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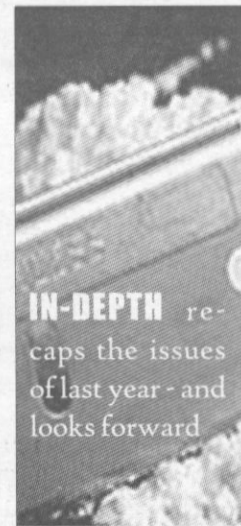
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President of SMC to step down after seven years

by Jonathan Morales
News Editor

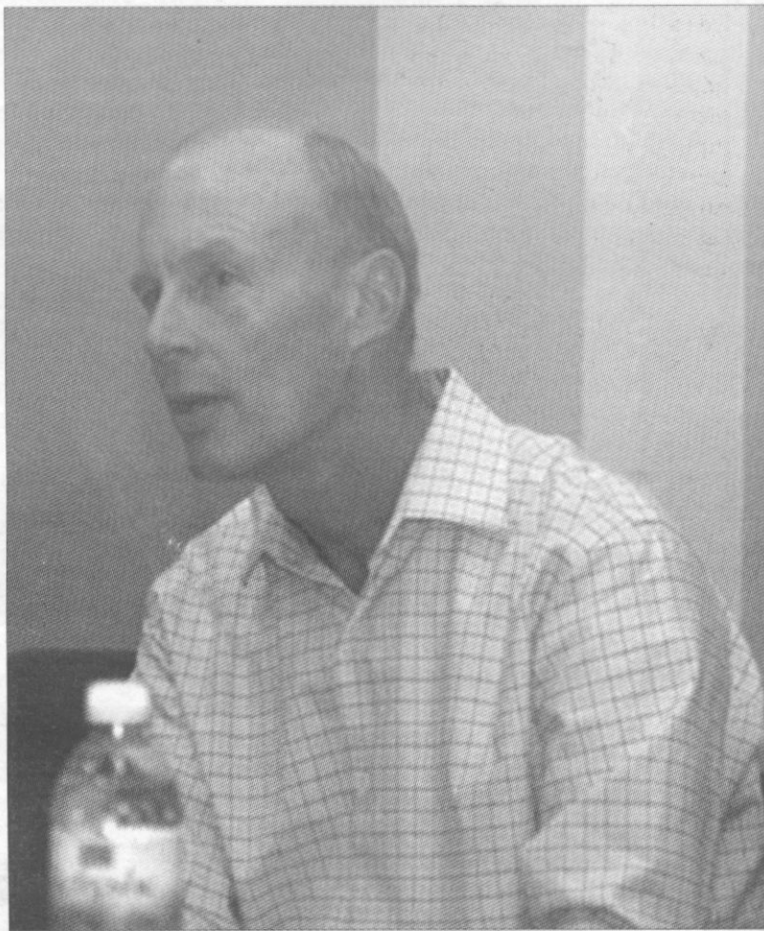
Saint Mary's President Brother Craig Franz announced his resignation, effective January 1, 2005, in an e-mail to the campus last Tuesday amid "evolving perceptions" of his leadership.

The announcement comes almost two months after the discovery that \$112 million in pledges to the college would not materialize.

"There are people that are upset at the college, because of the college's affiliation with this particular donation, and they're questioning the leadership of the college," said Franz at one of several meetings with students last Thursday evening. "I understand that, and my sense is that they're requesting a change."

In a separate e-mail, Nicholas Moore, chairman of the Board of Trustees, said he was, "profoundly saddened" by Franz's decision.

"I want you to know in the strongest possible terms that Brother Craig's resignation was neither requested nor anticipated," said Moore.



(Melanie Linney/COLLEGIAN)

Brother Craig spent last Thursday evening meeting with students on campus to answer questions about his resignation

The pledges, originally \$25 million, were made by an anonymous donor shortly after Franz's arrival as president in 1997. The donor was revealed this August to be Conrad Colbrant, who was made

a college regent in 2000. Franz insisted that the lost pledges are not his own fault.

"I didn't do anything wrong," said Franz. "But it does need to be realized that all of this hap-

pened while I'm [sic] president, and ultimately as president, the buck stops with me. The best thing for Saint Mary's at this particular moment is for me to step aside."

A campus committee will be forming shortly to begin the search for Saint Mary's 28th president. A revision to the Saint Mary's bylaws by the Board of Trustees last year allows for a layperson to be president of the college, but a preference will be made for a Christian Brother.

Jeff Haskins '05, ASSMC president, said he wants to make sure, "students are having a voice," in the process.

"Everything we learn in college, [apply], and if you're not satisfied with the questions, continue to ask. As the Associated Students, that's really our desire to make sure that as the process moves forward...that we really involve students and engage students," said Haskins. John Zabala '06, ASSMC vice president for administration, echoed that sentiment.

"Our role as students is to remain doing what we're doing," said Zabala. "It's up to the students to pick up those pieces and move forward."

During Franz's tenure as president, the college's endowment has tripled, enrollment has reached record levels, and many capital see FRANZ pg. 2

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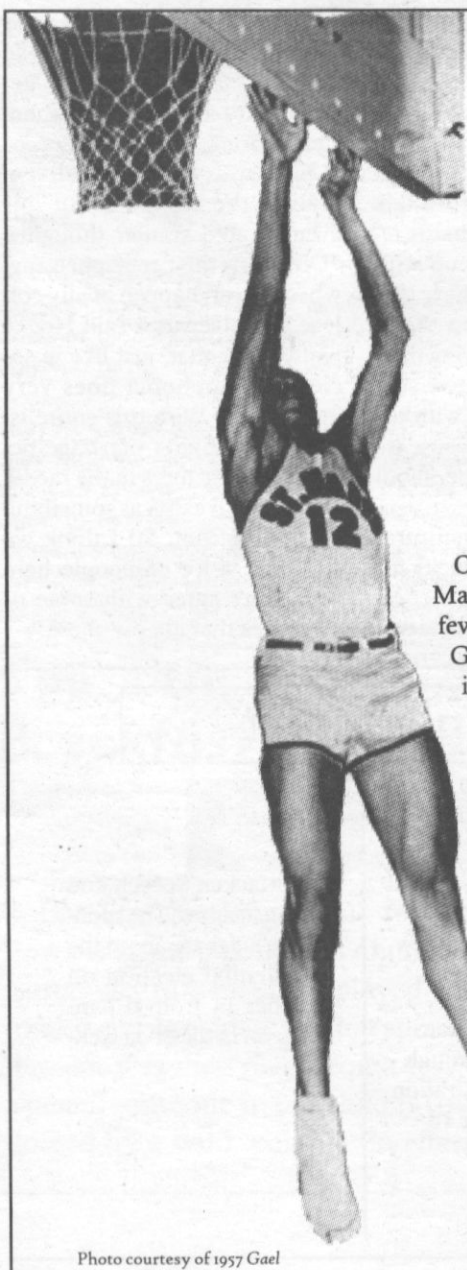


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L A R O Y D O S S

1936 - 2004



by Allison Kop

Of the thousands of students who have graced the Saint Mary's campus in its long and storied history, there are but a few who truly embody the spirit and integrity of a Saint Mary's Gael. Sadly, the Saint Mary's community lost one of these individuals on September 7, with the passing of SMC standout, LaRoy Doss.

Born on October 6, 1936, Doss graduated from Saint Mary's in 1959 as a psychology major. That same year, he was part of the famous Gael basketball team that reached the "Elite Eight" of the NCAA tournament. As one of the first African-American athletes to compete for Saint Mary's, Doss averaged 14.8 points and 9.2 rebounds a game in three seasons and finished his career as the third leading scorer in school history.

After graduation Doss married his college sweetheart Mary and eventually joined a local car dealership as a salesman. After nine years in the business, Doss purchased his own dealership and formed the Ford Lincoln Mercury Minority Dealers Association,

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Photo courtesy of 1957 Gael

Vandalism sparks action

GALA to address issue in mid-October

by Chris Mateo
Editor-in-Chief

Recent vandalism to a Gay and Lesbian Association (GALA) poster has caused members of the club and Mary Ho, the Director of the Delphine Intercultural Center, to organize a campus program due in mid-October.

The vandalism, which consisted of inappropriate remarks written on the poster, drew much attention from the campus community. The event was documented in a Public Safety crime report and, in turn, the *Collegian Crime Beat*. "It just made me really sad," said Elizabeth Garcia '06, co-president of GALA. "Seeing that [on the poster] right before our first meeting was just sad."

On Friday, September 17, Mary Ho met with GALA co-Chair Lindsey Rosellini '07 and other diversity club leaders, to discuss the action as well as their response. From this meeting came about the

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Crime Beat

9/17	11:20 p.m.	9/21	1:55 a.m.
Incident: Disrespect of a college official		Incident: Student Conduct violation	
Synopsis: Possession of excessive amounts of alcohol, front gate; referred to Student Conduct.		Synopsis: Petty theft in Arcade 2 hallway; referred to Student Conduct.	
9/18	12:57 a.m.	9/21	12:50 p.m.
Incident: Student handbook violation		Incident: Medical assist	
Synopsis: Underage possession of alcohol, Alemany Dr. and De La Salle Dr.; referred to Student Conduct.		Synopsis: Sick student in Dante; referred to Health Center.	
9/18	6:45 p.m.	9/22	2:20 p.m.
Incident: Vandalism		Incident: Petty theft	
Synopsis: Breaking or removing vehicle parts, Thille and Freitas parking lot; referred to Student Conduct.		Synopsis: Lamp stolen from office in Galileo; referred to Business office - Sharon Neward.	
9/20	5:10 p.m.	9/22	11:58 p.m.
Incident: Vandalism		Incident: Student Conduct violation	
Synopsis: Broken door, first floor entrance, Augustine Hall; referred to student conduct and physical plant.		Synopsis: Intoxicated student/medical assist in De La Salle; referred to Student Conduct.	

FRANZ: resignation effective Jan 1

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improvements have been made, including the Ageno Townhouses, J.C. Gatehouse and Syufy Hall for the Performing Arts.

Franz is not sure where his next calling will be - his background is in marine biology - but he said that he will probably not be involved in the SMC community after he leaves. He did, however, express his gratitude to Saint Mary's and said that the college's mission will continue.

"This is an exciting time for the college.... We're helping people to grow and develop their talents," said Franz. "That's what Saint Mary's has done for me, and I'm very grateful for it. I happily anticipate the next chapter of my life."

Franz met with faculty and staff last Wednesday to express that gratitude and was given a standing ovation by those present.

In turn, staff and faculty expressed their thanks to Franz for his service to the college.

"Obviously, I'm saddened. I think he's done a lot for the college. He will be missed," said Scott Kier, Associate Dean of Student Life. "It's an exciting time for us to move forward. Saint Mary's is better than what it was when he got here, and he has left it in good hands."

**BR. CRAIG
TIMELINE**

1997:
-Franz arrives in September to be SMC president
-Anonymous donation made; donor is Conrad Colbrant and pledges end up totaling \$112 million

1998:
-Ground broken on J.C. Gatehouse Hall

1999:
-Spirit of Saint Mary's begins; the campaign raises \$195 million, much of it from Colbrant

2000:
-Ageno Townhouses open
-J.C. Gatehouse opens

2002:
-Saint Mary's celebrates 75th year in Moraga
-November: Allegations of sexual assault result in student protests and changes in the sexual assault policy

2003:
-September: Syufy Hall for the Performing Arts Opens

2004:
-March: Athletic program task force recommends ending intercollegiate football; Board of Trustees approves of the move
-August: Franz announces \$112 million pledge won't materialize
-September: Franz submits resignation

Further improvements to Dryden to begin

Goal is to increase attendance at student game room

by Colin de Leon-Horton
Staff Writer

The Dryden Hall game room is set to begin long-awaited improvements. These new improvements, according to ASSMC president Jeff Haskins '05 will include new paint, carpeting, and couches to bring about a "living room style" environment. The work on the game room, which was supposed to be completed before the freshmen class moved onto campus in August, was delayed because the necessary funds were not yet available.

The work that is about to begin is actually the first part of a two-phase plan to improve the environment of Dryden Hall. Swatches of paint samples have already been displayed up on the walls in Dryden since before

school began. The three colors are ranging earth tones that, according to Haskins, will give the hall a "warmer" environment than the original white color. Carpeting will also be laid over the tile around the hardwood floor.

The last part of phase one will be to purchase couches for the hall. Currently, the hall only has eleven easy chairs arranged for students who are watching television. The phase two improvements involves improving the lighting, as well as purchasing new tables and chairs.

The plans that are about to take effect were actually brainstormed in June of this year as an effort to improve attendance in the hall. After consulting with students and the Dryden Hall supervisors, the ASSMC executive team approached the campus architect with a rough plan intending to

make the hall appear more welcoming to students. An interior decorator was then hired to view the hall and to suggest further improvements.

However, work on the hall was brought to a halt due to lack of funding. Originally, the Cassin Student Union provided the money that allowed the hall to open over a year ago. The money for the improvement plan, totaling about 80,000 dollars, will now come from redirected funds sponsored by Saint Mary's College.

Dryden Hall was converted into a game room and opened for student use the spring semester of 2003. It currently offers entertainment such as pool, ping-pong, foosball, air hockey, an X-Box and Playstation, as well as a variety of board games. Dryden hall also offers viewing of sports events and movie screenings.

GALA: Posters bring program to Delphine

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idea to educate the campus on diversity in general.

"We decided to do an educational program in response to [the vandalism]," said Ho. "We felt that there needs to be more education in terms of the diverse student body of Saint Mary's College. We pulled the other diversity organizations together to get a sense of their support and to see if they'd be interested in coming together for this, and they've all shown support for it."

According to Ho, the program, happening on October 18 in Delphine at 6:30 p.m., will cover more than just sex issues. "The program will focus on race and sex at SMC, so students will speak out about their experiences and share their community with the college. Sex will be discussed in the context of identity," said Ho. "The Counseling Center as well as the Women's Resource Center will be part of this discussion. It's an informal way of dialoging with the stu-

dents. I am having each of the diversity organizations appoint a person to sit on the panel, someone who is definitely comfortable in sharing views about their particular community."

Rosellini echoed Ho's sentiments. "We wanted to bring this



interest in this program, for the next couple of weeks, we're going to put up a bulletin board, profiling the student panelists without identifying the actual students," said Ho. "So it will not only serve as a teaser for the event, but will also get students

to think about who the panelists will be. The student profiles will be general to some degree, but it's intentionally passive so as to get students to start thinking about stereotyping."

In regards to the actual vandalism, the organizers of this event shared similar thoughts. "Obviously this can happen anywhere; it can happen at any college or university," said Ho. "I really think that, just like in society, homophobia does very much exist. With this entire issue of legalizing marriage between gay partners in the media these days, it exists as something in the forefront. So I think we still have a lot of people here who don't agree with some of the issues that are out there."

WHAT'S HAPPENING...

TODAY

Watch the documentary, "SuperSize Me" in Dryden 9:00 p.m. Free admission.

WEDNESDAY

Music in the Quad 12:15 p.m. in Ferroggiaro Quad

"Experience South Africa" - South Africa semester abroad students share their learning experiences - Garaventa 140 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.

THURSDAY

Study Abroad Info Fair 10:30-2:30 p.m. in Dante Quad

Fall Blood Drive 12-5 p.m. in Claeys Lounge

Outdoor Movie 8:30 p.m. Chapel Lawn

Don't forget

CILSA is running a voter registration drive throughout October - registration tables will be located outside of Oliver Hall and in the CILSA office.

Jan-Term travel registration takes place this week through Thursday. Regular registration for Jan-Term is October 18 through October 21.

The Macken Speech and Debate team will be sponsoring a debate about the presidential election on October 11 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Soda Center.

SNAPSHOT



(Lisette Garcia/COLLEGIAN)

A guitarist plays last week in Ferroggiaro quad. Since the beginning of the year, students have enjoyed a barbeque and music in the quad at lunch every Wednesday.

Student feedback sought

Voices found in campus dialogues

by Pablo Armas
Executive Assistant

In order to increase dialogue among the student community, ASSMC President Jeff Haskins '05 and the Campus Dialogue Committee are organizing "Chat room" roundtables to get the student body more involved in the issues pertaining to them.

The full name of the program is "Chat room-Influencing the Future."

Haskins hopes that this will also help with communication with the school.

"Students, this is your chance to be heard," said Haskins.

"One of the other reasons for the creation of the Campus Dialogue is to give information

about important matters to the students before the issues become a fiasco," said Haskins, referring to the discontinuation of football last year.

The first meeting is set for October 12 with the topic of Academic Honesty. The goals of the first meeting is to get students talking and involved with that issue as well as informing them of things in the honor code they may not be aware of.

Any student attending the roundtable who has any questions, ideas, or concerns about the Academic Honor Code will be able to speak their mind and a discussion will arise from there. There is no set speaker and all are welcome to say whatever they'd like to regarding the topic.

Haskins hopes that this kind of format will allow more students to be more interested in attending the roundtables, rather than having them listen to a speaker with little to no dia-

logue.

"It's not about the topic, but the process. The process of being pro-active and influencing the future," said Haskins.

There will be other roundtables later on in the year, one in Jan-Term and another in Spring Semester.

All students are invited to the dialogue. Although not part of CDC, Jessica Porras '05, ASSMC vice president of Student Affairs, has given her support for the dialogue and has already contacted all the clubs leaders about the dialogue via e-mail.

"It's a very positive thing and a good way to keep communication open among students," said Porras.

Haskins hopes students will attend these roundtables. He warned, "If we never put our ideas out there, we shouldn't complain about what the school does. So be active, speak your mind."

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beyond the bubble

NATIONAL AND WORLD NEWS BITES

By TONY VALA-HAYNES

-Recent studies prove Pro-Erex, Big Daddy, and Suregasm (sexual enhancing supplements) will not actually increase the size of a man's penis. These enhancements will not increase performance either.

-SAN FRANCISCO, California--City prosecutors ruled Wednesday that it is legal to practice yoga in the nude within city limits. This includes the tourist hot spot, Fisherman's Wharf.

-WASHINGTON--Yusuf Islam, formerly known as the singer Cat Stevens, was on a flight to London Wednesday when his plane diverted because his Muslim name came up on a "watch list" meant to prevent terrorists from boarding a U.S. flight.

-FORT WAYNE, Indiana--Earl Wells, 75, a retired zoo keeper, died Wednesday after being stung over 1,000 times by European yellow jackets. Wells had been in a coma since September 12 after falling from a ladder onto an underground nest.

-OMAHA, Nebraska--Sisters Ruth Babcock and Mable Pangle, separated in 1926 just before the Great Depression, reunited Wednesday when they realized their connection. The two have been neighbors for the past year and a half at an assisted living facility.

-SIOUX FALLS, North Dakota--Patrick Deuel once weighed 1,072 pounds. Deuel is cared for by a 9-person team at McKennan Hospital that has helped to lower his weight to 700 pounds. When he entered the hospital he had to be weighed with truck scales. Deuel's ultimate goal is to undergo gastric bypass surgery so that he can lose another 400 pounds.

-LOS ANGELES, California--According to reports, the ashes of deceased actor Marlon Brando were spread in Tahiti and Death Valley.

(Sources: Cnn.com, Yahoo.com, Special Thanks to Jim Owen)

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Facing the Issues

by Caitlin Hungate

Opinion Editor

Sometimes I forget how lucky I am. I wake up and am able to eat three meals a day and I don't have to worry about someone trying to kill me based on my ethnicity. I am safe. Yet on other continents, that in reality are not too far away, there are many who are not safe. In fact most of the world is not safe. Most of the world's population does not have food to put on their plate, most live off of much less than we as a consumerist culture do and most can not guarantee their survival for the next day.

What exactly does it mean for something to be a human right? I don't think too many people know what rights we have in the international community and also in our own country. One right many take for granted, is the right to food. Looking at poverty statistics in the world makes me sick, and it makes me sicker when I think about all the food Americans waste.

According to the World Bank, "The proportion of people living in extreme poverty on less than \$1 a day dropped by almost half between 1981 and 2001, from 40 percent to 21 percent of the global population. In absolute terms, this means that the number people living in poverty fell from 1.5 billion in 1981 to 1.1 billion in 2001."

This may seem great given that the extreme poverty rate is decreasing, however in different regions of the world, things are not as good. Again, the World Bank said, "Between 1981 and 2001, the number of poor in Sub-Saharan Africa rose from 41 percent to 46 percent. In absolute numbers, this means that the number of poor jumped from 164 million to 314 million."

If for even half of a day, you lived off of one dollar, you might get a small glimpse of what others go through. In an age of globalization, this is one issue we cannot ignore. We are all human and as such, we all have a right to food. In a humanist light, it is the responsibility of those who have food to help ensure food for those who don't.

Not only am I fortunate to have food to eat, but I am safe from violence. Right now, mass violence is occurring in Sudan. The United States Congress has declared that genocide is taking place, yet the U.S. and the international community has failed to act in accordance with the United Declaration of Human Rights. Do we really learn lessons when it comes to human rights violations? This past April, the 10th anniversary of the genocide that took place in Rwanda was remembered throughout the international community. Just as there were signs leading up to the events in Rwanda, there were also signs in April that mass violence, and genocide could occur in Sudan.

Being grateful for the life and safety that is given to me by being in the U.S. is important to remember, but also to know that there are millions less fortunate than me. And with that, I must act. My conscious is telling me to do so, does yours?

OPINION

Collegian Quote of the Week: I may be drunk, but you, madam, are ugly and I will be sober in the morning. -Winston Churchill

Collegian View

As we say goodbye to yet another member of the non-student population of Saint Mary's College, we must greet yet another change to our already-transfigured community.

The departure of Brother Craig Franz, FSC, Ph.D. has left students who were already asking "where are they going?" at a standstill.

As the editors of the Collegian, we understand the importance of having access to Br. Craig as well as other administrators during times of sudden, and sometimes unexpected, change. As the editors of the Collegian we also understand that the resignation of SMC's president may turn curious students away from their questions.

As the editors of the Collegian we would like to address those students who are still full of questions surrounding Br. Craig's time at the college.

For those of you wondering why the faculty and staff of SMC are getting fewer (or at least wondering why those close to the stu-

dents are "no longer employees of Saint Mary's College"), keep asking.

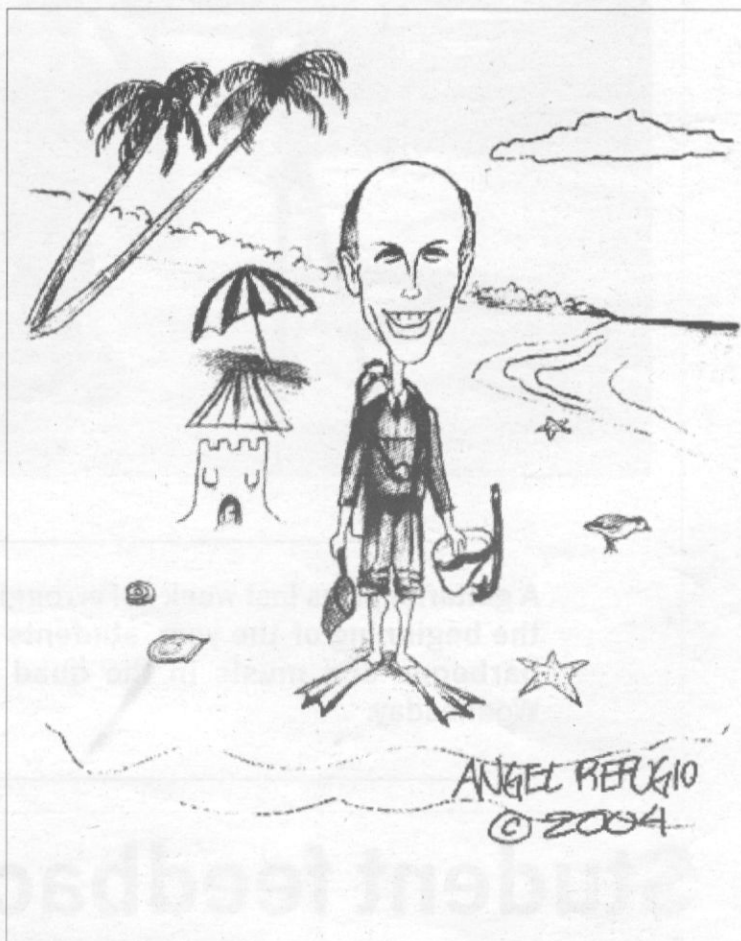
For those of you who wonder where our tuition goes, where donations go, and where the money ends up, keep asking.

For those of you who just want to know who our new administrators, faculty, and staff are, go out and talk to them - you don't have to be a Collegian reporter to meet these college officials.

For those of you who would like to get involved with the community in any way, shape or form, keep asking, you'll find an eager student leader anywhere on campus.

For those of you who just want your voices heard, write to us. And if you don't know how to reach us or where to find us, keep asking - someone will point you to Ferroggiaro Hall.

There are many sources and many answers. Until all possible faculty, staff, and administrators are no longer here to respond to the students, then, and only then, can we stop asking.



Back to Marine Biology?

Cartoon by Angel Refugio

Community Views

Attention Swimmers:

There is now EVENING LAP SWIMMING on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.!!!

In addition, the pool remains open 7 days a week from noon-5pm. Take advantage of these opportunities for exercise and leisure. For more information, please call extension 4951.

Jeff Haskins,
Associated Students President

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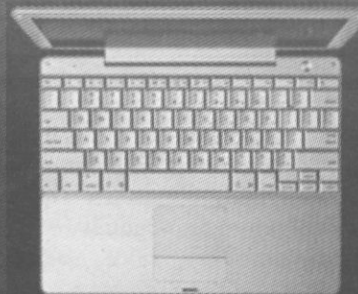
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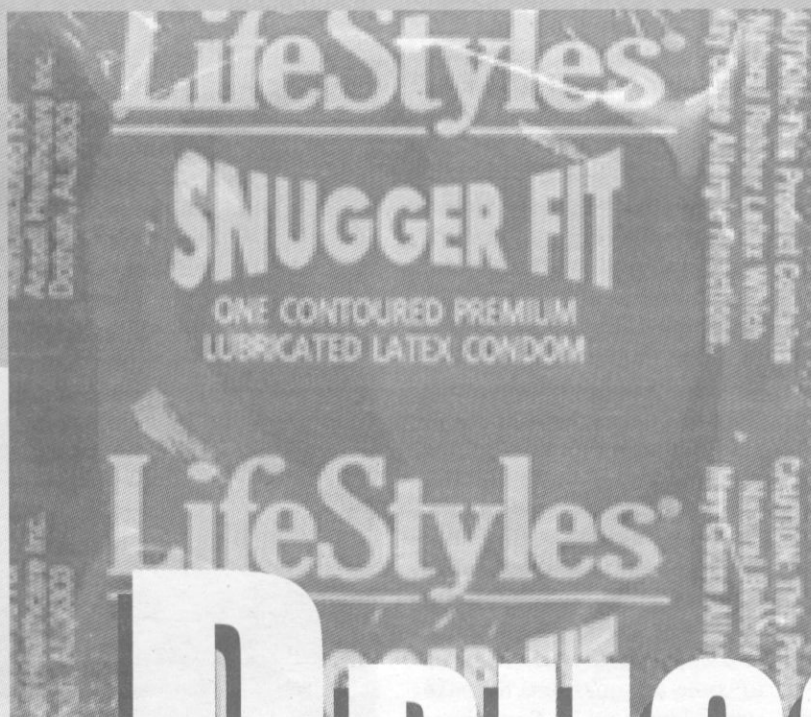
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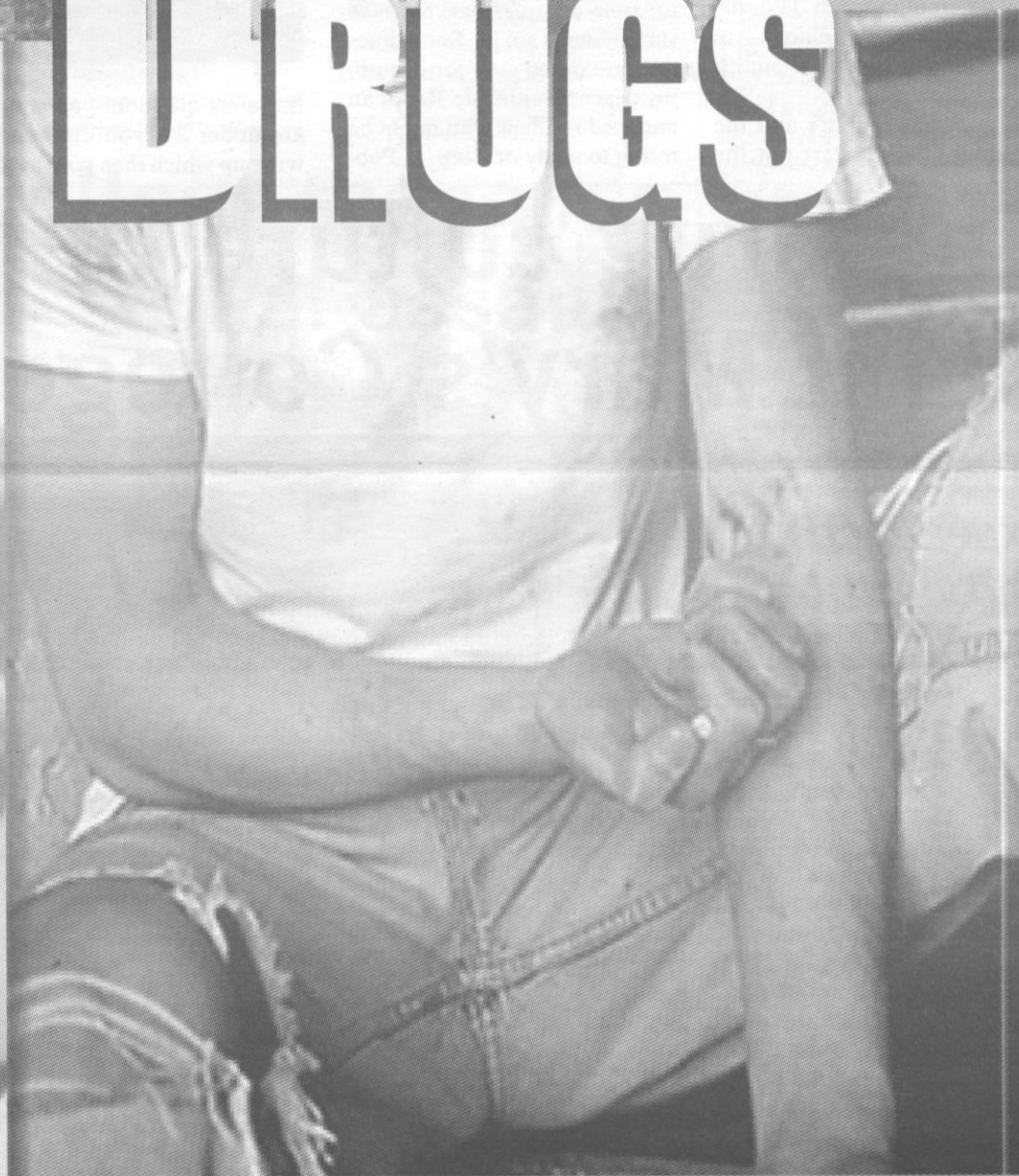
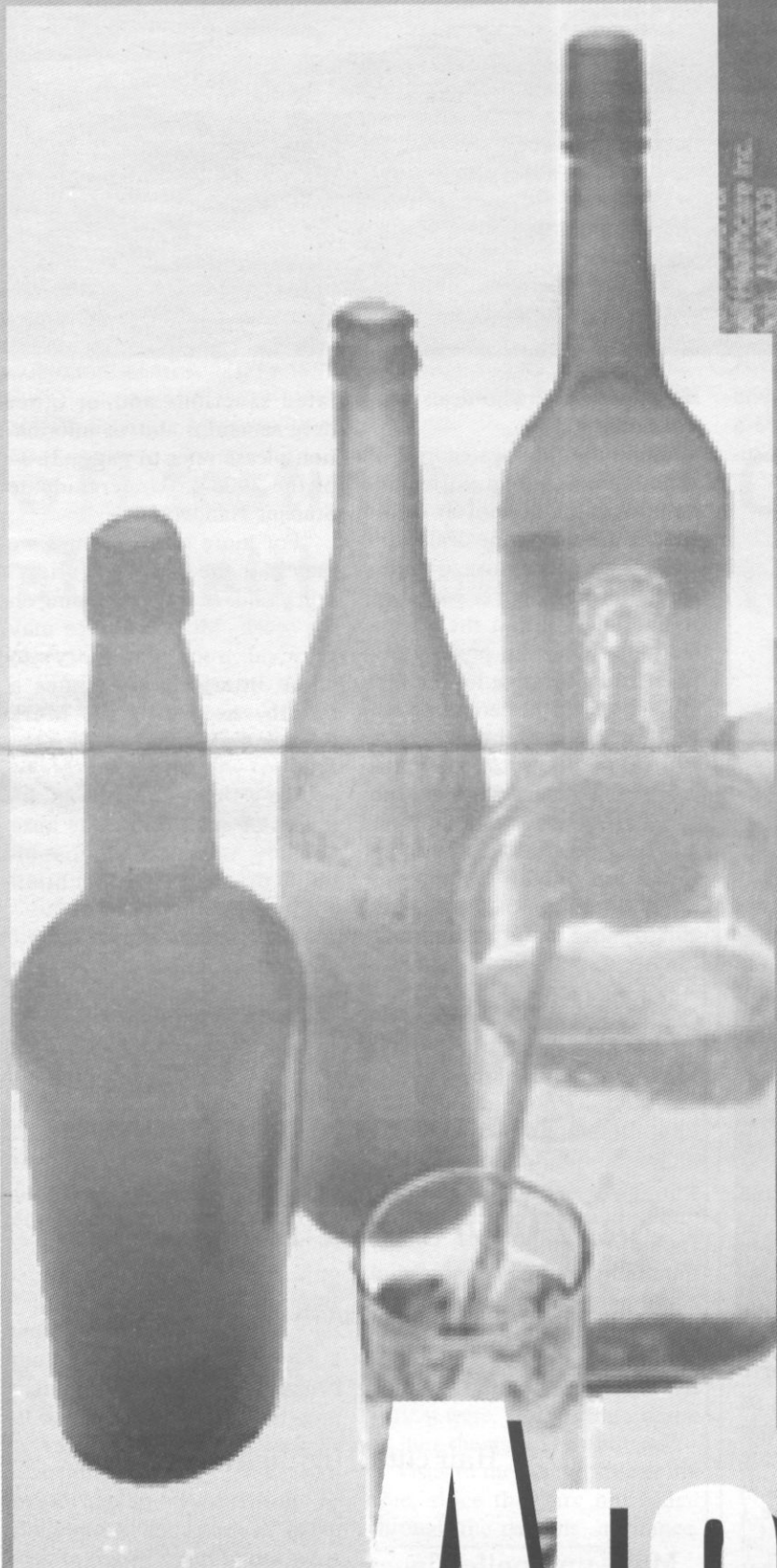
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Public safety vs. Moraga P.D.

When it comes to underage drinking, Moraga P.D. a scarier threat

by Aideen Rahimi

Staff Writer

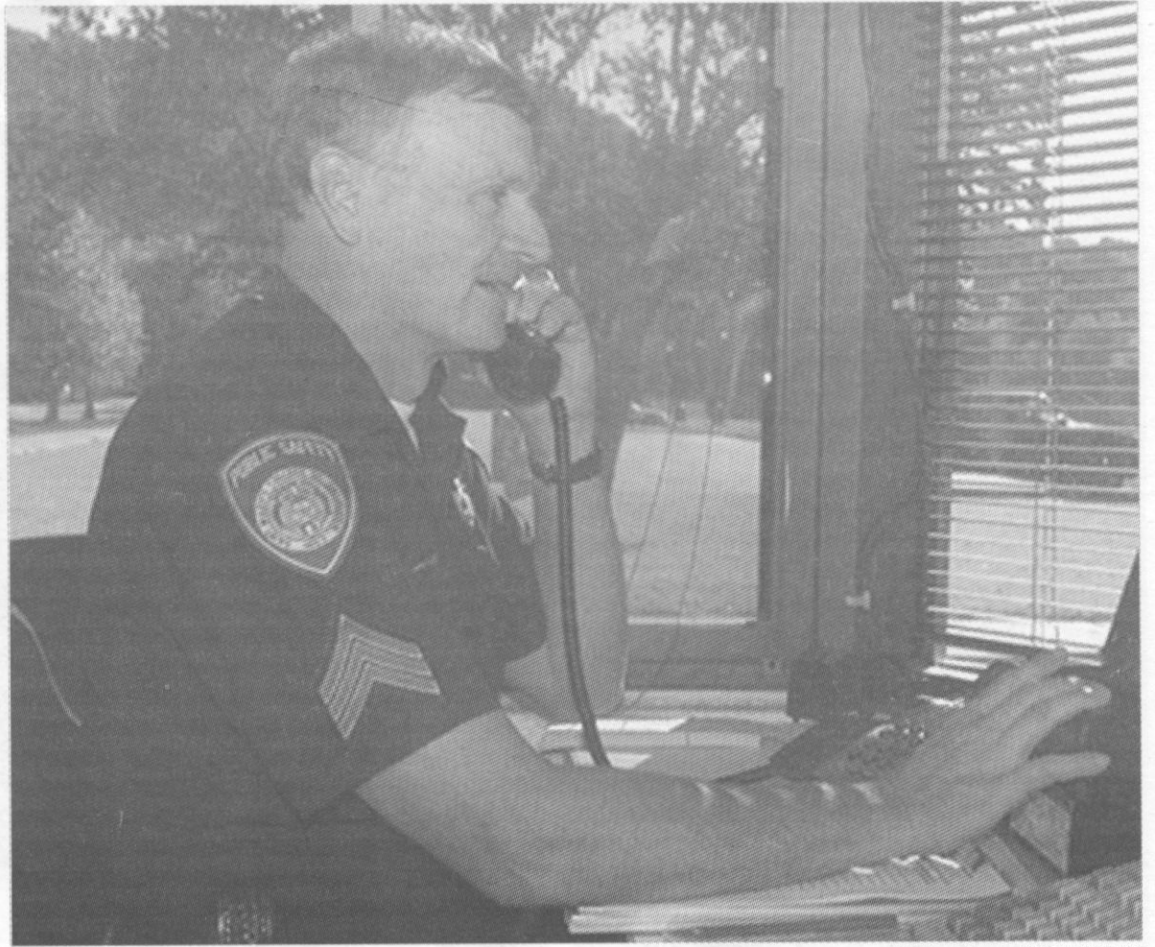
The one inevitable thing that begins to emerge once new and returning students fill the campus each year is (drum roll, please) drinking. The last thing on all our minds is the consequences of a night of debauchery. As fun as drinking and partying may be, there are unfortunately some serious costs.

My concern here is not things like the dreaded monster hangover that seems to creep up the next morning or the physical decay that follows from years of drinking or even the very serious issue of rape. Instead, my concern is what no one thinks about until it happens to them: running into Public Safety and/or the police. What do these two seemingly similar, yet exceedingly different, officials do in the face of underage drinking? Are they here to protect us or punish us?

Both Public Safety's and the city police's days start out the

same: report to duty, read over and discuss the incident logs and then go out to patrol. They hand out tickets for parking violations or other traffic violations and patrol residential areas and, yes, both stop or at least attempt to stop underage drinking. They are, however, in many ways different from one another. Amongst these differences is how they go about issuing and handling alcohol related violations.

"We are a service-oriented group," Chief William Foley of Saint Mary's Public Safety said. "Our goal is not to be the one to say 'we gotcha.'" When Public Safety is patrolling and spots students drinking on their balconies or patios, they are required to come ask questions to make sure students are 21. Sometimes they are called over for disturbing peace by either an RA or an annoyed resident who might be trying to study or sleep. If Pub-



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lic Safety questions you and you are under 21, you are issued a write up which then goes to "Stu-

dent Conduct," who deals with your case.

There are three categories of sanctions that deal with consumption of alcohol at Saint Mary's. Category one deals with underage possession or consumption of alcohol or paraphernalia. The citation includes a warning, education project/program and a \$25 fine for the first violation, a \$50 fine and probation for the second time, and a \$100 fine, stayed suspension, counseling center assessment and parental notification for the third and final violation. For more information on the second and third categories of alcohol re-

lated sanctions and/or other drug sanctions and/or information please refer to pages 31-34 of the 2004-05 Undergraduate Student Handbook.

"For more serious issues we may call the Moraga Police," Foley said. In fact, depending on the week, Moraga Police may get a call from Saint Mary's to come interject 6-7 times a month, according to Mark Ruppenthal, Chief of Moraga P.D.

"We get called usually in the report of such crimes as auto burglary, vandalism and out-of-hand drinking," Ruppenthal see P.D., p8

The drug culture of Saint Mary's College

Students share experiences and views on drugs

by Jonathan Morales
News Editor

Drugs are an issue on every college campus. But what about our campus here in Moraga? I spoke with a few Saint Mary's students to get their experiences with drugs, as well as their view of the "drug culture" at Saint Mary's.

While speaking with these students, common themes arose, especially the prevalence of marijuana on campus.

The SMC drug culture is "definitely alive and thriving," said one male student who said that he primarily uses marijuana and ecstasy. "A lot of stuff is kept behind closed doors."

"I'm not sure what the percentage of people that smoke pot [is], but I know that people do. You can smell it all the time," he said, adding, "I've always heard rumors about people doing coke." Another male student agreed.

"First of all, everybody smokes weed," he said, adding that "rich-(explicative) white kids with a lot of dough" here can use cocaine.

"People get bored up in the hills," added a friend of his.

He gave a list of drugs he uses, such as marijuana, coke and LSD, as well as those he won't touch, including meth, crack,



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speed, and ecstasy, and said he uses these drugs both on and off campus.

"It's wherever I am," he said. "I'm definitely high in class. You gotta be stoned in class."

He pointed out the irony that alcohol and prescription drugs are so readily available, while marijuana is illegal. Alcohol, he said, makes you belligerent and violent, while marijuana does not.

"I think prescription drugs in this nation are a lot worse than weed. If there's anything that should be legalized, it should be weed," he said. "Some of my friends in their youth, if they had just smoked a little weed, they would have been fine. Drugs aren't a way out. It's a way in."

A Saint Mary's female agreed. "People smoke a lot of marijuana, as do I. Not everyday, but I know tons of people who smoke every single day," she said. She mentioned one party where she encountered cocaine on campus.

"On the kitchen table there were lines of, I dunno, crack or cocaine...there were a couple lines just laid out, and people were snorting away," she said. "It just blew me away because I didn't think that it would be here." She said, however, that this experience was the exception and that she doesn't think that there is a lot of cocaine use at Saint Mary's.

"What you normally hear is that if you attend a rich school or a community where there are lots of rich people...then they have a lot of money and they have a lot of time on their hands that they will do hardcore drugs, but that is not true. You don't see that here," she said.

"That night it took me back to my high school days. They offered it to me too, but it was all behind me, so I didn't do it. But it was awfully tempting," she said. "Why do people do it? Because it makes you feel good. If it didn't, people wouldn't do it."



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Most common drugs

What they are and what they will do to you

by M. Linney and J. Arquillano
Photo Editor and Assistant News Editor

Why is it that every year we, *The Collegian*, must put out an issue reminding our fellow campus dwellers the negative effects of alcohol, drugs and unprotected sex? I don't know, but since you allow the information you've learned over the years to float away during the summer, let us remind you of a few things involving the drugs so many of you may hold dear.

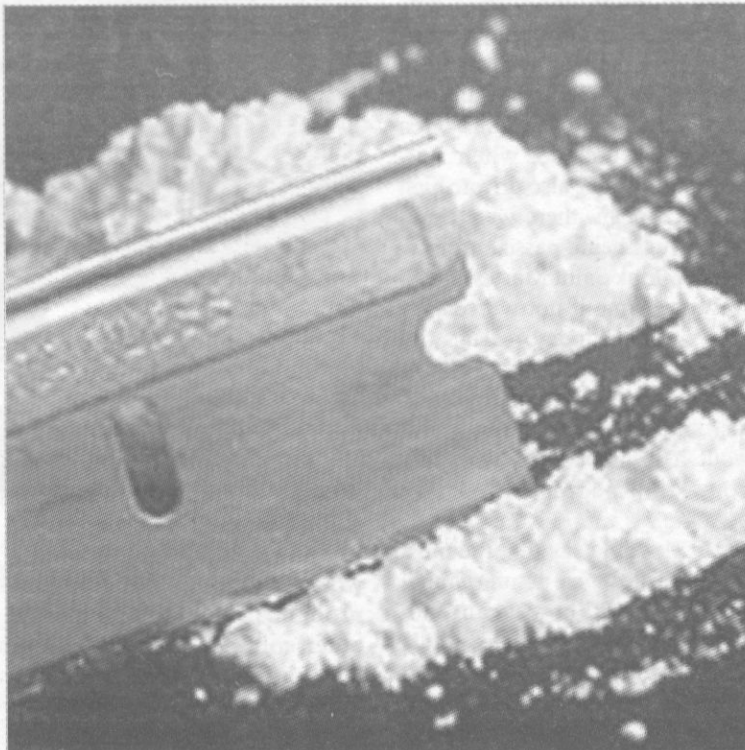


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One of the campus favorites is alcohol. Alcohol, if used out of control, can affect everything from your central nervous system to your heart and to your liver. Eventually, though, your liver could be infected with alcohol hepatitis or cirrhosis of the liver, or your heart can have a form of heart disease (Cornerdrugstore.com).

The next drug on the list is Marijuana. While it may be seen as the happy, munchies drug of choice, it can also lead to lung cancer, sinusitis, bronchitis, loss of memory, and infertility (Cornerdrugstore.org).

According to a survey conducted by Southern Illinois University in 2001, amphetamines

were one of the top five common drugs on college campuses. Amphetamines, or Meth, Crystal, and Crank, as they are known on the street, give an intense high and a crazy "down." The drug is extremely

addictive and causes convulsions, heart irregularities, depression, restlessness, paranoia and severe anxiety (Cornerdrugstore.org).

Another popular drug, especially in the rave scene, is Ecstasy.

Also known as E, X, Rolls, Adam, Beans, and Buddies, Ecstasy can lead to irreparable brain damage. It is a stimulant drug that increases the heart rate and blood pressure. It stimulates the brain, increases motor activity, can cause dehydration and mild hallucinations, and enhances tactile sensations. Use of Ecstasy can lead to kidney and/or liver failure, cardiovascular collapse, respiratory failure, and psychiatric disturbances such as panic, depression, anxiety, paranoia, and nausea. A tolerance can be built up over time, and this can lead to an overdose (Cornerdrugstore.org).

Mushrooms, or "shrooms," are also known to have a bit of a campus following. Mushrooms create a euphoric experience, distorting one's perception of colors, affecting one's senses, and causing vivid hallucinations. They can also lead to dramatic mood swings, personality changes, and increases in blood pressure and body temperature (Cornerdrugstore.org).

Yet another widely known see DRUGS, p8

Effects of LSD felt for years after use

by Anonymous

Sometimes I get a little worried. Everyone knows that if you do acid, you are going to get flashbacks. All throughout high school, I experimented with LSD. And after a few weird things started happening to me, I decided to do a little research. Almost every source said that I would experience flashbacks, experience rapid mood changes, experience mild forms of depression. Yeah, a lifetime of that for just a few hours of hallucinating. Thinking about it now, it really wasn't worth it. But there is nothing I can do about it now. They say after you drop acid, it gets stored in your spinal cord. I can't go in and get it out.

Recently I learned that all that stuff might just be myths. I learned that acid only has a half-life of a couple hours in the body; some even say that it becomes metabolized even before the effects begin, and you urinate the rest of it out the following day.

Then why is it that sometimes the tiles on the floor look like they are dancing? Why is it that sometimes I hear someone calling my name? Why is it that when people are walking, I can see them moving frame by frame and a blurry trail behind them? Why is it that sometimes I can't smell anything, even though my nose isn't stuffy?

They say that for the most part, flashbacks are uncommon. I have never experienced one. So maybe they are just a myth. Maybe everything we have been told is a lie to scare us away from drugs. I hope it is a lie.

Maybe I should have just done shrooms all those years. After trying them, I thought they were worse. It gets you high by poisoning your body, and as we all know, getting poisoned is not a good thing.

Sometimes I get a little worried. How do I know who is telling the truth? Even though it has been a few years since I stopped, how do I know I won't get one someday? Maybe I will, maybe I won't. Sadly, I don't know what is going to happen. I do know that some of my senses have been damaged because of it though. And I think they are only going to get worse.

STI testing offered at health center

by Bettina Adranga

Staff Writer

Sexually transmitted infections are a huge problem. Part of safe sex is knowing who's infected and who's not, and if you think you might be infected, it's nice to know that you have options. The Saint Mary's College of California's Health and Wellness Center offers sexually transmitted infection testing (chlamydia and gonorrhea), counseling, and sex health information as part of an overall health care service.

The procedures for STI testing at the Health and Wellness Center depend on the person coming in. According to Giana Borgman, a R.N. at the Health and Wellness Center, patients will first have their risk of infection assessed by answering "frank" questions about their sexual activities, such as whether the patient is having sex with a man or a woman and what kind of sex they are having (oral, anal, or vaginal). Depending on their situation, they may then have an examination. According to Borgman, a "good portion" of the visit is simply figuring out what

the student needs during that particular visit. There are also brochures and pamphlets available about protection against STIs and sexual practices and behaviors.

The Health and Wellness Center offers information about STI prevention methods, including abstinence. "We don't provide condoms at this point," said Borgman. However, "it's certainly part of a discussion on safe sex."

Confidentiality is a huge issue at the Center, said Peggy Burns, Director of the Health and Wellness Center. According to Burns, it's a "very serious thing for someone to breach confidentiality." She said that, "we don't talk to parents," and that staff would be "committing an illegal act," if confidentiality were broken. The only time confidentiality could be broken would be if a patient were, "expressing a desire to hurt themselves or others."

Visits to the Health Center are free, since they are not billed through the patients' insurance. see STI, p8

College responds to sexual assault

by Amy Beth Kelly

Managing Editor

It's the first six weeks of school, and unfortunately this means that statistically on a college campus this is when a student is most vulnerable to being sexually assaulted. The statistic that one in four women will be sexually assaulted in her lifetime is daunting. In the past years Saint Mary's College has struggled with finding an appropriate response to sexual assault survivors/victims on campus. Under a new policy students are able to receive confidential information, support, and services through the Sexual Assault Crisis Response Team (SARCT) hotline. The hotline is one of three completely confidential resources on campus, the other two being a priest or the Counseling Center.

There are six faculty and staff members that carry the hotline cell phone while school is in session. The team's ultimate goal is to allow for a safe environment for students to confide in and gain information on resources that are

offered at the college as well as off-campus. The SARCT members work in collaboration with the Moraga Police Department and the Contra Costa County Rape Crisis Center to continue their education.

Currently the Women's Resource Center is not a fully confidential resource for students who would like support for sexual assault. The center is required to report all cases of sexual assault; therefore if a student comes into the center face-to-face for support or resources their case will be forced to follow campus protocol.

The current protocol on campus states that any student who feels that they have been sexually assaulted and tells a staff/faculty member, resident advisor, resident coordinator, or residence community coordinator, their case will immediately be investigated regardless of whether a student wishes to pursue the case. The see ASSAULT, p8

Drink to remember, never to forget

by Pablo Armas

Executive Assistant

Before coming to Saint Mary's College, I had tasted some alcohol before. It was always small amounts and always with family. But when I set off to college, my dad gave me two pieces of advice about drinking. One was (and I quote), "Don't go for the weak stuff. Go for the whiskey, the vodka, the gin, etc, etc. Beer is cheap. I raised you better than that". The other advice was more helpful, and to this day, I always remember it. He said,

"Drink to remember, never to forget". Since coming to SMC, I have had my share of drinking. Just as my dad raised me, I like

"Beer is cheap. I raised you better than that."

the hard stuff, particularly vodka, gin, and rum. But I always remember the second piece of advice. Too often I see people at parties who drink to forget, thinking that if they don't think about problems, they aren't there. I have never drunk to forget. I drink because I like the

taste, and it does have a relaxing effect on me. I have never passed out, gotten drunk, or developed an addiction where I feel I need

it to get through the day. If alcohol is there, I'll have a few drinks. If not, I don't fret. Sadly, many people think that passing out or getting drunk from drinking is what makes it fun. I beg to differ. People should never drink to pass out or only to get drunk. That is not what alcohol should

be used for. On the other hand, I don't see anything wrong with having a few drinks. Even the ancient Greeks knew that alco-

hol (or more specifically, wine) makes people feel better about themselves. So long as people are responsible about their drinking and don't do anything that they wouldn't do sober, I don't see the problem with drinking. What bugs me a lot of times is when people look down

on those who say they drink with disdain. They assume that if you drink, it's because you have nothing better to do. That is not the case. I have seen students who are involved in just about everything (sports, ASSMC, CILSA, Campus Ministry, Collegian, HAP, APASA, LASA, BSU, and who knows what else) having a shot of vodka or rum and coke (the drink not drug). Personally, I see nothing wrong with drinking so long as people always remember this: drink to remember, never to forget.

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college states that legally it is a staff member's responsibility to report any case of sexual assault reported to them. It is however the student's option to pursue a criminal case outside of the school's investigation. With this reporting policy on sexual assault, students and staff felt that it was more than necessary to implement a confidential way to gain information, support, and resources for those who have been sexually assaulted.

The SACRT team's goal is to be sure that anyone who calls in will have the opportunity to have a member of the team accompany a survivor/victim to the hospital for a rape kit and/or any other medical attention a student may need, including injury, sexually transmitted infection, as well as impregnation. The members of this team are also trying to be sure that students gain ample support during the process or recovery from an assault by providing emotional support during the recovery as well. If any student believes they were sexually assaulted or has questions regarding the topic the hotline is a great resource for students, as well as the Women's Resource Center for outreach and more resources. Alternately, they can call the hotline directly at (925) 631-4364.

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Moraga Police Department: 925-376-2515

Excerpts from The Collegian's Round Table Discussion on sex, drugs, alcohol, and sexual assault



Oscar Orozco, '07



Giana Borgman, R.N. Health and Wellness Center



Sharon Sobotta, Director Women's Resource Center

All Round Table Photos by Melanie Linney, Photo Editor

What is your perception of the drug culture here at Saint Mary's?

O.O.: I personally think that since Saint Mary's is a private college, I think students have more access to drugs, considering they have more money and access. [They have the] financial status of actually being able to buy and sell drugs. And I saw that quite often back in high school when I attended a Catholic also private high school. I mean, there were times I saw drugs being passed around, and so I think Saint Mary's is relatively the same if not worse off.

S.S.: What kinds of drugs did you see a lot of, and what kinds of drugs do suspect are on this campus, since you're talking a lot about it in association with religion, and people who have money?

O.O.: I would say that the most common of course is marijuana, which on occasion you can actually smell it in the dorms, and I think also cocaine, which I hear different people talking about, and so I think that those are the main two.

G.B.: Unless I'm seeing people directly related to drug or alcohol use, which during office hours isn't that frequent, unless I ask questions specifically about drug or alcohol use, it doesn't usually, people don't tell me right off the bat what's going on. So I'm not



really certain that I have my finger on the pulse, per se, but I would hazard the guess that it's probably right up there with other colleges. Appearances to the contrary. I mean you don't think of Saint Mary's as being rife with drug and alcohol use, but certainly from the Public Safety reports we see at the health center we know it's certainly there, even if people aren't telling us about it.

What is your perception of alcohol use at Saint Mary's?

S.S.: People have a fear of date rape drugs... but when we're look-

ing at sexual assault in relation to a college population, the most vulnerable age group is between 18 and 25, basically everyone we have here, or the great majority, alcohol turns out to be the drug of choice when [a] sexual assault takes place. So I think a lot of times we're focusing on other things when it can be maybe the main drug that's used by the college-aged population. And actually, for that matter, for society in general, because it's socially acceptable-- our society is one that organizes gatherings around alcohol—we meet each other for drinks. It's kind of normalized in our culture so much that we don't even see it the same way as other drugs sometimes.



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said. Moraga Police can issue out serious citations such as misdemeanors or felonies depending on the crime, and these can also be found in the Student Handbook on page 31 under "California Statutes (Alcohol)".

"In the state of California, there is a no tolerance law for underage drinking," said Ruppenthal. This, however, doesn't mean that if you are 21 you can do what you like. If you are found to purchase or give away an alcoholic beverage to a minor, you are issued a misdemeanor.

This ticket doesn't mean you are guilty. It means you have to appear in court. First, you have to wait for the D.A. to contact you, and if you do not hear from him/her then, you have to call to make sure you did not miss your court date and now have a warrant. You might have to make more than a couple of trips to court and eventually, after your plea, end up paying a generous fee and/or do community service and/or get your license taken away.

DUI's (driving under the Influence) are a whole different issue, a much more serious issue that I will not get to here because I would like to stay in denial of the fact that any one actually participates in the dangerous activity of drinking and driving.

Thank you to all who participated in and attended the Round Table Discussion

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Insurance would only be involved if the visit involved an outside referral to someone like an orthopedic doctor or a surgeon.

STI testing and counseling is just a small part of what is done at the center. Burns said, "I don't want people to think that we don't look at the whole student." For example, if a student comes in with a cough and says she has a history of asthma, the asthma would obviously be taken into consideration, as well as smoking habits (if any). The relational aspect of sexual activity is also looked at to see if it is, "something that both parties want to participate in," and an, "equitable," relationship. On the whole sexual health services are, "part of what we provide students in terms of good health in general," said Borgman.

While the Health and Wellness Center only does gonorrhea and chlamydia testing, there will be HIV/AIDS testing on campus from 11 AM-2 PM on Wednesday, September 29, Wednesday, October 20, and Wednesday, November 17.

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drug is cocaine. This fast acting, powerful drug from the coca plant is usually mixed with other substances to increase the amount of product. In its form known as "crack," it is light brown or beige. It's also called rock, ready rock, french fries, or teeth. Cocaine use can cause suicidal tendencies, mood swings, sore throats, and chronic nose-bleeds, among many other side effects. In fact, the drug can also cause chest pains, heart attacks, stroke, irregular heart beat, brain seizures, and even death. (Cornerdrugstore.org)

It has come to our attention that the information given may be wasted on those who see themselves as untouchable by drugs and alcohol; so here is something to bring you down to earth. In 2002, nearly 17,000 people died at the hands of illicit drugs and 85,000 people died of an alcohol related death. This is not including the 16,653 deaths that were caused from an alcohol related motor vehicle accident. We're sure many of the people that are counted as one of those statistics thought they, too, were invincible.

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Why President Bush should be re-elected

by Shandon Griffin

Staff Writer

I am a republican! Yes, there are republicans here at Saint Mary's, and in the surrounding Bay Area. Saint Mary's prides itself on community, and a few weeks ago I found another home here on campus in a new community: The California College Republicans Club. There are many different reasons to be a Republican; some base their decisions on the candidate running for office at the time, but others, like me and others in the California College Republican Club have a standard and want the candidate to fit the bill. Yes this standard is republican, but I consider it American.

As a person, I have morals and values; I care about my family, friends and community and want what is best for them. I want my candidate to have some, if not all, of these values, and for this election I feel that George W. Bush has them, just as he did in the last election. Obviously I don't stand alone on this feeling since he was elected as our Commander in Chief. As I stated before I choose the candidate who fits my standard: economic growth, compassion for the country and its citizens, healthcare, education, and Social Security to name just a few. President Bush has outstanding records when it comes to these issues.

The economy is growing stronger by the day. Bush has a growth policy that is aiming to put more money in our pockets. The economy has grown 4.8 percent in the past year, which is as fast as any year in nearly two decades. Productivity has grown at the fastest three-year rate in more than 50 years. The job market is doing well; since last August over 1.5 million new jobs have been created. The unemployment rate has fallen from 6.3 to 5.6 percent, which is below the average of the

1970's, 1980's, and 1990's. Also in the last year, employment has been up in 41 of the 50 states, and the unemployment rate is down in 47 of the 50 states. With these numbers Americans are increasing their home ownership; seven of 10 families are homeowners (www.GeorgeWBush.com).

Bush has compassion; he is breaking down walls that separate the underprivileged from effective programs by increasing access to effective drug treatments, fighting against HIV/AIDS, mentoring to children of prisoners, and much more. He is also working on a stronger healthcare system; he believes every American should have high quality and

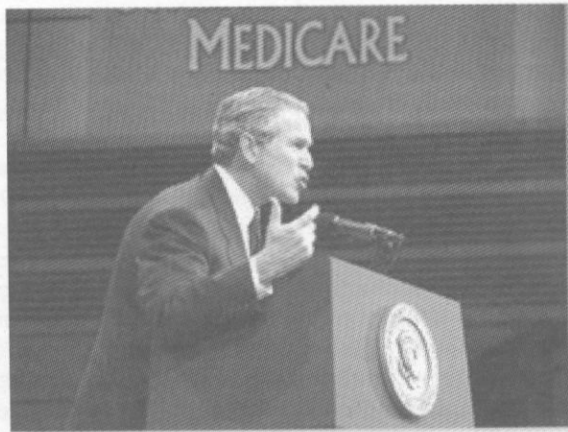
program; the No Child Left Behind program is the biggest education overhaul since 1965, and he implemented this program after only three days in office. I think that his quick action shows he is a man of his word. Some presidents get into office and think, *oh no big deal, I have four years here to get things situated*. But Bush had only been in the office for 72 hours, I doubt he was even done unpacking, and he had already put his plans into action. For the overall fiscal year in 2005 his budget presents a 49 percent increase for elementary and secondary schools. It also includes an additional billion dollars in title I fundraising for disadvan-

(www.GeorgeWBush.com)

Bush is also pushing for Social Security reform with new and modern ways to help improve it for everyone. President Bush wants to keep the Social Security benefits the same for retirees and near retirees. But he also wants to advocate people making personal accounts within Social Security. These accounts would be used as nest eggs for your retirement and as an inheritance for your family. While Bush wants to improve things within Social Security, Kerry voted eight times to raise taxes on Social Security for the American people (www.GeorgeWBush.com).

What I have shown in the above paragraphs are highlights of President Bush's platform. One thing I had a hard time finding during all of my research was a platform for Kerry. I looked into his voting record and found that it has flipped all over the scale, and has no definite presidential platform. Bush has a solid stance on issues. Meanwhile, Kerry has changed his opinion on issues. For example, in 2002 he signed a letter urging Massachusetts legislature to reject a constitutional amendment banning gay marriage. Two years later, now that Kerry is running for president he has changed his stance, surprise surprise. (www.GeorgeWBush.com)

As I walk around campus and talk to fellow students, I find that people are jumping on the bandwagon of Bush-bashing and I think that it is a problem. I have found a technical definition for what these people are suffering from these days; it's called groupthink. This is a psychological problem where the tendency of groups is to reach decisions without accurately assessing their consequences, since individual members tend to go along with ideas they think the others support. This election, think about your issues and vote for the appropriate candidate, George W. Bush.



affordable healthcare. He is creating health savings and prescription drug programs. President Bush signed legislation in December 2003 to make prescription drug coverage available to 40 million seniors and people with disabilities through Medicare. I am glad that he is creating better prescription drug program. My grandparents are getting older and having more health issues, and with these health issues there are more bills for hospital stays and prescription drugs. I know that if Bush gets re-elected my grandparents will continue to get their drugs. However if John Kerry gets elected I can only hope my grandparents would get the support they need (www.GeorgeWBush.com).

Bush also has a great education

tagged students. He has also raised an additional 139 million dollars for reading programs, which is a 75 percent increase over the fiscal year of 2001. Another benefit of the No Child Left Behind program is that it gives options for kids at low performing schools to choose another public school, or to take advantage of tutoring. I wish that there had been a No Child Left Behind Program when I was in elementary school because I didn't learn anything while there. Thankfully, my parents pulled me out and I went to a private school out of the county. Had there been a program like Bush's, my parents wouldn't have had to commute 30 minutes to get me to school, but simply find a better school in our area.

The Camaraderie of The Drunk

by Jaime Zepeda

Staff Writer

Old friends are something that we cherish, a product of hard work. Their companionship brings back good memories of good times. Surely, we all strive to have a good old friend.

Of course, there are exceptions. That exception includes the word beer, alcohol, or party, or maybe all. This is where Oasis comes in. Oasis taught some, and reminded the rest, that we do not need to work at making good old friends. All we need is a good dose of intoxicants.

Attending Oasis, completely sober of course, I saw many strangers instantly becoming friends of old. They could barely stand in line for the porta-potty but were more than willing to gab it up with their new "old" comrade. Others stood outside of the dance arena and remembered good old times with the person they met five minutes ago throwing up in the bushes. They would start talking about their darkest

secrets, their business ventures, their personal "habits" and their depressing past. They "knew" each other very well, they were best of friends; thanks in part to that bottle of Absolut.

What sparked this fuse of amicability between them, I asked myself? Is there some effect alcohol brings that we are not aware of? Should there be an addition to the Surgeon General Warning on the beer bottle: Warning: Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages Impairs Your Ability To Be Reserved, Judge Character, and Avoid Talking At Length About Your Childhood? Whatever it may be, let's not question it and instead gleefully accept it.

Overall, this was a wanted environment. As far as I saw, Oasis promoted all of the Lasallian, Catholic, and inclusive values we cherish at this school. All were welcome to learn (about alcohol) and serve (alcohol), and invite strangers into your friendship with a warm heart (and partially damaged liver). Here is to inebriated camaraderie.

Who moved my cheese: What I saw in Saga



by Naveen Prasad

Staff Writer

Mealtimes. Such an important part of every college kid's life. Food is great, it really is. Without food, we'd all be hungry. Now, the nice folks at Sodex'ho try, I know they do. It can't be easy to cook for all those people. Truth be told, sometimes the food in Oliver Hall can be downright tasty. And really, I shouldn't be talking about other people's cooking, especially because I'm such a bad cook, I could burn water. Heck, I've ruined Top Ramen a couple of times, and that's no mean feat, let me tell you. But, the darnedable thing about food is, you can get sick from it if it's mishandled. What are you say-

ing? I hear you ask. I'm saying that Saga could do with some work in this particular department. By this time, most freshman, and many an upperclassman, know the story of the frosh who found a hair from the nether-regions on her cup. Disgusting, yes. True? A bit harder to answer, though she swears it is. What IS true is what I saw with my own eyes. I was at the grill, looking forward to a nice cheeseburger, when, horror of horrors, the lady ran out of cheese. Well, no worries. "There is cheese outside at the salad bar, I'll get it there." Or so I think, until the lady tells one of the students to go *bring the cheese from the salad bar for the burgers!* The student was wearing no gloves, and she admitted to not knowing who he was. She had no idea where his hands had been or what he had touched.

With all due respect to the gentleman getting the cheese, I chose not to have a burger that day.

Something must be done.

Hilarious, yet misunderstood

by Ryan Wilkins

Staff Writer

Hypocrisy is a funny thing. Everyone knows it's "bad," and few people, if any, would ever defend the practice. But when the rubber hits the road - when you really get down to it - we're pretty much all hypocrites in one way or another. Do as I say, please, and not as I do.

A perfect example of this can be found in classrooms every day. Take almost any discussion on conformity, judging others before you know them, or what you find attractive in the opposite sex, and everyone - myself included - trots out the answers we know are "correct." Conformity is for sheep. You can't judge a book by its cover. And brains. Humungous, yet simultaneously perky, brains.

But we mean those things - those idealistic answers - when we say them. Or least I do. And that's what makes the whole issue of hypocrisy so much more frustrating. Why can't I stop buying Starbucks coffee? Why can't I stop judging people before I know them? And why did I just lend that blonde girl my cell phone? (Because she's wearing a halter-top?) When it comes to so many basic, social issues, why can't we practice what we preach?

It's an easy answer, but part of me thinks it's because most practices are already so ingrained by the time you realize they're wrong, unfair, or illogical, that it's too late to change. Human beings, after all, are basically simple creatures that depend on habit and routine to survive. Behave a certain way for long enough and you're bound to have trouble making fundamental changes, even if you know better.

But part of me thinks the reason's a bit more sinister. Part of me thinks that we don't practice what we preach because, essentially, we don't want to - because life's so much easier when you don't have to move outside your comfort zone. Sure, we say that judging others is wrong, and that we're all just looking for someone to laugh with. But you know what? If that's so true, then why can I walk out into the quad in front of Dante and see a caste system of popularity and social status that looks like something taken directly from Mean Girls, or the local middle-school, for that matter? Why do all the guys drool over the blonde girl in class who just asked the professor who John Kerry is? And why do many girls flock toward athletes, but not that guy who talks really fast and is wearing the shirt that reads, "Feminism is the radical notion that women are people?" Seriously, I'd like to know.

This is not meant to be an indictment of superficiality. I'm as guilty of this stuff as anyone, so I'm hardly in a position to judge. But I do think it's important that we begin to acknowledge our actions, both positive and negative. Because once we do that, we can at least stop being hypocrites and start being honest about what we want out of life. And that's got to count for something, right?

Reviews

[now with more words]

Damien Rice - "O"

"O" wow. This debut full length album by Irish singer-songwriter Damien Rice is a very-near perfect example of a completely cohesive and original group of songs. The minimalist, organic sound could be classified as folk, but there's nothing down home or twangy about this album. Rice's voice has an untrained, whispery quality that makes the listener feel like he or she is being let in on a very intimate secret. Though on first listen many songs may sound similar, intricacies and subtleties emerge with each subsequent hearing, from the pining love song "Cannonball" to the cold and bitter "Cheers Darlin'." The only blemish on the album is the tenth track "Eskimo," which meshes silly lyrics with an operatic interlude. Nevertheless, "O" is refreshingly unique. Damien Rice is a musician with integrity.

- Jenna Fox

A ClockWork Orange

Anthony Burgess wrote, *A Clockwork Orange* in 1971 in the midst of the Cold War. We see the transition of Burgess's infamous main character, a 14-year-old Alex, from an evil terrorizing hoodlum to a good citizen. This transition is unfortunately left out in the movie; nevertheless, the movie is a very compelling adaptation. Alex and his "droogs" speak "Nadsad," predominantly a play on English and Russian, which contains mostly propaganda and subliminal penetration techniques and influenced by the surrounding upheaval of the Cold War. It will leave you disturbed and at the same time hungry for more, "oh my brothers."

- Aideen Rahimi

The Zutons - Who Killed the Zutons

A new band from Liverpool, The Zutons are not currently touring the United States, though I wish that they were. Following in the footsteps of sixties Brit rock like The Animals, The Zutons combine intertwining drum and bass with catchy guitar riffs. However, unlike such bands as the Strokes, the Zutons retro style incorporates more than just those three instruments. In such songs as opening track "Zuton Fever" and catchy tune "Havana Gang Brawl," there is a constant sax in the melody. Compare those tracks with the rather country "Moons and Horror," you find a talented, eclectic band that knows their roots and pays homage to them. Enjoy!

- Colin deLeon Horton

DETOUR

The Detour (R)evolution

by Jo-Ann Arquillano

What is it about countdown lists that we, the general public, love so much? It's the cop-out of our generation. On television, on the radio, in magazines, top ten lists are everywhere. E! Entertainment channel has *Rank*, counting down anything and everything with a Tinsel Town theme, from the hottest celebrity bodies to the top Hollywood blondes. Late night icon David Letterman has made his top ten list a staple of his nightly comedic shtick. Music channels like MTV, VH1, and BET practically base their entire music video exposure on countdown lists, whether it's a retro look at the best videos of 1993 or a recap of the week's most requested songs.

And if you've even glanced at our own Detour section in the last few weeks, you'd see that *The Collegian* is certainly not above buying into the cult-like appeal of these quick, themed spurts of wit. What is it about these inconsequential grading scales that pull us in? Perhaps it is the fact that you can attain massive amounts of information without the excessive mush of transitions, introductions, and complete sentences in general. We're all busy people, we've got places to go, things to do, and the quick accessibility of these lists allows us to convince ourselves that we care enough about being informed individuals to find time to peruse the campus paper, even if it is just to read about the lamest jokes of all time. It may appear as though these recurring countdown lists, habitually being sanctioned by Detour messiah Angel Vasquez, are replacing good old entertainment articles, with full paragraphs and all. That isn't necessarily a bad thing now, is it? Not that intelligent articulation on fashion, television, and music isn't entertaining. I appreciate well-written articles just as much as the next newspaper aficionado. I must admit, however, the convenience of a quick resource of college-student relevant categories like "songs to mellow out to" and "the greatest videogames of all time" is just indulgently engrossing. And doesn't that just bring us to the heart of this section? Detour is here to amuse, to entertain, and apparently, we've decided to do so with consideration to our readers' time constraints. It is the year of the top ten, of the speedy-swift detour where we refuse to take ourselves too seriously. So read on, count down, and thank us for that extra 20 minutes of free time that you're not using reading us...well, make it 15 in consideration of the extended, "more than 100 word reviews."

Mama Britney...Curious?

by Jo-Ann Arquillano

Wedding bells are ringing for America's pop princess, or are they? In a mid-September secret ceremony Britney Spears wed backup dancer Kevin Federline after a four-month engagement. However, while the service took place on September 18, *People Magazine* reports that the two lovebirds aren't legally married. Turns out, the celebrity couple moved up the wedding date from October in order to keep it as hush-hush as possible. With the change of plans, the two have yet to file for a marriage license (*Entertainment Weekly's ew.com*). No official word on why the couple moved up the wedding, though gossip around town is hinting at a possible pregnancy. While it's true that her good-girl image has hardly stood immaculate throughout her scandalous career, maybe enough of her Southern morals remain to keep her from having a baby out of wedlock. Is the world ready for Mama Brit? I guess only time will tell. Hey, if Madonna could do it... Well, regardless of whether or not the sexy starlet is actually with child, she seems to have enough projects underway to keep her spotlight steady. Having just launched the new fragrance, *Curious* by Britney Spears, which was unveiled to the public last week, Spears is



(illustration by Melanie Linney)

keeping her profile high. And while her greatest hits album isn't expected in stores until November, she has already begun her promotional trail, with the release of her new single, a remake of Bobby Brown's *My Prerogative*. It's no question that this pop diva is keeping her name in the public eye, the question is whether or not the public will keep watching. Perhaps her unceasing media coverage will just bump up her expiration date like she did her wedding.

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Top Ten Lists

the soundtrack to a great Night

Songs that'll make you really dance

by **Katyana Sacro**
Danceaholic

This one's for all the poor souls out there who felt slightly out of place at a recent weekend social event for one reason alone. They, unlike the popular majority, lack skills in pelvic thrusting and lower-backside bumping. Take no shame—I, too, am short of such fine knowledge in the arena of bump and grind. Instead, take these songs, download them/buy them/love them, and show the world what it really means to get your groove on.

Everybody Else - *Rich Girls Poor Girls*

My favorite indie band, Everybody Else is destined for fame. Really, any of their songs will make you want to jump around and flail your arms while singing along. But since you won't find them at any music store, go to their site and download the only full song available. Then tell me how much you la la love them.

www.everybody-else.com

IMA Robot - *Black Jettas*

It's just funny. Comparing the frequency in which a guy sees his ex-girlfriends to that of Black Jettas? "Some are different some are older and their body style has changed, but my heart will still jump because to me they look the same." This one creates the perfect 80's atmosphere—which means dancing like crazy is definitely necessary.

OK GO - *You're So Damn Hot*

I like grooving in the car to this one. Actually, the ideal scene would be me crossing the street with shades on, while the song seeps out from the windows of an attractive guy's car. Enough of my fantasies. Who wouldn't want to dance to a song that tells you exactly what you'd love to hear?

Scissor Sisters - *Music is the Victim*

Short, sweet, and very 70's. The beat will have you dancing disco in seconds—with about as much attitude as the one Jake Shears gives us with his diva-like voice.

Elefant - *Tonight Let's Dance*

Definitely for lovers—hold hands and be happy, something like that. Or just pretend you're the object of Diego Garcia's desire by dancing alone—it's just as fun.

The Ramones - *The KKK Took My Baby Away*

Any song by The Ramones is one you can dance to (probably because all of their music sounds pretty much the same—but let's overlook the redundancy for legendary tones). It's all you need to go back to the late 70's. Forget growing your hair out, wearing a pair of aviator shades, or even strutting the black leather jacket; just rock out to The Ramones—speakers blasting, of course.

Big City Rock - *Do You Know What You Want*

Another tiny band with success on its horizon, Big City Rock offers a catchy, adrenaline-pumping 80's pop sound. This one's a good stress reliever that'll make you want to rehash Emilio Estevez's dance moves in *The Breakfast Club*.

The Sounds - *Like a Lady*

In concert, lead singer Maja Ivansson enjoys singing while flaunting her underwear. Girls, you should too. Dancing to this song requires you having just stepped out of the shower and getting ready for the day—putting on makeup or primping, and whatever other girly things we girls do.

The Cure - *Inbetween Days*

Dear Rob Smith, you can get as old and bald as you please and I'll still love your music. In clear opposition to the sadness of the lyrics, the song has an upbeat, springy vibe that'll have you swaying from side to side no matter what mood you're in.

Boney M - *Rasputin*

Boney M gives you disco, awesome string accompaniment, and an amusing history lesson of the infamous Russian himself all in five minutes. Nobody I know feels that this song is worthy of being on the list, but I enjoy dancing around to its funky sound nonetheless. And maybe that's what dancing is about—letting loose to music simply because it's enjoyable, not having to worry about whether your [I don't know] is properly rubbing against their [I don't know what]. I hope so, at least. Because if it's not, people like me who just can't pick up the motorized skills of freaking will never get to fully comprehend the joy derived only from the fine art of dancing.



(www.safeplace.net)

Songs to fight to

by **Angel Vasquez**
Detour Editor

Raining Blood

Artist: Slayer
Lyric: Raining blood / From a lacerated sky / Bleeding its horror / Creating my structure / Now I shall reign in blood.

Puritan

Artist: Dimmu Borgir
Lyric: Bygone are tolerance and presence of grace / Scavengers are set out to cleanse the human filth parade. / I am war / I am pain / I am all you've ever slain.

Duel of the Fates

Artist: John Williams
Lyric: None, except the choir. It's the song playing in *Phantom Menace* when Qui-Gon and Obi-Wan are battling it out with Darth Maul.

Battle Lines

Artist: E. Town Concrete
Lyric: I'm here to win I ain't trying to make friends / So lose the smile, there's no need to pretend...

99 Ways To Die

Artist: Megadeth
Lyric: There is only death and danger in the sockets of my eyes / A playground of illusion, no one plays they only die.

Battery

Artist: Metallica
Lyric: Circle of destruction, hammer comes crushing / Powerhouse of energy / Whipping up a fury, dominating flurry / We create the battery.

Enslaved

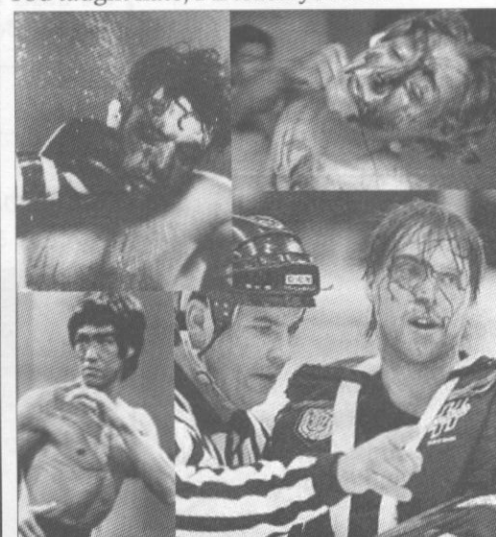
Artist: Malevolent Creation
Lyric: Lambs to the slaughter / Waiting to die / Your land infested / Killer elite.

Hollow Ground

Artist: Hatebreed
Lyric: My satisfaction is knowing that my desires will not be killed / With a readiness to defend what is mine and never compromise.

Break You

Artist: Lamb of God
Lyric: Full of nothing but deprivation / You taught hate, I'll teach you fear.



(illustration by Melanie Linney)

Top Ten... Breakfast-Making Songs

By...
The Collegian Staff

Breakfast'making'music (n.) music that follows a wild, passionate night with that special someone; this music is played during the actual making of breakfast for that special someone. The breakfast is then placed on a tray, brought to the special someone in bed, and is (or should be) followed by a wild, passionate afternoon.

1. *Save Tonight* – Eagle Eye Cherry
2. *You Shook Me All Night Long* – AC/DC
3. *I Can See Clearly Now* – Jimmy Cliff
4. *Good Day Sunshine* – The Beatles
5. *Wake Me Up Before You Go Go* – Wham!
6. *Right Here In My Arms* – H.I.M
7. *Your Body is a Wonderland* – John Mayer
8. *Sunrise* – Norah Jones
9. *Relax* – Frankie goes to Hollywood
10. *Afternoon Delight* – Starland Vocal Band

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 - 5th rule: One fight at a time.
 - 6th rule: No shirts, no shoes.
 - 7th rule: Fights will go on as long as they have to.
 - 8th rule: If this is your first night at FIGHT CLUB, you HAVE to fight.
- (from Fight Club)

Players of the Week

Linsey Bogason

Despite their first loss, Bogason has had a strong week. Leading the Gaels in kills this season, the senior guided the Gaels to their first win against the Sacramento State Hornets in 19 attempts. She has also been a major factor in SMC's first ever top 25 ranking in volleyball.

Nick Rex

In a sport which has received little coverage over the years, men's water polo star Nick Rex has quietly led the Gaels to prominence. Last year the senior made the United States All-American Team. This year, the team is off to an excellent start, winning three of their matches this week.

-Michael Chin, Sports Editor

SMC Score Card

Women's Soccer

USC Defeats SMC 2-1

Goal: McKenna Belzer(6)
Loss: Andrea Lee(3)

Men's Soccer (2-2-3)

SMC Defeats San Diego St. 2-1

Volleyball (9-1)

SMC Defeats Sac State 3-2
30-28, 29-31, 30-21, 24-30, 15-13

Men's Water Polo (4-4)

SMC Defeats Marin College
SMC Defeats Aloni College
SMC Defeats Cabrio College
Foothill JC Defeats SMC

Men's Basketball Days Until Midnight Madness: 44

SMC Weekly Athletic Schedule

Tuesday

Volleyball vs. Stanford at McKeon Pavilion 7pm

Friday

Volleyball vs. Loyola Marymount at McKeon Pavilion 7pm

Men's Soccer vs Santa Clara at Saint Marys Stadium, 4pm

Saturday

Volleyball vs. Pepperdine at McKeon Pavilion 7pm

Men's and Women's Tennis hosts SMC Fall Challenge at Korth Tennis Complex, all day

Sunday

Women's Soccer at Stanford, 1pm

Men's and Women's Tennis host SMC Fall Challenge at Korth Tennis Complex, all day

SPORTS

SMC senior to finish career as a coach

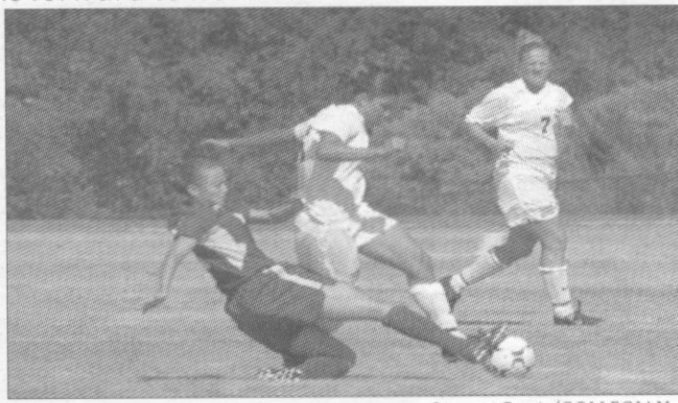
Senior Sarah Takekawa looks forward to her new role on the soccer team

Bettina Adranga

Staff Writer

Click, click, click was the sound Sarah Takekawa heard on September 7, 2004 when she was tackled and proceeded to do a, "little jump in the air." As she walked off the field, it was a evident something was wrong. Later, doctors came to the conclusion that the click was torn medial cruciate ligament on the inside of her knee. Estimated recovery time: three to six weeks. However, later that same week, she received results from an MRI taken during her initial diagnosis. The news was horrific. The senior learned that she had torn her anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) and damaged parts of her meniscus, as well as some of her tendons. The injury was season-ending. More importantly her career here at SMC was over.

Due to the seriousness of the injury, doctors were able to operate on September 16, just nine days after the injury. Doctors replaced the ACL with the patella tendon and cut out parts of her meniscus. "I didn't have a lot of time to sit back and dwell [on the injury]." The weekend following the surgery, the senior suffered through medication, which made her nauseous and dizzy.



Lissette Garcia/COLLEGIAN

Still, despite excruciating pain, she stopped taking the medications, and on the following Monday, she returned to school.

Currently, Takekawa is in rehabilitation, a daily regimen that includes ankle pumping, leg lifts, ball squats, and water workouts. Her first big test will come next week when she will attempt to shed her crutches and walk for the first time since the injury. When asked how the surgery affected her, she sat there and said, "I've never really thought of it as a serious trauma surgery. Maybe I'm just naïve about the whole surgery thing."

Friends, family, and teammates have all supported Takekawa with cards, gifts, and get well baskets, as well as helping her with dinner and keeping her company. Her mother flew here from Hawaii in order to

drive her around, cook, and clean. "People support me," said Takekawa.

More important for her now is her new role as a coach and model for the younger Gaels. "I have found a new role on the team. I'm their eyes on the sidelines. I've actually been learning a lot." Still, for athletes like Takekawa, nothing can take away from the thrill of competition. She may petition for a "red-shirt" due to medical hardship in order to play next season for the Gaels.

Like a true leader, the senior took the mishap as a way to strengthen herself. "I don't want to be cliché," she said, but "what doesn't kill you makes you stronger," and, "you'll only be tougher after you go through adversity." "It's all true," she said. "They're cliché's for a reason."

Doss:

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Minority Dealers Association, in which he served as president and chairman.

In 1978, Doss was recognized by President Jimmy Carter in a White House ceremony as one of the Top 100 U.S. Black Businessmen.

Despite his busy career, Doss remained involved with the Saint Mary's community. He served on the SMC Board of Regents, the Alumni Board of Directors, and

was the first African-American to sit on the Saint Mary's Board of Trustees.

On September 24, Doss was named the Saint Mary's Alumnus of the Year for his continuing enthusiastic support of the school.

LaRoy Doss was fondly remembered by all who knew him at Saint Mary's. Current men's basketball coach Randy Bennett, who spoke with Doss at a ceremony to honor the '58-'59 basketball team last year, recalled Doss as, "a tremendous person. He was representative of what we

are trying to do with all of our Saint Mary's student-athletes."

Bennett also stressed Doss' athletic talent. "He was one of the best players to ever play at Saint Mary's," Bennett said. In his senior season, Doss had better numbers than fellow Gael, Tom Meschery, who went on to be a star for the NBA's Golden State Warriors.

"[Doss] was a great guy who really cared and gave back to Saint Mary's," Bennett said, "I'm just glad that some of our players had the opportunity to meet him."

SMC Weekly Roundup

Volleyball Rebounds in victory against Sac State

After suffering their first loss of the season, the women's volleyball team got back to business, beating the Sac St. Hornets in a five set marathon match. The Gaels and Hornets split games heading into the fifth set. This final set would not be any different as SMC narrowly edged the Hornets 15-13. Leading the way for the Gaels were sophomore Cassandra Colka and senior Lindsey Bogason with 25 and 17 kills respectively. The win snaps a 19 game winless streak against the Hornets. SMC will next face the Stanford Cardinal at McKeon Pavilion.

-Michael Chin, Sports Editor

Men's soccer goes head to head with San Diego State

In a classic Nor-Cal vs. So-Cal battle, the Gaels faced off against San Diego State and conquered, knocking off the Aztecs by a score of 2-1. Freshman Keeper Brian Mason got his second win of the season as SMC dominated the contest both offensively and defensively. Goals came from senior Diego Rivora and sophomore Antony Butler. The Gaels will next face archrival Santa Clara on Friday in Saint Mary's Stadium. This game will open up conference play for SMC. Last year the Gaels finished behind the Broncos in the WCC.

-Michael Chin, Sports Editor

Women's Soccer drops a close one to the USC Trojans

Despite this week's 2-1 loss to USC, the Women's Soccer team looks good. Sophomore McKenna Belzer opened the scoring in the 19th minute with a remarkable shot off a long pass from goalkeeper Andrea Lee. Unfortunately, the lead wouldn't last and USC managed to wrest two goals out of the Gaels (Tracy Lansing and Rosa Anna Tantilillo). The score line is not indicative, however, of the play of Lee, who put in an amazing performance in goal, especially considering that she is a freshman.

-Noah Friedman-Biglin, Copy Editor

Croquet: not just a sport for blue-blooded

Chris Claus

There is nothing quite like stepping onto a freshly cut lawn adorned in boating shoes, plaid shorts, and a Lacoste polo with the infamous "popped collar." You may ask yourself, "what scenario would this outfit be appropriate other than having tea with Bunny at the Yacht Club?" The answer is to play the majestic and noble game of Croquet. In my continuing quest to bring obscure sports to prominence, I went for a free lesson and hopefully an interview at the San Francisco Croquet Club. I had no idea that blurting out "*&^%#\$*&!" when missing a shot was bad form. If I had known they would kick me out for it, I would have shut up.

While walking off the field in my plaid shorts and boating shoes, I realized maybe croquet was something worth bringing back to SMC. As I began to do some research, I found that croquet was an Olympic sport once before and still is immensely popular throughout the rest of the world. Commissioners maintain that the mallet swinging sport lacked the popularity to continue as an Olympic event. I am sure that its death had nothing to do with commentator's overuse of croquet ball innuendos. Continuing on with my study, I found the rules of croquet to be much more involved than I had imagined and finding simple rules for a backyard game was a battle. "The object of the game is to advance the balls through the course by hitting them with a mallet, scoring a point for each wicket. The players take turns and only one plays at a time. At the beginning of a turn the player (called the "striker") has one shot. The striker may directly hit another ball on the playing field and in turn, would earn an extra bonus shot." (croquetamerica.com).

I'll be honest you have not lived till you have experienced the pure adrenaline rush when you send an opponent's ball spiraling away from the course. "After that shot, the turn ends, unless a bonus shot is earned by scoring a wicket or stake or by hitting another ball. The turn ends when the player has no more bonus shots to play or has finished the course by scoring the finishing stake. The game is won by the player who successfully passes their ball through all of the wickets" (croquetamerica.com).

And if what I just said made no sense at all, go to Blockbuster and rent *Alice and Wonderland*, but please do not go out and play croquet with flamingos and hedgehogs or you'll have animal rights activists coming down on you like rain in Seattle. I do encourage all of you to pick up a mallet one of these days and play the lawn game fit for kings.