## Couch Critic

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Steroids are getting more publicity than any story around



I can't take it anymore.

If I have one more person come up to me and tell me about how roided out Barry Bonds is, I might snap.

Steroids have taken over the subconscious of the sporting minds of America. Spring Training, March Madness, football teams off-season re-tooling - all on the back burner.

Gary Sheffield wants to take a test; Bonds wants to fight a washed up relief pitcher, Dusty Baker calls the whole thing "McCarthyism"-like.

Is any good going to come of this?

No.

This is worse than the Yankee's 200 million dollar payroll or a corked bat (remember how quickly we forgave Sammy?).

It is a damned if you do, damned if you don't situation.

If players take tests and pass, many will still believe they cheated, just getting off their "cycle" to pass.

If nobody tests, fans will always speculate as to whether or not what they're watching is real.

And worst of all, if certain players test positive or are "outed," it ruins their credibility as well as the product that is Major League Baseball.

One of the worst rumbings is in the Bay Area, with Bonds and the links he has to the BALCO mess.

Bonds has had three magical seasons, winning the MVP each time. He set the single season home run record, hit .370, came close to a World Series title, and joined the 600 home run club.

If it turns out that he was juicing while he wowed us (which is the popular theory), it devalues all the historic achievements along the way.

As a fan of the game and the player, I find it hard to believe and hope that he didn't take steroids. But the circumstantial evidence is piling up. One of the four men indicted was Bonds trainer and good friend. He is 40 years old and defying logic with his achievements and physique. So in this guilty-until-proven-innocent society, we wait. We wait to see if our favorite players were taking steroids, whether it was knowingly or they were duped into taking them some other way.

I'd like to think that Jose Canseco and Ken Caminiti were the only ones. That the game we watch is still pure and can be compared to the past.

But can't we just relax and worry about it when there is some real news to report?

I don't care if Reggie Jackson thinks Sammy Sosa used, or if Canseco says every Major League Baseball player uses them.

We have two good teams here in the bay area; can we just focus on them? I want to hear about how Robb Nen threw a bullpen and Eric Byrnes might win a starting job, the usual spring training fluff. Leave the other crap alone until there is some actual news, and before the sport is ruined.