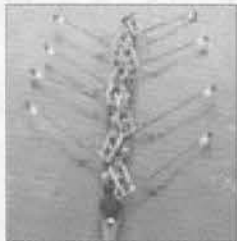


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Group to assess student life

ACUI asked to evaluate during transition into enlivenment

by **Chris Swain**
 Managing Editor

With the student affairs/life division in a period of transition and change, this summer, an external student life assessment group, Association of College Unions International (ACUI), will evaluate the college to help in the continued development of the division.

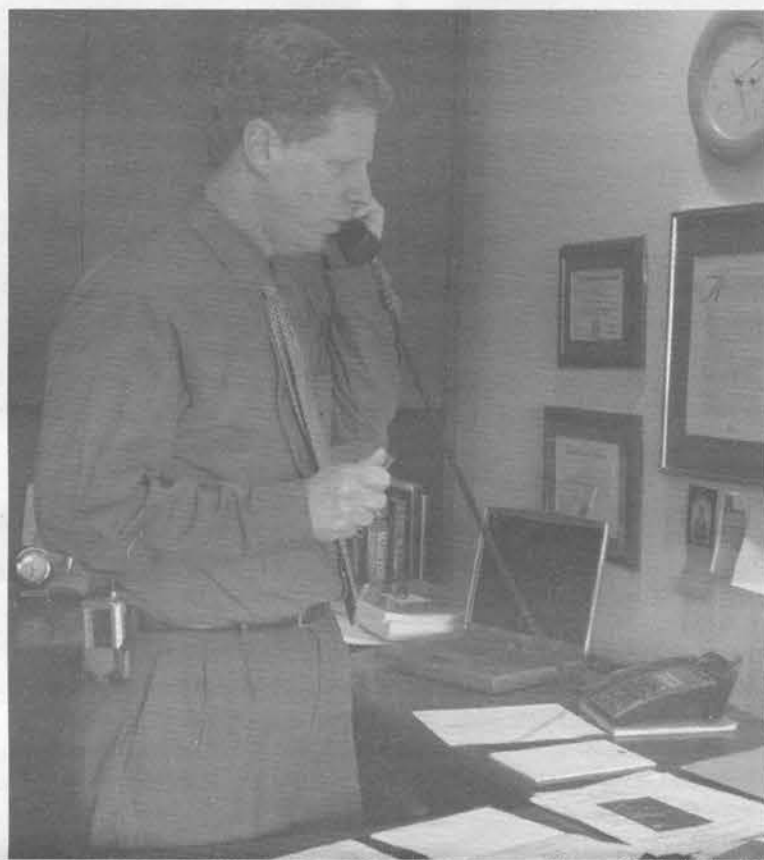
The assessment will aid the division in gaining "strategic insight for future planning in areas of program services and operations and facilities," according to ACUI, as well as providing a process for assessing organizational strengths why highlighting areas for renewal and change.

"I don't think we are sufficiently structured with staff and resources to support what are the most important elements of that office," said Mike Zoll, vice provost of student affairs.

Specifically, Zoll noted a few areas he has already seen a need for improvement in.

"For example, it is called student activities and leadership programs, yet there are no current leadership programs," said Zoll.

Also an issue for Zoll was the inadequate use of the union.



Lisette Garcia/Collegian

Zoll is hopeful for campus activity with the help of the ACUI.

"We have a student union, we call it a student union...and it's interesting to me that I was here this past weekend and at around

3:00 p.m. I went over to the student union and it was locked...right in the middle of the afternoon on the weekend and

it occurred to me there is something wrong with that," continued Zoll, who would like to see the union become a "living room" for the campus.

"What message are we sending to students about hanging out here on the weekend?" asked Zoll.

Zoll also wants more events and educational trips offered around the area on weekends.

"Enlivenment isn't just about programming, it's about coordination," said Zoll, who wants to see how student affairs/life can coordinate with the library to have a wider range of hours, and also with food services to rethink hours.

Zoll is hopeful the group can look at these areas, and make sure there is the support for the clubs and organizations.

However, Zoll knows that the ACUI assessment isn't the solution, rather a step in the process.

"I don't want to over estimate this review, it isn't the magic pill to campus enlivenment this will not bring the answer to the enlivenment issues, it will be one important piece to get a very important office structured to serve better," said Zoll.

SMC takes back the night

WRC rallies for safety with annual event

by **Amy Beth Kelly**
 Photo Editor

On April 15, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., the Women's Resource Center (WRC) will hold its annual 'Take Back the Night,' to honor all victims and survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence.

Take back the Night rallies began in England as a protest against fears that women encountered during the nighttime while walking. The rally hopes to provide a safe place for men and women to break free from silence and to make issues of sexual assault and domestic violence a mainstream topic.

Last year's event brought nearly 50 men and women from SMC together to share, listen and present stories. The WRC hopes that this year the outcome will be much stronger due to the programming. "By including so many components every person is sure to have a connection to at

see **TAKE BACK**, p2

**Part ONE of the 'senior plans' series:
 general info**

Seniors pick future

Career center to help with job market, grad school

by **Caitlin Bligh**
 Staff Writer

There is one question that strikes fear into the hearts of all graduating seniors: "what are your plans after graduation?" With commencement ceremonies less than two months away, seniors will soon be forced to embark on a career in the real world.

So what grand endeavors will seniors take on once graduation has passed and they are officially Saint Mary's College alumni?

"Honestly I have no idea what I want to do," said Angela Schnellbacher '04.

And she is not alone. Many graduating seniors do not want to think about life after college, they just want to enjoy their final semester.

Patty Bishop, Employer Relations Manager for the Career Center, deals with many seniors who are trying to figure out what field of work they would like to pursue.

Bishop is currently involved in on-campus recruiting which brings employers right to the SMC campus and gives graduating seniors an opportunity

to interview.

Bishop said that she has about 200 seniors that have gone through recruiting and more who come to the Career Center for advice about graduate school. "I think a good percentage of seniors are headed to graduate school," Bishop said. "Many seniors see the job market right now and decide to go to grad school, hoping they will come out when there are more opportunities. It's scary to enter the job market when it is in this state."

Candace Selover '04 will be graduating this spring, but has decided to stay another year and complete the fifth year teaching credential at SMC.

"The job market is really hard right now," said Selover. "I figured that I might as well stay in school."

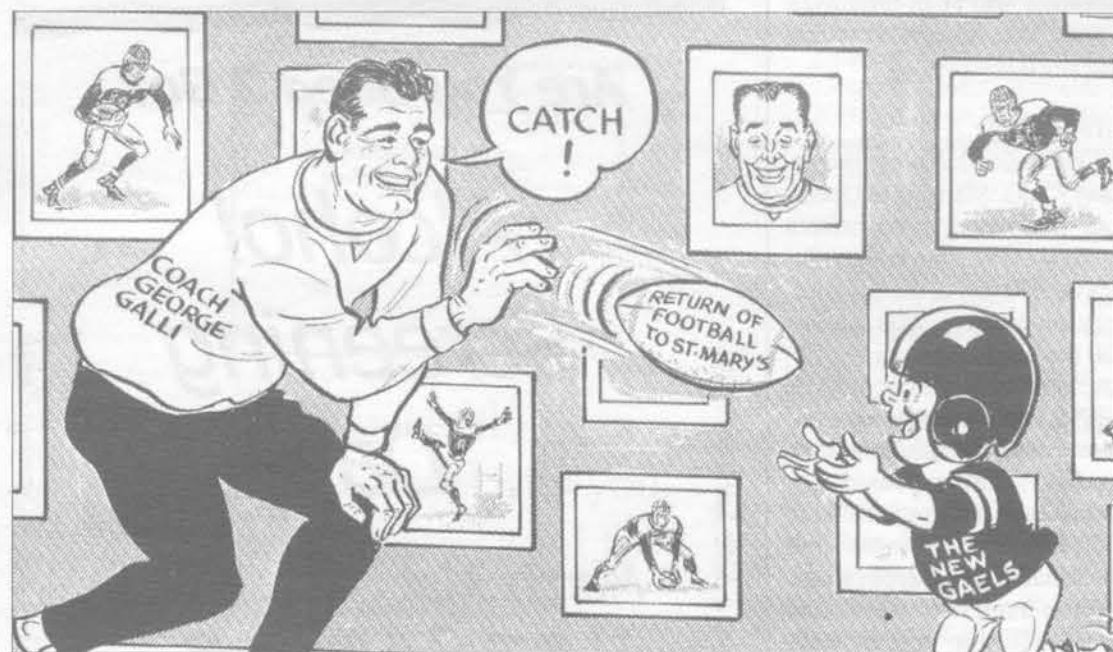
Seniors that have decided to embark on the job search have realized that it takes a lot of time, hard work and serious commitment.

"Jobs are attainable," said Bishop, "but it takes dedication and motivation."

Katie Kim '04, a business see **SENIORS**, p2

Students play waiting game

Former football players weigh options



In 1967, Gael football was making a comeback. In 2004, former players are looking elsewhere.

Gael 1967

by **Sam Adams**
 Sports Editor

When the football program was cancelled, it seemed as if the 60+ members of the team would be gone on the first train out of town. But so far that hasn't been the case.

Although players are fielding calls from all over the country, it seems as if some are deeming the transfer process too complicated,

seeing that only a handful of guys have actually accepted a school's offer.

"I'm still thinking about it," said defensive lineman Lucas Lucero '05. "I'm still not sure - I'm kind of indecisive. I want to play football, but at the same time, I don't know if it's worth it for just one year."

Regardless of their actual intentions, players have been

flooded with phone calls, brochures, applications, and offers.

"I've been getting a lot of calls, some from little schools you've never heard of, but no offers yet," said Lucero.

Da'Sean Spencer '05 has shown no interest in continuing his football career, but still gets letters in the mail.

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What's Happening

Asian Cultural Night
Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Month culminates with Asian Cultural Night tonight at 5:30 p.m. in the Soda Center.

Carnival for Kids
The annual Carnival for Kids is coming up. The 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.

Deal Hudson
On Wednesday, March 31, at 7:30 p.m. in the Soda Center, writer and magazine publisher Deal Hudson will present his lecture, "The Primary Challenges Facing Catholic Higher Learning Today." Hudson is the publisher and editor of Crisis, a Catholic monthly magazine, and appears regularly on television news and commentary shows. The event, sponsored by the departments of philosophy and religious studies is free and open to the public. For more information, please, contact Debra Holtz at x4222.

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. Call x3566 with any questions.

Senior Slide Show
Seniors - get ready for the Senior Slideshow now! If you and your friends want to be represented in the slideshow for the class of 2004, get your pictures out! Turn your pictures in to the ASSMC - they can be printed pictures (put your name and phone on the back) or on disk. Slideshow will be in early May so start searching! Call x3566 with any questions.

Zulay Kapci
The Business Club presents Ms. Zulay Kapci, Manager of Operations at Dowling & Associates on Wednesday, March 31, in the Lafayette Room of the Soda Activity center from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Ms. Kapci graduated from SMC in 1999 and presently works in finance at a successful engineering firm. Kapci previously worked as an auditor at Deloitte & Touche. The Business Club will be handing out applications to those interested in applying for a leadership post as well. Questions? Contact Jim Renton, President of the Business Club: busiclub@stmarys-ca.edu or 376-6041.

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

Crime Beat

3/18 Incident: Vandalism Synopsis: Vehicle hoods parked near De La Salle Road stepped on by two unknown persons; referred to student conduct.	7:00 p.m.	3/21 Incident: Drunk in public and resisting Public Safety Synopsis: Intoxicated student and not cooperative at Lacrosse lot and baseball fence area; referred to student conduct.	1:30 a.m.
3/19 Incident: Vandalism Synopsis: Parking sign removed from Augustine Hall parking lot; referred to student conduct.	3:34 p.m.	3/21 Incident: Petty theft Synopsis: Petty theft of personal belongings at Oliver Dining Hall; referred to student conduct.	11:40 p.m.
3/19 Incident: Medical assistance Synopsis: Sick student outside Soda Center leading to parking lot; referred to student conduct.	6:45 p.m.	3/24 Incident: Burglary Synopsis: Theft of couch (recovered) from third floor Galileo Hall lobby area; referred to student conduct.	3:00 a.m.
3/20 Incident: Property damage Synopsis: Damage to vehicle's windshield at Augustine Hall parking lot; referred to student conduct.	4:22 p.m.	3/24 Incident: Trespassing Synopsis: Unauthorized vendor at Dante Quad; referred to student conduct and student activities.	3:21 p.m.
3/21 Incident: Marijuana use Synopsis: Non-student marijuana use at Soda Center; referred to student conduct.	12:41 a.m.		

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least one part of the event," said Sharon Sobotta, interim director of the Women's Resource Center. This year the program will host poetry, personal stories, a performance by Pulses, a guitarist, an a cappella singer, as well as a group of Tahitian or Filipino drummers. Among the programming there is also a rose laying ceremony for those who have lost their lives due to violence and abuse. In the past, some have seen Take Back the Night as an "angry mob" on campus. Sobotta refuted this by stating that the program, "is a holistic approach, and the

event is everything but angry...It is sad and empowering for some." The event will allow SMC students to acknowledge our neighbors and loved ones and remember those who are victims and survivors. "I want men and women to march together to make a statement to end violence against women," said Sobotta. She is also encouraging men who are secondary survivors to become involved in the program to honor people who are close to them. To get involved, students can contact the WRC at x4193, or stop by the WRC on the bottom floor of De La Salle Hall.

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Lissette Garcia/COLLEGIAN
Patty Bishop of the Career Center has been busy helping students plan for jobs and graduate schools alike.

major, is very active in on-campus recruiting and so far, the process has gone well for her. However, she admits that the career search is an enormous time commitment. "It's a very demanding process because I had to turn in my resume and then correct it about six times," said Kim. "Then, I signed up for about seven interviews and you have to find out basic things about each company you're interviewing for. You don't want to walk into the interview and not know what you're doing. You have to prepare."

Seniors that are serious about finding a job right after graduation have had to put their career search above everything else. Cassie Wittick '04 is looking for a full time teaching job next year and preparation for that has been her top priority. "I have definitely had to make a decision as to what is more important," said Wittick. "Preparation for my future career is more important than schoolwork right now." Whether they are heading to graduate school or searching for a job right away, seniors can agree that it is a tough road ahead.

Have a Safe Spring Break

Are You Good 2 Go?

Alcohol Screening Day

March 31st
11 a.m.-2 p.m.
Dante Quad

Counseling Center & Peer Education Network

Have a Safe Spring Break

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Alumnus petitions for football

Fernandes gets signatures to support program

by **Adrienne Gallo**
Staff Writer

For those who frequent Oliver Dining Hall, Manny is no stranger. Among the many disappointed alumni, fans, and students who are upset over the loss, Manny Fernandes '64 is no different.

When the news hit on March 3 that Saint Mary's College was eliminating the football program, Fernandes began his mission to get it back. Fernandes started a petition in hopes of reclaiming one of the college's sports. Fernandes' purpose is "to save football!"

In just two days he received the four hundred needed signatures to start the process of regaining this sport back. With high hopes to salvage the football team, Fernandes stated, "It means a lot to me because it is one of the best sports...it means a lot to the students."

The real upset is over the lack of faith in the football program. "It is not fair to the students," continued Fernandes. "We have a big stadium and even if we are unsure of finances, there are ways of making it happen."

Fernandes still supported the team even when there was low attendance and the team suffered



Hopeful fans wait to fill the stadium. Andrea Camarena/COLLEGIAN

some losses. Though this past season was not as successful as it could have been, the previous seasons proved that winning could be done. He found the sport of football equally necessary as soccer, baseball, and basketball.

A part of the reason for being cut was to reallocate resources to other sports, thus possibly strengthening other programs. Fernandes argues that schools have made it work in the past and that this is no excuse to discontinue football.

According to Fernandes, the vote to rid SMC of football was not unanimous. The Board of Regents voted 11-1. So, who was this lone fan in support of football? Lisa Seeno, class of 1981, who is not only a football enthusiast but a fan of the Gaels as well. Other people saddened by the loss of football, as reported by

Fernandes, are Ken Hofmann '45, who is Seeno's father, and the Garaventa, Aloia, and Bertain families.

According to Fernandes, these alumni are extremely influential because it is their contributions that make progress at this school. Their support is critical when it comes to financing programs.

Also according to Fernandes, his petition was directed to Seeno with anticipation that someday and soon, the football team will be back as a part of SMC.

The future is uncertain, but Christina Kirk '07 commented, "What Manny is doing is admirable, but he is up against unfavorable odds. It is unlikely things will change, but if we do not take a stand for others when their dreams are being crushed, who is going to be there to take a stand for us?"

Beyond

NATIONAL AND WORLD NEWS BITES

the bubble

By **TONY VALA-HAYNES**

- At the Radio and Television Correspondents' Association Dinner President Bush showed a slide show of what he called "The White House Election Album." In the slide show he showed a picture of himself looking under furniture with a frustrated face. Bush remarked over the microphone, "Those weapons of mass destruction have got to be here somewhere."

-JERUSALEM—Israeli soldiers disarmed a teen Palestinian with a vest of explosives strapped to his chest last Wednesday.

-WASHINGTON—Former Democratic nominee, Howard Dean, endorsed John Kerry Thursday. Kerry remarked, "Howard and I understand this election is not about us."

-BAGHDAD, Iraq—3 U.S. troops were killed Thursday in two separate attacks, north and west of Baghdad.

-CUETZALAN, Mexico—After flash floods trapped 6 British explorers in a series of caves in Eastern Mexico, British Navy divers were able to free 5 of the six on Thursday. The 6th explorer will be freed once the oxygen tanks have been refilled.

-On Saturday, NASA will make a second attempt at flying an aircraft at 5,000 mph (about 7 times the speed of sound).

-LONDON, England—Scientist Andrew Scheurgen believes if we find life on Mars it will most likely originally be from Earth. He said, "I believe there is life on Mars, and it's unequivocally there, because we sent it."

-LOS ANGELES—"Frasier" taped its final episode Tuesday. The spinoff of "Cheers" has won 31 Emmys in its 11 year run.

-WASHINGTON—A California Atheist argued to the Supreme Court Thursday the words "under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance are unconstitutional and offensive to people who don't believe in God.

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

FOOTBALL: possible recruits include SMC opponents

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"The school [screwed] me," said Spencer, "I only have a year of eligibility left. Personally, I don't think its worth it to transfer, along with the process of moving, learning a new school, a new team, new plays, new players, and learning a new system that other people have already learned. With no spring, I'd be at a disadvantage - and I'm not going to transfer to play a year of Special Teams."

On the other side of the line, both on and off the field, is offensive lineman Jacob Wolfe, a junior with two years of eligibility left. Wolfe got an offer for a full ride from Northern Arizona University and took it.

"I wanted to transfer the whole time," said Wolfe, "I still want to play football, and SMC wasn't providing me with that opportunity. That's why I came to this school."

NAU recruited Wolfe despite him being on a team they obliterated 40-3 in the opener at Flagstaff.

In fact, a lot of schools that took advantage of SMC's horrid final year of football have recruited former players. Lucero said a

handful of guys will be heading to Sacramento State, who beat SMC 69-19, and some will go to Cal Poly, who beat SMC 54-10.

"I hadn't even heard of SMC until a football coach called me," said linebacker Heath Villarreal '05. "So I'm off to Sac State."

"They are trying to improve the team, they look for the best players from our team," said Wolfe. "They just want to get better, so that's why they're recruiting us. [NAU] saw me play and said what I can do, so that's why they called me," said Wolfe.

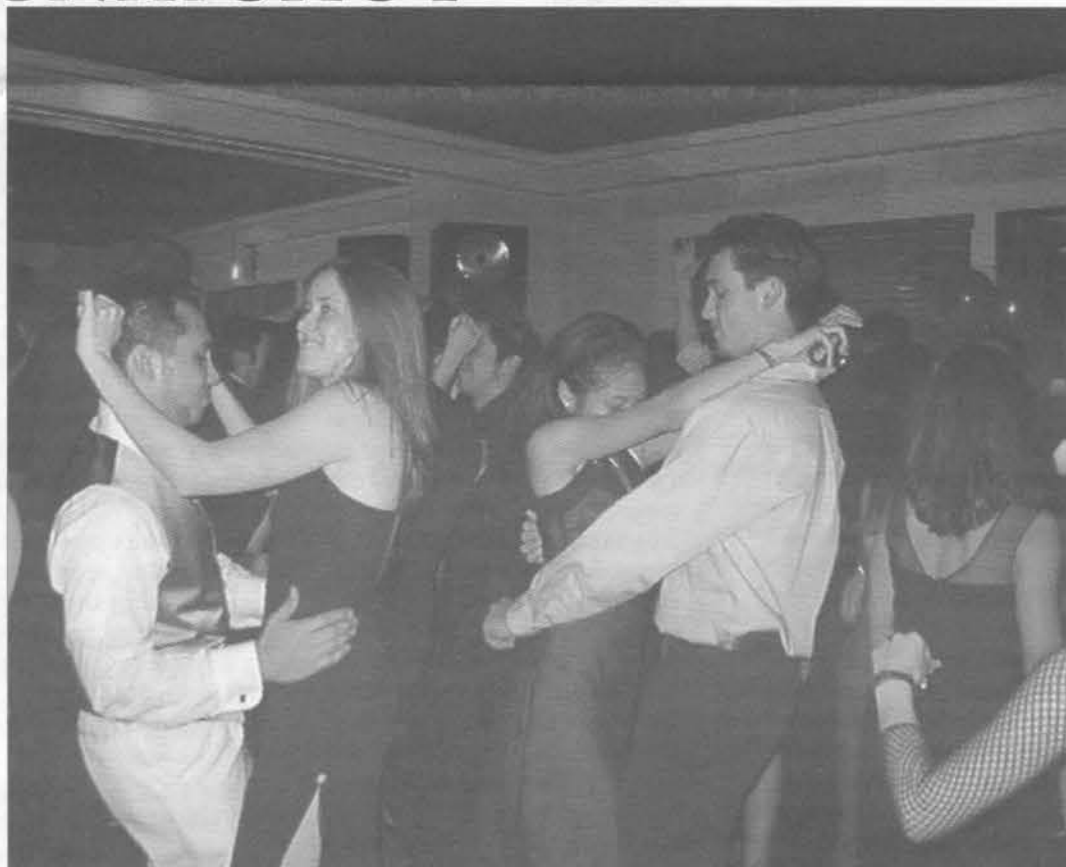
Despite popular theory that everyone will leave, Lucero predicts that only 15 to 20 guys will end up leaving.

Education is one factor, said Spencer. "I'm used to this school and academics here," said Spencer. "I don't want to learn, a new school. And if I did go, I'd want to transfer back for the degree, and that's another move - just a waste of my time and energy."

But it doesn't matter if you want to go or not, you are going to get plenty of phone calls.

Wolfe said somewhere between 10 to 12 teams called him, ranging from Division I-A all the way down to Division III.

SNAPSHOT



Tina McAfee/COLLEGIAN

On Friday, March 26, Scott's Seafood in Jack London Square, Oakland, hosted SMC's diversity dance, "A Night of Stars." After dinner, the participants grabbed their partners and groups and danced the night away.

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OPINION

Collegian View

To vote or not to vote?

Jessica Gutierrez

Recently, 71-year-old Democratic senator John Vasconcellos, along with three other lawmakers, proposed a constitutional amendment that will bring the voting age down to 16. "16- and 17-year-olds pay taxes just like everyone else, so why should there be taxation without representation?" Just like our founding fathers, today's young generation is wondering why they cannot vote until they are 18. The League of Women Voters makes the argument that every citizen should be protected in their right to vote. They ask, "How can we justify age discrimination by not allowing 16- and 17-year-old citizens to vote?"

Supporters of the proposed amendment feel that the Internet, cell phones, television, and a diverse society make today's teenagers more adequately informed than generations before them. In light of the low voter turnout in the March elections, Vasconcellos is now saying that he would give 16-year-olds a half vote and 14-year-olds a quarter vote in state elections beginning in 2006. This idea is officially being called "Training Wheels for Citizenship." It can only be executed if it is approved by two-thirds of the legislature to appear on November's ballot.

This suggestion has come 33 years after the United States lowered its voting age from 21 to 18. My fear is what we will see in the future. For example, why isn't the drinking age then lowered to 18? If a teenager can vote, shouldn't a legal adult be allowed to drink? Aren't they responsible enough to drink in a bar in college if they were given the power to vote in high school? More questions arise. Should 14-year-olds be allowed to drive?

The risk of irresponsibility behind these big decisions that affect the entire nation outweigh the benefits of a young citizen with more freedom. Vasconcellos says, "People who are given opportunity when it counts often live up to it." This is a beautiful idea in theory, but who knows what the outcome will be if this amendment is passed? Another good point Vasconcellos brings up is, "When we gave the vote to those who didn't own property, then to women, then to persons of all colors, we added to the richness of our Democratic dialogue and our own nation's integrity and its model for the world." Young supporters of the amendment say that the vote is a positive thing for them in issues such as education funding, and will bring a more representative vote to the California Electorate, which is now dominated by older Caucasians. This is a huge and multifaceted issue. On one hand, it promotes equality and allows the interests of our nation's youth to be heard. On the other, there is a risk in giving any amount of power to such young and undeveloped minds. While we all grapple with the logistics and validity behind it, you should get to a booth next election season and vote on this issue that affects us all.

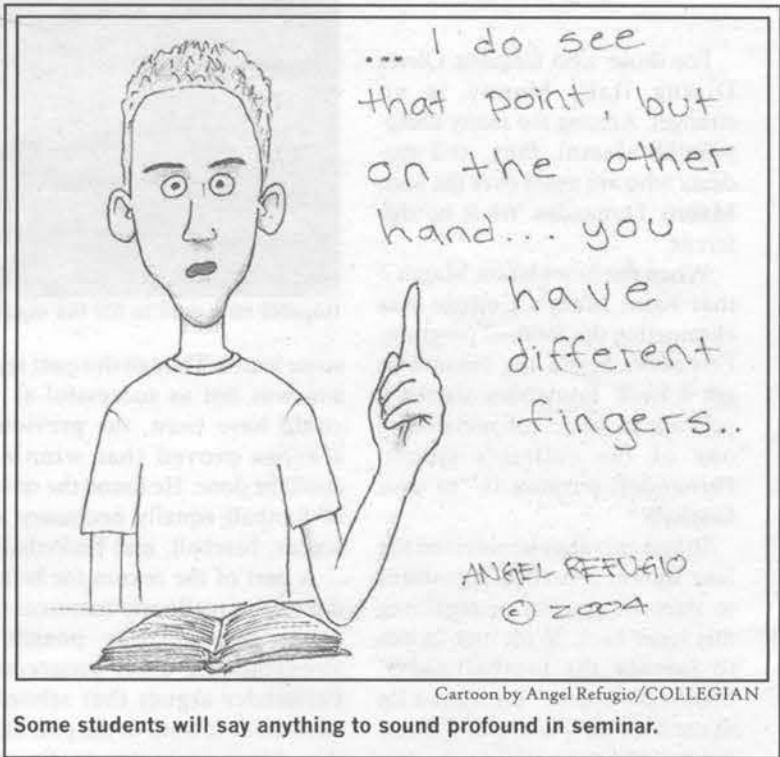
Spring is here. Easter vacation is four days away. The coming week looks to be long. Stress release is a few baby steps away. In honor of the break in stress, members of the Collegian staff will toast a few cold beers. Amidst the break from the stress, members of the Collegian staff will share a few cold cokes. In light of the stress relief, a few members of the Collegian will have more than a few shots of vodka.

In the next week, members of the Collegian staff will party. Staff members will go on adventurous or out-of-control road trips. Some will enjoy the sober company of their close friends, significant others, or family. Most will go home.

Collegian staff members will get drunk. Collegian staff members will binge drink until they pass out or vomit in a drunken haze. Collegian staff members will stay sober. They will look out for each other. Members of the Collegian staff will put each other to bed, they will hold back hair, they will offer glasses of water, they will cut people off, they will volunteer to be designated drivers, and they will care.

They will keep each other safe. The Collegian staff is a microcosm of Saint Mary's College. Not everyone at Saint Mary's finds alcohol consumption to be necessary in enhancing their college experience.

And in this regard, the members for the Collegian staff continually look out for each other. This doesn't mean that their drinking habits are healthy. This doesn't mean that these students have addictions or abuse problems. It doesn't mean that they don't.



Some students will say anything to sound profound in seminar.

There are extremes and there are middle grounds. Everyone can find themselves on any point of the spectrum in the next week. During vacation, Collegian staff members will reside somewhere on that spectrum and there will be someone looking out for them. We hope the larger community can say the same. Happy Easter.

Community Views

Dear Editor,

I appreciate the Collegian's coverage of the personnel changes in various Student Life departments. What follows is the line-up for the spring semester (and into summer):

1) Student Activities and Leadership Programs: Jim Sciuto is now assistant director and will soon hire a program assistant to help with various functions.

2) New Student Orientation: Ana Montanez replaces Marie Willison (who leaves April 8) as coordinator of orientation. And a graduate intern will join us this summer.

3) Multicultural Student Programs: Mary Ho is now director and leads the development of a new office to be based in the Delphine Lounge. Searches for three director-level positions are underway. In all three searches, all students, faculty, and staff will be able to meet with the finalists. All finalists are expected to visit campus no later than the last day of classes. For the Women's Resource Center, resumes are collected, the search committee is selected, and screening/interviews begin this week. Sharon Sobotta continues to serve as acting director. For Residence Life, resumes are now being collected,

a search committee will be named later this week, and screening/interviews will begin by mid-April. Mary Spellman continues to serve as acting director. For Student Activities/Leadership Programs, planning with Human Resources is now complete and the search process will soon begin. I am providing support to this office, and will coordinate an assessment by a visiting review team later this semester.

This is a great opportunity for all of us to seek and find mission-centered leaders for these important student service areas. I welcome everyone's participation in the process and appreciate your patience during these times of change. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns about Student Life (mzoll@stmarys-ca.edu or x4524).

Sincerely,
Mike Zoll
Vice Provost for Student Affairs

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SMC students were polled on their preference and opinion of different teaching styles at SMC.

Is the seminar method important to the SMC education?

“Yes, I believe that it is at the core of Saint Mary's education.”
Mary Barnes '06

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ALCOHOL

ALCOHOL & DRUG
MATRIX

Even before the days of "Animal House," drinking has been a part of college life. Saint Mary's is no exception. This year, the new Alcohol Sanction Policy, known commonly as the "matrix," went into effect, infuriating many students, and setting off a year-long debate on campus.

However, the matrix merely fans the flames of a long-standing discussion. Alcohol is a part of our campus. Some students have never had a drink in their lives. Others spend each Friday and Saturday night (or more) drinking as if there's no tomorrow. Students are looking for vibrant weekends on a campus where activities seem to be few and far between. However, as Scott Kier, director of student conduct, pointed out at last Thursday's roundtable discussion (see p.8), our main purpose here is to learn. Do we sometimes let alcohol get in the way?

How much are students drinking? How do we view alcohol? What do we *really* think about the matrix? This past month, In-Depth went in search of the answers. Some of what we found was what we knew all along. Other things surprised us. All of it, however, is relevant.



The nature of drinking at Saint Mary's

Students can often get pressured into giving into alcohol myths

by Chris Swain
Managing Editor

Experimentation with alcohol, drugs, and sex are some of the pressures of the college experience, but at Saint Mary's, because of its size, the peer pressure might even be greater to experiment, said Jim Sciuto, coordinator of student activities.

Sciuto also believes certain stigmas and myths limit students' understandings of what kind of drinking the majority of students are really engaging in.

One such stigma is that students overestimate the amount of alcohol that is consumed by their peers.

"There are a lot of surveys that have been done to ask students how much they drink and it is always surprisingly lower than what people think," said Sciuto.

Reasons for this overestimation include the fact that "there are a lot of people who binge drink and do drink in large quantities and abusively," said Sciuto, who thinks, "that percentage of people overshadows the percentage of people who don't drink at all and aren't interested in drinking."

Another myth that cripples student awareness of the real amount of consumption is that students need to drink before events in order to enjoy them.

One reason for this, according to Sciuto, is the light in which these events are communicated on campus.

"If RA's hear from administrators how ugly an event is, that RA is going to tell the resident and that resident is going to tell their friends and sooner or later, everyone expects such a bad event and students are going to rise to those expectations, thinking that is what the event is supposed to be," said Sciuto.



A variety of alcoholic beverages sit on a counter, available for student consumption. While anyone who ventures into the townhouses on a Friday or Saturday night will eventually find this scene, are Saint Mary's students really drinking as much as we think they do?

The attitude that "it's [such and such event], we have to drink, everyone does it" needs to be dispelled, according to Sciuto, who thinks breaking down those assumptions needs to begin with staff and administration.

To achieve this, Sciuto said, "we need to put a positive spin and work with students in educating them to realize that before a big event, they don't have to get belligerently drunk in order to have a good time" and also "we need to do a better job of educating students, if they choose to drink, so that they drink in moderation and do it in safe environments and look out for each other."

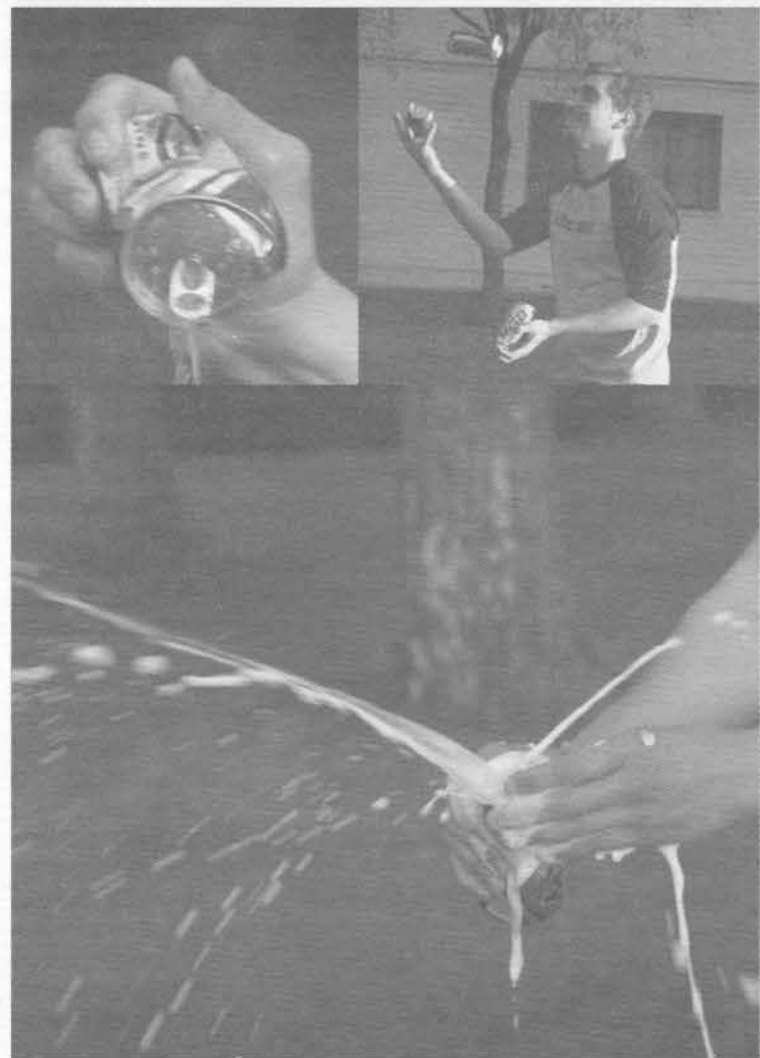
The Associated Student President, Tony Ancelj, also believes students and administration need to "get away from thinking that alcohol is a bad thing and we need to understand that students can drink responsibly."

"I think students that don't drink hang out with students who do drink and they shouldn't be punished for that," said Ancelj alluding to the alcohol and drug sanctioning matrix.

"The matrix, in a way, calls for students to tell on other students because [students] are supposed to be there and make sure everyone is following the rules. I don't understand why that is the case," said Ancelj.



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Is there such thing as sober fun at SMC?

Students are questioned about sober activities on and off campus

by Caitlin Bligh
Staff writer

Walking around the townhouses on a Friday night, it seems as if everyone is cracking open a beer or pouring shots as a precursor to the night's activities.

Alcohol is the trusted companion of many students looking to have fun in Moraga on a weekend. But what about those that do not drink? Is there anything fun to do on or off campus if you are sober?

Many students think it is much easier to have a good time when there is alcohol involved.

Greg Kavulich, 21, says that his group of friends heads out to the bars more often these days, but when they are on campus, they just hang out in the townhouses.

"It's a lot more fun when you're drinking," Kavulich said.

Kevin Blanc, also 21, agrees.

"I've had way more fun drunk," he said.

Students who live off campus or who are 21 have the opportunities to hit up the local bar scene or go to San Francisco and check out the clubs and bars there. But those who are underage and without a car are not as lucky.

Justin Woodfin, 19, says that he has a good time attending the sporting events on campus, such as the volleyball, basketball and lacrosse games. However, he too agrees the alcohol aids in the good times he has there.

So are we a school of drinkers who cannot have fun without a few alcoholic beverages in the system?

Not exactly. There are definitely students who can have a great time without drinking.

Brandon Crain, a freshman, says that he has fun going to Dryden Hall and hanging out there.

"I like coming here and playing pool, but I think they should

offer more activities on campus," he said.

Students said that they have fun on campus doing sober activities like indoor soccer in Madigan, going to the movies, or just laying out by the pool.

According to Kristin Nunnally, 20, it all comes down to who you are with, not what you are doing.

"You can have fun no matter what, you just have to be with a good group of people."

20%
of students
under the age
of 21 do not
drink

*From a Collegian survey of 128 Saint Mary's students

Alcohol and SMC: not the place to be

Is Saint Mary's really unique in its drinking habits, or can we simply not accept the fact that drinking is a part of life on any college campus, not just our own?

This just in: Saint Mary's College is NOT a party school.

Surprised? Why should you be? We don't have any tailgates or keggers. We don't have a college pub where we can go watch a sporting event with our friends and a couple of pitchers.

We do have the student union and though we have tried to have events where we can have some alcohol served, who wants to drink in an atmosphere where your every move is being watched by hawks that are waiting to pounce on you and write you up because they say you are exhibiting "signs of drunkenness"?

People on campus live in an atmosphere of either complete fear of the consequences of drinking or complete disregard because the sanctions seem so ridiculous for doing something fairly minor.



by Irene Guzman



Drinking before and during dances: not an uncommon event at SMC.

My personal belief is this: if I am going to get in trouble for having people over and being loud, then I might as well go all-out.

I will clear the furniture from my suite and have a dance floor. I will party until Public Safety comes knocking on my door or until the sliding glass door falls off, whichever comes last.

Administrators and Residence Life harp on how irresponsible our students are, which is why the alcohol matrix has been so heavily enforced.

To a point, I agree. I couldn't understand why, at the WCC Basketball Conference finals, we had 3 alcohol incidents in which students were too inebriated to function while Gonzaga, with at least three times the number of fans, had zero incidents.

Why can't we handle ourselves?

I've been to a good number of other college campuses. Some are like SMC, in that they are small institutions with either Lasallian or Jesuit backgrounds

and some kind of restrictions with alcohol. Others are the complete opposite, complete with on-campus bars and wild fraternity parties of "Animal House" repute. My friends who attend both types of schools don't gripe as much about the party scene because they actually have one.

I think college students everywhere are always going to be rowdy drinkers. Yes, many times we drink in excess and irresponsibly, but college partying is just a phase.

At one point, we grow up. We figure out that we can't drink like idiots on Thursday night and skip class on Friday because, in the real world, we're can't miss work: our paycheck depends on it.

Saint Mary's administration needs to remember this. It seems like they make it a problem that only has to do with our campus.

We need to get over ourselves and realize that college drinking is a problem nationally and look at how other schools deal with it without driving students away from campus.

The American culture of drinking

by caitlin hungate

Particularly in the college arena, not too many students have been taught about moderation. Could this stem from their access to alcohol unlike that of their younger years? Although this may be one explanation for the overconsumption, a stronger one comes from an image of alcohol that is part of the culture that Americans are raised in.

Reaching the precious age of 21, many top off the night by drinking much more than they should in celebration of finally being able to have a legal sip of alcohol, even though many started to drink at a much earlier age. Compare this to many European countries. Yes, there is still alcoholism there. However the culture in which many teens are brought up in does not place alcohol on such forbidden terms as it does in the United States. Further, many of these countries have either a lower drinking age, or none.

At the age of 18, you can vote, serve and die for your country if you choose, along with a myriad of other legal activities. However, you still cannot legally take a sip of alcohol. Heaven forbid one has a sip of alcohol before they can die for their country. By creating a negative association with alcohol consumption, we fail to acknowledge the positives with drinking.

It is proven that drinking one glass of red wine a day or less has added health benefits. According to scientific studies, there is a proven correlation between drinking one glass of red wine a day and improved heart conditions. And the next time you feel nauseous, try a good dark beer. See if you and your stomach feel better. Hopefully our generation will see the value of moderately drinking instead of avoiding the subject entirely. When a subject is not talked about, one resorts to other resources to get his or her knowledge. Is this a healthy situation for impressionable youths to grow up in? I think not.

Perhaps if Americans talked about the positive context of drinking, there might not be as much alcohol abuse, drunk driving accidents and deaths, and violence when one is under the influence. Call me optimistic, but I see change as a good thing, especially when discussion and education can eliminate such aforementioned problems.



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A sober student's lament



by Josh Krehbiel

I don't feel like drinking. There is something about losing the ability to control my mind and bladder that turns me off to the idea. Plus everyone tells me it just tastes nasty. So, despite grueling social pressure, I don't. And, God, am I bored.

I am sure that there are other things to do besides drink, but don't try to convince the college student. He'll be too busy chugging down a brewsky to notice that you're even talking. The entire social schematic is based on three things; beer, whiskey, and tequila. So what's to be done if you don't really want to risk the matrix and find someone with a fake ID?

Something else. Anything else. Memories are worth preserving. Livers are worth preserving. There is more to life, I believe, than alcohol. Our minds are so grand and inventive that we can surely have fun without turning it off.

Think about what you used to like to do before you started drinking. Did you play video games? Basketball? Did you run across the field wearing nothing but cut-off trousers? Childhood was a lot of fun, and there was not a drop to drink. We can still have fun in that childish immature way, mostly harmless, or we can enjoy the subtle pleasures of adulthood, like art museums or foreign films or the things that we used to (and maybe still do) find very boring. The world is wide open, not open bar.

I'm not a teetotaling bastard, who feels that people shouldn't drink because it's a sin. People should be allowed to drink, for their own good. Sometimes you need to turn the mind off for a bit. But drinking shouldn't be their means of existence.

A wise woman told me once that alcohol was just a means to an end, a device used to loosen up our stiff, rigid minds that society has trapped us in. I believe that this fluidity of mind can be achieved without fluids, and we can enjoy ourselves without worries sober. A good time shouldn't have side effects. It should be achieved with both mind and soul intact. And for this, we need to learn to not lean on Jim Beam.

84% of students have never been sanctioned for drinking by public safety or any other law enforcement agency*

34% of males and **27%** of females have driven after drinking*

82% of students disagree with the statement: "It is fair for non-drinkers to be sanctioned if they are in the presence of others using alcohol or open alcohol containers"***

43% of students think the Alcohol Sanction Matrix should be changed**

*From a Collegian survey of 128 Saint Mary's students
**From the recent online Alcohol Sanction Policy Survey

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Concerns raised about activites, matrix

Students, staff discuss alcohol issues at SMC

Last Thursday, a roundtable discussion was held in Delphine Lounge on the issue of alcohol. The following are excerpts from that discussion.

Noel Cilker, General Manager,



KSMC: This is the first time for a lot of students that they're away from any kind of supervision. I think the reason Saint Mary's is a little higher

up on average of drinking is that, even though we were close to a lot of areas such as Berkeley and San Francisco, we really have the feeling of being somehow isolated from the rest of the world. It's really easy to feel like we're sectioned off.

Scott Kier, director of student conduct: Statistics show that 7 out of ten students when they come here, at least for the class of 2008, have already tried alcohol. Coming to a campus like ours with upperclassmen, and this is not shifting the blame to upperclassmen, but you see what they can get away with, or what they can't get away with, and you try to emulate them.

Bob Gardner, In-Residence Director:



When I was here [class of '69] I think we did a lot more drinking. When I first came here in '92, they had the pub right downstairs here. The nights when they had enter-

tainment, that was pretty much a drunk-out. I keep hearing people asking for the pub to come back, and I think it's a bad idea.... You're going to hate me for this, but I think the matrix has caused people to drink less. And in some ways I don't think that drinking is all that it's cut out to be. When people develop addictions, this is where they're going to do it. I would like to see a program where people learn how to drink responsibly.

Jim Sciuto, coordinator of student activites: I find it interesting when sophomores say, "We need a pub here, I'd so go to the pub," and it's like no, you'd be under 21. Although when it was here there was enormous amount of underage drinking, one of the reasons why it closed down. Even if there was a pub here, you'd still only get 30% of students being able to go to it.

BG: You go to the Bear's Lair at Berkeley, which has got 20-some-thousand students, it's never packed. That's their on-campus pub. When they had the pub, on the night they have pub nights...date rape and vandalism doubled. We just said, it isn't worth it.

Jeff Haskins, ASSMC President-elect: I would really like to see some type of responsible program. The actions and the way that students behave with their alcohol are inappropriate and irresponsible, but I think one thing that we can do in order to battle



The discussion served as a forum for students and staff to express their opinions

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that is we need to model what responsible is.

Peggy Burns, director, health and wellness center: It was very striking when I came here because this topic of conversation is explored. I think it's a positive thing that



this is being discussed, because maybe in turn it causes people to look at their drinking behaviors. Binge drinking seems to

be the name of the game. I also know that, by students' self-reports, that binge drinking is very popular, and I think that the negative health effects are pretty strong. But I think just by having the dialogue is a factor that may affect people to think about their drinking habits.

JH: Usually, when you use the word "pub," there's a lot of negative connotations that come behind that. There are events and ways that we can put on something on a Friday and Saturday night that everyone can participate in, so that there's a sectioned off place for those that are 21. In turn, there's no model from upperclassmen what responsible drinking is. Something that I'm very concerned with is students feel that they have to hide, they have to be mischievous, they close a door, they completely disengage when it comes to alcohol. It's my personal opinion that that's even more dangerous than if people were open about it.

Cori Simpson, student: I think the fact that there is such a hush-hush feeling about people's drinking that that's what drives people to overindulge and to keep it a secret, and that makes them do even stupider things.



SK: I think even from the time I was in college to what it is now, it's more of an individual-type living atmosphere here. I think students are more inclined to stay in their room and play video game or watch TV or things like that. We need to start bringing them out of the residence halls. Looking around this campus, we have no congregation areas, we have no common areas, we have no areas where people can get together later at night and sit down and do something.

JS: I think that one of the common misconceptions is that the college is against having alcohol on campus, because I think for a college this size, students are pretty lucky to be able to not call it a completely dry campus.... From a student activities end, what we're struggling with is, what do students want, what activities do you want to see, because we're willing to work, it's just a matter of getting students there.

BG: Students are interested in doing some things, but what bothers Jim and what bothers me is that students don't normally want to do something on campus. It's almost like if it happens on campus, it ain't nothing.

CS: I don't think students think they have to drink or do drugs to have fun because we're isolated, I think it's because they think that it will be a boring event because of the student apathy.

BG: I don't think people come here and pick up the habit here. I think they come here with the habit.

SK: Our policies are consistent with the other schools. Our WCC schools, which we like to compare ourselves with in a lot of ways, our alcohol policies are consistent with theirs.

JH: Not only are students starting earlier than they have in the past, but also you're fighting a national trend through videos and movies, this culture that's coming up saying that it's acceptable.

SK: I think it's important also that we need to be consistent in what we're saying. We have Gaelstock, we have Oasis...at all these events, we have in the past turned a blind eye on those days.

But again, what does that tell students. That on these days, the institution is sanctioning that you can drink. We need to be consistent. I think it's unfair to a student.

JS: [The matrix is] not the alcohol and drug policy. It's the consequences to behaviors. I think that's just a misconception. People need to know that. I don't know how to hammer than into people any more.



BG: I'm a little amazed that someone alcohol has to go along with having fun.... The matrix has served notice that there's no sliding through, like some people were sliding through. I see it as being fairer than what was there in the past.

PB: I also think it's very difficult for students who do not drink, from whatever frame of reference they come from...I think it puts a lot of pressure on them. That is something we don't really talk about or address.

NC: I like the idea of having the matrix. I'm not sure of how well it's being enforced. I know of some RAs that actually join the parties. I like the idea of having standards that everyone has to follow. I think we should work a little bit more to ensure that there's no vacuum of things to do, in terms of activities.

SK: I'd like to dispel some myths that are out there about the matrix. All it is is standardized responses that the college will do. I think the matrix has had an effect, I'll be blunt with you, if the matrix had the effect of this drastic reduction in alcohol consumption on campus, as what the feeling is out there, I'll resign my job tomorrow, I'll patent this, I'll copy it, and I'll go out to every college in America.



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Cori Simpson '07 (left) and Jim Sciuto listen at Thursday's discussion

Owning your education: lecture and seminar

Seminar is a unique part of Saint Mary's education, but is it invaluable?

The best way to learn

by Pablo Armas

by Jon Slobodin

There's a reason for PhD's

I'm tired of people complaining about how awful seminar is. I'm tired of people not reading the text for seminar and using Spark Notes instead. People need to realize that seminar is an important part of a Saint Mary's education.

The seminar style of teaching does several things for Saint Mary's. It allows students to have the opportunity to take an active role in their education. Rather than having a teacher simply ramble on about what it was that the textbook authors thought, the students themselves are able to make judgments about what they read and see for themselves what it is that the writer is trying to say.

Another key aspect of the seminar style is that it allows students to read great pieces of literature that they normally wouldn't have read unless they were required to. From Homer to Virgil and Dante to Shakespeare, these great pieces of literature are invaluable in the intellectual growth of college students everywhere.

Even if we didn't read classical books, the methods that are applied in seminar are still invaluable to the students. One has to learn how to voice one's opinions and defend it against others. At the same time, the student also gets to hear the different points of views about the text that was read from other students about what the text was about.

One of the main complaints I hear about seminar is that people who don't know what is going on are doing all the talking. In any class, you always have that one person who doesn't read the text (or in some cases, ignores it totally) but talks anyway. If the other students aren't speaking up, just call them on it. If something they say is truly stupid, show them how they are wrong using the text and common sense. Hopefully, they will get the hint. If what was said was ridiculous and the rest of the class wants to have a meaningful seminar, the idea will be squashed and the class can move on. It is up to the students to make seminar an enthralling experience. Overall, seminar is an enriching way for the students to express themselves intellectually and it is the students' responsibility to keep it that way.



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Saint Mary's has always prided itself on being a very small school, with its intimate class atmosphere and close relationships between professors and students. It is especially proud of the style in which a lot of its classes are taught, the old seminar-style roundtable discussion. Professors say that these teaching methods are much more valuable than standard old lectures, and that discourse among fellow students provides an invaluable experience that big colleges are unable to offer - to which I say, "You have got to be kidding me."

Actually, it's not invaluable; it's about \$30,000 a year. I can find better things to spend my future yearly salary on than hearing some nineteen year old kid's opinion about how The Aeneid relates to his life - namely, a really good watch. Or a really, really cool TV. Or how 'bout a freakin' car? Or, get this: a college education in which I am actually *taught* by a professor who knows what he's talking about. I mean, these people did go to grad school for two years for a reason, right? I know they didn't get

their PhD's so they could kick back in class and listen to some kids barely above average intelligence who probably didn't even do the reading spout ridiculously obvious theories ("I think one of the central themes of the Odyssey is the epic journey." "Really? Thanks a lot. That was so insightful. Here's \$5,000"). If I want to hear other kids' rambling opinion of whether Oedipus was consigned to fate or had free will, I can go to the bar and do it for free, plus I would have the extra incentive of getting drunk, which would make it more fun.

I wouldn't have such a problem with this if my only discussion class was seminar, but out of my 5 classes, 4 are centered around discussion. I am an English major, and I obviously knew that some of the class would be discussion, but not the entire thing. These teachers know a lot more than we do, and I would love it if they would actually share their knowledge. I am so damn tired of these kids speculating and conjecturing, when most of the time they haven't got a clue as to what they're talking about. I definitely think that discussion has a place in college, but there has to be a happy medium. "Critical thinking" is great—but it has to be based in knowledge, a knowledge that the teachers have, and should give to us.

Iraq one year later: a changing perspective

tony vala-haynes

I received a phone call from my sister late in the evening last week. In the midst of a break up with a hunky triathlete, she wanted to splurge and get some things off her chest. I lay back on my flannel pillow and listened to her hopes and fears about relationships.

We laughed as we bashed the male species and I reassured her of her beauty. Following her splurge of emotions, she said to me, "Tony, I have something to tell you that puts this all in perspective for me."

Just before she called me, my sister spoke with her best friend. The lovely young woman who my sister and I grew up with was recently engaged to her boyfriend of two years. She sounded excited over the phone to my sister, but something dragged in her voice. The young man she is to marry was shipped off to the war in Iraq just days earlier. He will be stationed in Baghdad for 13 months. In September, he will be given a four day recess in which he plans to meet my sister's friend in France so they can pick out their wedding rings. One week after his departure, his infantry will be traveling on a road that leads into Baghdad, where five soldiers were recently ambushed and killed.

I remember meeting this young man. He came out to my house two summers ago to meet my sister and sit on our deck and drink cold lemonade in the sun. He didn't seem like anything extraordinary, but watching the face of my sister's friend glow whenever he spoke, I grew convinced there was something special about him that she had latched onto. There are much worse things than seeing a friend desperately in love with a kind man.

I don't agree with the war in Iraq. Last year I went to a series of protests in San Francisco to express my concerns about the war. I still don't agree with the war, but something inside me has changed.

When I read the news now, I don't see photographs of soldiers. I see photographs of husbands and fathers, wives and mothers. I imagine a man walking down a dusty road with a photograph of a beautiful young woman stuffed in his shirt pocket next to a bottle of sunscreen. I imagine, inscribed in broken penmanship on the back of the photograph: "my reason for being here, my reason for going home."

While I don't agree with the soldiers in Iraq, they never leave my thoughts. What could drive a man to leave behind a beautiful woman he loves? I tell myself I would never do such a thing - not for all the honor in the world. However, I understand the ability to believe in something so strongly and passionately that I would risk my life for it, and that's how I see the fiance of my sister's best friend. Despite our differences we tread on the same ground. I no longer condemn him, or those who follow his lead. I simply want him to return.

Public Safety: safe or just paranoid?

Officers take traffic control and bike patrol to new extremes

by Jenna Fox

Staff Writer

I was making the arduous trek up "the hill" to my dorm the other day when I heard yelling and honking behind me. No sooner had I turned around to see what the commotion was, then a speeding four-by-four passed me (and a stop sign as if it wasn't there) in a blur.

This is not at all an uncommon occurrence, yet as much as I would dearly love to drive like that, I dare not go a mile above the speed limit (which, as I'm sure many people would be sur-

prised to learn, is the snail's pace of 15 miles per hour). I was caught speeding once, and now I have a feeling Public Safety has an eye out for me.

But has observing the 15 miles per hour speed limit made me, or anyone else, safer? The reality is unfortunately, but not surprisingly, to the contrary. As I inch around the campus, I pity the driver behind me. People stuck behind me regularly honk, flash their high beams, and even pass me.

Driving 15 miles an hour is more of a hazard than rolling through a stop sign, or driving at

the shocking speed of 25 miles per hour! I'm not even sure that Public Safety officers drive 15 miles an hour on campus. I have even witnessed a Public Safety truck roll through a stop sign.

Perhaps this is why the department purchased bicycles for their officers. Bikes can easily stay under 15 miles an hour. Or perhaps the officers just needed exercise. But really, I'm curious, what exactly is the point of having officers on bicycles? So they can dismount quickly in case they have to give chase? The types of crimes people are typically cited for at Saint Mary's are

not exactly conducive to police chases. Students being cited would probably be too drunk or high to run anywhere at all, much less away from a Public Safety officer. The bicycles are not likely to be useful in traffic stops, what are they going to do, ring their bell and sing a siren noise to pull over a car?

Maybe I'm not being fair. Maybe Public Safety is doing such a great job protecting me from crime that I don't even realize the crime existed in the first place. Or maybe there's something about Public Safety that suggests one word: overkill.

Mary Barnes '06

52%

of students prefer the seminar teaching style

"Yes it's an important part of SMC. However, I feel it's not effectively run outside of Integral."



Donny Keim '07

46%

of students feel they learn better with the seminar style.

"Yeah, I like it, it's different. You learn to be articulate in the classroom."



Michelle Musa '07

tongue
in cheek
by Jon Slobodin

Report shows drug use is down among 'uncool' kids

WASHINGTON, D.C.—According to a study released Monday by the Department of Health and Human Services, drug use is on the decline among uncool kids.

While nearly 80 percent of U.S. cool kids use drugs, the study found that just .007 percent of uncool kids between the ages of 12 and 19 use drugs, down from .012 percent in 1980.

"Really, this should surprise no one," HHS Secretary Donna Westiden said. "If you've ever met any of these kids, you'd be amazed they ever left their own bedrooms, let alone smoked a joint."

DEA guidelines established in 1989 define "uncool" kids as those who "are introverted and passive, possess academic aptitude and physical ungaliness, and live in constant fear of things that really aren't that big a deal."

Among the uncool kids polled were high-school yearbook editors, people unable to do chin-ups for the President's Council on Physical Fitness test, and people who watch "American Idol."

Uncool kids participating in the study gave many reasons for rejecting drugs. Fifty-six percent said that their parents would kill them if they tried drugs, and 62 percent expressed concern that their brain cells would erode from drug use, leading to poor SAT scores. An overwhelming 94 percent cited fear of an allergic reaction.

"I'm allergic to milk, cats, and pollen," said Ted Boyce, 16, of San Francisco, California. "And I'm afraid that if I smoke marijuana, Dr. Chasarik will give me more shots, which I don't want because they hurt, and they cause small red welts on my skin. Also, smoke really irritates my eyes."

HHS researchers tested uncool kids' resistance to drugs by enlisting 15 popular kids to pressure a sample group of A.P. calculus students to smoke pot. Resistance was universal.

"I was trying to get this geek named Harry to smoke a joint, and he just started crying," Miramonte High School star quarterback Chris Mitchell said. "What a girl."

Of the many subgroups of uncool kids, fantasy-game enthusiasts used drugs the most. But even among the group, only .018 percent reported trying drugs.

"At GenCon '96, there was a rumor that some marijuana was present," 19-year old Ken Harper of Pittsburg, PA, said. "My older brother said he saw a pot-smoking pipe under a Star Wars table, but this I never witnessed."

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Without a Flaw

Albums usually have fillers that create flaws: but these are a special breed that is filler free.



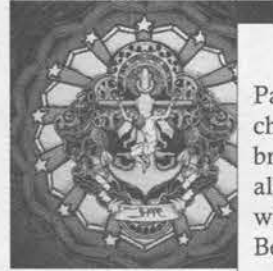
brent mills
staff writer

These albums are of a special breed: Every song is good. Not once will these albums leave you with the 'one bad track' syndrome. With this special crop, I tried to pick recent albums while being without flaws, these are people that are below the radar. Next time you get bored with the music you're listening to, pick up or download at least one of these albums. Maybe you'll discover something new you can't believe you've never heard before. Blah...blah...etc...you get the hint.



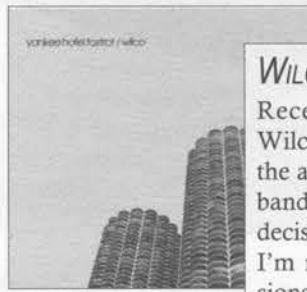
MANDO DIAO | BRING 'EM IN

If the rest of the world wants to understand what's so great about rock and roll, they need look no further away than Sweden. Of all the places in the world, Sweden is home to Mando Diao—whose album *Bring 'Em In* hasn't received enough recognition for its role in proving rock isn't a genre on crutches. Chugging guitar riffs reminiscent of The Who and The Kinks make it a deadly catchy album beginning to end.



NON PROPHETS | HOPE

Paying a respectful homage to his predecessors, Sage Francis name checks and recognizes all the ancient medallions of hip-hop. Taking a break from his more personal lyrics, Sage has a little fun with this album. He addresses problems with hip-hop today via loaded and witty lyrics while riding on underground beats provided by DJ Joe Beats fittingly enough.



WILCO | YANKEE HOTEL FOXTROT

Recently booted off a major label, Wilco got dumped because Reprise felt the album would be a flop—ruining the band's reputation and their own. Worse decisions have been made I assume, but I'm not entirely sure what those decisions could be. This 'renegade' alt-country album has not a bad track and topped many critics'—and my own—year-end lists.



THE BLOOD BROTHERS | BURN PIANO ISLAND, BURN!

The sheer brutality of this album is staggering. Each band member has no choice but to pass out after every show if they're always exhibiting that much energy. Musicians rarely show you such an intimate view of their absolute need to play—if they do at all—through their music. However, I warn you against listening to this if you're tired or an easily agitated individual. *Burn Piano Island, Burn!* is like audio speed loading you with an immediate, near overdose of energy. If you can't take it I'll understand.

concert calendar

Azure Ray/ The Elected
April 4
\$12
8pm @ Café Du Nord

Modest Mouse
April 6 & 7
\$20
8pm @ The Fillmore

The Strokes
April 8
\$25
8pm @ The Warfield

The Vines/ Jet
April 11
\$20
8pm @ The Warfield

Belle & Sebastian
April 30
\$30
8pm @ The Warfield

The Thrills
April 30
\$17.50
The Fillmore

Air
May 3
\$37.50
8pm @ Paramount Theatre
Oakland

Ben Kweller/ Death Cab for Cutie
May 3 & 4
\$20
9pm @ The Fillmore

Muse
May 6
10pm @ The Popsene

Pretty Girls Make Graves
May 6 & 7
\$10
9pm @ Café Du Nord

The Constantines
May 8
\$12
9pm @ Café Du Nord

Maroon 5
May 13
\$20
8:30pm @ The Leavey Event Center
Santa Clara

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the hot list What's catching heat this week...

RELEASE OF 'DAMITA JO'

Amidst all the publicity and drama that has plagued the Jacksons, they will always be remembered for their great music. Fresh off the famous boob incident, Janet Jackson should be no exception when *Damita Jo*, her seventh album comes out this week. Go cop the album because everyone needs their dose of sexually intensified R&B. Maybe she'll even show you her other boob too.



Photo courtesy of: <http://www.janet-jackson.com>

BEYONCE IS A 'NAUGHTY GIRL' ON VIDEO

One of the new darlings of the R&B scene, she dazzles in her new video for the single "Naughty Girl." Doing dance numbers with Usher, splashing around scantily clad in a huge martini glass... who knew being naughty could look so good? Mmm.

THE FALL OF BRITNEY SPEARS

Apparently lip-synching can be a tad hard to accomplish with those dance moves, when Britney Spears fell at a concert recently in Moline. While fans looking for souvenirs of the fall, can find remixes and audio clips of her apparently griping and moaning on her mic circulating around the internet. Fabulous life of Britney Spears? Maybe not.

SLAPPIN' TO THE OLDIES

Richard Simmons, flamboyant fitness guru slapped a man at the Phoenix airport when he said, "Hey, everybody it's Richard Simmons - let's drop our bags and rock to the 50's." Reports say that Simmons was mad and had to "b**tch-slap" the man. Oh, Richard we are sorry to have gotten your tanktop in a knot.

-Kim Dao, Detour Editor

Ultimate SMC Pranks:

Stripped and Searched



anna gates
staff writer

You've heard the stories. You've listened to the legends. Now it's time to uncover the truth behind some of the renowned pranks pulled here at SMC.

With April Fool's Day right around the corner, these stunts may inspire you to create a little mischief of your own. But be warned, most of these legends are legends because the perpetrators utilized the utmost precision and care in performing their practical jokes. This article is dedicated to those students who risked their safety and permanent record for a good laugh. These are their stories.

Most of you have probably heard about the infamous cow that was brought up to the top floor in Augustine Hall. Some say they had to kill the cow in the dormitory and drag the lifeless slab-o-beef back down. The story holds that you can lead a cow up stairs, but you can't bring her back down. Some say the cow still haunts the hall to this day.

The real cow story, however, happened in 1970. And the real perpetrator was none other than

the roommate of current SMC staff member, Bob Gardner. That's right; Crazy Uncle Bob was quite the rebel back in his college days. SMC was an all male school at the time, so without any female influence, the boys had to resort to other forms of entertainment.

On this particular occasion, Bob and his cohorts decided to test their cow-herding skills. After many failed attempts, Bob's roommate finally snagged one of the tamer cows and led it up the stairs of Augustine to the fourth floor, where it proceeded to deposit cow patties throughout the hall. The school, dumbfounded by the prank, could do nothing more than contact the rancher, who led the cow-napped animal back down the stairs. Sorry to burst your bubble, but contrary to popular belief, there was no blood shed in the making of this SMC prank.

Later that same year, the boys of SMC concocted another devious stunt, which caught the attention of the FBI. The air force had just visited the school for recruitment purposes and had placed a fighter plane on display in front of De La Salle.

That night, a group of about 100 boys secretly gathered around the plane and carried it off to the front of the school (apparently fighter



1967 Saint Mary's Yearbook/YEARBOOK ARCHIVE

Scenes and images of the infamous airplane captured from the yearbook archives.

planes aren't very heavy). Once in front of the school, the boys covered the plane with toilet paper.

Needless to say, the school and the Air Force did not see the humor involved. The FBI was brought in to dust for fingerprints, although no one was pinned for the crime.

There are many more stories of pranks hidden within the walls

of SMC history. Stunts range from chemically construed rotten egg gas to kidnapping rival schools' cheerleaders for a week at a time.

The lesson to be learned from these pranks is simple: all boys schools are a hazard waiting to happen. 'Cause if they don't have girls to distract them (or keep them in line), all hell is sure to break out.



DJ PROFILE

Sometimes things become funny...

when pants become optional.



Tina McAfee/COLLEGIAN

"Pants Optional" Hosts, Peter Stemp and Rob Almand

No, the name of the show isn't some clever pun meant to draw in listeners. It isn't a highly constructed metaphor, symbolic for the no-holds-bar mentality of the show. When they say "pants optional," they mean it literally. And by literally, I mean they actually don't wear pants while hosting the show.

So who are these pantless rebels, you may ask, (and what are their extensions)? Well, you need look no further than KSMC, Monday and Wednesday night to find the answer. The two student deejays, Rob Almand ('04) and Peter Stemp ('04), host the randomly hilarious show, "Pants Optional" twice a week from 11p.m. to 12 a.m.

The show, in essence, is a show about nothing. There is no script, there are no rules, and quite frankly, there's a whole lot of mindless yelling that occurs in the hour time slot. And yet, despite the chaotic (and sometimes scandalous) frenzy that "Pants Optional" induces, there is something strangely addictive about it. And once you tune in, you just have to listen. The phrase "morbid curiosity" comes to mind.

When the topic of conversation isn't who has their pants off (or who should have their pants off), the show utilizes a number of reoccurring guests/characters that add a bit of intrigue to the show. Guests include LAX coach, John Britain, Meat Grinder, and Squishy (don't ask). In addition, Rob and Peter are often joined by a third member of mayhem, Joe Vivian ('04). As a surcharge to the already random duo, Joe adds an indefinable spark that makes this a threesome you won't soon forget (even if you try).

Although the show plays no music whatsoever (except for a little Eddie Money), "Pants Optional" is caterer to amateur flow competitions. The main flow competitor, Mike Bausch, is eager to show off his improvisation skills for the show. His raps cover a number of topics, including inebriation and "ba-donk-a-donks."

Equipped with these guests and hosts Rob and Peter, "Pants Optional" is an eerie (and hilarious) look into the life of a college male. There are jokes about nothing and everything; there's nudity; and there's a strange fascination with body hair. In one word, "Pants Optional" is ridiculous.

-Anna Gates, Staff Writer

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danced or kissed with you,
doesn't mean I want to
have sex with you.

Players of the Week

delaney gallagher

The baseball team is off to a good conference record, partly due to the resurgence of Delaney Gallagher. Gallagher raised his batting average by 36 points in three games, one against Stanford and the first two against San Diego. He went 7-14 with three RBIs and two runs scored.

jen arnold

Despite getting swept in a double header by Ohio State, women's softball third baseman Jen Arnold continued her torrid season, going 2 for 2 with two homeruns, three RBIs and two walks. Arnold pushed her average to .383 on the season.

-Sam Adams, Sports Editor

Score Card

Golf

Fidelity National Cal Poly Intercollegiate

Second Place - 872 strokes
J. Chirila - 4th place
L. Kendregan - 7th place
B. Jensen - 8th place

Women's Lacrosse (2-7)

Ohio University - 22
SMC - 12
C. Spencer - 5 goals
J. Spencer - 5 goals
Hofstra-18
SMC-5

Men's Lacrosse (3-5)

-Off Week-

Tennis

Women (7-10)

SMC def. Gonzaga 7-0

Men (10-6)

SMC def. Air Force 5-2
SMC def. UC Riverside 5-2
SMC vs. Nevada 5-2
Exhibition:
Great Britain def. SMC 6-1

Softball (7-23)

	R	H	E
Saint Mary's	4	8	3
Ohio State	7	12	0

	R	H	E
Saint Mary's	0	1	1
Ohio State	1	9	0

Baseball (8-19) (WCC 3-2)

	R	H	E
Saint Mary's	3	14	1
Stanford	7	13	2

	R	H	E
Saint Mary's	3	9	2
San Diego	2	4	1

	R	H	E
Saint Mary's	5	7	2
San Diego	3	11	1

	R	H	E
Saint Mary's	1	10	3
San Diego	7	17	2

SPORTS

Men's Golf closing in on Regionals

Gaels hope to sneak up on the competition in post season

by Sam Adams
Sports Editor

Men's Golf has flown under the radar this season, but they are on the verge of a breakout.

After finishing top-five in six straight tournaments, getting coverage in the San Francisco Chronicle, and getting a day-long tutorial from acclaimed sports psychologist Dr. Bob Rotella last month, they have a possible play-off berth in sight.

"They are doing really well," said head coach Scott Hardy. "They have really made the effort to make the commitment and turn around this program; I'm excited, but at the same time, we have two more tournaments before we can make our 'March Madness.'"

For those of you who don't know, golf has eight districts, Saint Mary's in district eight. 12 of the top 30 teams get in the national tournament. Saint Mary's district includes the Pac 10 and the WAC; some tough competition.

"It's really tough to get into," said Hardy. "This is the first time

we've really been close. The top six or seven teams in our district are top 20 in the country."

The Gaels had another solid finish last week, coming in second at the Fidelity National Cal Poly Intercollegiate. Leading the Gaels was senior John Chirila, tying for fourth place at 1-over par. Liam Kendregan played well too, shooting a 2-over par, and captain Brent Jensen tied for eighth with a 3-over par.

The Gaels finished second behind UC Riverside, who happened to be 12th in the district, just ahead of number 13 Saint Mary's.

"The team that beat us is 12th in the district rankings and we're 13th, and the top 12 in the rankings gets to go to the NCAA championships," said junior Joe Lanza, who shot a 7-over par, tying for 12th place in last week's tournament.

"We won our past two, and had a lead going into the final round [of the Cal Poly Intercollegiate], got off to a bad start on the last day, pulled out second," said Hardy. "The last couple of tournaments, everyone has really

stepped up; our team is deeper than it's ever been, and because of that we have a chance because our four and five guys can really play."

One advantage the team has over the competition was a special day with sports psychologist Dr. Bob Rotella, who visited last month. Rotella has worked with golfers such as Tom Kite, Davis Love III and David Duval, among many others. Coincidentally, the Gaels won their next two tournaments after Rotella's visit in February.

"He came out and spent a day with the team; talked about the mental game, preparing," said Hardy. "It was really good for the guys - they really fed off it the last three tournaments."

With just two tournaments left until post-season play, the team may need to use those teachings to get into Regionals.

"We only have one more tournament before conference," said Lanza, "so I say that we need to either win that one or win conference to make sure we are in."

Gaels can't cage Cardinal

Team drops game 7-3 at Louie Guisto Field

by James Lee
Staff Writer

The Gaels played No. 1 Ranked Stanford last Tuesday in a tough loss, with the Cardinal pulling away late to win 7-3. The Gaels played well and kept it close for most of the game, showing that they could hang with the best team in the nation.

The Cardinal struck first, scoring in the second inning on a sacrifice fly. They also added another run with second baseman Lowrie's solo run home in the fourth. Down 2-0, the Gaels rallied when Bryan Byrne scored off of Delaney Gallagher's RBI single in the fourth, and Mike Harris scored on a wild pitch in the fifth.

The Cardinals pulled away after hitting two homeruns in the seventh and a two run homerun in the eighth. The Gaels were led offensively by Mike Harris, who went 4-for-5.



Lissette Garcia/COLLEGIAN
Mike Harris, scoring on a wild pitch, went 4-5 against Stanford.

Women's Crew rows to the limit

Gaels' young squad is trying to make the worst-to-first leap in WCC

by Allison Kop
Staff Writer

Saint Mary's Women's crew is off to a solid beginning this year after competing in their first five races of the season.

Under the direction of first-year head coach Pasha Spencer, the Gaels are sitting comfortably in the middle of the WCC rankings, a big improvement from their last place finish in conference one year ago.

Although this year's team is relatively young, boasting only two upperclassmen on its 13-woman roster, the Lady Gaels have made respectable showings in each of their first five outings this season.

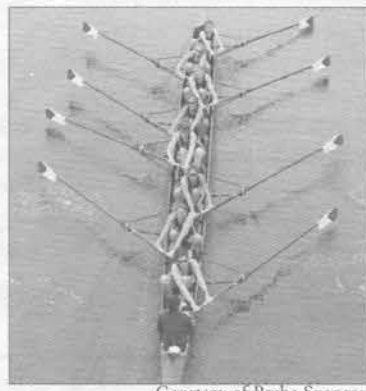
Anna Hiser, 19, a freshman rower, believes that this year's team has a lot of potential.

"We have a strong team," she said, "It's small, but I think that has helped us become a lot closer. We have a lot of drive."

On March 20-21, the team competed in the WCC challenge, where they raced against conference opponents Portland, Loyola Marymount, and Gonzaga. Although the team went 1-2 over the weekend, Coach Spencer was impressed with her team's performance.

"For a young team, they rowed with composure and skill," she said, "The next step is working on our team speed, but the focus and commitment is strong. It's a solid base to build from."

Hiser agreed and had good things to say about her first year coach.



Courtesy of Pasha Spencer
The Women's Crew team is attempting to pull off an impressive turnaround this season.

"She's extremely dedicated," she said, "She's always critiquing us on technique and things like that. She just wants to see us do our best. She's awesome. Hard, but awesome."

Women's crew races in boats of either four or eight rowers with one coxswain. The rowers on this year's squad are Lindsey Anderson, Katie Azevedo, Breezy Jackson, Dana Smith, Lindsay Juricich, Anna Hiser, Christie Dentry, Courtney Smith, Kat Rettberg, Mary Terrill, and Britany Gholar. Amy Bellman and Ashley McShane are coxswains for the team.

With the Crew Classic in San Diego coming up this weekend, the Lady Gaels are ready to return to action. They hope to continue their improvement this year and finish in the top three of the WCC.

Spring has Sprung; Batter Up!

Cliff Spinola

While talks surrounding Bay Area baseball may be more concerned with Barry Bonds buffin' up with BALCO or Steve Schott and his sorrowful shriek for a sweet new stadium, the game will go on as scheduled and there's a lot more to talk about than the negative, hum-drum deficiencies of the game. This past off-season has been one of epic headlines, including shortstop Alex Rodriguez going to the Yanks' to play third, Curt Schilling backing up Pedro in Boston, and the Rocket Roger Clemens and Andy Petite joining the Astros to make an All-Star starting rotation (and having the SECOND best rotation in the division - the Cubs with Wood, Prior, Maddux, and Zambrano).

Here in the Bay Area, we have reason to concern. The American League West has only gotten tougher (what division hasn't?). I have not heard a baseball opinion yet that has the A's atop their division, despite making the play-offs the last three years and putting the same, if not better, team out there this year (at least they signed Chavez). The problem as always: hitting. The A's have the pitching, but without Jermaine Dye producing, the A's have no hope of averaging more than two runs per game.

On the other side of the Bay there are different issues. Without a healthy Robb Nen, the Giants bullpen, their biggest asset over the last two years, could have problems, especially after Felix Rodriguez' off year in 2002. The starting rotation, besides Schmidt (and he's not 100%), is not all that impressive either. Kirk Rueter is old, and Jerome Williams is too young and unpredictable. The Giants should be a .500 team; but then again anything is possible.

Predictions, predictions: Yeah, it hurts to say this, but the A's and Giants will be golfing in October. So let's start with the obvious. In the AL East the Yankees will win 100 games and the pennant. It looks as though Minnesota will return to the playoffs again representing the AL Central while the Seattle Mariners (AL West) will make their first appearance in the playoffs since 2001, when they won an amazing 116 games. The Boston Red Sox will walk away wild-card winners as I contemplate: Who do I root for? The Twins?

In the National League, the defending champion Marlins will claim the East despite their off-season losses because Atlanta just isn't impressive anymore. The pitching of the Cubs will see them to the Central pennant and the LA Dodgers will make a grand appearance to Octoberfest once again. Houston's pitching will welcome the wild-card woes.

The Mariners and the Yankees will make it to the AL Championship series with the Seattle seamen moving on to the big show. After the Cubs and Dodgers face off in the NL Championship, only the crew from Chi-town will be standing. So Cubs and Mariners it is...is Chicago's curse over?