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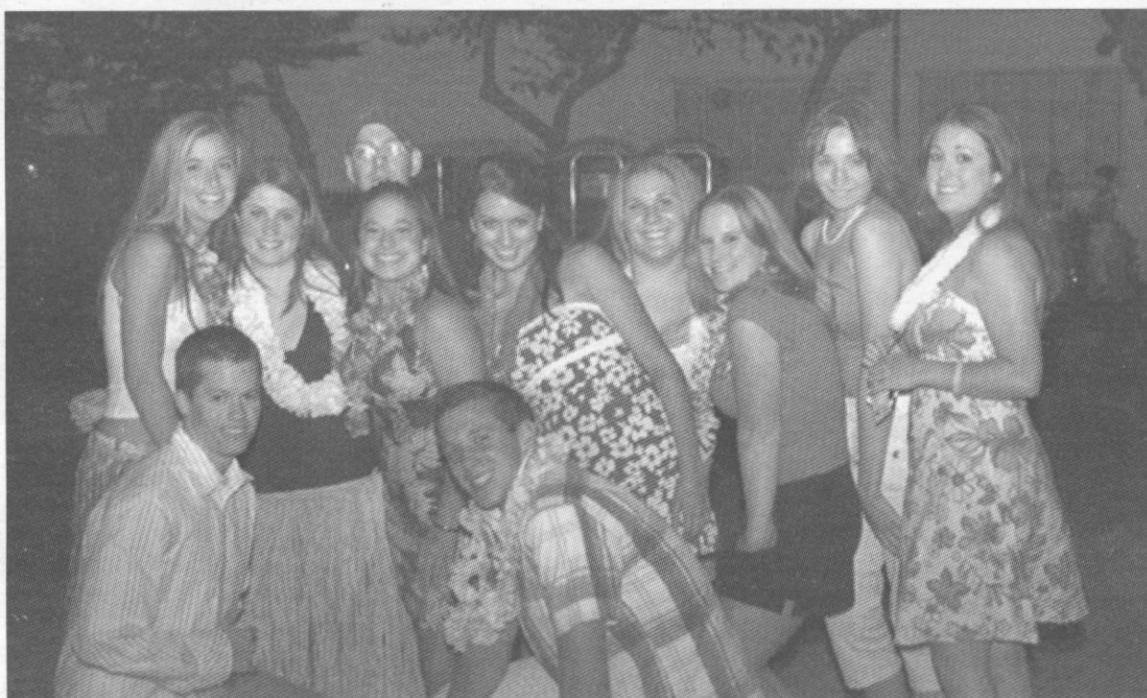
## Students revel in Oasis's return

New DJ and elaborate decorations help in annual event's success

by Jenna Fox  
Staff Writer

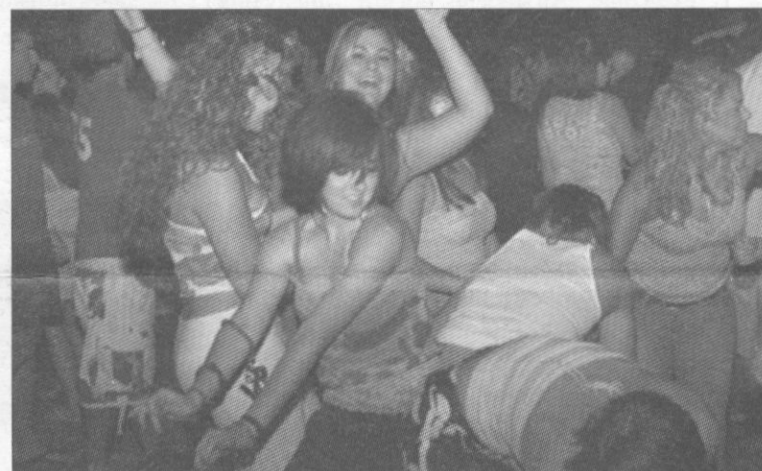
"What's up Saint Mary's Colleeeeege!" The DJ hollered as the campus shook with pounding bass last Friday night thanks to the return of Oasis. Despite the chilly night air, most students arrived in Ferriggiaro Quad dressed festively in grass skirts, sarongs, and Hawaiian shirts. Green glow sticks brightened ankles, wrists, necks, and even mouths throughout the dark quad, and students wearing leis subjected themselves to the age-old double-entendre. Excitement and energy was high, thanks to the new, more elaborate decorations. A fog machine obscured the quad with mist, red and blue balloons mimicked the dancing students high above the quad in the wind, and colored lights spun and flashed across the dance floor.

Although the dance opened just after 9:00 p.m., the floor wasn't full until 10:30 p.m. and by 11:00 the quad was packed with moving bodies. Chairs were set up and GALA sold snacks in the lounge, but students were reluctant to leave the dance floor for any reason, even food. The new, highly anticipated DJ played a wide variety of music, from classic rock, to pop,



Students take a break from dancing at the Oasis to pose for the camera

Melanie Linney/COLLEGIAN



A group of girls dance the night away in the quad

Melanie Linney/COLLEGIAN

to rap, to R&B.

"I thought the DJ was pretty good," said Brigid Moore '05, a

sentiment Dorian Edwards '06 echoed, though he admitted he didn't really, "feel the club spirit."

Gabrielle Dorn '08, Oasis attendee, enjoyed the dance saying, "the decorations are festive, and I like the fog." Though some students, "just came to make fun of drunk people," like Oasis veteran Dyan Zobrist '05, many more enjoyed the dance so much, it was difficult to vacate the quad when the dance ended at midnight.

Although one student was taken into police custody for intoxication, the dance proceeded safely and smoothly. "The only difference [this year] is the number of people being taken out of line for intoxication, which means students are here for the social aspect

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## New ban on travel to Cuba cancels trip

Jan-Term travel course won't happen; professor expresses disappointment

by Aileen Rahimi  
Staff Writer

Many Saint Mary's students hoping to travel to Cuba during Jan Term will no longer be able to due to increased restrictions on travel to Cuba put in place by the government on June 30, 2004. The restriction is part of a group of measures intended to constrict the communist country's

economy and eventually overthrow President Fidel Castro.

History professor Myrna Santiago was looking forward to traveling to Cuba during Jan Term of 2005.

"The trip last year went so well and I was hoping that we could get another group going," said Santiago. She felt that three reasons, some political, were the source of the travel ban, the first

having to do with personal motives.

"The White House said people and students going to Cuba were having too much fun and not studying enough!" Santiago said, laughing. "Looking at Bush's own scholastic record, how could he think academics are fun?"

She said the second reason is economic. "By going to Cuba," said Santiago, "these trips were giving money to the Cuban economy and supporting Fidel Castro." Tourism, in fact, is the largest source of income for the Cuban people, and the new ban cut American travel to Cuba by 25 percent, according to Cuba's Tourism Minister Manuel Marrero.

Santiago said that the third issue is, "that these trips, as small as they are, were having an effect on travelers. They were seeing that Cuba is not how the government paints it and the Bush administration wants people to stay ignorant of the reality of Cuba and its people."

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SMC students from last year's Cuba trip

Photo courtesy of Ruth Padilla

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## Frosh, upperclassmen representatives elected online

by Amy Beth Kelly  
Managing Editor

In the past week Saint Mary's College held freshmen elections as well as with upper-class elections for several open senate seats. This year Saint Mary's used an online voting system to make the process more convenient for students and the officers in ASSMC.

"Online elections were a huge success. We intended for this to be a test run to see if we would be continuing it in the future. Yes, we did some advertising, but it was not as intense as it could have been. What the elections came down to was, how much did you campaign," said ASSMC Vice President for Administration John Zabala '06. He noted that the freshmen class had a turnout of about 250 students, or 35% of the class, while the other classes had a much lower turnout of 5%, or about 30 people.

"Like I said it really came down to how much a person campaigned" **see ELECTIONS, p2**



# Crime Beat

<b>9/11</b>	<b>5:02 p.m.</b>	<b>9/12</b>	<b>3:54 a.m.</b>
<b>Incident:</b> Vehicle accident		<b>Incident:</b> Open container in public	
<b>Synopsis:</b> Auto v.s. auto - private parties - at the Chapel circle.		<b>Synopsis:</b> Disrespecting a college official on De La Salle Dr. in front of Aquinas; referred to Student Conduct.	
<b>9/12</b>	<b>1:53 a.m.</b>	<b>9/13</b>	<b>6:58 p.m.</b>
<b>Incident:</b> Unlawful fighting upon college grounds		<b>Incident:</b> Vandalism	
<b>Synopsis:</b> Students and visitors fighting in Thille; referred to Student Conduct.		<b>Synopsis:</b> Graffiti in the stairway between Ageno B and Ageno C; referred to Student Conduct.	
<b>9/12</b>	<b>2:07 a.m.</b>	<b>9/15</b>	<b>12:45 p.m.</b>
<b>Incident:</b> Assault and battery		<b>Incident:</b> Vandalism	
<b>Synopsis:</b> Assault and battery in Mitty; referred to Student Conduct.		<b>Synopsis:</b> Vehicle keyed in the South Claeys parking lot.	
<b>9/12</b>	<b>2:30 a.m.</b>	<b>9/16</b>	<b>9:10 p.m.</b>
<b>Incident:</b> Trespassing		<b>Incident:</b> Possible weapon	
<b>Synopsis:</b> Defacing with graffiti; loitering/prowling/wandering in Assumption Hall; referred to Student Conduct.		<b>Synopsis:</b> Possible weapon in Guerrieri East and townhouses; referred to Student Conduct.	

## Fall 2004 General Study Abroad Meetings

- Wednesday, September 22 (Hagerty Lounge)
- Wednesday, October 6 (Hagerty Lounge)
- Tuesday, October 12 (Hagerty Lounge)
- Thursday, October 21 (Hagerty Lounge)
- Tuesday, October 25 (Hagerty Lounge)
- Wednesday, November 3 (Delphine Intercultural Center)

**STUDY ABROAD FAIR**  
**Thursday, September 30, 2004**  
**Library Quad**  
**10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.**

**30+ Representatives from a variety of programs PLUS Saint Mary's College Programs**

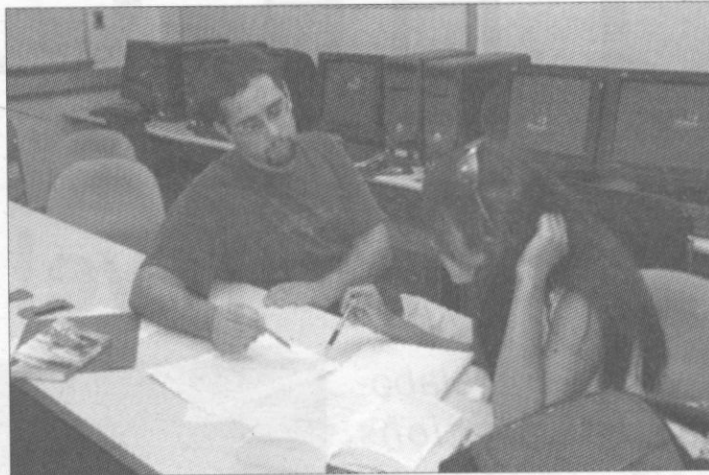
**Application Deadlines To Study Abroad in Spring, 2005**  
**SMC Capetown, South Africa Program - October 13**  
**All Others - October 27**

**Ctr. for International Programs - De La Salle Hall x4352**

# Writing Center continues to help students

Located in Garaventa Hall, Center is open Monday-Thursday

by Amanda Benson  
 Staff Writer



Mindy Marquez/COLLEGIAN

Sander van der Heide '06 helps a student in the Writing Workshop

An on-campus "gold mine" that many students may not know about is the Writing Center Workshop, located in Garaventa 320. The Writing Workshop provides assistance when writing, whether it's developing a new idea for a paper, or reviewing an essay.

The program started eighteen years ago with the guidance of professor Barry Horwitz, and has continued to help students with their work. Naomi Schwartz, professor in both English and Composition, and one of the current co-directors of the Writing Workshop, feels that "students need a place outside of the classroom...it is a fabulous opportunity to talk to someone about the process of your writing."

Schwartz struggled working as a high school teacher because she was unable to give her students the attention that they needed. "In high school," she says, "no one really has the time to struggle with you...and [have] three to four hours a week of extra time." All students, not just English majors, can benefit from

the resources available in the Writing Workshop.

"I helped a student with a psychology lab paper the other day...it never hurts to get someone else to look at your writing," said Katie Anderson '06, one of the tutors. All the tutors have taken a one-semester class focusing on how to help students edit their papers and how to lead students in correcting their mistakes as well as form ideas without the tutor taking over the process.

Along with the benefits this program can offer students in their academic career, there are many other advantages of using the Writing Center.

"If you can write well, you can have power in the world...you can address wrongs done to you...and you can often surprise yourself through writing," said Schwartz. You are also working with intensely imaginative minds in this workshop where brainstorming is a norm, and where you can hone in on your own creativity. The Writing Workshop offers a space where you can hear your ideas objectively, understanding how your writing needs to develop and change.

"I think you need to hear it," said Schwartz, "Duke Ellington once [told] a reporter: 'If you can't hear it, you can't do it.'"

## CUBA:

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When asked if security was another reason behind the travel ban, she said, "certainly not. Americans are the most secure in Cuba."

Milly Vasquez '06 said that she was looking forward to applying to travel to Cuba because "there is a lot of culture and it's a once in a life time opportunity." Regarding the ban, she said, "I am extremely disappointed. Last year I applied and got put on the waitlist and now that I'm a junior I knew I'd have a better chance of getting accepted."

As explained by the Center for International Policy, before June 30 American universities with a U.S. government license could bring undergraduate and graduate students for study programs usually lasting from a week to a month. However under the new travel ban, academic trips must be at least 10 weeks long, thereby prohibiting most academic trips to Cuba, including Saint Mary's four-week long Jan-Term course.

## ELECTIONS: Turnout high for freshmen; few upper-classmen vote

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paigned. I'm really excited to see the future of online voting. First one down and it was definitely more than we expected. We've got a really great new batch of senators," said Zabala.

In search for a senior senator to fill an open seat, Jessica DeAngelo stepped up to accept her write-in victory over Nick Mangum. The open senate seat for the junior class will be filled by Dustin Cramer, who ran unopposed.

The new freshmen class had high turnout with close races for President and Vice President. Connor McNeill was elected president of the freshmen class with a total of 140 votes to his opponent Hector Zargoza's 91. McNeill had to decline his senator seat because of his presidential victory. Freshmen senators will be Daniel Wecks, Elizabeth Noakes, Melissa Spahr, Morgan Buzdon, and Wade Clevenger.

**Seniors (1 Senate seat):**  
 Nick Mangum - 9 votes  
 \* Jessica DeAngelo (write-in) - 13 votes  
 Other write-ins - 12 votes

**Juniors (1 Senate seat):**  
 \*Dustin Cramer - 29 votes  
 Write-ins - 3 votes

**Freshmen:**  
 President:  
 \*Connor McNeill - 140 votes  
 Hector Zargoza - 91 votes  
 Write-in - 16 votes

Vice-President:  
 \*Abby Harris - 42  
 Naveen Prasad - 19 votes  
 Run-off election

\*Elected Senators:  
 Elizabeth Noakes (128), Morgan Buzdon (120), Melissa Spahr (115), Daniel Wecks (103), Wade Clevenger (85)

\*elected

Abby Harris defeated Naveen Prasad in the Vice Presidential election in a runoff. Harris received 42 votes to Prasad's 19.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING...

## TODAY

Collegian In-Depth Roundtable Discussion 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. in Delphine

GALA meeting 5:30-6:30 p.m. in Hagerty

## WEDNESDAY

Music in the Quad 12:15 p.m.

ASSMC All Club Meeting 3-5 p.m. in Delphine

Habitat for Humanity meeting 5-6 p.m. in Delphine

Yearbook Meeting 6 p.m. in the Yearbook Office

BSU Meeting 7-8 p.m. in Delphine

## THURSDAY

Accounting Club Meeting 6-10 p.m. in the Soda Center

Intervarsity Meeting 7-9 p.m. in Delphine

## FRIDAY

ASSMC Senate Retreat - off campus

## WEEKEND

### Saturday

"Dirty Dancing" 80's Themed Dance (hosted by Women's Rugby) 10 p.m. - 1 a.m. in the Soda Center  
 \$3 before 11 p.m.  
 \$5 after 11 p.m.

### Sunday

Mass 8 p.m. in the Chapel

## Don't forget

The Office of Student Involvement and Leadership kicks off their leadership workshop series with their "Marketing: Making it Happen" workshop. Monday Sept. 27, 7-9 p.m. in Delphine Intercultural Lounge



# SNAPSHOT



Photo courtesy of CILSA

Seventeen students joined CILSA last weekend for the first Group Service Project of the semester. First row (l to r): Leslie Bias, Tiffany Mathis, Meron Misgun, Kendrea Chandler, Mandy Coray, Jessica Cooper, Christyn Ambrose, Tanellya Williams, Tiffany Espino, Molleen Dupree (CILSA Staff), Daniela Simunovic, and Crystal Corona. Second row (l to r): Vanessa Morado, Carolyn Morrison, Vito Yanez, DeMario Jones, Kevin Jones, and Abraham Harris. They headed to Oakland to register people to vote and to encourage people to participate in the November 2 elections. Another group goes back to Oakland on Saturday, September 25.

## Safe Ride abused by many students

Some using taxi service to get to Blockbuster, McDonald's

by Bettina Adragna  
Staff Writer

It's late, and you have no way to get home. You have no money, and the buses aren't running anymore. Or, you're on a date, and something goes wrong. What do you do? Safe Ride is there for situations such as these. However, students may be abusing the service and, by doing so, both endangering the program and wasting their own money.

"Every time you pick up a cab, you're taking money right out of your fellow students' and your own pocket," said Jeff Haskins '05, ASSMC president. "Safe Ride is specifically for those moments [...] when you're at risk or in danger." He

compared the Saint Mary's Safe Ride program with that of other colleges, where students may have to pay half of the price of the service up front or be limited in their use of it. Saint Mary's is "very lucky" to have Safe Ride, he said, but he stressed that "It should never be your first response, but...your last resort."

"I suspect that students are still misunderstanding the purpose of Safe Ride," said Jessica Porras '05, ASSMC vice president for Student Affairs. She cited examples of students using the service to get to Blockbuster Videos or McDonald's. It's "not your first option at all," she said, and added that students should use it when they are in an "unsafe situation."

Jennifer Merlo '05, ASSMC

vice president for Finance, said the money used for Safe Ride could be used for other programs and activities. She said that Safe Ride cost approximately \$1,200 in May of last year, and that, "we can't afford it."

Some students have used Safe Ride six times in one month, according to statistics taken from the student ID numbers of those who have used Safe Ride. While the most frequent use the service last year was to get home from bars, the second most frequent use was to get home from the BART station. She pointed out that students in that situation can use GaelRide, which is free during the day.

"Don't just use it to use it," she said. "You'll get use of your Activity money in other ways."

## OASIS: Few problems as outdoor dance takes place in quad

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instead of the drinking," Bill Foley, chief of Public Safety. Marc Dominguez of Residence Life and Health and Wellness Center Director Peggy Burns manned the first aid station in

Hagerty, which was barely used. "We're prepared, but don't expect problems," Dominguez said. Public Safety checked cars at the entrance to the college and patrolled the campus all night.

Student staff, from program

board, class senators, and event staff worked very hard to make Oasis fun for everyone. "The student staff has done a phenomenal job arranging this dance," said Mary Spellman, Dean of Student Development. "It just gets better every year."

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## beyond the bubble

national and world news bites

By TONY VALA-HAYNES

-ROYALTON, Illinois--Four officers wrestled with an alligator in a hot tub at a man's home Friday. The neighbors placed a worried phone call to local authorities early Friday. The Officers dealt not only with an alligator, but with an 18-year old wanted by the military for desertion.

-HAMILTON, New Jersey--Sue Niederer interrupted a campaign speech by first lady Laura Bush when she repeatedly yelled at President Bush. Niederer was escorted from the building by police officers, to which she responded by yelling, "Police brutality." Niederer wore a homemade shirt that read, "President Bush You Killed My Son."

-LOS ANGELES, California--Two adult film companies were fined more than \$30,000 each by officials when actors appeared in their movies without using condoms.

-SAN DIEGO, California--A woman gave birth to sextuplets last Thursday at the University of California San Diego Medical Center. The two girls and four boys were delivered by Caesarean section.

-BALTIMORE, Maryland--Two conjoined twins died after an attempted surgery to separate them. The two girls, who died immediately following the surgery, were joined at the head.

-NEW YORK, New York--Barbara Walters stepped down from her co-host position on "20/20" Friday. However, she insists she is not retiring.

New research highly criticizes American colleges in one primary area: lack of affordability.

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

## Attention SMC Students:

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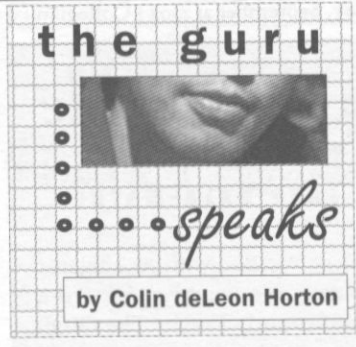
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When you hear of the assault weapons ban expiring, there is something that just makes you think, "wrong." As a matter of fact, I thought that many times over. Assault weapons? Who the hell needs an assault weapon? Simultaneously, I was also thinking "Sweet. Assault weapons. I want an assault weapon. I NEED an assault weapon." Any idiot can see the conflict of interest.

Therein lies the problem with me. I think guns are awesome. I like the way they look, and for some reason, I like the way they feel in my hand, except for the fact that I've never held one. I'm gun crazy for no reason. And that, gentle readers, is precisely why assault weapons should be illegal.

Lately I've had several conversations sounding like this:

Me: "Hey, what do you think of that assault weapons ban expiring?"

Other Person: "I think you're freaking psycho and that you shouldn't have one."

This was with my friends, and boy, are they correct. Giving an assault rifle to me is just begging for trouble, even if it doesn't shoot fully automatic. I would want to point it at everything and pull the trigger. Right now I'm only hindered by the price.

Now, I understand that we have the second amendment which allows us to own firearms, and that's fine. Exercise your constitutional right because that is what it's there for. Go buy a gun if you want. Get a Glock, or a 9-millimeter, or a .44 magnum if you happen to be a huge fan of "Dirty Harry." Go get a shotgun. Then I suggest that you practice with it until you become such a good shot that you don't need a semi-automatic TEC 9 or Mac-10 with a thirty round clip.

To me, it seems ludicrous that a civilian is allowed a weapon with which they could outgun the police. Granted, a gun is what people use to defend their homes, but all you need for defense are those guns I just listed. Do you really need an assault rifle with thirty bullets? How often do you plan to get in a gun battle? Be honest.

Consider this, the movie *Bowling for Columbine* reported 165 gun deaths in Canada while the United States had 11,127 deaths in the same period of time. As gun crazy as this country is, we don't need the help from bigger guns.

The truth is that in a country with as many gun casualties as we have in the United States, allowing the sale of assault rifles is dangerous. These types of weapons should be kept out of the hands of people who don't know how to use them, i.e. everybody except the military and the police. Unfortunately for common sense, even a person like me can buy one. For the time being, I suggest that you keep at least 6 miles away from me.

# OPINION

**Collegian Quote of the Week:** You hit me. Look, don't make me participate in your stupid crap if you don't like the way I do it. You make me get out of bed, you make me come over here. You make me make a phony phone call to Edward Rooney? The man could squash my nuts into oblivion. And, and, and then, and then, you deliberately hurt my feelings. -Cameron, from *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*

## Collegian View

There have been recent allegations that the Collegian (through Opinion) is biased in its views and the process by which views are expressed in the Opinion section. In light of recent events, we at the Collegian invite everyone to come be a part of our storyboard meetings before they claim anything about the operations of our paper. For those of you who haven't been able to take the time to walk into a storyboard we would like to share the process of budgeting our paper and more importantly how views end up in the Opinion section.

On Mondays the editors meet for a half hour prior to the storyboard meeting to discuss potential stories and opinions. These ideas are then taken into the storyboard meeting at 6p.m. in Dante 114, and these ideas are presented alongside the ideas of the entire staff. Through voting each editor determines which articles will appear in the upcoming issue.

In the specific case of the Opinion section writers are encouraged to share their views in the format of columns, articles, and point-counterpoint. Columns are done on a rotating basis, and each week the columnists present new opinions. Articles in this section, like in other sections are well thought and expected to be fact-based arguments. The idea behind point-counterpoint is to take one topic and have two writers debate the issue, each composing without prior knowledge of the other's specific arguments.

For the greater SMC community the Collegian welcomes letters to the editor to express gratitude, questions, comments, and concerns.

With this process in mind the Collegian would like to state that there is no need to defend any allegations of bias or discrimination. Simply put, with such an open process and understanding editorial staff the students we represent and their opinions are fully and completely welcomed.



Cartoon by Angel Refugio

Meanwhile the Collegian does not welcome disrespectful behavior on the part of individuals. Disrespect toward members of the Collegian based on their personal views is disrespect to their innate rights as humans. Additionally, disrespect to editors of the Collegian is unnecessary (and unprecedented before now). The editors are fully aware of the procedures stated in this article. An

individual's assumption that editors are biased is not only false, but also challenges our journalistic integrity. We hope people who disagree with our previous opinion sections will act by writing letters to the editor or becoming staff writers. We always appreciate input from our readers to continue to get all voices heard on the Saint Mary's Campus.

## Community Views

On behalf of Student Life, we want to thank and say great job to the students and staff who planned and hosted Oasis last Friday night. Over 1000 students and guests attended the event. The Program Board did an outstanding job, "raising the bar" of the event through the addition of decorations and a lounge area. In addition to Program Board, various student and staff teams helped to keep the event safe and fun, including: Event Staff, Student Involvement and Leadership, Public Safety, Health Center, Residence Life, and Student Life. The event proves that when students and staff work "together and in association," great things can happen!

Sincerely,  
Mary Spellman,  
Dean of Student Life  
Mike Zoll  
Vice Provost for Student Life

To all students:  
Just tonight we were in Oliver Hall, and we wondered how many of us had people in our high schools bus our tables in the cafeteria? We ask because the tables across from us at dinner had the audacity to leave all of their dishes - cups, plates, trays, silverware, napkins, etc - on the table for Sodex'ho employees to clean up. This is not an uncommon sight in the dining hall.

Is it not enough that these employees do your dishes for you that you cannot walk the extra 20 feet to the trashcan and the rotating dish rack? Let this be a reminder, your parents - or whoever cleaned after you before - do not go here. We are supposed to be "big kids," "young adults," and we can clean up after ourselves. Everyone complains about the food in the dining hall, and we can't help but think that maybe Sodex'ho employees would have more time for cooking if they didn't have to clean up our mess. We would suggest anyone who believes it to be such a great inconvenience to bus their own dishes to stop eating in Oliver Hall. There is no way that students at a private, Catholic, and Lasallian College are this lazy. We can do better.

Sincerely,  
Amy Beth Kelly & Jonathan Morales

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**[ GAEL POLL: ]** TAKES A LOOK AT SMC'S THOUGHTS ONTO THE RECENTLY EXPIRED BRADY BILL

"The founding fathers didn't envision assault weapons falling under the protection of the second amendment."

Jed Friedman '08

**85%** THINK THAT THE BAN ON ASSAULT WEAPONS SHOULD CONTINUE

**87%** FEEL THAT AMERICA IS LESS SAFE WITHOUT THE BRADY BILL BEING IN EFFECT

**83%** DID NOT KNOW THAT THE BRADY BILL EVEN EXPIRED



# Kerry: much better than horrible

When you are judging evil, it always comes out to what is the lesser

by Jaime Zepeda, Staff Writer

Personal preference aside, Mr. Bush just has too much going against him right now (and according to his proposals, in the future) for him to deserve another term as president. John Kerry, is not an ideal candidate either. However, he is far better than Bush; because Kerry is at least better than horrible.

While the War on Iraq draws only slight divergences between the two candidates, other than the twinkle I see in Bush's eyes whenever he talks about "extending the frontiers of freedom," there are other present-day issues that deserve the attention of the average voter.

Let us not forget that other "war," the War on Terror. Bush over-simplifies it, and Senator Kerry manages to confuse voters with his views. To me, waging war on a noun, i.e. "terror", is puzzling enough. Mr. Bush's tactics have left many in the country, and most of the world, wondering what is the real point of this war. Bush, by not attempting to emphasize the role of the international community in this war, might not be the ideal candidate on fighting terror. The best way to fight terror is not to wage preemptive war on an Arab country and let the

bloody anger from it flow into the veins of many Islamic fundamentalists. No wonder Al-Qaeda has vastly increased in membership these last few years. Kerry, meanwhile, promotes a "more thoughtful...more strategic" war on the noun, bringing greater protection to the country. He also wants to cooperate with other countries; current allies have already captured many key terrorists.

posals would only cost two thirds of that. Who is the budget-tightening conservative and who the excessive-spending liberal?

The record \$440 billion Bush budget deficit comes with many consequences: debt for future generations (you and me), cuts in key programs (AIDS Relief Programs, education), and now, stagflation (high inflation and high unemployment). Alan Greenspan recently told Con-

permitted the timber industry heavier logging in the name of wildfire prevention; 2) promoted a nuclear waste dump filled with half a century's waste 90 miles from Las Vegas; and 3) helped polluting companies by weakening key provisions in the Clean Air Act. Bush manages to make all other presidents look like tree-huggers. Kerry, conversely, has the highest environmental-friendly rating in the Senate, and is proud of it—a breath of fresh air.

Bush calls Kerry a flip flopper. I call Bush a hypocrite. Bush was against the Dept. of Homeland Security before he was for it; Bush was against the 9/11 commission before he was for it; and Bush believed the War on Terror could not be won two days before he stated it could. As

a president, Bush is indecisive in critical situations.

No matter what your ideology or party allegiance, almost everyone wants a healthy economy, healthy environment, and a healthy homeland. This, unfortunately, is not Bush's forte. If you want tax breaks for the wealthy, a dubious future, and a divided nation, then vote Bush in '04!

gress that, because of the continuing deficit which gets bigger every year, stagflation could rear its ugly head. With already more than a million net jobs lost, this causes a greater stain on Bush's already dismal employment record. As a Yale alumnus, Bush should understand that.

The environment has been also weakened by Bush's irresponsible policies. He has 1)



While war is the key in this election, there are two other vital issues: economy/budget/jobs, and the environment.

When Bush gave his RNC speech, he made great promises and lovely fairy tales of an "ownership society." Too bad it costs a lot more money than Kerry's "liberal" tax-and-spend proposals. Bush's proposals would cost about three trillion over a decade. Kerry's pro-

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## Professors bring politics into the classroom

Quality can be sacrificed in the classroom when politics pollutes the picture



**Laura Longobardi**  
ASST. OPINION EDITOR

The college classroom is a unique forum for both teachers and students to experience new ideas and participate in a system of learning that encourages reflection on course material. Another great aspect of this setting is the coming to one's own conclusions regarding the material being covered.

It's inevitable that political views will, to some extent, invade the classroom, however most teachers refrain from expressing their own views. There

are, of course, situations in which political views are appropriate to the class material, but many times they are not.

Politics often pollute the unbiased view of a subject the professors are attempting to present. In some classes, a healthy balance between two points of view is important and in fact, vital to the class and the students' understanding of the material.

Politics (obviously), economics to some extent, and other subjects are enhanced by the contribution of the teachers' own political knowledge in conjunction with that of students.

It is when political views are expressed not only out of context, but also inappropriately such that the quality of learning is diminished.

As a college campus, Saint Mary's prides itself on a higher standard learning in part because of the seminar program. The Saint Mary's programs are admirable and there are many fascinating aspects of the curriculum that make it a unique school. It is unnecessary for an English teacher to praise President Bush in the middle of reading Shakespeare in the same way it is inappropriate for an anthropology teacher to talk negatively of the war in Iraq while teaching about kinship. These opinions do nothing to help the students understanding of the material. In fact, those who do not share the same political beliefs may be very much offended by the teacher's outburst. By speaking about their own political beliefs

in a learning environment, a teacher may inadvertently alienate students by belittling their abilities to make educated decisions regarding politics.

Many students have a great deal of respect for their professors and teachers may not realize the impact they have on their pupils. Students who wish to learn more about the political views of their teachers can simply speak with the teacher in question outside of class time. Students who would rather not hear such views should not have to. Expressing political views in the classroom does not hurt only the students but also the teachers who are injuring their reputations as politically impartial teachers as they estrange their students.



"No one has any need for a assault weapons. They are useless for hunting and over powerful for self defense. Their only purpose is for criminal activities."

**Naveen Prasad '08**

"I believe that the ban on assault weapons should be renewed because American citizens have no need for them except for them, aside from criminal activities."



**Heather Heyward '07**

"I don't think that the ban should have expired. There no practical purpose for them (assault weapons) in the States."

**Aaron Claxton '08**

## Name Your Price

by Josh Krebbiel

Chief Copy Editor

I kindly invite every Saint Mary's college-age student who is independently paying full tuition and room and board to attend school every year to quit reading, find me and kick me in the balls. Otherwise, please stop complaining.

One often hears complaints, typically around the ominous dining hall, about the quality of various aspects of the college, typically attached to a monetary value. Not a "\$4 for a latte!" complaint, I'm talking about a "\$32,500 for crappy food!" complaint.

The tuition cost of St. Mary's College is \$25,150 a year. This often is waved around as the magic number, what you are paying for such poor service. Tuition covers the cost of all aspects of the college not associated with living on campus, including: an accredited education in any of over 50 majors, a 13-to-1 faculty to student ratio, over 15 sports programs, free health and mental care, access to multiple post-college services, and the college experience, among others. A bit pricey, but I know people who get a lot less for their dollars.

Meanwhile, room and board, the subject of the bulk of the complaints, cost a mere \$10,060 for nine months, max. The room fee, from \$4,260 to \$6,200, pays for somewhere to sleep, a pretty good deal in this area.

As for board (that's food), the awful rubbery meat, \$3,800 for 8 meals a week, \$4,210 for unlimited meal time. Subtract the complimentary flex dollars, and that's about \$13 a meal for the 8-meal plan. I admit, not a bargain deal, but it cost less than the Olive Garden. As for the Carte Blanche, which can take advantage of the typical three meals a day meals a week, less than \$6 a meal. I've paid more than that for a bad cheeseburger, and this is for all you can eat buffet-style eating.

It still adds up, right? It's still a lot of money. Let's not forget the 70% of us who receive financial aid, to the tune of an average of \$18,000. The other 30%, meanwhile, are hopefully from a family that can afford the cost. I highly doubt there is a single 20-something on campus fronting the bill for his education.

I receive over \$20,000 a year in financial aid. An outstanding amount, really.

My parents pay upward of \$5,000 a year, and I'll be paying \$6,000 later, but I hardly consider that much in comparison to the quality of the education in which I am privileged to receive.

Out of all the costs to attend college, I personally pay \$700 a year for my education, the cost of books. Considering that alone, it cost me \$3 a day to attend school. That's a small price to pay for a liberal arts education. With such a bargain, I can put up with some squash on my pizza.



## Players of the Week

Joelle Gizzi

As womens soccer continues on its tear through the soccer world, Gizzi has steadily been the driving force on the team, most recently posting the game winning goal against Stephen F. Austin Univ. this Friday.

Chad Cocco

After earning Freshman of the Year honors in WCC last year, Cocco continued where he left off last year, by helping the Gaels finish fourth out of 30 overall in the UCLA Gold Rush Tournament. Cocco finished at 69 strokes total.

-Michael Chin, Sports Editor

## Score Card

### Womens

#### Soccer (8-1)

SMC defeats S.F. Austin 3-2  
Goals: Hollis, Burgess, Gizzi  
Wins: Andrea Lee (8)  
SMU defeats SMC

#### Mens Soccer (1-1-3)

U. Washington Defeats SMC 1-0  
Loss: Brian Mason (1)  
U.Riverside Defeats SMC 4-2  
Goals:Rivora, Butler  
Loss: B. Mason (2)

#### Volleyball (8-1)

SMC defeats BYU 3-2  
Utah Defeats SMC 3-1

### Days to Midnight Madness

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

Days until 1st Game:  
51

### SMC WEEKLY ATHLETIC SCHEDULE:

Tuesday  
Women's Volleyball at Sacramento St. 7:05

Friday  
Women's Soccer Vs. USC at 3:00, Saint Mary's Stadium

Sunday  
Womens Soccer at Sacramento St. at 4:00

Men's Soccer Vs. San Diego St. 4:00, Garaventa Field

# SPORTS

## SMC soccer stud reveals all

Fifth year senior Diego Rovira shares his most intimate secrets to Collegian

by Allison Kop

Assistant Sports Editor

Diego Rovira is ready to rock and roll. One of only two seniors on this year's mens soccer team, the 5th midfielder from San Diego, CA hopes to guide his team to victory. With his quiet leadership and impeccable ball handling skills, Rovira has a chance to put his mark on SMC history and the WCC this season.

Thus far Rovira and company have played well with three draws and one win to their credit. Though the team is young, their potential is boundless. As Rovira is the elder of the team it will be his job to guide these young bucks to victory.

The Gaels only blemish to this year's record of 1-1-3, came at the hands of the 10th ranked Washington Huskies this weekend. Despite the loss, Rovira believes the best is yet to come for this feisty soccer squad. The Collegian caught up with the "futbol" stud to talk about his team and this season.

#### Best game as a Gael:

Last year when we beat Columbia 2-0. I was holding possession really well...I think I only

lost the ball one or two times and I got an assist.

#### Favorite team to play against:

Santa Clara. I almost went there for school, so it's a big rivalry.

#### Who's your hero:

Zinedine Zidane. He's a really good French soccer player. That one's for Hippler.

#### Most famous person you've met:

I met Anna Kournikova at Stanford when I was in high school. I was there for a tournament and I was lost. I saw a building that said, "Tennis Courts," so I went inside and saw someone hitting the ball. Then she turned around and it was Anna! I said, "hi," and she said hi back. It was very exciting.

#### If you could go on a date with any person:

Elisha Cuthbert, the girl from 24...because she has a nice personality and can make good conversation.

#### Dream job:

Playing pro in Europe, probably for Real Madrid.

#### Favorite sport besides soccer:

Does poker count? I'm also an IM softball champ.

#### Favorite joke:

What happens if you put together a potato and Steve Rammel (men's soccer coach)? You get a dictator.

#### If you could be any superhero:

I'd be the Silver Surfer. A lot of comic book nerds know about him. On his board and he's all silver and he looks really cool.

#### Where do you see yourself in 10 years:

In San Diego, having a beer at the beach.

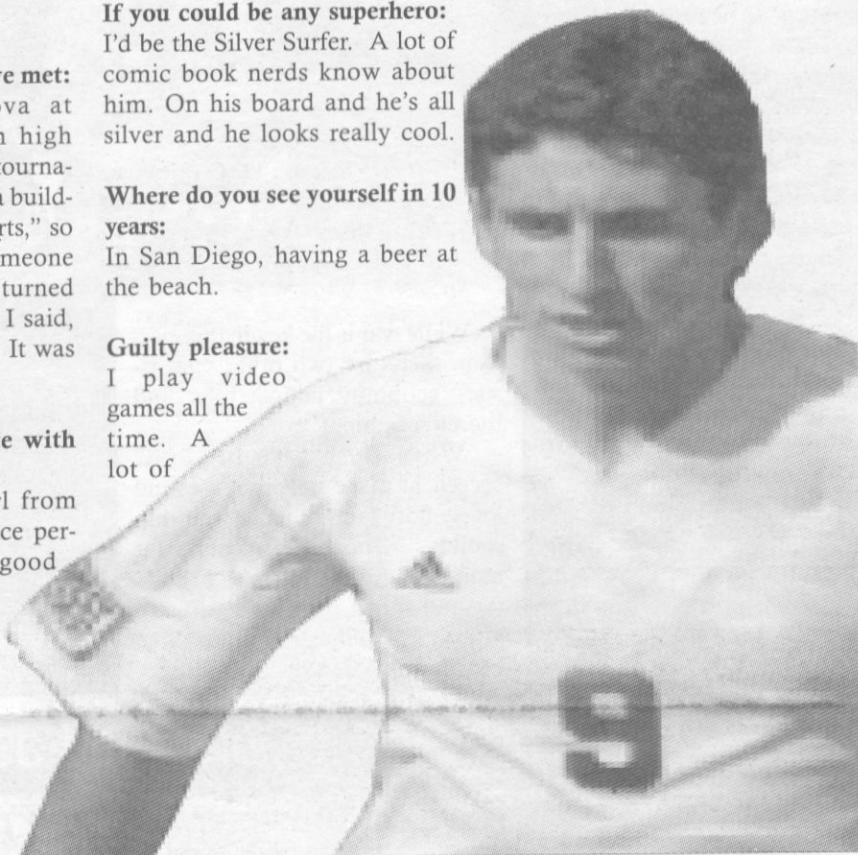
#### Guilty pleasure:

I play video games all the time. A lot of

computer nerd games.

#### Most embarrassing moment:

Freshman year, I fell and dropped my plates in Saga. Everyone turned around and clapped. It was pretty embarrassing.



## Giants, A's race towards finishline

With two weeks to go the MLB season, the playoff race is in full swing

By Nick Carr  
Sports Writer

The countdown is on. Two weeks until the beginning of the major league baseball playoff competition. Already the heat is on, and chairs are about to fly, literally. Take for instance in Oakland, just a few days ago rookie pitcher Frank Francisco, of the Texas Rangers, lost his temper and threw a chair at the fans in Oakland. Both are playoff teams. He is now faced with one count each of aggravated assault and armed battery. In the official press release from Major League Baseball and commissioner Bud Selig, he said, "there is no excuse whatsoever for any attack of our fans by any of our players under any circumstances." This incident is an unfortunate blemish in an otherwise compelling playoff race.

This year, Major League Baseball has spoiled its fans with several renewed rivalries and curses, moreover several breathtaking performances this year. In the American League East the oldest rivalry in baseball between the

NY Yankees and Boston Red Sox rages on with the Red Sox trailing by a mere four games. Six of their next ten games will be played against the Yankees.

Then there are our bay area friends the Oakland Athletics and San Francisco Giants, both of whom are in the race for their respective pennants. In the American League, Oakland holds a slim lead over the Angels. However, they still play six head to head games against each other that will most likely decide the race. Over the last five years, no team has managed to do so much with so little as the Oakland Athletics. Time and time again, the A's are strapped for cash. Yet General Manager Billy Beane with his "moneyball" management theory has hit homeruns in free agencies and late season trades. This year Beane went out and got closer Raphael Dotol from Houston to shore up the gaping deficiency in the bullpen. The strong point for this team will be the starting pitching lead by the big three: Mark Mulder, Tim Lincecum, and Barry Zito.

Flipping over to the other side of the bay, the San Francisco Giants also are in a heated battle for their pennant against none other

than their arch nemesis, the LA Dodgers. As the race heats up, so does mega slugger Barry Bonds who is looking to surpass Babe Ruth's all time home run record. Bonds is so feared that he broke the record for most walks in a season. On the pitching side of the ball ace Jason Schmidt has looked impressive and is primed to make a run at the National League Cy Young award. While most writers scorned the G-men at the beginning of the season, they have been able to surprise most teams. Peter Gammons, the Chief Baseball Analyst for ESPN said, "I don't know how they do it, but the Giants find a way to win." Much of the credit has to go to manager Felipe Alou, who despite losing several key players from last year, was able to bring up minor league talent and develop them into productive big league players. Another source for success can be found in General Manager Brian Sabean.

With all the baseball buzz in the bay, could this be the year where we see the bay area battle for the World Series? My answer to this: very likely. On the American League side, Oakland will always have a chance given

their great pitching. In a best of five series where the big three are pitching, you can bet that the Athletics will post three victories. On the offensive side of the ball, third-baseman Eric Chavez is a big time slugger who has the potential to be a great one in baseball.

The Giants, on the other hand, will have to catch a few breaks in order to have a chance at the big show. For starters they must first make the playoffs against a dominate LA Dodgers team that features the likes of pitcher Eric Gagne and power player Andre Beltre. Currently the Giants are still in the hunt for the NL West Division title and in the running for the wild card spot in the National League. The G-Men will also benefit from their schedule where they will play the Dodgers head to head in several of their upcoming games including three of those at home.

Whatever the results in the playoffs, it is clear that the Bay Area bleeds baseball and both Oakland and San Francisco have teams worthy of playing in the big dance this major league season, which has been filled with excitement, pennant races and record breaking moments. Thanks for the year Major League Baseball.



# A tale of two days for Volleyball

After a stunning comeback on Friday, Gaels suffer first loss of the season

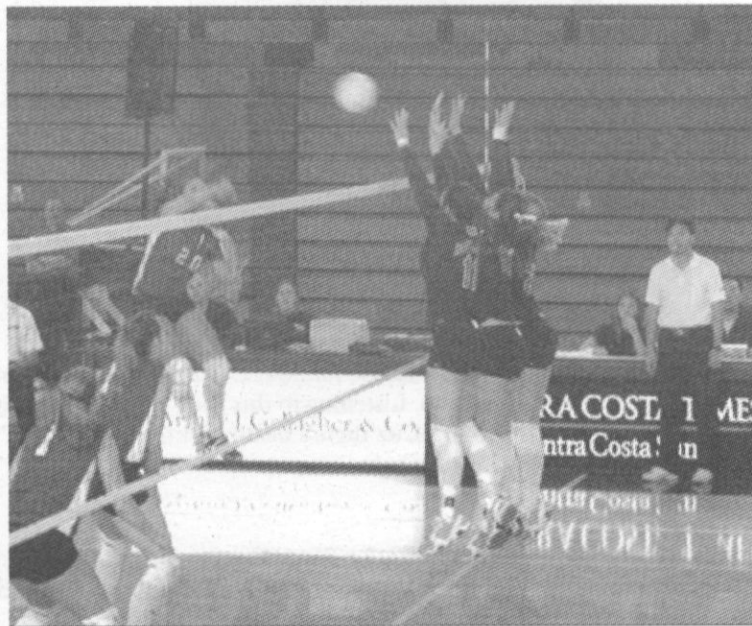
by M. Chin & J "P" Lee

Sports Editor & Sports Writer

It was a tale of two teams for the women's volleyball team this week. After having their backs to the wall on Friday and coming out with a win against BYU, the Gaels finally were tripped up for the first time this season as they fell to Utah University three to two.

In game one, the Gaels, down two sets to none and nine to zero in the third set, stormed back in a thriller to upend the Cougars in the fifth. According to Coach Stevenson this victory meant much more than just another win: "It is very meaningful to win against BYU." (smcgaels.com)

The Gaels got off to a slow start as they quickly dropped the first two sets to the Cougars. Down nine to zero in the third game, the Gaels got their spark from an unlikely source in freshman Melissa Stidham. With the game score close and the Gaels facing defeat, Stidham put them back into contention winning six consecutive points, ending the rally with a blistering jump serve to end the game. Game four and five also proved to be very close contests as the Gaels continued



Tina McAfee/Collegian Archives

to scratch and claw their way back against BYU. Game four would be the best for Gaels who won the game 30 to 22. The fifth and final game once again showed the poise of SMC. Trailing four to zero, Saint Mary's lead by senior Lindsey Bogason, fought back to tie the score at twelve all. From there, the Gaels put on the finishing touches on the Cougars to win the final game fifteen to twelve, and the match three to two.

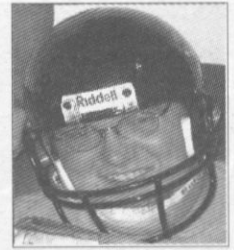
Senior leadership really proved to be an important factor in the game. Lindsey Bogason led the offensive charge with seventeen kills on the night. Junior Kau Salzman also had a good match tallying 13 kills on the night. Stidham also played well, recording six kills and 13 digs on the night.

In the second contest, the Gaels played close all night but were unable to crack the Utes. Once again, Kau Salzman paved the

way for the Gaels with thirteen kills. Sophomore Cassandra Kolkka added 11 kills in the defeat. With the loss, the Gaels will drop to 8-1 on the season. "We are good, and I think our record reflects some of that. However, we still have work to do and much to improve on," said Salzman. The Gaels will next play Stanford and then move towards conference action in the WCC. "Our conference is tough, with about five top caliber teams. Every game is going to be a battle, and we would love every bit of support from our school. Santa Clara and USF would be great games," said junior Salzman.

For assistant Mike Wall, the win against BYU also had some additional meaning as Wall is a former All-American for the Cougars. SMC's next home game will be against Stanford. In their last game, the Gaels toppled the Cardinal in a thrilling five set victory. That win was the biggest win in Women's Volleyball history. Should the Gaels continue on their current course, they will be primed to vie for the WCC Championship. Last year, five teams, including the Gaels, made it to the NCAA National Volleyball Tournament.

## What's up with everyone hating a winner?



Sam Adams

I have never understood it. Ever since high school, anyone who wasn't somehow affiliated with the De La Salle Spartans had a strange sort of hatred for them and "the streak." Even Saturday night at a party, when it was learned they lost their second straight game, everyone got a little smirk. Conversations broke out about the kids on the team, and jokes about how they may be traumatized for life.

So what's the deal? Even my economics teacher was all chipper last week after the first loss.

I realized it is something that happens in sports. People hate those more successful than their own team. In short, they hate the winner when it's not them. It is something I do myself.

Sports fans hate the winners, the favorite, the dynasty, and I am no different. I hate the Yankees. Seeing the Lakers get embarrassed by the Pistons in the Finals was a little slice of heaven. I'd rather see Albert Pujols strike out than to hit a homerun. I love to see the Raiders go through a disastrous season like they did in 2003. Giants fans at least want to see the Dodgers be worse, as Dodger fans want to see the Giants in the cellar. And I know many others are the same.

Take the New England Patriots three years ago compared to this season. Three years ago they were the underdogs whom everyone was rooting for against the Rams. Two Super Bowl victories later, they are now the favorites with a deep roster. People hate the sight of Tom Brady along with the comparisons to Joe Montana. I remember hoping Adam Vineteiri would miss the field goal that made the Patriots world champions for the second time. Just two years before, I had been rooting that he made that very same kick. Why? Because if it isn't going to be your team winning, it shouldn't be anyone else's team either.

And now begins the celebration of a team fallen from grace. The end of the streak. 151-2. The school will no longer get the amazing coverage that us former Spartans loved. And it had to happen. Despite all that success, we are finally losers.

My roommate summed it up rather well when he said, "Well, it looks like you De La Salle kids no longer have anything to hang your hat on."

I guess not.

But it was a fun ride, and now we can be the bitter losers who see a team in Florida or something go on a 50 game winning streak and root for them to lose. Why?

Cause if it can't be our team, why should it be their team?

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## 100 (or a little more) word reviews

### Garden State

Zach Braff, from TV's *Scrubs*, not only wrote and directed the quirky comedy/drama *Garden State*, he's also its star. Andrew Largeman is a Hollywood actor who – without the anti-depressants he's been taking since age ten – returns home after eight years when his mother passes away. While at home, "Large" catches up with old and often eccentric friends, and also falls in love with the compulsive liar Sam (played by Natalie Portman who, in a role that finally lets her talents show, delivers a stand-out performance). Funny, touching, and brilliantly crafted, this is finally a movie that truly speaks to our generation.

- Jonathan Morales

### The Devil in the White City

Eric Larson's *The Devil In The White City* will captivate you from page one. The story focuses mainly on how the 1893 Chicago World's Fair was dreamt up, built, and exhibited. But there is another story, one that is much darker. The gruesome tales of H. H. Holmes, a mysterious killer, come to be known through his memoirs and the inquiries about missing persons. The two stories converge to show the difference between the "white city" of the World's Fair and the "black city" of Chicago. Although it is a non-fiction book speckled with historical information, such as the conception and building of the first Ferris Wheel, it reads like an easy novel and will give you insight into a bygone era.

-Cori Simpson

### Open Water

Scuba diving seems like a pretty cool activity. Some good advice to take though before venturing out in the sea is...DO IT NEAR LAND. One such exploratory couple did not consider this advice and traveled well into the ocean (this movie is based on a true story mind you). While there, the expedition guide ingeniously miscounted divers as they reboarded the boat, leaving the two protagonists stranded to drift aimlessly. The movie thrillingly centers on the mind-blowing, stressful events of the two workaholics who intended to have a relaxing vacation. Kudos to whoever opted for this "restful" event.

-Matt Byrom

# DETOUR

## 10 Songs To Mellow Out To

Lindsey Rosellini  
Staff Hipster



"music soothes the savage beast"

(Illustration by Melanie Liney)

### 1. Frou Frou - Let go

Here is an upcoming band, known for being featured in the *Garden State* soundtrack. This song has a bit of a Radiohead touch, and the lady Frou Frou sounds similar to Dido. Listening to this song does just what it says: "So let go, Just get in, Oh, it's so amazing here. It's alright, 'Cuz there's beauty, In the breakdown." The music carrying these lyrics through is a piece of fresh air to inhale.

### 2. The Pixies - Hey

The best Indie rock band from the 80's (or maybe just ever!) is known for Black France's uppity yelps and fast-pace, simple, yet catchy guitar chord progressions. Although this song, off *Doolittle*, takes a slower approach, it still includes Black France's yelling. Nonetheless, a great song to mellow out too.

### 3. The Smashing Pumpkins - 1979

Off of *Mellancolie and the Infinite Sadness*, their '96 masterpiece release, Billy Corgan's meek and soaring voice compliments well with the light air of the guitar, and laid-back confidence in the drums. And don't we remember the video with the kids trashing a mini-mart? Can't we all relate to late-night parties and toilet papering people's houses? Well sit back and let this song bring you back to those cherished years of our youth.

### 4. The Postal Service - Such Great Heights

Another fresh, new hit featured in the *Garden State* soundtrack. The Postal Service features lead singer Brian Gibbard from Seattle band, Death Cab for Cutie. The music has been dubbed "electronipop" and contains a slow beginning, then quickly picks up a dainty, upbeat pace in the rhythm. Nothing hardcore at all to make you feel stressed, especially with Gibbard's high-pitched, yet soothing voice.

### 5. Neo - Solitude Apparatus

Hailing from Washington State, Neo still remains to be part of the underground music scene. I often heard them on the Seattle radio stations and luckily, got a hold of one of their albums in a guitar shop. The whole album is calm, but this song is the catchiest of them all. The singing is so smooth that you feel nothing but relaxed.

### 6. The Cure - Just Like Heaven

Brought to us by one of our favorite new wave legends. "Just like Heaven" is another prime example of The Cure's sharp ear for an infectious pop sound. Despite the mildly melancholy lyrics The Cure is notorious for, the main guitar riff echoes in unison with the acoustic guitar making a catchy blend that'll make you want to sing along and chill out.

### 7. Andre 3000 feat. Norah Jones - Take Off Your Cool

Off Outkast's latest album, this is a song that's gone unrecognized. Norah Jones and Andre 3000 make a surprisingly cohesive duo in this sultry, acoustic tune. The song isn't very long, but it is enough for a fulfilling and relaxing listen.

### 8. India.Arie - Video

Video is definitely a confidence-booster song! Her cheerful, yet confident lyrics make it a song with rhythm and style. "Put your salt on the shelf/Go on and love yourself/'Cause everything's gonna be alright." When you're feeling down or chaotic, pop this into the CD player to pump that spirit back up!

### 9. The Waifs - Lighthouse

Here is a different listen if you're used to typical rock/emo music. The Aussie threesome brings in a combination of folk, blues, and country into "Lighthouse." Along with the smooth beat, there is great cadence in the singers' voices. A great song for mellowing out to when you want to just hang out by yourself.

### 10. Alanis Morissette - Head over Feet

Our favorite Canadian musician/songwriter! I remember being in fifth grade listening to Ms. Morissette scream on *Jagged Little Pill* about an anonymous cheating ex and going down on him in a theatre, and feeling like such a big girl. "Head over Feet" lacks her slow, melancholy tone (and the lewd sexual innuendos) making it more uplifting and quite refreshing.

## Top 10 Lamest Jokes of all time

By Chris Mateo...Editor-in-Chief

10. What's black and white and read all over? *The Collegian*.
9. Why was 6 afraid of 7? Because 7, 8, 9.
8. What do you call a fish with no eye? Fsh!
7. What did the fish say when it hit a wall? Dam!
6. So a guy walks into a bar, and says 'ouch!'
5. So a horse walks into a bar. The bartender asks, 'Why the long face?'
4. The dynamite companies had a convention. It was a blast!
3. What do you call a fly with no wings? A walk.
2. Why did the chicken cross the road? To get to the other side.
1. Man 1: My dog doesn't have a nose. Man 2: How does he smell?  
Man 1: Awful!

## Food Corner



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## A Tomatina Tale

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Once upon a time, not long ago, four friends, Brian, Jenna, Margaret, and Kate, set out on an adventure to find delicious Italian food. What they found was a magical place that served strange and wonderful things. But not only did they find nourishment for their bodies, they found nourishment for their souls.

It was 9 o'clock and none of the friends had yet eaten. It would seem their only options were to go to the evil Sir Oliver Hall or starve. Margaret suggested that they brave the dark, perilous St. Mary's Road to go into the village and find sustenance. The other three agreed reluctantly and together they journeyed to the Creek of Many Walnuts.

They arrived at the Main Street of the village safely, and decided to venture into a small, crowded restaurant called Tomatina. The friends were seated, and were so hungry they ordered some things they couldn't even pronounce. A Caesar salad, caprese piadine, pepperoni pizza, and two semifredos. The Caesar salad arrived quickly, and everyone partook of the crisp Romaine lettuce covered with a creamy, white Caesar dressing and parmesan cheese. The friends had barely finished scraping the bottom of the plate when the piadine and pizza arrived. Warm flatbread, spread with a garlic pesto sauce, gently encompassed a trio of Romaine lettuce covered in sweet and salty balsamic vinaigrette, tomatoes, and fresh mozzarella cheese. Jenna picked up her fork and knife, eager to dig into the piadine, when Brian knocked the utensils out of Jenna's hands saying, "No, can't you read directions?!" Sure enough, a slip of paper lay there on the plate. Fork and knife, thumbs down, the pictures showed, hands, thumbs up. Throwing caution to the wind, Jenna picked up the piadine with her hands and bit into the most delicious dish she had ever tasted. Kate proclaimed her pizza the best she'd ever had.

Soon the semifredos, glasses filled with gelato, espresso, and whipped cream, were presented. Vince, the waiter, asked if they needed more spoons, to share. "No!" cried Jenna, "I don't want to share." Vince quickly disappeared into the kitchen. "You must learn to share," Vince said when he reappeared, as he set two spoons on the table.

Later, the four friends, happy and full, (though their wallets were slightly lighter) went back to their dorm rooms and fell asleep, dreaming of the delicious food and the virtue of sharing.