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CILSA leads SMC voter registration drive

Over 100 students have already been registered by service group

by Naveen Prasad
Staff Writer

Even before the beginning of the semester, the Catholic Institute for Lasallian Social Action (CILSA) started getting people ready for the voting booth. CILSA has been getting people registered to vote both on and off campus for the past two months. Forrest Kitlas '06, describes the efforts of the institute as, "totally non-partisan."

"It doesn't matter how you vote, so long as you vote. We just want to get people out there," Kitlas said. CILSA is launching a two-pronged attack. They have group service projects that drive people to parts of Oakland that statistically have a low voter turnout, and they work on campus to get more people registered. Almost every day someone is stationed outside of the CILSA office in Ferrogiaro Hall with a table and register forms. "Registering is easy. All you do is fill out the form we give you, and we'll even mail it for you," says Kitlas. The form asks questions such as your name, address, date of birth, and California driver's license or ID Card number. After that, you send it in



Christina Lopez '05 helps a student register to vote in the CILSA office

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and you're done. "We've registered well over 100 people," said Kitlas.

Lisa Vera '08, is looking forward to expressing her views. She says one of the things she wants is more money put into education.

"It's not good that only a small

percentage of [U.S. teens] are represented because only a small percentage of us vote," Vera said. She believes that most teens do not vote because many feel that their one vote won't make a difference or that getting registered means going out of their way. In response,

Kitlas said that you, "can't make changes unless you say something."

To register, visit the CILSA office in Ferrogiaro Hall. Applications for absentee ballots are also available. The registration drive ends October 18.

Radio station changes leadership

Noel Cilker steps down as KSMC's general manager

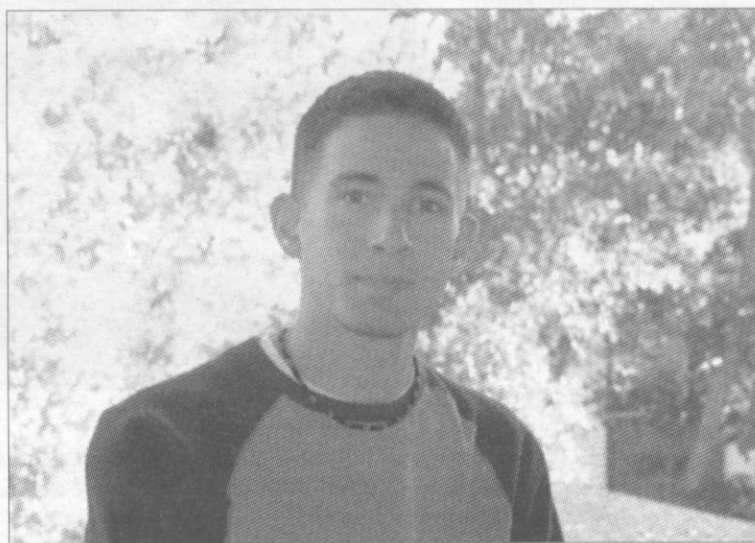
by Chris Mateo
Editor-in-Chief

Two weeks ago Noel Cilker '05 resigned from the position as KSMC's general manager. Last Friday, Katie Solis '05 was selected as the new manager.

Regarding his decision, Cilker said that it was not something that appeared out of nowhere. "Even before I re-applied for this position in the spring, I really questioned things like whether I was still into it," said Cilker. "I re-applied for that position more because I really wanted to work with Student Involvement and Leadership; I really enjoy making change. I know the station will do well. I had a really good staff in place, but I think I just ran out of gas because it was a lot of work."

Cilker plans on finding other ways to keep on working with the Student Involvement and Leadership office. "I really don't know immediately what I want to do, but I know I want to stay involved."

In considering his options, Cilker admitted that he would not mind returning to how he got his start at KSMC. "I thought about just going back to doing a radio



Jonathan Morales/COLLEGIAN

Noel Cilker '05 became General Manager of KSMC in 2003

show. I mean that's why I wanted to get involved in the first place."

When asked about his replacement, Cilker [who, at the time of this interview did not know who was chosen] commented on Katie Solis. "She was my personal choice. We wanted to get someone from the staff that knows how it runs and needs as little training as possible. And I think Katie has really proven herself to get things done."

According to Solis, her new position will give her the opportunity to take the station to another level. "I applied for the general manager position because I love KSMC,"

said Solis. "I've been involved with it for almost two years now as the events coordinator, a position created just within months of my joining the station. At the end of last year I knew that

all of the media head positions were open to application, but I said why mess up a good thing,

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Melanie Linney

Katie Solis

Presidential election, draft to be discussed at debate

by Leslie Ajari
Staff Writer

On Monday, October 11 the SMC Macken Speech and Debate Club will be sponsoring a presidential debate at the Soda Center from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. There will be one representative each from the Libertarian Party, Green Party, Democratic Party, and the Republican Party. This event is open to the public and there is no admission fee.

The debate will be held in a panel/issue debate format. The topics that will be covered are specifically aimed towards students and individuals younger than 25.

"A lot of students aren't sure who to vote for. This will allow them to explore the issues and make their own choice. Many students just vote for who their parents vote for, which often times is not who they would vote for if they were better informed," said Speech and Debate Club President Mary Barnes '06.

One of the topics that will be debated is the draft, and whether or not the government is planning on reinstating the draft for both men and women. This is a topic sure to peak the interest of all students, since the draft would impact both sexes.

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Crime Beat

<p>9/24 3:56 p.m. Incident: Student Handbook violation Synopsis: Confiscated drug paraphernalia; referred to Student Conduct.</p>	<p>9/26 12:55 a.m. Incident: Inappropriate use of fire extinguisher Synopsis: Discharged fire extinguisher in dorm room, Sabatte Hall; referred to Student Conduct.</p>
<p>9/25 1:05 a.m. Incident: Disturbing the peace and reckless driving Synopsis: Disrespect of a college official on Mission road and Ageno parking lot; referred to Student Conduct.</p>	<p>9/26 2:00 a.m. Incident: Vandalism Synopsis: Soap added to fountain water of North quad area fountain; referred to Student Conduct.</p>
<p>9/25 3:05 a.m. Incident: Disturbing the peace Synopsis: Disturbing the peace in Justin; referred to Student Conduct.</p>	<p>9/30 8:02 p.m. Incident: Student Handbook violation Synopsis: Possession of marijuana and paraphernalia, Ageno A; referred to Student Conduct.</p>
<p>9/25 5:28 p.m. Incident: Property damage Synopsis: Damage to parked vehicle in Ageno East parking lot.</p>	<p>10/1 1:05 p.m. Incident: Handbook Violation Synopsis: Lit candle in dorm room, Mitty; referred to Student Conduct.</p>

KSMC: Katie Solis steps in as new general manager

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Noel's doing a great job. So I didn't apply then for that reason. But when I heard that he was stepping down, I thought that it would be a good opportunity to take more of a leadership role in something I really like to do."

Solis' ideas are focused on the outreach of KSMC and its ability, as a media, to attract students to the campus outside of their residence halls. "I really

want to get the campus more politically active," said Solis. "I think it would be awesome to have programming such as airing the debates for those who weren't able to hear them. I have organizational ideas for the station and inside the studio, and ideas for ideas to keep people coming out of their rooms because there's [sic] a lot of things going on at this campus. I want KSMC to be a medium for students to learn about campus and

international events, and just about what's going on."
 In regards to Cilker's resignation, Solis reiterated that Cilker, who contributed to the improvement of and inspired her future work, will still be close to the station. "It was sad when I heard that he resigned. But then again, it's not like Noel dropped off of the KSMC map. There's still training and he'll at least have me calling him often to ask questions."

DEBATE: Four political parties will be represented

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The presidential candidates will also be discussed. The parties will be questioned on why they think that their party's candidate will be best to lead the new generation. From the responses to these questions, students will have information that comes from all sides of the issue.

Additional topics that will be discussed in depth include: the U.S. national debt, the environment, globalization, federal en-

titlements (Social Security, Medicare etc.), and voting percentages in the United States.

The intent of this debate is to afford students of SMC the ability to explore some of the issues of the upcoming election as well as, "to get a sense of politics and be informed," said Barnes, emphasizing that making an informed choice during the election is critical in this close election year.

After the debate the representatives will be handing out

information on their parties. They will also be available for student questions, comments and discussion.

CILSA will be present at the debate to register voters and offer information about registering to vote.

This event is just one of the many that the club is planning to engage students on campus. There will be several more debates on other hot topics and current issues.

CLUB PROFILE: MEN'S CREW

Men's crew working hard rowing, recruiting

Team looks for new members who like to have fun and work up a sweat

by Allison Kop

Assistant Sports Editor

This year's men's crew team is looking to make a splash by recruiting new members and building off last year's third place finish in the WCC.

An already strong squad led by captains Caleb Sanford and Brian Barrett hopes bolster its ranks by bringing in new rowers to fill the void left by departed seniors, including Dan Tichenor, who, with Barrett, came in 4th place nationally in the men's pair last year.

"Anybody can come out," said Club President John Davey. "You don't have to be athletic or have any experience, just a desire to be part of a team."

A typical week of practice includes three days of early morning "on the water" training at the Briones Reservoir in Orinda, where the team practices rowing together for about two hours. They spend at least two more days a week "land" training, including running, lifting weights, and rowing on the Urogometer, a machine that simulates the rowing motion. If you drive by Madigan gym in the afternoons, you will most likely catch a glimpse of some dedicated crew members

"urging" away on the treadmill-like contraptions.

"It's the hardest thing I've ever done," said Sanford. "It's the hardest sport to compete in, but it feels good to work hard."

According to Davey, joining crew was one of the best things he's done while at Saint Mary's.

"It's been a huge learning experience," he said.

"I met a lot of people and made lots of friends. It's challenging, but fun at the same time."

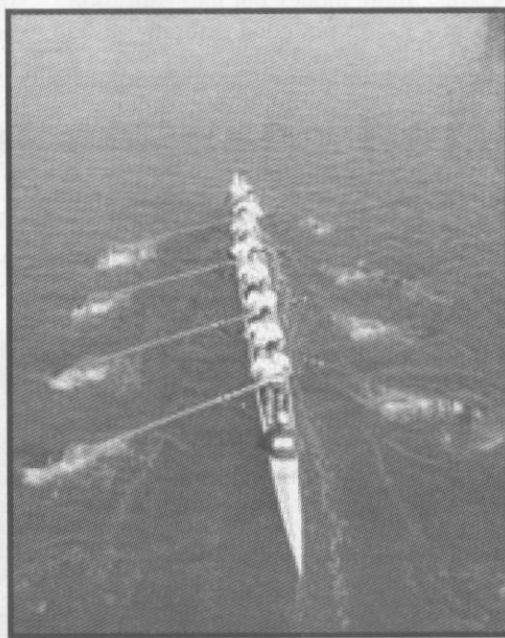
Sanford echoes Davey's sentiment.

"You meet lots of good people and you get in shape," he said. "Plus, practice is over in the morning so you have the rest of the day to do whatever you want."

In addition to practice, the team competes in several races, called regattas, each year. The first will be held on October 30th in Sacramento, but the majority of the racing takes place in the spring.

The biggest regatta that Saint Mary's will

participate in this year is the Western Intercollegiate Rowing Association championships, which hosts over 40 different teams from across the western United States.



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Movie Night in Dryden: Saved! 9 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

CWS Speaker: Ann Cummins 7:30-8:30 p.m. in Hagerty Lounge

Career Internship Fair 11-2 p.m. Central Campus

Women's Club Volleyball Carwash Fundraiser 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Rugby field

THURSDAY

Student Involvement and Leadership Workshop: Finances and Funding 11:30-1:00 p.m. in Delphine

WEEKEND

Saturday
 LASA Dance: La Panchanga 10 p.m. - 1 a.m. Soda Center

Sunday
 ASSMC Senate General Assembly in Hagerty 6 p.m.

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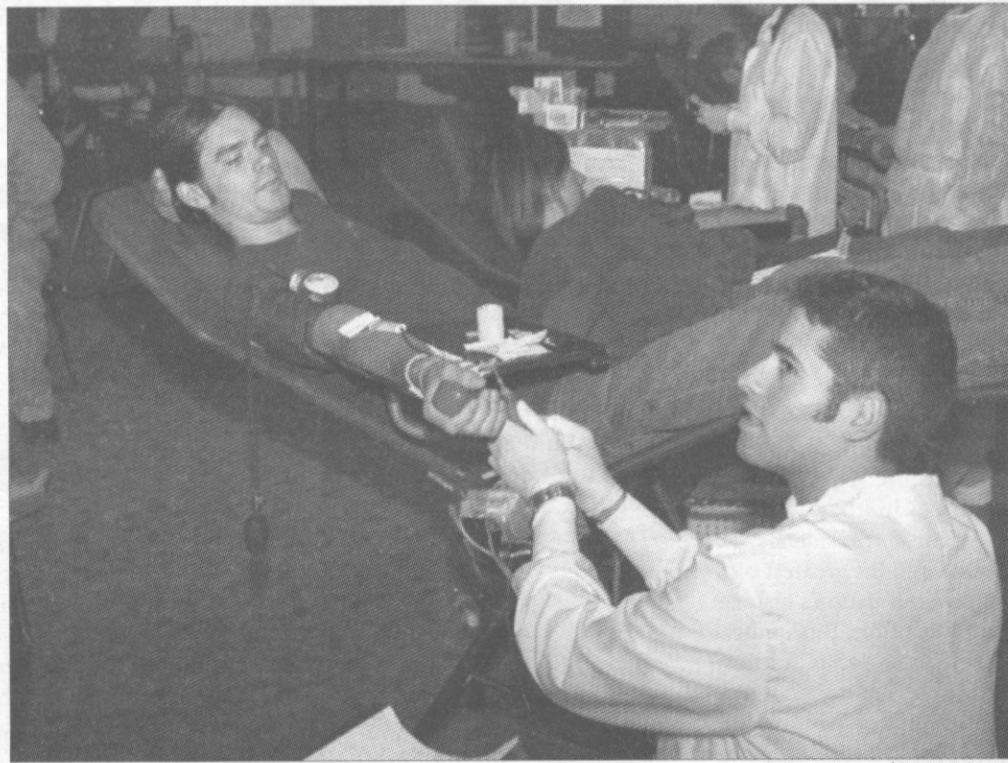
Be an informed citizen and tune in to the Presidential debates.

Designs for this year's yearbook cover are due by October 11. Turn in entries by 5 p.m. to the yearbook office. Questions - contact the yearbook office at x4673.

Midterm holiday is Friday, October 15 through Sunday, October 17.

Jan-Term Pre-registration takes place from Monday October 18 through Thursday October 21.

SNAPSHOT



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L'Ance Reed '06 gives blood at last Thursday's blood drive in the Soda Center. Another blood drive will be held at Orinda Intermediate High School on Thursday, October 7, from 1 p.m. - 6 p.m. Go to www.beadonor.com for more information about giving blood.

Student Leadership Workshops begin

All students welcome to attend sessions; next workshop on Finances and Funding

by Pablo Armas
Executive Assistant

Saint Mary's student leaders have a new resource available to them as Student Involvement and Leadership starts the Student Leadership Workshop Series. "There [were] suggestions made to the office saying that a Student Leadership Workshop would be of value to the student leader," said Brother Michael E. Sanderl, Assistant Dean of Student Life for Mission and Leadership. He also said that "Jim [Sciuto] and I sat down and looked at the different models that other colleges have to help generate ideas for what a Student Leadership Workshop

would look like here." All students are able to attend these workshops but student leaders in various groups (such as Senate, RA's, Campus Ministry's CPT, and CILSA's SALT and Bonner Leaders) are strongly encouraged to attend. "The Student Leadership Workshops will help students develop skills that will help them lead the groups that they are with," said Sanderl. "We have already had two, workshops and they have been a real success because student leaders and staff are getting in to it."

The workshops on September 16th pertained to recruiting strategies, with another on September 27th on marketing. The workshops go over different types of topics that are a concern for student leaders through three different types of speakers and presenters in the workshops: current student leaders, faculty and staff on campus, and people

from off campus such as alumni.

Monique Gougeon '07, a Bonner Leader who attended the marketing workshop, enjoyed the different speakers' approach.

"It wasn't just one person talking, but several different speakers." She went on to say that the speakers, "gave different, real examples that can help us out." Gougeon hopes the skills that she learned will help other students to come by CILSA more often because she "doesn't think that many students are aware of what CILSA is." The workshops will continue on throughout the year, with another one coming up on October 7 addressing Finances and Funding. Jim Sciuto, Assistant Director of Student Involvement and Leadership, believes that, "this is the beginning of the formalized student leadership to help students here [sic]."

Come on... You know you want to aim the barrel of your sawed-off journalism shotgun

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beyond the bubble

NATIONAL AND WORLD NEWS BITES

By TONY VALA-HAYNES

-CORAL GABLES, Florida--An estimated 63 million Americans watched the first debate between President George Bush and Sen. John Kerry last Thursday night. While both sides hit the campaign trail Friday claiming victory, 61% of viewers say that Kerry won the debate, to 19% for Bush. In a *Newsweek* poll, Kerry now leads Bush nationwide 47% to 45%.

-NORMAN, Oklahoma--Blake Adam Hammontree, 19, was found dead at 10:30 Thursday morning in the Sigma Chi fraternity house near the University of Oklahoma campus after a party. The cause of death still remains undetermined. However, it was the third death in a month in a fraternity house.

-Florida, Georgia--Flooding caused by Hurricane Jeanne has reportedly unearthed caskets in several cemeteries. The caskets, some weighing over 1,200 pounds, have been floating around the graveyards.

-SAN ANTONIO, Texas--Paul Hernandez has been charged with allegedly setting Elizabeth Tate, 81, on fire in December 2001.

-VANCOUVER, Washington--Mount St. Helens blew her top Friday and it was said to be the biggest explosion from the volatile mount in the past 18 years. Scientists now warn that an eruption is imminent, although not on the scale of the 1980 eruption.

-LONDON, England--Scientists at Oxford University have projected that by 2156 women will beat men in the 100 meter sprint.

-October baseball is finally set, with both the Giants and the A's missing this year's playoffs. In the AL, the New York Yankees will face the Minnesota Twins and the Boston Red Sox will face Anaheim Angels. In the NL, Los Angeles will play Saint Louis and Atlanta will play Houston.

(sources: MSNBC.com, MLB.com, Contra Costa Times)

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Claus on Women's Winter Wear



by **Chris Claus**
Staff Writer

For those of you who know me well, or for that matter, those who saw me at Oasis, you know that I have a vice for women. I'm not going to lie. I am a huge flirt, but my adoration is sincere. However, I am going to risk my humble reputation as a ladies' man. My message must be heard.

Ladies of SMC, as the winter months approach, I implore you to shed those short mini skirts and replace them with a nice pair of Sevens.

Now believe you me, I am just as big of a fan of mini skirts on girls as the next guy, but during these winter months, it just can't be comfortable. When I walk past the quad, I see many a girl looking absolutely amazing in their perfectly put together outfits. Unfortunately, they are shaking from the cold like little Chihuahuas, and that can't be right.

Now every guy out there is thinking that it would indeed be the perfect time to pull out some sort of line such as, "Well baby, I have something to keep you warm." But lets be honest. How many times has that worked? O.K. fine. I'll admit it did work once, but now I can never go back to the scenic state of Nebraska.

I have a deep understanding of self-image, and I mean I catch myself looking at my reflection in windows. I understand that you ladies out there want to look and feel sexy. I speak on behalf of all men out there when I say that we want you to look and feel sexy too. However, I am saying that appropriate attire should be worn during the seasons they are intended for. The whole point of this is that ladies can look just as good, if not better, in winter clothes as in summer clothes. Winter clothes leave something to the imagination, something to desire, and that is very attractive. In a world overflowing with scantily clad women, it is a refreshing change to be able to slowly undress a fully clothed woman with your eyes.

Besides, ladies, this just gives you another excuse to go out and shop. Honestly, what girl can refuse that call? With the myriad of the new fall collections coming out there must be new threads to replace those last season summer fits.

Men should, and will, respect the fact that you are not flaunting everything that your mamma gave you, and enjoy the fact that not only will you be warm in your clothes, but also when they do call (trust me they will call) for a date you won't be sick in bed with a cold. Summer clothes should be off and in a bundle on the floor (preferably in my room) when winter rolls around.

OPINION

Collegian Quote of the Week: The wise man can pick up a grain of sand and envision a whole universe. But the stupid man will just lay down on some seaweed and roll around until he's completely draped in it. Then he'll stand up and say, 'Hey, I'm a vine-man' -Jack Handey

Community Views

I attended the lecture given by Medea Benjamin on Monday. It provoked me to ask some questions about our school when I learned that the event was co-sponsored by Campus Ministry. Medea Benjamin came representing Code Pink, but she is also a well-known member of the Green Party and a supporter of a "woman's right to choose." I only mention the Green Party because they advocate "a woman's right to choose" and gay marriage. How can we, as a Catholic institution, invite an icon of support for both of those issues which the Catholic Church has constantly taught to be wrong? More specifically, Campus Ministry, supposedly being the representative of the Catholic student body at SMC, with their support of an advocate of actions that are contrary to the Church, could make it appear to the less informed that Catholics support these issues. It should raise many concerns when a campus ministry, claiming to be Catholic, cosponsors more events with the Gay and Lesbian Association than with the Christian Brothers. This provokes me to ask, "Why does Campus Ministry even claim to be a Catholic organization?"

In Christ,
Nicholas Iden '05

Shandon Griffin's editorial on why Bush should be re-elected contains so many fallacies and untruths that it requires a detailed response. Griffin states laughably incorrect facts without citing sources. This is unacceptable in such a serious issue as this election (and no, www.georgewbush.com does not count as an unbiased source). Some facts culled from Lexis-Nexis, with the aid of Harvard Law School, and TIME magazine:

Under Bill Clinton, the United States of America underwent the largest economic expansion in our nation's history. Under George W. Bush's presidency, we have entered into the greatest economic debt in our nation's history. Upon entering office, Bush inherited a 4.6 trillion dollar surplus, all of which he has squandered. As a private citizen, George W. Bush bankrupted every corporation he headed. After two years in office, 80,000 jobs were lost per month in Bush's presidency. It has been pointed out that if one were to add that to the four years his father was in office, no single American would have ever had a job. Bush slashed Congressional funding for education so that not one child was left behind, but 1,643,857 were. George W. Bush did not win the 2000 election. According to New Yorker writer, Jeffrey Toobin, "But the fact remains: The wrong man was inaugurated on January 20, 2001, and this is no small thing in our nation's history. The bell of this election can never be unringed, and the sound will haunt us for some time."

Sincerely,
Thomas Cooney

I've noticed a disturbing trend. Theft on campus has always been an issue, but it seems to be worse now than ever before. People seem to think that because it's just sitting there and there's nobody around, it doesn't make stealing wrong. Apparently, it's okay for them to just forget the eighth commandment.

In my hall alone, we're down two or three markers (from the same board, mind), a welcome mat, and a laminated calendar. I'm sorry, but who needs a laminated calendar? Was it a blast, guys? Is it hanging over your bed? One of the cereal dispensers in Oliver Hall isn't there anymore.

Maybe they just didn't want to put that one out. Then I remembered what was in that dispenser; Cinnamon Toast Crunch. Now, I love Cinnamon Toast Crunch, and I don't get it often. They only serve it about once a month in Oliver Hall. I always questioned myself as to why they don't serve it more often. Maybe it's too expensive, or it's not as popular as I think. Or maybe because some jackass steals a cereal dispenser every time it's offered! Oliver Hall isn't a grocery store, folks, you just can't take whatever you want. Especially a cereal dispenser, you moron.

There should be an amendment to the theft/unauthorized use, "Once found guilty, anyone is allowed to sock the offender in the face." I'll be first in line.
Sincerely,
Josh Krehbiel

Dear fellow students,
Have you ever walked by the CILSA (Catholic Institute for Lasallian Social Action) office and wondered what goes on in there? Do you wake up Monday mornings and feel like the weekend has been a waste? We are members of CILSA's student staff, called the Social Action Leadership Team (SALT). SALT works to engage students in social action by linking inter-

ested students with social justice opportunities, like service projects, speakers, immersion trips, and service-learning classes.

If you're asking, "How can I get involved?" come to CILSA. One of our main community involvement activities is a monthly group service project. This month we are joining forces with The Hip Hop Education Project to perform a voter registration drive. Students will go to neighborhoods in Oakland that were under-represented in the last presidential election to encourage people to vote. This is your chance to help others find their voice in the upcoming local and national elections.

Come to the CILSA office and meet us. We look forward to seeing you!
Sincerely,
Sara Steele and Melanie Stephens
SALT Members

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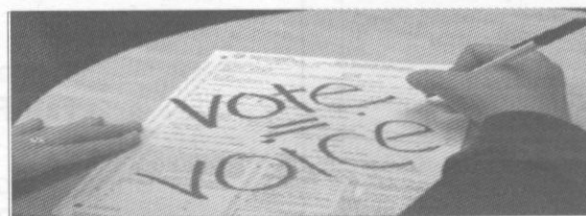
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Election 2004

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Second Presidential Debate: October 8, starting at 6pm
~Format will be questions from audience about foreign and domestic policy~

Third Presidential Debate: October 13, starting 6pm.
~Format will be candidates seated at a table with moderator, Bob Schieffer~

Medea Benjamin lecture directly affects SMC Students

College Republicans express disagreement at Medea's Message

by Aideen Rahimi

Staff Writer

Medea Benjamin, a well-known social activist and a Green party supporter, said on September 28 that citizens must engage in a social movement to stop the war in Iraq by voting Bush out of office.

Benjamin, co-founder of social organizations, Global Exchange and Code Pink, said that it is very important for people, women in particular, to vote. Thereby, the reality of the war in Iraq can change and, "we can give Iraq back to the Iraqis and bring our troops home," in front of many Saint Mary's students, faculty and Moraga residents in the Soda Center.

"I feel strongly that we need to hold the Bush Administration accountable for this war because every one of us is paying; the Iraqi civilians are paying with their lives, and each American citizen is estimated to pay 3-4 thousand dollars for this war."

The Republicans of Saint Mary's, however, expressed a disagreement with how Benjamin painted the war and the Bush Administration. They protested by wearing shirts that said such things as "pro-life," and "pink is a lighter shade of red," alluding to Medea's organizations as supporting communism. Mark Maloney, the president of



Medea Benjamin

the College Republicans Club, which is in the process of being chartered as a club, said that, "a message of propaganda was painted by Medea Benjamin." Vice President, Matt Czesak, said that he disagreed entirely with everything Benjamin said and that he wants to see a balance of views.

"I wish we could also have a conservative come speak to students as well, so we can get a balanced view of what is happening with the war and what the Bush Administration is really doing," Czesak said.

As much as I concur with Benjamin's views on the ugly situation in Iraq and the necessity of humanitarian interventions instead of war, I cannot help but agree with Czesak that we should get speakers of differing views to come lecture as well.

Although Benjamin encouraged opposing views to her own, she continued to say that, "this is

not a war we can possibly win. It is turning out to be more and more like Vietnam, and if Bush is re-elected, then there will definitely be a draft because we need hundreds of thousands of more soldiers to continue this war." This statement sent shivers down my spine. I do not want to see my friends shipped off to fight a war that we as a nation are just not sure about anymore. However, who's to say that Kerry would not do the same?

As of August 2004, 35 thousand Iraqi civilians have been killed, and 40 thousand civilians have been thrown in jail in Iraq. In addition, the unemployment rate in Iraq is currently 70 percent. This fact definitely makes me question whether this is a just war and not just for Bush's personal benefit. Benjamin hopes that with Organizations such as Code Pink, which is an organization of women for peace who push for a re-evaluation of bud-



College Republicans protesting Medea Benjamin

Melanie Linney/Collegian

Road Rage: a light-hearted frustration

by Laura Longobardi

Assistant Opinion Editor

There is nothing in the world like the feeling of driving your beautiful, freshly cleaned vehicle down the road with the windows wide open and the music blasting. Anyone who drives would agree. Driving a clean car is a wonderfully exhilarating experience. Despite this, there are still spiteful, unpleasant people who are ready and willing to vandalize one's pride and joy and ruin my day.

Ice cream is not an appropriate medium to use for cleaning a car. It ruins the paint. Bologna is not good to use while waxing your car; it also ruins the paint. Paint jobs get very expensive, even if it isn't a good paint job. Quite frankly, I know very few people who look forward to having their cars vandalized so they can shell out a few thousand dollars for a new paint job. I certainly know I am not one of those people.

So imagine my joy when I walked by my car after a weekend at home to find that it had been ice creamed. My blue beauty was dripping with chocolate and vanilla. I drove my humiliated and disgraced car to the car wash and handed over twenty bucks I couldn't really afford to spend. It was a sad day.

What I still can't get over, though, is that someone has so little respect for someone else's property. I know it sounds stupid, but I love my car; we've been to a lot of places together and we've shared some rather fond memories. It makes me more than a little mad to see it in such poor condition. There are certain things that are more or less unavoidable if you own a car: door dings, unexplainable scratches, spills, and normal wear and tear. Ice cream is not one of those things. Ice cream should only come into contact with the interior of a car accidentally. It should never be placed on the roof of a car to melt in the sun.

I don't know what this world is coming to that people think it is okay to touch another man's (or woman's) vehicle. There are standards in regards to cars that need to be observed. I keep my hands safely tucked away when passing someone's car. If by some fluke I ding someone's car, I apologize profusely and immediately.

If you wouldn't mind someone messing with your car, good for you, but by all means, stay the heck away from the cars of those of us who do care.

I went looking for a clever t-shirt and all I got was this lousy article

by Chris Mateo

Editor-in-Chief

Last Tuesday I was sitting with my friend in the Student Involvement and Leadership office. A few moments passed when another friend of ours came in wearing a hooded sweatshirt that said "Bruise Bros. 'No Blood No Guts' Boxing School." After reading it, my first friend asked, "So did you actually attend this boxing school?" She shook her head and laughed. That got me to thinking, *Could she be wearing this sweatshirt because of what my first friend implied when he said, "I'll have a sip of trend" while drinking out of his venti Starbucks cup?* Probably. Then I remembered what my shirt from the previous day said, "I need a nap!"

I thought about why I fell into the trap of the sometimes-clever, mostly-irrelevant, and attention-grabbing t-shirts. Simple: I'm sometimes clever, my friends say I'm highly irrelevant to conversations, and let's face it, sometimes my attention-getting skills match Tom Green (sans the grotesque references to bodily functions).

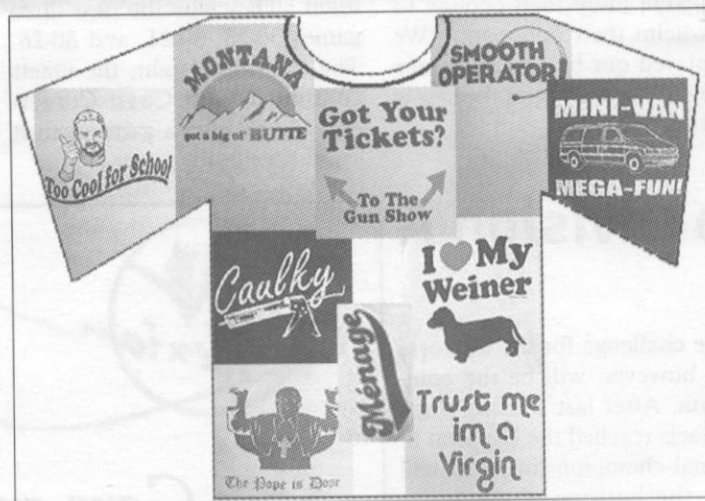


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To understand why my peers fell into the same trap, I had to grasp the meanings behind the shirts. So I divided them into two categories (well, the appropriate ones, anyway): shirts with names of places/schools the wearers most likely never visited, and shirts with funny/clever/off-the-wall sayings.

The first category had me thinking yet again. Why would you be proud to wear a shirt that says, "New Mexico: Cleaner than regular Mexico" when you never

visited either Mexico? Well, it's funny. But then again, why would you sport, "Wisconsin: smell our dairy air?" Okay, it's still funny, but if you're not from Wisconsin, how much pride can you have in the humor? And if you are from Wisconsin, it's either a) overdone, b) not humorous at all because you're used to the smell, or c) not amusing because you take pride in your state's unique aroma. When it comes to the non-humorous geographical shirts, however, I could only see myself

wearing it for one simple reason - I am waiting for Abercrombie & Fitch to pitch Moraga, California.

The second category was a big one. Within a day of writing this article I found examples such as, "Will work for shoes," "Libraries are for lovers," and in the spirit of Halloween, "This is my costume. Now give me the damn candy!" These three examples fall into sub-categories of the humorous shirts category - clever/pun ("shoes" replaced "food"), the coolness of the un-cool, and, like my "I need a nap!" shirt, impatient/blatant. [Personal note: yet another shirt that hangs proudly in front of my other clothes fits all three of these sub-categories, "Talk Nerdy to Me."]

After seeing these shirts, I realized that I was attracted to the cleverness and curious over their irrelevance. However, overall, I was just captivated and fell once again into the trap of giving attention to those that seek it. Therefore, in conclusion, one shirt that populates the drawers of a very dear person in my life sums up the reason behind this trendy style, "LOOK AT ME."

Yusuf Islam, aka Cat Stevens: Homeland Security showing inadequacies

by Colin de Leon-Horton

Staff Writer

Paranoia has been rampant among Americans since September 11, 2001, which, for a while, was understandable. Since the events on that date were the most devastating terrorist attacks in the world, a little extra caution is to be hoped for, even demanded, by the American people. How-

ever, in the light of a lack of terrorist attacks in America during the last three years, I find that the paranoia from 2001 to be outdated, and even unjust to those who have fallen victim to it. Therefore, on behalf of the Department of Homeland Security and the president who created it, George W. Bush, I extend the following apology to one of the lat-

est victims of such paranoia, Mr. Yusuf Islam.

Over a week ago, Mr. Islam was denied entry to the United States on, "national security grounds." His plane from London to Washington D.C. rerouted to Maine and Mr. Islam eventually was met by federal agents and was told to "leave the country." Ignoring the fact that

Mr. Islam is associated with three charities and posts peaceful messages on his website proclaiming such statements that, "crimes against innocent bystanders" have, "no foundation whatsoever in the life of Islam," Mr. Islam had apparently been placed on the terrorist watch list. They ignored that Mr. Islam was a prominent person in the music

scene of the 1970's under the name of Cat Stevens. They also ignored the fact that one of Mr. Islam's, or Stevens', hit songs was called "Peace Train" asking, "Why must we go on hating? Why can't we live in bliss?"

The deportation of Mr. Islam has left me baffled. He says that he is the victim of "unjust profiling." I agree, Cat. I agree.

Players of the Week

Derrick Youpel

Despite this week's loss to rival Santa Clara, Youpel has been sensational, earning WCC player of the week after his two goal performance against San Diego St. and also becoming the catalyst to the Gael's offense.

Mandy Bible

The quiet force on the team, Bible has come into her own as a sophomore this season. She leads the team in assists and has been an instrumental part in helping the Gaels to their best record ever in Saint Mary's history.

-Michael Chin, Sports Editor-

Score Card

Womens

Soccer (9-4)

Stanford Defeats SMC 2-1
Goals: G. Hollis
Loss: Andrea Lee

Mens Soccer (1-1-3)

Santa Clara Defeats SMC 1-0
Loss: Brian Mason(3)

Volleyball (13-1)

SMC defeats Stanford 3-1
SMC Defeats LMU
SMC Defeats Pepperdine

Days to Midnight Madness

This season the Sport's Section will countdown the days until men's basketball season begin: 45

SMC WEEKLY ATHLETIC SCHEDULE:

Friday

Women's Soccer Vs. Colorado College at 12:00,
Garaventa Field

Volleyball at Gonzaga, Spokane, WA at 7:00

Men's Soccer Vs. San Diego St. 3:00, Garaventa Field

Sunday

Womens Soccer Vs. USF at 4:00, Garaventa Field

RETRACTION:

In last week's "SMC weekly Roundup" section of Sports, The Collegian incorrectly named Diego Rovira and Anthony Butler as scoring game-winning goals. Both goals came from Derek Youpel '06, who was also named WCC player of the week.

SPORTS

Volleyball tops in Bay Area

SMC scores second win over 11th ranked Stanford to become top Bay Area team

by Allison Kop

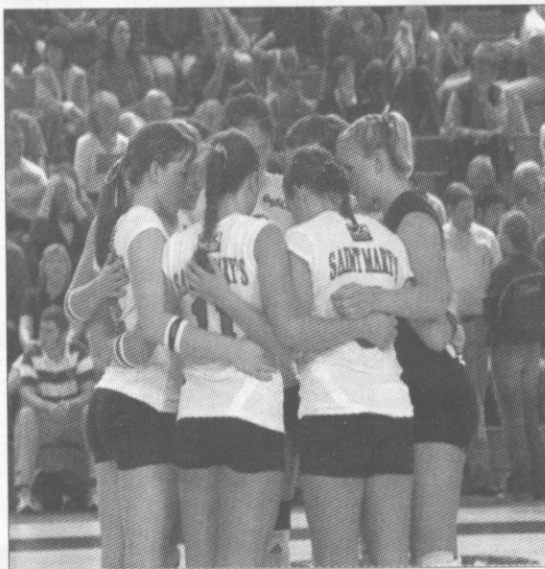
Assistant Sports Editor

This week marked the biggest test for women's volleyball. With flying colors, SMC soared through the weekend improving their record to 13-1 with wins against 11th ranked Stanford and conference rivals Loyola Marymount and Pepperdine.

In a thrilling four game match last Tuesday night, the Gaels defeated the #11 ranked Cardinal for the second time this year. With the win, the Gaels finished non-conference play with an 11-1 record and a #24 national ranking, capping off one of the best pre-seasons in school history.

In the first game, the Gaels jumped out of the gate to an early lead and never looked back, never trailing in the 30-24 win. The Gaels again took an early lead in the second game, but the Cardinal fought back to tie the game at 24 all. Led by the outstanding hitting of Nevada native Jennifer Hucke, the Cardinal were able to steal the second game 30-26.

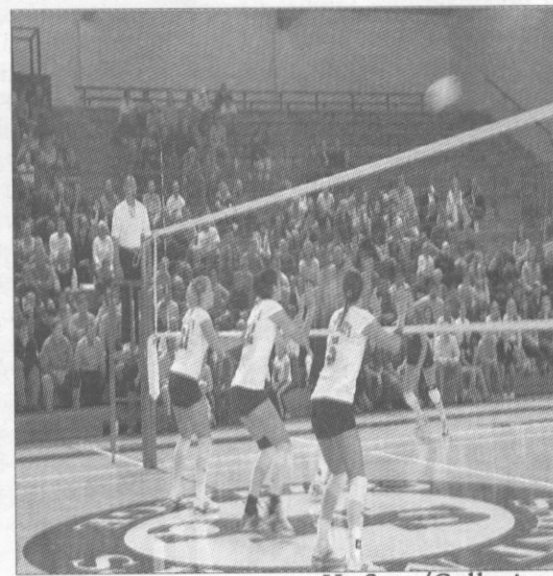
The third game brought the crowd to its feet as both teams battled tirelessly in a game that went into extra points. Saint Mary's started behind but



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stormed back with great performances from sophomore Mariko Coverdale and freshman Missie Stidham. After flip-flopping the lead with Stanford more than seven times, the Gaels sealed the victory on a great kill from senior Stacey O'Connor to finally end the game at 36-34.

The Gaels, in the fourth and final set, jumped out to an early lead and never backed down in the 30-27 victory. Though clearly outmatched in height, the Gaels' superior blocking and defensive skills were more than enough to overwhelm their opponent. "We just played our best," said senior Stacey O'Connor, "and the best is good enough."



H. Soto/Collegian

Offensively, junior Kau Salzman and senior Lindsey Bogason lead the way, both scoring seventeen kills each on the night. An almost flawless performance by sophomore setter Mandy Bible was also key in the victory.

On Friday, the Gaels opened up conference play by defeating the Lions of Loyola Marymount 3-1. After dropping the first game, the team made some adjustments, including moving Stidham from libero to outside hitter. They won the next three games 30-28, 30-21, and 30-26. The following night, the Gaels continued West Coast Conference action with a game against

Pepperdine, who entered the contest with an impressive 43-game WCC winning streak. Though clearly outmatched in height, with Pepperdine boasting three players at 6'3" or above, the Gaels showed superior hitting skills and finished the Waves in 4 games, 30-27, 28-30, 30-17, and 30-16. Sophomore Cassandra Kolkka paved the way with a game high 21 kills and Stidham led all players with 20 digs.

The Gaels are now 13-1 on the season, 2-0 in conference, one of the best, if not the best start in Saint Mary's volleyball history. Their next challenge will be this Friday against Gonzaga in Spokane, WA.

Lax moves up to Division A

By Michael Chin

Sports Editor

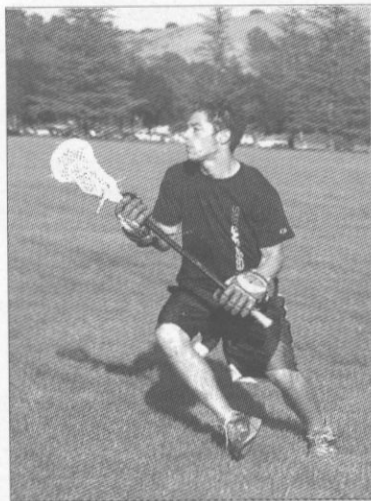
This week the Recreation Sports department announced that men's lacrosse would officially move up to Division A this next season. The Gaels will join a new conference, named the Western Central Lacrosse League. Among its members will be Stanford, UC Berkeley, Cal Poly, and arch rival Santa Clara.

Why the move to Division A? According to senior captain Peter Burns the move came due to the exceedingly high travel costs in Division B. "If we played down, we would have had to travel to San Diego and Los Angeles four times this season. On our budget that is just unfeasible. The rumors that we moved due to the football team getting cut are totally absurd."

The move also came in the wake of Division B conference opponents moving to up with the Gaels. With the move, the Gaels gain some instant rivalries such as Santa Clara, who they face in the WCC, and UC Berkeley, who they already face on an annual basis.

Financially, the Gaels will also slightly benefit from the move but according to Burns "not enough to make a huge difference."

The challenge for the Lacrosse team however, will be the competition. After last season, when the Gaels reached the Division B national championship, they will be at the bottom of the heap. Burns understands the challenge



L. Garcia/Collegian

"Playing in Division A will mean better competition which in turn means more focus. We need to take it to the next level and move this program in the right direction." Burns and company have already begun the process practicing three times a week in the fall. Their first test will come on February 12th as they host the Cal Poly Mustangs.



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All American Nick Rex tells all

Senior Men's Water Polo stud reveals all to the Collegian

Colin de Leon-Horton

Staff Writer

At the beginning of last year, goalkeeper Nick Rex was a little known player on Saint Mary's Water Polo team. A year has past, and the senior is much more than just another name in Gaels sports. In a sport that has received little coverage over the years, Rex has earned All-American Honors and is primed to lead the Gaels to a run at the national championship this season. The Collegian caught up with this emerging SMC superstar and had the chance to get to know the man behind the myth.

What is the most desperate thing you would do for a million dollars:
Reality TV.

If you could fight any historical figure, who would it be:
Odysseus.

What is the weirdest thing you want to do, but have been to afraid to try:
Ballroom dancing.

Your Dream Job would be:
I want to be an art professor at UCSD, because they have their offices on the beach with shower so the professors can surf and then shower.

Favorite sport to play:
Baseball.

Hero:
My hero is my dad. He has provided for me for a long time by himself. I want to follow in his footsteps.

Hidden talent:
painting, surfing.

Favorite food:
Grandito Burrito, probably the worst thing for you to eat.

Nickname:
Teabag, because I take a lot of balls to the face.

Favorite super hero:
Leonardo from the Ninja Turtles

Favorite movie: Princess Bride, it's the best movie ever.

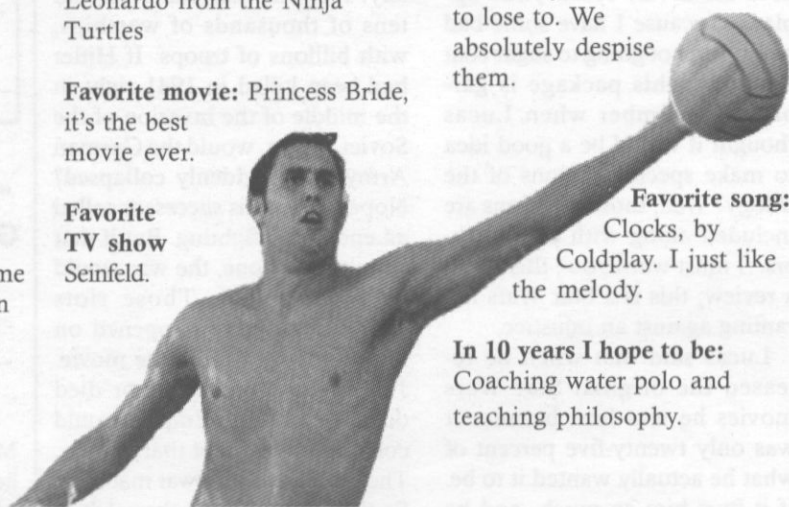
Favorite TV show:
Seinfeld.

Favorite Athlete:
Bernard Hopkins.

Favorite team to play against:
Cal Maritime. They are our rival. They're the team that we absolutely do not want to lose to. We absolutely despise them.

Favorite song:
Clocks, by Coldplay. I just like the melody.

In 10 years I hope to be:
Coaching water polo and teaching philosophy.



Whose baseball reigns supreme

LA Express

By Nick Carr
Sports Writer

Last time I checked, the Giants have captured a grand total of zero World Series since 1958. We could call it a slump, but definitely not a curse. During this time span, their rivals down south, the LA Dodgers, have flourished, winning five championships. San Fran has made it to the big dance before, most recently in 2002, but they always seem to falter when the game is on the line. While it is true that the Dodgers have failed to make the playoffs in the last decade and a half or so, they will be in for some great autumn baseball this year. The Dodgers will storm back into the playoffs in style. Forget the days of bitter fans screaming, "Wait for next season," because the So Cal express begins in October.

The reasons for Dodger's success in 2004 have been numerous, with several players coming into their own this season. However,

when you think of the Dodgers in 2004, there is only one player who comes to mind: Eric Gagne. He's got the nastiest barrage of pitches out of any closer in the league. His numbers also back it up. Gagne holds the longest save streak in major league history. Is there any wonder why the big screen flashes "Game over" when he jogs onto the mound? Gagne and the Dodgers have posted a .988 fielding percentage which ranks first baseball. This team proves the theory that defensive brilliance, not offensive barrages, wins close games.

LA's offense can be summed up in one name: Adrian Beltre. No one more deserving of the National League MVP than Beltre. Although Barry Bonds has had a brilliant season, Beltre has kept his team in first place all year while playing with bone chips in his foot. So watch out for the Dodgers this post season because they have a history of wrecking teams in the playoffs.

Giants of the World

By James Panda Lee
Sports Writer

As the playoff picture becomes more intense, there is a growing sense of hostility on campus between the San Francisco Giants and LA Dodgers fans. This can also be otherwise categorized as the Nor Cal/So Cal Rivalry. And by the last comment I am suggesting that there are a lot of apathetic/front runner fans down south, who usually respond "Wow, the ____ are doing well? Well I am from LA so I should root for them." When asked what they think about a certain team. And this would be the biggest problem people have to So Cal fans.

Truthfully, as a die hard Giants fan, it is really hard to say the Giants are better than the Dodgers. On paper the Dodger's roster is intimidating and their record is better than my beloved Giants. However, the D-men they have always been missing something. Although the Dodgers have better players, most of

them are underachievers who always manage to choke. They don't have the big time player like the Giants have in Barry Bonds. Case in point, when the two met last weekend, Dodger closer Eric Gagne did not even pitch to Bonds in fear of getting rocked. He is supposedly the best pitcher in baseball and would not pitch in fear. That puts the Giants over the Dodgers.

Moreover, in the past four years the Dodgers have spent at least ten million dollars more in salaries given than the Giants. In the 2002 season, when the giants made the playoffs, their roster was valued at about 78 million dollars, while the Dodgers spent about 95 million dollars. I guess in LA you can't buy success. I will close from a quote from baseball writer and expert Ryan Wilkins who writes for Baseball Prospectus when talking about the two teams lineups, "Well, the Giants have the arguably the greatest position player of all-time, and he counts for a ton. The Dodgers don't have much in terms of bona fide stars, except maybe Shawn Green, who's past his prime at this point."

SCU Vs. SMC The other bay area rivalry

By Michael Chin
Sports Editor

Here in the bay area, we are privileged to be the home of several long-standing college rivalries. In the Pacific Ten conference, Cal and Stanford duke it out every year for bragging rights in the bay area. Its biggest event, their annual football Big Game, plays to sell out crowds, and no matter the record of the teams, a win in the game makes the season a success. Here at Saint Mary's, we have much of the same. Since the beginning of Saint Mary's athletics we have met against our neighbors to the south the Santa Clara Broncos.

The rivalry began in 1896 when the Broncos and Gaels met to play football. The game be-

came so famous that it was named the Little Big Game. Over the next century, the two would square off almost every year until 1992, when the Broncos finally dropped football. Today the trophy, a bell from a naval ship, can be seen in McKeon Gymnasium. Despite the loss of football and the Little Big Game, SCU and SMC take the field against one another in a WCC conference actions as well as club sports such as Lacrosse, Men's and Women's rugby, and crew.

The most recent addition to this rivalry came when the Gaels and Broncos faced off in men's soccer with SCU narrowly defeating the Gaels one to nothing. The next chapter in this rivalry will be written when the women's soccer faces one another October 16th. Following this, the Gaels will again butt heads with the Broncos the following day in volleyball.

SMC weekly Roundup

Men's Tennis

Saint Mary's men's tennis got its feet wet this weekend as the Gaels hosted a tournament at Korth Tennis Complex this weekend. The Gaels faced off against USF, Pacific, and Sacramento State. The round robin tournament show cased the emergence of many Gaels including junior Adam Favvre and Martin Marechal. Along with injured senior J.J. Whitinger, these three will lead the Gaels this coming fall.

Michael Chin,
Sports Editor

Men's Water Polo

Men's Water Polo headed west for the Ohlone College tournament last weekend. In a round robin style tournament, the Gaels took second place after defeating Cabrillo 11-4, Ohlone 5-3, and Marin 12-2. Nick Rex had strong tournament with an average of 10 saves per game. Court Austin came out and displayed some spectacular talent with several steals, assists, and goals. Junior John Leary also displayed consistent with powerful and head smart offense. The team is now 4-4 with three losses coming from the Delta tournament held in Stockton September 17-18.

Sarah Hildebrand
Sports Contributor

Women's Soccer

Stanford Coach Paul Radcliffe welcomed his old Saint Mary's Gaels team onto the Cardinal Campus with a 2-1 loss this past Sunday. At Halftime, the game was nodded up at one a piece. The Cardinal finally broke through early in the second half, when they booted one past Gael Keeper Andrea Lee. The Gaels would fight hard, but were unable to come back. SMC recieved its lone goal from transfer Gennevie Hollis. With the loss, the Gaels drop to 9-4 on the season. SMC will see action later this week when it faces Colorado College and USF.

Michael Chin,
Sports Editor

Men's Soccer

The Men's soccer team opened their conference play this past Friday at home on Garaventa field against Santa Clara University. Despite a hard-nosed first half, where the Gaels allowed only three shots, the defense could not stop the Broncos in the second. Keith DeVey came on for SCU as a substitute in the 53rd minute, and managed a goal 32 seconds later. The Gaels were not done and managed two shots in the last 35 minutes, but could not put one in. Their next game is Friday, October 8th at 3:00 pm on Garaventa field against Loyola Marymount.

Noah Friedman-Biglin,
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The Greatest Reviews Ever...

(OK, not ever, but for now)

Cellular

Cellular delivered exactly what it promised: an action flick with a decent plot and some predictable jokes to help it along. Jessica Martin (Kim Basinger) is abducted by some thugs (including Jason Statham from *Lock, Stock, and Two Smoking Barrels* - or for those who find that reference too obscure, he's also in *The Italian Job*). She is held captive and manages to randomly dial Ryan Hewitt's (played by the not-too-bad-looking Chris Evans) cell phone from a smashed telephone, and convinces him to help her. What ensues is standard action film behavior, meaning a good deal of fast driving, shoot outs, and a general disregard for the laws of physics. The film is redeemed by a stellar performance from William H. Macy (*Fargo*) and a hilarious lawyer truly who loves his car. All things considered, I would recommend saving some cash and wait to rent this one.

- Lindsey Owen

Muse

Critics have proclaimed the latest album *Absolution* from the British band Muse to be "earth-shattering." I agree, and though I'm not supposed to, I apply also that comment to the previous albums that Muse put out, *Showbiz* and *Origin of Symmetry*. Thus, two weeks ago, you can place me at the Warfield standing in a crushing mosh-pit in order to see this amazing band.

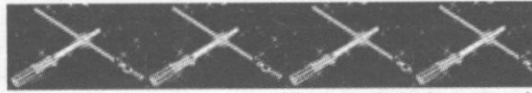
With barely any talking to the crowd, Muse cycled through the hard hitting songs that make their albums so fantastic. For those of you not familiar with the band, I suggest that you look up the songs "Muscle Museum," "Plug in Baby," and recent single, "Time is Running Out." They played all three of these and more, making the concert so intense that I didn't care about a billion smelly concert goers whose armpits were about level with my nose. As a friend of mine said after seeing them, "for three skinny British guys, they sure can rock hard."

- Colin deLeon Horton

DETOUR

Episode (-1): A Lost Hope

Angel Vasquez
Darth Antagonous



(illustration by Melanie Linney)

Finally, everyone's prayers have been answered: the original Star Wars trilogy is now available on DVD. Hold your applause because I have some bad news. I'm not going to sugar coat anything; this package is garbage. Remember when Lucas thought it would be a good idea to make special editions of the trilogy? Well, those additions are included along with a few others. I must warn you, this is not a review; this is a Star Wars fan ranting against an injustice.

Lucas said that when he released the original Star Wars movies he was hurt because it was only twenty-five percent of what he actually wanted it to be. If it hurt him so much, and he felt so disappointed, then he shouldn't have released it in the first place. I'm glad he did, though, because truly they are the greatest movies of all time. Lucas defiled their sanctity by making those changes. I wouldn't be so pissed if the additions made sense, but they don't. The movies now are riddled with inconsistencies.

First, I'll start with the changing of Boba Fett's voice. Lucas' reason for the change: Jango Fett had an accent, Boba is Jango's clone and he should have an accent, too. Still, the original voice was better and sounded much cooler. But Lucas seems to overlook something: he does not take notice of the fact that the Republic troops were the clones of Jango Fett. Shouldn't they have accents, too? Does he not know that he decided to relate these troops to the Stormtroopers of the original movies? The idea that he planted in everyone's mind was that the Stormtroopers in the originals were the Clone Troopers from the prequels. So, why does he not change their voices, too?

He'll probably try and explain that the Stormtroopers in the originals were conscripts or people that had joined up on their own. But that's him trying to cover up the fact that he messed up.

Second, I'll move onto the victory celebrations at the end of Return of the Jedi. Probably the most horrendous thing I have ever seen. They never should have been added in. The Endor celebration was good enough. What, the Emperor dies and the whole galaxy knows just a few hours later? Give me a break. Let's not make up things like a galaxy-wide news network. When Naboo was occupied by the Trade Federation, how quickly did the galaxy learn of this? That's what I thought. On Coruscant, the Imperial capitol world, the stronghold of the Empire, you have civilians celebrating in the streets and "overthrowing" the Imperials. Right. Was the whole Imperial Fleet destroyed at Endor? I don't think

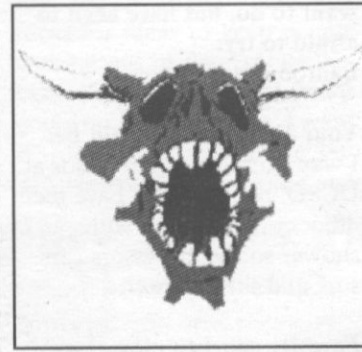
so. I counted only about thirty ships. Are you going to tell me thirty ships conquered the galaxy? No. The Imperial Fleet had tens of thousands of warships, with billions of troops. If Hitler had been killed in 1941 right in the middle of the invasion of the Soviet Union, would the German Army have suddenly collapsed? Nope. Unless his successor called an end to the fighting. But if that hadn't been done, the war would have continued. Those riots would never have happened on the scale portrayed in the movie. Just because the Emperor died doesn't mean the Empire would collapse, at least not that quickly. They still had a vast war machine. So that's why I think the celebrations should not be included, except on Endor, where the actual battle took place. Why the hell is Naboo celebrating? I'm not even going to say anything about the horrid Gungans. And why would anyone celebrate on Kamino? With the Empire in power, they would have been producing tens of millions of clone soldiers. When the Emperor died they lost business.

I've saved the worst for last. Lucas put Hayden Christensen in the place of the original actor that played Anakin Skywalker at the end of Return of the Jedi. First of all, when Darth Vader died and his spirit joins Obi-Wan and Yoda, he was supposed to look like a man who was in his fifties. That was what he would look like at that age if he hadn't turned to the dark side and been badly mangled by Obi-Wan and the lava. Putting Hayden Christensen into it means that he stopped aging in his twenties. Now, I can understand how the theory is that he was reverting back to when he was on the light side, but remember: he came back to the light side before he died, so why go back to his twenties? Stupid idea. It is a poor symbol of redemption.

The whole thing is just a travesty. Sorry I focused on Return of the Jedi, but I couldn't handle watching the other ones. These are only a few examples; the other movies have the same kind of crap in them. The only positive thing I can say about this box set is that it has great audio and visual quality and it comes with an awesome fourth disc documentary on the making of Star Wars. I justify wasting my money on this release by saying that I didn't pay for the movies, I paid for the documentary. Peace, much love, and I'm out. (I drop the microphone and walk off stage.)



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"WHO YOU GONNA CALL?" GHOSTS OF SAINT MARY'S! Part I

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Since its being built, the Saint Mary's campus seems to be a hotbed of ghostly activity. Tales of terror are easy to come by. Some of these are created for the sole purpose of scaring gullible freshmen. Apparently, nobody was ever murdered on 3rd floor of Aquinas. But others? Others are real. Now, one fearless (kinda...sorta...not really) reporter braves the supernatural to bring out the truth behind these gruesome ghouls!

Your floor, Madam

Story: The elevator in Augustine wasn't working. The doors were opening when the elevator car hadn't reached that area. One girl apparently didn't know this, and fell down the shaft. When the firefighters arrived to get her, they accidentally pushed the down button for the elevator, and killed the girl. Her ghost now haunts the elevator. If you ever see it shake after the doors open, don't get in.

Conclusion: After riding the elevators for about half an hour, goodness knows how many trips up and down, I came to the conclusion that riding elevators for half an hour was not for me. However, unless the ghost manifests herself in terms of motion sickness, I was left unmolested.

Don't have a cow, man!

Story: As a prank, an upperclassman brought a cow upstairs to the 4th floor of Augustine. Cows can travel up stairs, but not down. So this little calf was stuck up there. Despite numerous attempts, the administration was unable to find a way to get the cow out unharmed. And so the cow was taken downstairs in pieces. You might here a lowing if you are in Augustine.

Conclusion: Other than some rather unnatural and somewhat disturbing sounds from various dorm rooms (ah, you crazy college kids), I heard no cows. But then, this ghost was never known to commonly roam the halls. Just don't bring a hamburger home, that's all I'm saying.

Well, it seems the flashlight has burned out for tonight, my happy campers. Keep reading for more ghost stories.

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Staff Culinary Critic

"Rhode Island, neither a road, nor an island. Discuss." Can you hear the fabulous New York accent? Good. Keep it in mind and read on.

Last Wednesday I reverted to my New York roots the minute I stepped into Saul's Deli on Shattuck Avenue in Berkeley. The very air seemed different, filled with the delicious smells of ethnic goodies. The walls were covered in New York tchotchkas, (Yiddish for stuff) and the host was adequately sarcastic. I was at home.

But, honey, don't get me wrong. You don't need to be a New Yorker or Jewish to appreciate the food. Think of it as a trip to New York without the jet lag. In true New York form, when my friends and I sat down we were immediately brought a bowl of pickles! Dr. Brown's cream soda, or my favorite, Cel-Ray soda, soon followed. A brief warning: Cel-Ray soda is not for the faint of heart. A soda that tastes like sweet celery requires a certain adventurous attitude that is in-born in New Yorkers.

I noshed happily on my pickles while I looked over the menu. After briefly considering a bagel (I hate to inform you Californians that if you've never been to New York, you've never had a real bagel), I decided on my childhood favorites: matzo ball soup and a potato latke with apple sauce. What are these things you ask? I'll tell you: a matzo ball is like a dumpling. It's matzo bread (unleavened bread, which is eaten at the Jewish festival of Passover) crumbled up, rolled into balls, and boiled in chicken broth. My grandmother swears it will cure all that ails you. A latke, not only a character on the hit 70's show "Taxi," is grated potato and onion fried pancake, served with apple sauce or sour cream. I could hear my grandmother's voice in my ear saying "eat, tateleh, eat!!" as a hot pastrami sandwich or egg salad on challah, a traditional braided egg bread, tempted me, but I needed to save room for dessert. Hamentashen, a doughy cookie with fruit in the middle, was my sweet of choice, although the halvah (crushed sesame seeds in honey) and rugelach (chocolate cookies) were hard to pass up.

So friends, go to Saul's, have dinner and coffee, talk amongst yourselves. I'm getting all verklempt thinking about having to go to Oliver Hall tonight.