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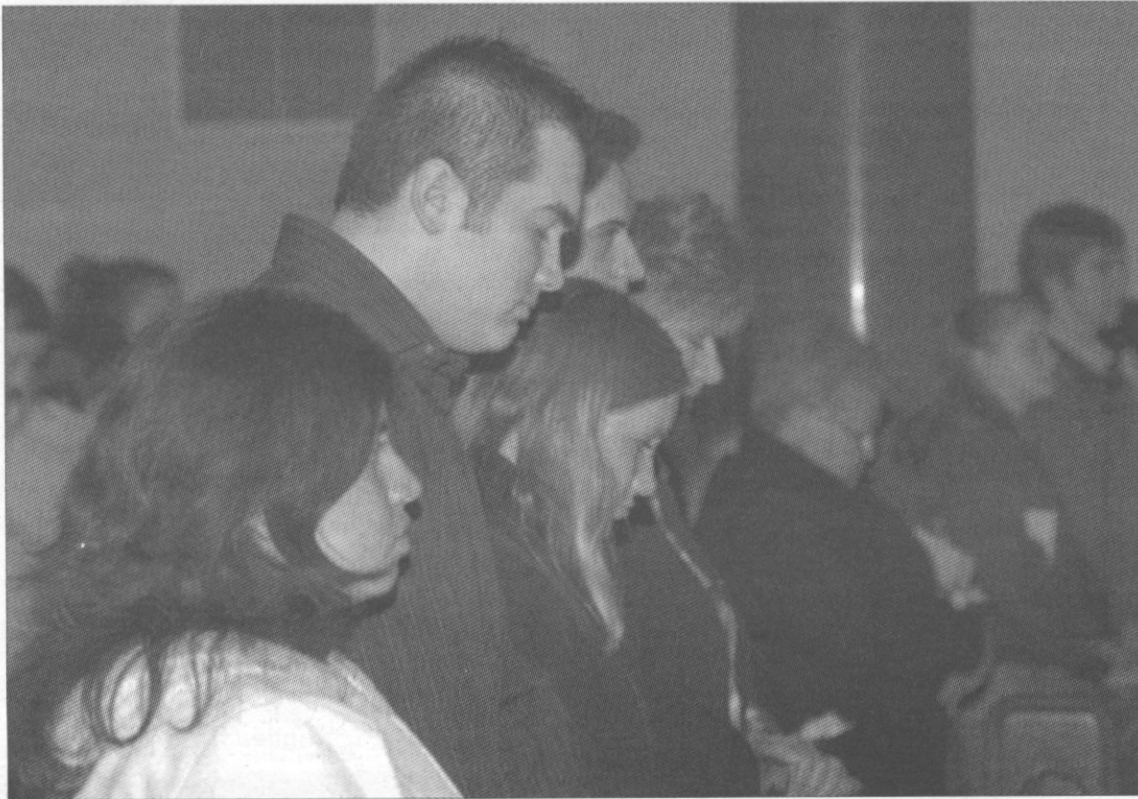
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CAMPUS COMMUNITY REMEMBERS POPE JOHN PAUL II



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Students pray during mass Sunday, where for the first time in 26 years, Pope John Paul II's name was not said during the consecration prayer. A special mass was held last Friday during the pope's illness, and another mass will be held tomorrow afternoon to mourn his death. Meanwhile, the Church looks to its future (see story pg. 3).

Student employees receive "Appreciation Week"

by Chris Mateo
Editor-in-chief

This year, Saint Mary's College for the first time joins other members of the National Student Employment Association in recognizing its student employees during the week of April 11.

Departments throughout the campus will be encouraged to celebrate this week in various ways. Whether having a small party in the office or presenting students with thank you cards, departments are expected to take the time and appreciate their employees who are hired to take care of the many important tasks of their respective areas.

The National Student Employment Association has declared that the second complete week in April each year be set aside to recognize the value of student employees and student employment professionals. The purpose of this week is to enhance the role of student employment, recognize the work of student employees, and thank student employees.

Daryl Williams, assistant director for Financial Aid and coordinator for the Federal Work Study Programs, was placed in charge of bringing this program to the campus.

"This is our first time doing this," said Williams. "This is

something I've been trying to put together for a couple of years now, but haven't because it required a lot of time and energy to organize, which I had this year."

While the national office listed its three reasons for having this week, Williams said its purpose on the Saint Mary's campus was passed due.

"We really want the students to feel like they're appreciated," said Williams. "This whole thing started, not because of the NSEA, but because we had feedback from some students that made it seem as if they were expendable, and that's not the

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Bennett and Jacoby receive new contracts

by Mike Chin
Sports Editor

Men's basketball head coach Randy Bennett and women's basketball coach Michelle Jacoby have been signed to new contracts following the end of both team's seasons.

Last Tuesday SMC athletic director Carl Clapp announced that the school had signed Bennett to a six year contract. Terms of the contract were not disclosed how-

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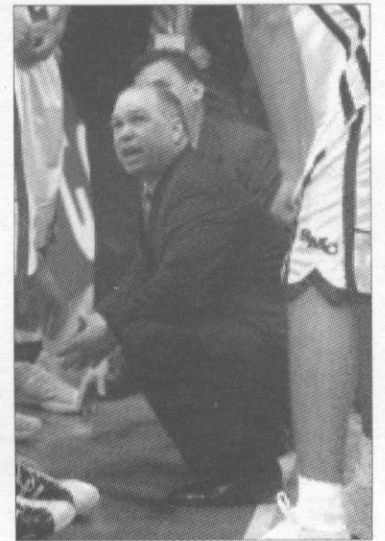
ever it is thought that Bennett may end up doubling his contract by the end of the six-year

agreement. Jacoby was signed to a four year contract on Monday, March 21.

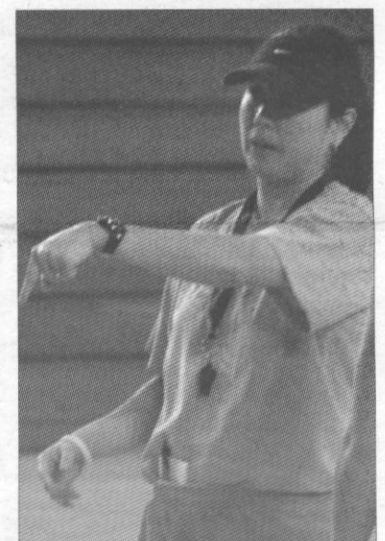
The Bennett move comes as a huge surprise not only to alumni, students, and supporters of the program, but also the rest of the basketball world. Many had rumored him to be in line for other jobs, including vacancies at Fresno State and Arizona State. For Bennett, this may have been his best opportunity to jump into the upper echelons of college coaching. When reporters asked him about this he said, "I understand I have a good deal here. Don't just jump to jump. This is a great place for me and my family. I like our players. I like our staff. I like the people I answer to."

The move comes in the wake of the Gaels' first NCAA tournament appearance since 1997. Bennett was also asked about the

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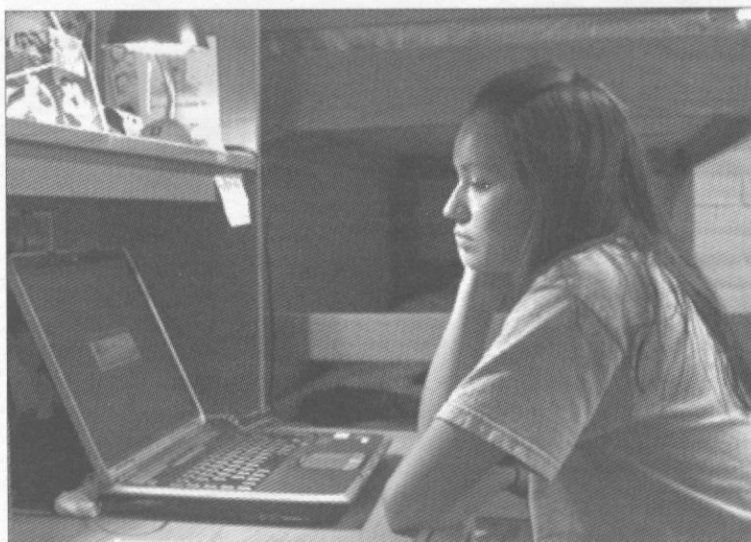


Randy Bennett Signed to a six-year contract through the 2010-2011 season; led Gaels to 25-9 season this year and an NCAA tournament bid



Michelle Jacoby Signed to four-year contract through 2008-2009; notched 15-13 record this season with womens' basketball

Townhouse residents return from break to find Internet finally working again



Ken Fung/COLLEGIAN

A student uses a computer in the townhouses; Internet service was back up again after experiencing problems before break

Lower townhouse Internet connection had problems in the weeks before Easter break; some students still experiencing problems

by Pablo Armas
Executive Assistant

Most of the residents of the lower townhouses came back from Easter break with a nice surprise. After over a week of no internet, the townhouses are finally back online. However, not all are happy with the current service that they have now. Jessica Fajardo '06 still has to go online using dial-up despite the fact that the rest of Sabatte has the internet back up. "I have contacted CATS [Computer and Technology Services] plenty of times and they

haven't been able to help out at all," says Fajardo. Fajardo has been using dial-up to get online since the beginning of the year. "I was placed on the block list because of problems with my computer. I have gotten the computer fixed and free of virus. I have called up CATS, leaving messages as well as written a letter to them and they still haven't been able to get me online." Fajardo said. Meanwhile one of her suitemates, Mily Basquez, '06, has been able to get back online, however, she still has trouble with it, losing connec-

tions from time to time. "There are times where I won't be able to go online for a couple hours or even a day. I don't even bother with [CATS]. With them, it's always an excuse."

However, David Granberg '05, student employee for CATS, was quick to point out that the regular workers at CATS aren't responsible for the fixing of the connections.

"The problem has to do with the wiring. Most of the people at CATS just help other people with

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3/19	10:32 p.m.	Synopsis: Incident occurred on 3/15 in the Soda Center's rear parking lot; referred to Moraga, PD.
3/20	1:17 a.m.	Incident: Disturbing the peace Synopsis: Altercation with two students on De La Salle Drive between Madigan Gym and J.C. Gatehouse; referred to student conduct.
3/20	5:15 p.m.	Incident: Fire alarm activated Synopsis: False alarm in Mitty Hall; referred to student conduct.
3/21	4:10 a.m.	Incident: Petty theft Synopsis: Theft of pastries from Oliver Hall; referred to student conduct.
3/23	2:45 p.m.	Incident: Medical assist Synopsis: Visitor on campus transported to John Muir.

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their computers. The people that work on the wiring are the network technicians, which a sub group with CATS. All they have told us [CATS] is that they are working on the problem."

Martin Radosevich '05, student employee for CATS, said,

"Our job is simply to report problems with the internet to the technicians. We tell them about the problem and they do their best to fix the problems." He also asked students to not blame CATS if their internet goes down. "We're students too. Many of us live in the townhouses as well. Don't blame us if it's down, we got nothing to do with it."

Admissions Office hosts prospective students

Admitted students stay overnight to experience Saint Mary's life

by **Melissa Hill**
Staff Writer

The campus was buzzing more than usual when it was visited by high school seniors here to scope out the campus. Getting a jump-start on life at Saint Mary's, honors prospective students were welcomed to spend the night where they got a dose of Saint Mary's spirit.

The honors overnight, held on March 15-16, and the traditional overnight, held today and tomorrow, are events available to students who have been accepted to Saint Mary's College.

In their experience here, the prospectives were thrown into a series of events that allowed them to "see what life is probably going to be like [for them] - they're either going to want to live here or not," according to student ambassador Omari Starks '07, who added, "they probably never had the whole culture experience before."

So how was Saint Mary's culture portrayed? The student ambassadors and volunteer student hosts lead the prospective students, who were "able to attend class, able to visit any of the activities we had, could go to a lecture, go to kick-boxing, and any of the night-time activities that were on campus," according to student ambassador Brandon Birr '07.

Birr also hosted a prospective student who he said "had really enjoyed the chance to go to a lecture and really enjoyed late-night," Birr '07. Senior Admissions Officer Laura Apisakkul noted some other non-academic events such as salsa dancing, singing, and a BSU poetry slam.

Another volunteer, Nick Brown '07, happened to be hosting his younger brother, Nate, who sat in on his brother's seminar-style language tutorial. "He really liked the Integral experience and Integral way of

doing things...he liked the campus and how small it is, and the one-on-one attention from professors," said Brown '07.

On the topic of the seminar class the prospectives attended, Starks stated, "that's one thing Saint Mary's prizes themselves on; it's very important for them to see that part of SMC."

The students filled out evaluation forms before they left, and the overwhelming feeling was that "the hosts were wonderful... one girl said her host made her feel like she was her little sister," said Apisakkul.

She also said, "Just hearing from students, they're so appreciative, it really makes a difference."

Birr agreed, saying, "[Visiting the college] is very important, a great impact."

More students are on campus today and tomorrow, again to visit classes, attend on-campus events, and experience Saint Mary's life.

American poet Adrienne Rich comes to Saint Mary's

Poetry reading features woman with 'powerful artistic vision'

by **Bettina Adragna**
Staff Writer

On Wednesday, March 30, poet and feminist scholar Adrienne Rich came to the Soda Center at Saint Mary's College to read from her recent works. The event was co-sponsored by the MFA Program in Creative Writing, the Women's Studies Program, and the Disney Forum.

Adrienne Rich is a "very well known American poet, and she has been for the last thirty-five years," said Chris Sindt, director of the MFA Program in Creative Writing. "She's advanced the field of both feminism and social justice through her writing," and "won a major poetry award, the Yale Younger Poets prize, in 1951."

"It's amazing how she can be really well known by people who don't necessarily read poetry," said Sindt. "She thinks of herself primarily as a poet, and poetry is her way into these other fields of women's rights and rights for all underprivileged people."

Denise Witzig, director of the Women's Studies Program, said

that Rich is "a real hero to Women's Studies." She spoke of Rich's "powerful artistic vision that always stays bright and burning."

"I think it's a real gift to have people like her to come to campus," said Witzig. "The power of her intellect and her art can be really revolutionary and transforming for you. . . I think also somebody like Rich provides testimony to the power of art to sustain us. I think this is really important for women to know, especially young women."

Theresa Traynor, assistant director for Community Partnerships at CILSA, said, "Adrienne Rich is known for looking at social justice as a collaboration of all social injustices," including sexism, racism, homophobia, and war and injustice.

"They're all interconnected in a way. And it was a brilliant approach for her. . . I think that combination is what is going to change our community in the long term."

"I think her message is about love," said Traynor, "and that if we are really going to create a society and a community that we are proud of or that is good, we need to love each other, despite gender or racial differences, or biases that we have."

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case. Student employees are necessary for an office to function."

Campus employers were encouraged to submit nominations for the campus's best student workers. The selected winner will be announced during the Student Employment Appreciation Week.

The campus also looked for other, more tangible ways to make students feel appreciated. A task force was created in spring 2004 to address student concerns.

"The Student Employment Task Force, made up of staff from all over the campus, found that students needed to make more money per hour. As a result, students will see an increase in hourly rate wages to compete with off-campus employers," said Billie Jones, director of Financial Aid and chairperson for the Student Employment Task Force.

The increase in hourly wages will be effective July 1 of this year, said Jones.

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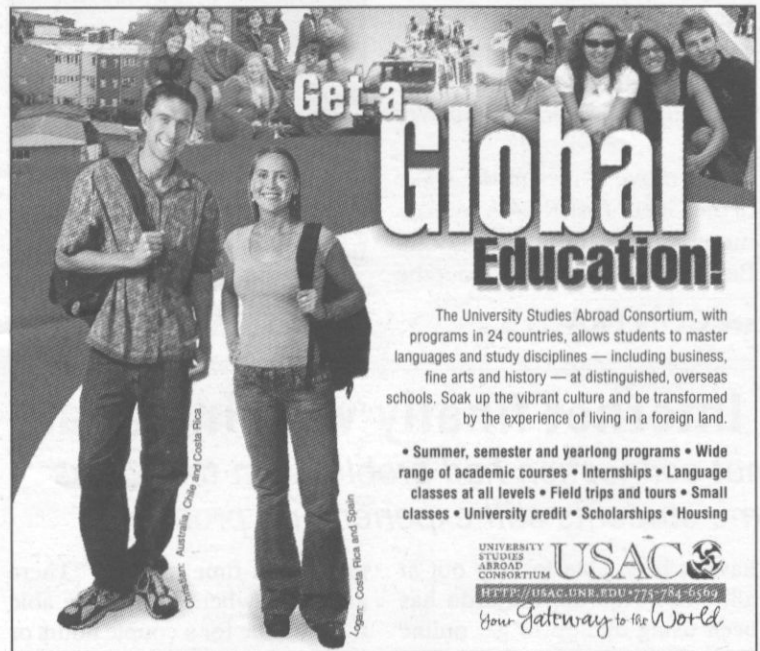
An article on page 1 of the March 15 issue misidentified men's basketball season ticket holder Chris Salkeld.

An article on page 7 of the March 15 issue misspelled the name of men's basketball player Reda Rhalimi.

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Prospective students overnight visit.	Asian Heritage Month Ceremony - 12 p.m. - Ferroggiaro Quad
Giants home opener, 1:15 p.m.	Coffee Night - 9 p.m. - Dryden
Asian Cultural Night - 5:30 p.m. - Soda Center	Business Club Speaker - 9 p.m. - Soda Center

THURSDAY	Weekend
Leadership Workshop: "Faith in Presence of God" - 3:30 p.m. - Delphine Lounge	Saturday:
Senate Petitions due - 6 p.m.	Meditation - 8:30 a.m. - Delphine Lounge
The Waltz - 6:30 p.m. - Soda Center	Senior Ball - 7 p.m. - H.S. Lordships, Berkeley
	Sunday:
	Senate meeting - 6 p.m. - Soda Center

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

SNAPSHOT



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Students enjoy dinner at last Thursday's event commemorating Cesar Chavez Day, sponsored by the Latin American Student Association.

Where does the Catholic Church go from here?

Saint Mary's comm professor offers insight on Church's future

by Jonathan Morales
News Editor

As students on campus joined those around the world in mourning the death of Pope John Paul II last Saturday, Catholics around the globe are also looking to the future, wondering who will be the next man to lead the church of 1.1 billion.

The next pope will be elected by the College of Cardinals during the conclave, which takes place in the Sistine Chapel in Vatican City and according to Catholic law must begin no less than 15 days and no more than 20 days after the pope's death.

Fr. Michael Russo, a communication professor at Saint Mary's College, also works for CBS news as a consultant on issues of the Vatican. He offered his insight as to where the church may go.

"They're looking for a person who is in reasonably good health, who has fairly strong language skills, and someone who has had pastoral skills," said Russo. "Whether any one of [the candidates] fits the bill is something that the 117 cardinals will have to figure out."

While technically, any Roman Catholic man is eligible for the papacy, the cardinals always choose one of their own.

Russo also commented on the legacy of John Paul II, the third-longest serving pope in Church history.

"He made a special effort to meet the people in his own diocese in Rome.... But he also made an effort to meet people around the world," said Russo. "On a person to person level, he's certainly magnified the importance of the papacy."

He added, however, that John Paul's political legacy will be more complicated. John Paul was a controversial pope at times, who advocated peace and human rights but was extremely conservative on moral issues.

While many are talking about calling this pope John Paul the Great, a title reserved for only two other popes, Russo is a bit more cautious.

"It will take time for that to happen. Time will tell."

CONTRACTS: Bennett inked through '11, Jacoby through '09

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future of the program and said, "I'm really excited about the direction of our program...our goal remains making Saint Mary's a program that can compete for WCC Championships and get into the NCAA tournament."

Saint Mary's has already begun training for next season and returns of a core group of players who look to build upon this year's 25-8 record.

Headlining the returnees will be All-WCC selection Daniel Kickert and swingman Brent Collins, who was named the

player of the game in the Gaels' tournament loss to Southern Illinois.

The contract also includes incentives for his assistant coaches and also the possibility of new facilities in the future.

Currently, Saint Mary's ranks dead last in facilities within the WCC.

In her five seasons with the Gaels, Jacoby has led the women's basketball team to one NCAA tournament appearance in 2001, making it to the second round, and one WNIT appearance.

The signing of Bennett and Jacoby may mark that Clapp and company have begun to turn the corner for Gael athletics. Just recently the Gaels parted ways with their most successful coach, women's volleyball's Jon Stevenson.

The move also witnessed a renewed vigor to succeed not only from the athletic department, but the school as a whole. President Brother Ron Gallagher, voiced his opinion on the situation and made it known that the entire administration wanted to keep Bennett around for years to come.

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beyond the bubble

NATIONAL AND WORLD NEWS BITES

BY TONY VALA-HAYNES

-VATICAN CITY, Rome—Pope John Paul II was pronounced dead Saturday at the age of 84. The Pope had been battling Parkinson's and arthritis. Complications with his health arose Thursday and soon after the Pope's well-being quickly deteriorated. In a statement issued Saturday, President Bush called Pope John Paul II a "champion of human freedom." The President continued to say, "We will always remember the humble, wise and fearless priest who became one of history's great moral leaders."

-TOMBSTONE, Arizona—Over 450 volunteers met this past Friday to begin patrolling the Arizona border for illegal immigrants. The effort will last approximately one month. The volunteers will cover about 23 miles of the San Pedro Valley and are ordered to report any illegal activity to federal agents. Some law enforcement officials view such an effort as encouragement for vigilante justice.

-YORK, Pennsylvania—After stabbing two people, a man reportedly walked in front of a bus. Randy Longway, 43, entered the home of a woman and her friend Wednesday night and after stabbing both people, walked outside and stepped in front of a moving bus. Police say the incident was not an accident.

-SAN ANTONIO, Texas—A man trying to escape police in his car jumped out of his moving vehicle. His car crashed into a parked truck and the man was easily apprehended after his failed attempt to escape.

-BOISE, Idaho—Maggie the elephant is reportedly not getting enough exercise. To solve this problem the zookeepers at the Alaska zoo where Maggie lives will be installing an elephant size treadmill. In the wild, African elephants like Maggie spend upwards of 16 hours a day walking. The treadmill, built in Boise, will simulate the exercise she would normally receive in the wild.

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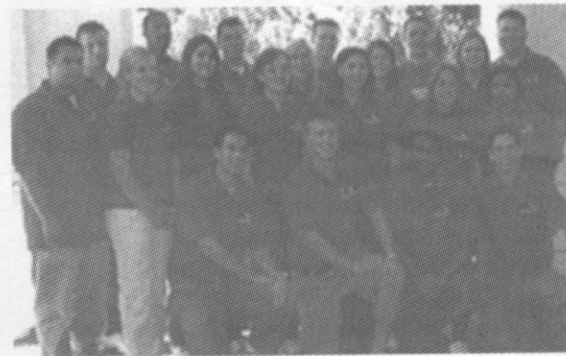
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Candidates must be in good academic and disciplinary standing with a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA. Good communication and public speaking skills, professionalism, a prompt and dependable work ethic, and the ability to make prospective students and their families feel comfortable, are essential for the position. Campus involvement and an understanding of SMC resources are preferred; bilingual language ability (particularly Spanish) is a plus.

Applications are due by 5:00 pm on Friday, April 15th.

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The new scapegoats

Should conservative values be mocked?



by Aldeen Rahimi

Assistant Opinion Editor

The conservative right wing values have been given a bad rap in our media for quite some time now. For example, major corporations, the crazy picketers that lurk around the Planned Parenthoods of the nation, SUV's, the death penalty, Bush, and tax cuts for the rich all get hurled nasty comments these days. I am here, ladies and gentlemen, to stand up for the over-dogs that have now become the scapegoats.

As annoying as the silly passionate pro-lifers are, they might actually have a point. Other than embarrassing you as you step into the sex clinic to get tested or pick up some contraceptives, the picketers are making an enormous statement about the nature of being. If we want to respect life, we must start at the very foundation. As Aristotle once wrote, "the acorn is the tree." It may seem a bit contradictory that these same pro-life conservatives also support the death penalty. It's a paradoxical relationship really. All I am going to ask is for you to consider this question: is it a greater evil to cut off a bird's wings and throw it in a cage or avoid that long life of misery by ending it right away?

As for Bush, we would be deprived of the best comedy in our lives if he weren't in office. I must say the occasional monkey joke never fails to bring a smile to my face. This funny little man does however have a point by being on the side of big corporations. These big bad boys actually offer much more benefits to their employees and stabilize the economy, unless that bad boy is Enron or PG&E of course. I say let's bring back old man Wal-Mart; he was so ruthlessly driven out by the vicious money and power-hungry small family business.

SUV's have also been receiving a lot of flack lately. Sure they're gas-guzzlers, way too big, and they let off three times as more pollutants than the economic car, but no one ever considers that off-roading would be virtually non-existent without these monsters.

These issues and much more are held dear by the other half of our population, the close to being censored right-wingers. In all honesty folks, taking any extreme side is bad idea. However, these extremes still need to be heard.

OPINION

Collegian View

The Collegian would like to take the time to honor the life of Pope John Paul II. It was announced on Saturday afternoon that the Holy Father passed away in his Vatican apartment. As the newspaper of a Roman Catholic college, we feel it is a very important issue not just from the perspective of a faith-based institute, but from a community that finds social justice very necessary for the welfare of the world.

In a world full of violence and disunity, John Paul II served as a great unifier. He served his Church, its followers, as well as the many non-Catholic citizens of the world. People that are respected throughout the world

usually have done something to earn that respect. Even non-Catholic, still acknowledged his position as well as the significance behind it.

From the fall of communism to his very public persona, John Paul has been a prominent figure to our generation since 1978.

The editors, like our peers, have seen only one Pope in their lifetimes. They have only one perception of what the leader of the Catholic Church should be, and he will be the one they will compare all forthcoming Popes to. They will remember his love of children. They will remember his faith and piety. They will remember the impact he had on the

world, on their families, and on their lives.

Pope John Paul II will be forever in our hearts. We pray for his soul and envision him walking towards the first Pope, Saint Peter, at the heavenly gates.



Courtesy of www.vatican.va

My faith cannot be questioned

Sometimes logic is not enough

by Jackie Bernardo

Copy Editor

I have been often asked to explain my belief in God. It has never been easy for me to articulate, especially to people who do not share the same faith as I do. I

have heard the cynicisms, the extensive questions, the criticisms, and the judgments, and even still, I cannot find an answer that can universally be accepted or an answer that I myself can accept; I subject myself to questioning my own faith and cannot find a clear-cut answer or explanation as to why I believe in God.

But there is one thing I know about my faith. It is irrational and

obviously does not follow the lines of logic. And when I think about it, I can compare it to the irrationality of love. Love doesn't have to make sense; it doesn't have to have a particular reason behind it. It just exists.

This is how I feel about my faith. As irrational and illogical it seems to believe in a higher power, I still do. Maybe it's a concept based on comfort, or maybe

it's a belief that has been instilled in me ever since I was younger and therefore cannot be easily discarded. I don't know, but I do know that it's an irrepressible feeling; it's a belief that I cannot fathom. And the funny thing is that everything else in my life needs a valid explanation or some kind of logic. But when it comes to my faith in God, I simply believe.

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Gael Poll: Who has the say over life and death

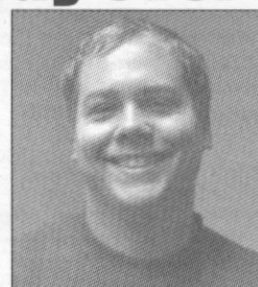
What Saint Mary's thinks about the Terri Schindler-Schiavo Case

Collected by: Pablo Armas

"It's a travesty that she died. Life should always be the priority."

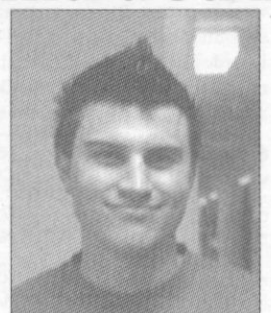


Adrienne Gallo '07



Brain Ely '06

"It was disgusting. They basically starved a woman to death because the law said so. Just because the law said it was ok doesn't make it right. Schiavo's husband failed to stand by her in sickness and health."



Mike FitzPatrick '08

"I think that there is a point of no return. Why should someone be in pain for their whole life."

No longer a world away

When events thousands of miles away hit close

by Jackie Bernardo

Copy Editor

Finally, I'm seeing the conflict in Iraq being acknowledged by people who thought that they were completely unattached to the war. Just the other day, for instance, my roommate was having a conversation with her father on the phone about one of the books she was reading in her English class. After mildly telling him that everything was "fine," she suddenly became adamant about a book that touched upon the War in Iraq that she was required to read. She zealously began telling him about how frustrated and emotionally affected she was when she found out about some of the tortures that U.S. officials were implementing on the Iraqi people. And I remember that the conversation ended with, "I'm not going to sell the book back. I'm going to give it to you. You have to read it." I had never heard her seem so passionate about a book, especially about one that touched upon the war in Iraq, a war that she hardly knew intricate details about until she had to read about it.

Similarly, last week, a couple of staff members from the Collegian and I went to the National College Newspaper Convention, and I was incredibly moved by a presentation by a photographer from the San Francisco Chronicle. She showed pictures she had taken of a little boy from Iraq who had been taken into an American hospital while in critical condition. She explained that the little boy had been playing with his older brother, who, after discovering that his little brother had picked up a bomb, tried to save him from the explosion and died in the attempt. She talked about how the little boy, who was nicknamed "lion-heart" by the staff in the hospital at which he was staying in Oakland, had lost both of



illustration by Melanie Linney/Collegian his hands and managed to survive with a deformed abdomen after doctors had predicted that he was not going to live. And most importantly, she talked about not really feeling affected by the war in Iraq until she had to cover a story on this boy, who had come from the atrocities of Iraq to America.

The photographer, like some Americans, didn't feel completely connected with the war

because it was not yet personal to her, since she did not have any relatives or friends serving in Iraq. And like her, although I was well aware of the horrible circumstances of the war, I had not felt completely and personally connected because I did not know anyone being directly involved in it (although it may become personal to many of us college students soon with the high possibility of a draft being re-instated in June). However, after listening to the photographer's presentation, as odd as it sounds, I finally felt emotionally awakened to the war. Of course I had seen horrid pictures and footage of the war on TV that had shocked me, but I felt more personally affected after listening to the particular struggles of the little boy. It gave more of an impact than numbers and statistics on the news; it's obviously more impactful when one out the statistics, one out of the large number, gets to tell his or her story and is able to speak of his or her agony. Only then does the war become real. Has it become real for you?

Spring Break in South Africa

by Caitlin Hungate

Foreign Correspondent

As spring break approached here in Cape Town, we all curiously wondered what we would do. Most of the house decided to get on the Bazz Bus, a relatively inexpensive public transport that drives along the Garden Route, the eastern coast of South Africa, making various stops along the way seeing towns and the sights. I decided to go on a safari with my friends Alex and Riqi.

Our safari left Cape Town and headed into the Namibian desert making its final stop at the popular town, Swakopmund. Along the way in the overland truck, the desert surrounding us was beautiful. There were so many different activities offered to us throughout the trip, including a canoe ride down the Orange River, which is along the South Africa-Namibia border. One highlight of the trip was when we went to Dune 45, the most photographed dune in the Namib-Naukluft National Park, with nothing but sand dunes surrounding us.

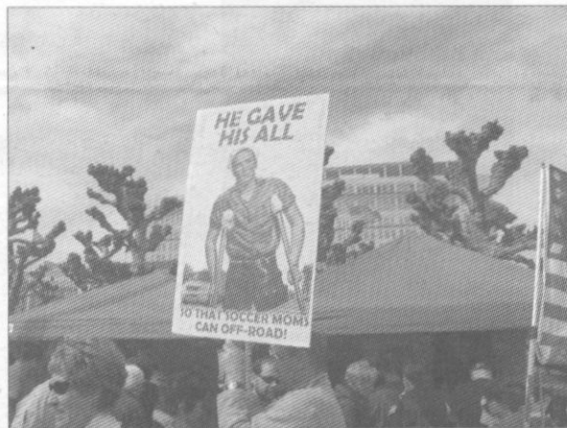
We got there way before sunrise so that we could hike Dune 45 as the sun was rising. Sitting on the dune watching the sunrise was absolutely breathtaking. It was very tranquil with all the natural beauty surrounding us. The sand changed from a dark orange to a light orange to somewhat pink all in the time that we were sitting up on the dune. Besides the natural beauty of the desert and other places we stopped, the last day of the safari ended in Swakopmund.

Part of what makes this town is all the activities they offer such as quad-biking, sand-boarding, and sky diving. With the thought "when in Africa," I decided I was going to sky dive. What was so great about this offered sky dive was the location—when I would be falling in the air I would be able to see where the Atlantic Ocean meets the skeleton coast of all the sand dunes. Why not jump out a plane at 10,000 feet? As we were in the tiniest plane I have ever been in, we also got a nice scenic flight until we got to 10,000 feet. Safely attached to the professional skydiver, I was told to slowly put my feet out of the plane. As my guide got himself situated ready to jump out of the plane, we were out of the plane before I knew it, going from 0 to 240 km/hr in no time. The free fall lasted for about 35 seconds and was so much fun. When we got to about 5,000 feet the guide pulled the parachute and we slowly got to the ground. The views were absolutely gorgeous and I was so glad I decided to sky dive so I could see the ocean and the coast at 10,000 and down.

Spring was quite adventurous! Now that spring break is over, we all have to get back in the school mentality, though that gets hard when there is so much to see and so much to do here.

May the banner of protest wave ever on

Writer Jaime Zepeda takes part in an American tradition



by Jaime Zepeda

Staff Writer

Dissent, in any form, is part of the foundation of this country. Dissent has helped us obtain independence, abolition of slavery, women's rights, civil rights, and many other accomplishments. Many people consider dissent as the greatest form of patriotism. Yet, I found that many other people are losing faith in dissent, particularly in the form of protest. As I told people I was going to the

Jaime Zepeda / Collegian

San Francisco Anti-War Protest on March 19th, some asked the effectiveness protesting has had so far, if it as had any at all. I didn't have a good answer for them then. But after attending the protest with my Saint Mary's College

Progressives club, along with Amnesty International, and Campaign to End the Death Penalty, the answer came to me. Seeing how diverse and energetic the protesters were, along with the creativity they showed in their signs, and protest songs showed that the importance of the protest was in them and those they interacted with. Their enthusiasm had not been dampened.

Two years ago, when the invasion of Iraq began, hardly anyone

criticized the actions taken by the U.S. government. Hardly anyone, compared to those who supported the war, questioned the validity and necessity of the war. The consensus was to rally around the flag. Not anymore.

Dissent, in many cases taking the form of protest, has stirred the waters and instigated debate. Because of the dissenters, the country as a whole actually doubts the legality of this war. The American people are no longer conforming to governmental rhetoric, but they are scrutinizing it, as it should be done. This newfound need to hold the government accountable is now in many people of this country. Many people are seeing that the war is considered

a mistake by this increasing part of the population. This is the product of dissent, to strive to make your country better. This is where the effectiveness of the protest lies. If it were not for this form of dissent Bush would be relishing at least a 50 percent approval rating. Unfortunately for him, the country has been stirred by us agitators. They know the game he is trying to play and they don't like it.

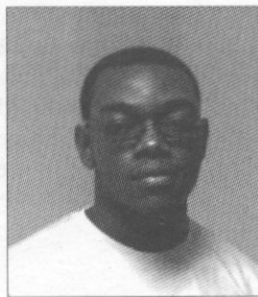


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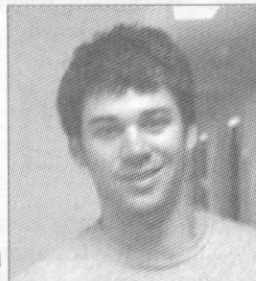


"There was no way to bring her back to normal. But it's a tough question to answer because all life is valuable."

Ayo Odewumi '08

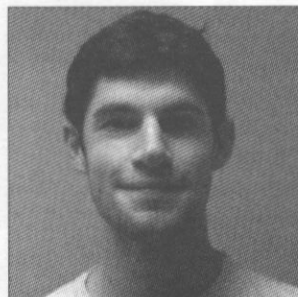


Curtis Borman '08



"I agree it was time for her to be let go. But removing a feeding tube seems a little cruel."

John Howell, '05



"I haven't been following the news. But whether someone should live or die is always a difficult decision to make, especially if it's not that person's decision."

Reviews

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War In The Pacific

Matrix Games

Ah yes, those of us who are anally retentive, history buffs and war gamers have found our game. Matrix Games and Gary Grigsby have brought this game into life. This World War II simulation game takes place during the Pacific Campaign from December 7th 1941 to June 30th, 1946 and brings you into a strategic level of command of individual ships, planes and squads. To be honest most, if not all of you who read this review will not want to play it.

The game comes with several scenarios ranging from the entire war, to specific battles. Thankfully, the game also comes with an editor so that the player can edit the scenarios to make the game more challenging or fix annoying historical mistakes. The game has been released for little under a year and already there are user-modified scenarios that have been released that enhance the game play significantly.

Another plus for the game is that Matrix Games, the producer and maker has an excellent history of continuing support for their games after their sales have diminished. So new updates, fixes expansions on the system will keep the game fresh for years to come. The community that likes the game, myself included have asked for a Mod allowing for just battleship battles, and Matrix Games has delivered. Soon War in the Pacific: War Plan Orange will be released. An excellent expansion for this game.

It is extremely complex to play and even after figuring out how to play, it takes me about 30 minutes to run a single turn, which lasts a single day. The map that runs from India to the West Coast allows battles to be re-fought, and history to be changed. But the best is, if you play the game to August 1945, that Allies receive nuclear bombs. Heck, I'd play it just to nuke something.

There are downsides like the long turns and the super level of detail that boggles the imagination. Then there is always the problem of the game AI never being able to beat me. But that's why there is a Play By Email feature.

Well that's it. I'm gonna leave the Collegian office now to go blow up some Japanese ships. Who wants to join me?

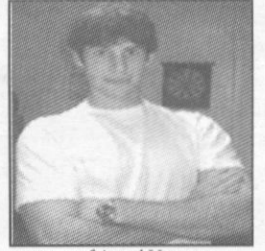
-Chris Long



DÉTOUR

Top Ten Greatest Guitar Solos of All Time

by **Johnny Howell**
Contributing Writer



courtesy of Angel Vasquez

10

"Texas Flood," Stevie Ray Vaughan, Double Trouble
-My jaw dropped past my shoulders when I saw this guy play this solo on a live video. This guy can bend guitar strings harder than anyone today.



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9

"Cliffs of Dover," Eric Johnson
-This guy was always able to generate a really poignant sound from his guitar, and he always made it look so easy. What can I say that I haven't said before, except that this guy can play with a perfect blend of speed and emotion, yet his music never gets repetitive. That's raw skill.



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8

"November Rain," Slash, Guns n' Roses
-Everyone has heard this song. Slash rules. He nails it in this song, yet most of what he played was improvised. Enough said.

7

"Where The Slime Live," Trey Azagthoth, Morbid Angel
-The first time I heard "Rapture," I thought to myself, "Only a fervent acid-dropper could write music like this." As it turns out, Trey is exactly that person. But that's what it takes to write music this raw and dynamic, along with a hint of musical ingenuity and uniqueness. If you watch the music video for this song, you'll find it difficult to follow Trey's fingers when he does the whole Eddie Van Halen two-handed tap thing. It's superhuman, to say the least.

6

"Tender Surrender," Steve Vai
-To put it bluntly, this guy will tear your head off and hand it to you before you can figure out what's going on when it comes to guitar-playing. His utilization of the 'wah' effect in this song almost makes it sound like the guitar is talking. There are very few people on this planet that can make their guitar cry like this guy does (but Angel Vasquez comes pretty close - keep trying buddy).



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4

"Cemetery Gates," Dimebag Darrell, Pantera
-I thought it was cool how Dimebag was able to make his guitar wail like a pig that's being choked with a piano wire. It had something to do with creating a pinch harmonic by plucking the top 'E' string near the headstock nut of the guitar and then screwing with the tremolo bar. He did it in the solo of this song, and to this day I still don't understand how he was able to pull it off. This guy was able to do things on the guitar that no one else could do. His innovation and attitude are something worth remembering.

5

"Tornado of Souls," Marty Friedman, Megadeth
-This guy plays solos in so many different octaves and modes that you can never understand how someone can move their finger with such speed and accuracy. You can tell from this solo that the guy never sticks to the usual pentatonic mode which most lead guitarists have a habit of doing.



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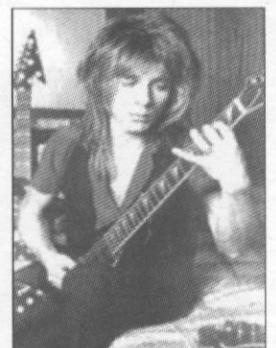
"Fade to Black," Kirk Hammett, Metallica
-I could go on forever about how astounding the set of guitar solos are in this song. I have played the solos in this song for years now, and I still haven't got them down yet. How's that for musical ingenuity? That means a lot coming from a badass guitarist like myself (yeah, right). Kirk explained in an interview how he was extremely depressed while recording this song because of the how the band had been touring in Europe for seven months and were homesick, and how they were having problems with their touring management. He stated that he exerted this emotion he was feeling to the song while playing and it helped.

2

"Far Beyond The Sun," Yngwie Malmsteen
-Sure, the guy looks like a friggin' ballerina on stage. But no one can play arpeggios or sweep pick faster than him, and in this song he perfectly illustrates how experienced he is as a neoclassical guitarist. The call-and-response he plays with the keyboardist is also worth noting.

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"Mr. Crowley," Randy Rhoads, Ozzy Osbourne
-Randy Rhoads was amazing in the way that he was able to demonstrate how a guitarist doesn't have to know a myriad of elaborate scales in order to play a damn good guitar solo. The solo he plays after the second verse is just a sample compared to what he plays at the end of the song. He creates a perfect blend of speed and feeling which, in my opinion, are the two most important components to a solid solo. The poor guy died before his career really got started, but his legend lives on.



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Detour Beat

4/3	10:20 a.m.	4/3	1:35 p.m.
Incident:	Woke up	Incident:	Annoying odor
Synopsis:	Alarm went off, and got out of bed.	Synopsis:	Someone farted.
4/3	12:00 p.m.	4/3	2:00 p.m.
Incident:	Went to the office	Incident:	Illegal dumping
Synopsis:	Got dressed, watched a few minutes of Strange Love then came to the Collegian Office.	Synopsis:	Illegal dumping of hazardous items in the bathroom.
4/3	12:12 p.m.	4/3	2:45 p.m.
Incident:	Started First Page	Incident:	Okay, this time we actually started working the second page
Synopsis:	Checked my email and got all the articles needed, and got to work.	Synopsis:	Well, that's pretty self-explanatory.
4/3	1:16 p.m.	4/3	3:15 p.m.
Incident:	First page complete	Incident:	Speculation
Synopsis:	Um, the first page was finished.	Synopsis:	We start predicting when we're going to be done and place bets.
4/3	1:34 p.m.	4/3	4:47 p.m.
Incident:	Started Second Page	Incident:	Done
Synopsis:	With the completion of the first page, it was only proper.	Synopsis:	The page was completed and everyone lived awfully ever after.

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NATIONAL AND WORLD METAL BITES

BY ANGEL VASQUEZ

-Nowhere in specific--Danzig has announced dates for his upcoming European tour. Oddly enough, many of the dates are TBA.

-Korea--Skid Row will be playing five shows at five military bases for the troops in Korea. The last time the band played in Korea was 1994.

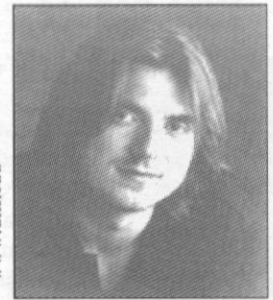
-COPENHAGEN, Denmark--Metallica drummer Lars Ulrich was a guest presenter at a celebration honoring Hans Christian Anderson, author of such classics as "The Ugly Duckling" and "The Little Mermaid".

-OCEAN SIDE, California--KISS, Ted Nugent, and Godsmack performed at Camp Pendleton for the men and women enlisted in the Marine Corps. Other acts included: Destiny's Child, Hootie & The Blowfish and Ja Rule.

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE, England--While the prince of darkness, Ozzy Osbourne and wife Sharon slept, their home in England caught fire. They were not injured and later visited by fire officers who gave them safety advice.

(Sources: blabbermouth.net)

In Memoriam: Mitch Hedberg



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February 24, 1968 - March 30, 2005

March 30th, 2005. The day the laughter died. Our good buddy, Mitch Hedberg died, his comedy left many of us gasping from laughter. He died at the young age of 37, in New Jersey. Preliminary reports show that he probably died of a heart failure. Mitch, battled with drug and alcohol abuse his entire life, but from his experiences he created timeless and always funny jokes.

To best remember this brilliant man, we should remember some of his best jokes. So the Collegian Detour staff has compiled what are in our opinion his best jokes. But everyone should know, these jokes are just the tip of a majestic iceberg of comedy. Just recently, Mitch recorded a new CD, which is supposed to be released in November. One more CD for the road. Comedy Central said it best when I found out he died; "Thanks for the laughs."

"I wrote a letter to my dad- I wrote, I really enjoy being here. But I accidentally wrote rarely, instead of really. But I still wanted to use it, so I didn't crossed it out and wrote I rarely drive steamboats, Dad. There's a lot of [expletive] you don't know about me. Quit trying to act like I'm a steamboat operator. I know this letter took a harsh turn right away. Hello, Dad."

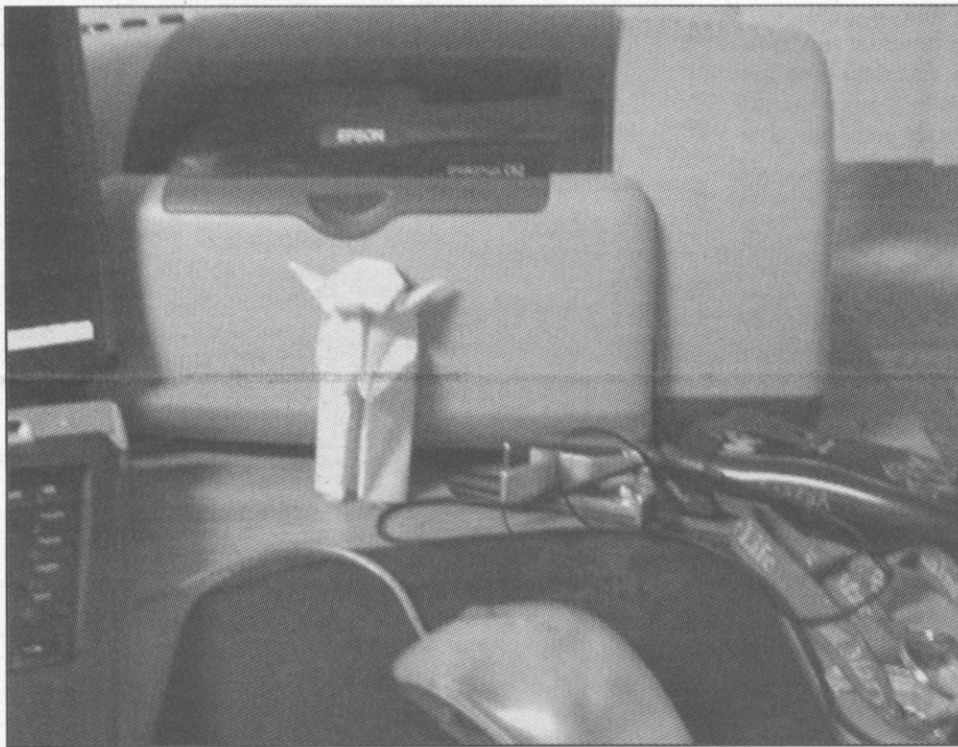
"One time a guy handed me a picture of himself and he said. 'Here's a picture of me when I was younger.' Every picture of you is of when you were younger. Here's a picture of me when I'm older. You son-of-a-bitch, how'd you pull that off? Let me see that camera."

"I think Pringles initial intention was to make tennis balls. But on the day that the rubber was supposed to show up, a big truckload of potatoes arrived. But Pringles is a laid back company. They said '[Expletive] it. Cut 'em up.'"

"You know they call corn-on-the-cob, 'corn-on-the-cob', but that's how it comes out of the ground. They should just call it corn, and every other type of corn, corn-off-the-cob. It's not like if someone cut off my arm they would call it 'Mitch', and then re-attached it, and call it 'Mitch-all-together'."

"It's very dangerous to wave to a stranger, because what if they don't have a hand. They'll think you're cocky. 'Look what I got mother[expletive]. This things useful. I'm gonna go pick something up."

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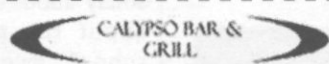
If you thought you were a Star Wars fan, you're wrong.

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Bush deploys elite Marine sniper kittens to Iraq. What do you mean April Fools? That [expletive] is serious.



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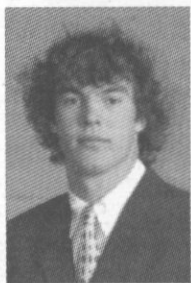
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Players of the Week

Mike Sansoe



Versus Loyola Marymount on Saturday, Sansoe hit his fourth homerun of the season, helping power the

Gaels to a 5-3 victory over the visiting Lions. Sansoe went 2-for-2 in the contest, scoring three runs and recording one RBI.

Aude Lambert

Though her team lost a tough match to Pacific on Saturday, Lambert was phenomenal, winning the No. 1 singles match by beating her #68 nationally ranked opponent 7-5, 6-3. With the help of her partner Jessica Hoath, Lambert also won her doubles match 8-4. With the win, Lambert had a hand in both of the Gaels' points in the 5-2 loss.



-Allison Kop, Asst. Sports Editor

Gael Score Card

Baseball (10-15)

LMU defeats SMC 8-1
SMC defeats LMU 5-3
SMC defeats LMU 7-12

Women's Tennis (7-5)

Pacific defeats SMC 5-2

Men's Lacrosse

Cal defeats SMC 8-6

Women's Crew

SMC defeats Santa Clara in WCC Challenge

Men's Rugby

SMC defeats West. Washington 108-0
SMC defeats Chico St. 19-11

SMC Weekly Athletic Schedule

Wednesday

Softball @ Cal, 2pm & 4pm
Women's Tennis vs Santa Clara, 3:30pm

Friday

Baseball @ Pepperdine, 3pm

Saturday

Baseball @ Pepperdine, 1pm
Women's Lacrosse @ Denver, 1pm
Softball @ LMU, 12pm & 2pm
Women's Tennis vs Fresno St., 2pm
Men's Tennis @ UNR, 10am
Women's Crew @ Redwood Shores
Windemere Classic
Men's Lacrosse @ UNR, 2pm

Sunday

Baseball @ Pepperdine, 1pm
Softball @ LMU, 12pm & 2pm
Women's Crew @ Redwood Shores
Windemere Classic
Men's Lacrosse vs UCLA, 2pm

SPORTS

Meet SMC's new volleyball coach

Rob Browning takes the helm of the nationally ranked Gaels

By Allison Kop

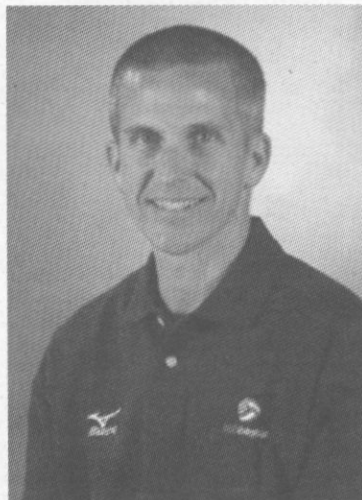
Assistant Sports Editor

When coach Jon Stevenson left Saint Mary's earlier this spring to become the head coach for Cal Poly's women's volleyball team, no one was more upset than the players on the Saint Mary's squad. But ever since the Athletic Department announced Rob Browning as the new SMC coach, the players have had something to smile about again.

"We're all excited," said Kauli Salzman, a junior outside hitter, "Rob is a great guy and we really wanted him to come."

Browning comes to Saint Mary's after serving six years as an assistant coach for the U.S. men's national team. Prior to his stint with the national team, Browning was a volunteer assistant for the BYU men's team, helping lead them to a national title in 1999. He first met the Saint Mary's team last fall when Stevenson asked him to help coach a couple of matches.

According to Browning, that experience was one of the decid-



Browning was an assistant on the men's national team for six years.

ing factors in his decision to accept the job at Saint Mary's.

"This is a great group of girls," he said, "They work hard and they know how to win."

Since arriving at SMC two weeks ago, Browning has conducted a few practices and has already started to prepare for the team's ambitious goals for next season.

"We want to win a national championship," he said, "This

team beat the current national champions [Stanford] twice last year. It's certainly not an easy task, but it's doable."

It seems fitting that Browning should set such high goals for his team, since it will take an outstanding year to top the Gaels' last season. Saint Mary's was selected to the NCAA tournament for the second consecutive year, entering as an impressive 10th seed, and advanced all the way to the Sweet Sixteen before eventually losing to the University of Washington.

By all accounts the players seem to be pleased with Browning's performance so far.

"He came out demanding from the start and didn't go soft on us at all," said Salzman, "He makes us practice like we're going to win a championship."

Browning seems just as optimistic about his new team as they are about his coaching skills.

"I'm thrilled to be here," he said, "I know I've made a good choice and I'm looking forward great experience."

Men's rugby advances to Sweet Sixteen of national tournament

Gaels defeat Western Washington and Chico State

By Allison Kop and Anthony Cuadro

Asst. Sports Editor and Staff Writer

The Saint Mary's men's rugby team had an impressive weekend, beating both Western Washington and Chico State on their way to a berth in the Sweet Sixteen of the national tournament.

The Gaels were outstanding on Saturday, demolishing Western Washington 108-0 in front of a home crowd at Pat Vincent Field. Saint Mary's came out strong and never looked back jumping out to an early 33-0 lead in the first ten minutes. The attack for the Gaels was well balanced and several players scored in the game. Nick Grimes had three tries for the first hat trick of his career, while John Porter, Greg Bone, Matt Keathley, Mario Gosalvez, Dan Tabacco, Volney Rouse and Charlie Smith also scored, Smith on an impressive kickoff return. Chris Cassinelli added excellent defense to help Saint Mary's secure their first shutout of the season. Teddy Bystrowski and Rouse both kicked for the Gaels and missed only two kicks all afternoon.



Saint Mary's beat Western Washington University 108-0 on Saturday.

On Sunday the Gaels had a much tougher match, taking on Chico State in the second round of the tournament. Pat Follett played a brilliant defensive game for Saint Mary's and with the rest of his teammates held the opponent to just 11 points on the day. It was a scrappy game on both ends, but SMC was able to prevail with scores from Charlie Smith, Evan Bariault, and Kevin Swirn. Unfortunately, Rouse, the starting kicker, did not play due

to a quadriceps injury the day before, but Bariault stepped in and was able to perform, going 2-for-3 on kicks.

With the victories, the Gaels will travel to Colorado Springs to take on nationally ranked Ohio State on Saturday, April 16 in the third round of the national tournament. Saint Mary's scrimmaged Ohio State earlier in the year and the two teams look relatively evenly matched heading into the playoff game.



Pat Follett charges downfield.



Saint Mary's and Chico State go head to head in a scrum.



An SMC player fights off an opponent.

Keeping our coaches: The fans' job too

By Michael Chin

Sports Editor

After years of disappointment and frustration for Saint Mary's students, alumni, and fans, the athletic department finally made a bold statement: we are committed to athletics here at SMC. This past Tuesday, athletic director Carl Clapp signed men's basketball coach Randy Bennett to a six-year extension.

Since entering Saint Mary's as a freshman in 2002, I have seen numerous college coaches jet to bigger places for bigger money than we offer here at Saint Mary's. My freshman year, Paul Ratcliffe, the women's soccer coach, who took SMC all the way to the second round of the NCAA tournament in 2001, bolted for Stanford. Following that head football coach Tim Landis was lured away by Bucknell. This past year, volleyball coach Jon Stevenson, who guided his team to the Sweet Sixteen of the NCAA tourney this season, took a road trip to Cal Poly SLO and never returned. These are just a few of the up and coming coaches that were once part of the SMC community, but left for greener pastures.

Luckily, with our beloved basketball coach this was not the case. Bennett has single-handedly turned our basketball program from a 2-27 team to an NCAA tournament qualifier. One thing that I thought was interesting, however, was that in his interviews with the press Bennett thanked not only the administration, players, and alumni, but also the students. This season, the Gaels experienced perhaps the greatest outpour of fan support ever witnessed by a Saint Mary's team. When is the last time anyone can remember a SOLD OUT crowd at McKeon pavilion before this past year? The answer is never.

All of the coaches that have left in recent history were not given this kind of support. I can remember looking up at the stands during a football game and seeing a void of empty seats throughout the stadium or a soccer match where the two small sections of bleachers were not even filled to capacity. The point that needs to be made is that fan support does make a difference. One cannot help but admire a fan base such as the members of Gonzaga's Kennel Club, whose spring break trip was not a flight to Mexico or Hawaii, but instead a twelve hour car ride to Santa Clara to see their beloved Bulldogs take the court in the WCC Tournament.

Every year their coach, Mark Few, is rumored to be the candidate for every vacant coaching position in the country, and yet he never leaves. After all this time it is obvious that it is not solely about the money, but also about the support from the school. Everyone likes to be wanted, even college athletic coaches.

So the next time you feel like you don't want to attend a game or feel like it is too much of a hassle, remember that you could be the difference between keeping and losing a budding coaching star.