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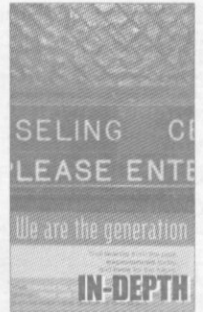
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Students make annual visit to Ft. Benning

"Fact-finding" trip is to School of the Americas

by Pablo Armas
Executive Editor

This past weekend, SMC staff and students went on a fact finding trip to Fort Benning, Georgia to learn more about the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation and its controversy.

The institute, more commonly known as the School of the Americas, is a training facility for Latin American military personnel who then return to their countries and utilize what they learned. However, opponents of the institute, such as SOA Watch, say that it is responsible for some of the most brutal acts of violence done within the Central and South America, among them the 1989 killings of

six Jesuits priests, their co-worker and her daughter.

The students saw both the inside workings of Fort Benning as well as the demonstrations that held outside the fort on a regular basis, although SMC students were told to not trespass or do anything that may end them up in trouble with authorities.

"I think it'll help to remove some of the myths and misconceptions that they have about the school. They'll find out if the myths and rumors about the place is true and may become even more curious about the school. They may learn a bit more about social justice," said Bonner Leader Brandon Birr '07.

Although he was not able to attend the trip, Brandon's work as a

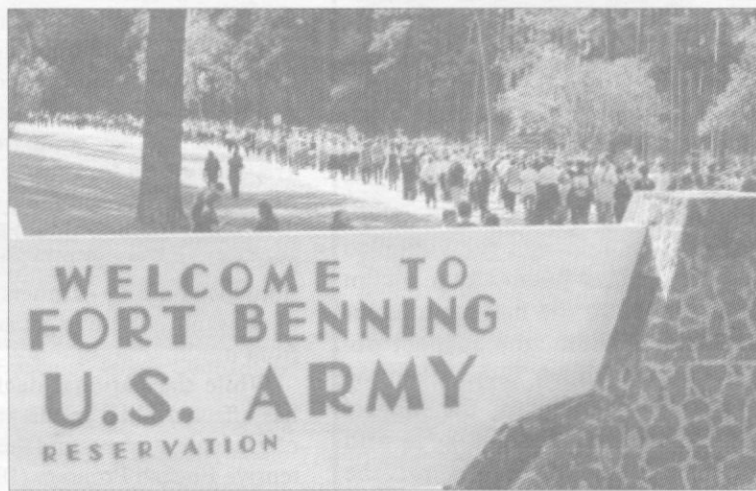


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Some have accused the SOA of perpetuating human rights violations

Bonner Leader with CILSA helps him to understand the issues related to the School of the Americas as well as understand why some of his colleagues decided to go on the trip.

"It's our duty to help address the problems that we have in our own front yard so that others we'll realize there is a problem that needs fixing," said Birr. When asked

about the importance of the trip he said, "It's a trip that should be open to anyone that interested in these kind of things."

Campus Ministry staff Anna Adams' response to the importance of the trip was similar to that of Birr. "It is an important issue to look at and I think that it's fan-

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Death of Yassar Arafat discussed in LeFevre

Potential Saint Mary's professor discusses the impact of the loss of Palestinian leader

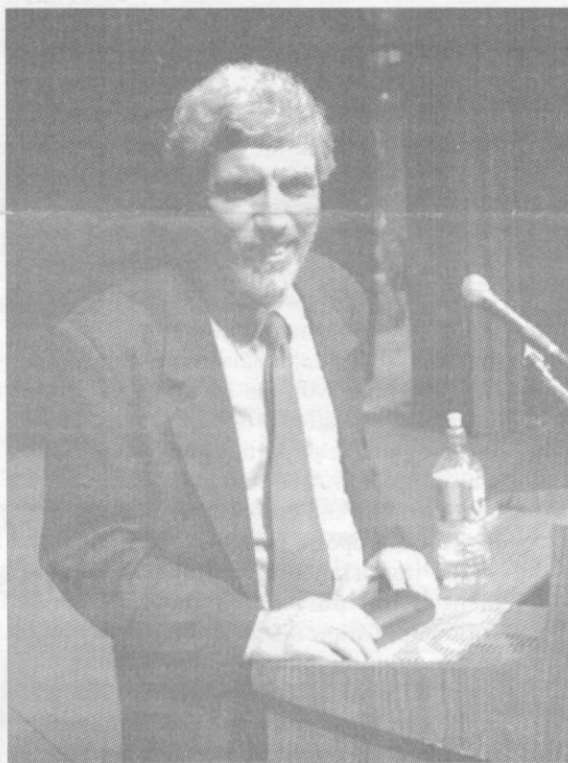
by Leslie Ajari
Staff Writer

On Wednesday, November 17, Dr. Yoav Peled, political science professor from Tel Aviv University and potential new SMC politics professor, gave a lecture on the Middle East after the death of Yassar Arafat. In this lecture, Dr. Peled addressed both the positive and negative impacts that Arafat's death will have on the Middle East.

One of the major issues that was addressed was the current economy of the Gaza Strip and the East Bank. Peled pointed out that almost 100 percent of the profits are made by the Israelis, leaving the Palestinian refugees living in ghettos with no way of making a living outside of grueling manual slave labor.

He also talked about the terror attacks that are a daily occurrence on both the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. Having no other voice, the Palestinians decided to turn to terrorism to get their point across, he said. In March of 2002 more than 123 Israelis were killed in terror attacks, bringing about an occupation of the whole West Bank.

Peled pointed out that although Arafat was stubborn about the Israeli occupation, he wanted peace. Peled brought to light that Arafat was willing to make sacrifices, just not the ones asked of him. Peled predicted that after Arafat's death, nothing will get better. He also claimed that Arafat was possibly one of the only people that could have united the Middle



Melanie Linney/COLLEGLIAN

East and brought about peace.

Peled described Arafat's death as a huge gain for the Israeli government, but the loss of a leader for the Palestinians. He states that now Ariel Sharon has no political pressure to remove the Jewish settlements from the Gaza Strip, and that now settlements will occupy both the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

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International Programs makes changes

SMC feels US decline in international student enrollment

by Chris Mateo
Editor-in-Chief

In the November 19 issue of *The Chronicle of Higher Education* it was reported that "the number of foreign students on American campuses declined last year by 2.4 percent - the first drop in enrollments of students from abroad since the 1971-72 academic year." This national trend is visible at Saint Mary's College.

According to Maureen Little, director of the International Student Programs, one major reason for the decline is the visa process. "The United States has added several hurdles to getting a visa," Little said. "This sends students to places like England and Australia where it's much easier to obtain one."

Dino Pruccoli, associate director for the Center for International Programs, added that England and Australia are a bit more welcoming than the United States when it comes to the visa process. "Australia and the UK roll out the red carpet for international students," said Pruccoli. "The United States has rolled theirs up."

In addition to the visa process, several other factors account for the decline. Saint Mary's is the micro effect of the macro causes. "Whatever's happening geographically and economically affects universities," Little said.

There are 31 countries represented through the international student population here at SMC. Little added that things such as the importance of a science department and the community of inter-

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our school. Daniela Simunovic '05, a Bonner leader, has been chosen for this month's Lasallian Student Spotlight as a student who exemplifies concern for the poor and social justice.

Two years ago, she was part of a group of students who helped secure a living wage for contracted employees of Saint Mary's College, which, as opposed to a minimum wage, takes into account such factors as the cost of living, food, and transportation. The group organized appreciation lunches and breakfasts for workers and had meetings with the ad-

ministration in order to pressure them into securing a living wage.

According to Simunovic, Brother Craig made a commitment to back the living wage in the spring of 2003, and the wage appeared in workers' checks in September of the same year. Afterwards, Simunovic became part of the Living Wage Compensation Task Force, which was composed of administration, professors, and students. It aimed to see how the living wage was implemented. It was "kind of silly" that it took a

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Lasallian Student Spotlight:

Daniela Simunovic

by Bettina Adragna
Staff Writer

The Collegian is currently honoring students at Saint Mary's who model the Lasallian values of

Crime Beat

11/13	12:25 a.m.	11/15	12:55 a.m.
Incident:	Driving under the influence, reckless driving, assault with a deadly weapon	Incident:	Suicide attempt
Synopsis:	Failure to comply and disrespectful to Public Safety on Alemany Dr.; referred to Student Conduct.	Synopsis:	Student transported to John Muir Hospital from Aquinas Hall; referred to Student Conduct and Health and Wellness Center.
11/14	12:34 a.m.	11/15	4:00 p.m.
Incident:	Disturbing the peace	Incident:	Strong-arm robbery
Synopsis:	Fight between student and visitor in women's restroom in Soda Center; referred to Student Conduct.	Synopsis:	A woman was the victim of a strong-arm robbery in the 2nd floor hallway of Assumption Hall. The suspect followed the victim to the 2nd floor. As the victim tried to use her key to enter her room, the suspect demanded her keys. When the victim refused, the suspect grabbed for the keys and pushed the victim into the adjoining wall. The suspect was able to get the keys and ran out the 2nd floor east door.
11/14	3:40 a.m.		
Incident:	Student Handbook violation		
Synopsis:	Cohabitation after 2 a.m. in Aquinas Hall; referred to Student Conduct.		
11/14	2:01 p.m.		
Incident:	Vandalism		
Synopsis:	Vehicle damaged in North Claeys parking lot; referred to Student Conduct.		
11/14	8:16 p.m.		
Incident:	Hit and run		
Synopsis:	Damage to vehicle in Filippi parking lot.		
11/14	10:45 p.m.		
Incident:	Tampering with a vehicle		
Synopsis:	Malicious damage to side view mirror in Becket parking lot; referred to Student Conduct.		

SOA: Allows students to see connection between U.S., world

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tastic that we are able to send students over there," Adams said.

"This trip will give students an opportunity to see other people interested in the same issues that they are such as social justice as well as people motivated by faith. It'll help them to see the

connection between the U.S. and the rest of the world."

She also said that she wants the students to come back with information to help the campus see what is going in the SOA so that "if they're really abusing the rights of people, we'll be able to challenge that."

You wanted to write the Collegian this semester, really...

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Seriously, what else are you going to do during Jan-Term...

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national students play a major role in the decisions of international students.

"We have one international club, unlike other institutions that have country-specific international student organizations. All of our students, no matter what country they come from, are placed in one specific group," Little said. "Also, students look at their own background - they either find others from their country or others not of the same culture to get away from it."

While the national decline has affected SMC in the areas of graduate students and the Intensive English Program (IEP), the international traditional undergraduates do not have such a significant decrease.

"The graduate student numbers have dropped and the International English Program here, like other universities, has completely shut its doors due to low enrollment," Pruccoli said.

In regards to the improvement of this decline from the SMC point of view, Pruccoli, also the former coordinator for international recruitment at the Office of Admissions, said that there are a number of programs still running to ensure SMC's enrollment.

"Before I moved over [to the Center for International Programs], I began the International Alumni Admissions Program where we worked with alum to help recruit," said Pruccoli. "There are also programs such as SMC's partnering with the University of St. Gallen in Switzerland where we bring approximately 30 students from their executive MBA in Media and Communication program." The program helps participants understand how American business methods and customs differ from European ones.

The importance of enrollment is not only about the college's financial benefit. "Aside from the monetary status, international programs help in the overall diversity and enrichment brought to the schools," said Little.

Pruccoli added, "It's nice to have that exchange of experiences. It helps students here understand other cultures and in turn, international students can return home with more information about the United States than what they see on television."

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year to get the living wage, Simunovic said. The living wage seemed to her a matter of "common sense."

Last summer, Simunovic worked in the border town of Douglas, Arizona to help register people to vote as part of the New American Freedom Summer. She also did immigrant rights work, which involved looking for migrants on the border and giving them water. She helped campaign against Proposition 200, which said that anyone who wanted benefits from the state must provide proof of citizenship, calling it a "racist"

proposition.

Simunovic explained her motivation for her work in Arizona as being related to being the daughter of immigrants herself. "If I don't speak up, who's going to?" she said. She also said that it was "part of [her] Catholicism," and said that the Catholic church is "one hundred percent behind" immigrant rights.

Simunovic is currently working as part of a union, SCIU Local 250, which organizes health-care workers all over California. They are currently organizing workers from Santa Rose Memorial Hospital.

Lasallian Core Principles

Faith in the Presence of God

Concern for the Poor and Social Justice

Respect for all Persons

Quality Education

Inclusive Community

ARAFAT: Tel Aviv University prof brings perspective to campus

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He said that as a whole the situation in the Middle East does not look promising, and that a more peaceful solution must be found or there will be utter chaos.

Dr. Peled is the author of *Being Israeli: The Dynamics of Multiple Citizenship*, which received the Albert Houranti Award from the Middle East Studies Association of North America for the best book on the Middle East in

2002.

His other works include: *Class and Ethnicity in the Pale: The Political Economy of Jewish Worker's Nationalism in the Late Imperial Russia* and "Profits or Glory: The Twenty-Eighth Elul of Ariel Sharon." Dr. Peled was also the recipient of the MacArthur Foundation Research and Writing Grant on the subject of "Palestinian Refugees and the Right of Return."

Final Examination Schedule

Examination Days: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

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Days	Beginning Time	Day	Time
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MWF	10:20	Monday	10:30-12:30
MWF	11:30	Monday	08:00-10:00
MWF	12:40	Wednesday	10:30-12:30
MWF or MW	01:50	Thursday	08:00-10:00
MWF or MW	Between 3:00 & 5:00	Thursday	01:00-03:00
MWF or MW	06:00 or Later	Monday	Class Time
TR	08:00	Tuesday	08:00-10:00
TR	09:40	Monday	01:00-03:00
TR	11:20	Tuesday	10:30-12:30
TR	01:10	Wednesday	08:00-10:00
TR	Between 2:50 & 5:00	Thursday	10:30-12:30
TR	06:00 or Later	Tuesday	Class Time

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

SNAPSHOT



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Saint Mary's piano man Ronnie Willet '05 plays the ivories at a Coffee Night last Thursday Night in the Ageno A lounge

Wake-a-Thon keeps students fundraising all night long

Diversity clubs raise money for the Adopt A Family Program

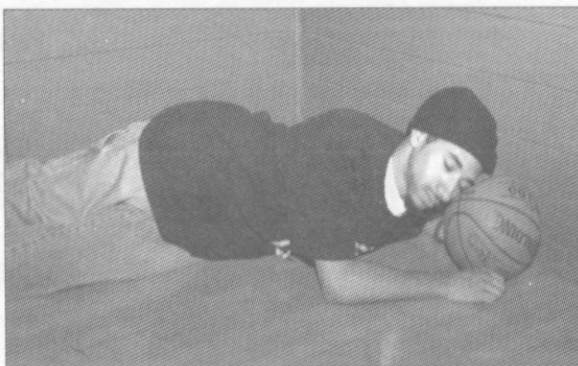
by **Aideen Rahimi**
Staff Writer

Who would have thought, unless you are a teenager of course, that staying up 14 hours after the sunset could be so much fun? That is exactly the sort of excitement LASA (Latin American Student Association), BSU (Black Student Union), APASA (Asian Pacific American Student Association), and HAU (Hermanas Unidas) provided for the students of Saint Mary's on Friday, November 19 from 8 p.m. until Saturday 10 a.m.

"This event is to raise money for the Adopt-a-Family Program," Jenny Burton '05, president of BSU said. "We are basically providing Christmas for

needy families who can't afford gifts for their children."

Students helped out by finding a sponsor to pay them \$3 for every hour they stayed up, and when they decided to finally go home and get some sleep they gave the money they raised to LASA.



"Your sponsor can be anyone: staff, faculty, or other students, anybody you can find. Or you can give \$5 at the door and stay as long as you like" Burton said.

"We have brought in \$876 in last eight hours," Vanessa

Fortney of LASA said, "we have estimated to triple that."

But what can keep easily distracted college students interested and up for so long? The student clubs were able to provide fun games, food, music, dancing, and lots of coffee to keep students wired for hours. The first hour was mainly wel-

coming everyone and supplying food, the second hour was icebreakers to get to know the clubs and the students, from 1 a.m. to 4 a.m. was dancing, and more games and skits after that.

"We're doing it all and whatever to get people to stay up" Burton said.

In fact, Becky Dirige, a Saint Mary's student participating in the event responded with enthusiasm, "I'm having tons of fun, it's a great cause. Right now, it's a little boring because everyone is tired but it will liven up soon."

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NATIONAL AND WORLD NEWS BITES

By **TONY VALA-HAYNES**

-IRAQ—A recent report issued by the Pentagon gives the number of casualties in Iraq as of November 18, 2004: 1,217 Americans, 74 Britons, 19 Italians, 13 Poles, 11 Spaniards, nine Ukrainians, seven Bulgarians, three Slovaks, two Dutch, two Estonians, two Thai, one Hungarian, one Latvian, one Dane, and one Salvadoran. The total number of casualties for Coalition forces equals 1,363.

-IRAQ—30 Americans have died in Iraq since the offensive on Fallujah began.

-SANTIAGO, Chile—President Bush was forced to intervene in a confrontation between his top Secret Service Agent and Chilean security officials. The Chilean and American agents reportedly shoved each other outside the cultural center where the President was to have dinner for 21 World Leaders Saturday night. The dispute arose when the President's secret service agents attempted to follow him inside the center.

-DENVER, Colorado—While on a guided bird hunt with her husband, Diane Sweeney accidentally shot him in the abdomen and chest with a 20-gauge shotgun last Friday. Charles Sweeney II was evacuated by helicopter to a local hospital where he was treated for non-life threatening injuries. An investigation into the shooting ensued.

-DETROIT, Michigan—A 72-year old man was rescued twice when his apartment went up in flames last Wednesday in Ypsilanti Township. A neighbor reportedly saved the older man the first time. However, fire men were forced to save him again when he attempted to go back inside the burning building.

-LOS ANGELES, California—Robin Williams is in negotiating talks to reprise his role as Mrs. Doubtfire for a sequel to the 1994 hit.

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The Guru Speaks



by Colin deLeon-Horton
Staff Writer

I didn't have a television as a child, and so I grew up reading books. For the most part, this suited me fine. I learned to read quickly and more comprehensively than most of my peers and it taught me a love of literature and writing. Hence this column. Of course, I missed out on a few things, such as all the *Seinfeld* episodes that my friends liked to quote and talk about during lunch, but at the same time I also wasn't subjected to the *Mighty Morphin Power Rangers*. Thank goodness for small blessings.

But as someone once said, variety is the spice of life. By the time I got here, I wanted a break from reading. Enter my freshman year roommate who brought a TV into our dorm. It was the first TV that I had ever lived with and I was like a moth staring at a light bulb—just as mesmerized and self-destructive. However, as I sat there for a year, a slow realization came to me. There is a lot about television that is awful.

I hardly watch anymore. It bothers me. However, it gave me an insight into something that I am now able to speak about and for that, I am grateful.

Here it is: I'm funned out.

I love funny. I'm tired of funny. What happened?

I was rather perturbed by this at first. However, thinking it through, I found that far from taking Aristotle's recommendation, I have been indulging in humor damn near every day since I got to St. Mary's. I had a great appreciation for humor when I was a child. I think that the reason is because I didn't have a TV and that my parents aren't that funny. As such, humor was taken in moderation back then. I wasn't immersed in it, drowned in it, and saturated in it. Thank God. Unfortunately, times have changed. From television, to the Internet, to the radio, to everybody that I know, funny is sought out and striven for. In most cases, the quest fails. Everything tries to be funny and very few things are.

Here is a recommendation. In the words of comedian and actual funnyman Bob Newhart, "STOP IT." Please. Because of this constant stream of jokes that are made all around me, I can no longer enjoy a large side splitting laugh as I used to. It feels to me like I've heard every joke before. When I suddenly realize that I'm laughing out of habit, something is amiss.

Television, stop it. Stop it with the lousy TV shows or the worse commercials that contain cartoon geckos and guys dressed up like they're clubbing going to Taco Bell. Stop your damn gellin' commercials. You've ruined Humor.

OPINION

Collegian Quote of the Week: I was so poor growing up... if I wasn't a boy... I'd have nothing to play with.
- Rodney Dangerfield

Collegian View

In light of loosing Brother Craig after the winter break *The Collegian* would like to take the time to state what we would like to see in a college president. First and foremost, we would like them to be an avid reader of *The Collegian*.

In all seriousness, the students need open dialogue, along with a president who we can easily contact and talk with openly. We need a president who can embody not only LaSallian tradition but also the Saint Mary's tradition. A member of our community perhaps can only truly understand this Saint Mary's tradition. One, who has seen our college both as

it has grown and become the college many of us call home, but also when the college was the center of negative media attention. It is our past that shapes our future, and Saint Mary's has the strength in its past to maintain its status as a leading liberal arts college.

Perhaps this is a good time to point out that as we lose another member of our community we cannot forget what footholds predecessors have left behind them for us to follow. As Saint Mary's begins writing a new chapter we must remember what was in the previous pages so we can be assured that our traditions are not lost.

Community Views

Dear Editor:

Members of the GLBT community and the Gay Straight Alliance (GSA) have expressed to the College concern about recent events. It is sometimes difficult to understand the power one's actions and words have to either celebrate and unite or cause harm and divide. When faced with misunderstanding, prejudice, hate, or ill will, we can respond in kind, or alternatively, respond in ways that seek to educate, build bridges, and heal.

The Lasallian Core Principles (specifically "Inclusive Community" and "Respect for All Persons") help provide focus in these situations. It is essential that everyone in our learning community feels welcome and safe to express thoughts and ideas. We support and encourage respectful dialogue as it helps us grow as an inclusive community and learn about others and ourselves, in particular in response to thoughts and ideas we may find disagreeable.

Many individuals and groups have rallied around the GSA and shown support through letters to the editor and directly to its members. GSA and its members have chosen to respect all persons and we applaud GSA members for their efforts. We look forward to assisting all members of the Saint Mary's College to build an inclusive community.

Sincerely,
Student Life Leadership Team
Mike Zoll, Mary Spellman, Scott Kier, Ete Martinez Anderson, Bill Foley, Br. Michael Sanderl, Norma Armtrout

Dear Editor,

I find no condemnation of homosexuality in the Gospels; certainly not in Mark 7, where Jesus goes through 12 internal "evil deliberations" as terrain he shares with Pharisees, but under his new conceptualization: it is what comes out of a man, produced by them, that pollutes him. Objectifying homosexuality as itself sinful would seem proper to Pauline Christianity, for which the act of bringing others under judgment would not, apparently, pollute a man. If nature consistently presents a human population of 5% (or more) homosexuals, the Church might allow itself to be instructed before it finds itself teaching the faithful to "avoid known occasions" of statistics. A teacher whose doctrine kept being "not received" might be assessed as endangering the reception of other salvific instruction. The politics of provocation through "wedge issues" is alien to the very name, "Catholic," after all.

Prof. Albert Dragstedt
Philosophy Department

Dear Students (over 21), Staff, and Faculty,

Join us for free wine tasting and conversation about what to look for when selecting wine: Thursday, Dec. 2nd at 8:30 PM in Delphine Lounge.

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From Russian orphans to baby chicks

Motherhood 101

by Amaya Zabala
Contributor

Everyone has a preference when it comes to having a pet. No, not like a "boo." As a matter of fact, whoever started that stupid term "boo," I hope they are dead. Anyway, I'm talking about the kinds of pets that get so excited to see you that they take a big poop on the floor. Okay, Usher does that when he sees Alicia Keys, but that's a different topic.

Right when school started, I all of a sudden had a strong impulse to be a mom. As I was in the process of adopting a sweet little Russian boy, I realized, "Hey wouldn't baby chicks be even cuter?" So I threw the adoption papers in the trash and immediately purchased some cute little fluffs o' puff. Sorry Vladimir, maybe next year.

So less than three months have gone by. I started out with four chicks, but as of now two have the privilege of still living. Yes, I, Amaya, failed as a mother. A terrible chicken disease stole the life of my baby who went to the

pearly gates just hours after I got it. My housemates and I gave it a king's burial by putting it in a shoebox, lighting it on fire, and sending it floating on a creek. Okay, it was more like a puddle, but boy, it was majestic.

The last fluff o' puff was murdered by a hawk right outside my house. When I saw the hawk feasting on my chick, I suddenly knew what it meant to be a mother. As fluffs of puff flew through the air, I collapsed into a puddle of grieving mother. It took about two whole days to get over it. All I am saying is, until you lose a child you don't know what it's like to grieve "mom-style." I hope hawks never come and murder your babies. If you never want such an atrocity to happen again, send a letter to the mayor of Moraga. I suggest we get BB's and kill every hawk in the sky until the murderers are murdered. Who cares about poor little Russian orphans when we can save cute little baby chicks? I for one, picked the chicks, and now have more love than I could ever ask for! Yay chicks! Boo orphans!

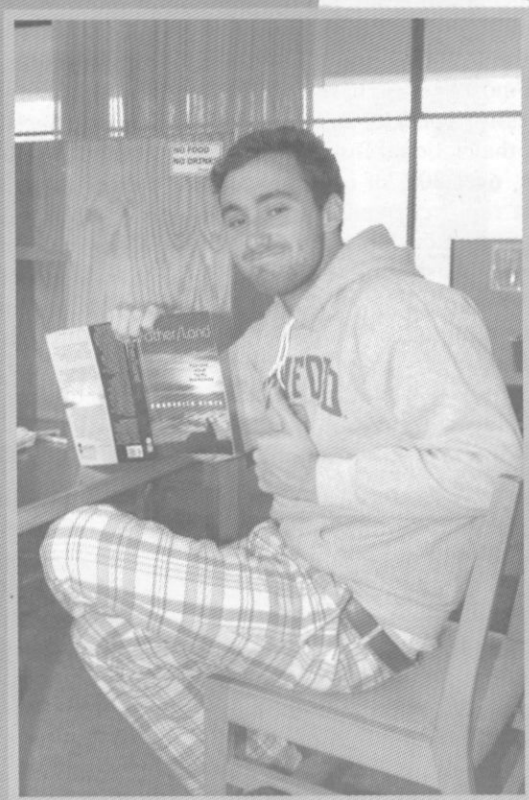
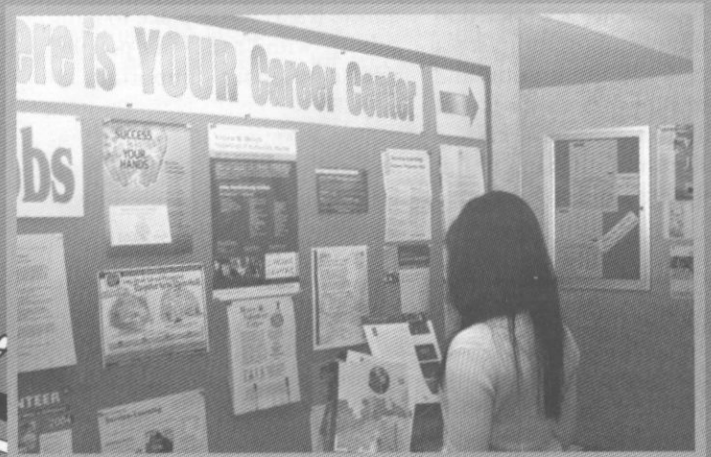
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This month, In-Depth looks at
Student Services on campus

Women's Resource Center offers empowerment and support

by **Bettina Adranga**
Staff Writer

Center deals with gender issues, oppression

Have a problem with gender violence? Heterosexism? Racism? Sexual abuse? The Women's Resource Center is a place that can help with these issues. It also offers, "educational programming, support, empowerment, referrals, and outreach," according to Sharon Sobotta, director of the center.

Sobotta said the Center, "deals with gender issues and also looks at how those issues are related to other forms of oppression. It's a safe place for people to come and find someone they can connect with," to gain support or have a conversation about something they're going through.

Lindsey Rosellini, who is a member of the Peer Outreach Educators Team, POETS, (run by the Women's Resource Center), concurs. She said that the people there are, "very understanding and willing to do something about [problems]." She said that the WRC is, "definitely a good resource," if you have a problem with sexism, heterosexism, racism, or sexual abuse. It's a, "cozy place to hang out in" with "really fun people" who care about "important issues."

The Women's Resource Center has a graduate assistant, Blair Howard, and a graduate intern,

Elia Moreno, who are part of the regular staff. Both expressed a desire for more students to get involved with the center.

"I would like to see more students take an active role in attending workshops, participating and enjoying the environment and what the Women's Resource Center has to offer them," said Moreno.

Howard said, "I want people to get involved," so that they feel like they own the center. "I wish there were more men in here," he said, because, "men are the other half of the population" and "can be allies to women."

Both Howard and Baltazar de

Anda, another member of POETS, were part of an hour-long presentation that occurred November 15, 2004.

The presentation involved analyzing three types of media: music, magazines, and movies, according to De Anda. It also involved a watermelon, which was touched by the students and then dropped on the floor. The dropping of the watermelon served as an analogy for sexual assault. "Once we destroy [an assaulted woman's] dignity," it can't be put together again.

While some men laughed, De Anda told them during the presentation, "What if that woman

was your mom? Your sister? Your girlfriend?" The presentation also involved tearing up *Maxim* magazines.

De Anda said that the presentation got "a very good response." "Maybe they won't do anything, but at least it's a beginning," he said. "If they begin with themselves, then that will be an example for other young people." "Society needs to do more" in regards to violence against women, De Anda said. "Women need to be respected, and respect for women is not a privilege—it's a right."

The WRC can be reached at x4171.

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building
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x4600

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F 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
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Workshop
Garaventa 320
M 5:30-7 p.m., T-Th
4:30-6 p.m.



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Academic Advising helps in many ways

Students meet with advisors, explore co-curricular activities

by **Chris Mateo**
Editor-in-Chief

The Office of Academic Advising and Achievement covers everything from the academic planning and assistance for students to the tutorial services by and for students.

The Office of Academic Advising and Achievement, located on the ground floor of De La Salle Hall, is a student's number one resource for advice on planning academic programs on the Saint Mary's College campus. According to their informational flier, "The primary purpose of the Office of Academic Advising and Achievement is to support the College's commitment to provide undergraduate students with the support they need to develop and achieve their goals. The Office assists students to get the most and the best from their educational experiences by ensuring that they understand and use the many resources available at the College and in the community."

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Academic Support Center gets students back on track

Tutoring, special assistance, helps students succeed academically

by **Lindsey Owen**
Copy Editor

Life doesn't always go as planned, and sometimes the going gets tough. We all know Saint Mary's has a counseling center for your emotional troubles, but what about class?

Solution: the Academic Support Center. Best known for its tutorial services, ASC provides a variety of support for the student in need. Director Jeannine Chavez-Parfitt said, "We offer all sorts of academic support, which includes tutorial services, intervention programs and assistance (for academic problems), services for students with disabilities, study skills assistance, and

any other type of assistance requested, such as academic referrals."

Ruth Santee runs the tutorial services. Any student who finds him/herself failing in a class can walk into the ASC office at Sichel 105 and fill out a form requesting a tutor. All tutors have been through a quarter credit training program, received at least a B+ in the courses they tutor, and have an overall GPA of at least 2.8 (any student wanting to be a tutor may walk in and apply after taking the quarter credit class). If enough students are in need of a tutor, sometimes a regularly scheduled group will be set up.

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Counseling Center safe, confidential

The counseling center helps maintain students' mental health and well-being

by **Amy Beth Kelly**
Managing Editor

Located on the ground floor of De La Salle, the Counseling Center is not often a first thought for help with the stressors of college life. The Counseling Center strives to provide a safe, welcoming, and professional environment to help aid students with an unbiased approach to talking openly about situations that may be of interest or concern.

The Center has licensed counselors and psychologists, counseling interns, and a consulting psychiatrist. The center emphasizes that while stress is a natural part of life, anytime one feels that it may be too much or out of control, a student should consider utilizing the services. Services in the Counseling Center include: individual counseling, support groups and group counseling, consultation with staff and faculty, and alcohol and drug intervention.

In addition to these services the Saint Mary's Counseling Center is the only confidential place, outside of a priest, on campus that a student can talk freely about any concern they may have. This is especially important on a campus where sexual assault reporting has been an issue in the past. The confidential-

ity of the center is assured as long as an individual is not at risk of endangering themselves or others.

College students can easily be overwhelmed with new freedoms and classes. Young adults ages 15-24 are most likely to have a major depressive episode, and in a survey by the National Institute of Health, over 30% of college freshmen reported feeling overwhelmed a great deal of the time. The astounding statistic remains that 78% of college students will show symptoms of depression. With rates this high, it is important to know what options an individual has, as well

as to understand that feeling sad is neither unnatural nor uncommon.

The Counseling Center invites anyone in the Saint Mary's community to openly ask questions and if needed, make an appointment to talk about anything which may be of concern. The center can also help students to cope with a friend who may be dealing with depression or other substantial issues in their life.

The Counseling Center is available the SMC community. It's open Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The phone number is x4364.

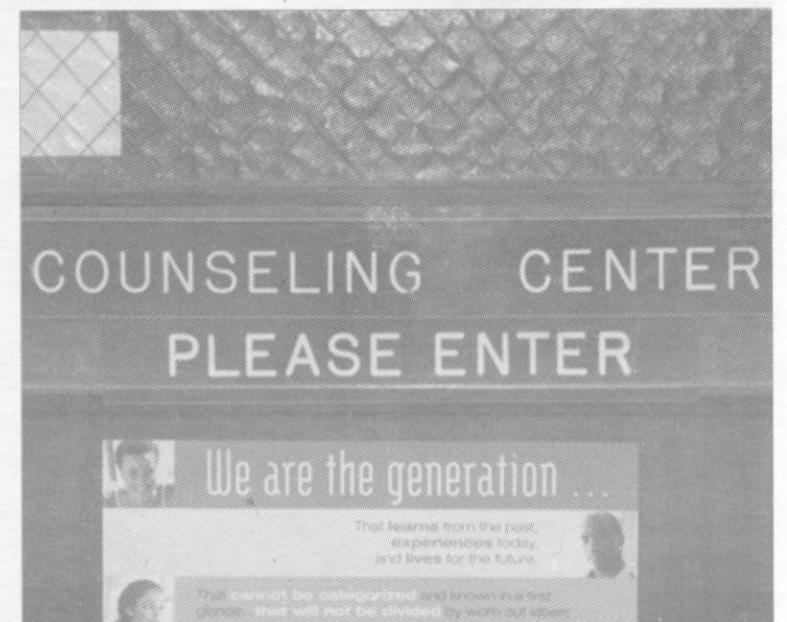


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Help or hindrance: what students think

When services don't serve students suffer

One student speaks out on the inadequacies of the system

by Amy Beth Kelly
Managing Editor

Webster's dictionary defines service as a contribution to the welfare of others, or useful labor that does not produce a tangible commodity. Under this definition, one would be surmised that services on campus would be created under the assumption that a student's needs come first. Yet, in many cases on the Saint Mary's campus this is not the case.

The most obvious disservice on campus is disguised in the

manner in which sexual assaults are handled on campus. Unfortunately, there is only one designated office on campus where students can find confidential

I remember when the Women's Resource Center had a group of trained students, peer advocates, that would guide and support students who were assaulted at

on call twenty-four hours a day for one-on-one confidential contact with a student.

This group was not intended to replace professional advice, but rather to listen and provide peer feedback and support when the aftermath of assault was too much to handle alone and the support of a peer/friend was comforting. This group of peer advocates unfortunately no longer exists.

When a student cannot walk into a resource center for actual resources, the campus must begin to assess what services are disguised under a cloak of disservice.

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help for dealing with sexual assault.

While the Counseling Center is well equipped to help with the issues that may arise after assault, they do not offer a peer support system.

SMC. Advocates were "assigned" to students who had reported a sexual assault to the center and were always instructed to maintain confidentiality so that a student had a peer source for support. These advocates were

Counseling Center helped sort out life, make it livable

by Anonymous

As limiting as services such as the Health Center and Counseling Center can be, what they can give us, as students, is pretty good. Although there can be great trepidation when thinking about going to the counseling center specifically, it has been profoundly beneficial for me.

We all, at even the smallest level, think of the Counseling Center as a place for people with serious problems, right? Not true. Even with the slightest of worry, stress in class, whatever the issue may be, the center is there waiting for us to unload our problems. The best part is that it is confidential, unbiased, and free. As much as our friends are there willing to listen, sometimes letting down your guard can be quite scary.

High school just floated by, with issues different than the common high school kid. Yes, there were the cliques (and some can debate they are alive and well here), the dirty looks, the rumors, but by far the hardest was not being known.

When we come to college, we usually don't know anyone, and we all start from the bottom. I had the not-so-lucky privilege to do this in the middle of high school. No, I am not alone in my story. Others, too, have gone through this and know exactly what it is like to be absolutely alone. Alone. And that sucks.

After flying through the rest of high school, counting down the days until I left for college, I never thought these issues and feelings could all come back to the surface. But they did.

Right smack in college, while I am completely loving life, loving my friends, school, and everything, these issues are haunting me. What do I do?

The first few visits to the Counseling Center were not easy at all. Releasing feelings that I did not even know I felt, crying endlessly. I finally feel like I am piecing those broken years together. Am I crazy? I don't think so, just sorting out the teenage angst. How are we supposed to carry on in life if we never deal with those dark, sad thoughts that will never go away? As we choose our major and think about the future, I for one would not have been able to continue, if I had never talked (privately) about my past.

If anything, the Counseling Center has helped me, for the first time, really talk about what hurt me in the past. Growing up certainly is not easy, and sometimes it is not fun, but it is what is given to us. Instead of ignoring problems, I choose to deal with them head on. And as I move into the next part of my life (grad school, work, family), I know that I will be able to do it. And I am thankful for that.

My life as a student employee

Editor-in-Chief, student describes his other duty

by Chris Mateo
Editor-in-Chief

I've been working for the Office of Academic Advising for approximately one year and have been serving as an English tutor for about a month (a year and a half if you include my writing tutor training and informal tutoring).

Both jobs have been interesting experiences considering my duty in serving my fellow students.

With Academic Advising, I've been able to help as a student in-

tern. I help students by answering their questions.

I point out the advisors, resources, and information that they look for. It's rewarding in the sense that I was once a freshman.

As a freshman, I needed to meet with an advisor when mine wasn't available during registration week. I'm sure most of you have been in that position. Sucks, doesn't it?

As a sophomore I was also trying to find my identity. With the help of the former coordinator for Asian Pacific American Programs, I found ways to be more involved with the Asian Pacific American community.

And, like many of my peers, I had to learn about the difference between APASA and APASP other than the last letter.

I learned about so many aspects of the diversity on this campus (a totally different opinion article), about students in general, and about the importance of seeking help.

And in seeking help, I found employment where I currently enjoy associating with other students while helping in their overall academic success (no matter how small my contribution may be).

As an academic tutor, I have had the chance to do what I've always enjoyed - teach.

Before my training, I pictured the Writing Center Workshop as a place where English buffs helped you write your paper.

As a tutor, I finally got a feel for the phrase, "Give a man a fish, feed him for a day; teach a man to fish, feed him for a lifetime."

Instead of writing what the students should put in their paper, I help them edit their papers themselves so that they won't need me next time. And believe me, I'm all about the editing.

All in all, I've loved working in both departments. If not for the opportunity to work with students, then for the cool people I learn so much from.

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Sexual Assault Crisis Response Team can help.

ASC: Facilitates group tutoring sessions when need arises
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The Writing Center Workshop falls under the ASC umbrella, but is actually run by the English Department, with professors Naomi Schwartz and Chris Miller alternating in attendance. WCW operates on a first-come, first-serve basis and is held in Garaventa 320 on Mondays from 5:30-7 p.m. and Tuesday through Thursdays from 4:30-6 p.m. All tutors at the WCW have met the same requirements as regular tutors. However, they take a different quarter credit course for training.

Interventions are for when tough times come along and "maybe the student needs an advocate or liaison," said Chavez-Parfitt. For instance, maybe you've been ill for three weeks straight or you are going through a bad break-up and your coursework suffers, but you don't know how to talk to your professor. The counseling center is there to help you with your emotional upheavals, but ASC can help you out the academic side of your life.

Students with temporary or permanent physical, mental or learning disabilities may turn to ASC. All contacts are confidential, and accommodations may be made for interpreters, alternate testing arrangements, etc.

Many times, students struggle, but they need more generalized assistance than a tutor. The Academic Support Center helps build study skills, which students can apply to any course they take.

Academic referrals happen when a professor, faculty or staff member of Saint Mary's College identifies a problem that a student is having and contacts ASC on their behalf. Like interventions, the ASC can act as a liaison for students.

The ASC is there for the student body. Chavez-Parfitt said, "We are very student centered, we want to make [ASC] more inclusive and available." To accomplish this, ASC has opened its doors later in the evenings to provide an alternate study space. "We want the students to be very comfortable with what's theirs."

CAREER: center provides guidance for students
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During the process of advising and planning, the advisors suggest that students reflect on goals, examine course offerings and requirements, identify courses of interest, review the class schedule, and choose a final course schedule.

While the name of the office stresses the academic importance to the students, the advisors in the office, through their titles as coordinators of the Asian, Black, and Latino student programs, help in the planning of co-curricular programs to help students achieve personal, educational and career goals.

Andrea Lum, coordinator for

Round Table discussion: "Services Offered at SMC"



Sharon Sobotta, Sheri Richards, and Peggy Burns discuss what they can offer students at the Round Table Discussion.

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What does your department offer to students and how does it help them?

S.S.: My department offers a variety of educational programming. We have a series going right now called Women in the World on Wednesday. We also have sexual assault crisis response team. There's support groups. We also have a library that's full of resources. Students can come in and check out books at any time. We have a comfortable lounge so a lot of times students will come in just to relax or connect with other students. We also house the Peer Outreach Education Team.

S.R.: The Counseling Center actually offers a full range of psychological services. We break it up into three areas; direct, outreach, and consultation and training. Our direct service is individual, couple, or group counseling. We see students by appointments, however if students drop in or have an emergency or a crisis, we can see students as they come in. Indirect services include outreach to the community.

Classrooms, res halls, teams (we consult with the coaches). Topics in the classroom include stress management, personal relationships. A third area is consultation and training. We're very busy during the summer with training professional staff, student helpers, SOS, WOW, the RA's and other student groups. During the year we help with training the tutors. For consultation we work faculty, staff, and parents. The counseling center works very closely with the WRC and the academic advising center. A separate program we have is an alcohol and drug assessment.

P.B.: We see any student who has a concern. It might be a concern about their physical health, their personal relationship, or an emotional reaction to an event, or it could just be a student coming to the health center who really hasn't identified their immediate concern, but they kind of have a worry. We operate from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and students can simply drop by the health center and they can be seen by one of the registered nurses, the nurse practitioner or by one of our two physicians.

What changes would you like to see happen

Asian Pacific American Student Programs (APASP), has been at SMC for approximately four months. "The Office of APASP serves the Asian Pacific American (APA) community and first generation college students by offering culturally relevant programming, academic advising, and other services which connect students to resources on campus," said Lum. "My goal is to ensure that APA students and the larger campus community receive the support they need to be successful. I meet with students on an individual and group basis and outreach to those having difficulty in their classes, or on probation. College can be a stressful experience for students who previously had little knowledge of higher education - I try to support students during

that transition while helping them to recognize their strengths and pursue their academic goals." Programs in the APASP office include a mentoring program for APA students, MAPAS, the literary newsletter for the APA community, A.Voice, and the APA Graduate Celebration.

Brian Stanley, coordinator for Black Student Programs, and Norma Lopez, coordinator for Latino Student Programs have both also contributed their time and effort in helping the students of SMC.

And according to the student employees of the office, Academic Advising is held together by its administrative assistants, Marcy Doane and Brenda Kiba.

For more information on the Office of Academic Advising, please call x4349.

Panelists: Sharon Sobotta, Women's Resource Center, Sheri Richards, Counseling Center, Peggy Burns, Health and Wellness Center, Crystal Fiehmann '07



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or what things would you like to see continue to happen?

C.F.: For the health and wellness center, I think most students know where it is, and know that it's available to them. So I think that's pretty much doing good and should stay the same. For the counseling center,

I don't know too many people who use it, but it would I think that if you could somehow find a way to post all the services you offer maybe students would use it more, because I think when people think of counseling they think they just go in and sit down and talk. But I think more advertising about different things you offer, just the basic idea of what everyone has of the counseling center would change. I haven't been in the women's resource center, but I know I've been to events by the women's resource center.



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Peggy Burns



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Crystal Fiehmann

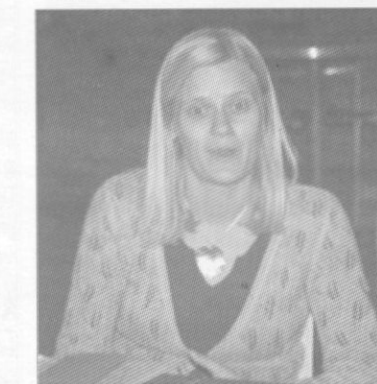


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Sharon Sobotta



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Sheri Richards

Christmas music before Thanksgiving

A do or a don't?

by Jo-Ann Arquillano

Assistant News Editor

I love Christmas. For three weeks (give or take) every year, our world is transformed into a completely different universe. Suddenly, decorations line the streets, the existence of an empty parking spot at the mall becomes a true myth, and of course, the sounds of the season fill the air.

But the sounds of Christmas are just that, the sounds of Christmas. Allowing this music to be played before its time, aka before Thanksgiving, would upset the ever-delicate structure of holiday hierarchy. Christmas is one hardcore holiday season, and with its concentrated force of yuletide cheer, perhaps it is best to keep celebrations to a limit. Like a top-rated television show going off air before becoming stale, the Christmas season should remain confined to its given barriers – between Thanksgiving and New Year's – before the sparkle of the season begins to dull prematurely.

If we endorse the playing of Christmas music before Thanksgiving has had its limelight, who's to say it won't all get over-

done? It's a horrible thought, I know. Who would ever admit to getting sick of Christmas? But come on, let's all be honest here. By the time New Year's Eve rolls around, aren't we all just about ready to push all the Christmas trees, soliciting Santas, and the necessity

by Caitlin Hungate

Opinion Editor

As the leaves change colors and the weather gets colder, there are signs all around us of the holiday season. And what goes with the holiday season?

Music. I ask, is

feeling of a holiday season. Granted, I am not in snow-territory anymore, but that yuletide cheer is still here.

Christmas music is about initiating a season of compassion and joy. Everyone is happier during Christmas. People smile at one another on the streets and go ice-skating with their kids. With all this joy being a characteristic of the holiday season, who wouldn't want to usher it in as early as possible?

Besides, my favorite Christmas memory is one of decorating a Christmas tree and listening to Christmas carols. Granted, that time has not quite gotten here, but the music puts me in a good mood.

Fires in the fireplace, hot cocoa, hot apple cider, pies, and vacation from school all begin after Halloween, not Thanksgiving.

Christmas is a wonderful holiday, surrounded by goodwill towards fellow humans as well as generosity and kindness. Bringing it about before Thanksgiving isn't hurting anyone; it's making the world a happier place.

there Thanksgiving music? Because there is no such thing, Christmas music is appropriate anytime after Halloween. Yes, it may annoy some people with the holiday cheer but I, for one, love it.

Perhaps because I grew up on the east coast with the possibility of snow occurring after the middle of October, there was a

who the hell is this guy?! ITS NOT EVEN THANKSGIVING!



Illustration By Melanie Linney

to act just a bit merrier than the rest of the year behind us? If the sweet sounds of Christmas begin to fill the air before the turkey's even reached the dinner table, we could be pushing the holiday toward an even earlier expiration date. So let's not be the ones to wear out Christmas. Let's keep the Christmas tunes 'til after Thanksgiving.

I have no idea who you are Students of St. Mary's

by Josh Krehbiel

Chief Copy Editor

It's not that I haven't spent time here and haven't talked with many of you. But frankly, I'm disenchanted when I walk into class and see people that I've never seen before at such a small school. And that's about as far as our relationship goes. We see each other in class, class ends, and we wander off to our dorm rooms, never to hear from each other again.

What happened? How can we live here for so long without having any sense of community?

Who the hell are you?

It's been bugging me for a while, and then I realized that the reason we never talk and nobody makes any friends on campus (without the help of alcohol) is you are all stuck-up.

No, our problem is we have no common area. Where is the one place where people can go on campus to just "hang out?" And not the "look at me, I'm standing around" hanging out, but the "getting my work done, meeting new folks" hanging out. It's not either of the quads; it gets cold in the

winter and unless they force us to be there, nobody is ever around. It's not Oliver Hall, only freshman hang out there, and you only go there when you're hungry. It's not Dryden, even though Dryden wants to be that place. It's usually too noisy for clear thinking, so you can't study there, and the sitting space is centered around blaring TVs, which drown out conversation. Not Café Louis, only grad students hang out there. Not Subversions, because nobody knows where I'm talking about. Not Delphine Lounge, it's always dark or filled with people.

Nowhere. There is no common area. There isn't a single location where you can go to study and where there are lots of people around that you can talk to in case of boredom. There is no fun place where you can go hang out for a bit and get to know other people who are also enjoying some self-sufficient fun, much like an arcade. We have no student union. The words are printed in gilded letters on a building somewhere, but in all truth, we have no SU.

I hear complaint upon complaint about lack of community, but when we don't have any place to foster community, what can be

expected? Most schools have a student union in the center, we have a church. Not saying we should tear down the church but something must be done.

Administration, please give Dryden a little push. More chairs, less noise. Make Dryden a place conducive to studying as well, so that people can hang out there and still get their work done, without Halo blasting into their ears. Turn on the lights in Delphine, and open the door. It's a beautiful little room, if it looked less like a forbidden tomb. I hear you're planning a student center, bent towards athletics. How about you bend it a little more towards an SU area? We could use one?

Oh, and students, you're not free from this. Get out of your rooms. Go study outside, if it's not too cold, or in one of these places, if it's not too much to ask. Spend some time just being in places where you can meet others. I know that this campus isn't helpful in this respect, but at least you can keep your mind open and try to talk to people. Stick around campus and attend campus events.

You've probably heard this argument before, and you're probably aware of the issues concerning "student apathy." But, unless we actually stop being apathetic about it and work towards an "inclusive community," I will continue to wonder just who the hell all of you are.

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Beauty Magazines

Peddle

Mixed Messages

by Bettina Adragna

Staff Writer

I'm ambivalent about magazines like *Seventeen* and *Glamour*. On one hand, they seem to be featuring some empowering articles nowadays. For example, in the October 2004 issue of *Seventeen*, there's an article that asks, "Are You Too Competitive?" It features sections on "How to Know if You're Too Competitive," "How to Stop Obsessing," and "What to Say to a Friend Who's Overly Competitive." However, three or four out of the eight articles featured on the cover deal with beauty—or rather, society's definition of beauty, and how you can conform to it. Never mind that the articles seem to highlight individuality, with titles such as "The Easiest Way to Create Your Own Look" and "The Right Colors for Every Skin Tone." The message is, "It's OK if you're unique, as long as you're still trying to be beautiful just like everyone else."

Glamour was a different story. I found a great gem of an article called, "How To Stop Being a Good Girl—And Start Being a Great Woman." It featured an interview with Eve Ensler, author of *The Vagina Monologues*. Ensler used the opportunity to talk about activism, body image, and her new play, *The Good Body*. I found it really inspiring, even as I was surprised to find an article like this in a magazine whose biggest headline on the cover was "Juicy Sex Answers From 109 Men." Who knew?

On the other hand, one cover article that appeared to promote self-acceptance really sent a mixed message. The article was called, "Sexy Clothes For Real Bodies: Size 2 or Size 24? Who Cares! Flattery For All." When I turned to the article, all I saw were edicts on which dresses were "flattering" for each body type. Now, let's unpack what they mean by "flattering." Basically, when something is "flattering," it makes your body look closer to that ideal that is so artfully being denied as real. The second page gets worse—the "7 Sexy-Dressing Rules" exhort you to "create a faux bust" (by wearing empire-waist tops or ruffles around your chest), "embrace technology" (by wearing, for example, power-Lycra body-shapers) and "lose five pounds for the night" (by matching hemlines, stockings, and shoes). This doesn't sound like self-acceptance to me.

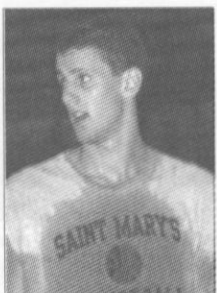
Of course, I'm obliged to write about the advertisements featured in beauty magazines. Ah, the ads—there are classics like a Guess ad featuring a woman with pouty red lips, her eyes covered with sunglasses, and her legs open. The clincher? A chihuahua is sitting between her legs. Now, however you interpret that, it's kind of a strange message. I'm pretty sure the aim is not to empower women.

My final point about magazines? Take them with a grain of salt. They may have some great articles, but I would remain skeptical about what, exactly, they're trying to sell you.

Players of the Week

Daniel Kickert

Kickert was in the spotlight all weekend in New York and delivered. Against #23 Memphis, he dominated early and single handedly kept the Gaels in the game. Against Mississippi St., Kickert stood toe to toe with 1st team All-American Lawrence Roberts, recording 7 rebounds and 9 points.



Missie Stidham

The freshman has really emerged into an offensive threat this season. In their final regular season match against USF, Stidham led SMC volleyball in kills with 16. With three years of eligibility left, she will surely set some new records while at Saint Mary's.



-Michael Chin, Sports Editor

Gael Zone Score Card

Womens Basketball (1-2)
SMC defeats UC Riverside
UC Santa Barbara Defeats SMC

Mens Basketball (3-2)
Memphis defeats SMC
Mississippi St defeats SMC
SMC defeats San Francisco St.

Volleyball (13-1)
SMC defeats USF 3-1

Men's Rugby (2-0)
SMC defeats C. Washington

SMC WEEKLY ATHLETIC SCHEDULE:

Tuesday
Men's Basketball @ UNLV, 7:35

Friday
Women's Tennis @ Cal Poly, All Day

Women's Basketball vs Washington St, 7:05

Saturday
Women's Tennis @ Cal Poly, All Day

Men's Basketball @ Rutgers, 7:35 est

Women's Basketball vs TBA 7:05

Sunday
Women's Tennis @ Cal Poly, All Day

SPORTS

Gaels drop two in New York

Despite losing two games in NY, SMC shows why they are second in the WCC

by Sam Adams

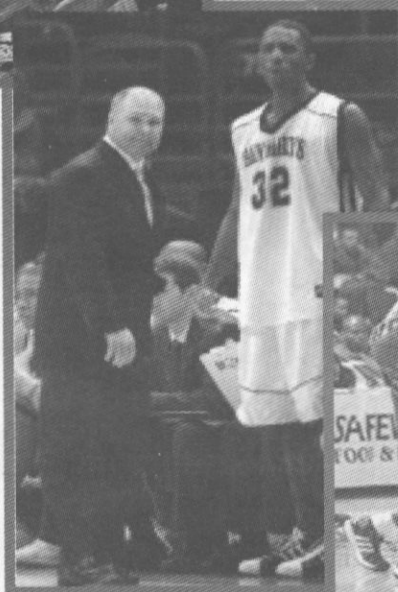
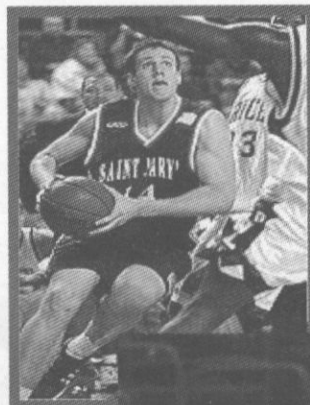
Co-Sports Editor

After dropping the consolation game to Mississippi State 67-54, the Gaels flew home from New York having lost both games in the Coaches versus Cancer tournament last week, but left with the praise of coaches and analysts alike.

Even though the team came home with two losses to ranked opponents, they played well and can build off the experience. ESPN's Dick Vital said the Gaels were a team to keep an eye on during championship week and mentioned how impressed he was that coach Randy Bennett never used the ineligibility of three players as an excuse for the losses. During both telecasts the announcers mentioned that three WCC coaches picked Saint Mary's to win the conference.

ESPN commentator Steve Lavin said the Gaels represented the WCC well, and that although they dropped to 2-2, the tournament gives them a report card on ranked opponents. "Even though they have a tall task, this is going to be a renaissance year for WCC basketball," said Lavin.

His comments came during a week when Gonzaga was ranked 25th, the Gaels upset Cal to go to New York, and Santa Clara pulled off a stunning upset of No. 3 North Carolina.



And fans should be encouraged. The team held it's own against top competition, all without Paul Marigney, their leading scorer, Frederic Adjiwanou, a leading rebounder, and Eric Bond, a 6'7 transfer from Cal who should add to the depth of the team and maybe even start.

In the first game, Saint Mary's lost to Memphis 81-66, in part thanks to Rodney Carney's career-high 33 points. Daniel

Kickert led the Gaels with 24 points and nine rebounds, but the team fell short due to poor shooting. Saint Mary's shot 35.8 percent from the field (24-for-67), including 8-for-23 from 3-point range.

Kickert scored 12 of the Gaels' first 14 points in the opening 4 minutes, but Memphis keyed their defense towards him as the SMC continued to run their

spread offense. Kickert finished the half with 15 points. Fans were encouraged by the fact players who will see plenty of playing time once Marigney, Adjiwanou and Bonds are eligible, played well. E.J. Rowland had nine points and seven assists, Jonathan Sanders scored 11 to go with eight rebounds, and Blake Sholberg scored six and snagged five boards.

The second game the Gaels stayed resilient, but in the end lost to Mississippi State 67-54. Again, key players stepped up and played well, including Rowland, who had 19 points, seven rebounds and four assists. "We got a chance up close and firsthand to learn what we have to do for the rest of the year," Rowland told reporters. "We're not as good as we thought we were."

Shooting was again a key factor in the loss, as were turnovers. The Gaels shot 34% (16-for-47) and committed 20 turnovers, which the Bulldogs converted into 21 points. Coach Bennett blamed the Bulldogs zone defense for the loss, and said it was his fault they didn't adjust.

Regardless of the outcome, the Gaels showed that they are close to greatness, and with two, possibly three starters out, almost no one would have expected them to hang with such highly ranked opponents. But the Gaels did, and that should give fans a good idea of how this season might turn out.

Gael Zone

SUPPORT THE GAELS

Men's Basketball vs. Delaware

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Women's Basketball vs. Sacramento State

Sunday
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Volleyball aims higher than WCC

Gaels crush USF Dons to close out the regular season

Michael Chin
Sports Editor

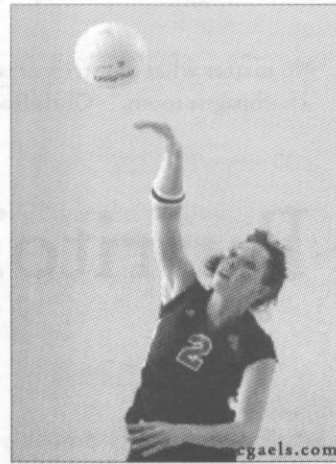
Three or four years ago a second place finish in women's volleyball for the Gaels would have been great. Not so anymore. Despite being ranked 16th in the nation, 23 wins, two of which came against #9 Stanford, and the best record ever in Saint Mary's history, the Gaels will finish in second behind the San Diego Toreros, who overcame the Gaels twice in conference action.

This Saturday the Gaels took their frustration out on San Fran-

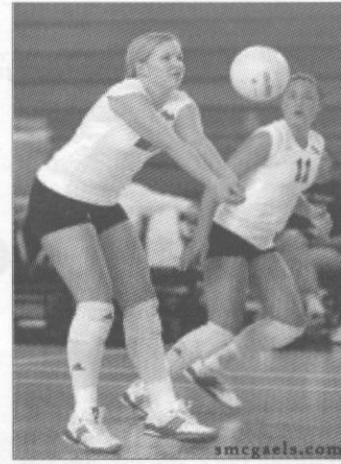
cisco, as the Gaels crushed the Dons in their home gym. Freshman Missie Stidham had a big game for the Gaels recording a game high 16 kills. The sophomore tandem of Mariko Coverdale and Cassandra Kolkka also played well combining for 11 kills, 9 blocks and 16 digs.

Saint Mary's split the first two games with their Bay Area rivals as SMC won the first 30-28. In the second, the Gaels took an early lead but the Dons battled back and cruised to a 30-22 second game victory.

That loss fired up the Gaels who rolled past the Dons in games three and four. Saint Mary's took a commanding 9-5 leading early in the third and continued to rack up points. Final score: 30-17 Gaels. In the fourth, SMC would put the proverbial nail in the coffin winning the game 30-23.



Freshman Missie Stidham led the team with 16 kills.



Cassandra Kolkka has been instrumental for the Gaels season.

Up next for the Gaels is a trip to the NCAA tournament. The seeding for the tournament will be announced on November 28. Five teams from the WCC could potentially see postseason action. Most likely SMC will end up in the western regional bracket

of the tournament. It is unclear whether or not they will host a game at SMC, due to the NCAA policy of playing tournament games at a larger venue than the 3000 seat McKeon Pavilion.

What have they accomplished:
 > Best season in SMC history
 > Mandy Bible National MVP
 > Highest ranking ever #12
 > Biggest win in SMC history (Stanford)

Mall Walking: Sport for the Holidays



By Chris Claus
Staff Writer

Do you enjoy window shopping or walking briskly? I already know everyone likes to burn calories. Have you ever wanted to do all three at the same time? Well my friends I have found what you are searching for: mall walking. It's the hottest trend this winter. It took a retired third grade teacher by the name of Geraldine Waters to bring it all together for me. I caught up with Mrs. Waters midway through one of her daily mall walks and she was nice enough to take a break and chat with me for.

I asked her why she walks the mall and not a treadmill at a gym, "Well, I was a member of a local gym for some time but it was a hassle to find an open machine most of the time; therefore, I had to find an alternative. I started walking the neighborhood but found that it was far too cold and hilly. The mall is warmer and flat." A fine reason that is, but I wondered what Mrs. Waters does to keep herself from slipping into boredom as she walks round and round.

She informed me that I caught her on a day when the rest of her troop was unable to attend. Yes, apparently Mrs. Waters is a member of a mall walking troop that meet daily in the early morning to walk the mall. She told me that when she walks the mall alone it is the music and the anticipation of finding new items in the store windows that keeps her motivated.

I asked her what her troop does on these daily walks and honestly this is what she said, "Remember the Alphabet Game during long family car trips? We look at signs throughout the mall, watching for words that begin with each letter of the alphabet. Once you've found one letter, move on to the next, and the next. We also sometimes play our own mall walking version of I Spy."

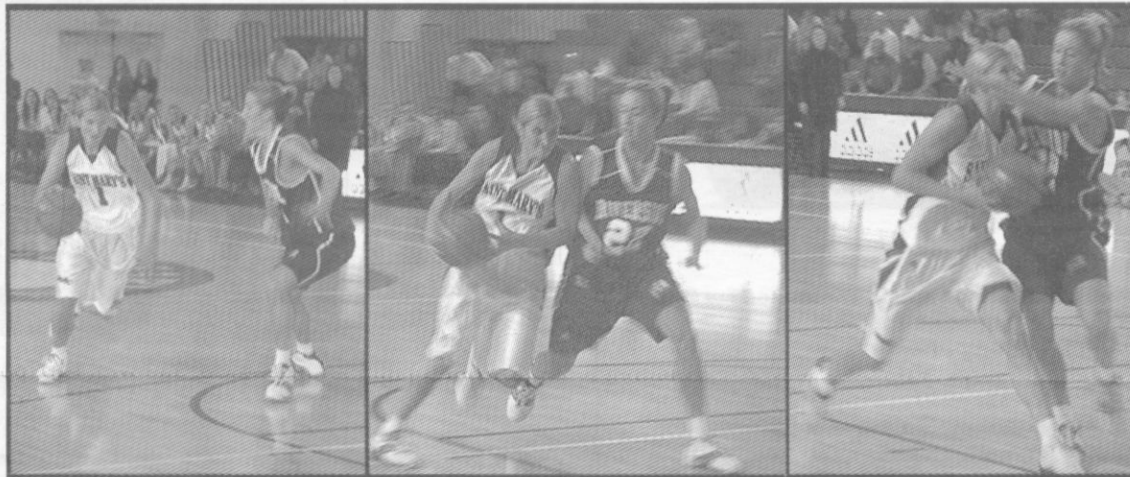
Intrigued by her responses I pressed on to harder hitting questions such as how can we encourage today's youth to dive head first into the exhilarating rush that is mall walking, "Well my dear, it is hard to say. I sometimes bring my daughter and her children. I think that if the mall offered incentives for walking it may encourage younger people to join our troop."

Now for me, there would have to be some pretty righteous incentives but sweet Mrs. Waters may be on to something. So I decided to join Mrs. Waters on the rest of her mall walking adventure that day and by golly if it wasn't one of the best feelings in the world. And after the third game of mall walking I Spy I must admit I was hooked.

Sadly my time at the mall came to an end, I thanked Mrs. Waters for sharing her passion for mall walking, and as I turned to wave goodbye, Mrs. Waters was already walking again probably searching for something else to spy with her little eye.

Women's Basketball has ups and downs this weekend

Gaels fall to UC Santa Barbara after beating UC Riverside on Friday



Freshman Majia Luhne drives to the basket for the Gaels.

By Allison Kop
Assistant Sports Editor

The women's basketball team kicked off their season right on Friday, downing UC Riverside 63-49 in their first home game of the season. But the Gaels had trouble finishing out the weekend, losing to UC Santa Barbara

74-57 on Sunday at McKeon Pavilion.

On Friday the Gaels built an early lead and stayed on task all night for the victory. They led 30-23 at half time and never trailed for the rest of the game. The Gaels were led by junior Evynn Van Burger, who scored a game-high

17 points, in her second 17 point performance in as many games. Senior Triola Jackson also added to the tally, scoring 13 points and grabbing 5 rebounds. The Gaels' defense was smothering and held UC Riverside to just 38.2% shooting from the field. Junior Erika Urmonaite scored 8 points

and nabbed 4 boards, while freshman Mikaela Cowles added six points in the win.

Despite the victory, the Gaels struggled on Sunday against visiting UC Santa Barbara. Down 12-19 early in the half, the Gaels struggled on defense and ended the half behind 30-44. The Gaels played hard, but couldn't seem to stop the Gauchos high-powered offense. Again, the Gaels were led by Van Burger and Jackson, who finished with 17 points.

You can catch the Gaels' next home game this Friday in the opening game of the Hilton Concord Thanksgiving Classic, held at McKeon Pavilion. Saint Mary's plays Washington St. on Friday and either Tennessee-Chatanoga or Northwestern St. on Sunday. Tip-off for both games is 7:05.

Seven Gaels take WCC Honors

Despite a disappointing 2004 SMC soccer still manages several awards this year

By Allison Kop
Assistant Sports Editor

After three months of grueling training and hard-fought games, both the men's and women's soccer teams have finished up their seasons. Record wise, it was a mediocre year for both teams at best, the men finishing at 5-10-5 (2-8-2 in conference) and the women going 8-12-0 (0-7-0 in conference). Each struggled in the extremely competitive West Coast Conference, which boasts recent national championship teams on both men's and women's side. The women scored big wins over Hawaii and #23 ranked Cal Poly, while the men lost only two games by more than 1 goal on their way to a record for most ties in a season (5) and most overtime games (7).

Several players earned awards for their play in conference including freshman Stephanie

Harrison, who was named to the WCC Second Team and the All-Freshman team as a defender. Joining Harrison on the All-Freshman team is goalkeeper, Andrea Lee who averaged 4.26 saves per game, the second most in the WCC. Senior Jenny Barbera ended her career with her third WCC Honorable Mention selection. The four-year starter and captain finished the year tied for most assists on the team with five.

For the men, sophomore Matt Fitzgerald was named to the WCC First Team for the second year in a row. Freshman goalkeeper Brian Mason was named to WCC Second Team and the All-Freshman squad after achieving a 1.16 goals against average. Junior Derek Youpel and senior Diego Rovira each received Honorable Mention. Youpel was the team's leading goal scorer, with five of his goals coming in conference play. Rovira, a team leader at center midfield, ended the year with one goal and two assists.

Gael Rugby wins first home game

Saint Mary's speed too much to handle for Central Washington Wildcats

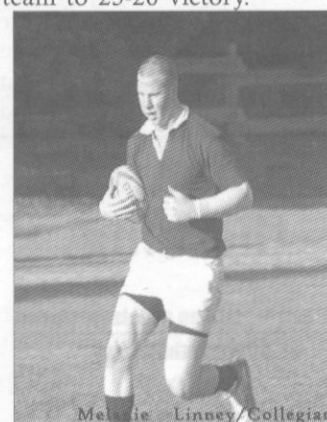
By Anthony Cuatro
Sports Writer

On a beautiful Saturday, a men's rugby shined, overwhelming the Central Washington Wildcats by a final score of 29-7. The visiting Wildcats played a sound match, but were overpowered by Saint Mary's quickness and tenacity.

The Gaels, ranked #12 in the nation this year, were led by Pedro Cabrera, Conor Coyne, Matt Leatherby, Matt Cordova and Tyler Skelly, each player contributing a try.

Fifth year scrum-half Evan Bariault was the unofficial player of the game in a convincing A-side victory for the Gaels. Look for Bariault, a preseason All-American selection, to continue leading the Gaels all season.

In the B-side game, Dan Tabacco gave a stellar performance at scrum-half, leading the team to 25-20 victory.

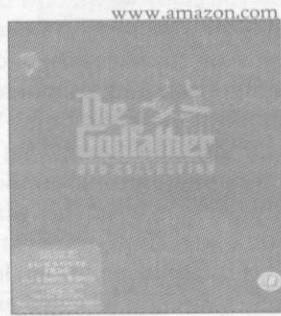


Junior Josh Merlinder is a newcomer to rugby.

The win moves Saint Mary's to 2-0 on the season. Earlier in the year, they destroyed Oregon State in Corvallis 72-7. The Gaels next match is on the road, December 11, against U.C. Santa Cruz. Catch the Gaels this Jan Term for their next home game, January 8th, against nationally ranked U.C. Santa Barbara.

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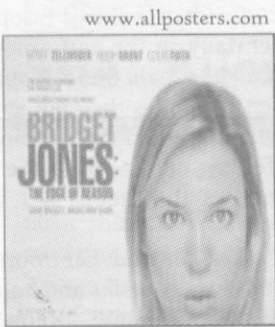
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The Godfather Trilogy

For all you who are culturally retarded and still haven't seen The Godfathers...go rent it!!!! Or, borrow it from the wonderful and "ceaseless" media center on campus. Rarely can it be said that a film has defined a genre, and never is that more true in the case of *The Godfather Trilogy*, most especially *Godfather I and II*. What sets this film apart from its predecessors and successors is its unequivocal ability to weave through the many separate and different parts of its story and bring it to one cohesive complete whole. It is a movie buff's wet dream!!

-Aideen Rahimi



Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason

Apparently movies that succeed in conveying real people, who become tangled by real situations, can be discounted with a sequel that nearly completely avoids trying to. So Bridget's still a bit chubby, as we knew her before. But something's changed. The producers have moved on from Bridget Jones's Diary and thus neglected all that makes her accessible to her audience—they hacked out the introspect and mediocrity of the story, to be frank. Without them, you've got a girl who breaks up with her boyfriend, gets caught in the most ridiculous situations, and finds resolution for all of it in heroic true love. There's still a trace of charm left from the first movie, though, which makes for laughter and leaves you feeling giddy and optimistic about love. But most of that comes from the actors themselves—Colin Firth and Hugh Grant especially. (I say that with all celebrity crush girliness aside. That's such a lie.) Bad plot, though slightly entertaining, good/famous actors, and weak ties to its original. Now that's a real Hollywood sequel.

-Katyana Sacro

DÉTOUR

Quote o' the century: "No matter what the stripper tells you, there is no sex in the champagne room." - Chris Rock

Is it in the Burrito?

Katyana Sacro
Staff Writer

If it is, that's what concerns me. Because while I may be no expert on Mexican food, it's not difficult to distinguish good stuff from the bad. Chipotle breeds something far from authentically delicious burritos. But in the year and a half I've attended school here, just last Wednesday the home of the overpriced, overrated, overstuffed burrito did something no one has done before: it brought together Saint Mary's students.

I know, it's a concept that's quite hard to grasp, but you were probably there, you saw it yourself. The turn out of students—in the forty five minutes I was there (yes, I too am a lemming)—was better than any social event I've seen on campus. And really, it's quite amusing. We all show up to a publicity gig that has nothing to do with profits for Saint Mary's, because in being a part of Saint Mary's, we profit from it.

By profit I mean receive some five-buck bundle of the most commercialized Mexican food the conglomerate world has to offer for free, with the flash of a Saint Mary's I.D. (I'd actually say the burrito was worth a little less if you drove over there—you burned about two bucks for gas, honey). It's cute and all, but I'm missing the connection. There was some crazed force that pulled all those students in, the turn out was incredible. How the heck did

Chipotle do it?

While your answer probably has something to do with its hook being free food, I don't buy it.

that. There were no strings attached. We received free food and—unlike club meetings and social events on campus—nothing more. No cost of having to stay and chat with strangers while eating, no hour-long discussions about issues we kind of don't care or know about, or second thoughts about whether or not free food meant becoming an active member of the program. Just none of that "get involved" crap. Sure it was nice to see a familiar face stuffing itself in foil-wrapped bliss here and there, but the warm fuzzy feeling I got from that wasn't what pulled me in. I arrived, got what I wanted, and left. I didn't have to invest my time or care into Chipotle for food, I just

had to show up.

But I don't want to believe that was the bait either. It would be a bit ridiculous, don't you think? That an incentive like that brought about the greatest turn out in terms of attendees, diversity, and enthusiasm from Saint Mary's students than ever before? I've got my integrity, thank you.

But then again, the only other reason left is that I went for the pure goodness of a Chipotle burrito. Now there's an incentive I can blatantly—and honestly—deny.

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Social Clubs pull that all the time. Pizza, tacos, free dinner (preferred over anything offered at Saga) is the most common incentive used by clubs to get people to attend their gatherings. And while it has pulled in people like my suitemate—who has only a passion for nursing and food—the results have never been as it was Wednesday night, flocks of students of every class and kind, herding themselves over to the purveyor of the McDonald's burrito.

I think it might have to do with what we got out of Wednesday night: a free burrito and only

too, too bad. A distinctive staple of the social scene will be venturing into a world many of us try our best to avoid...the real world. Yes, we watch it on TV, and, yes, we think we know, but we really have no idea. Okay, so its not really the 'real world,' its just a different school, but word on the street is it's really hard and very adult. Not adult-adult, although there have been some rumors, but according to the Panda, it was really only one time and he was really—well—you know. But we digress.

Anyway, we just wanted to say goodbye to our beloved party guru. His festivities have brightened many a night, especially the amazing stomach pyrotechnics of some of the juniors on cam-

pus - lets just say that pink stuff is a lot brighter going out then when going in! So now the Saint Mary's party community will no longer be able to claim the legendary host with the most as their own. Panda, known for his awesome song selections, signature drinks, and the ever-infamous party shirt, has not only pursued his academic plans at SMC, but also mastered the painstaking craft of party-throwing, providing a guaranteed good time to any party-goer. A towering figure, Panda's outgoing and friendly demeanor had people rushing to his parties in flocks and even the stiffest wallflowers standing up to dance. So here's to a true legend - Panda, you will be missed.

In honor of the king

Jo-Ann Arquillano & Melanie Linney
Panda Enthusiasts

Saturday November 20, 2004 marked the end of an SMC era. The guy, neigh the man, who goes by the name 'Panda' has thrown his last party. Due to the unavoidable call of responsibility and the pursuit of education, Panda is calling it quits in the party business and abdicating his position as Saint Mary's Party King. For all of those who have yet to experience the party powerhouse that is Panda, all I can say is too bad,

In Yo' Face!

It's that time of year again. Can you hear it? People singing Christmas Carols, being all chipper. <Punch> Shut the [explicative] up. What? They already talked about this in the Opinion section? I don't care. Angel talks about what he wants when he wants. ...And besides, there's more to it than that. In fact, I'm done with that.

It's turkey time, biatches. My favorite holiday. Why? Maybe because of The Addams Family or Three Stooges marathons. Maybe because I have fond memories of old Thanksgivings. Do I really need a concrete reason for it? Cool, because I don't have one.

I think a lot of people have lost sight of what Thanksgiving is about. Like all holidays, corporations have changed the meaning of what this special day is about. So to hell with you Macy's, your parade is not going to be on my television. This Thanksgiving I'm going to do it Native American style. The way it was done in 1621. I'm going out in the woods and bringing some deer to the table. Forget the fowl. My ass is doing this straight up Ted Nugent style.

Alright, now let's jump to the future about a month. It's Christmas time. Sing away. I'll even join you. I can't help but hang my head to see another holiday ruined by corporate America. Santa, how could you? Giving into Coca-Cola like that. Sell-out. Fine, I'm keeping my milk. Christmas is supposed to be about you and everyone else giving me presents. What? Jesus? Yeah, Him too.

No, I'm just kidding. You know I'm down with J-Dawg. Big props homie! Here's to another 2004 years. I still think you were wronged, bro. You got a raw deal. It was f-uped, man. The jury didn't have nothing on you. Tell your pops I said, "what's up?" Tell him to give me a sign sometime. Alright, I gotta finish this article. Happy Birthday, Jesus. See you at Easter. We'll take care of that bunny. WWJD: I got it memorized. I know what you would do. Peace out!

I know by now you must be thinking, "What the hell is this guy talking about?" Some of you might even be saying, "The Collegian is way too liberal." Where's your article at? What's the matter, don't like your views challenged?

Welcome to America, where people can say whatever they want no matter how stupid they sound. I may sound pretty stupid, but that's OK, because I probably hate you anyway.

So, I guess the question is: what's the point? Do I really need one? Should I cheapen my mindless rambling by having to justify it? Damn, I sound like someone who should be in Philosophy. That's terrible. But hey, sometimes that's the way it goes. Sometimes people give you crap because they're stupid, and sometimes you get yourself into crap. And sometimes...well, now I've lost my train of thought.

Anyway, thanks for reading Détour. Peace, love, and I'm out this mother! See you in 2005.

-Angel Vasquez
Détour Editor