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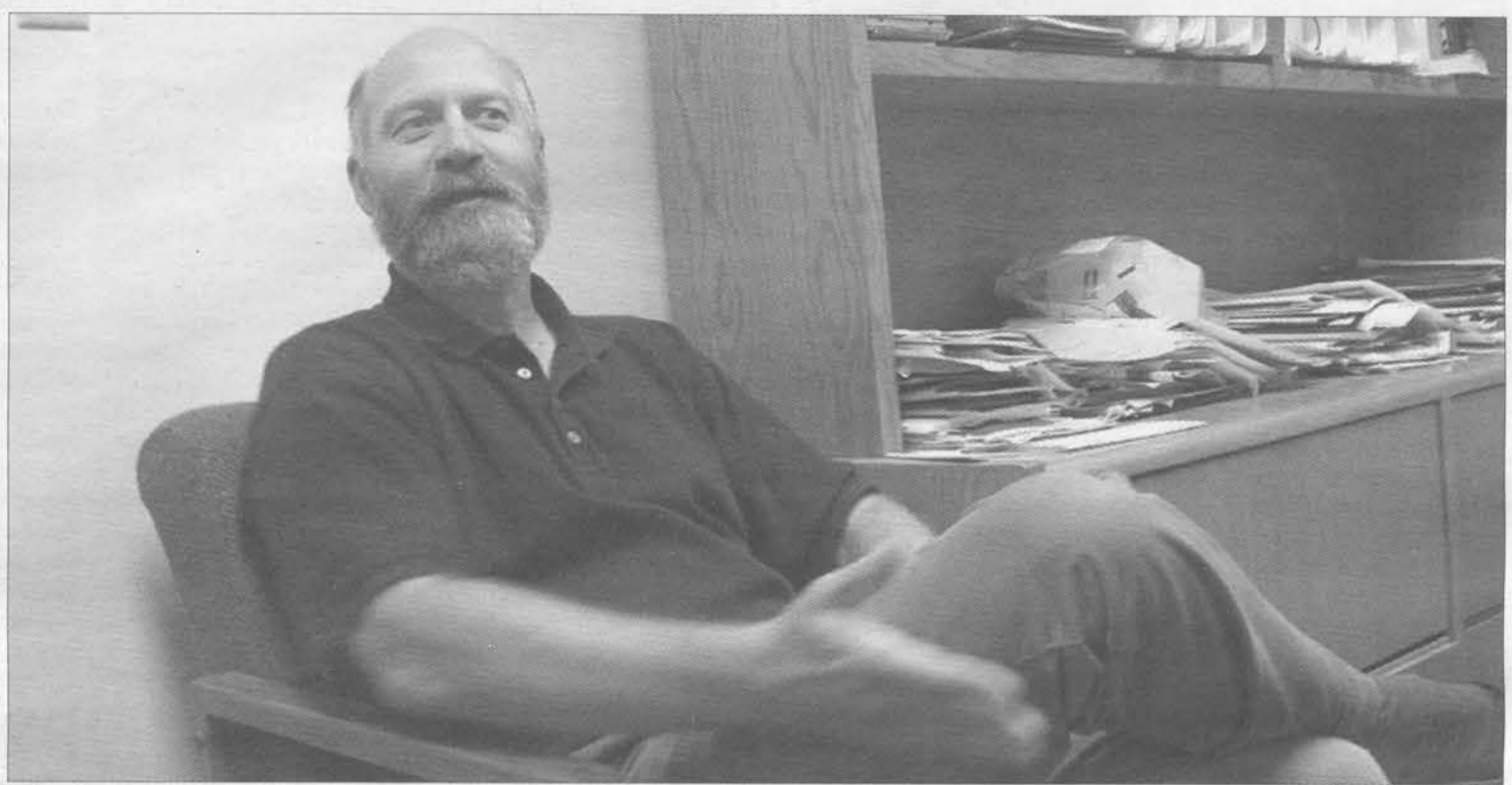
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# \$100 MILLION PLEDGE GONE



Judd Case, dean of the School of Science, remains optimistic despite the loss of pledge money. Part of the money was going towards a renovation of Galileo Hall, where the departments of physics and computer science are located *Liz Hearst/COLLEGIAN*

## Students react to loss Opinions on unrealized pledge vary

by **L. Owen and B. Adragna**  
Staff Writers

Looming over students' return to campus this year is the announcement that the \$100 million donation promised for Gatehouse and other capital improvements is fake. Student reactions range from grim to unconcerned.

One concern among the student body was how this would affect the students' ability to obtain their degrees. Laci Jackson '06 knew none of the details, but feared for the state of St. Mary's financial and academic integrity after the \$100 million loss.

"It would be tragic if this loss hurts our accreditation because then all our tuition money will be for nothing," said Jackson.

Chemistry major Jenise Phelps '06 said she had "known for a while that the pledges had not come in yet" because members of the science department were

"surprised it had been taking them so long." Gatehouse, the main science building on campus, was built after the money was promised. "I like the facilities so much. I think it sucks... I hope they don't cut any funding for us," said Phelps.

"I think it's just bad business.... It's their own fault," said Dan Tobacco '06.

Similarly, Jason Butler '06 said it was "ridiculous that they even believed they got \$100 million from someone anonymously. Unless they spent it before they had it, it doesn't matter," he said. Butler found out about the loss from the SMC website.

APASA's Vice President of Public Relations Ephraim Egan '06 learned about the unrealized pledges from an e-mail that was sent to all current St. Mary's students.

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## Saint Mary's indirect victim of fraudulent investment deal

by **Jonathan Morales**  
News Editor

The \$100 million anonymous pledge to Saint Mary's College that was supposed to fund the construction of J.C. Gatehouse Hall and other facilities is not forthcoming, college officials announced on Friday, August 13<sup>th</sup>.

In a letter to the Saint Mary's community, President Brother Craig Franz and Board of Trustees chair Nicholas Moore called the loss "a serious act of deception against Saint Mary's and an undetermined number of individuals."

The pledge was first made by college regent Conrad Colbrant and his partner John Banker in 1997. They requested that their names as donors remain anonymous. The gift to Saint Mary's was going to come from a real estate investment deal they were involved in with PepsiCo. The investment turned out to be a fraud,

and Mr. Colbrandt has denied any wrongdoing. On August 5<sup>th</sup>, he informed Franz that he had lost contact with Mr. Banker. It is believed that Mr. Banker has fled the country.

While the college's operating budget will not be affected, many development projects will be delayed.

"I think the biggest impact is that we will not be able to move forward on some of the capital improvements that had been anticipated," said Franz. Affected projects include construction of Filippi Academic Hall, construction of a new Recreational Center, and an academic building for the School of Economics and Business Administration. Franz also reiterated that the college is in sound financial condition.

"The reality is, we haven't lost \$100 million. It's been an unfulfilled pledge," said Franz.

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# Resignations add to departure list and, students raise questions



Dean Tolentino resigns, leaving students distraught and curious.

by **J. Arquillano & C. Mateo**  
Staff Writers

Since the beginning of the summer, the community of Saint Mary's College has lost several individuals. These individuals include Giles Miller, Director of Alumni relations, Sister Clare Wagstaffe, Director of Parent Relations, and Grace Cardenas-Tolentino, Dean of Academic Advising and Achievement.

According to a public email sent to the staff of SMC, Sister Clare thanked the community

of which she served 24 years, mentioned her continuation to serve SMC in an "emeritus" capacity, and that she "neither retired nor resigned." Wagstaffe clarified, "I have been retired by the College administration at the behest of my immediate supervisor."

The college later announced the departure of Giles Miller. Again, Wagstaffe communicated her thoughts via email. "Giles has served the College he loves so much loyally [sic] and tirelessly throughout his seven and a half years as Director of Alumni Rela-

tions," said Wagstaffe.

Recently, the announcement of Grace Cardenas-Tolentino, Dean of Academic Advising and Achievement, was made. With more than a week before the beginning of the 2004-2005 academic year, students of Tolentino were left with questions. Melanie Linney '06, one of Tolentino's advisees last year, saw her advisor at the end of last year to figure her class schedule. "It didn't seem like she was going to leave," said Linney. "We were talking about the future and my classes in the

fall."

Linney, like some of her peers, was full of questions. "I asked 'Was it the students?'" said Linney. "But I know it couldn't have been that. She loved us too much. She saw the potential in everybody. She saw the worth and value in each person that came in her office." Students like Linney were given the opportunity to have their questions answered at an open forum where they shared personal reactions to the news; however, no further information on the reasons for her leaving.

# Crime Beat

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| <p><b>8/4</b> 12:02 a.m.<br/><b>Incident:</b> Burglar Alarm Activated<br/><b>Synopsis:</b> Basement loading dock unlocked in bookstore; referred to bookstore manager.</p> <p><b>8/7</b> 9:00 p.m.<br/><b>Incident:</b> Unauthorized use of campus<br/><b>Synopsis:</b> Underage alcohol possession and illegal campfire at the Old Observatory, East of the Cross.</p> <p><b>8/12</b> 10:30 a.m.<br/><b>Incident:</b> Medical assist<br/><b>Synopsis:</b> Injured international student at Ageno West; referred to Student Health Center.</p> <p><b>8/13</b> 11:44 a.m.<br/><b>Incident:</b> Suspicious circumstances<br/><b>Synopsis:</b> Harassment of student at Observatory at</p> | <p>the Cross; referred to Professor Olowin.</p> <p><b>8/18</b> 4:55 p.m.<br/><b>Incident:</b> Activated fire alarm<br/><b>Synopsis:</b> False alarm at Alemany community area.</p> <p><b>8/23</b> 11:10 a.m.<br/><b>Incident:</b> Petty theft of a cell phone<br/><b>Synopsis:</b> Petty theft of a cell phone in Oliver Hall.</p> <p><b>8/25</b> 10:57 p.m.<br/><b>Incident:</b> Disorderly conduct<br/><b>Synopsis:</b> Minor in possession of alcohol in Aquinas quad; referred to student conduct.</p> <p><b>8/26</b> 11:43 p.m.<br/><b>Incident:</b> Minor in possession of alcohol<br/><b>Synopsis:</b> Violation of college policy in Augustine Hall; referred to student conduct</p> |
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"We should have gotten the bill a while ago. For it to come up so late, it's just ridiculous. It just seems kind of suspicious. Someone must have been covering it up," said Egan. Furthermore, he predicted a rise in tuition as a consequence of the lost donation money.

Bonner leader James Hannon '06 heard the news

from Bonner leader Gary Adler. "I don't think it immediately affects me. I think it more affected the school and its growth, but I think the school needs to work on other things first," Hannon said. He added that the college should make community issues more of a priority than growth. However, Hannon asserted his faith in the students of St. Mary's to come

through this financial situation and any "unfortunate circumstances."

Stephen George '08, said he heard about the situation from a parent seminar. His belief was that the fraud would have negative consequences for the school if the administration was planning around the pledges, but that otherwise the school would not be affected.

## PLEDGE: Committee formed to investigate details of fraud continued from page 1

Both the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) and Moody's Investors Service were contacted by the college soon after learning that the pledges might not be coming.

"The college proactively contacted Moody's," said Director of College Communication Barry Shiller. "Moody's basically reaffirmed the college's [credit] rating."

The Board of Trustees has asked three of its members, Denis Brown, Robert Freed and Ray Larkin, to form a special task force to determine the details of what happened.

"They have been asked to address as quickly and as accurately as possible what went on, and then to develop both short and long-term plans addressing the unfortunate situation that the college now finds itself in," said Franz.

Many details are still unclear, including whether or not there were any indications of fraud between 1997 and this August.

"That is a central aspect of the trustees' inquiries," said Shiller.

Franz said that many people have expressed their condolences to the college.

"I think everyone is looking to see how they can help us, and we appreciate that very much."

Also, in an August 27th email to the college community, Franz said that the Development Office will be doing everything in its power to secure funding to break ground on Filippi Academic Hall as soon as possible.

Part of the donation was going to be used to renovate Galileo Hall, but Dean of the School of Science Judd Case remained optimistic despite the loss.

"There was disappointment, but there was also a sense of relief," said Case. He said that many improvements to Galileo put on hold in anticipation of the pledge can now move forward.

## Student Life's new open door New assistant director hopes to enliven campus

by Noah Freidman-Biglin  
Copy Editor

Many returning students to Saint Mary's campus will notice a new face and a new attitude in the Student Life Office. Ete Anderson joins the Saint Mary's community after serving at Mount Saint Mary's College for seven years, five of which were spent as the Director of Student Activities and Commuter Services, and two years as Director of Women's Leadership.

Anderson's role on the Saint Mary's campus includes overseeing Student Activities, the Cassin Student Union, Delphine Intercultural Center, student orientation staff and week of welcomestaff, as well as advising the student senate.

"One of the things we've been charged [with] by Brother Craig and by the college is...[to] assess what we do and just take a look at how we do things, and what the end result is. So we are really taking a close look at the things that we have done and how we are going to be changing some of



Liz Hearst/COLLEGIAN  
Asst. Director of Student Life and Student Involvement Ete Anderson

these things for the future," said Anderson on Friday.

Anderson hopes to bring enlivenment to the community by facilitating a Wednesday concert series during lunchtime, as well as weekend programming. The weekend programming aims to retain students on campus during the weekends.

"I think one of the greatest challenges for the college has been that we really lose a lot of our students during the weekends," said Anderson. The plan to enliven nights and weekends

is only one of the many goals Anderson has in place for the upcoming year.

While the new face has only been on campus for two weeks, her excitement to work with the Saint Mary's community is apparent in her open door policy. In trying to foster a relationship with the students, Anderson is inviting anyone with an idea about campus enlivenment to stop by her office in the Student Life Office downstairs in Ferroggiaro.

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING...

<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">TODAY</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">First issue of <i>The Collegian!</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">WEDNESDAY</p> <p>Enjoy the cultural sounds of Taiko drumming as part of the music in the quad series. The performance will be in Ferroggiaro quad starting at 12:15pm.</p> <p>The first Coffee Night of the year kicks off tonight in Dryden from 9-11pm.</p>
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THURSDAY

Students of Color Welcome Reception, 5-7pm in Delphine Intercultural Center.

Fall sexual assault speaker, 7-8:45 in the Soda Center.

FRIDAY

Justin/Mitty Commons Grand Opening 7-9pm

WEEKEND

**Saturday**

Welcome Back Dance 10-12pm in the Soda Center.

**Sunday**

Live music in Ferroggiaro Quad 12-2

Comedy Night 9:30-11:30

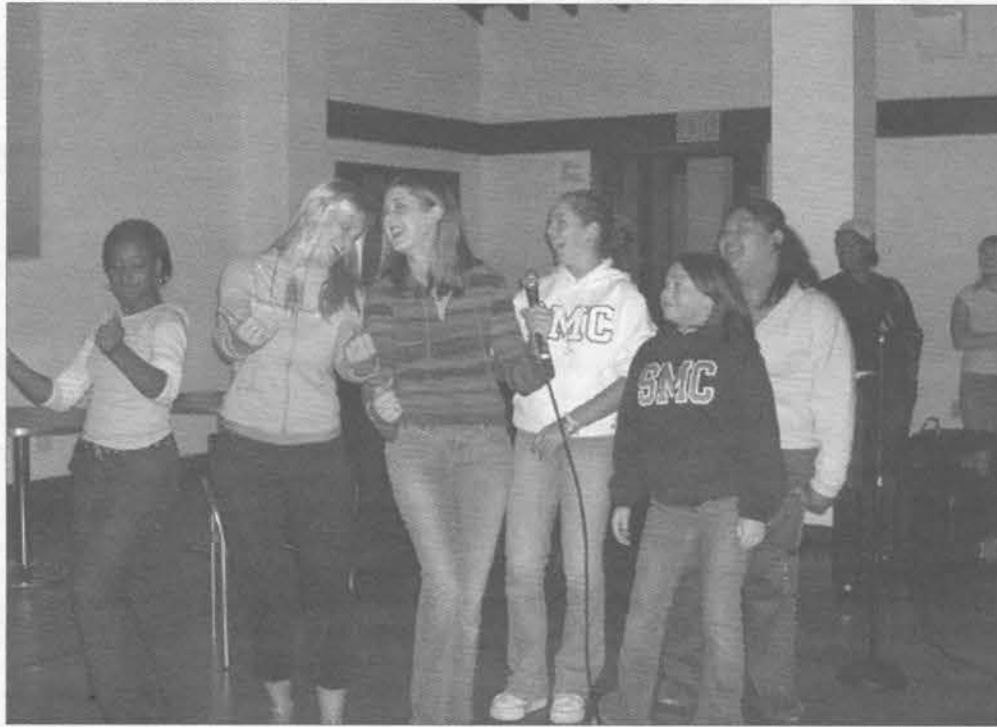
Don't forget

**Labor Day:** There is no class next Monday, September 6th in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

**Fall Play:** Audition sign-ups for "The Firebugs," a comedy by Max Frisch, are at LeFevre Theatre. Audition dates are Sept. 2, 7 and 8.

**9/11 Mass** will be held Saturday, Sept. 11 at 6:30 in the Chapel

# SNAPSHOT



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On Tuesday, August 24 the Office of Student Involvement and Leadership held a Freshman Karaoke Night. Dryden Hall was full of very enthusiastic first-year students who shared their voices with their new SMC community.

## ASSMC Aims to Balance Power

Leadership team plans to shift control for clubs, students

by Jessica Lee  
Staff Writer

This year's Associated Students Leadership Team, President Jeff Haskins '05, Vice President for Administration John Zabala '06, Vice President for Finance Jen Merlo '05 and Vice President for Student Affairs Jessica Porras '05, intend to spend this year empowering the students of Saint Mary's College.

"We are really shifting things, bringing things to a certain level where everyone is equal," said Zabala. He explained that the executive team is not here to run everything but really support, rather than make, decisions. With all the projects going on, they hope that the other organizations themselves will really take charge of these processes. They are looking for other students to take action and be the ones to make changes.



Melanie Linney/COLLEGIAN

ASSMC President Jeff Haskins '05 at work planning for the year

"It's all about getting the students involved and very proactive. How do we make them accountable, how do we get them to be who they want to be and make this a place they want to be?" said Zabala.

He emphasized that a focus of the Associated Students Leadership Team is to encourage the collaboration between the many organizations throughout the school. The team will be constantly looking for ways that the media can support the clubs, but always keeping in mind that the students are the reason they are here.

"I hope that the clubs will see the difference between last year and this year; that there are changes being made, and senate is taking a more positive rather than a laid back approach," said Senator Lindsay Vanoli '06.

"We are all in this together. Associated Students is trying to diffuse the responsibility and give clubs more power," said Haskins. "We are looking to create a structure that is more efficient, communicates better, and where you work together as a collective whole instead of separate parts."

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## Beyond the Bubble

By TONY VALA-HAYNES

NATIONAL AND WORLD NEWS BITES

- HOUSTON, Texas — Rick James Lohstroh was fatally shot by his 10 year-old son, Saturday, August 28. Lohstroh was shot numerous times by his son while sitting in the front seat of his car.
- Two French journalists were reported kidnapped in Iraq Saturday. The group with possession of the journalists calls themselves the Islamic Army in Iraq.
- MIAMI, Florida — Small plastic toys depicting airplanes crashing into the World Trade Center were recalled Friday, August 27. Over 14,000 of the toys were distributed in packages of candy.
- GAINESVILLE, Florida — A man stabbed a 6-foot alligator with a pocketknife in order to release his dog from the jaws of the reptile.
- LONDON, England — A man who lost his lower jaw to cancer 9 years ago received a new jawbone this past Saturday. His doctors grew a new jawbone in his back and then transplanted it.
- WASHINGTON — Researchers have found high traces of platinum in women who have silicone breast implants.
- In an attempt to better her public image, Paris Hilton has written a 198-page memoir entitled: "Confessions of an Heiress: A Tongue-In-Chic Peek Behind the Pose."
- Mel Gibson's controversial movie, "The Passion of the Christ" will be released on video August 31.

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## The guru speaks



by Colin deLeon-Horton  
Staff Writer

I had intended this week's rant to be a condemnation of freshman stupidity regarding student life in college. Originally, I would have lambasted the class of 2008 with crimes not yet committed and charged them with idiocy that they had not even thought of, let alone taken part in. In short, my rant this week was intended to put the freshman in their place, ignoring the fact that it would have taken blatant and ugly prejudice on my part to have produced such a column. The sting that I have felt the first three years of college at the hands of idiotic freshmen justified this fact to me, at first.

You see, dear freshmen, it's not that I don't like you. When I meet a few of you, I'm sure I will enjoy your presence immensely. The problem is experience. When some moron kicks in the spokes of my bike outside Aquinas Hall or starts yelling outside my hall on the first Monday night at three in the morning because they've never been drunk in their life, I get upset. I don't have the patience to deal with a guy trying to live it up after seeing "Animal House" one time too many.

However, it has recently come to my attention that nobody has a monopoly on wisdom, least of all the writer of this illustrious column. I have discovered that even I can overestimate my limit and make a fool of myself outside the townhouses. It occurred to me that I, too, can still be driven home by my friends, begging to be let out for just a few minutes to throw up. I am no better than anybody else on campus.

So while I originally was going to tell you to knock it off, I find that I no longer have the right to do so. Go have fun. You'll learn what is funny and what is merely stupid. Go try to do college stuff, like parties and keg stands and pool and video games. Go run around the campus from the canyon to Augustine hall. Go be stupid. But please, stay the hell away from my bike.

# OPINION

## Collegian View

The Saint Mary's College administration does a lot of talking about communicating with the students. There are many times when the students feel that administrators are accessible, and there are many times that they do not. In light of recent events, now is a time that administrators need to communicate with students.

First, there is the loss of \$100 million in pledge money. While it is understandable that there are many questions unanswered at this point, and many details still left to uncover, what is not understandable is that our reporters

were not able to talk to or were brushed off by some administrators, administrators who had no qualms about talking when *Chronicle*, *Contra Costa Times*, *Oakland Tribune*, *San Jose Mercury News*, and other newspapers approached them. While we acknowledge that we are student reporters, ever gaining valuable experience, we cannot see one reason we have given the administration not to trust our credibility in recent years.

We are a small campus newspaper, but we represent those who are most affected by what happens to the college as well as

by the actions of the administration.

Second is the issue of staff turnover. Over the last two years, we have seen many staff members come and go. Most especially, we have witnessed the mysterious departures of Mark Jaime last year and Sister Claire Wagstaff and Grace Cardenas-Tolentino this year. Students are losing their advisors. Students are losing their mentors. Students are losing their supporters. Students are losing their friends. And all they want to know is why. Yet the administration remains silent on this issue, refusing to let students know why some of the most familiar faces of

their college lives are seemingly falling off the face of the earth.

It's a new school year. Sports teams are wiping the slate clean, ready to start their seasons anew. Students are ready to start new classes, and in some cases forget the results of the previous ones.

We at the *Collegian* also want to wipe the slate clean.

We're willing to address any concerns the administration have with us, as is most of the student body. We just want to know that the administration is also willing to be candid with us, the students of Saint Mary's College, those for whom the college exists.

## Community Views

Dear SMC Students: Welcome new students and welcome back returning students! Your energy is contagious! It serves to confirm Student Life's central themes for 2004/2005: 1)Enhancing Enlivenment and Mission; 2)Developing and Nurturing Relationships; 3)Animating the Core Lasallian Principles: faith in the presence of God, respect for all persons, inclusive community, quality education; and concern for the poor through social justice awareness. Student Life, together and in association with the Associated Students of Saint Mary's College and Undergraduate Academics, looks at everything we do with one question in mind: How does it contribute to a transformative learning experience for all involved? To be effective, we need both your involvement and input. Visit Student Involvement and Leadership in Ferroggiaro Hall to learn about the range of involvement opportunities. Let our staff and student leaders know how we can continuously improve our programs and services. I invite you to e-mail (mzoll@stmarys-ca.edu), call (x4524), or join me for lunch or coffee to discuss your ideas. Again, welcome (or welcome back) to Saint Mary's College! Sincerely, Mike Zoll Vice Provost for Student Life

### Welcome Home Gaels! A Special Welcome to all of our New Students!

It sure is great to have you back on campus. Hopefully you had a chance to relax, do some traveling, suntan and of course, earn some money over the summer. At the beginning of the year it's encouraging to see how contagious the energy and excitement is that flows throughout this campus.

If there was ever a year to get excited and immerse yourself in the activities of the College, THIS IS THE YEAR TO GET INVOLVED! Imagine what is possible if we all do a little. Looking at the students that are involved already, there are a few things these leaders have in common: passion, dedication, and the ability to think outside the box. And we want you to join us! I guarantee that if you're willing to get involved, it will be an experience you won't forget!

Let me also draw your attention to some of the physical enhancements made to our campus. Particularly, the Justin/Mitty quad has new sand volleyball and basketball courts and a BBQ pit. Check it out! Also, the College put in 10 new café style tables and chairs in the Ferroggiaro Quad.

Now even more of us can enjoy the weather, while talking with others or doing a little reading. Very shortly you'll see a transformation of Dryden Game Room! Throughout the summer, the Associated Students have been talking with the Architects Office, and have made recommendations on some needed renovations. I'll keep you posted on the progress.

In addition, Associated Students has given funds to bring you music in the Quad every Wednesday during lunch. Be expecting some high energy, diverse performances every week.

If you want to know how you can get involved, stop by the Associated Students Office on first floor Ferroggiaro or contact us at x4280 (assmc@stmarys-ca.edu). This year will be what you decide to make of it. MY RECOMMENDATION: LET US MAKE THIS THE BEST YEAR WE HAVE EVER HAD HERE AT SAINT MARY'S!!

Jeff Haskins  
Associated Students President

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This is just a short note to inform the St. Mary's community of changes in the yearbook. We are in the process of changing publishers. This change will add color and new life to your yearbook. As a warning it will be more expensive but the staff will make it well worth the cost. Your 2005 Gael Yearbook will be a book filled with memories from campus events, dorm events, and any other events that we can find.

The Gael yearbook used to be an award-winning book and we hope to become that kind of book again for you, the students and faculty of St. Mary's. I am looking forward to a new and creative year and being able to experiment with all the positive changes that are occurring. If you are interested in joining the yearbook staff, feel free to join us on Wednesdays at 6 pm in the yearbook office, which is located on the second floor of Ferroggiaro.

Thank you,  
Elizabeth (Liz) Hearst  
Gael Yearbook Editor

### TURNOVER TIMELINE

In the past two years SMC has lost many valuable staff members. The following is only a mere glance at some of the staff turnover.

2002



Mary Spellman joins the SMC community in the Spring of 2002, as Dean of Student Development



Br. Jack Curran, VP for Student Affairs leaves the SMC community in the Fall of 2002

Steve Nygaard no longer the Director of Residence Life as of the summer 2003, Norma Armtrout currently Interim Director of Residence Life



Laura Armstrong leaves in the fall of 2003, Sharon Sobotta assumes role as Director of the Women's Resource Center



Laura Armstrong hired as Director of Women's Resource Center in Fall of 2002

Scott Kier named Dean of Student development in the summer of 2003



Mike Zoll hired in the summer of 2003 currently the Vice Provost of Student Life



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# Freshmen: Vixens or Victims?

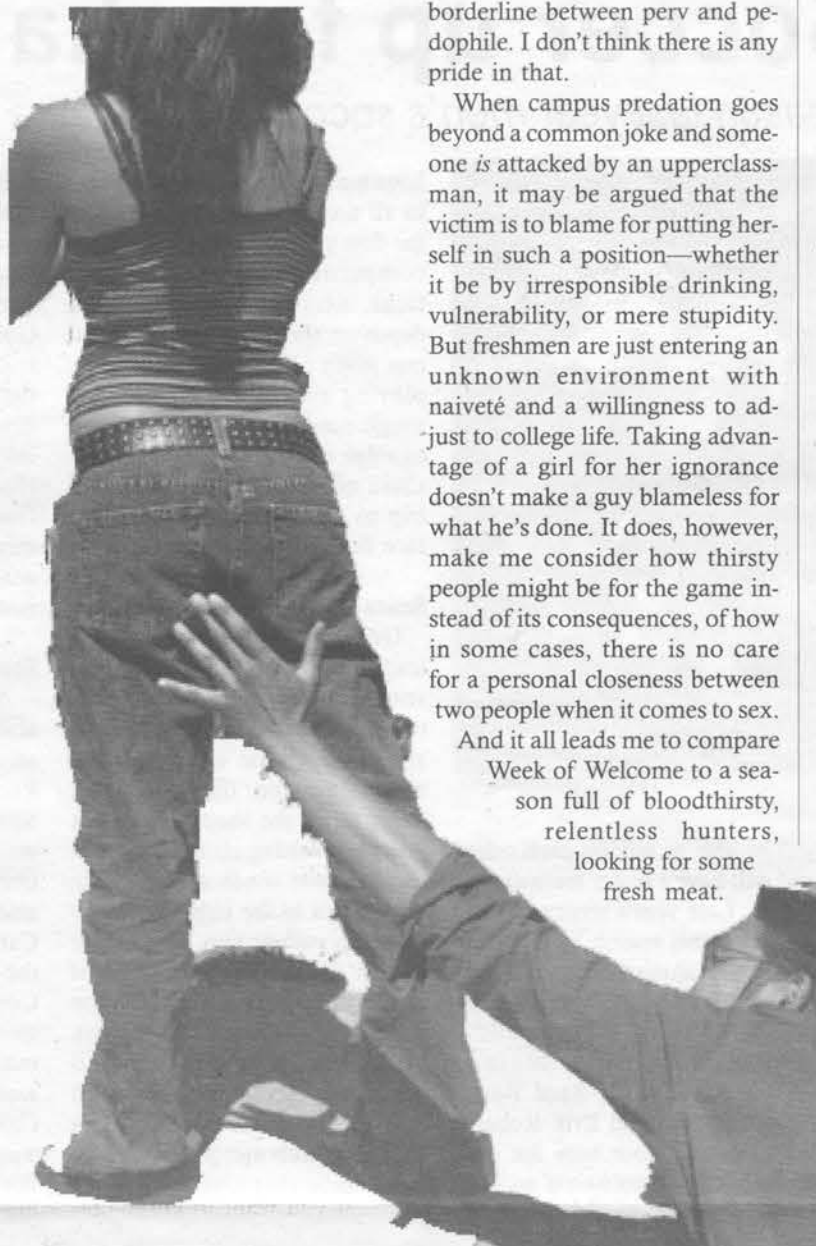
## The Games Have Just Begun

by **Katya Sacro**  
Staff Writer

Of all weeks in the entire academic year, not one brings about situations that baffle and confuse me more than the very first. This is the Week of Welcome: the one that makes you wait in line for hours at the bookstore; the week that has Oliver Hall dishing out mediocre (instead of horribly disgusting) food. And of course, Week of Welcome encourages male students to pull out the big guns—it's hunting season.

If you have yet to see a guy go in on his target, you won't have to wait much longer. The welcome back dance, commonly known by many students as the *Get in Your Pants Dance*, takes place in just a few days. But you've probably at least seen one guy set a keen eye on potential targets, or heard him chuckle all too comfortably at the mention of this year's incoming "prey." And to me, none of this is okay.

Mind you, I may be a bit biased towards my own kind. I admit that anyone—girl or boy—looks for a potential interest when new students arrive. But the way in which guys show such interest—the gawking, the ranking, the vociferated plans of getting a "hot one to nail"—is just plain ugly. For what it's worth, constantly (and I've heard this more than once), sarcastically dropping hints about taking advantage of another drunk freshman proves only so much. Your



friends now know you've got guns to brag about and that you borderline between perv and pedophile. I don't think there is any pride in that.

When campus predation goes beyond a common joke and someone is attacked by an upperclassman, it may be argued that the victim is to blame for putting herself in such a position—whether it be by irresponsible drinking, vulnerability, or mere stupidity. But freshmen are just entering an unknown environment with naiveté and a willingness to adjust to college life. Taking advantage of a girl for her ignorance doesn't make a guy blameless for what he's done. It does, however, make me consider how thirsty people might be for the game instead of its consequences, of how in some cases, there is no care for a personal closeness between two people when it comes to sex. And it all leads me to compare Week of Welcome to a season full of bloodthirsty, relentless hunters, looking for some fresh meat.

Melanie Linney/COLLEGIAN

## So I look. So what?

by **Colin deLeon-Horton**  
Staff Writer

Every new school year at St. Mary's College results in stress, Oliver Hall food issues, and upperclassmen checking out freshmen girls. For at least a week after school begins, sophomores, juniors and seniors take a little extra time in the hall just so they can get a decent glance at the new freshmen divas. Jokes are tossed back and forth between friends about how many of the new and "innocent" girls they are going to tap. I am one of those males.

I have taken it upon myself to observe the new girls. I wandered around taking in the girls and their summer fashions. Most of my male friends have done the same thing, and between bouts of drinking, we discuss the sizes, shapes and faces of various girls that we have eyed with approval. Chauvinistic? Absolutely. That's what males are like when they hang out together. Is it morally wrong? Of course not; men look at and discuss women.

That's what we do. However, for some reason my female peers tend to look down on me for these actions. I want to know why. I'm not stalking them, and I'm not forcing them to do something against their will. I merely glance. Contrary to what my female friends might think, I don't wish to sleep with every girl I see just because I look at her. A phrase that they should be familiar with is "eye-candy."

I suppose that the greatest fear is that coupled with the charm I possess from being a senior, I'll lower her inhibitions with several stiff drinks. But here's the thing: these women are actually adults. They do not have to associate with me if they do not want to and they certainly don't have to drink with me. Nor do they have to hang out with any person that they do not desire to be around.

What my female friends should realize is that for all our big talk, very few of the actions that we discuss are realized. Such is often the case. Relax. The danger is not males stalking the freshmen. It's the likelihood of giving ourselves whiplash.

## One in four women sexually assaulted

*Having fun, being cautious*

by **Caitlin Hungate**  
Opinion Editor

Another year has begun, and despite all the excitement of seeing friends and meeting new people, sexual assault always becomes an issue. According to a Women's Resource Center pamphlet, most sexual assaults occur in the first six weeks of school.

No matter how many articles, round table discussions or news broadcasts on the topic, the fact still remains one in four women will be assaulted. These statistics unnerve me.

Adding alcohol or any other substance to the equation confuses the line between sexual assault and consensual sex. Yet the law is still there; as soon as you start drinking, no one can consent to sexual activities. Even if one agrees to any activity, their word does not legally count. As fun as drunken hook-ups may be, sober ones are much better. Not only do you avoid

the fine line of sexual assault but you are also with someone that is more than just a body to enjoy.

Section 261 of the California Penal Code states that an act of sexual intercourse against the will of the victim can occur under a variety of circumstances, including: where the victim is prevented from resisting due to alcohol or drugs, where the assailant uses physical force or the threat of force to over-power and control the victim, where the victim fears that she or he or another will be injured if the victim does not submit, and where the victim is at

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the time unconscious of the nature of the act, and this is known to the assailant.

To find out more information on the exact law, or just have a great resource to empower both men and women, the Women's Resource Center creates a welcoming, innovative and support-

ive environment. Trying to impress people you barely know is not worth the possibility of sexual assault. Being safe and cautious may seem less cool when hanging out with new people, but at least you will not be a victim.

**Brother Michael Sanderel** hired as the assistant Director of Student Life for Mission and Leadership in May 2004

**Mary Ho** reassigned as Director of Delphine Intercultural Center

**Giles Miller** Director of Alumni relations resigns in August of this year

**Grace Cardenas-Tolentino** resigns as Dean of Academic Advising and Achievement in August of this year



**Mark Jaime**, director of Student Activities and Leadership Programs "no longer employee of SMC" as of March 2004

**Ete Anderson** hired as Assistant Director of Student Life and Student Involvement in August of this year

**Sister Clare** Director of Parent Relations resigned August of this year



2004

## Players of the Week

### McKenna Belzer

Say goodbye to losing as the Gaels swept through the field at the OHANA Classic in Hawaii. McKenna Belzer lead the way recording two goals for the Gaels.

—Michael Chin, Sports Editor

## Score Card

### Soccer

#### Women (2-0)

SMC Defeats Hawaii 1-0

Goals: McKenna Belzer(1)  
Assists: S. Harrison(1)  
Win: Andrea Lee(1)

SMC Defeats Pacific 2-1

Goals: Belzer(2), Malkiewicz(1)  
Wins: A. Lee(2)

### Days to Midnight Madness

This season the Sport's Section will countdown the days until men's basketball season begins.

Days until 1st Game: 99

### PRESEASON ALL-COLLEGIAN FEMALE ATHLETES:

**Sarah Takawawa (Soccer):** One of three seniors looking to take Gaels to the next level

**Triola Jackson (Basketball):** An All WCC selection the past two seasons Jackson is poised to have a breakout season for the Gaels

### PRESEASON ALL-COLLEGIAN TEAM MALE ATHLETES:

**Joe Lanza (Golf):** Big time showing in summer tournaments gives Gaels big time aspirations for next season.

**Daniel Kickert (Basketball):** Big man with moves has Gaels rearing towards March Madness and the WCC Championship

**Bryan Byrne (Baseball):** Rebuilding mode for Gaels hasn't stopped Byrne and company who look to go from rebuilding to dynasty

### Key dates for Volleyball:

-September 4th vs Stanford  
-September 11th vs Oregon State  
-September 28th vs Stanford  
-October 2nd vs Pepperdine

# SPORTS

## Men's Soccer up for challenge

After a mediocre season last year men's soccer is ready for a breakout year

by JP Lee & C. Claus  
Sports Writers

### SMC

Coach Steve Rammel has his boys fired up and ready to go for the 2004 SMC men's soccer season. Picked to finish sixth in the WCC, Rammel believes he has the talent to play with anyone in the league. If they are to make a dent in the conference, All WCC selections Matt Fitzgerald and David Vedder, along with All-WCC honorable mentions Diego Rovira and Adam Zielske must have a huge season.

Offensively Fitzgerald will look to fuel the charge. Last season he finished with five goals and five assists. His partner in crime this season will be Anthony Butler who had four goals and one assist.

Defensively Rammel will look to Vedder for leadership and poise. He has been a consistent force in the back line since his debut on campus two years ago. When asked what he thought was a strong point of the team, Vedder 06', also known as "Chedder," said "Leadership and experience will be our strong points since we have eight returning starters we



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will be able to rely on each other and will have a better team chemistry." Last year's returnees will be joined this season by eight incoming freshmen who will add their talent and skill to already deep SMC squad. The top freshman includes Brian Mason, David Blanchard, Sam Berg, Daniel Smith, and Erik Robert. When asked about how the current team is compared to last year's team, Vedder said "We

have made great strides as a team in all areas of our game. This is the first year where there is fierce competition for starting positions, which has created more depth on the team than in previous years." This competition for playing time will be fueled by tough road that includes contest against conference rivals Santa Clara and USF as well as a road trip to the Pacific Northwest to face the Washington Huskies.

### Santa Clara

Once again the Broncos will lead the pack atop the WCC pre-season ranking. Returning 14 letter winners from last year's squad and the addition of several talented freshmen, this SCU team looks to fill the shoes left by last year's graduating class. Last year the Broncos made a run to the semi finals of the national championship college cup, finally falling to Indiana 0-1. Much of SCU's success will depend upon the play of Kelechi Igwe (six goals and four assists) and Tannen Wells (three goals and four assists) last season. The last time the Gaels met SCU they lost 1-2

### USF

Ranked just ahead of the Gaels at #5 in the WCC, Coach Eric Visser's Dons look to be the Cinderella story of the WCC. USF has solid returnees with several key seniors who will anchor the team while several young underclassmen look to fill the void left by the 2003 class. In another close contest last season, the Gaels fell to USF 0-1. Look for this year's game to be just as close with both teams being evenly matched on all sides of the ball.

### Stanford

At Stanford expectations are always high. With a 3-15-2 overall record and winless 0-10-0 in Pac 10 play, head coach Brett Simon and his coaching staff are on the hot seat. With the addition of a strong recruiting class and the return eight starters, the Cardinal is predicted to finish in the upper echelon of the Pac-Ten Conference. According to pollsters a year of experience may make all the difference in the world. Should the Gaels play the Cardinal this season it should be a pretty even match up. SMC did not have a match against Stanford last season.

## Volleyball seeks greatness

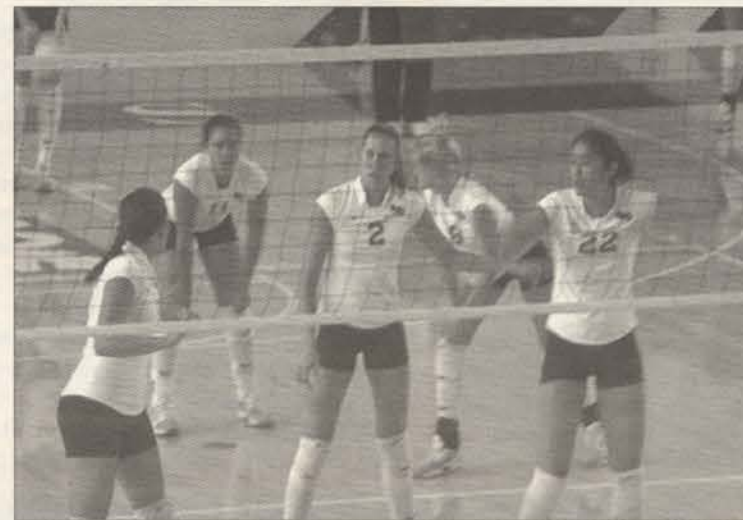
Women looking to set standard for Gael Athletics

by Michael Chin  
Sports Editor

It was a bittersweet end for the Saint Mary's volleyball team last season when they ended their magical season with a straight set loss to the California Golden Bears in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

Eight months have passed since that day and as the season approaches the Gaels know they have a great deal to prove. With several returning All-WCC players including Kauai Salzman, Mandy Bible, and Lindsey Bogosan the Gaels will be in an unfamiliar position. In the past they have been the hunters. Now they will be the hunted. Coach Jon Stevenson commented this week on the possibilities for this year's team. "We could be really good or just average, however, if everything goes right this team has the ability to be the best team SMC has ever seen."

This year junior Kauai Salzman will be heavily counted on for team leadership. Last year Salzman finished second in kills with 414 behind departed standout Jill Parmele. Her mettle will be tested early on this year as teams will be targeting the Gaels from day one. There to backup Salzman will be sophomores Mandy Bible and Cassandra Colka. Last season



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these two both enjoyed tremendous freshman years earning WCC Honors while starting in several games.

The other leaders along with Salzman will be seniors Lindsey Bogason and Stacy O'Connor. Both played well last season helping the Gaels to the Tournament. O'Connor finished third in kills and Bogason fourth. As coach Stevenson said, "everyone is a leader on this team. We are very balanced that way and across the board we are better both mentally and physically." If the Gaels want to again join the elite tournament field these seniors must step it up.

Coaching has been a major advantage for the Gaels. Jon Stevenson has really resurrected

this program from the grave. Since taking over the program three years ago, Stevenson and his staff have moved St. Mary's from 271 to 48 in the national RPI college rankings. Not only has he been a great addition to the Saint Mary's coaching staff, but he also enjoyed stints with the Olympic Volleyball team this last year. Another addition the SMC staff will be Mike Wall. Wall, a graduate from BYU, will be counted on to add some on the field experience from his playing day with the Cougars. Similar to last year, the Gaels will be tested day in and day out as they play BYU, Oregon State and Stanford twice. It may be too early to say, but the Gaels have another shot at making the NCAA tournament.

## Where have saturday after- noons gone?

Reflections from a  
former football player

Saturdays in Moraga are just not the same anymore. Last week, while watching the 49ers game on CBS, I began to recall the feelings of Saturdays in the fall. Recollections of taping, stretching, and warmups cloud my memories and I can't help but think how dull life is without the game.

Walking into Saint Mary's Stadium hurts even more. To see the endzone without any goal posts in like seeing a basketball courts without hoops; its just depressing.

As I look up at the bleachers the sound of the Gael Fight Song rings in my ears. I hear the cheers of "GO GAELS" roaring through the stadium and our fans, our loyal fans. Who can forget them? No matter how bad it was they would come out and support us, they never gave up on us like so many others always did.

I just sit there and think about the game. But those times are long gone. Like an old war horse my time has past at St. Mary's College. The desire, the need, the longing for football is no longer present at SMC. Like the lone ranger I hope to just ride into the sunset with my stallion remembering what once was great and is now just a memory.

- M. Chin

# Women's soccer ready for tough season

Gaels look to improve for 2004 season after falling short of playoffs last year

JP Lee and C. Claus  
Staff Writers

## SMC

This season the Gaels are picked to finish fifth in the 2004 WCC Coaches Poll. Under the guidance of second year head coach Paul Sapsford they will be tested early and often. Ten home games combined with a tough road schedule including Cal, Hawaii, and USC the Gaels should have their work cut out.

Fourteen returning players alongside eight freshman will grace the Gaels' bench this season. Leading the offense for the Gaels will be seniors Jenny Barbera, Sarah Burgess and Sarah Takekawa.

One of the biggest stories will be the comeback of Barbera who missed most of last season due to a knee injury. Despite the setback, she was still able to record ten shots, with seven of those on goal. Takekawa, averaging 1.58 shots, started 16 of the 19 games last season while recording 30 shots, 14 of those coming on goal. The third of the offensive trifecta, Sarah Burgess, finished the season with nine points, started all 19 games, recorded 38, with 19 on goal and had an average of 2.00 shots per game.

On the defensive side of the ball look for junior Allison Kop to have a big season. Alongside with sophomore Cali Larson, these two will have to anchor a defense that lost several seniors including Jill Anderson and



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Sarah Burgess looks to lead the offensive charge this season

Chelsea Montero. The experience and strength that these players possess will be essential towards the Gaels run for the WCC championship.

Joining these veterans are eight new arrivals. Leading the pack will be Stephanie Harrison who totaled 53 goals and 11 assists in her high school career at Murrieta Valley High School. Adding to this talented class will be transfers Genevieve Hollis from Sierra Junior College in Sacramento and Erin Stieber from Lassen Junior College in Susanville, CA. During her career there Hollis was selected to the Junior College Division III All West Coast Regional team and Junior College Division III

All-American Second Team. Stieber, while playing at Carson High School in Carson City, NV recorded 55 goals and 80 assists and was named First Team All-League and First Team All-Region in 2001.

## Santa Clara

Santa Clara, under head coach Jerry Smith, finished 14-6 last season. Under Smith's leadership, the Broncos advanced through the tournament with wins over ranked opponents Stanford (1-0) and Arizona State (1-0), and a third round shoot-out against Portland (0-0, 4-2 Penalty Kicks). This will be a major test for the Gaels since SCU is perennially ranked among the best in

women's soccer. However, the Gaels answered the call last season battling the Broncos to a scoreless tie. The rematch for this contest is slated for October 15th.

## USF

Under head coach Pamela Kalinoski, the Dons finished 5-14-0 last season. Last year, USF had two victories over WAC opponents Rice and Boise State, but then soon declined due to a slew of injuries. Sophomore forward Shuree Hyatt led the Dons in scoring last year compiling eight goals and four assists for 20 total points. The new faces to look out for include freshman defenders Katie Hoban and Kara Breithaupt. Last season the Gaels were able to edge the Dons out to a 1-0 victory. October 10th is the date for this conference match up.

## Stanford

Former Gael Head Coach Paul Radcliffe leads a talented Stanford cast into this 2004 season. Last year the Cardinal finished the 2003 season with a 10-9-2 record. Fifth-year seniors and All-Americans Nicole Barnhart and Marcie Ward will co-captain the squad this fall. Last season the Cardinals were able to out shot SMC 21-4 and held them shotless over the last two overtime periods securing a 1-0 win. Should they meet the Gaels this season it will be in the NCAA tournament. Either way they would be a challenge for the Gaels.

## Should we expect SMC Greatness?

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This year has a certain amount of uncertainty for the upcoming athletic year for Saint Mary's College. It's the first year without football and the fall schedule will lean on the success of the school's soccer teams, volleyball team and cross-country. But what sport do we truly have to look forward to? The school's bread and butter - men's basketball.

The team dramatically improved last year under Head Coach Randy Bennett, narrowly missing out on a post-season berth. For sports fans, this team is the real deal. They have most of their key components returning, with an improved chance of winning the WCC and getting into the March Madness tournament. However,

Saint Mary's hopes to have more programs rise to the top. With the cutting of the football program, most if not all of the teams should be fully funded. The goal is not just to feed the basketball program, but also to give other teams the needed resources to compete.

Teams that are looking like they will improve this year are the soccer programs, especially the women's team, who dealt with some key injuries last year and seem to be pleased with some of their recruits. They looked good opening this season, winning 1-0 and 2-1 in Hawaii. The men's team hopes to just continue the steady rise they started a year ago.

The men's golf team missed post season play by one spot in the rankings, but many of their key components are returning, including WCC Coach of the Year Scott Hardy and Freshman of the Year Chad Cocco, as well as Joe Lanza, who finished 13th last year at the NCAA Western Regional. Both Lanza and Cocco were Amateur State Champions last year. After last year's surprising success, they hope to improve enough to make the playoffs this year.

The baseball team has an interesting bunch of recruits, many from Feather River College, where Jed Soto previously coached. Three recruits were drafted at one point, and many are transfers who had much success at junior colleges. Soto may try and build the team with these recruits mixed in with the team's established starters and almost certainly improve on last year's 14-41 record.

Men's tennis flew under the radar as one of the few Saint Mary's teams to finish above .500 last season. WCC coach of the year Michael Wayman and three returning players named to the WCC All-Conference members and a strong recruiting class, they hope to make a splash in the WCC this year.

But those are only some of the teams who we hope to win and entertain us this year. Who knows what kind of teams will come out of nowhere to captivate the student body and make up for the void some will feel on Saturdays this fall. But let's hope that void is filled by an all around better sports program.

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## 100 Word Reviews

**MOVIN' OUT**  
Twyla Thwarp  
and Billy Joel



If you have never seen a Broadway production, the new Twyla Thwarp show, *Movin' Out*, is a great place to start. The combination of Thwarp's choreography, which merges ballet with jazz styles, a young, energetic cast, and Billy Joel's upbeat music

*"The most unique feature is the live band that plays throughout the whole show."*

make for a dynamic combination. The most unique feature is the live band that plays throughout the whole show. The story follows a group of friends as they graduate from high school in mid 60's, go off to the Vietnam War, come home and go their separate ways during the 70's and finally reunite in the 80's.

-Noah Friedman

## HOT FUSS The Killers



I hate synthesizers. They're cheesy, and remind me of the 80's big-hair-glam-rock era. However, they are colorfully used in The Killers debut album, *Hot Fuss*. It's hard not to like the infectious, neon sounds this U.S. band pulls off, producing a sharper and edgier 80's style

*"The lyrics are adept and reveal gentle vulnerability."*

made for 2004. Every track is worth listening to. You will want to go for a late-night drive while lead singer Brandon Flowers' haunting voice, like a younger Dave Gahan, lingers along the highway. The lyrics are adept and reveal gentle vulnerability. *Hot Fuss* masterfully includes a multifarious mix of synths, guitars, and thrilling vocals.

-Lindsey Rosellini

# DETOUR

## VMAs, Quality vs. Image

By: Melanie Linney, Staff Writer

(Illustration: Melanie Linney/Collegian)

What has happened to MTV lately? I may be wrong, but doesn't MTV stand for Music Television? As I flip to that once coveted channel that harbored the music videos of all my favorite artists, I am now bombarded with images of Jessica Simpson and her little sister Ashlee, or some overran episode of "The Real World." So really, what has happened to MTV?

Since it's that time of year when MTV divvies out the VMA's, I question whether the awards still hold any merit. How can a channel that barely plays a video per day decide what the video of the year is, or who the best female artist is? While reading the list of nominees I could not help but cringe over the choices that were made. A girl (Jessica Simpson, of course) smeared with barbeque sauce and picking at buffalo wings is supposed to be considered a contender for Best Female Video? Are you kidding me? Then again, she is in the same category as half-naked Britney, Beyonce and Christina. Ms. Keys is the only female in that category who maintains her dignity.

As for the Rock category, two videos nominated are sappy love ballads. No offense to Hoobastank and Evanescence, but any song that can be played during a "farewell to Friends" promo or sung by hoards of young girls crushing on a boy should automatically be disqualified from this category. It is obvious that the standards for Best New Artist have been lowered. I would think an artist should have at least two good songs before being recognized as a nominee for this award, but then again, a one hit wonder, like glam-rock homage band, The Darkness, can always liven up a broadcast. As for Jo-Jo, the girl has talent, but does she also have staying power? Kanye West, Maroon 5, and Jet seem to be the only nominees that stand a chance of lasting more than 15 minutes.

The Breakthrough award is the only one that bases its nominations on talent. It includes new up-and-comers, Modest Mouse and Kanye West, as well as a solid band, the White Stripes, which brings some small degree of credibility back to the awards.

Sadly, my naiveté has misled me into believing that talent and artistry were the only things necessary in winning a shiny moon man. Today, all an alleged artist needs is a smokin' body, some kind of special effect (i.e. the body glitter on Britney in the buff) and the love and adoration of the coveted 12-to-18-year-old demographic that MTV strives to win over. And yet we still watch.

## September CONCERT CALENDAR

By: Katyana Sacro, Staff Writer

<b>Erase Errata / Dynasty</b> August 31 8:00 PM @ Café Du Nord \$8	<b>Beastie Boys / Talib Kweli</b> September 16 7:30 PM @ The Bill Graham Civic Auditorium \$37.50	<b>Ryan Adams and The Cardinals / Ollabelle</b> September 22 8:00 PM @ The Warfield \$25-30
<b>Public Enemy / DJ Lord / The 7th Octave</b> September 3 9:00 PM @ The Fillmore \$30	<b>Chicago</b> September 16 7:30 PM @ Mountain Winery in Saratoga \$45-70	<b>*Rilo Kiley</b> September 23 8:00 PM @ Bimbo's 365 Club \$16
<b>Engine Down / Brazil / The Mall</b> September 4 10:00 PM @ Bottom of the Hill \$8	<b>*Dogs Die in Hot Cars</b> September 16 10:00 PM @ The Popsene \$8 for 18+, \$5 for 21+	<b>Hope of the States / The Delays</b> September 23 10:00 PM @ The Popsene \$8 for 18+, \$5 for 21+
<b>The Black Keys / The Cuts</b> September 9 8:00 PM @ The Fillmore \$16.50	<b>Mike Watt / The Heavenly States / Nuke Infusion</b> September 17 10:00 PM @ Bottom of the Hill \$12	<b>*The Pixies</b> September 24-26 Berkeley Greek Theater \$42
<b>Midnight Movies</b> September 9 10:00 PM @ The Popsene \$8 for 18+, \$5 for 21+	<b>*Muse</b> September 21 8:00 PM @ The Warfield \$20	<b>Scissor Sisters</b> September 27 8:00 PM @ The Fillmore \$17.50
<b>Flogging Molly / Street Dogs</b> September 14 8:00 PM @ The Warfield \$20	<b>Franz Ferdinand</b> September 22 8:00 PM @ The Concourse Exhibition Center \$22	<b>Styx</b> September 30 7:30 PM @ Mountain Winery \$45-60

### WE SUGGEST...

**\*Dogs Die in Hot Cars**

One of my new favorites, this quintet is comparable to Franz Ferdinand. They're already big in Britain and there's no reason why they shouldn't be just as good here. Another plus to this concert: It's at the Popsene, which means regular admission covers an awesome show and the best dance party of your life.

**\*Muse**

Need I explain? They're amazing on record, and there's no doubt they're even better on stage. Last year, in San Francisco, their show was sold out. Tickets just went on sale last Sunday.

**\*Rilo Kiley**

You haven't heard Rilo until you've heard them on stage—and trust me, you want to. Jenny Lewis and Blake Sennett's charm will have you enamored by the end of the show—promise.

**\*The Pixies**

They're back—just for you. Tickets are nearly sold out and are only now available for the Sunday show. Honestly, how many opportunities do you get to see one of our generation's favorite bands from the 80's?

## 100 Word Reviews

**MORE  
ADVENTUROUS**  
Rilo Kiley



With a new production label behind it (Brute/Beaute Records), Rilo Kiley's new album strays slightly from the rugged authenticity it has been adored for in the past. Not to say it isn't worth hearing—Jenny Lewis's purely gorgeous

*"Lewis and Sennett do not disappoint..."*

voice is far from that. But this one is cleaner (the band got rid of those cute, catchy interludes), more versatile (Lewis belts out the blues in "I Never," and Sennett limits himself to lead vocals for only one track on the list), and the lyrics are less intricate than Rilo's strongest album, *Execution of All Things*. Still, Lewis and Sennett do not disappoint: "A Man/Me/Then Jim" and "More Adventurous" are songs that make this record hard to dislike, and remind us why Rilo Kiley is still worth loving.

-Katyana Sacro

## THE CURSE Atreyu



Atreyu's sophomore release, *The Curse* is the offspring of melancholy and hate, an awe-inspiring opus. The opening instrumental bleeds into tracks full of double bass drum pedaling, twin guitar chugging and solos reminiscent of old Maiden and Priest, but modernly down-tuned. They beefed up their sound and are more meticulous with the production in their latest offering. Standout songs are "Bleeding Mascara," "The Crimson" and "Demonology and Heartache." The hooks are undeniably catchy, and the guitars, drums, and demonic/melodic vocals are brutal (in a good way). The album demonstrates why this small band from Orange County garnered a slot on this year's Ozzfest. *The Curse* is metalcore at its finest.

-Angel Vasquez