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Dine with Alums unites students, alumni

Dinner event lets current and former students mix, mingle, and discuss careers

by Cori Simpson
In-Depth Editor

Dine with Alums, an event run by the Alumni Office, the Career Development Center, and the Student Alumni Association, brought students and alumni together for dinner and conversation last Tuesday, November 9. Current students had the opportunity to visit with alumni from up to three different fields and to learn about the paths those alums took to get there.

An invocation by Brother Brendan Madden, which included a quote from one of Lewis Carroll's poems, started off the evening. The invocation was followed by dinner and a speech by honorary alum Dick Callahan. Callahan, who is the announcer for many of the sporting events on campus, spoke about how his career changed and how one must be self-motivated in order to succeed.

After the dinner session, there were two other rounds where students could sit at different tables



Students were able to learn about the experiences of alums over dinner

Melanie Linney/COLLEGIAN

to meet alumni and talk about careers. There were alumni from many different professions, ranging from advertising to the Securities and Exchange Commission to winemaking.

Students as well as alumni found this to be a valuable experience. Evan Rodriguez, '05 said, "It was a great opportunity to see all the success of Saint Mary's Alumni." Katie Davis '02, who is now the

Director of Marketing and Promotions for the Athletic Department, as well as a member of the Alumni Board of Directors, said, "It's a great opportunity for students to network, and it's a great opportunity for alums to give them advice for the future."

Jim Weyland '60, Career Management Consultant for the Career Development Center said, "I thought it was terrific. The stu-

dents were probably as well prepared if not better than most. They had good questions; they were dressed well, and acted professional. We had a good group of alums who presented a broad array of interesting skills. Our guest speaker did an excellent job of relating to students, and the food was really good."

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Nobel Prize winner comes to Saint Mary's

Rigoberta Menchú will speak on social justice and Catholic social action

by Bettina Adragna
Staff Writer

Nobel Peace Prize winner Rigoberta Menchú will be speaking at the Soda Center on Thursday, November 18 at 7:30 p.m. The topic will be "Human Rights and Catholic Activism in Guatemala Today." The event is part of Human Dignity Awareness Week, which is November 15-19.

Menchú was born in an indigenous community in Guatemala, and "came of age" in "horrific violence" against indigenous people, according to Myrna Santiago, Associate Professor of History at Saint Mary's College. Santiago will be interpreting for Menchú at the presentation. The military government that had been in place in Guatemala since 1952, put there by the United States, thought that the country had "too many Indians." As a result, the government went on a "rampage" against indigenous populations. Menchú's father and brother were among those that "paid the price" for this, according to Santiago.

They were tortured and killed for political activism, said Theresa Traynor, assistant director for the Catholic Institute for Lasallian Social Action.

According to Santiago, Menchú had to leave the country because



(courtesy of www.civilrightsmuseum.com)

Menchú will speak in the Soda Center this Thursday

"she was next." She fled to Mexico and lived there for nearly a decade until peace talks in Guatemala moved it toward a civilian government. She has continued to receive death threats from anonymous people, said Santiago. She "cannot live safely in her own country,"

even after winning the Nobel Prize.

In 1982, a sociologist in Europe helped Menchú write a book, *I, Rigoberta Menchú*, out of selected parts of many hours of taped con-

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AS reviews student clubs

by Chris Mateo
Editor-in-Chief

This week club reviews will be taking place in the office of Associated Students. Clubs will be reviewed by Jessica Porras '05, vice president for Student Affairs, Jennifer Merlo '05, vice president for Finance, and the reviewed club's representative. This process is a mid-year evaluation of senators and the clubs they represent.

"The executive team is excited because we will be able to evaluate whether or not the new process of representing clubs is working," said John Zabala '06, vice president of Administration. "This is an opportunity for both clubs and senators to know what they're doing well, and where they could improve on for budget season."

Some senators like Alfredo Biralde '05 approve this new method.

"I think the new method is much of a needed improvement from the past," said Biralde. "Typically, the clubs would have met with club board, get reviewed, and then separately meet with finance board. With the new system it is the club, the club rep, vice president of finance, vice president of student affairs, head club rep, and

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Crime Beat

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Incident: Handbook violation
Synopsis: Possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia in Augustine; referred to Student Conduct.</p> <p>11/5 9:35 p.m.
Incident: Handbook violation
Synopsis: Possession of drug paraphernalia in Assumption Hall; referred to Student Conduct.</p> <p>11/6 12:38 a.m.
Incident: Medical assist
Synopsis: Medical assist in Justin Hall; referred to Student Conduct and Health and Wellness Center.</p> <p>11/6 12:10 p.m.
Incident: Burglary
Synopsis: Stolen cd player from a locked auto in middle De La Salle parking lot; referred to Student Conduct.</p> | <p>11/8 3:00 p.m.
Incident: Petty theft
Synopsis: Petty theft of softball equipment from the softball field; referred to athletics.</p> <p>11/9 11:10 a.m.
Incident: Medical assist
Synopsis: Student transported to John Muir Medical Center; referred to Student Conduct and Health and Wellness Center.</p> <p>11/10 2:30 p.m.
Incident: Suitemate conflict
Synopsis: Suitemate conflict in Ageno East; referred to Student Conduct.</p> <p>11/11 10:35 p.m.
Incident: Unauthorized operation of electric scooter on campus and dorms
Synopsis: Unauthorized operation and disrespect toward an RA in Aquinas Hall; referred to Student Conduct.</p> |
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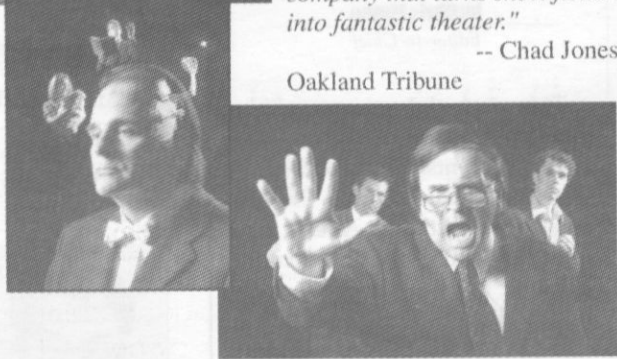
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LeFevre Theatre



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-- Chad Jones, Oakland Tribune



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ALUMS: Students able to learn about career opportunities

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Most of the conversation was generated by student questions, and involved such topics as 'How did you get to where you are today?' 'What is the best/worst thing about your job?' and 'What advice do you have for students?' Many alums handed

out business cards so students could call to learn more about that profession.

Dine With Alums as it is today began ten years ago when the Career Development Center's Career Info Night merged with the Alumni office's Dine With Alums. The result was an evening where students

got to learn about various careers while introducing themselves to alumni and mingling with them.

Davis remembers what it was like when she attended, "As a student I attended and I knew the benefits I received when I attended and I wanted to give that back."

MENCHÚ: Awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1992

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versations with her. The reason for this was that she didn't know Spanish well enough at the time to write the book herself, according to Santiago.

A big controversy arose concerning this book when an American anthropologist, David Stoll, accused her book of being propaganda for a left-

ist organization in a book he wrote in 2003.

Menchú won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1992. She is one of only three women to have won the prize, according to Traynor, and the only indigenous person.

Having a speaker like Menchú is a "great opportunity for Saint Mary's to learn" about Latin American Catholics and about the "profound influence" of Ca-

tholicism on social justice struggles in Latin America, said Santiago. Menchú is an "amazingly resourceful woman in so many different ways."

"I think she's going to be phenomenal," said Traynor.

"She didn't just get beaten down and get angry [in the face of] adversity," but instead transformed her village and community, said Traynor.

Women's crew team Hits the Wall

Rock-climbing exercise helps with team-building

by Tony Vala-Haynes
Staff Writer

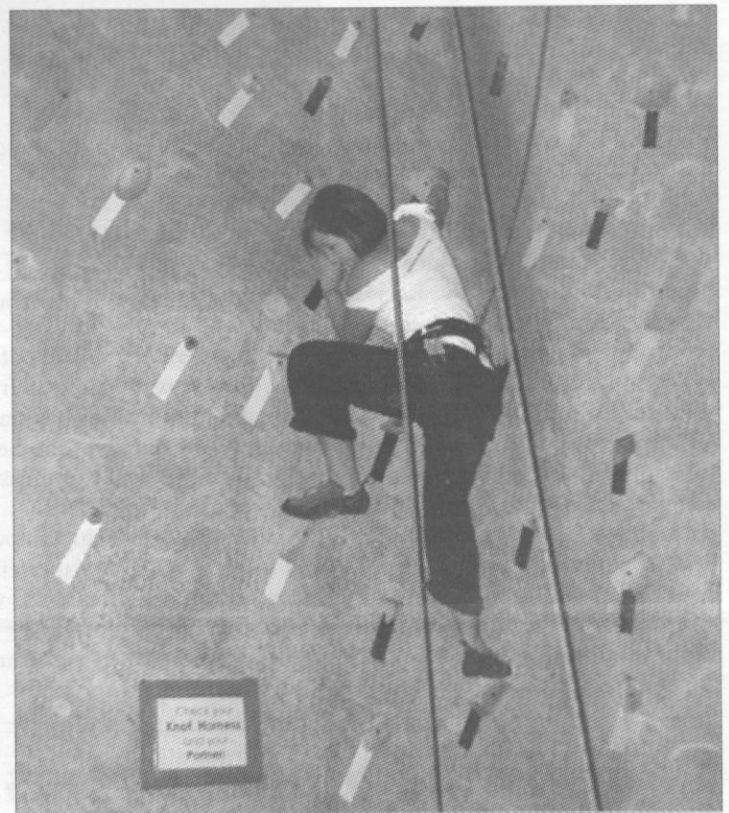
The Women's Crew team spent Friday night with the Outdoor Adventures (OA) club rock climbing at the indoor rock gym in Concord.

OA leads primarily backpacking, camping, and rock climbing trips around the Bay Area for Saint Mary's students. While OA leads climbing trips every other Friday, it was a new experience for the instructors to teach 20 climbers at once.

When Ryan Wat, an OA rock climbing instructor, walked up to meet what he assumed would be the whole Women's Crew team by the Registrar's office at 6:00 p.m., just one rower sat on the steps smiling.

"I heard we were getting the whole Women's Crew team. Wasn't sure when I showed up and we had one person waiting though," said Wat. However, in the next ten minutes the rest of the crew team arrived. After one hour of instruction at the climbing gym, the women began to scale the walls.

Lauren Kennedy, 19, in her first year on the team said, "It was the coaches' idea to come rock climbing as a team building idea." Her comment was evident as members of the women's team constantly reminded each other to pay attention when receiving instruction on how to belay. When a climber ascends a wall, the per-



Lauren Kennedy '08 climbs the wall

Tony Vala-Haynes/COLLEGIAN

son who remains on the ground, belaying, has complete control of her.

If the climber falls, the belayer locks the rope through a carabiner and catches her. Kennedy continued, "Builds trust, definitely." Eve Laokwansathitaya, 18, chimed in, "Risky business."

In response to the idea of team bonding, Lexi Billo, 20, said, "I think it's important. This is working very well." She then looked up at the climber she was belaying, Ariele Elia, and shouted, "Are you coming down?" Elia gripped the wall tightly and looked down, "No!" "Okay," Billo smiled.

"No. I'm coming down," said Elia.

"Oh, okay," said Billo, laughing. "I like belaying."

The Women's Crew team has been training all fall with just two competitions. Their season will begin in the spring. After rock climbing for nearly 3 hours, members of the team began to leave the gym in small groups. They were already talking about meeting at the Power Plant at 7:30 a.m. Saturday morning to lift weights. After weights they will row, weather permitting. They collectively expressed their sentiments that hopefully they'll be done working out by 12:30 or 1:00 in the afternoon.

WHAT'S HAPPENING...

TODAY

Movie night: *Troy*, 9:00 p.m., Dryden Hall

In-Depth Roundtable Discussion: Student Services, 7:30 p.m., Delphine Intercultural Center

WEDNESDAY

Free HIV testing in the Health and Wellness Center, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Student Involvement and Leadership workshop, Delphine, 3:30 p.m.

Karaoke Night, Dryden, 9 p.m.

THURSDAY

Memorial for Katie Springer in the Chapel, 5:15 p.m. Reception to follow.

Keynote speaker, Rigoberta Menchu, Soda Center, 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY

Gael Force rally, Oliver Hall 6 p.m.

SATURDAY

Casino Night, Soda Center 9 p.m.

Don't forget

This week is Human Dignity Week - learn more about various service clubs on campus outside of Oliver Hall this Wednesday around lunchtime.

Thanksgiving Break is November 25 through November 28.

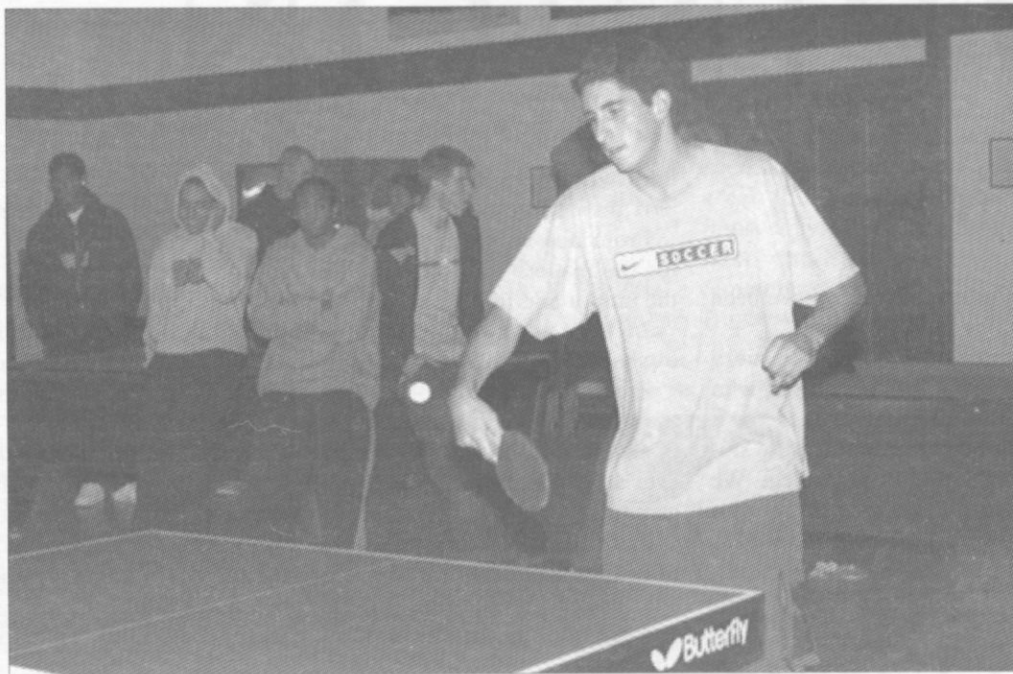
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(sorry, due to space limitations we cannot list club meetings)

SNAPSHOT



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Diego Rovira '05 competes in last Thursday's Ping-Pong tournament in Dryden Hall. The tournament followed "The OC Night"

CLUB PROFILE: HABITAT

Habitat going strong

Club planning builds in Oakley and Moraga

by Amy Beth Kelly
Managing Editor

This year SMC's Habitat for Humanity is off to a strong start. With two builds already under their belt, President Katie Lennon '05 is looking into the near future for the opportunity to not only donate the club's time, but also help to fund elements for the upcoming houses.

Currently the club is helping to complete six houses in Oakley, which will hopefully be dedicated in early 2005. Habitat for Humanity is an opportunity to help provide affordable quality homes for low-income families. While the misconception remains that the houses that Habitat builds are provided free of charge to families, quite the opposite is true. Not only is there a mortgage for the home but also the families must complete what is known as sweat equity, which are hours that must be put toward the building

and completion of their home and sometimes assisting with other homes as well.

Habitat is looking forward to the spring semester when the city of Moraga will be sponsoring a house that will cost \$70,000. In February the city would like to use the SMC chapel lawn to build the frame of the house before it is transported to its permanent site. This will provide an opportunity for students on campus to experience first hand how much work goes into the building of a home as well as how they can participate with the club.

"We are trying to bridge the Moraga community with our college community. So we will need lots of help in February and encourage everyone to come on out," said Lennon.

The club is in its third year at SMC after being chartered in 2002. The club wants to reach out to all Saint Mary's students to get them involved by coming to meetings and going on builds. The next build is in November and the club will be taking a seminar class to help finish a house in Oakley.

CLUBS: New club review process will take place this week

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a staff member; the club can talk about its goals as well as its financial situation with the club rep. Then the club does not need to set up a different appointment for meeting with the vice president for finance because that person is already there. The club rep's job is to make sure the club is accomplishing their goals and maintaining their finances and, in the same respect, the clubs make sure their club rep is representing them; if not they will be held to the judicial tribunal and consequences will follow. So it is fairer for clubs to be rated fairly."

"The process is a good idea, but it's hard for new clubs," said Caitlin Hungate '06, president of Amnesty International. "Whoever reviews the new clubs doesn't have anything really to go on. We're new, so everything we do since our charter is closely monitored. This puts a lot of pressure on the clubs to do everything correctly and show them that we're doing well."

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beyond the bubble

NATIONAL AND WORLD NEWS BITES

By Tony Vala-Haynes

-ROCHESTER, New Hampshire—Nicole Mancini, 29, and her boyfriend John Thurber, 35, were arrested after workers claimed they overheard Mancini say she wanted to sacrifice her three children at Saint Mary's Church Saturday. Both Mancini and Thurber are being held on three accounts of misdemeanor child endangerment. Thurber is also being charged with possession of marijuana.

-WASHINGTON—After experiencing shortness of breath, Vice President Dick Cheney underwent a series of tests at the George Washington University Hospital Saturday afternoon. Cheney, 63, has suffered four heart attacks and underwent quadruple-bypass surgery in 1988.

-GOLDEN, Colorado—Ryan Dean Turtura, 20, changed his plea Friday to charges of stealing puppies from the Colorado Humane Society, tying them with duct tape and then setting them on fire. Turtura's defense attorney claims Turtura changed his plea because he fears what may happen to his family if he gives up the name of his accomplice.

-HOUSTON, Texas—Fernando Torres, 29, remains in critical condition after being attacked Friday and set on fire while walking to work. Investigators are attempting to find clues as to why Torres was attacked on his way to work in northwest Harris County.

-DETROIT, Michigan—Forensic experts are investigating whether the human remains found in an elevator shaft Thursday night are the cause of a homicide or natural death.

-NEW YORK—Rapper O.D.B., 35, died Saturday in a recording studio. O.D.B. recently completed a prison sentence for drug possession and would have celebrated his 36th birthday on Monday.

(Sources: Cnn.com, The New York Times)

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What do I do?

In-Depth looks at Student Services

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Facing the Issues

by Caitlin Hungate

Opinion Editor

Recently I have wondered if people at our lovely community of Saint Mary's really know how to navigate our two roundabouts, or as I like to call them, European Circles. Perhaps it can be quite confusing with traffic coming from three directions, but have no fear; there are signs that tell you exactly what to do.

Maybe the circular shape is confusing to American drivers, and thus they drive irresponsibly. This is no excuse. Heaven forbid one simply use their common sense to understand how they operate. Here in the United States such things as European Circles may be quite foreign, however they work beautifully in Europe. This is simply because drivers understand how they work. Thus I present to you a few easy to follow tips.

Lesson number one: one of the incoming traffic points has a stop sign and you must stop. This is just like any other stop sign on campus and on other roads. You stop, look both ways and when it is either clear or your turn, you go. Same is true in the European Circle.

It can become confusing and complex for the other two "yielding" persons. However, yielding in the European Circles is just like any other road, if someone is coming, you wait your turn. More importantly, when you are already in the circle, *you do not yield to those attempting to enter traffic, they yield to you.* Perhaps because people are too impatient or are in a rush, they have no concern for how these circles operate. But in these circumstances it can be quite scary for innocent drivers that are following the etiquette of the road.

The other important element one must not forget is to go extra slow around these European Circles. Because you are going around a circle, if you go too fast, the results can be quite unfortunate. Slow down. A damaged car (or even injured person!) is not worth the thrill of going fast around European Circles. And, guys, it isn't that attractive to see how fast your precious "metal" can go. There are many other ways to impress a girl (another lesson on another day).

To make things even more complicated, in our school's effort to make things as beautiful as possible from the exterior, they have laid smooth bricks, instead of unattractive, boring concrete. With this surface, one must take even more precaution when going around the European Circle so as not to drift.

Fortunately, SMC has provided a great surface to learn this maneuver, but without the training on how to use it, drivers are left trying to control their car as the back tires slide out. And with the rain season in full swing, drifting on this surface is even more likely, and one must be all the more cautious. Despite the complexities of these European Circles, one can at least drive safely now that we all know how to approach one on campus and in Europe.

OPINION

Collegian View

With Thanksgiving break just around the corner, the editors of the Collegian would like to take this time to state in our Collegian View what we are thankful for:

From news, we are very thankful for all the many things that happened that actually enabled us to have a great news section. Without the people, places, things, and reporters that made the three pages of news possible,

our front pages would have been graced by fluff, not stuff.

From opinion, we are very thankful for the individuals who contributed their voices on a weekly basis to represent the students of Saint Mary's College. We are also thankful for those who contributed on occasion only to balance out our so-called biases.

From sports, we are thankful for our strong, competitive ath-

Community Views

Dear Opinion Editor:

No doubt the subject of John Johnson's mental health is a fascinating one—one not less so than the subject of my, your, or your contributors' own sanity. But whether or not Mr. Johnson is a hate-filled, crypto-fascist, latent homosexual incapable of ever coming to know his own heart is beside the point and, quite frankly, the sort of character assassination that has become the hallmark of the Collegian. If we wish to understand the proper activity of any organization devoted to problems surrounding homosexuality—certainly any organization at Saint Mary's—it is necessary to take seriously the teaching of Scripture, Sacred Tradition and moral philosophy.

Philosophy being absent from the responses to Johnson's letter, we are left with their only argument, the argument to authority. His critics claim Johnson has run afoul of the clear, authoritative teaching of Jesus and the Church.

Now, I admit the Bible is a big book. God seems to have taken no heed of the fact that the more you say, the less you will be understood. I, for one, wouldn't hazard any claim as to "what it all means"; Johnson's more intrepid critics have a few things to explain. What about the many passages, including 1Cor 6, 2Peter 2, Jude, 1Tim 1, Mark 7 and Rom 1 that appear to condemn homosexuality unequivocally? Is there some subtle explanation that explains away what appears to be the clear meaning of the text?

The teaching authority of the Church poses an even greater problem. For, the Church teaches that homosexuality is a grave moral disorder caused by Original Sin. It teaches, furthermore, that homosexual acts and acts supporting those acts (like championing same-sex marriage) are sins in need of repentance.

Every person is deserving of our respect and charity. Every person exists within the dignity of human nature, and every person has been included in the saving work of the Incarnation and Redemption of Christ. Justice therefore obliges us to extend to every person respect and love.

This, you see, is why justice also obliges us to not respect every thing they may think or do. If we do not hate falseness in their thought and deed, if we do not count them unworthy of false-

ness, we simply do not respect them and therefore cannot love them.

Wayne H. Harter
Department of Philosophy

Dear Editor,

Although this letter carries no brief for sign-painting, relative degrees of diversity, inclusion, or even John Johnson (although judging by the response he does appear to be one singularly, diverse, excludable, and hated fellow), I would like to ask a question or two to some of his more pious accusers.

What would it mean if at the end of Jesus' famous episode with the women caught in adultery, he had not said, "Go, and sin no more." (John 8:11)? Would everything he said before about accusation and condemnation make any sense, or more importantly, be good news? If the point of this story is that no deeds whatsoever, be they adultery, sodomy, drunkenness or even injustice to the poor or vulnerable are condemnable, then there are no sins and Jesus's death on the cross and vicarious condemnation is one big mistake. If the point is that the only real sin is in those who condemned the women, then why must she be the one to sin no more, and why, should she ever drop a stone in the future, should the opportunity of condemning her own condemners arrive?

Why I ask, is that what appears to give scandal in John's letter is his assumption that sodomy is a sin and that the gay lifestyle therefore involves a sin. If he had commented on a club of swingers and questioned the endorsement of such a club on a Catholic campus that still believes in the Sixth Commandment, would there be the same scandal? Should there be?

Above all, the bad news if Jesus did not command the women to "sin no more" is that she could not; and that none of us, adulterers, sodomites, and whiskey-priests all, might hope to become anything better, wiser, or more just than we are today. The good news of no longer being condemned is that we might, some day, no longer be worthy of it.

Patrick Downey
Philosophy Department

letes who make us proud to report their successes.

From detour, we are thankful for the readers who put up with the humor and use this section to, "not take themselves so seriously."

From the photographers, we are thankful for the cooperation of our fellow students in posing ever so elegantly in front of our cameras.

From the writers, we are thankful for students, faculty, and staff willing to converse with us and provide our articles with le-

gitimacy.

From the editors, we are thankful for everything. We are thankful for a great community full of information and feedback. We are thankful for a wonderful staff that helps us get out by 8 or 9 o'clock on Sunday night. We are thankful for the holiday season, Thanksgiving break, and, the fact that our break marks the end of the first semester (production-wise, anyway). Most of all, we are thankful for our readers, specifically our fellow students who are the reason we do this. Thank you.

I was proud to see a written response from the student government addressing the letter written by John Johnson on the evils of homosexuality. I would like to emphasize a point brought up in the letter from the student government. They said that he was the president of an organization called "C.O.V.E.N.A.N.T." As the president of a student organization, he has the duty to uphold the values set forth by Lasallian Institutions like Saint Mary's College. In his public "lynching" of homosexuals, he has failed to show such leadership. The only aspect lacking in his letter is a physical attack on those he passionately condemns. God forbid that such a passionate hatred ever become a physical attack as it has in other parts of this nation and world. I believe the letter he wrote to the Collegian should be reason enough for the student government to take action and depose him of his leadership position in "C.O.V.E.N.A.N.T."

Saint Mary's students, you should not submit to such ostracizing. Someone should take further action beyond just writing a letter. If need be, get enough signatures in support of a deposition, or prove to the student government or the college administration that his views are more than just a healthy dialogue in an intellectually vibrant campus. No, his is not a dialogue. It is public harassment that seeks to alienate a group of students. Such public attacks should receive more than just a slap in the hand. John Johnson, I leave you with the following words from the Dalai Lama: "In the practice of tolerance, one's enemy is the best teacher." John, talk to this enemy of yours, see the face of Christ, and listen to his or her story. In listening, you may finally begin to hear a heart beating in your own chest. Someday, I hope you take the religion you have so tightly stored in the coldness of the mind, and begin to place it in the warmth of the heart. This, my friend, will make all the difference.

Leo Guardado
Lasallian Volunteer
Class of 2004

Fellow Students:

Please stop by the Associated Students Office (first floor Ferroggiaro) to sign a picture we will be presenting to Brother Craig at the senate meeting this Sunday, November 21st at 6pm in the Soda center.

Also, I have been very involved in the search process for our new College President. Soon I will be communicating with you through various mediums about the interviewing process, which is tentatively scheduled for the end of this month. Get involved because this is a perfect opportunity to give input into the future direction of our College.

If you have questions and comments or are looking for more ways to get involved, please don't hesitate to contact the Associated Students (x4280). We are here to support and advocate for you.

Jeff Haskins
Associated Students President

Freshman Class:

It has been drawn to the attention of Senators from the class of 2008 that the overall attitude of freshmen in Oliver Hall has been rude, disrespectful, and demanding. This behavior will not be tolerated. The food service staff is here to provide us with healthy meals. The staff should not be harassed about portions, quality of food, or the rules of Oliver Hall. Each of us needs to assume personal responsibility for bringing his meal card every time he dines. The staff is not responsible for looking up meal plan identification numbers. Students without meal cards will no longer be admitted to the dining hall.

Please take into consideration that the food service staff is comprised of Saint Mary's College employees and the Senate believes that it is unacceptable to treat the staff disrespectfully. Basic courtesy requires appropriate language and polite communication.

Let's rebuild the reputation of Oliver Hall and demonstrate individual responsibility and patience. Our food service staff would like a mutually respectful relationship with each student. Let's do our part to promote courtesy, responsibility, and respect at Saint Mary's.

Freshman Class Senators

The Next Reality Show

Parties face off in the new Real World

by Laura Longobardi
Assistant Opinion Editor

Yes, the election results are in, but that doesn't mean that the debates between the Democrats and Republicans are over yet. In fact, for the next four years, I am sure there will be a number of political disagreements and plenty of mudraking in the political world. In the meantime, however, I have an idea for turning these pointless (though often amusing) arguments into a new reality television show like so many other people who have capitalized on the hunger of the American public to watch people make fools of themselves: Red, White and Blue - what happens when ten strangers with politically diverse and extreme perspectives are placed in a house together for four weeks?

I have no doubt in my mind that this would be a highly successful show. It includes all the elements that make most other reality T.V. shows successful: drama, tension, and the potential for violence and police intervention. Who didn't hear about the episode of The

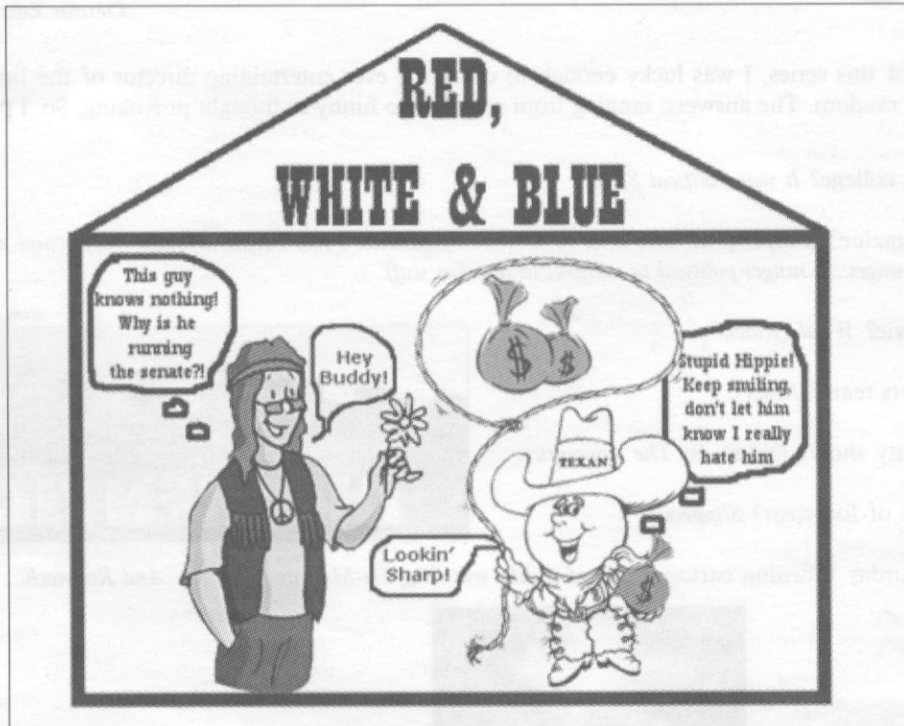
Real World in which one of the guys is put in jail for drunkenness the night before he is supposed to pick up his girlfriend at the airport? Or the episode in which one of the guys slaps one of the girls? These are the things that make

most liberal Californian meet each other at the airport to share a cab to the multimillion dollar house they will be sharing for the next month. Undoubtedly, disagreements will arise. How did Bush win this election? Why

eyes, the last of the house members to get there.

After exiting the car, it will undoubtedly be pointed out that the house is obscenely expensive and that the whole situation is ridiculous. The house really ought to be sold and the money distributed to the first needy-looking person who comes along. The conservatives will argue that the first needy-looking person to come along might not really be needy, but just a poor dresser and even if they are needy, how can we be sure what they will spend the money on?

I'm taking bets on this one folks. The odds are ten to one the Republicans are going to win. I just don't think the Democrats have a chance. The extremists on that side are too peaceful. The extreme Republicans will just whip out their semi-automatics and eliminate them. But not before the Democrats win their minor victory: one of the Republicans inspired by the peaceful nature of the Democrats, will convert...and subsequently be gunned down with his new brothers. Plus, those Republicans can always call Arnold if they have a problem.



great shows these days. Disturbing? Yes, but it fits in quite nicely with the idea of a political reality show.

I can just see move in day. The most Republican Texan and the

doesn't Kerry have a stance on anything? What are you trying to say? What are you trying to say? Inevitably, punches will be thrown and both will arrive at the house with broken teeth and black

An Open Letter to Pres. Bush from a candid supporter

by Jamie Zepeda
Staff Writer

Dear President Bush,

I write this letter with great joy and am hoping you are enjoying your extended stay in the White House. You deserve it. This is a great time in our nation's history. Personally, I welcomed your new term with open arms—and wallets, if you know what I mean. When my maid Juana told me that Brit Hume from FOX News had declared you the winner before all other channels did, I almost dropped The Wall Street Journal in glee. I quickly ran to the third floor and sat in front of the big screen to await other channels to declare you a winner. They did not until some time later—some claimed voter fraud in battleground states or something (I honestly didn't pay much attention to that). It didn't matter; I already knew the good news.

As your first term went on so did my support. My business has been thriving thanks to you. I have cut my expenses greatly be-

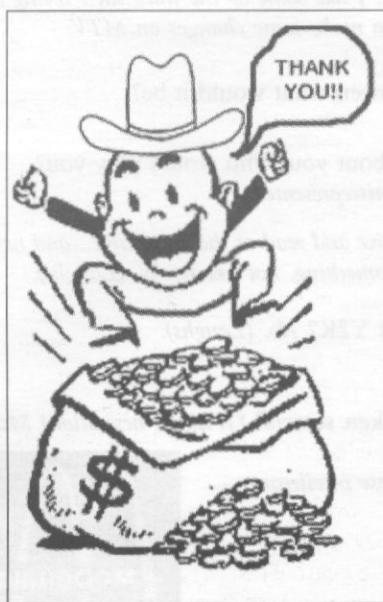
cause of your justified takeaway of overtime pay for some of my employees across the country. I don't get paid overtime, why should they, right? Another thing Mr. President, are you still considering giving illegal aliens a temporary working permit? You know, the one where their legal stay in this country is based solely on the employer's decision to keep the worker or not. I think

that is a fabulous idea; I would support it with the same fervor I have supported you.

Some people are criticizing you and those who voted for you, and to them I say this: Stop criticizing our President. He is a religious

man with moral values like me. One more thing, when are you going to crack that Wildlife Refuge in Alaska open for oil drilling? All in all Mr. President, I am glad to have you as my CEO.

God bless you and your family.
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Picky Potatoes

by Chris Mateo
Editor-in-Chief

Last week I was reading the first sentence of an article titled "A Cracking Good Time" in a recent issue of *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, "It's dinner time at Connecticut College, and students in the main cafeteria face a tough choice: steak or lobster?" Basically, the author reported on a tradition at this college where students are treated to their choice of a 20-ounce lobster or a 6 to 8-ounce steak. The thought of "grass being greener on the other side" had instantly crossed my mind.

After my momentary lapse into envy, I sunk my teeth into a mushroom and sausage calzone, followed by random bites of chicken nuggets, all washed down with some Minute Maid cranberry juice. I followed up my meal with a dessert-like serving of memory. I recalled the many facets of our beloved cafeteria (a.k.a. Oliver Hall/Sodex'ho/Saga/Marriott/whatever). We have a main buffet full of entrees, random drinks such as soda, juices, and assorted coffee beverages, a salad bar, sandwich bar, fruit bar, giant toasters, a microwave, a frozen yogurt machine, stacks of bread, a cereal station, a grill, and assorted little extras (cookies, cakes, macaroni salad, etc).

The word "spoiled" came to mind. This word has come to mind several instances throughout my time here, but didn't hit me until sophomore year - the year I stepped out of my take-out box. That year I learned from my best friends to appreciate the French bread pizza, imitation sushi, heart-breaking double cheeseburgers, and, of course, my calzone.

Three of my best friends attend a university about three hours south of the Bay Area. It's a large, well-known institution with a population ten times the size of SMC. Like me, freshman year was quite an eye-opening experience. Perhaps the one thing that helped them fall in love with the post-high school life was the cafeteria. They fell in love with not having to cook for themselves, they fell in love with the convenience of walking to get an abundance of food, but most of all they fell in love with not having to cook for themselves. They fell out of love during sophomore year when they were introduced to their school's "Conspiracy of Potato Recycling" or CPR theory. The theory goes something like this: Monday was "baked potato day," Tuesday was "criss-cut fries day," Wednesday was "regular French fries day," Thursday was "hash browns for lunch day," and Friday was "mashed potato day." So basically if a regular working week had six days, their cafeteria would have ended on "potato soup day." It was then I realized that SMC was the greener grass, and the other side was full of dying plants and tater tots.

After that whole Connecticut College lobster article, I am slowly coming back to appreciating what we have here at Saint Mary's College. While I'm not wearing a silly bib with a smiling crustacean, I'm also not witnessing the life of a potato during the week.

Reviews

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...And Angel read them, and he saw that they were good.

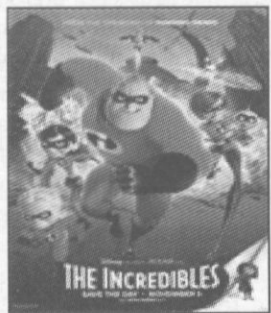


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Estelar

Attention music freaks! Are you still looking for the latest, "next-big-thing" musician no one else has heard yet? Volumen Cero is definitely a band you'll flaunt after you hear their bilingual debut, *Estelar*. This Latin Indie rock band has beaming artistic talent, and potential for growth in future albums. One major influence comes to mind listening to this Miami-bred threesome: none other than the beloved, Pixies. So even if you don't speak a word of Spanish, (don't worry, two songs are in English, just for you un-cool non-Spanish speakers) give them a try! Songs to pay attention to: Autos (second single release), "Muerdeme," "Luces," and "My Universe."

- Lindsey Rosellini



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The Incredibles

Some have failed to notice the recent genius of a certain film studio, Pixar. So for all you who have been living under a rock I am here to tell you about *The Incredibles*. It is the story of a retired family of super heroes forced to live in a world of mediocrity. Don't worry there is plenty of action when the family is called on to save the world once again! This family film, which is really directed towards an older crowd, is the perfect movie to see with a group of friends, or by yourself (for all those who are socially challenged). The characters are quirky, the lines are quick, and the plot is a parade of moments that make you smile, laugh and cry. If you want a good time check out *The Incredibles!*

-Melanie Linney

DÉTOUR

Because calling it "Entertainment Weekly" would be a lie

21 Questions with... Angel Vasquez

Détour Editor

In the third installment of this series, I was lucky enough to catch the ever entertaining director of the Intercultural Center, located in Delphine. The questions: random. The answers: ranging from nostalgic to funny to thought provoking. So, I proudly present: 21 Questions with Mary Ho.

1. What was your major in college? *It was Political Science.*
2. What's your favorite magazine? *It depends...I have a lot of favorite magazines. I like People actually. People and Audrey, an Asian Magazine, and they try to cover a variety of ranges...it ranges political to cultural to just fun stuff.*
3. What's your favorite movie? *Whale Rider.*
4. What's your favorite sports team? *Lakers.*
5. What's your favorite reality show? *Oh! By far The Apprentice.*
6. What's your favorite type of footwear? *Slippers.*
7. What's your favorite Saturday morning cartoon? *I used to like watching He-Man and She-Ra. And Robotech.*



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8. What's your favorite 80's sitcom theme song? *I would say... "Facts of Life," but that's too generic. Everybody says "Facts of Life," it's so easy to remember. (Proceeds to sing the theme to "Facts of Life").*
9. What CD is in your car stereo right now? *Aida, the soundtrack.*



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10. Would you rather be a ninja or a pirate? *A ninja. I get seasick.*



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11. If your conscience had a celebrity voice, who would it be and why? *Suchin Pak. I like some of the work she's trying to promote on MTV. She's starting a series on generational issues that I really enjoyed watching. She really is trying to make some changes on MTV.*



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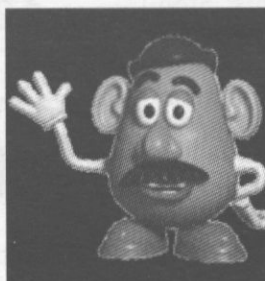
12. If you could have a super human power, what would it be? *Mind reading.*
13. If they made a movie about you, who would play you? *...Myself. I don't want to be misrepresented.*
14. What hidden talent do you have? *I can drive and read at the same time...and not get into an accident...you know if I have like a letter or something, not like books. (Laughs).*
15. Were you worried about Y2K? *No. (Laughs).*
16. Do you have a Xanga? *What's that?*

17. Which do you prefer, Wendy's Home-style chicken strips or McDonald's chicken selects? *(Without hesitation) McDonald's.*

18. What would you do for a Klondike bar? *Nothing. It's not worth it to me. I'm lactose intollerant*

19. Did you ever have a Mr. Potato Head? *Yeah, I did.*

20. If you were a road sign, what would it be and why? *"Turn on your head lights." Because I pass the Caldecott Tunnel every single day and that's what I see. And I never turn on my head-lights. (Laughs).*



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21. If you won Miss America, what would you do to make the world a better place? *I would fund the Intercultural Center. (Laughs).*

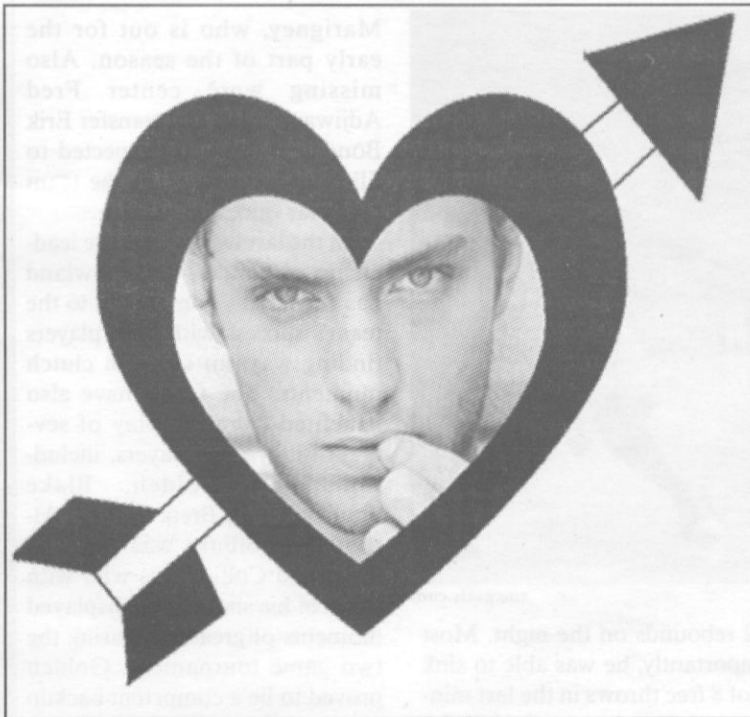
Please Jude, may I have some more?

Melanie Law... (I mean Linney)
Chief Photo Editor

Okay, so recently there has been an onslaught of films starring Jude Law. Many worry that with the films *I Heart Huckabees*, *Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow*, *Alfie*, and the soon to be released *Closer* and *The Aviator*, that the world will go into Jude overload. With the threat of too much Jude striking fear in the hearts of movie critics and bitter guys that can't get any, all I have to say is 'shoosh.' WE NEED MORE! Okay, maybe that is a little over the top, but really people, this is America—we love excess! Can a little excess in hotness really hurt us? No. Now I know I may come off as boy crazy, to be more exact Jude-crazy, but who cares?! Why should I censor myself? So what if I sound like a twelve-year-old girl with a monster crush on a movie star who spends her days writing her name with her dreamboat's last name. Honestly, I only did it once and it was just to practice, you know, in case of any future marriage proposals. Seriously though, is there anything wrong with admiring the exterior of a fellow human being (especially Jude, mmmm)? Now, I know my credibility as, say, a human, dropped once I unloaded my deep dark secret of having a "teenie-bopper" crush, but I do actually have something important to say about the man and his acting abilities. Since I have seen a majority of his films, even the old school ones that no one really knows or cares about, I can say

that there is substance behind that pretty boy face. *Alfie*, for example, is the story of a horrible man who jumps from woman to woman, not the screen "Serves you right!" Instead, a majority of us sigh with worry, wondering what will happen to our little man-

Illustration by Melanie Linney



giving a moment's pause to the consequences of his actions. He sleeps with his best friend's fiancée, gets her pregnant and takes her to get an abortion. He dumps a woman who truly cares for him so that he can try out every set of nubile legs in town. There is a point in the film where he receives the scare of a lifetime; you know the one that most men fear could happen to them one day, the one that involves Viagra as a cure. While most morally centered, thinking beings (women in particular) should be shouting at

whore who has tricked us into caring for him. This is exactly what the director and writers of *Alfie* want us to do, swoon over a cad, and this is all thanks to Jude's ability to play arrogant confidence with a touch of vulnerability. Of course, the film itself could use some tweaking, but keep Jude as he is. He is a movie star and yes one day his star will fade, but until then, let us admire the handsome man that is Jude.

Melanie + Jude = Love
Melanie Hearts Jude

He's Just Not That Into You

Jo-Ann Arquillano
Asst. News Editor

I have always been the first to discount the effectiveness of books claiming to hold the secrets of how to correct every blunder of my romantic track record, completely confident in the belief that I would never be swayed to find guidance in such pretentious pages.

The other week, my seemingly strongly established ideals were completely uprooted as my suite, apparently along with the rest of the mainstream-pop-culture-following world, was swept by the *He's Just Not That Into You* phenomenon. From the creators of *Sex and the City*, *He's Just Not That Into You* labels itself as "the no-excuses truth to understanding guys." Containing actual letters from lovelorn women, Behrendt bluntly undoes the excuses men use when they're, "just not that into you."

Witty, amusing, deliciously addictive and — unfortunately — pretty practical, this quick read assures women that men who aren't invested enough aren't worth the time or effort and debunks the ever romantic, ever rare, love stories of those who insist they achieved their fairy tale ending with one of these excuses-spouting princes.

He's Just Not That Into You is the perfect companion for anyone who has ever wondered about the potential future of a relationship. So whether you're seeking clarity from a guy who's intentions need decrypting or just want to laugh at the stories of women who can't see the light, *He's Just Not That Into You* is a genuinely entertaining addition to the coffee table.

Va de Vi Bistro and Wine Bar

Lindsey Owen
lé Copy Editor

I'll admit that my experience at Va de Vi ("It's About Wine") was greatly improved by the presence of a few over-21-ers, but, despite my inability to order my own wine, the food was enrapturing. Truly. Similar to Spanish tapas, each dish comes in small portions and the idea is to order several plates and share. This allows everyone to enjoy a variety of foods rather than be locked into one choice.

I arrived at Va de Vi, in Walnut Creek, with family friends at 5:05 p.m. We were asked to wait until the time of our reservation (5:15, the only time available when we had called earlier that day). The restaurant wasn't yet full, but after my friends ordered several glasses of Merlot from the attractive and well-stocked wine bar, I figured that maybe they had their reasons.

The wine bar is located at the front of the narrow restaurant. Symmetrically placed at the rear is more bar-type seating, with a view of the chefs at work rather than hundreds of wine bottles. Outdoor seating is available in the front with unobtrusive heaters, and in the quaint alley running alongside the restaurant. The atmosphere is perfect for small to medium parties completely devoted to a good meal with good company.

As a party of four, we figured six dishes ought to suit us fine, and eventually settled on what we wanted, asking that they come at intervals. After six would probably have been a good point to move on to dessert, but each plate was so incredible, and the menu so tempting, we ordered a few more... All were excellent, but a few stand out in my memory: the seared duck with sweet potatoes (although I admit I am biased in favor of duck), the braised lamb with mashed potatoes (the sauce was delicate and sweet and I wanted to take home a bucket of it), and the garlic frites (fancy term for garlic fries- but they were glorious and not overpoweringly garlic). Sadly, all this gluttony only left room for two deserts between the four of us. The chocolate soufflé was most enticing, but it requires 30 minutes to prepare (so order it early!). Fortunately the banana bread pudding with caramel sauce and eggnog crème brulee were more than sufficient.

All in all, I highly recommend everyone try Va de Vi as soon as possible. Be warned, however, although the individual portions are small, an over-zealousness in ordering may result in a bulging stomach and a slimmer wallet. The prices on individual plates range from \$6 (for the vegetable dishes) up to \$13 or \$14 (for the specials and lobster). Check out their website where lunch, dinner and dessert menus are available: www.va-de-vi-bistro.com

This issue is dedicated to the memory of Ol' Dirty Bastard, whose music touched us all. He shall always remain in our thoughts during our creative endeavors.

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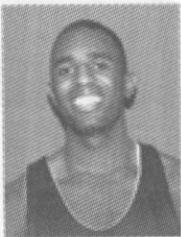
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Players of the Week

Jonathan Sanders

The senior had a huge weekend for the Gaels, averaging 17 points during the first two rounds of the tournament on his way to garnering the Coaches versus Cancer Western Regional MVP award. With the game in the balance, Sanders always seemed to find an answer and made the big baskets when they really counted.



Kaui Salzman

Although the Gaels suffered their third loss of the season, Kaui Salzman played very well, leading the Gaels in kills in both contests. She also recorded a combined 25 digs over the weekend. With the Gaels sure to move on to the NCAA Tournament, look for Salzman to step up and continue her great play in the post season.



Michael Chin, Sports Editor

GAEL SCORE CARD ZONE

Men's Basketball (2-0)

SMC Defeats Belmont 67-58
SMC Defeats Cal-Berkeley 61-52

Men's Soccer (3-7-5)

SMC Defeats Gonzaga 2-0
Portland Defeats SMC 3-1

Women's Basketball (1-1)

SMC Defeats Basketball Travelers 85-62
Arizona Defeats SMC 87-72

Volleyball (22-3)

SMC Defeats Santa Clara 3-1
San Diego Defeats SMC 3-0

SMC Weekly Athletic Schedule

Thursday

Men's Basketball vs. Memphis
@ Madison Square Garden, NY
4:00

Friday

Men's Basketball @ Madison Square Garden, Opponent TBD

Women's Basketball vs. UC Riverside, @McKeon Pavilion, 7:05

Saturday

Women's Volleyball @ USF, 7:05

Sunday

Women's Basketball vs. UC Santa Barbara, 2:00

SPORTS

Gaels down Cal Bears at home

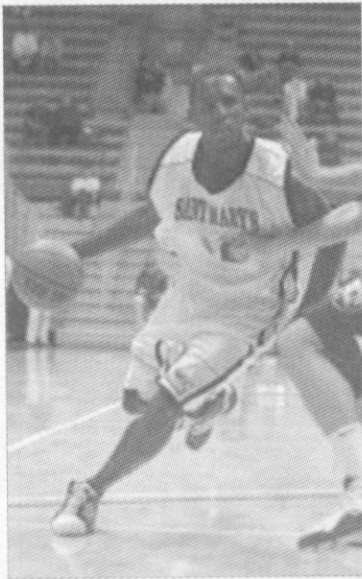
Basketball heads to the Big Apple after beating east bay rival

By Michael Chin
Sports Editor

The chant "This is our house," rang through Cal's Haas Pavilion on Friday night as the Gaels roared past the California Golden Bears 61-52. SMC was led by the play of senior Jonathan Sanders who scored 17 points and snagged 8 rebounds in the contest. Sanders was named tournament MVP after back-to-back 17 point performances in both tournament games.

It was a solid outing for the Gaels, who led the entire game. Their defense was stifling, holding the Bears to just 20 points in the first half. Daniel Kickert paved the way for the defense making two key blocks and cleaning the glass for seven rebounds. Blake Sholburg also played some valuable minutes when Kickert went into foul trouble. Between the two, they were able to shut down Cal's inside game all night. Offensively Kickert was unable to get it going as Cal double teamed the big man all night. He never got a clean look the entire game.

The second half, however, proved to be much closer as the Bears clawed to within just four points of SMC. It was from here that the Gaels' senior leadership would prove to be the big difference as Sanders and point guard E.J. Rowland seemed to come up with timely buckets just as the game was about the slip out of Saint Mary's hands. Rowland finished the game with 17 points and



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12 rebounds on the night. Most importantly, he was able to sink 6 of 8 free throws in the last minutes of the game, securing the Gael victory.

The performance said a great deal about this year's team. The Gaels displayed the tough defense that Randy Bennett-coached teams are known for and also found a way to score, even without the help of last year's leading scorer Paul

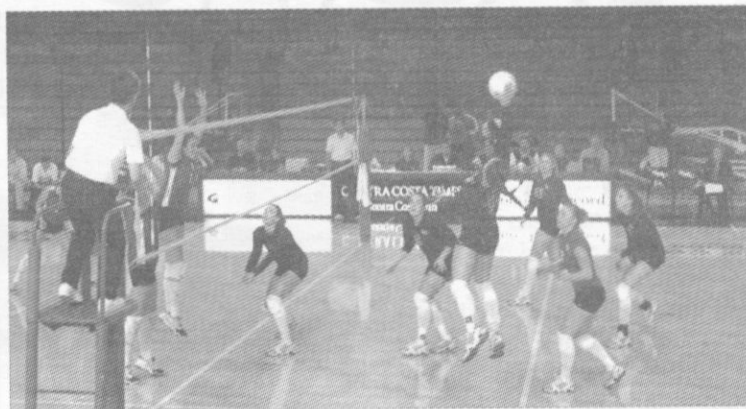
Marigney, who is out for the early part of the season. Also missing were center Fred Adjiwanou and Cal transfer Erik Bond. All three are expected to fill significant roles on the team this year once they return.

In the last two games, the leadership of Sanders and Rowland has been a key component to the team's success with both players finding ways to score in clutch moments. The Gaels have also benefited from the play of several of its young players, including Todd Golden, Blake Sholburg, and Brett Collins. Although Sholburg was timid at times and Collins was wild with some of his shots, both displayed moments of greatness during the two game tournament. Golden proved to be a competent backup at point. His composure and ability to see the floor can be compared to former WCC standout Blake Stepp.

With the win, SMC moves to 2-0 on the season and will play Memphis, winner of the southern bracket, at Madison Square Garden in New York City on Thursday.

Volleyball crushes the Broncos but falls to Toreros

With one match to go, the Gaels look towards NCAA Tournament play



Sam Adams
Co Sports Editor

Saint Mary's finished up a 1-1 weekend road trip Saturday with a loss to #19 ranked San Diego, despite the momentum of beating the #22 ranked Santa Clara Broncos on Friday. The road trip brings the team to 22-3 overall, and the Gaels remain second in the conference with an 11-2 record. With the win, the Toreros, who went to 19-4 and 12-0 in conference, clinched the WCC in a match Saint Mary's hoped to take for a WCC tie.

The Gaels were led by Kaui Salzman, who had eight kills and 12 digs to go with freshman Missie Stidham's seven kills and

12 digs. Lauren Holland had 10 digs Saturday and Mandy Bible had an impressive 30 assists and seven digs.

In Game 1 against San Diego play went back and forth leading up to a 22-22 tie. San Diego went up 26-22, but the Gaels rallied to make it 29-26 before eventually falling 30-26.

In Game 2, Saint Mary's jumped out to a quick lead, but the Toreros rallied, taking a 26-25 lead, then winning the next 6 points and the game.

In Game 3 the two teams again went back and forth, but the Gaels eventually dropped the game 30-24.

But the weekend wasn't a waste for the Gaels who started off with a bang against rival Santa Clara.

Saint Mary's beat the Broncos at home 3-1 on Friday night in a key West Coast Conference match.

Saint Mary's opened the match by taking the first two games 30-21 and 30-20, before the Broncos won Game 3 30-28. The Gaels took Game 4 30-23 to clinch the 3-1 victory.

The Gaels were led by Salzman, who recorded a double-double with 18 kills and 13 digs to go with her three blocks. The Gaels got a big performance out of sophomore Cassandra Kolkka, who also recorded a double-double with 13 kills and 18 digs. Kolkka sported a .333 hitting percentage, two aces and five blocks.

Saint Mary's sophomore setter Bible led the offense with 52 assists to go with her nine digs and four total blocks. Senior Lindsey Bogason had 15 kills, eight digs and three blocks, Stacey O'Connor had six kills and six blocks, and freshman Stidham recorded 26 digs and one ace.

Saint Mary's wraps up the regular season on Saturday, November 20 when the team travels to San Francisco to take on the Dons at War Memorial Gymnasium. Game time is at 7:05.

WEEKLY ROUNDUP

Saint Mary's Men's Golf

The Saint Mary's men's golf team ended their regular season with a bang, sweeping the number one and two spots, on their way to an impressive team victory in the Countrywide Inter-collegiate last week. Senior Joe Lanza lead the Gaels as the individual champion with rounds of 70, 68, and 70. Fellow Gael Chadd Cocco fired a final round 69 and finished just two strokes behind his teammate for second place honors. The Gaels annihilated the competition in the tournament, finishing 19-under as a team, a whopping 24 strokes ahead of second place Santa Clara, who finished the contest at 5-over.

Allison Kop,
Assistant Sports Editor

Saint Mary's Women's Basketball

Women's basketball got off to a tough start on Friday, losing their first game of the season to #24 ranked Arizona 87-72. Though they were behind at the close of the first half, the Gaels rallied in the second, outscoring their opponents 42-36, but it wasn't enough to overcome the Wildcats. Living up to their pre-season hype were Triola Jackson, who led the Gaels with 21 points and 9 rebounds, and Eynn Van Burger, who scored 17 points and nabbed 9 rebounds. SMC also set a new preseason WNIT record for 3-pointers with 14. The women's first home game is this Friday at McKeon Pavilion versus UC Riverside. Tip-off is at 7:05.

Allison Kop,
Assistant Sports Editor

Saint Mary's Men's Soccer

Junior Derek Youpel and Matt Walker each had goals as the Gaels blanked Gonzaga on Friday for their second WCC conference win of the season.

Aside from the two juniors, senior Diego Rovira had a good offensive game with two shots on goal and freshman goalie Brian Mason notched his fifth win of the season.

The Gaels closed out their season against Portland on Sunday. The Gaels played well and even dominated at times, but ultimately lost the game 3-1. Youpel scored his team leading seventh goal of the season, but it wasn't enough to lift the Gaels to victory. Seniors Diego Rovira and Keali'i Kuehu both started and were honored before the game to commemorate their last game in a Gael uniform.

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