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## Director of Delphine resigns

After two years, Mary Ho leaves students, colleagues, friends

by Chris Mateo  
Editor-in-Chief

After serving the Saint Mary's community for more than two years, Mary Ho, director of the Delphine Intercultural Center resigned effective Friday, January 7. Ho joined SMC in Fall 2002 as Coordinator of Student Programs. Her responsibilities included diversity programming as well as new student orientation.

In the summer of 2004, Ho was promoted to Director of the Delphine Intercultural Center. Projects included an affiliation program, an advisory board, and establishment of the Center's foundation.

Many student leaders have noticed the loss of Mary Ho.

"Personally, I was sad over Mary Ho's resignation," said John Zabala '06, ASSMC vice president of administration. "On a professional level, I think we've lost a very important person in this community. I think Mary left for personal reasons, and I'm not sure what those reasons were. We should be happy for her because she's moving on to better things. However, the jealous part of me says, 'Man, I wish she could just be here to keep on doing the wonderful things she did because she was responsible for the development of a lot of diversity issues on this campus.' The students could see all the changes in diversity programs here. For one, the celebra-

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Mary Ho helped promote diversity on the campus through programs.

## Clubs help in Tsunami relief

Students provide aid by organizing campus-wide efforts

by Jessie Heying  
Staff Writer

As Americans lounged, relaxed, and performed routine clean up after holiday festivities, Southeast Asia endured the wrath of a tsunami—the repercussions of an undersea earthquake measuring 9.0, which struck off the coast of Sumatra.

The death toll looms near 150,000 after waves between 5 and 10 meters high surged onto land and overwhelmed towns and villages in areas spreading through Asia, Indonesia, and the coast of Africa.

Thailand, Sri Lanka, and India, the three hardest hit countries are

now working to find those who are still missing, bury the dead, and serve the thousands who are displaced, homeless, and grieving.

Clubs on campus have displayed interest in promoting relief efforts among students.

Caitlin Hungate '06, president of SMC's own Amnesty International, is working to create collaboration among clubs for relief efforts.

The South Asian Awareness Club, Amnesty International, SMC Progressives, and the Asian Pacific American Student Association are coming together to help.

"It's a great opportunity for clubs to work together," said Hungate of the four campus groups who have yet to meet to discuss future possibilities.

"First, it's a matter of collaborating," Hungate said. She hopes that the educational workshop on human rights that Amnesty International is hosting next week will create a surge for campus involvement, especially regarding the issues of food and shelter for tsunami victims.

A tsunami can affect any coastal area; this time it struck Asia.

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## Students react to new president

Appointment of Br. Ron Gallagher receives mixed reviews

by Bettina Adragna  
Staff Writer

In response to the appointment of Brother Ronald Gallagher as president of Saint Mary's College, students were asked their opinions about his appointment, their interactions with him, and what they are looking forward to under his administration.

Corey Heldreth '08 said that he thought Gallagher would "keep the campus the way it is, and if not, make improvements." Heldreth added that he did not have a problem with Gallagher's appointment and that he wouldn't have been chosen if he wasn't good for the job.

Danny Keller '08 commented, "Gallagher will keep the college strong and keep it running well." Ariel Beverly '06 said that "only



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time will tell" if Gallagher's administration would be beneficial. She said that it was "very important that a brother be chosen for the position" because that "supports the Lasallian tradition." She hoped that Gallagher would "get us grants and donation that will

help us make the school larger, more housing, more parking, more course options," and would "make this school a stronger liberal arts college."

Ben Graber '07 said that he is happy about Gallagher's appointment because he had a positive impression of Brother Ron. He described Gallagher as "highly knowledgeable, very friendly and personable," and "a very interesting person to get to know." Graber said that he "couldn't predict what will come up or how he'll handle it," but that he was confident in him and thought that "he will lead Saint Mary's into a new era with clarity and insight."

A few students had no opinion on the new president. Michelle Hernandez '08 said that she did not know much about Gallagher,

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Lasallian  
Student  
Spotlight:

Yukiko Yoda



Melanie Linney/Collegian

by Lindsey Rosellini  
Copy Editor

Have you ever been thrown into a completely different culture? Everything familiar to you is disregarded. You are now forced to adapt to a whole new way of thinking. Yukiko Yoda, this month's Lasallian Spotlight student, experienced this first hand as an international student here at Saint Mary's College. She came here from Japan and at first felt mixed emotions being here in America. The class structure, form of communication, and behavior were extremely different than what Yoda was used to. To say the least, this has been a huge "culture shock" to Yoda.

A particular experience that has become positive in her life is the different class structure here at SMC. "Requirements are different in Japan," said Yoda. "It's very passive. The teachers just teach and students listen. Here, they encourage and require me to be involved in every thing and to express my opinion. At first I was very confused. I was not trained that way."

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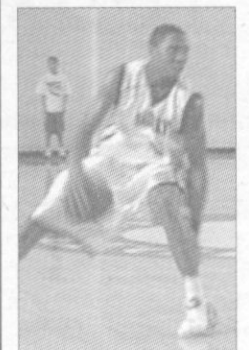
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1/9 <b>Incident:</b> Handbook violation <b>Synopsis:</b> Possession of marijuana and hookah at Mitty Hall; referred to Student Conduct.	1:42a.m.	1/12 <b>Incident:</b> Petty theft <b>Synopsis:</b> Clothes stolen from Mitty laundry room; referred to Student Conduct.	4:25p.m.
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1/10 <b>Incident:</b> Petty theft <b>Synopsis:</b> Missing refrigerator on second floor of Ferroggiaro Hall, referred to Student Conduct and Business Office.	12:45p.m.		

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but that she "heard he was good." "Brother Ron seems like he'll do the job," said Hernandez. She hoped that he would get Saint Mary's back on its feet.

Some students did not seem to mind who was appointed, but had thought about the former president. David Colarossi '05 said that he was indifferent to Gallagher's appointment, he "felt bad that Brother Craig left." He thought Gallagher would "keep things the same" during the administration. Other students felt indifferent to Gallagher's appointment because of their soon-to-be-graduated status.

Finally, ASSMC President Jeff Haskins said that he was very excited about Gallagher's appointment and "looking forward to working with him in the future." He described Gallagher as "an incredible man, full of humility, passionate, open, and inclusive," and said that he would "do great things for Saint Mary's." Haskins hoped that Gallagher would reach out to alumni and donors to bring money into the college and saw Gallagher's administration as one a "place where communication is valued and everyone's response is desired."

## MARY HO: 'We've lost an important person'

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tions of the cultural months have become so much better since I was a freshman. Also, the move of the diversity clubs from Academic Advising to her was very important. It's hard to see her go because now because a lot of us are worried because we wonder where will the diversity clubs and students in general are going to turn to?"

According to an email sent out by Mike Zoll, Vice Provost for Student Life, "Pravda Wright, the Delphine's part-time Program Coordinator will be the primary contact for the Intercultural Center with the oversight and support of Ete Martinez Anderson, Assistant Dean for Student Involvement. Ete will be meeting with various individuals and groups to gather feedback about the attributes and skills desired in the next director."

## LASALLIAN: student provides positive attitude with international perspective

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In the beginning, communicating was uncomfortable to her, but gradually it became easier. "Expressing myself is very positive. Class is small, and I feel that I am involved in this community."

Since Yoda became a part of SMC, she found ways of teaching herself more about the culture here and has grown into a leader as an international woman.

She pays frequent visits to the Women's Resource Center (WRC) where she finds resources to help her learn and engage herself more into the

community.

Yoda started out by attending as many campus programs as she could. In addition, she would have a weekly meeting with the WRC to further explore ideas she learned.

"I can talk to people who have done many activities in society," said Yoda. "So it's a very good chance to see various experiences and opinions."

She describes learning as "a privilege". With such an open mind and positive attitude like hers, students feel that she has become a privilege to have at SMC.

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Faith in the Presence of God

Concern for the Poor and Social Justice      Respect for all Persons

Quality Education      Inclusive Community

## TSUNAMI: organizers rally to promote relief

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"If they had early warning technology, maybe fewer lives would have been lost," said Hungate of the disaster affecting populations worldwide.

"This is a terrible tragedy," said Naveen Prasad '08, vice president of administration for the South Asian Awareness Club. "And SMC, being a caring campus, has shown that it can come together to provide relief."

"We have a number of small events run by two or three clubs, who then give their proceedings

into a general relief fund. So far, we have raised more than \$700.

Even without the help of clubs and school programs, students are involved in the efforts to help tsunami victims.

While grocery shopping with her sister Stephanie Lansdowne '05 saw a sign urging patrons to impart a gift upon survivors of the tsunami.

Both senior women immediately gave what they could to help relief efforts on the other side of the world, which hopefully begins a trend in other students.

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### TODAY

Speaker Fr. Greg Boyle, 7 p.m., LeFevre Theater

Human Rights Forum, 7 p.m., Delphine

Karaoke Night, 9 p.m., Dryden Hall

### THURSDAY, 1/20

Speaker Arnold Rampersad, 7:30 p.m., Moraga Room, Soda Center

Movie night in Dryden, "Ray", 9 p.m.

### MONDAY, 1/24

Leadership workshop, "Communication skills," 4 p.m., Delphine

### TUESDAY, 1/25

Movie night in Dryden, "Sky Captain," 9 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, 1/26

"Soup and Substance", 11:30 a.m., Alemany

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# SNAPSHOT



Melanie Linney/COLLEGIAN

**Saint Mary's students celebrate in traditional Roman fashion at Saturday night's annual Toga Dance.**

## Superior General visits SMC Christian Brothers welcome Br. Alvaro Rodriguez

by Pablo Armas  
Executive Assistant

Brother Alvaro Rodriguez Echeverría, Superior General of the Christian Brothers will be visiting Saint Mary's on the 25th of January. The brother is on a tour of the USA/Toronto Region, visiting all of the region's seven districts from the 15th of January till the 25th of February. Saint Mary's is a member of the San Francisco District, which covers the three states of Oregon, Washington, and California as well as Tijuana and Tucson. Echeverría was born in San Jose, Costa Rica, professing his vows in 1968, was named Superior General in 2000, placing him responsible of the General Council, the ruling body which oversees all eleven regions that the Christian Brothers are active in. "He embodies the diversity of the LaSallian community," says Br. William Beatie, the brother resident of North



Photo courtesy of Lasalle.org

Clays who is also a friend of Echeverría. Br. Beatie described the Superior General as "someone who is very personable and likable. When you talk to him you get the sense that he is listening and interested in what you're saying." He also went on to say that Echeverría "brings a sense of leadership to the com-

munity. While his visit at Saint Mary's will be short, he is expected to meet with student leaders as well as the brothers. The visit is not designed to be a critique on the college but rather to get a sense of what the brothers are doing here at Saint Mary's as well as for the Superior General to be seen by the college community. "His visit will bring to attention the international community that we are a part of," said Beatie, referring to the Lasallian community found throughout the world but may not be noticed by the college community. Beatie also went on to say that the Superior General "will give encouragement to the all thing the Lasallian community does here. Br. Beatie hopes that students take pleasure in the superior general stating that it's "an opportunity for students to meet the man who is responsible for the Christian Brother community as a whole."

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## beyond the bubble

NATIONAL AND WORLD NEWS BITES

By TONY VALA-HAYNES

-BUCHAREST, Romania - Adriana LLiescu, a 67-year old Romanian, has officially become the oldest mother ever. After being artificially inseminated LLiescu's daughter was delivered by cesarean section early Sunday. The birth took place more than 6 weeks premature. LLiescu's daughter weighed just 3.25 pounds and although she is breathing on her own, is being monitored in the intensive care unit.

-INNSBRUCK, Austria - A 42-year old Polish woman has been imprisoned for making ghost sounds at the castle of her husband's employer. The owner of the castle had been hearing footsteps and slamming doors late at night when he finally called authorities to do an investigation. The woman reportedly held a grudge against her husband's boss. She will serve 4 months in prison.

-VILANCULOS, Mozambique - Giant African rats have become the next wave in animals aiding the military in sniffing out land mines. The rat is reportedly very easily tamed and has been very successful thus far.

-INDIANAPOLIS, Indiana - After losing thousands of dollars to a scam, a man is now attempting to sell his soul on eBay.

-SILOAM, Arkansas - Brendan Lee, an 8-year old planning on purchasing a new Nintendo game system, found a \$100 bill outside a University of Arkansas basketball game this past November. However, after seeing the destruction from the Tsunami Lee decided to forgo buying a gaming system and send the \$100 to the Tsunami-Relief Effort. He has been called a model citizen by his fellow students and teachers.

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# Facing the Issues

by Caitlin Hungate  
Opinion Editor

After the men's basketball team beat Gonzaga on January 8, not only was I filled with sheer excitement because of the atmosphere at the game, but also excited about the possibilities that lie in our very own campus. When the football program was canceled last spring there was sadness on campus. Yet, the board members had the vision to know that a small school could not sustain a great football program without draining other Division I sports.

This game proved the decision was a good one, despite players and fans no longer being able to rally around an all-American pastime. Gonzaga was ranked 11<sup>th</sup> in the nation and beat Oklahoma over Christmas, who are ranked 6<sup>th</sup> in the country. That is huge!

On the walk back up the hill after the game, I was contemplating the new wave of Saint Mary's athletics. Both basketball teams are rising up the ranks and women's volleyball is continuing on to bigger and better things. Without the financial drains of a football team, we can now develop other teams that already show potential: softball, baseball, men and women's soccer, women's lacrosse, women's crew, and others. When we put money into programs such as men's basketball and give them a few years to grow, they show the money is well spent.

As there are recent additions to our campus such as the Syufy performing arts building, I don't think I am the only one that see that Oliver Hall, Saint Alber's Library, Dante, and many other buildings on this campus need a face lift. Please, to whoever donates money, we do not need marble halls or the fanciest of things, we just need something that is really fit for its purpose, not something that is so old it is creepy. Our library should provide a great place to do homework. It doesn't. Every time I attempt to go in there and do homework, it is just a social lounge.

In this new direction of Saint Mary's athletics, people will want to donate if the athletic teams are good; we don't just need football. Sorry guys, if you are still here. When I played lacrosse here freshman year both Cal and Stanford roster had people from the east coast. Why? Because that is where lacrosse is thriving and these aforementioned teams have the scholarships to bring players to California. Develop the fields, arenas, whatever, so that people will want to come to games; give the teams money to grow. Have faith in the potential of our school.

Continue to do great things in athletics, as we all know you can. If any team gets down after losing or is in a rut, just watch the best team-building movie around, *Hoosiers*.

# OPINION

Collegian Quote of the Week: No animal ever invented anything as bad as drunkenness - or as good as drink. -G.K. Chesterton

## Collegian View

Dear Saint Mary's community,

With each new semester, there always seem to be many changes. As JanTerm is coming to a close, the time has come for the opinion editors at the Collegian to say good bye to the Saint Mary's community.

Caitlin Hungate, the Opinion editor is studying abroad for the spring semester but will continue to contribute while in South Africa. Laura Longobardi, the Assistant Opinion Editor will be transferring to the University of San Diego.

We would like to thank all members of the community who have contributed their writing, their ideas, or their opinions to our section. Without you we could not have had the controversial semester that we did. We never had a dull moment in the Collegian office.

Colin DeLeon-Horton will be taking over as the Opinion editor next semester. His consistency in writing for this section and his appearances on Sundays have proven that he is dedicated and competent as a replacement. We are sure that Colin will continue to represent the students of Saint Mary's in a manner that is both responsible and accurate.

We hope that spring semester will be just as lively in the Opin-

ion section as it was during the fall.

Thank you again for all of your input and support. Please continue to submit letters and articles that will be helpful to the community.

Sincerely,  
Caitlin Hungate, Opinion Editor  
Laura Longobardi, Assistant Opinion Editor

Dear SMC,

As Jan Term comes to an end, the editors of the Collegian would like to wish you all a happy belated new year. With this new year comes several changes to staff and campus - perhaps the theme of this year's paper.

First, to the editors of opinion, Caitlin and Laura, we bid you adieu. You will be greatly missed and never forgotten. To Colin, good luck, we have the utmost faith in you.

Second, to Brother Ron Gallagher, we look forward to working with you and outlining your first semester as president of Saint Mary's College.

Third, to Mary Ho, thank you for your support throughout the years. Good luck and take care.

We are looking forward to a great Spring 2005. Take care, happy new year, and we will see you in February!



After Saturday's loss to Santa Clara, men's basketball has been bumped to the front of the hospital; diagnosis - broken. Cartoon by Angel Refugio

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# Gael Poll

## What is your New Year's Resolution?

"Mine was to eat healthier...but I have been restarting every week."  
Amanda Kimmey '08



"I was trashed on New Year's, so I forgot about resolutions."  
Patrick Conway '08



"Find a good guy who isn't just after sex."  
Bethany Flakes '08



# A Dispatch from Iraq ----- A Short Look Around

From August to December 2004, a U.S. Army lieutenant was stationed in Iraq. During this time, he kept correspondence with his family and friends through e-mails. In order to present a the war from the viewpoint of someone who has been there, *The Collegian* will publish excerpts of his letters. The following was sent on August 8, 2004:

Two days ago, the PLL (spare parts) sergeant took me out on an errand run to give me an idea of what he has to accomplish every day. We went to the spare parts warehouse, which is owned by Kellogg, Brown, and Root, and operated by a handful of Army soldiers and a whole bunch of Filipino nationals. SGT IG (my PLL guy) explained to me that we've been experiencing a spare parts slow down over the past few weeks. You know all those truck drivers from other nations who have been kidnapped lately? Those kidnappings and attacks are now directly impacting our supply chain. The insurgents aren't stupid—hit the supply chain, you starve the Army. Fortunately SGT IG is no fool and built up a certain surplus of high-use parts, but other things take awhile to come in. We only just received a mission-critical part three weeks af-

ter ordering it, and our supply priority code is as high as it gets without being in Special Ops.

After spare parts, we went by Third Shop, which is where all the stuff that we can't fix is

kicked upstairs for more expert repair. I'm proud to note that the guys in third shop were all soldiers. No contractors have been pulled in to take care of this section yet, apparently. The soldiers are pretty good at what they do, as long as they can get spare parts. We have sent everything from HMMWV to generators up to them, and they get the job done. Generators in particular are a huge deal here, since the base power grid is only so capable

and the power draw is huge. We have quite a bit of air conditioning here, and most of that is run from generator power.

Another stop we made was to the local wrecking yard. Yes, we have our own wrecking yard, technically called the DRMO and also operated by KBR. A military vehicle has to be pretty seriously messed up to arrive here, and of course, most of the vehicles are casualties of combat. We passed row upon row of HMMWV, in-

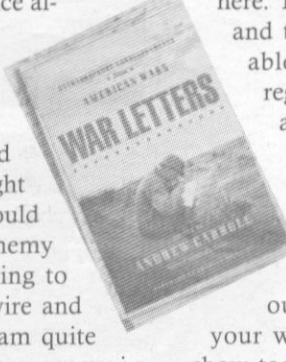
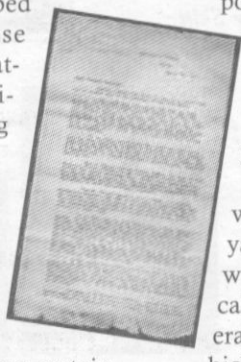
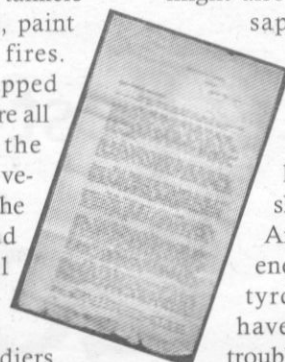
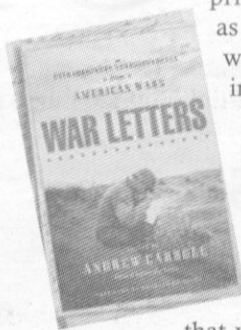
cluding up-armored models, their windshields fractured by bullets and frames buckled by explosions. HEMMT fuel tankers were also numerous, paint scorched away by fires. Snarls of wire wrapped around steel hubs were all that remained of the tires. In some of the vehicles, the names of the soldiers who had driven it were still taped to the windows. You have to wonder if those soldiers survived the attack. All these shattered and flame eaten hulks are a disquieting testimony to the effectiveness of the insurgency.

What worries me, however is the poor condition of our perimeter defenses. If you look at this perimeter with an intelligence soldier's eye, as I must, the picture is not hopeful. The greenery outside the fence allows plenty of cover for a patient enemy to work forward to the fence line, and the high weeds right up on the fence would easily allow an enemy with sapper training to cut through the wire and enter the post. I am quite sure that somewhere, enemy intelligence operatives (many of whom probably have employment inside our gates) are studying our perimeter, gathering in-

formation to pass to sappers in training somewhere in theater.

Am I paranoid? Maybe, but I might also be correct. A small sapper team, entering from multiple points on the perimeter, could do remarkable damage to high-value targets in a short amount of time. And of course, since the enemy is bent on martyrdom, they will not have to bother with troublesome details like escape plans or care of casualties. They could shoot all the ammunition they carry and then detonate themselves to destroy a target. I not only think it could happen, I'm pretty well convinced it will happen at some time in the future.

I don't mean to sound negative. In fact, life is quite good here. The chow isn't half bad, and the PX is truly remarkable. We've been getting regular mortar fire in ones and twos, but it's highly scattered and more of an annoyance than anything. (You can't go outside during a mortar alert, obviously, so if you were on your way to the latrine or to chow, too bad!) Ahmed the Insurgent does like to bug us. It's possible that I'm just spinning dark scenarios because I was born paranoid. We can hope, right?



## Food Lacks Variety

by Jesse Radin  
Staff Writer

More often than not, I watch as my vegetarian friend settle down to a nice bowl of Coco Puffs for his dinner at Saga. The campus dining facilities lack sufficient food for vegetarians and vegans. As a hamburger aficionado, I can always look forward to a burger if none of the other dishes are to my liking, but more often than not, vegetarians and vegans are left empty-handed in the search for a meal at Saga. Something should be done, and soon.

As students, we pay a lot of money every semester for our meal plans, thus the food provided should fit our preferences. When my vegetarian friend has to use one of his meals simply to eat a bowl of sugary cereal for his sustenance, something is wrong. He should not be forced to waste a meal on his card because the school is unable to cater to his dining needs. We need more choices in our food. We are given the illusion of free will in our choice of foodstuff through the 151° Grill, Café Louie, and Subversions, but in fact these dining facilities are all run by the same company that provides Saga's food.

I don't think it would be too hard for Saga to provide more variety in their meals. They have plenty of food that does not contain meat and I am only asking that they provide at least one dish that vegetarians and vegans can enjoy in every meal. It should be a place that caters to the needs of all the students instead of just some, because practically all of us go there several times a day. If St. Mary's was run as a free-market society, we would see many places popping up to cater to students needs in ways that Saga has failed. But unfortunately that is not the case, and Saga must step up because there is no one else that is able to do so.

It is unfair to force those who do not eat meat to find food from other sources while us omnivores (and carnivores) can dine at Saga without further qualms. Perhaps I'm blowing this out of proportion, and perhaps the vegetarian and vegan population of St. Mary's is such a minuscule percentage of the total student body, but really, what's the harm in variety? It would do us all some good to eat something besides meat. I for one could certainly stand to eat a more balanced diet and if Saga would provide at least one non-meat dish for every meal it would make me more likely to indulge myself in foods other than hamburgers and chicken.

## What's Wrong with a Little Rain?

by Linda Hua  
Copy Editor

So I am soaking wet, I can't quite feel my fingers, my hair is frizzy, and my glasses are spotted with water. All of this because I had just walked all the way back to Assumption in the rain. If I were any other girl, I would probably be miserable, but I'm not. I love this weather! No, I'm not crazy, not really. I just love this depressing weather. I like being able to cuddle up and stare out the window for hours while sipping on hot apple cider and day-dreaming. It's a nice way to waste three hours of my life. I get excited every time it rains because I am able to bust out my umbrella. One of my favorite things about rain is using my umbrella outside. The splash of the droplets evenly falling on my umbrella makes a nice noise that reverberates all around me, creating a cheery at-

mosphere. Yes, it is true that rain is sometimes an inconvenience. Windshield wipers don't always work like they should and having wet socks and underwear is not the most sensational experience either. However, we are often so busy that we forget to pause and take a look at nature and how beautiful it is. Even something as boring as rain has a mystic quality to it. This type of weather makes me feel complacent and at peace with myself. The rhythmic pattern of raindrops is also soothing to watch and listen. It is especially nice passing by the chapel and looking out through the arch at Chapel Lawn. Just being able to see the rain peacefully drizzling over the lawn and the hills is spectacular. Rain makes me feel serene and helps me forget all my troubles. And now that it has stopped raining, I miss it already.

## Top Ten Useless New Year's Resolutions

by C. Hungate & L. Longobardi  
Opinion Editors

10. Everyone plans to lose weight. Rarely does one stick to this given that the average American gains two pounds each year. We aren't getting any skinnier folks.



6. Try something new and exciting. If you haven't done it already, do it now.
5. Get laid. Please, everyone will be so much happier. "All you need is love..."
4. Get a make-over.
3. Finally get the courage to ask out your crush. If you would have done it before New Year's you might have had a special someone to kiss at midnight. Grow some and ask them out.
2. Cut back on the Top Ramen. Too much salt is actually bad for you. It makes your hands swell up.
1. Write for opinion! And not just political rants since the election season is OVER.



"Mine was to do more Pilates and I've been sticking to it. Mine was also to do more excersizes and I've been sticking to it."  
Danielle Malitano and Kristin Regruto '08

"I think it's lame because you don't need a holiday to make changes to yourself. You can change any day you want to."  
Kate Forester '06



"I didn't make one because it isn't that big a deal."  
Jason DeBower '08



"I didn't make one because every day is a new day to start over."  
Audrey Hughey '06



*Reviews*  
new crap for a new year

**Meet The Fockers**



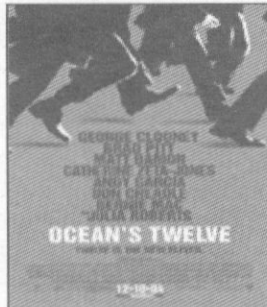
(http://movies.yahoo.com)

Over the break I had a chance to catch *Meet the Fockers*, the sequel to *Meet the Parents*. I personally didn't really care for *Meet the Parents*, but for some reason I actually went to see it. The movie goes for broad humor that ranges from potty humor to, well, potty humor. There are a few lines that did cause me to giggle a little, but other than that it was pretty weak. When a movie relies on a baby for most of its laughs you know the writers stopped trying to make a good movie. The worst part of the movie is watching Robert DeNiro wearing a device he constructed to help feed his grandson. What happened Bobby? I know you want to go beyond your tough guy image, but eww!

- Melanie Linney

**Ocean's Twelve**

(http://movies.yahoo.com)



*Ocean's Eleven* was one of the most under appreciated movies of my generation's time. Maybe it was its whole "remake" effect. Maybe you just didn't get it. For whatever reason you didn't appreciate *Ocean's Eleven*, don't see *Ocean's Twelve*. I am one of Eleven's biggest fans without a doubt. After seeing Twelve, I began appreciating the first one even more. While the first movie had schemes and cons that left the audience saying, "Oh yeah..." the second film left me saying, "Um, okay." The big difference between the movies' effects on the audience had to have been the lack of detail and the abuse of explaining a con. In case they make Ocean's Baker's Dozen, here's a tip: I'm here to see a con movie, therefore, I'd like to see the con, therefore I'm expecting something easy enough to figure out, or at least something that doesn't need behind the scenes plot to describe how they pulled it off. That's the least you could do for luring me into a two hour-long sequel of one of my favorite movies of all time. C'mon now.

-Chris Mateo

# DÉTOUR

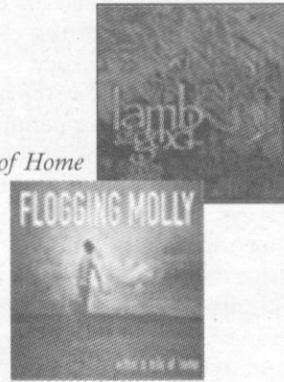
Not giving a damn since September

## The Best and Worst of 2004

Angel Vasquez  
Détour Editor

**Best Albums:**

- Lamb of God – *Ashes of the Wake*
- Flogging Molly – *Within A Mile of Home*
- Rammstein – *Reise, Reise*
- Jimmy Eat World – *Futures*
- Areyu – *The Curse*



**Worst Albums:**

- Beastie Boys – *To The 5 Burroughs*
- Ashley Simpson – *Autobiography*
- Velvet Revolver – *Contraband*
- Gene Simmons – *A\*\*hole*
- Avril Lavigne – *Under My Skin*



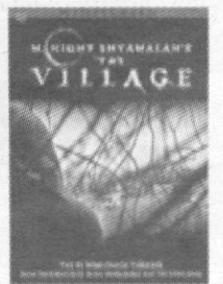
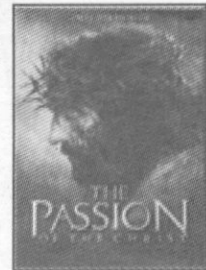
**Best Movies:**

- Metallica: Some Kind of Monster*
- Spider-Man 2*
- Napoleon Dynamite*



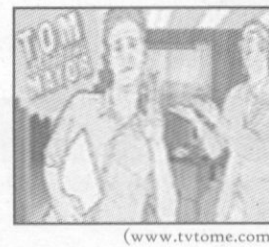
**Worst Movies:**

- The Passion*
- The Village*
- Meet The Fockers*



**Best TV Shows:**

- Aqua Teen Hunger Force
- The Surreal Life
- Family Guy
- Chappelle's Show



(www.tvtome.com)

**Worst TV Shows:**

- Tom Goes To The Mayor
- The Wiggles
- Newlyweds ...and well, almost every friggin' reality TV show

**Best Videogames:**

- Metal Gear Solid 3: Snake Eater
- Fable



**Worst Videogames:**

- Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas
- Halo 2



**Best SMC Moment:**

February 20<sup>th</sup>, Class of 2005 hosts first annual Battle of the Bands.



Melanie Linney

**Worst SMC Moment:**

Sometime in August, Chris Mateo appoints Angel Vasquez as Détour Editor.

(all pictures courtesy of Amazon.com, unless otherwise noted)

**Concert Review**  
*The Arcade Fire*

Katyana Sacro

Staff Writer



(www.mergerecords.com)

Sure I expected to be impressed, to find confirmation in my instant liking for the four-man—three men, one woman—band which borne itself at the release of their debut album, but my expectations were far from correct. After that show last Thursday, I was ready to hand over my soul to The Arcade Fire. They pretty much had it anyway, the instant the seven musicians walked up on stage, in a line facing the crowd, at first seemingly yelling until the voices blended into the introductory oohing of "Wake Up" to start the show. And because I'm only limited to so many words, I almost don't

want to go into explaining it here. My review won't do it justice. Yes, they played better than I could ever imagine. Yes, each musician had an individual presence on stage, revealing to the crowd a sort of passion so extreme and so exhilarating. The density of their songs didn't stop them from having to switch from accordion to guitar or bass or violin or drums during the set. Yes, the feeling in being captivated by of a sort of melancholy turned into music—the sort that moves you but forces you into dancing too—is surreal. I want to tell you how "Crown of Love" had me near tears until the intensity built

up to a fast-paced, dancing beat. Or how awesome it was to see each person in the band singing out as freely and as frequently as desired—no restrictions to hearing only lead singer Win Butler all that time. I want to tell you about how I loved the fact that the band came back twice for an encore (how nice!), and how at their last song, while walking off the stage, each band member was still singing as they disappeared from sight. See, I want to tell you all about the band that had me by the soul in a mere hour. But I can't. All I have to say is: you'd trade in your soul at the cost of music this good.

# BRAD & JEN: Hottest couple lives out stereotypical Hollywood romance, split

Melanie Linney  
Chief Photo Editor

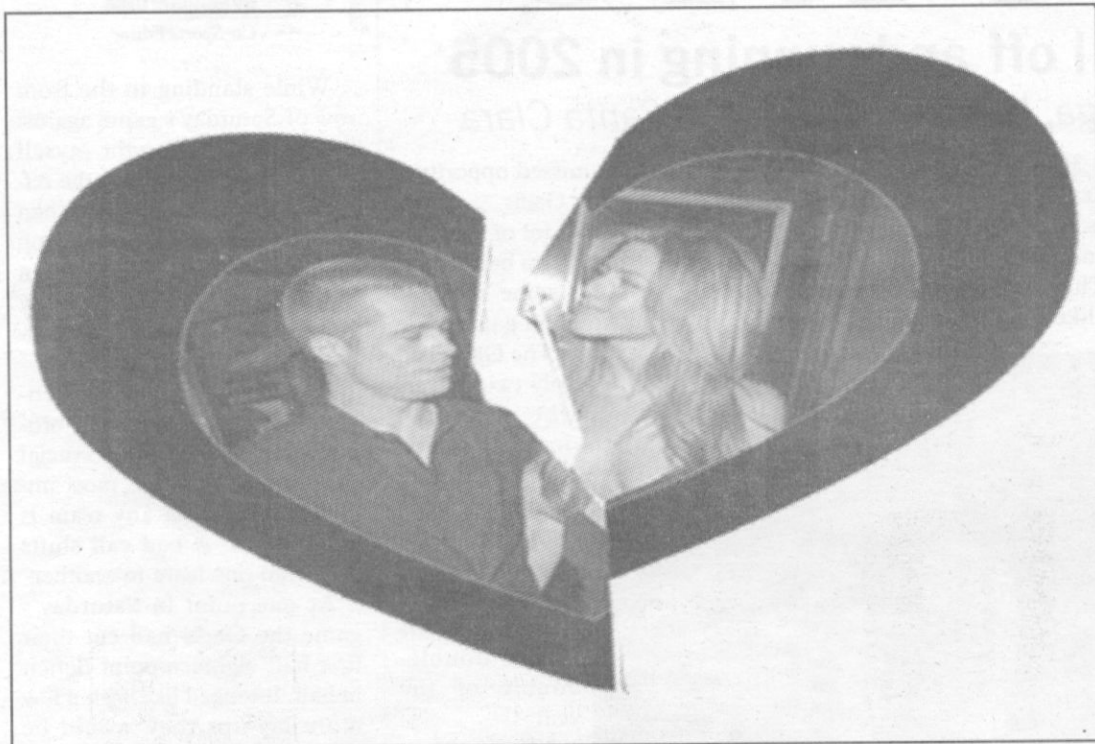


Illustration by Melanie Linney

It has come to my attention that recently Hollywood's favorite couple, Brad Pitt and Jennifer Aniston, has split.

Yes, I know we all thought it would last forever, but sadly, like every movie we love, the end has come.

I know I should write something that shames all the trashy paparazzi and magazines that have created an unwanted window into famous peoples' lives, but I'm not.

Sadly, I, like many, have that horrible disease that forces me to be nosy.

Maybe I lack a life, and to all of those who know me and would chuckle at this particular line, STOP that!

Anyways, I recently went to the supermarket, where us gossip addicts usually go when they're fiending for some good Celeb trash, and I saw an array of covers that boldly displayed the separated couple.

Although I enjoy a good magazine from time to time that splashes the private business of famous people on their covers, I found myself uncomfortable with their lack of anonymity. I was torn.

Do I open one of the billion magazines that I hold so dearly to read their speculations or do I walk away from this web of gossip?

I was at a crossroad in the express lane and I didn't know what

to do.

Fortunately, the person in line behind me made my decision when she gave a little 'ahem.' I didn't have any time to pick out a favorite, so I just moved ahead to pay for my stuff.

I had spent many a nights talking with my friends about the break-up, wondering what was the cause, but I never felt guilty until I saw all the magazines. Maybe like a drug addict, I needed to hit rock bottom to see how lowly I have become from my drug of choice, gossip. I bet not many people can say that the express lane was their rock bottom, but I think it may have been mine.

## Karaoke Acrobatics at Shattuck Down Low

Bettina Adragna  
Staff Writer

It was karaoke as usual at Shattuck Down Low on January 11, 2005 on Shattuck Avenue in Berkeley. The entrance to the club immediately set the atmosphere, with sheer red fabric over the windows that created a red light. Downstairs, a disco ball set the mood, rotating in time to the music. I heard someone singing Fiona Apple's "Criminal" as we came in. It was about an hour from the time I signed up to the time I performed. Meanwhile, I was treated to some talented singers. Some good performances included an almost angry rendition of Jewel's "Foolish Games," complete with the singer going on her knees. The girl had an impressive voice, and her passion inspired the audience to bring out their lighters—literally. I was also treated to a flirty rendition of "Stray Cat Strut" by the Stray Cats. The singer was a blonde guy who sang it perfectly—not off-key or anything. Probably one of the best voices of the evening was the guy who did "Sherry" by The Four Seasons. He hit the high notes with ease and strength. I performed Vanessa Carlton's "Ordinary Day." After me came a group of students from Saint Mary's, including Aideen Rahimi, Jorge Diaz, Amanda Perry, and Andy Pliska, who did "Bohemian Rhapsody" by Queen. Finally, Diaz and a group of girls topped off the night with "Baby Got Back" by Sir Mix-A-Lot. He performed it well, and the dancers were fantastic. Overall, it was a great night. I would recommend it to anyone looking for a place to strut their stuff.

## A Winter Story

Corinne Simpson  
In-Depth Editor

Now that we are well into the winter and hopefully almost to spring, I would like to offer a few suggestions of good and bad ideas for winter activities.

There are quite a few things one should definitely not do in winter that pop into mind. For example, it would be really dumb to skinny dip in the San Francisco bay during the frigid winter months. Actually, it's not a good idea to swim in any of the bay area's beaches around this time unless you really, really, really want to die a slow and painful death by hypothermia.

I also wouldn't suggest mountain biking in the Sierra Nevada quite yet. Twenty foot snow drifts seem hard to navigate and probably make the trail nearly impossible to find. Not to mention the possibility of getting buried by an avalanche in the back country.

Finally, although it helped Benjamin Franklin discover electricity, I don't recommend flying a kite in a winter storm, especially one that includes lightning. I know, those wind gusts of up to 50mph make it really tempting to fly a kite, but please refrain from doing so until the sunny skies of spring.

So what can you do in the winter? Plenty.

If you like water, go down to Monterey for a day or a weekend and go on a whale watching tour. Swim laps in a heated pool or gather some friends for soak in a hot tub.

There are also many options for those who seek adventure. Go up to the mountains and spend some time snow-shoeing, skiing or snowboarding in the mountains. Make a snow fort or have a snow ball fight. If you have warm enough supplies, try snow camping.

For those who are not so adventurous, there are still a lot of conventional winter activities out there.

When the rain keeps coming down, embrace it. Go for a rain walk and jump in all the puddles you can find. Take a hint from *Singing in the Rain* and sing and dance. If it's raining really hard, no one will hear you anyway. If you go with people, have a mud fight when everyone is already drenched.

Go to a basketball game and root for your favorite team.

Find a skating rink and have fun trying not to fall down. Or, spend an afternoon playing laser tag and cheesy arcade games.

Hunker down with some roommates and play board games like Clue or guessing games like Charades and Pictionary.

Have an indoor picnic or use your microwave to make indoor s'mores.

Grab someone special and snuggle up to your favorite movie.

Finally, you could curl up with a good book in front of a fire and read or nap to your heart's content.

Although the weather is quite blah and dreary, it doesn't mean your days have to be blah and dreary. Use some creativity and the cold weather won't put a damper on your winter fun.

## THUMBELINA

The SMC Performing Arts Department will present this charming stage adaptation in LeFevre Theater on THURSDAY, JANUARY 27 AT 4:00 P.M.

ALL TICKETS ARE \$6.00

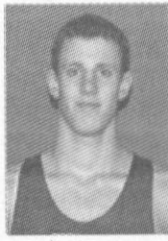
For more information, please call (925) 631-4670

## WOMEN'S WATER POLO SEEKS NEW PLAYERS

Interested players, please come to practice [Monday through Friday during Jan Term between 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. in the SMC pool].

## Players of the Week

### Daniel Kickert



The 6'10" forward has been nothing short of amazing this season. Just recently Kickert was named as the mid-major midseason

player of the year by College-Insiders.com. Through twenty games, Kickert is leading the team in rebounds with 7.1 per game and ranks second in points. He helped lead the Gaels to their first win against Gonzaga in the Randy Bennett era. As the Gaels move through conference play, Kickert is sure to be a force to be reckoned with.

### Brianna Winn



Winn was phenomenal in the first two WCC games of the season, leading the Gaels in scoring in an impressive win

over Portland and again in a tough loss to Gonzaga. Look for this junior guard to continue to be an impact player as Saint Mary's plays its first home conference game on Thursday versus Pepperdine.

Michael Chin, Sports Editor

## GAEL SCORE CARD ZONE

### WCC Men's Basketball Standings

Team	Conf.
GU	3-1
SMC	2-1
SCU	2-1
PEP	2-2
POR	1-2
USF	1-2
LMU	1-2
USD	1-2

### WCC Women's Basketball Standings

Team	Conf.
GU	4-0
LMU	3-1
SCU	2-1
PEP	2-2
SMC	1-2
USF	1-2
USD	1-2
POR	0-4

### Jan Term Athletic Schedule

#### January 20, 2005

Men's Basketball @ PEP 7:05  
Women's Basketball vs. PEP 7:05

#### January 22, 2005

Men's Basketball @ LMU 7:05  
Women's Basketball vs. LMU 7:05  
Men's Rugby @ Cal 12:30 & 2:00

#### January 27, 2005

Men's Basketball vs. USD 7:05  
Women's Basketball @ USD 2:00

#### January 30, 2005

Women's Basketball @ USF 7:05  
Men's Basketball vs. USF Noon

# SPORTS

## Men's basketball off and running in 2005 Gaels upset #11 Gonzaga, but fall short against Santa Clara

By Sam Adams  
Co-Sports Editor

It had to happen sometime. Unfortunately for the Gaels, their nine game winning streak came to an end Saturday night at the hands of the rival Santa Clara Broncos 65-42.

"I thought they beat us in every phase of the game," said Randy Bennett. "Not sure why - we need to get that mental edge and we didn't have it tonight."

Coming off big wins against then-#11 Gonzaga and Air Force, the Gaels played sloppy against the Broncos, making only two three-pointers and shooting 26% from the field, and a paltry 50% from the free throw line.

"They just came to play - it just happens," said senior point guard E.J. Rowland. "They scouted us very well, contested our shots. They did the right things on defense and offense."

Santa Clara was led by Doron Perkins' 20 points and seven rebounds, followed by Travis Niesen's 16 points and 14 points from Kyle Bailey. Santa Clara, who is 9-9 overall and 2-1 in conference, had lost their previous five games before beating Portland last week.

"We owed them 60 points from last year, so we got some back tonight," Bailey said.

Santa Clara was able to put the reigns on senior guard Paul Marigney, who after being ESPN Player of the Week for

his 30-point game against Gonzaga, was held to just eight shots, and only three points in the second half.

"They bothered him tonight; just like they bothered him last

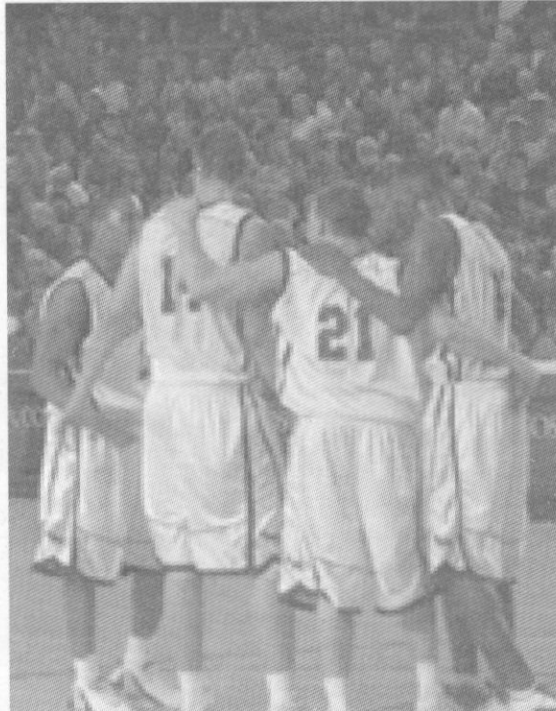
and too many missed opportunities doomed the Gaels.

"They missed a lot of shots today," said Santa Clara head coach Dick Davey. "If some of those go in, it is a different game."

The Gaels had only two players who scored in double digits. Besides Marigney's 10, Daniel Kickert added 15 to go with his 10 rebounds for his fourth double-double of the year.

"There were just too many breakdowns, too much penetration on their part," said Kickert. "Our strength wasn't there, our defense."

Rowland dis-



Melanie Linney/Collegian

regarded the notion that the Gonzaga and Air Force games left the Gaels too tired to hang with the Broncos.

"I don't think it was draining," said Rowland. "It wasn't like we were fatigued; fatigue had nothing to do with it."

Bennett said some practice time will help the Gaels get on track. "We didn't play great against Air Force, we didn't today, but we had played well for a long time and now we have to right the ship," said Bennett. "And that happens to every team in every season."

Bennett said he wasn't surprised that the Broncos played so well after their performances against BYU, Gonzaga and Portland, but he was surprised by the outcome. "They were more alert and just flat out better tonight," said Bennett.

The Gaels last gasp came at the beginning of the second half, when they went on a 5-2 run, getting five straight points from Frederic Adjwanou, cutting the deficit to 11. But poor passing

## Women's Basketball starts WCC play with win Gaels beat Portland, but fall to Gonzaga and Santa Clara

Allison Kop  
Assistant Sports Editor

The women's basketball team is off to a so-so start in WCC action, after beating Portland in their WCC opener before dropping back-to-back games against Gonzaga and Santa Clara.

The three game road stretch began with a trip to Portland where the Gaels defeated the Pilots handily, 83-55 for their highest point total of the season. Red shirt junior Brianna Winn had a breakout performance, scoring 17 points and dishing out four assists in the win. Triola Jackson also lived up to her preseason hype, scoring an impressive 14 points in the first half and finishing with 16 points and seven rebounds. The win snapped Saint Mary's three season losing streak versus the Pilots.

Despite the big win on Thursday, the Gaels didn't have the firepower to hang with top-ranked Gonzaga, losing 74-50 on Saturday in Spokane. Saint Mary's played a brilliant first half, but was out shot by the 'Zags down the stretch. Brianna Winn led the Gaels offensively for the second consecutive game, with 12 points

and two assists. Triola Jackson got off to a quick start, racking up 10 points and nabbing 10 rebounds in the first 20 minutes, but was held scoreless in the second half. Junior Evynn Van Burger also gave a solid effort, ending the game with 8 points. The Bulldogs, ranked first in the WCC in the preseason coaches' poll, have now won 11 straight games and are 4-0 in conference play.

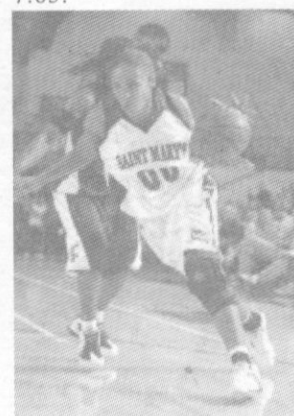
The following Saturday the Gaels faced archrival Santa Clara for their third consecutive road game. Despite trailing just 31-26 at halftime, Saint Mary's lost to the fifth ranked Broncos by a

final score of 70-47. The Gaels shot a dismal 23.6 percent from the field compared to Santa Clara's 43.1 percent. Jackson had another double-double for the Gaels with 13 points and 10 rebounds, while sophomore guard Lauren Shaughnessy added 8 points. Evynn Van Burger also had 8 points for the Gaels.

With the loss Saint Mary's falls to 1-2 in WCC action, but still retains a winning record of 9-7. The Gaels will look for better results when cheered by their home crowd in their home conference opener versus Pepperdine on Thursday in McKeon Pavillion. Tip-off is scheduled for 7:05.



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## Referees: good judges or bad moderators?

By Michael Chin  
Co-Sports Editor

While standing in the front row of Saturday's game against Santa Clara, I caught myself yelling out expletives to the referees who were not more than five feet from me. I had to stop and ask myself, "Since when did referees have so much say in who wins or loses a basketball game?"

Almost everyone has experienced what it's like when officials making bad calls at crucial moments. One of the most important things for any team is momentum. A bad call shifts that from one team to another.

At one point in Saturday's game the Gaels had cut their first half eighteen-point deficit in half. It looked like with a few more lay-ups they would be right back in the game. It was then that the men in stripes took over the game. Within a one minute span the Gaels were slapped with four questionable fouls that translated into ten points for the Broncos. It seemed as though whenever SMC got back into the game the stripes would take them out of it.

Now I am not saying that the Gaels would have won the game if not for the referees because in reality they had a bad shooting night. What I am saying is that officials should get out of the way and let the players play. It is the players who are in the spotlight and the players who need to play. The officials should just blend into the scenery, like the court or ball that is being used. They are tools to make the game better, not hinder its play.

In the world of college sports, players have to deal with school, practice, and general college life. When they hit the court, they should be able to play their hardest without having to play soft or tentatively, fearing that if they make a mistake the officials will penalize them for it.

Some would say, "Well, the officials are only human and are allowed to make mistakes." That is true, but in athletics that mistake could be game deciding. In some sports, tools such as instant replay and net checkers have been brought on in order to aid officials in making the right calls. Why not develop tools in every sport to help officials? It would cut down on errors and make for a better game environment, especially for the officials.

Until this happens, the ranting and raving will never cease. The crowd will always hate the officials and one side will always come up on the proverbial "short end of the stick."

### Men's Rugby

Watch the #12 ranked Gaels take on Cal, the top team in the country, this Saturday at Berkeley.

A side at 1pm  
B side at 2:30pm