

STUDENTS REACT TO RESIGNATIONS

Student opinions abundant, diverse



Grace Cardenas-Tolentino '91
Dean of Academic Advising
Diversity Task force
Coordinator of APA Student Programs
Irvine grant Minority Recruiter
Member, WASC committee
12 year member of Saint Mary's community
Reason for Leaving: Unknown

Sister Clare Wagstaffe
Director of Parent Realties
Served at Saint Mary's as Dean of Student Development and Campus Ministry
Received the highest honor given by the Christian Brothers in 2001 when she was named an affiliate of the institute
Honorary Alumnus
24 year member of the Saint Mary's community
Reason for Leaving: unknown

Giles G. Miller '84 (holding award on left)
Director of Alumni Relations
Member, WASC Committee
7 year member of the Saint Mary's Community
Reason for Leaving: Unknown

(Design by Amy Beth Kelly/COLLEGIAN)

Students have responded to the mysterious departures of several on-campus mainstays in many different ways, some angry, others indifferent

On-campus community not only group affected by loss

by **Chris Mateo**
Editor-in-Chief

With news of the college's most recent resignations, students as well as extended members of Saint Mary's are still adjusting to the loss of staff and the changes that follow. Student reaction ranged from disappointed to unmoved.

"I think it's disappointing because people lose that relationship that they had with those staff members, and it forces them to form new bonds with people that they don't know," said Jessica Cooper '07, a resident advisor in De La Salle Hall. Cooper added that these events have strong effects on the students. "[The resignations] may make people wary about forming close relationships, and may expect people to leave

[the campus] very quickly or just not be there when they need them."

Some student leaders did not have strong personal opinions about staff leaving, but did acknowledge the staff's importance to current programs.

"Sister Clare was the one responsible for creating the Week of Welcome and orientation program we have right now," said Mary Barnes '06, one of this summer's student orientation coordinators. "Without her and her progress with [the program], Week of Welcome and orientation would be nowhere near where it is today."

In addition, members from SMC's extended family have also shared some concern.

According to a member of the

parent advisory council, who wished to remain anonymous, "Everyone [on the council] was upset at how Sister Clare's retirement was handled." The member added that this situation should be a warning to people who want to make Saint Mary's College their lives. "She was everyone's grandmother," he said, "and as a grandmother figure, Sister Clare should have been treated with more Lasallian compassion."

In terms of Lasallian values, some students recognized an absence in that aspect of administrative decisions.

"During RA training this year, we covered the Lasallian principles and, to me, some of the staff that has left did have those principles," said Alfredo Biralde III '05, resident advisor of Aquinas Hall. Biralde continued by addressing the process by which the resignations were handled. "I'm not sure why they left, but the way in which the administration released these

individuals could have been handled better. An important thing to consider is communication. I learned about [Dean Tolentino's] resignation through an e-mail. I thought that was very impersonal."

Students like Angel Vasquez '05 seem a bit skeptical about SMC's resignation process. "I think it all began last year with Residence Life," said Vasquez. "I witnessed first-hand what happened because the RA's weren't satisfied with the office. In any case, stuff is happening with all of these resignations, but I'm just not sure what."

In regards to specific staff members leaving, Vasquez was unshaken at the news of Giles Miller's departure. "I wasn't surprised that he left. Personally, I didn't think he was a very friendly guy. Maybe he was friendly to faculty, staff, and alumni, but from what I saw, he wasn't that nice to students. I always thought that the students were the priority here."

Freshmen pledge academic honesty

Ceremony held in Redwood Grove has new students pledge adherence to Academic Honor Code

by **Amy Beth Kelly**
Managing Editor

School had not even begun when freshman experienced a new Saint Mary's tradition in the Redwood Grove. For the first time in Saint Mary's history, incoming freshman took part in an academic honor code ceremony. The freshmen were brought to the Redwood Grove for a candlelit ceremony to pledge that they will follow the new academic honor code of the college. While the ceremony itself is new, the issue of academic integrity on campus is not.

"The whole plan on this is prevention. We want to prevent aca-

demical dishonesty," said Shawny Anderson, associate dean of Liberal Arts.

The new code also includes the new Academic Honor Council, which is made up of 12 students and two faculty members. This group is charged with hearing all cases of academic dishonesty and deeming if it is valid, as well as with what sanctions they will charge the student. Last year in the School of Liberal Arts alone just under 80 cases of academic dishonesty were discovered, and of these, seven were dismissed. In the past, discipline of academic dis-

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Changes made to ResNet

by **Ed Biglin**
Contributor

Students may have noticed a new poster around campus when they returned last week. The slogan "Protect Before You Connect" is part of a larger campaign by SMC Computer and Technology Services (CaTS — the new organization replacing the old Information Technology Services).

The campaign is intended to enhance the speed and reliability of the Residential Network (ResNet) and help defend it against computer viruses and worms. The slogan is designed to remind students that they have a key role to play in maintaining the quality of service on ResNet.

Students and faculty were very frustrated by the troubles with ResNet last year. The storm of network traffic generated by all the worms and viruses on students' computers forced us to curtail many services (IM, file sharing, chat, etc.) and made the network run very slowly. At times there was so much virus-generated traffic that students had to keep trying for five or ten minutes to log on.

Over the summer, the College spent \$400,000 to strengthen ResNet. The projects included new internal wiring in Ageno A and South Claey's, new fiber-optic connections and conduit to the Claey's and Ageno residence halls, and

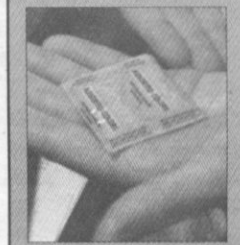
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8/27	5:40 p.m.	8/30	10:20 p.m.
Incident: Suspicious circumstances		Incident: Student Handbook violation	
Synopsis: Suspicious circumstances in Guerrieri East BBQ and Quad Area; referred to Student Conduct.		Synopsis: Underage possession of Alcohol at More Hall; referred to Student Conduct.	
8/27	11:13 p.m.	8/31	1:30 p.m.
Incident: Medical assist		Incident: Hit and run	
Synopsis: Medical assist in De La Salle parking lot; referred to Residence Life and Health and Wellness Center.		Synopsis: Staff vehicle hit in Filippi parking lot.	
8/28	7:40 a.m.	8/31	1:20 p.m.
Incident: Odor of gas - natural		Incident: Suspicious circumstances	
Synopsis: Gas leak in Cassin Student Union; referred to Physical Plant.		Synopsis: Possible theft of books in Barnes and Noble.	
8/29	9:10 p.m.	9/1	9:15 p.m.
Incident: Disrespect of college official (visitor)		Incident: Hit and run	
Synopsis: Disrespect of College Official in BBQ pit between Guerrieri East and West; referred to Student Conduct.		Synopsis: Damage to resident vehicle in Ageno East lower level parking lot.	
		9/3	12:01 a.m.
		Incident: Faulty fire alarm/water flow activation	
		Synopsis: False alarm in Ageno A; referred to Residence Life.	

No more condoms, again

Condoms briefly available in conjunction with STI education

by Lindsey Owen
Staff Writer

Last year the Student Health and Wellness Center initiated a program of free testing for sexually transmitted infections (STI's) to Saint Mary's undergraduates. This year, the staff attempted to take the project a step further by making condoms available to the student body.

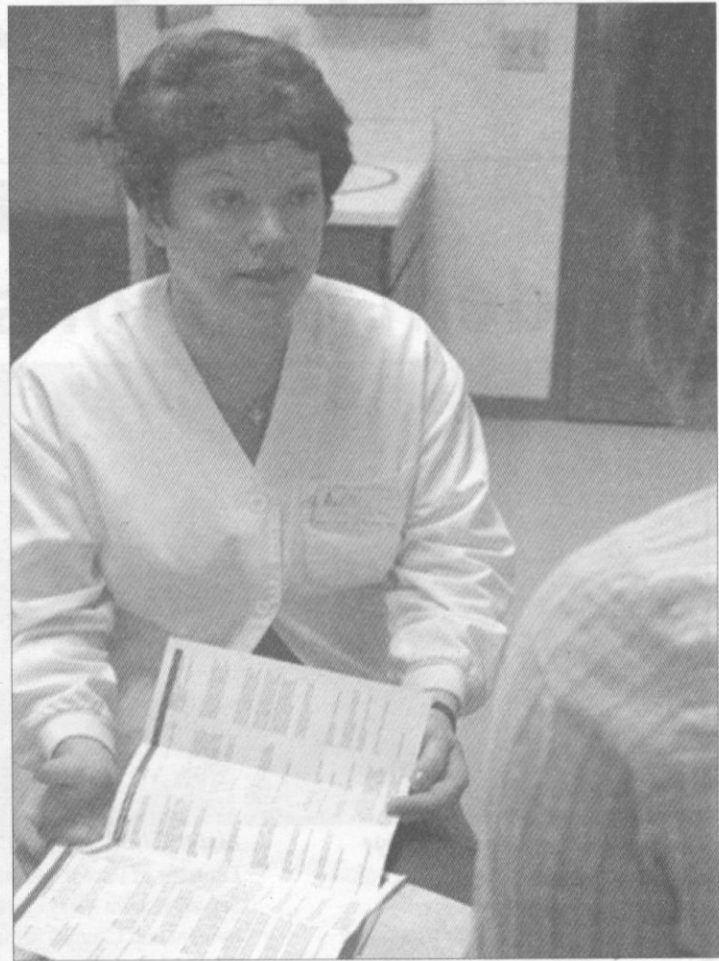
"We're always thinking about what meets the needs of the students," said Peggy Burns, director of the health center. "We try to work in accordance with St. Mary's principles."

The health center "in conjunction with doing the testing," seeks to promote sex education.

"We'll sit people down one-on-one with a nurse practitioner, or doctor, or one of the nurses, and provide them with informational packets," Burns said. These packets, for a brief period, happened to discretely include a couple condoms tucked inside, along with a slip of paper detailing their proper use.

"If you have information, you have power. You can decide for yourself, and you can protect yourself," said Burns, stressing the importance of protection.

When the *Collegian* contacted the administration for comments on the new policy, there was no evidence to suggest that they knew about its implementation. However, the administration's past and present stance on the issue can be summed up in Br. Craig Franz's statement: "As a Catho-



(Melanie Linney/COLLEGIAN)

Peggy Burns has a one-on-one consultation with a student

lic institution, we need to respect life. It's incumbent on us to follow the regulations of the magisterium regarding the use of birth control." Within the Catholic faith, the magisterium acts as an authority on moral matters.

Responding to the news about availability of condoms, Franz said, "education about health issues is an important service that the college can provide our students."

The same day, the administration asked the health center to no longer distribute condoms.

Although condoms are once again no longer available on campus, the health center still provides free STI testing. The next date scheduled for testing is September 22, between 11-2 p.m. anonymously. Appointments can be made in advance, or students may drop in at their convenience.

CaTS: students asked to do their part to keep ResNet up

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new conduit to the townhouses, as well as some new switches and equipment to trap and restrict virus traffic on the network. CaTS staff monitor the network daily to block the movement of worms and viruses over the network, and they have already identified and notified over 40 students whose computers are spreading worms and viruses.

The College has really done its part, but now we have to ask stu-

dents to do their part. That's where the "Protect Before You Connect" posters come in. If students don't practice responsible computing, the networks will become unreliable again in spite of all the effort and money spent by the College.

Students are encouraged to follow the instructions on the poster, including having up-to-date anti-virus software on their computer. Students found without updated software will have

their network connection turned off.

The poster directs students to a website for more information: "cats.stmarys-ca.edu/protect" More complete instructions for installing the software and "patches" can be found in the CaTS area of SMCNet.

Ed Biglin is the Chief Technology Officer for Saint Mary's College

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"To all the people who said, 'thank you' to us, I want to say 'thank you' to them. It kept our hearts going when we were felling nothing."
— Patti Lucci, Police Officer, NYPD

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HONESTY: "The whole plan is prevention"

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honesty was left to the course instructor as well as the dean of the school. The new Academic Honor Council will now officially take each case under review, thus releasing the instructor and dean from any disciplinary action.

If found guilty of academic dishonesty, a student faces an XF grade, which will put a student back a full academic year. The XF grade will go onto a student's transcript and the student will not get credit for the class, and in order to retake the course the student will have to participate in a special seminar class about academic dishonesty

in the semester prior to the repeated course. A student's transcript will still have an explanation of the given XF grade, which will show that there was a charge of academic dishonesty.

"Other schools are really revered for their academic standard, and academic honor codes are part of the reason that they are revered in that way, and so we are joining that elite list because we belong," Anderson said. Saint Mary's has many traditions on campus and each one adds to the value of education and community on campus, the new Academic Honor Code hopes to be yet another one of these traditions.

WHAT'S HAPPENING...

TODAY

ASSMC Info Faire 11-2 p.m. in Ferroggiaro Quad

Intervarsity Ice Cream Night 5:30-8 p.m. in Ferroggiaro Quad

Open Mic Night 9-11p.m. in Dryden

THURSDAY

Dennis Kelly "The Cyclops: Book 9, lines 118-630" 7:30pm Soda Center

APASA Mixer 5-6:45 p.m. in Delphine

International Studies Welcome Dinner 5:30-7:30 p.m. in Soda Center

Senate Petitions Due 6 p.m. - Student Involvement and Leadership Office

FRIDAY

BSU Opening BBQ 5-7:30 p.m. in Justin/Mitty Commons

SATURDAY

September 11 Mass 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel

LASA opening BBQ 10-2 p.m. in Justin/Mitty Commons

ASSMC All Club Retreat 10-5 p.m. in Delphine

Gaelspot 10-12 p.m. Soda Ctr.

Don't forget

Oasis this year will be Saturday, September 17th in the Quad. Guest registration forms are due to the Student Involvement and Leadership Office by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 14.

Karaoke night is coming! Wednesday, September 15 from 9-11 p.m. in Dryden Hall.

"How Do We Read HOMER?"- World Series for Readers! A special series for Greek Thought students that features SMC faculty discussing how they read HOMER. Be sure to bring your HOMER text with you. Series begins September 7. Join HOMER and the Seminar faculty to see what new home runs we can hit!

Ted Tsukahara "Book 11: 'Tricks' for Reading Homer" 7:30 p.m. Soda Center

For more information and resources visit : cats.stmarys-ca.edu/protect

SNAPSHOT



(Liz Hearst/COLLEGIAN)

Matthew Park '05 entertains the crowd at the first Coffee Night of they year in Dryden Hall last Wednesday. Coffee Nights, sponsored by Program Board, are held the first Wednesday of each month and are a chance for student performers to share their talents.

Delphine changes to support students

Mary Ho looks to increase collaboration between those involved with diversity

by Cori Simpson
In-Depth Editor

This summer, Delphine Multicultural Lounge changed its name to Delphine Intercultural Center to better reflect the changes made inside. Delphine used to be a meeting room where clubs would hold meetings, but now it has more to offer students.

The idea to improve the room began at the end of the 2003-2004 school year. Mary Ho, director of the Delphine Intercultural Center, formed an advisory board made up of students, staff, and faculty who were picked from focus group discussions in May and June. The advisory board provides input and looks at long-term diversity goals for the center.

After the summer meetings and discussions the center was renamed and Mary Ho made the director. The purpose of the center is to provide a greater diversity support base for students, staff, and faculty. Ho plans to collaborate with other departments on diversity programs, as well as to work with the



(Melanie Linney/COLLEGIAN)

Mary Ho's office has moved to the second floor of Delphine

Women's Resource Center, CILSA, and the Student Health and Wellness Center.

"I want to launch a more formalized way of collaborating through the affiliate program," said Ho. Any club, organization, or department that does work in diversity or whose mission statement aligns with the mission statement of the Delphine Intercultural Center can become an affiliate. The benefits of becoming an affiliate include additional support, including funding and program support.

Although the space is not finished yet, students can come in

any time to look at the diversity resource area, find out additional information on programming, or to share departmental resources. The center is expected to formally open later this semester. Ho said, "eventually I hope to have a video library, books here for students, and magazines."

This is a permanent change, but students may still use the space downstairs for club meetings or a quiet place to study.

"I want students to feel like they can come in any time for additional resources, support, and just a space they can hang out in," said Ho.

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b e y o n d the bubble

BY TONY VALA-HAYNES

-RALEIGH, North Carolina--Kevin M. McCann and Brett Johnson Harman were fatally shot at a tailgate party, preceding North Carolina State University's football season opening game on Saturday. Neither man attended the University.

-HAMPTON, Tennessee--Jerry Hall beat his own record by remaining underwater in scuba gear for five days in a lake. Hall took a recliner, a checkerboard, and good music to make his record-setting stay more comfortable.

-KANSAS CITY, Missouri--Five decomposed bodies were found in Kansas City in just three days. Police suspect all the bodies may be connected to one killer.

-FLORIDA--1.8 million homes and businesses are without power as Hurricane Frances rages across central Florida.

-MISSOULA, Montana--Three-year-old Kenneth Gerkin was found alive and unharmed after spending three nights on his own. Gerkin wandered off while camping with his family and spent the three nights in temperatures hitting the low 40's.

-WASHINGTON--A recent study shows that girls who date older boys are more likely to smoke, drink, and use drugs.

-SEATTLE, Washington--A 30-year-old man has been charged with stalking Avril Lavigne. James Speedy reportedly made several attempts to contact the singer and traveled to her parents' home in Ontario.

- SEATTLE, Washington--The De La Salle football team saw their 151-game winning streak, the longest in high school football history, end Saturday in a 39-20 loss to the Bellevue Wolverines. The Spartans had not lost since December 7, 1991.

(Sources: Cnn.com, Msnbc.com, The San Francisco Chronicle)

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**Hilarious,
yet
misunderstood**



by Ryan Wilkins
Staff Writer

At first I thought we were different. In fact, I was sure of it. Stepping onto campus my freshmen year, I was certain that my 11-month relationship with my girlfriend, who was going to UC Berkeley, would succeed where thousands of others had failed. After all, we had love. We were best friends. And, by going to different schools, we weren't going to be joined at the hip like many other freshmen couples, but we'd still get to see each other on Fridays and Saturdays, not to mention the occasional weekday. We each had our space, but we could be together when we wanted to. It was the perfect setup. Our relationship was going to last. Or so we thought. However, what we didn't understand at the time was that the mere concept of a long-distance relationship when you're 18, horny, and first entering college is about as practical as a screen door on a submarine. It was doomed from the start.

Or maybe "doomed" is too strong a word. After all, we did stay together for quite a while into college. And, like Woody Allen's character from *Annie Hall*, I'm glad we made the effort. But no matter how you slice it, the relationship just wasn't going to work. At 18 years of age, we owed it to ourselves to try new things, to play the field, to experience something other than what's easy and comfortable. And for all you freshmen out there still hanging on to that high school sweetheart from home: the same goes for you.

As well, just getting *experience* is important in its own right. Ask anyone who's ever been in love, lost, but lived to see another day and they'll tell you it was worth it. It might not have been easy, and it might not be fun, but in the end it was still valuable because of the lessons it taught. In an effort to work another shameless pop-culture reference into this article, let's call it the *Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind* effect.

You owe it to yourself to utilize this time to gain experiences you can't get anywhere else. It's not worth it to be afraid.

So those of you willing to stick with your pre-college sweethearts; good luck. But just know that it's not going to be easy, and somewhere along the line there's going to be a beautiful, funny brunette sitting next to you in communication class, and you're going to be forced to ask yourself, "What could have been?" And trust me, it's never good to leave yourself with unanswered questions. Life is about finding answers.

OPINION

Collegian View

During the first week of school, the returning students of Saint Mary's College observe the results of both spring and summer changes. This week, the Collegian editorial board was among these devoted fans.

After the first day of class, the Collegian celebrated the distribution of its 102nd volume. Needless to say the staff was more than thrilled to see the final product of their weeklong orientation/layout process. From the loss of the \$100 million donation to the MTV VMA review, the first issue was a very exciting one.

The first steps of the Enlivenment program were seen as well. On Wednesday, the campus was graced with the presence of Taiko drumming in Ferroggiaro Quad. On Sunday, the office of Student Involvement and Leadership held the first "Music in the quad" in which one of our own editors (Angel Vasquez) participated. In regards to the Enlivenment program as a whole, the editors would like to take the time and address the stu-

dents of SMC.

As students, we are given the chance to study and eventually graduate with our bachelor's degrees. During this process, we may sometimes lose sight of the fact that the campus has a wide range of activities to not only help balance out work and play, but to help socialize us, making the experience of college a very memorable one.

By getting involved with campus organizations and activities, you get the chance to interact with students from different fields, get the chance to enjoy the campus and all of its resources, and, most of all, get the chance to prepare for a world after graduation - a world

based on socialization and organization.

As members of the SMC community, we have noticed a pattern of student apathy throughout the years. The leaders of the ASSMC have made it a point to break this pattern and get their fellow students

involved.

In following this intention, The Collegian editors would like to invite students, both old and new, to get involved. With that being said, enjoy the many weeks to come, be safe and have fun.



When needed most, administrative ducks fly south.

Cartoon by Angel Refugio

Community Views

Fellow Seniors of the Class of 2005,

I want to take this opportunity to welcome you back to St. Mary's and inform you of the status of our class.

Our class's finances have improved greatly since the lack of fundraising during our freshman and sophomore years. Last year we earned roughly \$3,000 from successful events like Battle of the Bands, Baja Fresh night, and the Gaelstock Beer Garden. We have sold more than half of our class t-shirts and will continue to sell them in the next few weeks. I am asking seniors now in particular to contribute to this fundraiser, for it will benefit our class directly. Bottom line: the more money our class raises, the better our formal and other class events will be.

After much consideration, it has been decided that our Senior Formal will take place on Saturday April 9 at H.S. Lordships Restaurant and Banquet Hall on the Berkeley Marina. Other con-

siderations were the Westin St. Francis in San Francisco and the Claremont in Berkeley. It is true that last year's senior class chose H.S. Lordships because they had limited funds, and that in past years it was held at the Westin. However, H.S. Lordships offers our class a reasonably priced bid which will allow more people to attend this function. Moreover, the beautiful bay atmosphere of H.S. Lordships will set the stage for an unforgettable night.

I would also like to add that there is one open Senate seat for our class. This position requires hard work and dedication. If you are interested in improving campus life and contributing to our class's further success, I openly invite you to run for this position.

This semester marks the beginning of the end for SMC's Class of 2005. We have come a long way and I wish everyone a great year.

Jerrad Fanucchi
Your Senior Class President

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GAEL POLL

How do you feel about the turnover rate (faculty, staff and administration) at SMC?



James Hannon '06

"I don't know enough about the staff turnover to have an opinion about it"

Osborne '05



Murphy

"The turnover is probably necessary so that the administration can find the right teacher for the school's programs."

How Do We Read this Text?

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Greek Thought

Homer, *The Odyssey* -

FRANCES SWEENEY: Tues., Sept. 7; DENIS KELLY: Thurs., Sept. 9; TED TSUKAHARA: Mon., Sept. 13; CHARLES HAMAKER: Weds., Sept. 15.

Sophocles, *Oedipus the King* -

DEEPAK SAWHNEY: Mon., Oct. 18. & JIM SMITH: Weds., Oct. 20.

Sophocles, *Antigone* -

ANNA NOVAKOV: Thurs., Oct. 28. & JACK CASSIDY: Mon., Nov. 1st.

Roman, Early Christian, Medieval Thought

BRO. RAPHAEL PATTON: Virgil, *The Aeneid* - Mon., Sept. 13.

BRO. KENNETH CARDWELL: Augustine, *Confessions* - Thurs., Oct. 21.

Renaissance, 17th, 18th Century Thought

DAVID DEROSE: Cervantes, *Don Quixote* - Monday, Sept. 20.

MORI ACHEN: Cervantes, *Don Quixote* - Thursday, Sept. 21.

MICHAEL BARRAM: Rousseau, *Discourse on Inequality*, Tues., Nov. 16

STEVE SLOANE: Rousseau, *Discourse on Inequality* Weds., Nov. 17.

19th & 20th Century Thought

JOSE FEITO: Weber, *Protestant Ethic* - Tues., Oct. 5.

FR. JOHN MORRIS: Weber, *Protestant Ethic* - Weds., Oct. 6.

TBA: Toni Morrison, *Beloved* - Tues., Nov. 30.

LINDA SAULSBY: Toni Morrison, *Beloved* - Monday, Nov. 22.

MINORITY
REPORT

by Kim Dao, Managing Editor

Obama versus Miller

Keynote speakers at summer conventions offer very different messages

by Caitlin Hungate

Opinion Editor

With the buzz of both the Democratic National Convention and Republican National Convention slowly settling down, it is still hard for me to forget the sharp differences in the speeches made by the two keynote speakers. Although both Zell Miller and Barack Obama label themselves as Democrats, Zell Miller, Democratic Senator from Georgia offered a completely different message and tone than that of Barack Obama, an Illinois

resident were evil-doers who hated what the United States of America stood for. Therefore racial profiling, background checks, and increased "security" developed. Reminiscent of a time where such action targeted "dangerous" men, it sounds like another Red Scare.

However, Obama gave a different alternative to the fear-invoking society in which we live, one of going back to the roots of our very founding: the Constitution. Obama said, "Our pride is based on a very simple premise, summed up in a

national freedoms that have made our country the envy of the world, and he will never sacrifice our basic liberties, nor use faith as a wedge to divide us."

One of the most memorable moments from his speech was when he spoke of the United States of America, "The pundits, the pundits like to slice-and-dice our country into Red States and Blue States; Red States for Republicans, Blue States for Democrats. But I've got news for them, too. We worship an awesome

Miller for sticking to his beliefs, rather than blindly following his party, I cannot respect his message of bitterness and divisions thinly veiled as an attempt at uniting our country. Miller asked, "Where is the bipartisanship in this country when we need it most? Today, at the same time young Americans are dying in the sands of Iraq and the mountains of Afghanistan, our nation is being torn apart and made weaker because of the Democrats' manic obsession to bring down our commander in chief."

The last time I checked, Repub-

'Student-centered community' falls apart

The Mission Statement page of the Saint Mary's website, mentions one of the objectives being, "to create a student-centered educational community whose members support one another with mutual understanding and respect." With the recent staff turnover, it's hard not to come across that statement and not let out a chuckle of cynicism and disbelief, or just be fused with bitterness and anger.

The departure of former Dean of Academic Advising, Grace Cardenas-Tolentino hit home. As a freshman at this school, I remember being astonished walking through campus. I was one of a few, not one of many. Being the minority in any place, you always have that underlying fear that majority always wins and you are bound to lose.

My fear has grown bigger than ever.

Grace was one of the major players to diversity at this school. She was an outlet for the one in a few. She had this uncanny way of implementing such close cohorts with her students that sometimes she was no longer an advisor, but as close as an aunt. She laid the foundation for the Academic Advising Office and the different student programs it houses, mainly the Black, Latino, and Asian American Student Programs. She strongly supported these programs, pushing for growth in times that it had been susceptible to falter.

The e-mail sent out from Frances M. Sweeney, Ph.D, to the college stated, "I would like to announce after seven years as Dean of Academic Advising and Achievement, Grace Cardenas-Tolentino has resigned from her position in order to pursue other professional opportunities." It is hard for me to believe that someone who had such an influential presence on campus could walk away so easily. The e-mail is disheartening in that it seems like it has no truth; it seems infused with generics. I am not one to stand for fitting the typecast of a bitter and repressed minority, but hypocrisy is really hard to take.

This seems as a direct blow to the so-called 'student-centered community' that is boasted about in the school's mission statement. If anything, the truth deserves to be spoken and questions need to be answered. If Grace really left on her own accord, then why was her letter written by someone else? Things are sketchy and remnants of foul play lurking the corners. Concurrently, the politics of all of these so-called "resignations" don't seem to add up.

To make a play of "mutual understanding and respect" as one of the school's objectives, I just wanted to make an example of myself being a student who is lost among these incidents. I am so disillusioned in trying to be educated at a school that seems to not have a firm grip on things themselves. I am lost at this school, but as of a result of all this, I can now find comfort in knowing that instead of being one of a few, this time I am one of many.



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Democratic candidate for Senate. Unlike Obama, Miller presented anger and pessimism while Obama spoke of hope and love. Another stark difference of the two speakers is the fact that Obama is a young, rising politician who presented optimism while Miller is an older retiring political player.

One very decisive tool that politicians use to manipulate people's emotion is fear. After September 11, Americans were taught that people of Arab de-

"I wish we lived in the day where you could challenge a person to a duel."
- Sen. Zell Miller, D-Ga.

claration made over two hundred years ago: 'We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal. That they are endowed by their creator with certain inalienable rights. That among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.'"

He also spoke of presidential candidate John Kerry, "John Kerry believes in the Constitu-

God in the Blue States, and we don't like federal agents poking around in our libraries in the Red States. We coach Little League in the Blue States, and yes, we've got some gay friends in the Red States. There are patriots who opposed the war in Iraq and there are patriots who supported the war in Iraq."

Although one might respect

licans are just as guilty as Democrats in attacking the opposing viewpoint. What about the Swift Boat Veterans attacking Kerry's military record? Where is Bush's military record?

In this campaign, we have one party that offers hope and faith (without abusing such faith) for a brighter tomorrow, while we have another that chooses bitter attacks over civilized debate on the issues.

Today is what matters

There isn't always a tomorrow

by Liz Hearst

Staff Writer

Why is it that when we are young we always think there is a tomorrow?

We put off our dreams and hopes because of the idea that we have plenty of time. Truly, we only have today. We have today to live out our dreams and change the world.

I see people procrastinating in living life to the fullest each and every day because today is what we have right now. I catch myself doing these things as well. People say that tomorrow is what everything is for.

Tomorrow I will call her back, tomorrow I will thank my parents, tomorrow I will let him know how much I care.

What happens when tomorrow doesn't come?

What happens when tomorrow is too late?

We need to live for today because life could end at anytime.

Today is when we should call people back. Today is when we should work on making our dreams come true. Today is when we should live and love life. Today is when we should work for a better life.

I have learned two things in the past two months from people I barely know anymore. First, I learned that you should not put off life. You have to live and you have to live fully. Never have regrets. But also, don't just be stupid. If you fall in love, let the person know. Always tell people how you feel today.

Second, I learned there isn't always a tomorrow. There was a tomorrow in my head, but the tomorrows never really come. There is only today and it is what you do with today that really matters.

My wish for everyone is to learn and do great things today.

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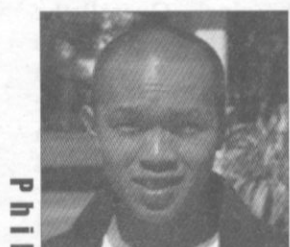
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Phil Cheng '05

"I don't know much about the turnover, but I know that a high turnover in college weakens the community here at Saint Mary's."



Ashley Meshane '06

"The administration hasn't told us anything about the people leaving. Some of them were close to us and yet we haven't been given reasons about why they are leaving."

Players of the Week

Lindsey Bogason

Seniors lead the way as women's volleyball posts an impressive showing in the Sands Tournament beating Stanford, Utah State, and host Nevada Reno.

Kauai Salzman

Earned Most Valuable Player at the Sands Tournament and helped guide SMC to first victory over perennial powerhouse Stanford.

—Michael Chin, Sports Editor

Score Card

Soccer

Women (2-1)

Cal defeats SMC 1-0
Loss: Andrea Lee (2-1)

Men's Soccer(0-0-1)

SMC Ties UNH 0-0
Tie: Brian Mason(0-0-1)

Volleyball(4-0)

SMC defeats U. Nevada Reno
3-0(30-19,30-25,30-28)
SMC defeats Stanford
3-2(30-25,30-22,27-30,28-30,15-18)
SMC defeats Utah State
3-0(30-22,30-22,30-22)

Days to Midnight Madness

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

Days until 1st Game:
92

In case you didn't know...

...Da La Salle's streak ended against Bellevue (WA) on Saturday, Sept. 4...

Facts on the Streak:

Longest Winning Streak in national sports history: 151 Games

Number of Undeclared Seasons: 17

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Number of State Championships: 12

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SPORTS

Hopeful Kickert leads Gaels

Daniel Kickert pledges to make the Olympic Team in his native country Australia

by Allison Kop

Assistant Sports Editor

While most Saint Mary's students were busy working on their tans or catching up with friends this summer, Daniel Kickert was living a dream. His goal: to become a member of the 2004 Australian Olympic Team set to compete in the Athens games. The Melbourne native, who averaged 14.9 points a game last year and helped lead the Gaels to their most successful season since 1997, was one of three Australians playing in the NCAA to be invited to the Olympic tryout.

Despite missing the first training camp session because of his finals at Saint Mary's, Kickert still managed to catch the ear of Australian head coach Brian Goorjian. Goorjian was so impressed by the play of the big man, he invited him to the second two-week session.

"The tryout was really, really hard," said Kickert, "I was up against the best competition I've ever faced."

Kickert was lucky, however, to have some hometown support, something he has yet to ex-

perience in his career at Saint Mary's. "My parents came out to watch," he said, "It's the first time they've been able to see me play in a long, long time."

After finishing the two-week tryout, Kickert was one of the last men cut from the 14 man roster. Though not selected, Kickert was still upbeat about his time with the national team. "I took a lot from the experience," he said,

"It definitely made me a better player. It was the biggest honor to be playing for my country."

Kickert said the largest difference between the Australian team and college basketball was that the Australian players were much more experienced. The play was crisper and players made fewer errors. "Australians are also better shooters," he added. Australia finished fourth in Athens just

behind the U.S., despite having a population of only 19 million. That's about the size of California, a statistic of which Kickert is especially proud. Although he did not make this year's Olympic team, Kickert plans to keep training and make another attempt at joining the Australian national team for the Commonwealth Games and the World Championships, both to be held in 2006. He also hopes to represent his homeland in the 2008 Olympics.

For now Kickert is back in Moraga, looking forward to his next season as a Gael. Last year the team made it to the WCC championship game and narrowly missed the NCAA tournament. Given the fact that Gonzaga returns most of its top ten team from last year, including John Wooden award nominee Ronny Turiaf, the task will once again be daunting for Kickert and the Gaels. Still, Kickert says it is the game he will be most excited to play. "We're setting our goals high," he said, "We've got a lot of experienced guys coming back and also a lot of good younger players fighting for spots. We want to win the conference and I think we have the team to do it."



(Lissette Garcia/COLLEGIAN)

Volleyball makes a splash

SMC makes history, beats Stanford Cardinal

by Michael Chin

Sports Editor

Should the Saint Mary's student body really be surprised? John Stevenson and company don't think so: "Our girls have the ability to be the best team SMC has ever seen." Thus far they have lived up to their billing as the Gaels have opened up with three wins including a historical upset against the number six ranked Stanford Cardinal. In an amazing five set match, the Gaels chewed, clawed, and fought their way to victory.

Senior experience led the way in this match as Lindsey Bogason scored a team high, fifteen kills. Contributing to this effort was sophomore Cassandra Colka and junior Kauai Salzman with thirteen kills each. Mandy Bible also had an excellent game recording an impressive fifty-one assists for the Gaels. Each set proved to be very close as they were decided by eight points or less. Overall, the Gaels have made a good showing at this tournament. Prior to this, SMC opened the tournament with a win over tournament host Nevada Reno.

SMC finished the tournament off with yet another win against Utah State. It was a one sided match as the Gaels dominated State all night. SMC was once again led by senior Lindsey Bogason with 16 kills. Kauai Salzman also garnered tourna-



(Lissette Garcia/COLLEGIAN)

ment honors as the Most Valuable Tournament Player.

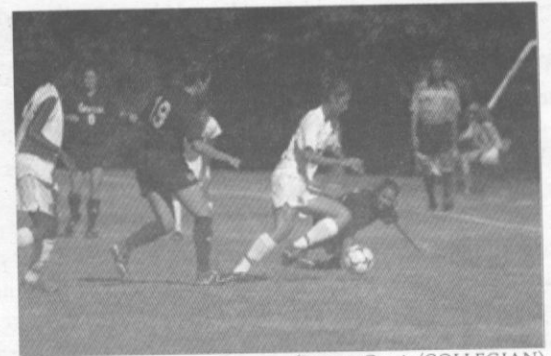
So what do these wins mean for the Gaels? It can be summed up in one word: respect. Last year the Gaels had an amazing season with an NCAA tournament bid. Now they might have hit the big time with this win which will also help with recruiting. The Gaels may now say "we can play with anyone in the country." They will continue this quest for respect next week when they travel to Oregon to play Pac-Ten opponent Oregon State and SEC powerhouse, Auburn. Still, the season is young and with a continually tough non-league schedule, as well as a league slate that includes three ranked teams, the Gaels will need to back up the hype. For now though there is a message to be sent: "We have arrived."

Cal defeats SMC soccer

SMC stumbles against Golden Bears after Hawaii

by James Lee

Sports Writer



(Lissette Garcia/COLLEGIAN)

Playing in front of a hostile crowd, and with their backs against the wall, the Saint Mary's women's soccer team played East Bay arch-nemesis Cal. Coming off of two victories in Hawaii at the OHANA Hotels and Resort Tournament, the Gaels looked primed for a big win over the Golden Bears. All day the Gaels fought tooth and nail, challenging Cal on every shot and every pass. In the end, though, it would be an early Cal goal that put the nail in the coffin for the Gaels.

The first half of the game was evenly played between the Gaels and the Bears, with both teams fighting for possession of the ball. Both teams had little success on the offensive side with its stifling defenses leading the way for both teams. The game's lone goal came in the 21st minute of the first half as Cal's Dania Cavello slipped past the Gaels' defense and made a line drive

shot that narrowly missed the hands of SMC goalkeeper Andrea Lee.

In the second half, the Gaels had a myriad of opportunities to come back. The Gaels' last push came late in the second half when junior Joelle Gizzi and transfer Genevieve Holl fired a flurry of shots on goals that barely missed the net. Both these could have potentially tied and won the game. As time expired, Cal played possession soccer, keeping the ball away from the Gaels and chewing up the clock. Overall the Gaels out shot the Golden Bears 13-10. Leading the way with three shots was Gizzi. Despite allowing the goal, freshman keeper Andrea Lee had a good game, making two other stops. Defensively, sophomore Kali Larson as well as Gizzi played well in the middle. This loss pushes the Gaels to a 2-1 record in the season.

Saint Mary's faces resignations in athletics

Directors Shrieve and McDowell resign; department forced to readjust

by Sam Adams

Sports Co-Editor

Over the summer, Associate Director of Athletics Stephanie Shrieve, and Assistant Director of Athletics Andy McDowell both resigned, leaving the athletic department with holes to fill. In response, Rich Davi has been promoted to Assistant Athletic Director, Ticket Manager Mike Samuels will take on additional responsibilities, and Mark Chiarucci, a member of the College's Development Staff, will help create partnerships with Saint Mary's and potential corporate sponsors. "There are some additional responsibilities that come with (the assistant athletic director title)," said Davi. "I'll oversee all media areas related to the Athletic Department."

Davi, promoted in the wake of these resignations, will now be the Assistant Director of Athletics for Media Relations. Having served as the Director of Sports Information for the past four years, he is a great fit to oversee all activities relating to television, radio, and website for the athletic department. Davi has



Stephanie Shrieve



Andy McDowell

(Courtesy of smcgaels.collegeports.com)

been part of the athletic staff since 1999 when he was hired as the Graduate Assistant for Sports Information. "In the transition periods without having a full staff, everybody has had to take on additional tasks from where Stephanie and Andy left," said Davi. "It's just doing a few different things than what their normal routines would be."

Working quickly, the department has filled McDowell's position by hiring Katie Davis as the Director of Marketing and Promotions. Davis will officially

begin on September 15, 2004. Davis, a former Gael Basketball player from 1998-2003, played on two NCAA Tournament teams.

"We are excited that Katie Davis will join us as Director of Marketing and Promotions. She loves Saint Mary's College and is an advocate for all that the intercollegiate athletic experience can add to an educational opportunity," Athletic Director Carl Clapp told SMCGaels.com.

"I'm extremely excited and grateful for the opportunity to

promote Gael Athletics," Davis told SMCGaels.com. "I recognize the challenges that lie ahead, and look forward to helping Saint Mary's Athletics reach new heights, both on and off the field. It is an exciting time for Gael Athletics, and I feel very fortunate to be a part of it."

As for other changes, Mike Samuels will continue to be the department's ticket manager, as well as assist with the marketing of athletics. Additional duties include overseeing the production of promotional materials (posters, magnets, schedule cards, etc). Mark Chiarucci, hired a year ago as the Special Events Manager, will continue to work as a member of the Development office, but in his new position (Assistant Director of Development for Athletics) he will work directly with the Department of Athletics and Recreational Sports.

As for Shrieve's position, Davi said that the job has been posted and the school is accepting resumes. "Interviews have not begun, but they are going through-out the process," said Davi.

Bocce ball-if you haven't heard, it's time you open up your ears



Chris James Claus

Giving non-mainstream sports a voice has been one of my life-long passions. For too many years, competitors in events such as pickleball, dodgeball, and croquet have gone unrecognized and unnoticed. Add another to this list of unwanted: bocce ball. As I began to scan through the list of Summer Olympic events this past year I found the likes of table tennis, handball and badminton. It then occurred to me that there was no mention of bocce ball, a wonderful amazing sport I might add. Continuing to scan the list, I found that curling, a sport very similar to the game bocce ball, was on the Winter Olympic list. If you substitute the ice for dirt, and instead of the broom replace it with a fine cigar and a glass of Chianti, that my friends is bocce. For those of you who are not familiar with the craze known as "bocce," here is a short introduction: "The word bocce derives from the Latin bottia, meaning "boss" (www.bocce.org/history). Exactly how "boss" is related to bocce, I haven't the slightest clue, but bocce does roll off the tongue quite nicely doesn't it?"

Bocce originated in Italy and is one of the oldest of all lawn bowling games. Bocce is played between two players or two teams of up to four players on a team. Bocce is played with eight large balls, four of one color, four of another color and one small target ball called the "Pallino." The "Pallino" is thrown down the court and players try to place their bocce balls nearest to the "Pallino." It doesn't matter who you are, whether you are a child, an elderly person or even a recovering alcoholic, (although I suggest if you are the latter that you replace the glass of Chianti with a club soda) bocce ball will work for you.

Bob ("The Baron") Barone, renowned bocce aficionado, was noted for the extreme accuracy of his "volo," the aerial delivery of a bocce ball, thus earning him a spot in the Bocce Ball Hall of Fame" (www.bocce.org/history). It is in "The Baron's" footsteps that I would like to follow. If you care to join me on my quest for bocce glory, you can find me at the little park down St. Mary's Road on the left. Just follow the laughter and smell of fine cigars, and soon enough you too can be part of a tradition that has been going for years.

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Autobiography Ashlee Simpson

Having a sister can be such a vital tool to succeeding in the entertainment industry nowadays. Beyoncé has her younger sister Solange, Mary-Kate has Ashley, and now it appears that our favorite newlywed, Jessica has Ashlee. Simpson's number one debut, *Autobiography* is laced with her raw and distinctive voice: "Pieces of Me" is catchy pop at it's best, "Surrender" shows flavorings of rock goddess similar to Garbage's Shirley Manson, and "Unreachable" is torn love at its best. Not for everyone, but if you are willing to cast an open ear, and forego the name - it might be worth a listen.

-Kim Dao

Hero starring Jet Li, Zhang Ziyi

Hero is not the kung-fu movie you expect with Jet Li (*Romeo Must Die*, *Lethal Weapon 4*) and Zhang Ziyi (*Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon*). It is an artful masterpiece full of color and emotion. Each vignette features a unique color that mimics the dominant sentiment (red for passion and anger in the calligraphy school, and green for sorrow and envy at the funeral). The range and depth of feeling shown by Falling Snow (Maggie Chung) and Broken Sword (Daoming Chen) is truly remarkable. Their ability to completely re-create their relationship in each scene put this movie a cut above all others currently out.

-Noah Friedman-Biglin

The Diary of a Viagra Fiend by Jayson Galloway

Call me naïve, but I never knew, if you do it right, anything could be snorted...like Viagra. *The Diary of a Viagra Fiend*, by Jayson Galloway, is a book that made me laugh out loud to the point of embarrassment in some public places. The book brings you to the forefront of sex, as he lays out the tales of his times in San Francisco. Galloway's drug-induced libido seems to take him into every realm of sex: there is an S&M club, time with the fire department, an encounter of a sperm donation, and a call from his mom. A really good read.

-Kim Dao

Steel Battalion by Capcom

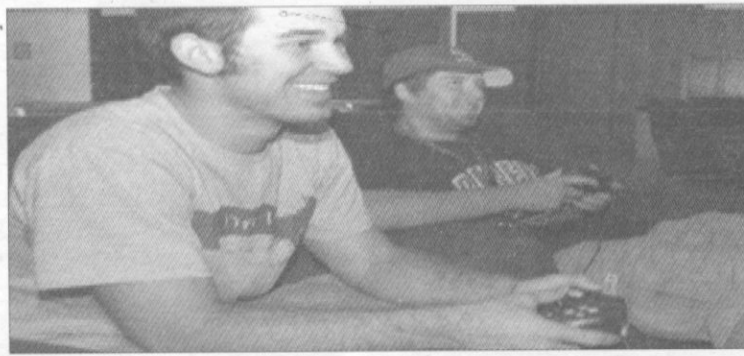
When writing a videogame review, one tends to stick to talking about the graphics, the plot, and generally how fun it is. In brief, excellent graphics, good plot (at least up to the point of where I have gotten; this game is very challenging), and very fun. But the controller...OH GOD...the controller: two joysticks for steering the giant robot, three pedals for driving it and a wide variety of buttons whose use is a mystery to me. There is even a little eject button under a plastic lid like in the movies. The price? Very expensive. But still, I want to drive giant Japanese videogame robots forever.

-Colin deLeon Horton

DETOUR

Top Ten Greatest Videogame Series of All Time

by Angel Vasquez,
Detour Editor



(Melanie Linney/COLLEGIAN)



(www.retrones.com)

10. **Contra**
Standout Game: *Contra 3*
Reason: The first one is a classic, and the third one is a masterpiece. Kill all the alien robot looking dudes while using ultra bad*** weapons. How heavenly.



(www.kylbarnes.com)

9. **Soul Blade/Edge/Calibur**
Standout Game: *Soul Calibur 2*
Reason: One of the first weapon-based fighters, this game stomped the crap out of other 3D fighters when it came out. And with its latest in the series, it is still leading the pack.



(www.galeon.com)

8. **Resident Evil**
Standout Game: *Resident Evil*
Reason: The scariest story ever told in a game. Abundant secrets and puzzles, an endless horde of zombies, the ability to mix items, and Jill Valentine, what else do you need? An array of prolific sequels just adds to the carnage.



(http://allthingshorrorpics.tripod.com)



(http://home8.swipnet)

7. **Metal Slug**
Standout Game: *Metal Slug 2*
Reason: This 2D side-scroller can still hold its own against any modern 3D game. This will be the only game in the future that will be able to pull-off using "sprites" when computer generated images are the standard for animation.



(http://img.gamekult.com)



(www.uol.com)

6. **Mega Man**
Standout Game: *Mega Man 3*
Reason: The original eight were one long saga; the sequel picked up were the previous game left off. An added bonus, the player could choose the order of missions. And let us not forget that when he died he turned into bubbles. Spiffy.



(img.gamekult.com)

5. **Street Fighter**
Standout Game: *Street Fighter Alpha 3*
Reason: Seriously, this is the ultimate fighting game series. It made the genre. All fighting games must bow before its might. HADOKEN!



(www.truechipervideogiochi.net)

4. **Castlevania**
Standout Game: *Symphony of the Night*
Reason: Play as generation after generation of the Belmont clan. Whip the [expletive] out of Dracula and his minions. Wait for the next game to come out, and do it all over again. Sound repetitive? It is, but fun as hell.



(img.gamekult.com)



(www.microsoft.com)

3. **Metal Gear**
Standout Game: *Metal Gear Solid*
Reason: The leader in stealth games, mixed in with a whole lot of great story telling. Not to mention one bad mother, Solid Snake.



(http://students.uat.edu)

2. **Final Fantasy**
Standout Game: *Final Fantasy 7*
Reason: What is an RPG? Final Fantasy. Square Soft (now Square Enix) set an unmatched bar with this series. The seventh installment made Playstation. That's right, no FF7, no PS1 (or at least not as popular).



(http://fnordfiles.rtfm.com.au)



(www.bsospirit.com)

1. **The Legend of Zelda**
Standout Game: *Ocarina of Time*
Reason: This series gave birth to the coolest character of all time, Link. Follow him, big or small, through all kinds of adventures while the series constantly reanimates itself for freshness, but still maintaining that nostalgic feel. Whether you are using a bow and arrow, a boomerang, or the Master Sword, some serious *** is getting kicked. Collect the Tri-Force, battle it out with Ganondorf, weave in and out of time; The Legend of Zelda has done it all, and done it the best.

Most Overrated Series: *Super Mario Bros.*, *Mortal Kombat*, *Grand Theft Auto*
Most Underrated Series: *Dynasty Warriors*, *Wild Arms*, *Double Dragon*

rantings of a halo addict

by Pablo Armas,
Executive Assistant

As I play Halo in Dryden and remember the long forgotten days of the SNES, I can't help but wonder why anyone would want to play sports games. I don't think that sports games should be a legit video gaming genre. It just seems like an oxymoron: sports video games. Sports are to be played without the assistance of computers or electronic devices. The point of video games should be to be things that we normally can't be in real life. No one in real life can shoot fireballs with a flower (*Super Mario Bros.*), shoot people without suffering the consequences (*GTA*), or lead a medieval/futuristic army to victory over the enemy (*Warcraft*). There are other real video game genres out there that one could play. If you like using strategies, try real-time strategy games such as *Command & Conquer*, *Starcraft*, or *Age of Empires*. If you like seeing things/people blown up or shot at, may I suggest a first-person shooter (for example, *Halo* or *Doom*). If you like solving puzzles and enjoy fantasies, go for a role-playing game (like *Golden Sun*, *Final Fantasy*, or *Star Ocean*).

But anyone can do golf, baseball, football, etc. All you need to do is go outside. I can't stress that enough. I know people are going to get upset over this, but come on. If you truly crave for baseball, football, or whatever sport you like, just get some friends, some balls (no double meaning intended), any other equipment you need, and head outside to the grass or court. You can do what you want to do. So sport gamers should stop hogging PS2, Gamecubes, Xbox, and PCs and head outside to do what they really want to do: play outside. That'll give us real gamers more online playing time. Now if you excuse me, Halo is calling.

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When: October 6-10

Where: San Francisco

What: Tournament of all types of games (i.e. Halo, WarCraft, Counterstrike, and many more)

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