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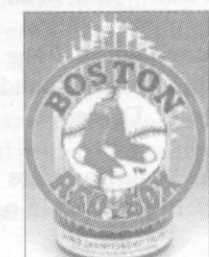


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School assessed for re-accreditation

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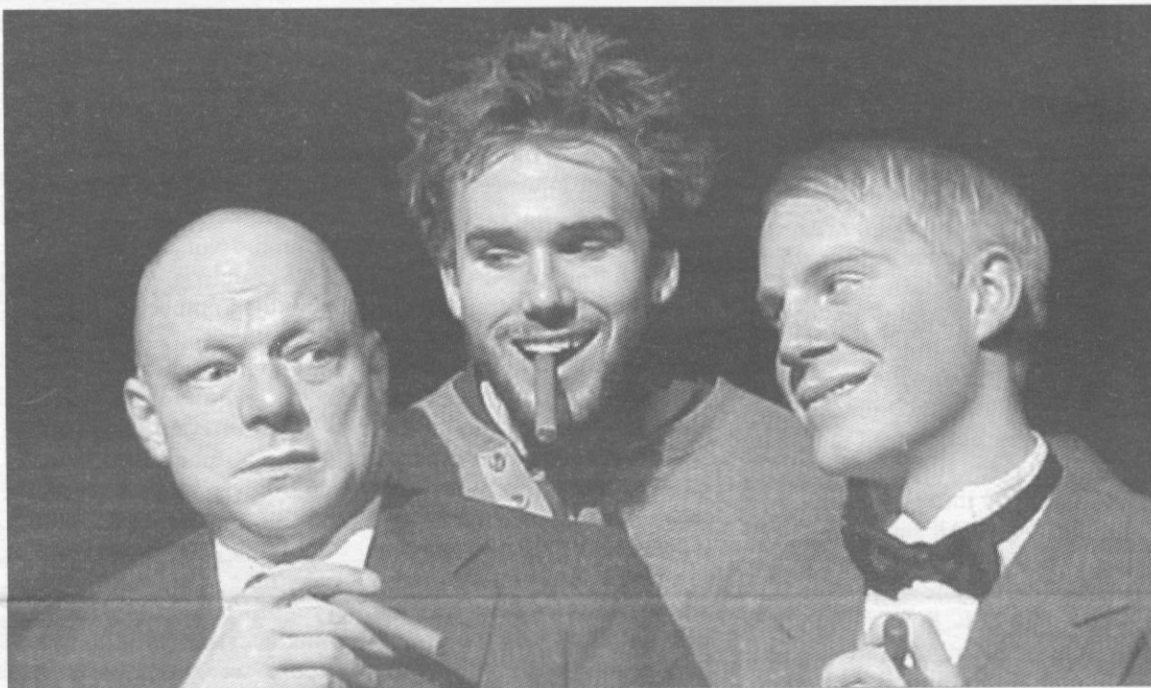
On October 21, Provost Sally Stamp sent an email to the faculty, staff and students of Saint Mary's College regarding the public overview of Frank Lazarus, Chair of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC)

site team. WASC, one of six regional accrediting associations in the United States, was created to evaluate and accredit schools, colleges, and universities in California as well as areas west of the state.

The process used to develop the SMC WASC proposal for re-accreditation included two reviews: the Preparatory Review in Fall 2003 and the Educational Effectiveness Review in Fall 2004. The Preparatory Review was guided by

a Steering Committee formed by vice presidents, deans, faculty, and staff to gather data needed "to determine compliance with the standards, and to focus campus discussions on processes needed to create a culture of continuous improvement," according to SMCnet. The Educational Effectiveness Review (EER) was divided into five themes: administrative and operational alignment, academic program effectiveness, shared inquiry, social justice, and

diversity. According to Stamp's email, the WASC team will offer its final report in two to three weeks. This report includes several suggestions in addressing these five themes. These suggestions include mandatory diversity workshops to ensure the faculty's cultural competence, a mandatory social justice facet in the core curriculum, the appointment of a diversity coordinator, and an assessment WASC, p2



Brother Mark Folger, Beau Ballinger, and Alex Kirschner in 'The Firebugs'

'Firebugs' cast lights up LeFevre Theatre

Curtain goes up on absurdist play this Thursday evening

by Lara Endreszl
Staff Writer

For the past six weeks, there have been many people lurking around LeFevre Theatre at night. Who are these nocturnal creatures sneaking around our theatre and disappearing amidst the curtains of the stage? Why, they are firebugs!

Imagine a community that is so consumed by fear and the threat of terrorism that the citizens tiptoe around their own shadows. Sounds a little bit like America post-September 11, doesn't it?

Now imagine that in this world, fire is the only enemy and the terrorists are called firebugs. The strike of a match draws attention to your every move, firemen are immortalized, and suspicion becomes your best friend. Although the themes are slightly different, anyone who sees this play cannot deny the parallels drawn to our own society. Swiss playwright Max Frisch wrote about this community in 1958, and director Rebecca Engle and the rest of the Saint Mary's College production company are bringing it to life this week.

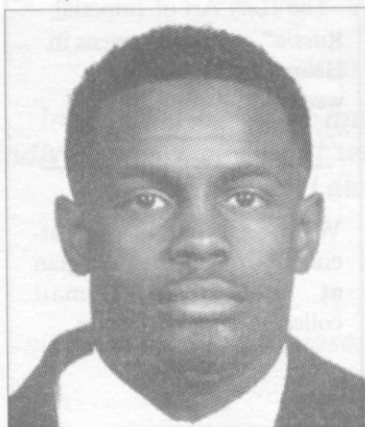
The Firebugs, set in a nondescript, bustling city, takes us into the life of the Biedermans in the mid-20th century. Wealthy businessman Gottlieb Biederman, played by Brother Mark Folger,

and his weak-hearted wife Babette, played by Angela Santillo, are tenants of this town terrorized by flames. Gottlieb is tired of the talk of suspicion and rejects the idea of it in his own home by inadvertently letting a drifter stay overnight. Suddenly, one drifter turns into two, and the hilarity ensues while poor, naïve Gottlieb befriends them. Despite the warnings from the Chorus, (firemen who resemble an ancient Greek chorus), Gottlieb still doesn't see the problem, even when his tenant, Mr. Schmitz (Beau Ballinger) starts hiding gasoline in his attic. With the help of his colleague, Mr. Eisenring (Alex Kirschner), Schmitz is able to fool Gottlieb into thinking they are sincere.

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Leonard Harmon '03 dies in accident

by Bettina Adragna
Staff Writer



Saint Mary's College graduate Leonard Harmon passed away on Thursday, October 21, an e-mail sent to all Saint Mary's students announced. He died as a result of a car accident.

Harmon graduated from Saint Mary's in 2003. He was a Business Administration/Computer Science major and a Saint Mary's College football player his sopho-

more and junior years. He also worked as event staff for athletic events according to Mark Orr, senior associate athletic director for Saint Mary's College. He played intramural sports and worked as a summer camp counselor with Steve Jacoby, assistant athletic director at the college. After graduation, he worked at Best Buy in Pleasant Hill in technical support and as a waiter at Pennini's restaurant see HARMON, p2

Lasallian Student Spotlight:

Elsie-Rita Wanton



Melanie Linney/COLLEGIAN

by Jonathan Morales
News Editor

What does Lasallian mean to Elsie-Rita Wanton '05? It means putting actions to words. Wanton's desire to be an activist allows her to live the Lasallian mission in her everyday life.

"It's an unconditional love for all human beings, period," Wanton said. "But it's not just loving human beings, it's when that love turns into activism. I don't think I could uphold what Lasallian means to me if I wasn't an activist."

Wanton is co-chair of the Psychology Club, and is also involved with the Women's Resource Center, the Peer Outreach and Education Team, and the Black Student Union. She said that much of what the Psychology Club is doing this year has to do with community service.

"It's an academic club, but most of our activities are centered around community outreach," she said.

But for Wanton, activism goes beyond just getting involved on campus.

"Coming from a poor family myself, it's personal for me because I can see myself not long ago having to stand in line for free lunches and do things like that," Wanton said. "So I think it's important for me to not have a condescending approach towards people who are not able to provide for themselves."

Going door-to-door to educate people about issues, working on see LASALLIAN, p2

Crime Beat

10/24	1:45 a.m.	10/24	9:59 p.m.
Incident: Injured raccoon		Incident: Threatening telephone call	
Synopsis: Injured raccoon on Mission road at Canyon lot.		Synopsis: Threatening telephone call in North Claeys; referred to Student Conduct.	
10/24	3:10 a.m.	10/26	10:33 p.m.
Incident: Attempted theft		Incident: Dispute between students	
Synopsis: Table removed from 2nd floor entry of Syufy performing arts hall.		Synopsis: Dispute between resident students in Becket; referred to Student Conduct.	
10/24	4:10 a.m.	10/28	10:00 a.m.
Incident: Medical assist		Incident: Medical information report	
Synopsis: Minor under the influence of alcohol; referred to Student Conduct and the Health and Wellness center.		Synopsis: Student injury in Aquinas hall; referred to Student Conduct and Health and Wellness center.	
10/24	8:30 a.m.		
Incident: Property damage			
Synopsis: Damage to student vehicle in the baseball field parking lot.			

WASC: final report in 2-3 weeks

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ment of institutional climate with the purpose of fostering equity among all campus constituents.

Janet Luce, director of the Catholic Institute for Lasallian Social Action (CILSA) was involved in the EER. "I was one of the co-chairs of the social justice educational effectiveness team," said Luce.

While the review team applauded CILSA's work, Luce understood the recommendation of a social justice component in the core curriculum. "[WASC] said that the work that had happened in the last number of years regarding social justice as part of the co-curriculum was commendable," said Luce. "They also recommended that as the college moves forward in its consideration of the general education, that there should be some consideration toward whether or not social justice may be part of the general education curriculum."

Brian Stanley, Academic Advisor and Coordinator for Black Student Programs, was one of many staff members involved in the review.

"I was a member of the diversity committee," said Stanley. "Other staff members and I provided information to [the leaders of the Educational Effectiveness Review Team in Diversity] Colette Fleuridas and Marsha Newman, the primary authors of the diversity document."

In regards to suggestions by

WASC, Stanley commented on the addition of social justice in the core curriculum. "I think the recommendation that we add social justice to the curriculum may open up a whole new avenue for advising students," said Stanley. "Currently we advise on academic issues - we ask questions like how does your major fit in your life and who you are, and how will this affect you in the long run? And now, some of those questions get broadened - how does this service opportunity that's offered with this class help shape you as a citizen, both as a member of SMC as well as the global community?"

As a program coordinator Stanley remains optimistic. "Just based upon what Mr. Lazarus said I think Black Student Programs will be affected in positive ways," said Stanley. "A conversation about civility and a sense of otherness has been needed for a while at this college, now we will be able to have that. I think that's the most salient impact that will result from the recommendations. It's a good opportunity for [SMC] to think about what it means to be a community, what it means to be humble, to acknowledge a lack of understanding and a lack of awareness of difference, and to understand the importance of difference. It's a great way to think about who we are, who we say we are, and what we say we do."

Another recommendation made by WASC was to have the president of SMC appoint a full-

Harmon: ex-football player was "brilliant"

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rant in Moraga.

"Leonard was a truly unique person," said Jacoby when asked about Harmon. He was both a "computer geek" and a "good athlete," and "wowed" Jacoby with his passion for computers.

"People try to stereotype football players," said Jacoby, but Harmon broke the stereotypes. He was "brilliant," he said. He recalled an incident after spring break one year, when Harmon brought a video he had made of his holiday. He had edited it himself, and it looked "profes-

sional."

"This has happened all too often," said Jacoby, referring to other graduates or students who have passed away. His loss is "such a tragedy," because Harmon was "so bright," and his future was so bright. He was a "good man," and his loss, "kind of leaves you wondering why," with Jacoby adding that it is "hard to understand." He "will really be missed," he said. "He touched a lot of people, and he's going to leave a tremendous void for quite a few people's lives."

Mark Orr, senior associate athletic director, described

Harmon as, "a pleasure to be around," and said that the athletic department was "blessed" to have him. He, "epitomized what we look for in all of our students," and was, "a genuine, good person."

Finally, Carl Clapp, Director of Athletics at Saint Mary's College, said that, "Leonard was a quality young man who was looked upon highly by his peers and coaches."

Anyone who wishes to send their condolences can send them to Harmon's mother, Peggy Harmon, at 4819 E. Swift #105, Fresno, CA 93726.

FIREBUGS: trust and morality are main issues

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Beau Ballinger, who plays Joseph Schmitz, refers to the play as, "a comedy about serious issues." *The Firebugs* is exactly that: comedic in presentation, yet serious in overall theme. Having a lot to do with our country's present state of affairs, *The Firebugs* deals mostly with the idea of morality and what it has to do with the widespread notion of fear within a community. Will Gottlieb and Babette's morality decide their fate?

The play runs Thursday, November 4 through Sunday, November 7. All shows Thursday through Saturday start at 8 p.m. Sunday's show is at 2 p.m. Contact the SMC Box Office at (925) 631-4670 for reservations. General Admission is \$15, Non-SMC students \$12, and all SMC staff and students are \$8 with ID.

time diversity coordinator. According to Stanley, and based on the fact that a final report has not yet been provided, he does not know what this coordinator would do exactly. "Having met people from local universities who do a job that I would think of as a diversity coordinator spearhead hiring, and ensure the diversity and inclusiveness of the hiring pool," said Stanley. "In realistic expectation, I don't think that the hiring of just one person will accomplish a lot. SMC chooses diversity as one of its strengths, so we need to reflect if this is a priority in how we choose to respond to this request by WASC."

LASALLIAN: activism is key for SMC senior

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get-out-the-vote campaigns, attending protests, and helping at workshops and training events are some of the ways Wanton gets involved in the community.

"All of the injustices going on make me so angry, so it's my only avenue to channel the anger that I feel," Wanton said.

Although Wanton will be graduating this spring, she said there has been a lot of change on campus the past three years, especially in terms of awareness.

"There's been a greater awareness of race and gender consciousness on this campus," Wanton said. She added that she sees greater cooperation among groups on campus, such as the WRC, the diversity clubs, and campus ministry.

"It's almost the norm now to see those different areas collabo-

rating," Wanton said. She said, however, that diversity is one area on which the campus needs to work.

"I'd like to see a greater representation of ethnic diversity on this campus," continued Wanton. "Not just numbers. It's not a 'cafeteria approach.' It's more than numbers."

Whether she's working with the Psychology Club, the WRC, or the diversity clubs, activism is a part of everything Wanton does as a student and as a person. Activism allows her to live the Lasallian principles.

"I think it's giving a voice to everything that's going on and trying to personalize things. I think activism is the only way to put to work the principles that I have. It's the only way to make change," added Wanton.

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Faith in the Presence
of God

Concern for the Poor
and Social Justice

Respect for all
Persons

Quality
Education

Inclusive
Community

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	THURSDAY	SATURDAY	Don't forget
<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">TODAY</p> <p>Polling place/voting , 6 a.m.-9 p.m., Soda Center.</p> <p>Movie Night - "The Manchurian Candidate," 9 p.m. Dryden</p> <p>All Souls Day Mass 12:10 a.m. & 5:15 p.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">WEDNESDAY</p> <p>"Alcatraz is Not an Island" film viewing, 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m., Art A-V room</p> <p>Coffee Night, 9 p.m. - 11 p.m.</p>	<p>Speaker David Kirp, 7 p.m.-9 p.m., Soda Center</p> <p>Hypnotist, 8:30 p.m. - 10 p.m., McKeon Gym</p> <p>Midnight Madness, 10:30 p.m. - 12:00 a.m., McKeon Gym</p>	<p>1st Annual Saint Mary's Triathlon - Running/Swimming/Obstacle Course Sign up by Nov. 5 with Rec Sports, x4949</p> <p>Men's Rugby Boat Dance, Loading - 7:15 p.m. Boat leaves 8 p.m. Docks at 11 p.m. Bids on sale in Dante Quad 10 a.m - 2:30 p.m. \$50/couple</p>
			<p>"The Holy Art of Imperial Russia" art exhibit opens in Hearst Art Gallery this weekend</p> <p>Want an event in the calendar? Contact the Collegian at x4279 or e-mail collegia@stmarys-ca.edu</p>

SNAPSHOT



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BSU students pose after performing last week at Soul Food and Soulful Words



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Woodrow Wilson Fellow on campus

Reigle talks to campus about transitions, leadership changes

by Pablo Armas
Executive Assitant

Last week, Dennis Reigle, former managing director of Human Resources and Partner Matters for Arthur Anderson LLP, visited the campus, meeting with student leaders, visiting classrooms, and giving a presentation to the faculty pertaining to institutional change.

Reigle, who is from Chicago, is a member of the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation, a Princeton located, independent, non-profit organization that is dedicated to higher education and sends guest speakers to colleges and universities to talk about issues and topics that pertain to that college as well as helping to send grants and aid to the colleges. The talk is to be a free exchange of ideas where both the founda-

tion and the college benefit from the presence of one another.

Reigle was asked to come to talk about the leadership changes that the college was going through, particularly the leaving of Brother Craig Franz and the pledges that never materialized. "I don't think my visit will have much of an effect in terms of policies. However, I hope that my visit does help the college in its current transition of looking for a new president," Reigle said.

Saint Mary's "small community environment feel," was what struck Reigle first when he came to campus. "It's very different from Chicago. This campus was very welcoming to an outsider," he said.

He had first heard of Saint Mary's from an eastern newspaper covering the lost pledges. Despite the news, Mr. Reigle said, "it is good publicity. The college didn't do anything. It

was a victim in the scandal that occurred."

Reigle was impressed with the college. He said that one thing that he liked about the college is that, "it's very value driven. It uses a value-based approach to the day-to-day life. All of the curricular and extracurricular activities are focused on service and the greater good."

When asked about the staff and faculty, he said, "they were first rate. The faculty was dedicated to teaching. Everyone from the professors to administrators struck me as being on top of their jobs."

He also went on to say, "the college is in very solid health. Intellectually speaking, financially speaking, and in terms of a community, this is a very healthy place."

Before ending the interview, he said, "I want to fully and publicly thank everyone for the treatment I received here. It was very warm and welcoming."

SMC student dies in crash

by Jonathan Morales
News Editor

Kathleen Springer '06 died late Friday night in an automobile accident. An e-mail announcement was sent to the campus community by Vice Provost of Student Life Mike Zoll.

An active member on campus, Springer was a religious studies major and president of the Intervarsity Christian Fellowship.

Information about funeral services and an on campus memorial service will be forthcoming.

Springer's death marked the second time in eight days a

member of the Saint Mary's community was killed in a vehicle accident. Saint Mary's alum Leonard Harmon also died in a vehicle accident on October 21 (see p1 story).

Staff from the Counseling Center (x4364) and Campus Ministry (x4366) are available to assist students with issues of grief and loss.

Students can call or walk-in during normal hours (M-F, 8:30-4:30) to get assistance. On evenings and weekends, on-call Student Life staff will speak with students and secure assistance as needed. Call Public Safety (x4282) to be connected with the Student Life on-call staff.

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The guru speaks



by Colin deLeon-Horton
Staff Writer

In last week's issue of *The Collegian*, we published the results of a poll in which we asked students to answer questions about the Lance Armstrong "Live Strong" bracelets that have so recently become popular. Over ninety percent of you polled said that yes, you thought the bracelets had become a fad. The same percentage also thought that the bracelets are a good idea. Which got me to thinking, what are these bracelets? What do they represent? The result of my inquiry is as follows. I beg you to indulge my small piece of whimsical curiosity.

By now, of course, we know all about Lance Armstrong, his struggle with cancer and his winning of the Tour de France. Of course, these two aren't related, but from the coverage on TV, the two have been forever entwined in my head. It is obvious, at least, that his experience with cancer has left a mark on Lance Armstrong that will never be erased. Thus, we have these bracelets.

They were produced at a time when Lance Armstrong was at the center of the American sports world, gunning, as he was, for his historical sixth win of the Tour de France. Even people who don't care two cents for bicycle racing, like me for example, were intrigued. It seemed to be a classic American story at the time. His victorious struggle against the odds thrown at him seems like the stuff that movies are made of. So what does Mr. Armstrong do? He uses his fame to sell these little bracelets.

I actually think that it was a bit of marketing genius. Giving money to cancer patients is obviously the right course of action to take. However, I wonder how many of us have done so. I haven't because, well, I have no money. But these bracelets cost a DOLLAR. Give up a soda, help cure cancer. It was a good idea. So it's good that people picked up on the trend and wore them just because of the way that they look. Not only do they look trendy, but their money still helps the Lance Armstrong Foundation. Brilliant.

However, it leads me to wonder if the plan was too good. One reason the foundation exists is to raise cancer awareness. Is the goal still achieved when the bracelets are a trend that might fade away at any moment? I point to freshman Daniella Mafitano who says, "I don't wear mine anymore because everybody wears them." At least the foundation has the money. However, freshman Peter Mathieu says, "It's become a phenomena [sic]. That's the reason I don't buy it." It's a shame that people feel this way.

Oh well, here's my dollar. I give it to Lance Armstrong with my blessings. I'm not gonna wear the bracelet though.

OPINION

Collegian Quote of the Week: You can fool all the people all the time if the advertising is right and the budget is big enough.
-Joseph E. Levine

Collegian View

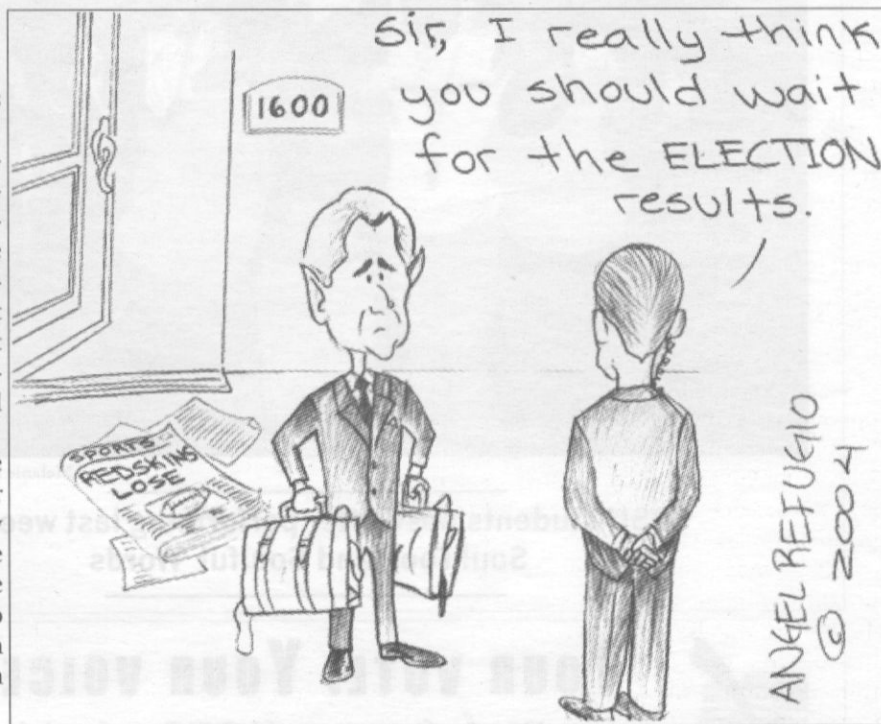
As another Saint Mary's student is tragically killed in a car accident, we cannot help but be saddened by her loss. And at the pain that those who loved her are going through, what cost does it take for people to come together? We see it in feuding friends, who in seeing the mortality of us all, put aside their differences and frustrations and give each other a genuine embrace. Why can't we, as a community, do that?

People talk about differences, but often fail to see what we have in common - our humanity. Then there are those who will engage in the morality of differences when it comes to sexuality, gender, and race, whatever the issue may be. But is this really necessary? To quote the film *Saved*, "Why would God make us so dif-

ferent if he wanted us to be the same?"

If people want to engage in morality discussions, where is the morality in refusing to see another's humanity because they might not fit into the exact mold that religion, society, government, or individual decides?

We all experience loss at some point in our lives, and right now there are many people on this campus that are mourning. We need to support them and each other, not be filled with hate or division.



Cartoon by Angel Refugio
President Bush prepares to leave office after hearing of the Redskins curse: since 1936 the Sunday before the Presidential election if the Redskins lose so does the incumbent.

Community Views

With regard to last week's front page article, "Students repaint to show unity, respect." How respectful was it of the gay club to pronounce their gayness to the school on the feast day of Our Lady of the Rosary? The news article stated, in typical laughably biased Collegian "news" fashion, that "The SMC was originally painted a week earlier [Oct. 7] in a rainbow, a symbol of diversity and inclusiveness, for National Coming Out Day." I must ask: if it was truly diversity and inclusiveness that the club sought to promote, what would their problem be with the American Flag-the greatest symbol of diversity and inclusiveness that the world has ever seen? Rather, it seems obvious that the club does not wish to promote diversity as much as it wants

to promote sodomy. Such a club has no place at a Catholic school. Just as we cannot be accepting of the culture of violence, as Campus Ministry would so ardently and rightfully remind us, we cannot be accepting of the gay culture, which is also a part of the culture of death.

John Johnson, '05

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Shortage of vaccines, how to deal with the flu this year

by Leslie Ajari
Staff Writer

Due to a shortage of flu shots this year, this flu season is predicted to be a bad one. This year, there are 58 million shots and 3 million doses of nasal-spray flu vaccines, Live Attenuated Influenza Vaccine (LAIV) available. Due to the shortage of flu vaccines, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommends that certain people be given priority

to receive the vaccine.

The order of priority is as follows: All children aged 6 to 23 months, adults aged 65 years and older, persons aged 2 to 64 years with underlying chronic medical conditions, all women who will be pregnant during the influenza season, residents of nursing homes and long-term care facilities, children aged 6 months to 18 years on chronic aspirin therapy, health care workers involved in direct patient care, and out-of-home caregivers and

household contacts of children ages less than six months. The persons listed above receive top priority because they run a high risk for serious flu complications or are in contact with people who run a high risk of complications.

It is possible that those individuals not listed above can receive influenza vaccination if it is available. While this seems to discriminate against the huge population of college-aged students as well as many others, it appears to be fair for the most

part. The only thing that can be done by those unable to get the vaccine is to avoid catching the flu by reducing our exposure to it.

Some of the things that can help avoid infection are the following: avoiding people who are infected with the virus, staying home if you are infected, covering your mouth and nose when you are coughing or sneezing, washing your hands constantly, and avoiding touching your nose, eyes, and mouth.

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!

TODAY is your chance to write history.

Stem cell research, saving lives or bad medicine?

The possibilities of science discussed

by Mike Chin

Co-Sports Editor

Today, as citizens of California, you will be faced with several tough choices, one of these being Proposition 71, which would allocate roughly three billion dollars to start a center known as the "California Institute of Regenerative Medicine." With this proposal, we have several important decisions to make regarding the importance of life and the possibilities of science.

We have all heard the basic fiscal argument, that if Proposition 71 is passed, it will incur over three million dollars in debt for the state. By several accounts, this is just irresponsible. Moreover, opponents of this have said that big pharmaceutical corporations will be making millions of dollars on the buck of California taxpayers.

Furthermore, advocates for the proposition contend if it passes, the money which is allocated for the research cannot be tracked, thus amending the California Constitution. What would derive from this would essentially be the possibility of useless spending on a program which has yet to show its potential.

These are all good reasons to not vote for such an amendment. However, there are several social acts that we must also consider.

Saint Mary's is a Roman

Catholic institution (sometimes we forget that here); therefore, my religious views are pertinent to this discussion. Simply stated, stem cell research and areas of science that resemble it, are morally wrong and a clear devaluation of life.

I fully understand that it may help cancer patients, however, is it worth the devaluation of human life? By creating a cell, we are creating living organisms, essentially human life. By doing so, we are simply saying "we need it for other purposes" and devaluing their humanity.

Lastly, where does this argument end? Why cannot an aborted baby's cells be used for similar purposes? Like Mary Shelly's *Frankenstein*, science has created a monster. In two words I must say "VOTE NO."



Some researchers would call it the greatest possibility for curing and alleviating ailments that plague society. Stem cell research provides not only controversy, but also hope for those whose lives could be saved or dramatically impacted by stem cell transplant and research. In actuality, stem cell research could affect 128 million American families.

Stem cells are undifferentiated cells that have the potential to become specialized cells, like liver cells or brain cells, or remain a stem cell. With the possibility of having cells be able to propagate and become specialized to repair or replace tissue and cells, doctors and researchers agree that cures for many diseases and ailments could be found. These diseases include a cure for cancer, HIV, diabetes, Alzheimer's, multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's, and spinal injuries, just to name a few. Usual life threatening genetic mutations could be reversed with the use of human stem cell therapy. With the possibility of curing and/or discovering new information about such important diseases that affect millions in the United States alone we as voters need to make the decision to vote yes on Proposition 71.

Proposition 71 will allow for life-saving medical therapies and cures that cannot be discovered by any other means. Stem cell research already

takes place in America; many discoveries have already been made using the embryonic stem cells of mice, an animal that shares over 90% of our genetic coding. Research is only barred on humans.

The controversy over stem cell research originates from those who are concerned that stem cells come from aborted fetuses. However, while scientists say that the most promising stem cells are from embryonic cells, there are already hundreds of thousands of embryos frozen across America leftover from in-vitro fertilization that will be thrown away anyway.

In the United Kingdom, stem cells are being used to help patients who have low-functioning hearts. Stem cells are injected into the dead muscle areas of the heart. This results in an increase of overall live cells in the heart. In addition, people who are in need of an organ transplant will no longer need to worry about organ rejection or being doped up on immunosuppressive drugs for the rest of their lives. With results such as these how can Americans not want to bring hope to families across America?

Today, when you vote, be sure that you consider the millions of lives that stem cell research can benefit, and vote yes on Proposition 71.

Violence on our campus

by Lindsey Rosellini

Copy Editor

The Week Without Violence has been extended by another week. You're reading this asking yourself "So what? No one cares." Yes, people do care, and yes, it matters. The way I look at it, when we finish college, we are not going to have time in our lives to focus on the core of issues like violence, sexism, racism, etc. Even the books we read in seminar will have a very small priority in our lives. Life gets faster from here, folks. We have an opportunity in our time here to explore and learn as much as we can. Why not?

Last week during the actual Week Without Violence, two shirts were stolen from the Clothesline Project-shirts former victims of abuse decorated with their story, which are then hung on a clothesline for people to read and observe. These shirts are stories. Sacred and personal accounts of abuse. Now whatever the thief wanted with two shirts blazoned with people's story of abuse, I do not know, but it too is an act of violence. I guess last week's message didn't go through.

Saint Mary's is doing it again. And if anyone is tired of hearing about it, read this carefully: 16,204 people were murdered in the United States in 2002. Also the same year, hate crimes that occurred included, 49% motivated by race, 19% by religion, 17% by sexual orientation, 15% by ethnicity, and 0.6% by disability. (www.ncvc.org)

Does it matter now?

Words from the WASP, just another white guy

by Josh Krehbiel

Chief Copy Editor

I noticed something very disturbing while scanning last week's headlines. "The SMC painted to represent diversity, painted over with American flag by unknown parties." "Shirts signifying an end to violence stolen by unknown parties." I've got this strange feeling that I know the race and gender of these unknown parties, and racial profiling aside, I'm sure they look just like me. Yes, the white male.

It's great being on top, right boys? It's good knowing that you're going to make the most money in your field and be granted the most esteem from your colleagues. It's a good feeling knowing that the only thing you have to do to succeed is be yourself. Forget oppression; forget the man. We are the man. Ain't that right?

And, of course, this position of power, this status that we have, also allows us to get away with a lot, doesn't it? Just slap on a tie, and nobody questions your authority. The officer always understands where you're coming from. Our fathers can clear up any problem we have with the administration.

But we don't have it as good as those minorities. They are lavished with all kinds of honors. They have affirmative action on their sides. They can walk into places where they don't belong,

our places, because we have to meet a quota. And those women, they can flaunt their sexuality and get away with anything. Those feminists think that they deserve respect, think that they are capable of the same stuff we are.

I hope you're disgusted too. I hate the view from the top. There are days when I wish that I had some ethnic background, so I wouldn't be grouped with them: the WASPs, the captains of industry. You never hear of homosexuals beating a straight guy to death, of Middle Eastern Americans mistreating a white guy, of a husband being abused. I'm aware it happens, but those are minor cases. The majority of the violent, bigoted, ignorant acts in America are performed by the majority.

And it's happening here. Those listed above aren't the first cases of ignorance, of hatred, of Aryans throwing their weight around. The campus has had earlier trouble with this matter, "unknown parties" destroying the hard work of those on campus who care, showing little or no regard for those horses of a different color.

It amazes me that a quarter of the school can hold the rest at bay. Only 25% of the undergraduate class are white males, although that's still a head above most other groups. However, take out other minority groups among the white males (i.e. homosexuals, Jews), and you'll probably take that per-

centage closer to 20%. Let's also subtract those from a lower-middle-class family, or receive more than half tuition in financial aid. Why? Because this is also a minority grouping, those who can't afford this kind of education without some help. I believe that takes us down to 10%. Ten percent of those here at our college are too high on their high horses to even notice that they aren't the majority anymore. They think that just because they hold the best parties or can steal the most stuff, they still have that superiority of old in this diverse world; they can still act as if there were no cultural revolution. They can still be ignorant.

I'm aware that the people I speak of are a select few. Most white guys are pretty civil. However, it's the ignorance of the few that give the rest of us a bad name. It is the few who force us to be grouped into this class of bourgeois slaveowners who spit on Hispanics regularly. Those are the few who ignore the cries of sorrow and oppression of the minorities because "they're just crying for attention."

Peoria is dead, boys. Now get out of your ivory tower, and walk among the world. You can't play the master race card anymore. You're not alone anymore. We've got friends now, people who are different than us, and they are here to stay.

And you can trust me, right? I'm one of your own.

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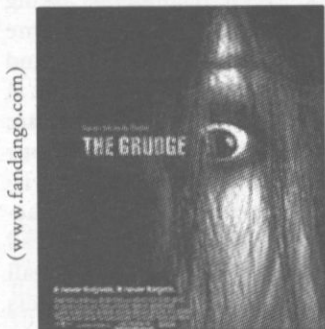
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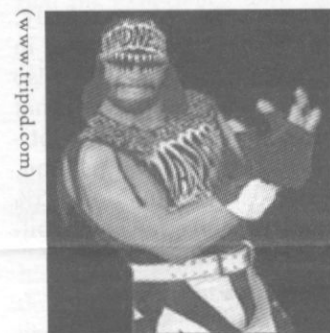
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The Grudge

As terrible an actress as Sarah Michelle Geller is, she still could have written a better movie than the American version of the Japanese film, *The Grudge*. Set in Japan but starring mostly Americans such as Geller, it is a film about a haunted house that, if entered, will do ungodly things to you. The movie has some great heart wrenching, seat jumping scary moments but overall it is a sequence of scenes that don't seem to fit. Even the amazing opening scene with Bill Pullman gets lost in the midst of the disorder that is *The Grudge*.

- Aideen Rahimi



Feel The Madness

How can I say it better than the man himself?

"People want to know if Macho's still in the ring/People want to know if Randy's doing his thing/ Everybody's talking, wanting to know this and that/ So I'mma tell you right now: Randy Savage is back."

Yes, Macho Man Randy Savage is back, but he's not wrestling. This time, he's showing off his skills as a rapper, and let me tell you, it's not that bad. Actually, it's pretty damn good. Da Rascals back up the former six time wrestling champion on this endeavor. They create great beats to compliment his scratchy voice, and it's sure as hell better than DMX or Ja Rule.

I doubt he'll have much success in the music industry because most people write it off as a novelty album. I think it's one of the best rap albums that has come out in the last few years. So what does Macho Man rap about? Everything from partying, to whooping ass in and out of the ring. There's even a track where he rags on Hulk Hogan for a good four minutes.

The album concludes with a song dedicated to the memory of the late-great, Curt Henig a.k.a. Mr. Perfect. I'll let the man end this himself: "I appreciate all the fans of Randy Savage/ So come on, let me see your hands/ And feel the madness."

- Angel Vasquez

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21 Questions with...

Angel Vasquez

Detour Editor

1. What is your full name?
James Michael Sciuto. That would be S-C-I-U-T-O.
2. What was your major in college?
English and a History minor.
3. What's your favorite book?
On The Road by Jack Kerouac.
4. What hidden talent do you have?
None.
5. What's your favorite band or musician?
Favorite band would be U2. Favorite musician would be Frank Sinatra.
6. What did you want to be when you grew up?
A policeman.
7. If you could have a super human power, what would it be?
Time travel.
8. What was or is your favorite Saturday morning cartoon?
Used to be GI Joe. I don't watch cartoons anymore. Now it's just football. (Laughs)



(www.musicstars.com)

(www.sixtiescity.com)



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17. Have you ever been hit on in a bar?
Yes.
18. If you could break a world record, what would it be?
Hundred-meter dash.

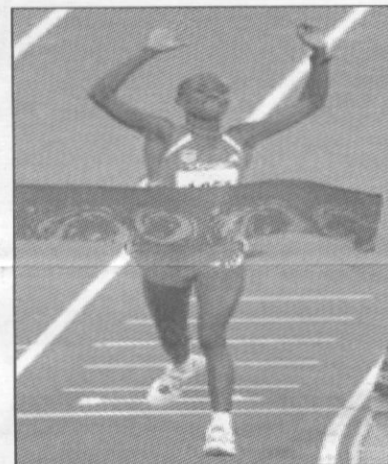


(www.storystore.com)

9. Do you remember any of your Halloween costumes from when you were a kid? What were they?
One of the funniest was, I was Tweedle Dee and my friend was Tweedle Dum.



(www.tripod.com)



(www.deseretnes.com)

19. Who's going to win the World Series?
The Dodgers will win the World Series in 2005.

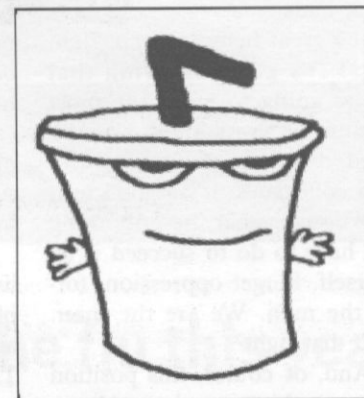
10. What time did you wake up today, and can you describe the first 3 hours?
Woke up at 6:45. First three hours were quiet at work, productive. Until I had to deal with this.

11. The Simpsons or Family Guy?
Simpsons.



(www.screensaver.org)

20. Would you rather be a giant milkshake, a giant box of fries, or a ball of meat?
Milkshake. Easy.



(www.avalon.com)

12. When was the last time you were challenged to an arm wrestling competition?
Actually, like a week ago.
13. If you could have your own cereal named after you, what would it be?
I have no clue.
14. Have you ever taken someone's lunch from the refrigerator and left a note saying, "Thanks, Santa"?
...No.

15. Has anyone told you that you remind them of Chris Parnell from SNL?
No.

(www.snlib.jt.org)

16. Have you ever hit on anyone in a bar?
Yes.

21. If they made a movie about you, would this interview be in it, and who would play you?
Yes. Al Pacino. (John Zabala in background: Chris Parnell!)

(www.filmscoop.it)



The Chronicles of the Cloak

Why I think my Detour Editor is a Jedi, but know that he's just plain weird

Chris Mateo

Editor-in-Chief

Two weeks ago, Angel Vasquez, the Detour Editor of this fine publication, and I were walking to Late Night in the blistering cold of the Moraga Hills. We realized 1) we needed jackets, and 2) we were too cold to realize anything else. That's when it hit him. "I need something new to keep me warm," said Angel. "I need something unique, like otter fur." I shook my head in confusion and rushed to the warmth of Oliver Hall.

Then, one week ago, Melanie Linney, Photo Editor, came up to me and asked, "Have you seen Angel?" I figured she needed to talk to him or something. "No,

why?" I replied. "Well, he's got some weird cape thing on. He looks, I don't know - all warm and Russian-like," said Melanie. Again I shook my head in confusion and told her that I would look out for that.

That same night, Angel and I walked again to Late Night. As we walked, I noticed a tall young man on a cell phone pause his conversation to check out Angel. It was weird -- no one checks out Angel. Just kidding. There was this one time at the library... Anyway, I then thought to myself that there was nothing about Angel to check out. I mean, you could barely see his face on

account of his dark giant cloak. Then it hit me - Angel was wearing a dark giant cloak!

"I'm guessing that this is your brilliant idea of keeping warm?" I asked.

"Yeah," he said, "but it's not doing that great of a job." He was still shivering, but not as intense as pre-cloaked days.

On the way to Oliver Hall, Angel was described as everything from ET, Willow, Frodo Baggins, Robin Hood 2004, and last, but not least, a Jedi knight.

We finally reached Late Night and got a few handfuls of the fortune cookies that accompanied the chicken stir-fry. We sat down, and Angel slowly removed his cloak's hood in a ceremonial sort of way. He read his fortune out loud, "You will make a better change in your life. You are the greatest!"

"Wow, I can't believe it really says that. What 'better change' are you making in your life?" I asked.

"Well, I'm ranked higher in my order of Jedi, hence the cloak," he said with a smile.

"Whatever, here's mine." It was my turn to share my fortune. "Every accomplishment, great or small, starts with the right decision, 'I'll try.'" What the hell does that mean?"

"Chris," said Angel. "Do, or do not - there is no try." And as he shared his Yoda-like wisdom with me, I once again shook my head in confusion.



(Courtesy Melanie Linney)

Antigone Meets Positive Expectations

Ancient play set in modern setting, but true to the original

Bettina Adragna
Staff Writer

I went into Barry Horowitz' performance of Sophocles' *Antigone* with the expectation that it would be a pretty decent show, and I wasn't disappointed. This performance of the play was very true to the original, using most of the exact wording. It was, however, cut short to an hour and set in the modern-day United States.

Nika Ericson, who played Antigone, and Megan Briggs, who played Ismene, made a good pair. Antigone was portrayed as passionate and sarcastic, while her sister was seen as timid and sensitive.

Philip Warton, who appeared last year as Agamemnon in a Collegiate Seminar production at St. Mary's, performed the role of Creon excellently. He was understated, dignified, and totally believable. He was able to portray cold-hearted stubbornness early in the play and touching grief at the loss of his son later on.

The "members of the board," or Chorus, livened up the play with their philosophical musings between scenes. Dawn Brown and Eric Wertz, who played them, almost seemed to be arguing with each other as they recited their parts. While not in the script, this interpretation added some spice to the production.

Peter Matthews, who played Haemon, was dashing in his uniform and passionate in his anger over the fate of Antigone. He was able to convey both dutiful obedience to Creon and rage at the injustice of his father's actions.

The "reporter," or messenger, played by Sarah Korda, was appropriately insensitive while retelling the story of Haemon and Antigone to Eurydice, played by Julie Gold. Briggs, who played Ismene, interacted well with Ericson, as mentioned before. You would almost believe they really were sisters, judging from their interaction on stage.

One other feature of the play worth mentioning is the media used to enhance it. The play started with modern, reggae-esque music with the lyrics, "weapons of mass destruction." Powerful political images were interspersed between scenes on a large screen above the actors and actresses. These included an image of caskets covered with American flags, an American flag covered with corporate symbols, and the phrase "DEMOCRACY?" shaped as a nuclear missile. When Creon said his famous quote, "I love no man more than my country," the image of an American flag appeared on the screen above him.

Overall, the production managed to be original while being true to the original text. The actors and actresses were professional in their demeanors, and the play was both exciting and thought-provoking.

November Concert Calander

I give you my word that this time, it's not a filler. You want to know who's coming this month, and you will go to at least one show. If you don't, start repenting now for such blasphemy in the realm of good music. With shows almost every day, decent prices, and awesome artists, November definitely wins for presenting us with the best monthly concert calendar thus far.

By Katyana Sacro	
Nov. 3 <i>The Castanets</i> \$6 10pm @ The Hemlock Tavern	Nov. 7 <i>Straylight Run, Hot Rod Circuit</i> \$12 advance / \$14 door Bottom of the Hill
Nov. 4 <i>The Delgados, Crooked Fingers</i> 8:00 @ Bimbo's	Nov. 8 <i>...And You Will Know Us By The Trail of the Dead</i> \$16 9:00 @ Great American Music Hall
Nov. 5 <i>Nancy Sinatra</i> \$25 9:00 @ Bimbo's	Nov. 10 <i>The Faint</i> \$16 8:00 @ Bimbo's
Nov. 6 <i>Mclusky, YOURCODENAMEIS: Milo</i> \$8 9:30 @ Bottom of the Hill	Nov. 11 <i>Dogs Die in Hot Cars</i> \$8 / \$5 for 21+ 10:00 @ The Popszene
<i>Ted Leo & the Pharmacists</i> \$12 advance / \$14 door 9:00 @ Great American Music Hall	Nov. 12 <i>Les Savy Fav</i> \$15 9:00 @ Slim's
<i>Deathcab for Cutie, Pretty Girls Make Graves</i> \$12 advance / \$14 door 8:00 @ Warfield	Nov. 13 <i>Von Bondies, Starlight Desperation</i> \$10
	9:00 @ Café Du Nord
	<i>The Roots, Third Eye Blind</i> \$10 7:00 @ Henry J Kaiser Arena
	Nov. 14 <i>Bad Religion</i> \$22.50 8:00 @ The Warfield
	<i>Isis, These Arms Are Snakes</i> \$11 advance / \$13 door 8:00 @ The Great American Music Hall
	Nov. 15 <i>The Walking Concerts, Death Ray Davies</i> \$8 9:00 @ Bottom of the Hill
	Nov. 17 <i>Simple Plan</i> \$17 8:00 @ The Fillmore
	<i>De la Soul</i> \$27 8:00 @ Slim's
	<i>Dresden Dolls</i> \$16 8:00 @ Great American Music Hall
	Nov. 18 <i>Communique, The Plus Ones</i> \$8 9:00 @
	<i>Nellie McKay</i> \$18 8:00 @ Independent
	Nov. 19 <i>Devandra Banhart</i> \$18 9:00 @ Bimbo's
	<i>Big City Rock, Dada*</i> \$15-18 8:00 @ Red Devil Lounge
	<i>Razorlight, The Futureheads</i> \$8 10:00 @ The Popszene
	<i>Cake</i> \$30 8:00 @ The Warfield
	<i>Le Tigre</i> \$20 9:00 @ The Fillmore
	Nov. 24 <i>Green Day, New Found Glory, Sugarcult</i> \$29.50 7:00 @ The Civic Center
	Nov. 27 <i>Pinback, Album Leaf</i> \$18 9:00 @ Bimbo's

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Players of the Week

James Collins

In the Men's Soccer team's third win of the season, freshman James Collins scored his first collegiate goal. The goal proved to be enough offense for the Gaels, who went on to beat Hayward State 1-0. Not even five minutes into the game, Collins threaded the defense and beat the goalie for the score.



Lindsey Bogason

In the Gaels' 19th win of the season, Bogason did her part to keep the volleyball team rolling.



Bogason was tied for the team lead in kills with 17 in their win against LMU, leading the team with 18.5 points. She also had a shooting percentage of .293.

-Sam Adams, Co-Sports Editor

SCORE CARD

GAEL ZONE

Women's Soccer (8-10)
SMC vs. Gonzaga

Men's Soccer (3-7-5)
SMC Defeats Hayward State 1-0
SMC vs. No. 12 Santa Clara

Volleyball (19-2)
SMC Defeats LMU 3-1

Men's Basketball Opening Game Date:
November 11th

SMC Weekly Athletic Schedule

Monday

Men's Golf - Day 1 of UH Turtle Bay Intercollegiate.
(Takes place through Wednesday)

Friday

Women's Volleyball vs. Portland, 7:05 pm

Men's Soccer @ San Diego, 7:30 pm

Saturday

Women's Soccer vs. No. 8 Ranked Portland @ Noon (Senior Day)

Women's Volleyball vs. Gonzaga, 7:05 pm

Sunday

Men's Soccer at LMU, Noon.

SPORTS

Who's your daddy now?

The Red Sox have finally broken the "Curse" after waiting since 1918

By Nick Carr
Staff Writer

The curse of the Bambino has officially been lifted by the 2004 Boston Red Sox. This year's World Series appeared at first to be an all tradition and highly competitive match-up, a repeat of the 1976 Cards vs. Sox in which St. Louis won in seven thrilling games. But once the series actually began, it was clear to see that the Cardinals were over-matched.

Boston Red Sox fans have finally begun to feel the monkey climb off their back. It only took eighty-six years. I have a feeling baseball writers around the country are upset they can't use the "curse" factor any longer as a compelling storyline. But at least this proves that a curse is a myth in the long run. OK, perhaps I'm forgetting about the misery of the Chicago Cubs.

Two weeks ago, the odds in Vegas that the Red Sox would come back to win four straight games against the Yankees in the ALCS after being down 3-0 were

worse than a snowball's chance in hell. Although it seemed like what was unfolding belonged in an episode of the twilight zone, Boston actually manned up and put those clean-shaven, over-paid weenies from the Bronx to rest. To put this comeback in its full perspective, no team in any professional sport has ever come back to win a playoff series when

Well, after the Red Sox stumped the New York Yankees, they were pretty much on cruise control. Eight straight postseason wins is a new record that will most likely stand forever. Boston made the most powerful offense in the National League look like the Milwaukee Brewers. The Cardinals big three: Pujols, Rolen, and Edmonds combined for a .133 batting average with 1 total RBI. I give much of the credit though to Boston's owners and GM Theo Epstein for hiring a smart manager in Terry Francona. Management also shrewdly brought in proven leaders like Curt Shilling and Keith Foulke to sure up any questions or doubts about their pitching staff. With the combined powers of Manny Ramirez (World Series MVP) and David Ortiz (Big Papi) the Sox were indestructible. If John Kerry wins the Presidential Election and the Patriots repeat as Super bowl champions for the third time in four years, New Englanders across the state of Massachusetts will have nothing left to live for.



down three games to none. After the subsequent trading of Babe Ruth to the Yankees in 1919, the city of Boston never fathomed they would have to wait this long to witness another championship for their baseball team. But all the torturous events of the past has now been forgotten in Red Sox Nation.

So how did they finally win?

Cross Country ends season on a low point

Four Seniors wrap up collegiate careers

By Sam Adams
Co-Sports Editor

The Saint Mary's men's and women's cross country teams concluded their seasons at the West Coast Conference Championships Saturday at the Crystal Springs course in Belmont, with the men finishing seventh and the women last.

The men's team ended their season by finishing with a total of 185 points, beating the Pepperdine Waves by three points. Two Gaels running their final collegiate race led the team, standout Andrew Parsel finished 17th place, while fellow senior Chip Powers finished 39th overall. Ronnie Willet rounded out the senior duo, finishing 47th overall.

The women capped off their season in last place. Senior Kristen Hurst finished her career at Saint Mary's with a great race, placing 53rd overall in a time of 21:54. The lady Gaels were led by junior Evelyn Bocanegra. Evelyn crossed the line in 46th place with a time of 20:53.

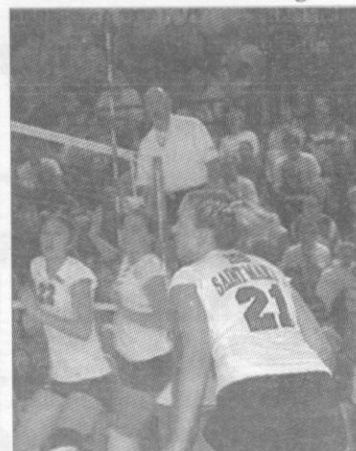
Surf's up for waves

Gael's winning streak now up to four straight

By Michael Chin
Sports Editor

Senior Lindsey Bogason paved the way with 18 kills as the 14th ranked women's volleyball team cruised past the Pepperdine waves on Friday night in a straight sets win. The win marks the first time in Gael's history that they were able to sweep the series against the Waves.

The first game proved to be a very close one, as the two teams went neck and neck throughout



M. Marquez-H. Soto/Collegian

This year's team seems unstoppable after posting their 19th victory and remaining a top 15 ranked team in the nation.

the set. Bogason, along with fellow senior Stacy O'Connor, kept the Gaels close, Bogason with six kills and O'Connor adding five. SMC was finally able to edge the set out by a score of 31-29.

The second set proved to be the difference as the Gaels, once again under the leadership of Bogason, cruised to a 30-25 lead. SMC put the proverbial, "nail in the coffin" in the third set as they cruised to any easy 30-23 win. Once more, the senior would lead the charge, adding ten more kills to her night's tally.

Other outstanding performances include Mandy Bible, who recorded 44 assists and fellow sophomore Cassandra Kolkka, who finished second on the team in kills with 12. With the win, the Gaels improve to 18-2 on the season and currently are ranked 14th nationally. The win also moves the Gaels into sole possession of 1st place in the WCC. SMC will be at home next week to host the Portland Pilots.

Remaining Matches:

- (11/05) vs. Portland
- (11/06) vs. Gonzaga
- (11/12) @ Santa Clara
- (11/13) @ San Diego
- (11/20) @ San Francisco

WEEKLY ROUNDUP

Saint Mary's Men's Rugby

Coming off a mediocre 2003-2004 season, the 14th ranked men's rugby team got off to a great start this weekend, pummeling the Oregon State Beavers 72-17 on their home field in Corvallis, Oregon. The Gaels, lead by Junior Vulny Rouss' four tries and fellow classmate, Charlie Smith's two tries led to a 72-17 victory over the Beavers. The Gaels had held the momentum all day long, out running, out hitting, and out maneuvering Oregon. With the win, the Gaels improve to 1-0 in the preseason. Next, SMC will play two home games against Pacific Ten foe Washington.

- Michael Chin, Sports Editor

Saint Mary's Women's Rowing

Sacramento, CA - Saturday, the women's rowing team competed in the Head of the American Regatta, held at Sacramento State Aquatic Center. Both squads took part in the races. Novice finished 5 of 11 in the Collegiate 8 event, posting a time of 21:51. Varsity competed in the women's open 8 event and finished 12 of 17, with a time of 19:03. This was only 2:01 off of the leader Cal.

Both teams put out a solid effort, competing along-side top schools, such as California and Stanford. Head races are known to be difficult in the fall, but the Gaels did well.

Women's rowing will not resume competition until spring.

-Sam Adams, Co-Sports Editor

Saint Mary's Men's Soccer

The men's soccer team earned a much-needed win last week, defeating Hayward State 1-0. The victory raised their record to 3-7-5 on the season, and with five games remaining on the schedule (three straight games on the road at Santa Clara, San Diego and Loyola Marymount), the team will be hard pressed to match last season's win total of eight.

The victory featured James Collins' first goal as a Gael, earning him Collegian Male Athlete of the Week. Collins threaded the defense just over four minutes into the game to juke the goalie and score the game deciding goal.

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Saint Mary's Women's Volleyball

Once again the Gaels continue to make history, beating the Loyola Marymount Lions on their home court for the first time in Gaels history. SMC's hard spiking offense proved to be the big difference between the two teams as Kauai Salzman and Lindsey Bogason each had 17 kills on the night. Freshman Missie Stedham followed in with 14 kills. Sophomore Mandy Bible paced the Gaels in assists with 54. The win moves the Gaels farther into the WCC lead as they 9-1 in conference and 19-2 on the season.

- Michael Chin, Sport Editor